



## Troy's Trivia

What year was the "Cruising Wagon" first offered by Ford Motor Company?

(answer on page 9)

For the latest Club Event information, visit our Website:

<https://lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com>

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**President's Message**

*Dear Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Members,*

*I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and getting ready for the Fall Season!*

*A lot will be happening in the month of October with plenty of opportunities to get your Thunderbird out for shows and cruises. One of my favorite shows in Autumnfest and Car Show in North Catty, It has beautiful weather, a nice selection of vehicles, good food and some decent vendors. The crisp air in the morning prepare you for the Fall Season. I hope to see you there and enjoy some great stories!*

*The last of the Mopar Madness, BBQ at the Ritz and Wheels of Time cruises will also occur this month.....all fun events! The end of the month is Cars and Coffee with the Nazareth Boro Police Department. You might have noticed their presence at our Car Show over the past several years as we both (Police and our club) have been getting more involved with the Nazareth Community. So , if you can make it, please come out for a ride and spend some time at the event on October 29th.*

*Our annual Holiday Party is set for December 3rd at the Bay Pony Inn, just outside of Harleysville, PA. More information regarding menu and pricing will be available in the November newsletter. So please read it when it becomes available!*

*While I like to use my Thunderbird until the first snowfall hits the area, many put their car into storage for the winter months. Included in this newsletter is some tips to do so properly along with some new technology hints to keep critters away.*

*Enough for now..... Hope to see you at a show or cruise this month,*

*Vince Luppino, LVTC President*

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**October 2022 GENERAL MEETING**



**Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 1:00 pm**

**Quakertown Family Restaurant**

**25 N West End Blvd**

**Quakertown, PA 18951**

**215-536-3446**

## *Upcoming Shows and Events*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
October 8, 2022 @ Noon	<i>Board Meeting</i>	Quakertown Family Restaurant 25 N West End Blvd Quakertown, PA 18951 215-536-3446
October 8, 2022 @ 1:00 pm	<i>General Meeting</i>	Quakertown Family Restaurant 25 N West End Blvd Quakertown, PA 18951 215-536-3446
October 9, 2022	<i>North Catasauqua Autumnfest &amp; Car Show</i>	<i>Meeting @ City View Diner at 8:00 am for breakfast before the show</i>  North Catasauqua Park 701 Grove Street North Catasauqua, Pa 18032
October 29, 2022 @ 8:00 am	<i>2nd Annual Nazareth Police Cars and Coffee</i>	Nazareth Burough Park
November 5, 2022 @ 10:30 am	<i>Board Meeting</i>	America on Wheels Museum 5 North Front Street Allentown, PA 18102 610-432-4200
November 5, 2022 @ Noon	<i>General Meeting</i>	America on Wheels Museum 5 North Front Street Allentown, PA 18102 610-432-4200
December 3, 2022	<i>LVTC Annual Holiday Party  Time TBD</i>	Bay Pony Inn 508 Old Skippack Road Lederach, PA 19450 215-256-6565

### *Happy Birthday !*



Troy Miller 10/2	Duane Jones 10/16
Kay Free 10/2	Eugene Aucott Jr. 10/19
Robert Arakelian 10/4	Elizabeth Kilcullen 10/19
Vince Luppino 10/6	Wayne Schaffer 10/21
Denise Luppino 10/7	Rosello Zastko 10/25

# THE MAN, THE MACHINE, THE LEGEND!



History +

5000 mi

595  
Sessions

481:02:57  
Duration

77667 ft  
Elevation

Sep 2022 (20) 190 mi ^

Wednesday, 7:25 AM

10.0 mi | 01:04:52 | 236 ft

Tuesday, 7:35 AM



10.0 mi | 01:03:19 | 233 ft

Monday, 7:58 AM

5.0 mi | 00:29:43 | 121 ft

Monday, 7:20 AM

***“Not too bad for an 80 year old!”  
Tom Hollenbach pictured with his  
bike hitting the 5000 mile mark!  
Well done Tom, we wish you 5  
Million more miles !***

 **runtastic**  
road bike PRO 

Session History Offline Map Settings Upgrade



NAZARETH BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2ND ANNUAL

# Cars & Coffee with a Cop



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29  
BORO PARK, NAZARETH

KOCH  AUTO.com  
  TOYOTA  COLLISION  
CENTER

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**

**8:00 am to Noon**

**@**

**Nazareth Boro Park**



**Show your support,  
PLEASE attend!**

NORTH CATASAUQUA  
**AUTUMNFEST & CAR SHOW**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022**

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2022

**AT NORTH CATASAUQUA PARK**

**701 GROVE STREET**

**9:00 AM- 3:30 PM**

**CARS, TRUCKS,**

**AND MOTORCYCLES**

**\*1<sup>ST</sup> 50 CARS REGISTERED GET A PARTICIPATION AWARD**

(MUST BE PRESENT WITH CAR)

**AWARDS, DOOR PRIZES, DASH PLAQUES (1<sup>ST</sup> 125 CARS), FOOD, LIVE  
MUSIC, CRAFT & FLEA MARKET**

**TOYS FOR TOTS** will be having a toy drop or you may want to  
**make a monetary donation to help a child this holiday season.**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**\*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY\***

**\*Registration closes at 12:30\***

**PRE-REGISTRATION- \$12.00 BY 10/2/22 \*DAY OF SHOW \$15.00**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE**

**C/O MARC'S AUTO**

**423 ARCH STREET**

**NORTH CATASAUQUA, PA 18032**

**PHONE: 484-560-1938**

**SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT CLEARLY)**

**DUE TO POSTAGE COST WE WILL NOT BE MAILING FLYERS. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT  
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH HALL OR MARC'S AUTO OR WE WILL E-MAIL IT TO YOU.**



# Up Coming Cruise Events

October 2022

(2022 Car Shows and Cruises are winding down)

## ***MOPAR MADNESS***

October 8th and Last one on October 29th: 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Emmaus Community Park - 1375 Shimerville Road, Emmaus, PA.

## ***Found in the 60's***

*October 9th & October 23rd (3 to 6 pm)*

***Allentown Fairgrounds - 17th & Chew Streets, Allentown, PA.***

## ***Wheels of Time Cruise Night***

*October 14th (4 to 6pm) Trunk or Treat Costume Contest*

***Macungie Memorial Park - 50 N Poplar Street, Macungie, PA.***

***DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM***

***FOR THE***

***NORTH CATASAQUA AUTUMNFEST AND CAR SHOW***

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# Troy's Trivia

**Cruising van.**  
 Inside and out—it's ready to roll. Mag-style wheel covers, shag carpeting over entire cargo area, including floor, walls, ceiling, side and rear. Plus! Porthole windows, spare tire and cover, and roof rack. The Industry's first Factory-built completely customized van!

**Pinto Cruising Wagon.**  
 Part wagon, part van, all fun. Ford's restyled Pinto wagon up front, wide open van room in rear. Has bubbled porthole windows, front spoiler, dual racing mirrors, styled steel wheels with firm rings, and sports rallye package. An Industry exclusive! Choose from many color and tape stripe combinations.

**Wild wagon stuff!**  
 A super interior. Stylish and comfortable. A roomy wagon combined with the class and kicks of the hot Van look.

**Captain's Chairs for easy livin'.**  
 Great way to ride 'n relax. Swivel to rap, or turn easily to the back. Fold-down arm rests, too.

**TWO MUCH!**  
**New Ford Cruising Wagon.**  
**New Ford Cruising Van.**  
 They come already customized! Forget the time, hassle and hard work of doing it yourself. Ford did it for you. All you add is your personal touch. Whatever size you're looking for, Ford's got it. With outsides as hip as you see them here. The insides—sharp. From new with-it colors to soft shag for comfort—to just about every "trick" in the book. You not only have it made when you go new Ford Cruising Wagon or Van, you have it *custom* made. When America needs a better idea, Ford puts it on wheels.  
Wheels shown are optional. Check your local Ford Dealer for availability.

**FORD**  
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**1977 Ford Pinto Cruising Wagon Deluxe Edition**



# Winter Car Storage: 11 Tips to Help Preserve Your Prized Ride

## The importance of proper winter car storage

Proper winter car storage for your seasonal vehicle is essential for a few reasons:

- it extends the life of the vehicle
- you'll avoid costly repairs
- the vehicle will be better-prepared to be driven again in the spring

You'll find plenty of classic car restoration experts who believe that improper winter car storage can actually be *worse* for the vehicle than if it had been driven all winter on salt-covered roads.

### 1. Wash your car's exterior

It's imperative that your vehicle is thoroughly washed before storing it for the winter. Don't use a drive-through car wash – be sure to hand wash it. Give the car's underside a good spray wash as well.

Once the car has air-dried, give it a good waxing to protect the vehicle's finish. It doesn't hurt to give the car's chrome a polish, either. Once this step and some of the other winter car storage recommendations below are done, you'll be covering the car with a cover or tarp.

When the time for winter car storage ends in the spring, your cherished vehicle's exterior will be fresh and well-preserved during its resting period.



## 2. Clean your car's interior

If you're going to the trouble of following the proper procedures for winter car storage, it's clear you love your classic car or sports car. Therefore, it's unlikely you've left your beloved car's interior filled with garbage.

Even still, it bears mentioning that you should ensure your car's interior is clean before storing it. Anything food-related (including food wrappers) definitely needs to be removed. This lowers the chance of any pests trying to get inside your car and you also won't have any unpleasant odors to face after months of winter car storage.

Seat covers are a smart idea for providing extra protection for your upholstery. And it's also a good idea to add some packs of **desiccant** (like the silica gel that comes in boxes of new shoes) inside the vehicle. They can be bought at your local dollar store and will absorb extra cabin moisture.

## 3. Keep the critters away

Critters like mice will be drawn to your stored vehicle, which can provide a comfortable winter home for them if you're not careful.

If you're aware of issues with mice in your garage, try and resolve the problem before winter arrives. And if they continue to be a persistent problem, take a few steps to protect your vehicle.

Use mouse traps outside the vehicle (never inside) or wherever you notice critter activity in your garage. Mouse traps are reusable and provide visual proof that you've caught one of the pests. The effects of mouse and rat poisons, on the other hand, don't leave evidence as readily. You also won't want to use them if you have pets.

Be sure that all air inlets are closed in the car and put steel wool in the air filter box's intake duct. Check under your hood periodically during the winter to make sure it's critter-free. Also, plug up your exhaust pipe with steel wool to prevent critter access.



## 4. Fill 'er up before winter car storage

When it comes to winter car storage advice, you'll find plenty of conflicting opinions online on a few different issues. One of those is whether or not to empty your gas tank or fill it up before winter car storage.

Those in favor of emptying the fuel believe this prevents varnish and gum buildup. Unfortunately, it's tricky to drain a gas tank without leaving behind moisture that can cause rust.

There's a stronger consensus for filling up your tank (which prevents moisture buildup) and adding a fuel stabilizer. Gasoline stabilizers prevent the fuel from deteriorating, which causes oxidation and deposits to form that could damage your fuel system.

Just add the recommended amount of fuel stabilizer and let it mix thoroughly with the gas by driving the car for approximately 10-15 minutes. Another reason to keep gas in your vehicle while it's stored is so you can run it every few weeks (more on that below).



## 5. Change your oil and filter

It's wise to change the oil and filter on your sports car or classic car before storing it for the winter. Even if the vehicle isn't due for either of these maintenance tasks, it's a good proactive step to take.

An oil change provides helpful corrosion protection, especially since an idle car is more susceptible to engine corrosion. Just as with the fuel stabilizer or any other added car fluids, run the vehicle for a few minutes to circulate the fresh fluids.



## 6. Top off your coolant

Check your coolant level and top it off if needed (coolant, by the way, [is the same as antifreeze](#)). Avoid mixing regular coolant (which is typically a green color) with longer-lasting yellow and red-colored coolants, as they're formulated to have different lifespans.

To be extra safe, you should check the coolant's strength to ensure the water concentration level isn't too high. If it is, this can cause the car's cylinder heads or engine block to crack.

## 7. Use proper tire care

When it comes to tire care for a vehicle you're storing, there's a few universally accepted facts:

- tires should always be cleaned to remove dirt and brake dust before winter car storage
- tires on a stored vehicle should be inflated to the recommended [psi](#)
- long-term winter car storage can cause tires to flat-spot

Flat-spotting happens when the circumference of tires on a car that's been left in the same spot for a long time changes due to the weight of the vehicle pressing down on them.

Underinflated tires and storage in a cold garage on a car that doesn't get moved for several months will increase the chance of flat-spotting. Driving the car for awhile can sometimes cause the flat-spots to round out, but not always.

You can prevent flat-spotting by putting your vehicle on jack stands to reduce the weight put on your tires during winter car storage. Place a small piece of wood under the stands. That ensures they won't leave indentations on your floor, especially if you've recently had a spiffy new [Floortex™ garage floor coating](#) applied.





## 8. Disconnect your car battery or use a trickle charger

Unless you're planning on occasionally starting your stored car during the winter, it's a good idea to remove the vehicle's battery. If a car battery loses its charge it may freeze, at which point it becomes useless.

Store it in your heated living space and the battery should be good to go when it's hooked back up in the spring. Be aware that battery removal isn't recommended if the car being stored is newer and has engine computers.

Your other option is to hook your car battery up to a trickle charger or battery maintainer. Ensure the model you purchase has an auto shut-off feature to prevent overcharging. As an added dose of preventative maintenance, you can also coat the battery terminals with petroleum jelly.



## 9. Occasionally start your car...or not

One long-running debate concerning winter car storage is whether or not you should start it every few weeks. Those who don't think this is necessary believe that if you've taken the proper steps to store your car properly, there's no need to run it during the winter.

There seems to be a more widely-held belief, however, that it *is* a good idea to start your stored car every 3-4 weeks. Those in favor believe this keeps the cylinders lubricated and removes moisture from operating components. If you're able to move your car (even just back and forth a few feet), this also prevents brakes and clutches from sticking.

If you do decide to start your vehicle during winter car storage, just remember to do these four things:

- always remove your car cover when it's running
- remember to remove (and put back) anything you were using to keep critters out of your car
- run your car for about 10-15 minutes until it reaches its optimal operating temperature
- leave your garage door open while your car is running

## 10. Cover your car

One of your last steps when it comes to winter car storage will be to cover your vehicle. This will protect the exterior you just waxed and keep dirt and dust off of it. If possible, spend the extra money for a custom-fit cover for your car as opposed to getting a universal-fit cover.

Make sure the car cover you use has breathable fabric. Moisture trapped underneath your cover will be harmful to your car's body. And never use a plastic car cover – they trap rust-causing moisture and can also scratch your car's finish.



## 11. Use a car lift for winter car storage

Using your garage during the winter to protect your everyday use vehicles from snow and ice is just one of [many benefits of using your garage for parking](#). Storing your classic car or sports car during the winter in your garage can be an issue if you lack parking space.

One way to increase your garage's parking space is to add a [4 post car lift](#) to it. They're a great solution that will protect your prized vehicle and also make room for your other vehicles.

Once all your winter car storage preparation is finished, simply raise your vehicle on the car lift and you'll then be able to use the space beneath it for parking.

It's easy and safe to operate the car lift if you need to run your stored car every few weeks. And a car lift is also handy if you prefer taking care of your classic car's maintenance yourself, as it allows for easy access to a vehicle's underside.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

**The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club  
Annual Holiday Party**

**More Information in the upcoming  
November Newsletter**



*Happy  
Holidays*