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IT'S BACK!
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is
back!

Troy's Trivia

1. When did Congress actually vote for independence from Great Britain?
2. Who designed and built the LT5 engine for Corvette ?



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,

Yes, It's Back! Thunderword is up and running again! The summer is flying by and so are the opportunities to get the T-Bird out and show them off!

Nazareth Day Car Show was a success. While the funds received from the car show were not what we expected, we still managed to donate \$1052.00 to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of Lehigh Valley and another \$1052.00 to the Nazareth Area Food Bank!

Well done Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club!

All Ford National hosted by Carlisle was very well attended. We had the opportunity to catch up with a lot of old friends. So much so, Skip from MATC, Earl Dickenson, myself and Elliott Weiner (in spirit) looked at some hotels in Carlisle and arranged for a block of 25 rooms for next year. More info can be found in this newsletter. If you are going, please reserve your room ASAP. The more reservations we get, the more rooms the hotel will open to members at the price shown!!

Our Nazareth Day Car Show had some members from the Central PA Thunderbird Club attend, so I am planning to go out and participate in their Car Show in September. I have joined their club and it is a fun group of people, so if you are up for some fun and a nice drive to wake up your T-Bird, come out and attend too! A flyer is in this newsletter.

DON'T forget the NJTA / MATC/ LVTC "weekend trip the Marsha and Dwight Dixon has arranged for the group. Details of the trip can be found on page 6. Even if you do not want to stay for the whole event, you can take a "day" trip and participate in that days activities. Marsha will be providing an update to the schedule at our next General Meeting. I will ask Barbara to email it out to all also.

*See you at the General Meeting, Saturday, September 9th at 1:00 pm—
Trivet Diner*

Thanks and Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day!

Vince Luppino

E-mail: Luppinov@verizon.net

Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday September 5, 2023 7:30 pm	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	Via Conference Call
Saturday September 9, 2023 1:00 pm	<i>General Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-3886
September 20 to 24, 2023	<i>NJTA/MATC/LVTC Weekend Trip</i>	See Page 6 for details.
Saturday September 23, 2023 9:00 am to 2:00 pm	<i>Central PA Thunderbird Club Car Show</i>	Masonic Temple 1236 Holly Pike Carlisle, PA 17013
Sunday October 8, 2023 9:00 am to 3:30 pm	<i>North Catasauqua Autumnfest & Car Show</i>	North Catasauqua Park 701 Grove Street N. Catasauqua, PA 18032
Saturday October 21, 2023 1:00 pm	<i>General Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104

September 2023 GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 1:00pm

**Trivet Diner-Allentown
4549 Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA 18104
610-398-3886**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alan Miller 9/2	Claudia Hollenbach 9/17
John Mondin 9/5	Jane Reigel 9/18
Harry Miller 9/6	Mike Melnyk 9/30



September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 LABOR DAY	5 NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY September 5th	6 NATIONAL BEER LOVER'S DAY	7	8	9 General Meeting
10 national GRANDPARENTS DAY	11	12 Happy National Chocolate Milkshake Day	13	14	15 NATIONAL Cream-Filled DONUT DAY presented by CUAB	16
Wife Appreciation Day	18	19	20	21	22 happy National Ice Cream Cone DAY	23
24 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day	25	26	27	28	29 VFW DAY	30



MOPAR MADNESS of Lehigh Valley 2023 Cruise Schedule



Location: Emmaus Community Park 1375 Shimerville Road Emmaus, Pa

April 8 (4-7pm)	June 10 (5-8pm)	August 12 (5-8pm)	October 14 (3-6pm)
April 29 (4-7pm)		August 26 (5-8pm)	October 28 (3-6pm)
May 13 (5-8pm)	July 8 (5-8pm)		
May 27 (5-8pm)	July 29 (5-8pm)	September 30 (4-7pm)	

NO HOTRODDING, NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED AT ANY CRUISE EVENT

All Makes and Models are welcome. 100% of your donations are given to DREAM COME TRUE, a charity for chronically ill children.



Two Great Locations for 2023



April 23	June 25	September 10
May 7	July 9	September 24
May 21	July 23	October 8
June 11	August 13	October 22

Open to all vehicles

Located in the Allentown Fairgrounds

17th & Chew Streets

4 to 7pm *except* August 13th 4 to 8pm

Door Prizes & Specials with Good Food and Good Music

Benefits: Mountainview Horse Rescue

and other charities



April 19 (4-7pm)	August 16 (5-8pm)
May 17 (5-8pm)	September 20 (4-7pm)
June 21 (5-8pm)	October 18 (4-7pm)
July 19 (5-8pm)	* All dates subject to weather*

Open to all vehicles

15110 Kutztown Rd Kutztown, Pa

Music by Hodge Podge Variety

Door Prizes - Trophies - 50/50

Great Food , Great Music, Great Fun!

Benefits: Good Shepard and other charities

***** 10% discount on dinner bill with door prize ticket*****

NJTA / MATC / LVTC Fall Gathering in New Jersey

Proposed Itinerary: NJTA/MATC/LVTC Weekend Trip

Dates: September 20 - 24, 2023

Hotel: Hampton Inn by Hilton
1 Hilton Court
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - arrive and check-in at hotel.

Dinner: Jim Johnson's Steak House
58 Eisenhower Parkway
Roseland, NJ

(There is a cruise night here every Wednesday - they would love to have our T-birds)

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Drive to Paterson, NJ for tours of:
Paterson Museum
2 Market Street
Paterson, NJ 07501

Below are a short walk/drive from the Museum:
Paterson Great Falls
Hinchcliffe Stadium

will need to drive here:
Garrett Mountain

Dinner will be your choice of food venue:

We will take a short drive to the town of Denville, NJ where you will find a few restaurants on the Main Street (parking is on the street, but is very spacious and spots are angled at the curb)

Choices: Hunan Taste
Denville Seafood
Thatcher McGee's
(there are others on side streets, will list as date approaches)
Denville Dairy (all will meet here after dinner for the best ice cream in town)

Friday, September 22, 2023

Turtle Back Zoo
560 Northfield Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052

Evening schedule: (all within a few miles of each other)

4:00 PM - Meet at the Reservoir Tavern (great Italian food, but do not take reservations, so we have to all be there in order to be seated as close as possible)

92 Parsippany Blvd
Boonton, NJ 07005

6:00'ish - caravan to the Walmart Plaza for a great cruise night - music and all - quite large

8:30'ish - cruise ends, but we will caravan over to Curly's (121 Monroe Street) for the best frozen custard around.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Drive to West Orange to tour:
Edison Museum and the Glenmont Estate
211 Main Street
West Orange, NJ 07052

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Wightman's Farm
1111 Mt. Kemble Avenue
Morristown, NJ

(this is a farm with a hay ride out to the orchard for self-picking; admission also includes a pumpkin. there is a general store that sells sandwiches, etc, homemade apple cider and apple cider donuts)

Looking forward to the event.

Marsha and Dwight

Nazareth Day Car Show Donations Completed



On Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Tracy Stauffer of the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of Lehigh Valley accepted the check in amount of \$1052.00 from the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club.

On Friday, August 25, 2023, Cindy of the Nazareth Area Food Bank accepted the donation check of \$1052.00 from the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club.



THANK YOU to everyone who made the 2023 Nazareth Day Car Show a success. Your generosity and hard work made it possible for the donations to our local community organization displayed above!

Sincerely, *Vince Luppino* - LVTC President



Now that Daddy can't take the T-Bird away, It's time for

FUN, FUN, FUN!



May 31 - June 2, 2024

Event Hours	Admission	Location
Thursday: Set-Up Day	Daily Thurs - Sat: *\$15	Carlisle
Fri- Sat: 7AM- 6PM	Sunday: \$7 at Gate (Free with Event Ticket)	Fairgrounds
Sunday: 7AM- 12PM	Spectator Event Pass: *\$30	1000 Bryn Mawr Rd
	Kids 12 and Under FREE	Carlisle, PA 17013
	<i>*Online tickets discounted.</i>	
	Daily General Parking: \$10	



Because the August newsletter will be delayed I want to share an item that will be included because the it is important that this information be relayed as expeditiously as possible. A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2024 Carlisle For Nationals. This time we started our homework early and have been able to secure a block of rooms in the Carlisle are for the nights of Friday, May 31 and Saturday June 1, 2024. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc., which was not the case this year. We have a block of 25 rooms guaranteed which can be increased as deemed necessary. The rate is \$185 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate, plus taxes. Room reservations can be cancelled up until 6 PM the night of the reservation. The rate includes a breakfast and other amenities. We will also have the use of a meeting room as a hospitality room. There is plenty of free parking. The "host" hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81
1501 Commerce Ave
Carlisle, PA

The hotel is an easy drive from the Carlisle Fairgrounds right off of I-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before May 31st, so it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, like right now, even if you are not certain you can be there. The sooner reservations are made, the better chance for increasing the number of rooms in the block if needed. The online reservation link is below:

[Thunderbird Friends Reunion](#)

We will provide more details as they become available. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, like this year, and possibly Friday night too. We hope to have a larger tent this year as multiple clubs are expected to be included. Please get your reservations taken care of early. We look for wasrd to lots of Fun, Fun, Fun in 2024.

How to Clean and Disinfect a Car Interior

Car interiors get dirty, especially in cars that drive kids around. With the right products, it's easy to keep car seats sanitized and cup holders, dashboards, and door handles clean and disinfected.

Steps to clean, sanitize and disinfect a car interior

1

Start with the dashboard

Wipe down all hard, nonporous surfaces with Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes, including the glovebox, air vents, sound system controls and touch screen. Always follow car manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and disinfecting of electronics.

Tip To disinfect hard, nonporous surfaces, use enough wipes to keep surfaces wet for 4 minutes before air drying.



2

Wipe down the steering wheel and console

Wipe all parts of the steering wheel including the turn indicator and gear shift, as well as the cup holders on the center console. This is especially important for a car that has multiple drivers.

Tip Use the small brush to scrub away gunky stains on hard surfaces.



3

Wipe the interior of each door

All hard surfaces on the door, including door handles, window controls, locks, and cup holders, should be wiped with a disinfecting wipe.



4

Clean the windows

Use the glass cleaner and the microfiber cloth to clean all the windows.

Tip Clean the windows when the car is parked in the shade.



5

Vacuum soft surfaces

Thoroughly vacuum all carpeting and upholstery, including any on the door panels. Collapse seats to better reach crevices and remove floor mats to vacuum under them. Leather upholstery may require pre-cleaning with a leather cleaning product; follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Tip For leather upholstery, use the brush attachment when vacuuming.



6

Sanitize soft surfaces

Hold Clorox® Disinfecting Mist 6–8 inches from surfaces and spray evenly until upholstery or carpet is wet; do not saturate. To sanitize, soft surfaces should remain visibly wet for 1 minute before air drying.

Tip When spraying the mist, make sure the car interior is well-ventilated by having windows down or a door open.



7

Air dry

Allow all treated surfaces to air dry completely before driving.



Long Road Trip Checklist: Easy Items to do before you hit the road:

- 1) Change oil and filter
- 2) Begin your trip with a clean car, both inside and out. It will help you find your map when you need it, etc.
- 3) Try not to put luggage over the car. It creates air friction and slows you down – bringing more gas. If it is unavoidable, cover with strong sheet and tie them very well.
- 4) Keep a small garbage bag inside the car.
- 5) Change air filter.
- 6) Check cabin air filter because you don't want a musty odor coming from your vents.
- 7) Cover headlights and front of the car with a protective sheet to prevent bug clogs or other damage.
- 8) Get an extra set of car belts.
- 9) Change spark plugs.
- 10) Make certain your tire iron and jack are in the car. Check your spare tire.
- 11) Pack a fire extinguisher.
- 12) Bring towels for cleaning dirty windshields, spills, etc.
- 13) Get a spare key for the car and keep it in your wallet or elsewhere on your person in case you lock your keys in the car.
- 14) Fix sun protectors for side windows and front windshield.
- 15) Make sure you have your music library up to date (You may lose service). Or your favorite CD's are in vehicle!
- 16) Don't forget any of those necessary cables; for your phone, USB cables, camera chargers, etc. If you're taking photographs or videos, don't forget the memory cards
- 17) Sunglasses
- 18) Bring a plastic funnel to add water or other fluids.
- 19) Bring a water bucket in case you need to use a river or lake for emergency coolant.
- 20) Always fill your gas tank when it is half full. Don't wait too long.
- 21) Make sure your owner's manual is on hand.

In addition, you should make a checklist of items to pack in a car survival kit.

These can include:

A chain or thick towing rope

Jumper cables

Flashlight and spare batteries

Screw drivers and wrenches of different sizes that fit your vehicle

Bungee cords , rope, zip ties and duct tape

Pliers

Hammer

Before packing up, make one final check of the following:

Tires condition. Check tires tread and look for signs of cracks, bulges, or other damage.

Tire pressure, don't over inflate.

Wipers and wiper fluid. When the rain falls, you don't want to discover your wipers are useless. In addition, bug hits can really mess a windshield, so you'll need a full fluid reservoir.

Check engine coolant, drive belts and condition of hoses. Service if necessary.

Check Horn operation, also take along some spare fuses.

Check operation of all lights on vehicle, including interior and trunk lighting if equipped.

Engine oil, power steering fluid level and condition, and brake fluid level and condition.

Loose or corroded Battery Terminals/cables.

Heater and Air Conditioner, if making a seasonal trip.

Fried Chicken



Recipe courtesy of Ree Drummond

Show: The Pioneer Woman Episodes: Big House Clean Up and Spring is Sprung

Level: Intermediate

Total: 10 hr

(includes brining and sitting time)

Active: 1 hr 30 min

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

2 fryer chickens, each cut into 8 pieces
4 1/4 cups buttermilk
5 cups all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons seasoned salt, such as Lawry's

2 teaspoons paprika
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons ground dried thyme
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper, plus more for seasoning
1/4 cup milk
Canola or vegetable oil, for frying

Directions:

Special equipment: a deep-fry thermometer

- 1** Thoroughly rinse the chicken pieces, then place them in a bowl and cover with 4 cups of the buttermilk. Soak in the fridge overnight or up to 24 hours.
- 2** When you're ready to fry the chicken, remove the bowl from the fridge and let it sit on the counter for 30 minutes, just to take the chill off.
- 3** In the meantime, preheat the oven to 360 degrees F and mix up the breading. Place the flour, seasoned salt, paprika, black pepper, thyme and cayenne (plus extra cayenne if you like heat) in a very large bowl. Stir together well.
- 4** In a small bowl, combine the remaining 1/4 cup buttermilk and the milk. Pour the milk mixture into the flour mixture and gradually mix with a fork until there are little lumps throughout; these will adhere to the chicken and make for a crispier breading. If necessary, add a little more flour or milk to make the breading slightly lumpy.
- 5** Heat 1 1/2 to 2 inches of oil in a deep skillet over medium-high heat until a deep-fry thermometer reaches 365 degrees F. Lower the heat slightly, if necessary, to keep the oil from getting hotter.
- 6** Working in batches, thoroughly coat each chicken piece with breading, pressing extra breading onto the chicken if necessary. Place the breaded pieces on a plate.
- 7** Add the breaded chicken to the oil, 3 or 4 pieces at a time; make sure they don't stick together. Cover the pan and fry for 5 to 7 minutes, checking occasionally



to make sure the chicken isn't getting too brown and cook for 3 to 5 minutes more. All the while make sure the chicken doesn't burn.

8 Transfer the fried chicken to a baking sheet. When all the chicken has been fried, place it on a plate and keep covered. (These should be cooked for 3 to 5 minutes more. Always check if any pink juice or meat is visible. If so, cook for another minute or so, until fully cooked.) Leave the thighs and breasts to cook for 15 minutes.

9 Bake the thighs and breasts for 15 minutes. Turn the thighs and breasts into the thicker part of one of the large pieces of chicken. (If any pink juice or meat is visible, cook for another minute or so.)

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Troy's Trivia



1. Congress actually voted for independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776.

John Adams, in a correspondence to his wife Abigail, actually referred to Independence Day as July 2nd, 1776.



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2. The LT5 engine used in the Corvette was designed by Lotus of England, producing 375 HP and built by Mercruiser. It was available from 1990 to 1995. Final production HP was 405. Lotus was purchased by GM in 1990 and then sold to Romano Artioli in 1993. Artioli owned Bugatti at the time.





Annual Car Show

Saturday - September 23, 2023

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Rain Date – September 24th

All Makes and Models are Welcome

Masonic Temple ♦1236 Holly Pike ♦ Carlisle, PA 17013

Portions of proceeds benefit: *Shriner's Hospitals for Children*



Who will be on site with their little cars!

27 Trophies – 70 Door Prizes - 50/50

Dash Plaques to first 125 Entrants

40 Chinese Auction Items - Goody Bags

Food Sale by Old Bellaire Chapter #375, OES

Music by: J. Mattson DJ Services

Pre- registration Deadline - September 12th - Registration closes 11:00 day of show

For Information contact: Mike Fitzpatrick at 717-712-0963 or mfitz64@yahoo.com



Registration Form – Return with your check to: Mike Fitzpatrick - 48 E. North Street - Carlisle, PA 17013

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ email: _____ Phone: _____

Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Pre-registration: \$15.00 (Deadline – September 12, 2023) Day of Show Registration: \$20.00

Checks payable to: **Central Pennsylvania Thunderbird Club**

Please read and sign the following WAIVER:

As a participant I, and all who will be accompanying me, release the Central Pennsylvania Thunderbird Club, the Masonic Temple, & the Order of the Eastern Star Old Bellaire Chapter #375, their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, or anyone else connected with the management of this Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by participation in this event. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrants and under the direction or control of entrant.

PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE : _____ **Date:** ____/____/2023

NORTH CATASAUQUA
AUTUMNFEST & CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023

AT NORTH CATASAUQUA PARK

701 GROVE STREET

9:00 AM- 3:30 PM

**CARS, TRUCKS,
AND MOTORCYCLES**

***1ST 50 CARS REGISTERED GET A PARTICIPATION AWARD
(MUST BE PRESENT WITH CAR)**

**AWARDS, DOOR PRIZES, DASH PLAQUES (1ST 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 10/2/23 *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.**

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Set of stock valve covers for 2006 Ford Mustang with 4.6 V8.

Asking \$150.00 for set

Contact Tom @ 610-703-6325



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Aston Martin

Lamborghini

Miura

Impala

Bronco

Camaro

Mustang

Silver Dawn

Maserati

Lotus

Peugeot



Classic Car Word Search

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