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Happy Holidays to all Club Members!

With the New Year ahead, I am looking forward to getting our Club revved up and out running!

Our first Club meeting will be at the Trivet Restaurant on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

We have a lot to discuss, so bring your ideas so we can get rolling into 2024 with a “Thundering Boom”!

Carlisle events has their discounts in place until January 2<sup>nd</sup>, so if you are planning to attend a Carlisle event, go to their website and get your discount. This year, I decided to get the “event pass” since it is good for admission to all their shows. Since I like to attend Auto Mania, Spring Carlisle, Imports, Chrysler, Ford, GM and Fall Carlisle, it was a little cheaper for the pass.

Auto Mania at AG Hall is right around the corner. This year we are going to attend on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting for breakfast, so more details in the newsletter.

I hope everyone had a fun, family filled Christmas/Holiday and I wish you a Happy New Year Day!

This year we have a couple of trip ideas, one trip to Bloomsburg, PA to see Bill’s Old Bike Barn and another consisting of a drive along PA Route 6. Rumor has it that the PA Central Thunderbird Club may join us and we will promote both trips with the North Jersey Club and the Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club.

Fall Carlisle rooms are running out, so if you are planning to join us at the event, please book your room soon! More info to come concerning activities at the event!

Over the winter I am planning some changes to my 2003 Retro Bird to enhance its performance and maybe its looks. I am taking off the brake caliper covers and upgrading the brake system to include red powder coated calipers. In October, I was able to purchase a set of 16 spoke Thunderbird factory wheels, so I had them powder coated in silver and then cleared along with ceramic coated to hopefully keep brake dust at bay. The wheels were then wrapped in Cooper ProControl 235/50R17 tires. Hopefully by February I will get the new seats and get them covered in Black leather with White inserts, like factory original. From there a fresh carpet and upgraded audio will round out the interior! New top for the spring and the Blue Bird will be ready to hit the streets! What are you doing with your car?

Okay, enough of me “Thunderbird Dreaming of running the roads” .....see you at the General Meeting, Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Vince

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Monthly Meeting

1 PM

Trivet Diner

January 13, 2024

4549 Tilghman St.

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Auto Mania

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January 19th

Monthly Meeting

1 PM

Trivet Diner

February 10, 2024

4549 Tilghman St.

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## Trivia Question

Question: when and where was the first parking meter installed and how much did it cost.

Answer: Oklahoma City and the cost was 5 cents.

So much for progress.

Answer later in this Newsletter.

Courtesy of Troy Miller



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# Auto Mania

Powered by Carlisle

The Club will be going to go as a group

FRIDAY January 19, 2024

Will meet for breakfast 8am at the RITZ

the other end of the Fairgrounds

Tickets for Auto Mania are \$17.00

Please let Vince or Tom know if you are attending.



# Nickel Meter Stops Overparking

**O**KLAHOMA CITY is cashing in on its car parking problem by charging all motorists a nickel to park for from 15 minutes up to an hour, depending on location. At each parking space on the curb is a nickel meter. When a nickel is inserted, a clock mechanism raises a red indicator for the allotted time. The traffic policeman, on making the rounds, passes out tickets where no indicator is showing.



In Oklahoma City, motorists pay 5 cents to park. This meter sees that all pay and no one over-parks.



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**THUNDERWORD**

A graphic for a "Thunderword" activity. It features the word "THUNDERWORD" in bold black letters at the top. Below it are four blue, fluffy cloud shapes arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each cloud has a yellow lightning bolt striking it from the outside. The lightning bolts are positioned at the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right corners of the cloud grid.