



THUNDERWORD

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Happy

Valentine's Day

Troy's Trivia



Can you name the 10 classic cars that were built to drive on Route 66?

Answer found on page 14



For the latest Club Event information, visit our Website:

<https://lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com>

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Thunderbird
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President's Message

Dear Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Members,

Did you make any new year resolutions? Are you planning on keeping any new year resolutions you made? The topic came up at a family dinner this past week. As we went around the table, typical resolutions were said.....Lose weight, eat better, exercise more, drink less (alcohol) and my favorite from my Grand Daughter... "Have More Fun!" Having more fun struck a cord with me, because when I am having more fun, I am usually out and about, which gives me more exercise, my appetite is usually less because I tend to drink more water and when I do eat, I have a tendency to be a little more healthy oriented. So that is my one and only New Year Resolution: "Have More Fun!" - stolen from the mouth of a child! Note I did not say anything about drinking (alcohol) less! So, translated for Club life, "Having more fun!" means getting out to car shows, participating more in events and getting my wife to participate in the club more. Ok, I am having some fun already... . For those that have met my wife, you know her involvement is very unlikely! Tom H. and I sat down (Tom ate Healthy) and reviewed the Car show flyers that we found at Auto Mania. We settled on some to attend as a club and the others we will post so if you are in the mood to have fun, you can attend. Also, if you are looking for some parts, we have a couple swap meet flyers too. I will have copies at our next General Meeting.

Friday, February 9th, some club members are participating as judges for the 25th Greater Lehigh Valley Automotive Technician High School Competition at Northampton Community College. Since we need more visibility, I am asking our participating club members to wear their Lehigh Valley Thunderbird shirts for the event.

Last General Meeting, we had a great turn-out! Elections were held and I would like to congratulate Stan Engler on his election to the LVTC Board. Thanks Stan and I look forward to working with you!

Also, our newest member, Barbara Day attended the meeting and she drove her Red Retro Bird to the meeting. She did mention she thought there would be more T-Birds in the parking lot, so Barbara, for you, I will bring my T-Bird to the General Meeting .

Ok, I went on far too long, but I did have fun!

See you on Saturday, February 10th @ the Trivet Diner at 1:00 pm.

Vince (FUN, FUN, FUN 'cause daddy can't take my T-bird away!)

Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday February 9, 2024 @ 7:30 am	<i>Greater Lehigh Valley Automotive Technical Competition</i>	Northampton Community College 3835 Green Pond Road Bethlehem, PA 18020 Automotive Technology Building
Saturday February 10, 2024 @ 1:00 pm	<i>General Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-3886
Saturday February 24, 2024 1:00 pm	<i>Board of Director's Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-3886
Saturday March 9, 2024 1:00 pm	<i>General Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-3886

February 2024 GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 1:00pm

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jerry Engle 2/17	



February							2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Ice Cream for Breakfast Day	
4 Homemade Soup Day	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>General Meeting</i>	
11	12	13 Fastnacht Day	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Do a Grouch a Favor Day	
18 Drink Wine Day	19 President's Day	20 LOVE your Pet Day	21	22	23 Banana Bread Day	24 Board of Director's Meeting	
25	26 Set a Good Example Day	27	28	29 Leap Day			



MOPAR MADNESS of Lehigh Valley 2024 Cruise Schedule



Location: Emmaus Community Park 1375 Shimerville Road Emmaus, Pa

Apr13 (4-7pm)	May 25 (5-8pm)	Jul 27 (5-8pm)	Sep 28 (4-7pm)
Apr27 (4-7pm)	Jun 8 (5-8pm)	Aug 10 (5-8pm)	Oct 12 (3-6pm)
May 11 (5-8pm)	Jun 29 (5-8pm)	Aug 31 (5-8pm)	Oct 26 (3-6pm)
	Jul 13 (5-8pm)	Sep 14 (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 2024



April 28	July 11	September 8
May 19	July 28	September 22
June 9	August 11	October 13
June 23		October 27

Open to all vehicles

Located in the Allentown Fairgrounds
17th & Chew Streets

4 to 7pm **except Sept 22 thru Oct 27 which will be 3 to 6 pm.** Door Prizes & Specials with Good Food and Good Music Benefits: Mountainview Horse Rescue and other charities



April 17 (4-7pm)	August 21 (5-8pm)
May 15 (5-8pm)	September 18 (4-7pm)
June 19 (5-8pm)	October 16 (3-6pm)
July 17 (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****



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	



Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1501 Commerce Avenue
Carlisle, PA 17015
717-241-0052

As we have been mentioning in previous newsletters, a reunion of Thunderbird friends is being planned in conjunction with the 2024 Carlisle All Ford National. We secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, May 31 through Sunday June 1, 2024. This allows for the group being together for the evening, for breakfast, etc.... . We have 25 rooms held and the number can be increased based on demand. The rate is \$185.00 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate. Room reservations can be cancelled up to 6:00 pm the night of the reservation. The rate includes a breakfast and other amenities. We will also have use of a meeting room as a hospitality room.

The hotel is located off I-81.

The block of rooms will remain available up to 30 days before the event,
SO PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STAY!

CALL the hotel and tell them you are part of the
THUNDERBIRD Friends Reunion.



CLUB ELECTION

Results

On Saturday, January 13th, the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club members voted at the club meeting. Results well tabulated by Mike Melnyk and Claudia Hollenbach. Results are:

Club President: Vince Luppino

Club Secretary: Barbara Melnyk

Board of Directors:

Re-Elected: Mike Melnyk and Steve Rivera

Elected to the Board: Stan Engler

Congratulations to everyone and Thank You for all your effort!



Punxsutawney Phil



Punxsutawney Phil

Punxsutawney Phil DID NOT see his shadow of February 2, 2024, meaning Spring will be arriving early! Definitely more fun to be had this year and we can get the T-Birds out early to be out and about! You may ask “why I am so confident about a short winter?”

It's simple, just about all the groundhogs agreed....none saw their shadow! So right about now you think I may have been drinking (not water or coffee) but you would be wrong! I was having so much fun on February 2nd, rejoicing in the news of a short winter, I looked up just how many Groundhogs there are predicting weather! (P.S.: I am drinking coffee)

All groundhogs

Name	Region	Country	Latest prediction	Total predictions
<u>Punxsutawney Phil</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	☀️	129
<u>Octoraro Orphie</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	❄️	92
<u>Warton Willie</u>	Ontario	Canada	☀️	61
<u>Jimmy the Groundhog</u>	Wisconsin	USA	☀️	56
<u>Concord Charlie</u>	West Virginia	USA	☀️	46
<u>Buckeye Chuck</u>	Ohio	USA	☀️	41
<u>General Beauregard Lee</u>	Georgia	USA	☀️	41
<u>French Creek Freddie</u>	West Virginia	USA	☀️	36
<u>Gertie the Groundhog</u>	Illinois	USA	☀️	31
<u>Dunkirk Dave</u>	New York	USA	☀️	29
<u>Malverne Mel</u>	New York	USA	☀️	29
<u>Staten Island Chuck</u>	New York	USA	☀️	29
<u>Manitoba Merv</u>	Manitoba	Canada	❄️	27
<u>Lander Lil</u>	Wyoming	USA	—	26
<u>Holtsville Hal</u>	New York	USA	☀️	26
<u>Shubenacadie Sam</u>	Nova Scotia	Canada	☀️	26
<u>Woody the Woodchuck</u>	Michigan	USA	❄️	26
<u>Woodstock Willie</u>	Illinois	USA	☀️	25
<u>Sir Walter Wally</u>	North Carolina	USA	—	23

More Groundhogs

<u>Schnogadah Sammi</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	—	22
<u>Poor Richard</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	🌸	22
<u>Balzac Billy</u>	Alberta	Canada	❄️	20
<u>Uni the Groundhog</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	🌸	20
<u>Grover and Sue</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	🌸	18
<u>Stormy Marmot</u>	Colorado	USA	🌸	17
<u>Ms. G</u>	Massachusetts	USA	—	16
<u>Chuckles the Groundhog</u>	Connecticut	USA	🌸	16
<u>Stonewall Jackson</u>	New Jersey	USA	🌸	16
<u>Flatiron Freddy</u>	Colorado	USA	🌸	15
<u>Two Rivers Tunnel</u>	Nova Scotia	Canada	❄️	15
<u>Snohomish Slew</u>	Washington	USA	—	14
<u>Chilly Charlie</u>	Ontario	Canada	🌸	14
<u>Fred la Marmotte</u>	Quebec	Canada	🌸	14
<u>Bee Cave Bob</u>	Texas	USA	—	13
<u>Middlemiss Mike</u>	Ontario	Canada	—	13
<u>Beardsley Bart</u>	Connecticut	USA	🌸	13
<u>Sand Mountain Sam</u>	Alabama	USA	🌸	13
<u>Buffalo Bert</u>	New York	USA	❄️	12
<u>Dover Doug</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	❄️	12



Event Details

Dates	April 17-21, 2024
Wednesday-Saturday Time	7am-6pm
Sunday Time	7am-12pm
Daily Price	Wed-Sat: \$12 per day Sun: Free (limited vendors)
	Kids 12 & Under are always FREE
Full Event Price	\$35

EVEN More Groundhogs !

<u>Concord Casimir</u>	Ohio	USA	❄️	7
<u>Chuck Wood</u>	California	USA	—	6
<u>Cluxatawney Henrietta</u>	New York	USA	🌻	6
<u>Lucy the Lobster</u>	Nova Scotia	Canada	❄️	6
<u>Gordy the Groundhog</u>	Wisconsin	USA	—	5
<u>Mount Gretna Grady</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	—	5
<u>Stumptown Fil</u>	Oregon	USA	🌻	5
<u>Yonah the Groundhog</u>	Georgia	USA	🌻	5
<u>Poppy the Groundhog</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	—	4
<u>Hope the Groundhog</u>	Indiana	USA	🌻	4
<u>MT Parker</u>	Pennsylvania	USA	❄️	4
<u>Heaven's Wildlife Harvey</u>	Ontario	Canada	🌻	3
<u>Lady Edwina of Essex</u>	New Jersey	USA	🌻	3
<u>Queen City Charlie</u>	Maryland	USA	🌻	3
<u>Unadilla Billie</u>	Nebraska	USA	🌻	3
<u>Okanagan Okie</u>	British Columbia	Canada	—	2

Das Awkscht Fescht



AUGUST 2, 3 & 4, 2024
MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK
MACUNGIE, PA

THUNDERBIRD Club Day

SUNDAY, August 4th

Don't Forget to Register!

FOR OVER 60 YEARS

- Hours: Fri & Sat – 6am-10:30pm; Sun – 6am-4:30pm
- Show Cars enter at Gate #1 after 7:30am each morning
- Admission: \$9 – Adult; FREE for age 15 & under
- Antique & Classic Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles
- Arts, Crafts & Antiques
- Kids' Entertainment & Activities
- Flea Market & Car Corral Sale Area
- Toy Shows & Sale
- 5th YEAR... BEER GARDEN!!
- Bingo

Das Awkscht Fescht has been a summer tradition for all ages. Offering three fun-packed days in the great outdoors, it's a perfect way for families to celebrate summer. In 2024, we celebrate our 61st Annual Fescht, so come cruisin' through 42 acres of fun at the Fescht – and enjoy the great things classic summers are made of. Admission includes all events, shows, and entertainment. The 2024 Fescht will feature the Mustang.

And Yet More Groundhogs !!

Name	Region	Country	Latest prediction	Total predictions
<u>Fenwick Flossie</u>	Ontario	Canada		12
<u>Lawrenceville Lucy</u>	Pennsylvania	USA		12
<u>Mount Joy Minnie</u>	Pennsylvania	USA		12
<u>Bowman Bill</u>	Virginia	USA	—	11
<u>Pattv Pagoda</u>	Pennsylvania	USA		11
<u>Polk County Paula</u>	Iowa	USA		11
<u>Boise Bill</u>	Idaho	USA	—	10
<u>Chesapeake Chuck</u>	Virginia	USA		10
<u>Scramble the Duck</u>	Connecticut	USA		10
<u>Snerd</u>	North Carolina	USA		10
<u>Tinicum Tim</u>	Pennsylvania	USA		10
<u>Wildwood Willie</u>	Ohio	USA		10
<u>Snowy the Prairie Dog</u>	Washington	USA	—	9
<u>Benny the Bass</u>	Ohio	USA		9
<u>Harlevsille Hank</u>	Pennsylvania	USA		9
<u>Oil Springs Ollie</u>	Ontario	Canada	—	8
<u>Van Island Violet</u>	British Columbia	Canada		8
<u>Potomac Phil</u>	District of Columbia	USA	—	7
<u>Smith Lake Jake</u>	Alabama	USA	—	7

The End

Don't Forget to Watch Groundhog Day!

48th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show

Saturday, July 20, 2024

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by

The LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Proceeds Benefit:
Nazareth Food Bank
and
Lehigh Valley Pediatric
Foundation

Registration Information:

Pre-Register by July 1, 2024 - \$15.00

Day of Show Registration - - \$20.00

Rain Date: Sunday, July 21, 2024

For Cancellation or Rain Date:
Lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com

Photo Plaque Information:

The first 200 vehicles that arrive at show between 9:00am and noon will get a photo taken of your vehicle, mounted to a plaque. *Due to plaque assembly and photo development time, the "Photo Plaque" will not be available for pickup until 2:00pm.*

Parking:

As you enter the park, you will be directed to the photo location, after which you will be guided to a parking space. If you wish to park as a group, please enter the park as a group so we can accommodate parking you all together.

Directions:

From 33: Follow RT 191 into Nazareth. At Broad and Center Streets, turn right onto Broad St. Follow Broad St. for several blocks and the Park will be on your left.
From 22: Follow RT 191 North. At diner, turn left and continue on RT 191 into Nazareth. When RT 191 turns right, stay straight on Broad St. and follow to Park, which will be on your left.

The Car Show is open to all Years, Makes and Models of Domestic and Foreign vehicles. Motorcycles are not permitted.

We Support The Nazareth Food Bank. Please bring a donation to the show and drop it off at the Registration Table. A Representative from the Food Bank will be there to collect your donation!

Tents:

The Show has been averaging 230 vehicle in attendance. To maintain reasonable spacing between vehicles, we might not be able to accommodate tents by the vehicles. There are areas around the field where you may place your tent. Please work with our Event Staff. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and fun day!

Pre-Registration Form for 48th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show on July 20, 2024

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Contact for 2025 Show: YES NO

Mail Form with check (\$15.00) to: Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Treasurer

1041 Buggy Whip Drive

Warrington, PA 18976

Entrants and participants of this event will release and hold harmless for damages or like causes any and all volunteers or others involved in preparation and/or operation of The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Car Show.



Troy's Trivia



The 10 Classic cars are:

- 1) C1 Corvette
- 2) 1967 Chrysler Imperial
- 3) 1959 Cadillac Eldorado
- 4) 1963 Lincoln Continental
- 5) 1950-54 Hudson Hornet Convertible
- 6) 1950-54 Cadillac DeVille
- 7) 1964-67 Pontiac GTO
- 8) 1964-68 Ford Mustang
- 9) 1968-73 Chevrolet Chevelle
- 10) 1963-66 Buick Wildcat



Name: _____

VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the Valentine's Day words in the puzzle below?



Y L B F I W P S C A S W E E T
R O C E V H C X A C N L W A C
N V H E M W V J R X H O G S Q
D E O G T I X F D Q O C T B X
E N C I V R N W S K L P T E V
S H O P U A X E U I I M C G S
S F L E F I L B O S D X A V H
E C A R L E Z E G S A O N C U
R Q T I O W B H N L Y X D L G
T U E T T S F R A T X O Y P R
F R I E N D E C U P I D W P M
Q E Z Z K A U J E A P N W H R
T F L O W E R C X F R Y E B Z
C N X Y H E A R T R S Y E B K

VALENTINE
DESSERT
HAPPY
SWEET

LOVE
NOTES
CHOCOLATE
FLOWER

BE MINE
HEART
ROSE
KISS

HUG
FEBRUARY
FRIEND
CARDS

CUPID
XOXO
HOLIDAY
CANDY

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THUNDERWORD Marketplace

FREE to a new home!

Up to three classic counter style candy jars.

You may remember them from our last LVTC Convention we hosted in 2011. They are good for any loose candy, "fun-sized" bars or traditional penny candies.

Email: Luppinov@verizon.net if interested and we can arrange delivery or pickup.



SAVE THE Date

Central PA Thunderbird Club Car Show

August 19th.



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February 2024

