



THUNDERWORD

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March 2024



Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 2:00 am

SAVE-THE-DATE

SATURDAY

APRIL 20.2024

**@ Hops Paddock
Restaurant**



Troy's Trivia *(Mike Melnyk in Troy's absence)*



1. Who came up with the name for the Thunderbird?
2. What year did the porthole top on the Thunderbird first appear?
3. What is the only engine offered in the 1958 Thunderbird?

Answer found on page 14



For the latest Club Event information, visit our Website:

<https://lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com>

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Thunderbird
Club**

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President's Message

Happy March Everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well and you are enjoying the break in the winter weather. Hopefully all the groundhogs prediction of an early Spring holds true and we can get outside soon!

So. The Greater Lehigh Valley Area Dealer Association has asked our club to bring some Thunderbirds out to the Stabler Arena on Saturday, March 23rd. It is the 25th anniversary of the Auto Show, so I would like everyone in the club and all our past members who still have their Thunderbirds, along with local Thunderbird clubs to come out at show off your Thunderbird pride!

I was also able to confirm our Nazareth Day Car Show with the Nazareth Day Activity Committee, so we are good to go for Saturday, July 20th, 2024.

On Saturday, March 2nd, our LVTC Board of Directors are meeting to review club bylaws, new member information packet and 2024 Nazareth Day Car Show. If you have any thought or suggestions, please feel free to send any club Board member or Officer the information. OR, while the room is small, you can attend. Location on page 3 of newsletter.

Carlisle Ford Nationals is coming up quickly and the turnout of our Thunderbird friends from other clubs look pretty good! Are you planning to come out? At least for a day? I would like to get a head count in May at our General Meeting.

Our Annual Pizza Party moved to April 20th. Why? Nicer weather and to get more members out to join the festivities! We have reserved the side room at Hop's Paddock in Allentown, right down the road from the Parkland Dinner, so relatively easy to get too, with plenty of parking! Hope to see the lot full of T-Birds!



Speaking of which, Barbara Day, our newest member mentioned she did not see many T-Birds at our meeting in January, so I just wanted to let her know that I brought my T-Bird to the February meeting for her.

Okay, enough of me!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on 3/16/2024!

Thanks, Vince

Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday March 2, 2024 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	<i>LVTC Board of Director's Meeting</i>	Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western 300 Gateway Drive Bethlehem, PA 18017
Saturday March 16, 2024 1:00 pm	<i>General Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104
Saturday March 23, 2024 9:00 am	<i>THUNDERBIRD Display @ GLVADA 25th Annual Car Show</i>	Stabler Arena @ Lehigh University 124 Goodman Drive Bethlehem, PA 18015
Saturday April 20, 2024 1:00 pm	<i>PIZZA PARTY & General Meeting</i>	Hops at the Paddock 1945 W Columbia Street Allentown, PA 18104

March 2024 GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 1:00pm

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joan Jones	
	Virginia Schaffer



To All Lehigh Valley Members and Friends,

This Year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Show and our local Greater Lehigh Valley Dealer Association (GLVADA) is going all out to celebrate! From local celebrities, Mummer String Band, and National figures, like Ms. Pennsylvania, the car show promises to be an event!

The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club has been asked to participate by displaying our Thunderbirds on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 am through 3:00 pm. I am asking that everyone makes an effort to attend with your Thunderbird.

We will have access to the Car Show, restrooms and food will be available to purchase.

OH, Did I mention that the GLVADA's Director would like to get some photos of Ms. Pennsylvania with the Thunderbirds. My thought was to let her pick the cars.

Afterwards, I was hoping we could all caravan to a local eatery for dinner.

Location: Display outside the **Stabler Arena @ Lehigh University**

**124 Goodman Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18015**

Time to set-up: 9:00 am I will bring donuts, you bring yourself drinks

Show opens at 10:00am

Display schedule: 10:00 am through 3:00 pm

Caravan to Eatery: 3:30 pm

Please make every effort to attend!

Let me know if you are coming *Via Email* : Luppinov@verizon.net

OR by text at 267-808-1989

OR give me a call at 267-808-1989

Thanks,

Vince



		March			2024	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 LVTC Board Meeting
3	4 National Hug a G.I. Day	5	6 National Oreo Cookie Day	7	8	9 National Meatball Day
10	11	12 National Girl Scout Day	13 National Good Samaritan Day	14	15 Red Nose Day	16 LVTC General Meeting
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 National Ravioli Day	21	22 National Goof Off Day	23 Thunderbird Display @ Auto Show
24 National Cheesesteak Day	25	26	27	28 Major League Baseball Opening Day	29	30
31 Easter						



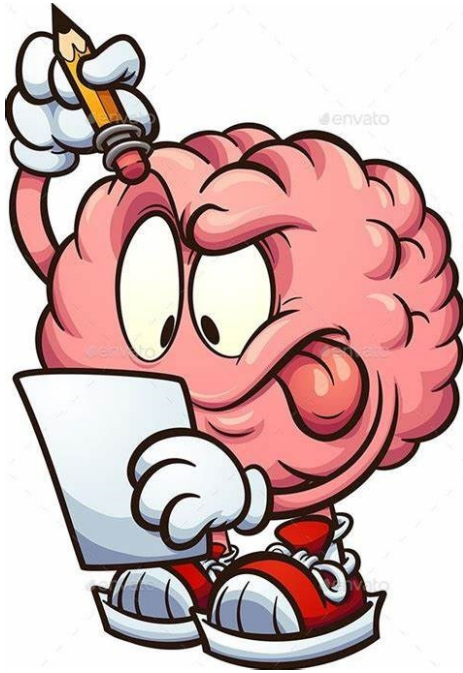
Thunderbird On Display

**The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird
Club is sponsoring a Thunderbird Car
Display on Saturday, March 23rd from
9:00 am through 3:00 pm at the
2024 Lehigh Valley Auto Show
ALL THUNDERBIRDS WELCOME!**



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



This “Brain Teaser” provided by Jerry Engle

A woman shoots her husband.
Then she holds him underwater for over 5 minutes.
Finally, she hangs him!
BUT 5 minutes later, they both go out together and
enjoy a wonderful dinner together.

How can this be?



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@ Hops at the Paddock

1945 W Columbia Street

Allentown, PA 18104



The woman is a photographer
She shot a picture of her husband,
developed it and then hung it up to dry.



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.

I have no idea who put this together, but it is wonderful, especially if you're North of 70!

Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,
Before the days of Dylan , or the dawn of Camelot.
There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me.
For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born,
Where navels were for oranges, and Peyton Place was porn.
We longed for love and romance, and waited for our Prince,
Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him since.
We danced to 'Little Darlin,' and sang to 'Stagger Lee'
And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me, Me.
Only girls wore earrings then, and 3 was one too many,
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Jean McKinney.
And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see
A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me.
We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,
And when they made a movie, they never made it twice..
We didn't have a Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three,
Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me, Me.
Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,
And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp.
We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,
And Oprah couldn't talk yet, in the Land That Made Me, Me.
We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go,
At least not Bobby Darin, or Marilyn Monroe.
For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be,
And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me, Me.
We'd never seen the rock band that was Grateful to be Dead,
And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson , and Zeppelins were not
Led.
And Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in tree.
Madonna was Mary in the Land That Made Me, Me.

And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free,
And dorms were never co-Ed in the Land That Made Me, Me.
We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag,
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.
And hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea,
And rocket ships were fiction in the Land That Made Me, Me.
T-Birds came with portholes, and side shows came with freaks,
And bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks.
And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee,
And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me, Me.
We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues,
We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea
Or prime-time ads for those dysfunctions in the Land That Made
Me, Me.

There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill,
And fish were not called Wanda, and cats were not called Bill
And middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three,
And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made Me, Me.
But all things have a season, or so we've heard them say,
And now instead of Maybelline we swear by Retin-A.
They send us invitations to join AARP,
We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me, Me.
So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,
And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines.
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,
Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.
If you didn't grow up in the fiftys,
You missed the greatest time in history,
Hope you enjoyed this read as much as I did.

48th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show

Saturday, July 20, 2024

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by

The LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

**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.

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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

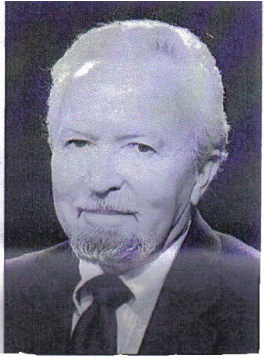
1041 Buggy Whip Drive

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



1. Who came up with the name for the Thunderbird?

Answer: Alden R. "Gib" Giberson named the vehicle.

2. What year did the porthole top on the Thunderbird first appear?

Answer: 1956 Thunderbird



3. What is the only engine offered in the 1958 Thunderbird?

Answer: 300 hp, 352 cid V8



Ford Automobiles

FORD FALCON STQFGXAQSSEGC AVIETDQ
ZURPOWERPIGWXQCHSNFORDGRANADAHT
BOOMQIEZOWYMORDWKJCKPPUDDBWGLE
PFLUNOKQYKOMKECVNYZGKOUFUXTBUEH
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Ford County Squire Ford Thunderbird Ford Ranchero

Ford Fairlane Ford Galaxie Ford Mustang

Ford Granada Ford Falcon Ford Torino

Ford Torino Ford 32 Coupe Ford LTD



Crock Pot Ham and Cabbage

★★★★★ [recipesthatcrock.com](#) (34)

5 hr · 300 cal · 8 servs

[Read full directions](#)

Are you looking for an easy low carb family dinner? We love this Crock Pot Ham and Cabbage. It is so easy to throw together and a perfect leftover ham recipe.

RECIPE

NUTRITIONAL INFO

SUBSTITUTIONS

Ingredients

3 cups	Cooked Ham (chopped)
1 small head	Cabbage (Chopped Into Bite-Sized Pieces)
2 cups	Chicken Broth
1 stick	Butter (sliced)
add	Salt And Pepper

Directions

1. Place cabbage in the bottom of a 6 quart slow cooker.
2. Top evenly with ham.
3. Pour broth over top and season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Top with butter.
5. Cook on low for 5-6 hours or until cabbage is tender.
6. Stir and serve

THUNDERWORD Marketplace



SAVE THE Date

Central PA Thunderbird Club Car Show

August 19th.

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