



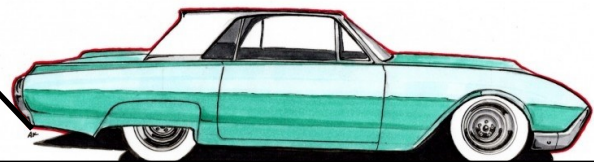
THUNDERWORD

Volume 11 Issues 4

April 2024



**Ok Big Guy,
Time to go for the Season!**



SATURDAY - APRIL 20, 2024 at 1:00 pm

@ Hops at the Paddock

1945 W Columbia Street

Allentown, PA 18104

Troy's Trivia *(Vince in Troy's absence)*



1. What year did the Thunderbird outsell the Corvette 40 to 1 ?
2. Which President used 50 Thunderbirds in his Inaugural procession?
3. What year did the Beach Boys write " Fun, Fun, Fun"?



Answer found on page 16

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 Spring Everyone!

"Old Man Winter" is taking his time leaving this season, but we did get several spring-like days this past several weeks.

Our annual Club Pizza Party is around the corner on the 20th and I hope everyone can attend! Hops is typically pretty good, so I am looking for a good time.

In the next week, you will receive another email with our revised club by-laws. I ask that you read them over and bring any questions/concerns to the General Meeting/Pizza Party on April 20th to discuss. If everyone is satisfied with the discussion, I would like to move forward on approving the by-laws.

May 5th, Mike Melnyk arranged for the club to go to the Boyertown Historic Vehicle Museum. A lot of changes have been made since we last went, maybe 8 years ago, so we should see some very interesting items. We will meet at the museum at 10:00 am and find a place to eat afterwards.

If you are attending the VTCI Convention, please get a hold of Mike Melnyk for information and required forms to send in.

All Ford National at Carlisle is quickly approaching! If you are going and plan to stay over, please contact the Hotel for reservations.

All Gate & Go passes need to be submitted to Carlisle by April 15th.

It has been a while since we had a club outing, so I thought we might like to cruise out thru some covered bridges in the Bucks County area. While there are 12 covered bridges, I thought we could do the 6 closest to the Lehigh Valley area. We will discuss at our upcoming Pizza Party.

Okay, enough from me..... Get your Thunderbird ready for some fun....

See you at the Pizza Party,

Vince



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Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday April 20, 2024 1:00 pm	<i>PIZZA PARTY</i> & <i>General Meeting</i>	Hops at the Paddock 1945 W Columbia Street Allentown, PA 18104
Sunday May 5, 2024 10:00 am	<i>Boyertown Museum</i>	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles 85 S Walnut Street Boyertown, PA 19512 610-367-2090
Saturday May 11, 2024 9:00 am	<i>General Meeting</i>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-3886
Saturday May 18, 2024 9:00 am	<i>LVTC Covered</i> <i>Bridge Run</i>	Starting Location will be announced in May Newsletter.

April 2024 GENERAL MEETING & Pizza Party



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lynn Miller 4/7	
	Wendy Young 4/10

LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
TRIVET DINER
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024



Members Present: Tom & Claudia Hollenbach, Barb & Mike Melnyk, Jerry & Ruth Engle, Vince Luppino, Linda Lee & John Mondin, Ron Liebowitz, Wayne Schaffer, Barbara Day, and Gilbert Carboni.

President: (Vince Luppino) Meeting was called to order at 2:10pm.

Secretary's Report: (Barb Melnyk) Minutes were sent out ahead of time and passed out at the meeting. A motion was made by Mike to accept the minutes and seconded by Jerry.

Treasurer's Report: (Claudia Hollenbach) \$\$\$\$.\$\$ current balance. Motion to accept was made by Jerry and seconded by Tom.

Membership Report: (Tom Hollenbach) 24 paid memberships. Motion to accept was made by Mike and seconded by Claudia.

New Business:

Mike Melnyk will contact Mike Fitzpatrick from the Central PA Thunderbird club to advise them of the benefits of joining VTCI.

VTCI will send a check to help pay for the tent at Ford Carlisle.

March 9, 2024, a group from the board met at the Lehigh Valley Convention Center to review and update the clubs' bylaws.

These will be distributed to the membership to vote on later.

Annual Pizza party will be on April 20th at "Hops at the Paddock." There will be a vote to accept the revised bylaws.

March 23, 2024, is the 25th Anniversary of the Lehigh Valley Dealer's Association as well as their car show at the Stabler Arena. Vince will send out an e-mail on Thursday to let us know if we are attending the show. Rainy weather has been predicted.

Mini-Golf. Lucky Strokes golf and others will be discussed at the pizza party.

Vince talked to the shop manager at the restoration shop that is across the street from America on Wheels. We would be welcome to come for a tour.

Vince will be putting an article in the Thunderword about how to remove the headlights in a retro bird.

Tasco is a company that sells LED bulbs for T-Bird headlights.

Old Business:

VTCI Convention in Grand Rapids Michigan is August 7th -11th, 2024.

Jerry will get a schedule for the Iron Pigs games.

Vince will investigate scheduling a tour of Bulgari.

It was suggested that as a club we should become more active in the community. We could volunteer at a food pantry and work with Veterans organizations.

Next meeting April 20th at Hops at the Paddock at 1PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Melnyk, Secretary

Tentative General Meeting Schedule thru October 2024:

April 20th at Hops at the Paddock.

May 11th at the Trivet Diner.

June 8th at the Trivet Diner.

Sunday July 14th at the pavilion at the Nazareth Borough Park. This is our annual **Nazareth Day Car Show planning Picnic**. We will meet at 12:00 pm (Noon). A sign-up list will be handed out at the June 8th meeting.

Saturday July 20th Nazareth Day Car Show at Nazareth Borough Park.

August 17th at the Trivet Diner.

September 14th at the Trivet Diner.

October 12th at the Trivet diner.



Event Details

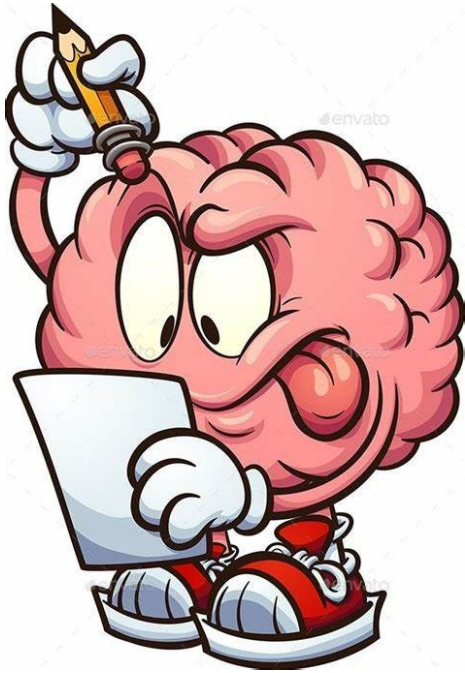
Dates	April 17-21, 2024
Wednesday-Saturday Time	7am-6pm
Sunday Time	7am-12pm
Daily Price	Wed-Sat: \$12 per day Sun: Free (limited vendors) Kids 12 & Under are always FREE
Full Event Price	\$35



April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools Day	2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day	3	4	5 National Deep Dish Pizza Day	6
7 National Beer Day	8 Total Solar Eclipse	9	10 National Hug Your Dog Day	11 Eight Track Tape Day	12 National Grilled Cheese Day	13
14 National Gardening Day	15	16	17	18 Animal Cracker Day	19	20 LVTC Pizza Party
21	22 National Jelly Bean Day	23	24 National Pigs In A Blanket Day	25	26 National Pretzel Day	27
28 Blueberry Pie Day	29	30 National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day				



This “Brain Teaser” provided by Jerry Engle

A Murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins and the third is full of lions that haven’t eaten in 3 years.
Which room is safest for him?



SAVE-THE-DATE

SATURDAY

APRIL 20.2024

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The third.
Lions that haven't eaten
for three years are dead.



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.

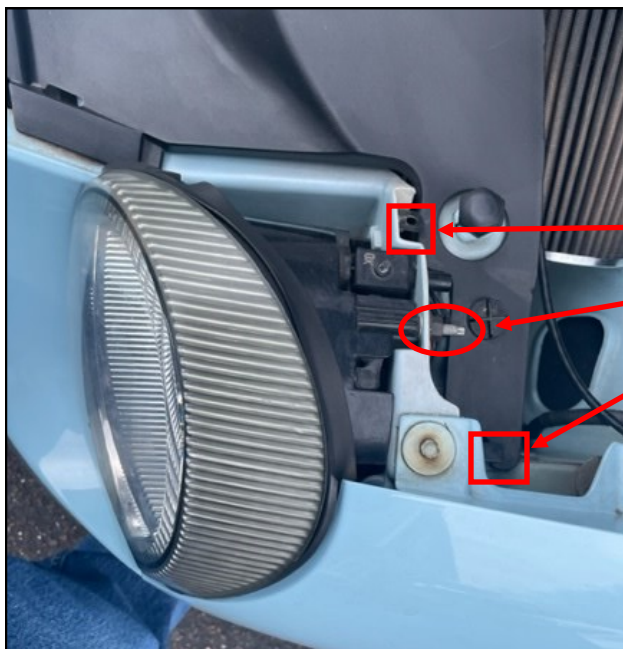
SO, Are your RetroBird headlamps dim, scratched, cracked and need replacing. Here are some tips to repair your lighting issue:

Replacing headlight bulbs, try Sylvania 9007 SilverStar Ultra-High Performance Halogen bulbs—brighter than factory, whiter light. Stay away from HID bulbs, need to add in addition control unit for each headlamp with typically poor results in longevity of bulb. You can now purchase L.E.D. bulbs with good results, but you do have to modify the retaining ring that secures the headlamp bulb in housing.

Need to replace your headlamp assemblies, go to HeadlightsDepot.com. Often headlamp set is on sale for about \$139.99 with upgraded halogen bulbs. Check it out.



First thing is to make sure the headlamps are D.O.T. approved and US Spec Thunderbirds from 2002 to 2005 should be labelled "V.O.R." which means **V**isually **O**ptic **R**ight. This means the headlamp reflector is manufactured angled to the right. THERE IS NO left/right adjustment for the lights. You can only adjust the up/down of the beam. If you have issues with the right/left angle of the beam, you have to replace your headlamp.

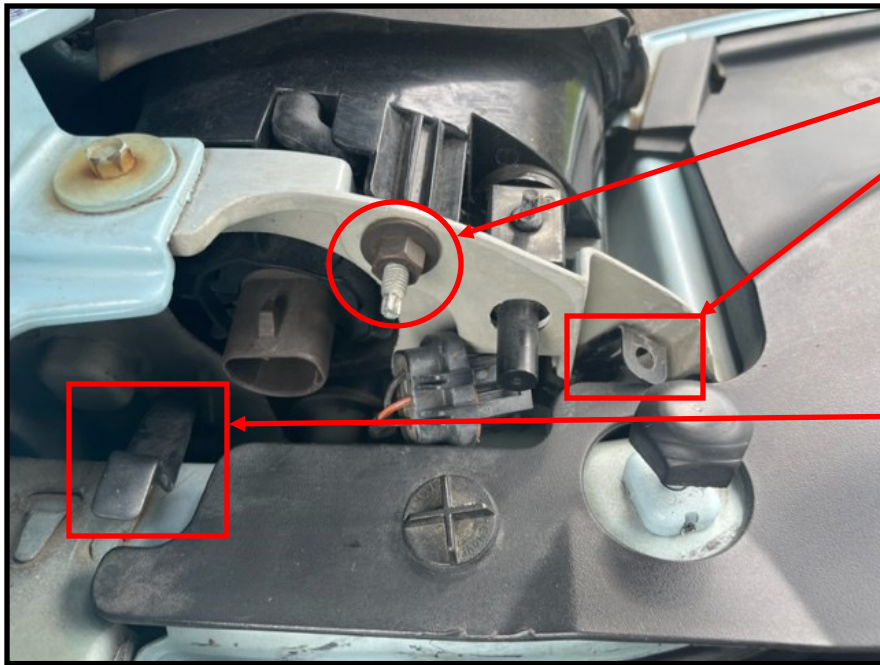


The Headlamp assembly must be removed to change bulbs.

It is held onto the body by:

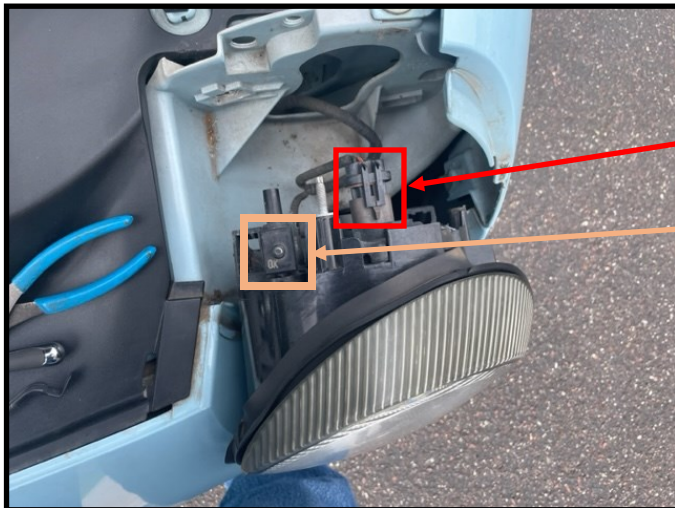
- 1) Short spring clip you pull up to remove
- 2) Stud with nut
- 3) Long angled spring clip you pull up to remove

Then you can carefully pull lamp forward and remove electrical connectors to light bulb sockets.



Rear view of lamp attachment:

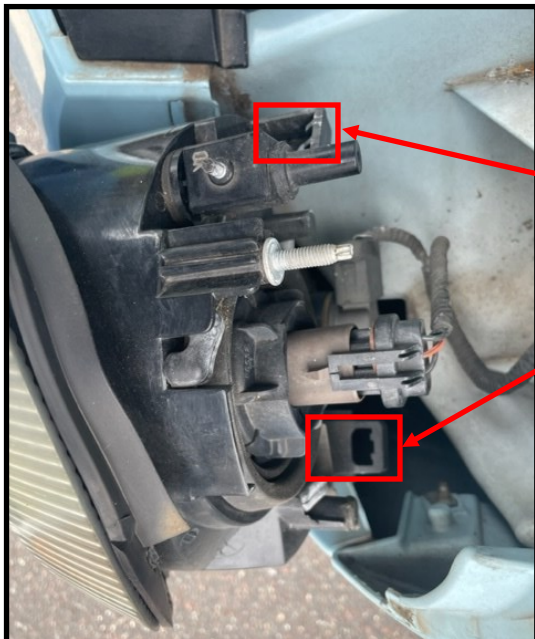
- 1) Stud with nut
- 2) Short spring clip
- 3) Long angled spring clip



With headlamp pulled forward from body, you now have access to connectors.

CAREFULLY lift connector locking tabs with small flat tip screwdriver to disengage and remove.

FYI— This is the headlamp beam up/down adjuster mechanism.

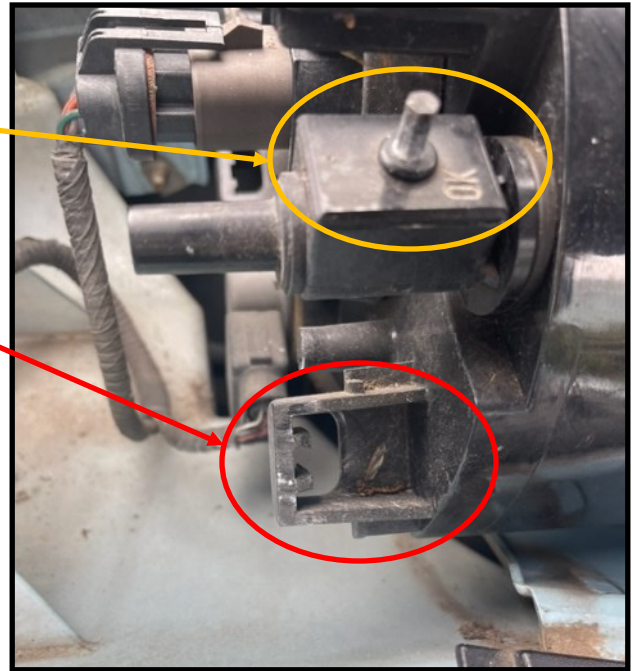


These are the two places that push through the front support and the spring clips hold the light into the body.

- 1) Short spring clip
- 2) Long angled spring clip

Here is a closer view of the:

- 1) Up/Down adjustment mechanism
- 2) Spring clip bracket



Remove black plastic retainer to access halogen bulb.

Back of headlamp assembly where bulb and retainer ring fit. The bulb and retainer must be aligned properly first using the tabs on both components.

And the part that everyone hates— **ASSEMBLY** is reversal of removal!



48th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show

Saturday, July 20, 2024

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by

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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 vehicles 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. In 1955, the Ford Thunderbird outsold the Chevrolet Corvette 40 to 1. The high level of interior appointments, the classic styling and the V-8 engine led to the sales dominance.

2. JFK had 50 Thunderbirds in his Inaugural procession in 1961.



3. In 1964, the Beach Boys recorded "Fun, Fun, Fun" which further increased the popularity of the Thunderbird.



**THUNDERBIRD
APPRECIATION
DAY**

MAY 19, 2024

- APRIL
- BLOSSOM
- BREEZE
- BUD
- BULBS
- BUNNY
- BUTTERFLY
- CHICK
- DAFFODIL
- EASTER
- EGGS
- GRASS
- GREEN
- HATCH
- JUNE
- MARCH
- MAY
- NEST
- PUDDLE
- RAINBOW
- ROBIN
- SEASON
- SHOWERS
- SUNSHINE
- THAW
- TULIP
- UMBRELLA



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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SPRING PESTO PASTA WITH ASPARAGUS

Author: Sam | Ahead of Thyme *Total Time:* 20 minutes

Yield: 6 servings *Diet:* Vegetarian

Spring pesto pasta with asparagus and chives is light and made with simple ingredients in under 20 minutes. Serve it hot for dinner or cold as pasta salad.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 lb. **asparagus**, ends trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 lb. **pasta**
- 1/2 cup **basil pesto**, store-bought or homemade
- 1/4 cup **chives**, finely chopped
- zest from 1 **lemon**
- 1/3 cup **mozzarella cheese**, cubed
- 1/4 cup **Parmesan cheese**, grated



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and add asparagus. Cook for 3 minutes, then remove with a slotted spoon and place in a bowl of ice water. Let cool, then drain.
2. Bring the same pot of water back up to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 11 minutes, or until al dente. Then drain, reserving about 1/4 cup of cooking water.
3. In a large bowl, combine pasta, asparagus, and basil pesto. Toss until pasta is evenly coated with pesto. If the sauce is too thick, begin pouring in some reserved pasta water (about 2 tablespoons at a time) until the sauce reaches desired consistency. Add chives, lemon zest, and mozzarella, and stir until just combined.
4. Divide pasta into bowls and top with Parmesan cheese. If eating immediately, serve hot. You can also serve it cold or at room temperature as a delicious vegetarian pasta salad.

THUNDERWORD Marketplace

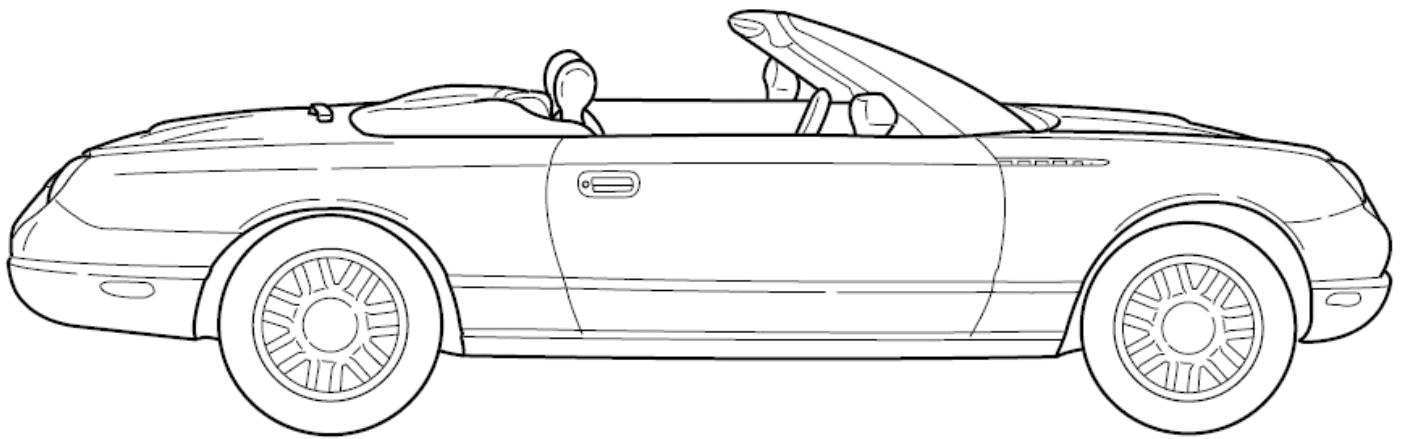
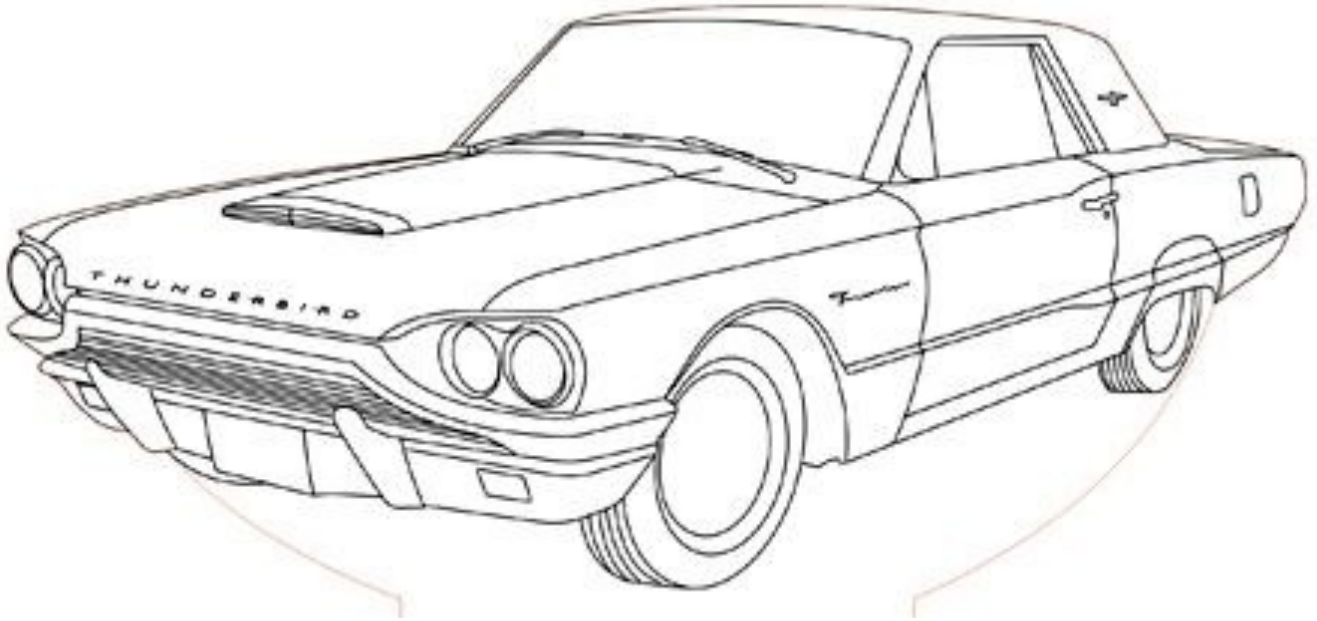


SAVE THE Date

Central PA Thunderbird Club Car Show

August 19th.

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