



# THUNDERWORD

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## Troy's Trivia



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3. *When was February 14th first declared to be Valentine's Day ?*



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For the latest Club Event information, visit our Website:

<https://lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com>

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## **Lehigh Valley**

## **Thunderbird**

## **Club**

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## **President's Message**

Happy February Fellow LVTC Members!

I am happy to say the 2025 has gotten off to a great start and things are looking fun-filled! First I would like to Thank Barb and Troy for getting their information to me early so I could get the newsletter out a bit earlier. You will notice the newsletter has a lot of information in it, so you may want to read it over carefully.

Our January General Meeting and Club Elections was well attended and members cast their votes and the following results are:

*Club Vice-President:* Tom Hollenbach

*Club Secretary:* Barbara Melnyk

*Board of Director Members:* Stan Engler, Ron Liebowitz, Mike Melnyk and Steve Rivera

Congratulations to everyone and I look forward to your advice and direction as we move our club forward!

Also, I would like to Thank Tom Hollenbach for helping with District 11 Allentown area Skills USA Auto Technology Competition on January 21. A couple people called out and we needed help, so Tom answered my call and arrived about 15 minutes afterwards and helped judge a tool and parts ID area, for the event!

February 7th will mark the 26th Annual GLVADA High School Auto Tech Competition and the 10th year that our club has come in and helped judge the competition. It will be a little bigger event this year as we will have 8 teams competing and a little more help with Subaru coming in too! For those helping out, please arrive by 7:30 am so we can get you informed and in place for the start of the competition.

Finally, while looking for some activities the club could participate in, I found the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles was holding FASTNACHT DAY on Tuesday, March 4th from 10 am to 1 pm! So, while a Tuesday, I figured most of us are retired, so Let's Go and have some fun! I am going to invite our sister T-Bird Clubs too and for all T-Bird attendees, will supply Mardi Gras beads and Masks until I run out!

Ok, out of space, but please read the newsletter as there is a lot in it!

See you at the General Meeting.....

Vince



## 2024 Nazareth Day Car Show Donations



Pediatric Cancer Foundation of  
Lehigh Valley Donation : \$900.00

Troy Miller with PCFLV Executive  
Director Michelle Zenie Rounds.



Second Harvest Food Bank of  
Nazareth Donation : \$900.00

Troy Miller with Second Harvest  
Senior Development Officer  
JoAnne Anderson.

## *Upcoming Shows and Events*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
October 18, 2024 through April 16, 2025	<b><i>“BATTLE of The Car Clubs”</i></b>	America On Wheels Museum 5 North Front Street Allentown, PA 18102
Friday February 7, 2025 7:30 am	<b><i>GLVADA 26th Annual High School Auto Tech Competition</i></b>	Northampton Community College 3835 Green Pond Road Bethlehem, PA 18020
Saturday February 8, 2025 1:00 pm	<b><i>General Meeting</i></b>	Trivet Diner-Allentown 4549 Tilghman Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-398-3886
Tuesday March 4, 2025 10:00 am	<b><i>Fastnacht Day</i></b>	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles 85 South Walnut St. Boyertown, PA 19512 610-367-2090
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**Saturday, February 8 @ 1:00pm**



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



# Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

## 2025 Planned Activities

Sister THUNDERBIRD Clubs are WELCOME to Join in our activities!

DATE	Activity	Meeting Time	Contact Person
January 18, 2025	Auto Mania	10:00 am	Vince
February 7, 2025	GLVADA High School Tech Competition	7:30 am	Vince
March 4, 2025	Boyertown Museum - Fastnacht Day	10:00 am	Mike & Vince
March 22, 2025	GLVADA Auto Show - Thunderbirds on Display	8:30 am	Vince
April 12, 2025	LVTC Annual Pizza Party	1:00 pm	Tom & Vince
April ??	America on Wheels Car Show	All Day	Vince
April 26, 2025	LVTC Poker Run	9:00 am	Wayne & Vince
May			
June 6 - 8, 2025	All Ford National @ Carlisle	All Day	Mike & Vince
June 19, 2025	Boyertown Museum Car Show & Farmer's Market	4:00 - 8:00 pm	Mike
July 12, 2025	LVTC Car Show Planning Picnic	1:00 pm	Vince
July 19, 2025	LVTC Nazareth Day Car Show	7:00 am	EVERYONE !
August 3, 2025	Das Awkscht Fescht Club Day	7:00 am	Tom & Vince
August			
September 9 - 13, 2025	VTCI/CTCI Convention	All Day	Mike
September			
October 18, 2025	St. Joseph the Worker Car Show	All Day	Marty & Vince
November			
December 7, 2025	LVTC Annual Christmas Party	1:00 pm	Christmas Council

**ALL EVENTS LISTED ARE ACTIVE**



**February**

**2025**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Groundhog Day	3 National Carrot Cake Day	4 World Cancer Day	5	6	7 GLVADA H.S. Tech Auto Competition	8 LVTC General Meeting
9 National Pizza Day	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19 National Chocolate Mint Day	20 National Love Your Pet Day	21 National Sticky Bun Day	22 National Margarita Day
23 National Banana Bread Day	24	25 National Clam Chowder Day	26	27 National Chili Day	28 National Pancake Day	

**Happy Birthday!**



Ron Leibowitz 2/14
Jerry Engle 2/17
Bob Free 2/19
Dwayne Behler 2/20



**26th Annual GLVADA  
High School Auto Tech  
Competition**

**Friday, February 7, 2025**

**Northampton Community College**

**3835 Green Pond Road**

**Bethlehem, PA 18020**

**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

# LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

## GENERAL MEETING

### TRIVET DINER

January 11, 2025

**Members Present:** Vince Luppino, Tom & Claudia Hollenbach, Barb & Gene Aucott, Stan Engler, Linda Lee & John Mondin, Barbara Day, Troy Miller, Diane Landes, Wayne Schaffer, Steve Rivera, Ray McKeeman and Mike & Barb Melnyk.

**President: (Vince Luppino)** Meeting was called to order at 2:15pm.

**Secretary's Report: (Barb Melnyk)** Minutes were included in the monthly newsletter. A motion was made by Mike to accept the minutes and seconded by Barb Aucott.

**Treasurer's Report: (Troy Miller)** \$\$\$\$\$ current balance. Vince and Troy presented the \$900 check to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley and a \$900 check to Second Harvest Food Bank of Nazareth.

**Membership Report: (Vince Luppino)** 39 paid memberships.

#### General Business:

1. Distribution of New Year Club membership cards. Vince is still working on these.
2. America on Wheels support/activities for 2025. ~~Members who have cars on display and Board members are invited for a tour on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.~~ Because of the weather this will be rescheduled.
3. Decision on continuation of Photo Plaques for our Nazareth Day Car show. A smaller plaque was discussed with only the participants car on it. Vince can develop the photos on site. The smaller plaques costs \$6.00. We'll need to ask at registration if people are going to stay to pick up the plaque. Also ask if people even want a picture of their car. (Many people say that they have stacks of plaques and don't want any more.) The dash plaque will still be given out. Steve made a motion to approve the idea for a smaller plaque and Mike seconded it. The rest of the group agreed.
4. Update on the St. Joseph the Worker Church Car show in October 2025. This will be a judged show. This show has a relationship with AACA for the judging. They don't want any picture plaques for the entrants. LVTC does not profit from this car show in any way. We are doing this to help the church. There were 40 trophies awarded in 2024, there will be 15 in 2025. Vince does not have any information about the prior judging techniques.
5. Stan suggested participant judging by decade. 2 awards per decade: 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80', 90's, 00's, 10's and 20's.
6. GLVADA Auto Tech Competition support. February 7<sup>th</sup>, Northampton Community College. If you are helping, please be there by 7am. The student will arrive at 8am and the plan is to be done by noon.
7. GLVADA Auto Show at the Stabler Arena March 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Thunderbird Display inside the show and outside at the entrance. In 2024 there were spaces at the show that were not sold. Vince is going to ask if we can display one of our cars inside with a booth space this year.
8. Establish a quarterly Board of Directors meeting place and schedule. Vince is going to look at an office in Fogelsville to rent. He's looking for a space that would cost around \$400 a month. Vince has offered to cover this expense.
9. Starting to develop a Club activity schedule for 2025.
10. Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> will be our 2025 Poker Run. More info will follow.
11. Funds raised from the Nazareth Day Car show have been distributed for the Pediatric Cancer Association of the Lehigh Valley and to Second Harvest of Nazareth. Because of the difficulties we were having contacting the Nazareth Food Bank a decision was made to change our food bank donations to Second Harvest of Nazareth. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Mike to make this change.
12. Club promotion to grow membership. Any ideas?
13. Nazareth Day is Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>, and the planning picnic will be Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>.
14. Vince has attended the Central T-Bird club meetings. They are affiliated with the Shriners in Carlisle. Vince will discuss with them about a car show on Sunday after Ford Carlisle.
15. Central PA Thunderbird Club meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30pm. The meeting location varies each month. Vince typically leaves home around 2:30pm. The meetings usually last about 2 hours.
15. The Pittsburgh Club is interested in other PA T-Bird activities.
16. Boyertown Museum of Antique Automobiles is having a car show and Farmer's market on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-8PM. This is coordinated by the Pottstown AACA Club.



**Club Elections:**

Tom Hollenbach will remain as VP.

Barb Melnyk will continue as the club Secretary.

Mike Melnyk, Stan Engler and Steve Rivera will remain on the Board of Directors. Ron Liebowitz has been elected to the Board of Directors.

Next meeting is on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Trivet Diner.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Melnyk, Secretary



## Fastnacht Day

**Tuesday March 4, 2025**

Visit the Museum on Shrove Tuesday from 10 AM - 1 PM! Attendees are invited to dine on Fastnachts and sip coffee in the historic Fegely's Reading Diner, which is part of the Museum's collection. Fastnachts will be available for just 25 cents and coffee for 5 cents. Regular Contribution rates apply.



Let's plan on getting out to this for a fun day!  
LVTC will hand out Mardi Gras beads to all who attend.

**Please do not flash or remove your tops!**

### Boyertown Museum

85 South Walnut Street  
Boyertown, PA 19512

Phone: (610) 367-2090

Email: [mail@boyertownmuseum.org](mailto:mail@boyertownmuseum.org)

### Hours of Operation

9:30am-4pm daily. Closed major  
holidays.

### Contribution

\$10- Adults

\$9 - Seniors (60+) or AAA

FREE - Children 12\* and under

FREE - Members

Call (610) 367-2090 for special group  
rates

Ample free parking

\*Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



**FUN, FUN, FUN .....**  
**In the June Sun**



Join **VTCI** in Celebrating  
**the Ford Thunderbird's**  
**70th Anniversary**

**1955—2025**

**Carlisle All Ford National**

**June 6 - 8, 2025**

**at VTCI's**

**THUNDERBIRD FAMILY REUNION**



**CARLISLE<sup>®</sup>**  
**NATIONALS**



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

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is being planned in conjunction with the 2025 Carlisle All Ford National. We secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, June 6 to Sunday June 8, 2025. 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. W

e 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.**



# America ON WHEELS

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## BATTLE OF THE CAR CLUBS



10/18/24 thru 4/15/2025



5 North Front Street  
Allentown, PA 18102

610.432.4200

### Museum Hours

September – November  
Wednesday – Saturday – 10am – 3pm  
Sun: 12pm – 3pm

December  
Wednesday – Saturday – 10am – 4pm  
Sun: 12pm – 4pm

# Some Puppy Humor!



It's funny because it is true!



## Troy's Trivia

# Valentine's Day



1. *Approximately how many roses are produced for Valentine's Day each year ?*     **250 Million**
2. *What brain chemical is known as the "cuddle" or "love hormone" ?*  
**Oxytocin**
3. *When was February 14th first declared to be Valentine's Day ?*  
**1537**

## Valentine's Day History

**Valentine's Day**, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Given their similarities, it has been suggested that the holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I forbid the celebration of Lupercalia and is sometimes attributed with replacing it with St. Valentine's Day, but the true origin of the holiday is vague at best. Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century.

Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love

Formal messages, or valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because it was thought that the avian mating season begins in mid-February, birds also became a symbol of the day. Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love.

Word  
Scramble



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# 2025 LVTC General Meeting Dates

Day	Month	Time	Location
Saturday	January 11	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	February 8	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	March 8	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	April 12	@ 1:00 pm	Pizza Party - TBD
Saturday	May 10	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	June 14	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	July 12	@ 1:00 pm	Club Picnic - Nazareth Boro Park
Saturday	August 9	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	September 13	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	October 11	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Saturday	November 8	@ 1:00 pm	Trivet - Allentown
Sunday	December 7	@ 1:00 pm	Christmas Party - TBD

**SAVE THE DATES !!!**

***FUN...FUN...FUN in the SUN***

***Celebrating 70 years of THUNDERBIRD***

**ALL FORD NATIONAL @ Carlisle**

**June 6 to 8, 2025**



# 49th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show

Saturday, July 19, 2025

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sponsored by

**The LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB**



Nazareth Borough Park

475 N. Broad Street

Nazareth, PA 18064



additional Information on Back

Pre -Registration Form for 49th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show on July 19, 2025

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact for 2026 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.

**Registration Information:**

**Pre-Register by July 1, 2025 - \$15.00**

**Day of Show Registration - - \$20.00**

**Rain Date: Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**For Cancellation or Rain Date:  
Lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com**

**Photo Plaque Available:**

The first 200 vehicles that arrive at show between 9:00am and noon can opt to have a photo taken of your vehicle, mounted to a plaque. We will come around to each vehicle after you are parked and ask if you would like a photo taken.

**Parking:**

As you enter the park, 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 came accommodate parking you all together.

**Directions:**

**Rt. 33 South (from points north):** Take the Rt. 191 Exit. Turn right off of the ramp and follow into Nazareth. Turn right on to Broad St. and follow to Boro Park, which will be on your left

**Rt. 33 North (from I-78 or Rt. 22 west-bound):** Take the Rt. 248 Exit. Turn right off of the ramp and follow into Nazareth. Turn right on to Broad St. (Nazareth Diner) and follow to Boro Park, which will be on your left.

**Rt. 22 (eastbound):** Take the Rt. 191 Exit. Turn right off of the ramp and follow into Nazareth. Turn left on to Broad St. (Nazareth Diner) and follow to Boro Park,

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

We Support Second Harvest 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 200 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 were you may place your tent. Please work with our Event Staff. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and fun day!



BASKET Raffle@1:30 pm and 50/50 Drawing following Basket Raffle

Profits from the Nazareth Day Car Show are divided three ways:

1/3rd to PCFLV

1/3rd to Second Harvest Food Bank of Nazareth

1/3rd to the LVTC



# Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

## Membership Form 2025 - Renewal

Membership fee is \$25.00 per year. Please make check payable to LVTC.

Please mail your completed application form and check to:

LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB Treasurer

1041 Buggy Whip Drive

Warrington, PA 18976

*{Please Print Clearly}*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thunderbird Information

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ VIN#: \_\_\_\_\_ License#/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Type: Coupe Convertible Landau Roadster Hardtop Sunroof Town Hardtop 4-Door

Current Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_ Exterior Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Interior Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you use your Thunderbird: Daily Transportation 2nd Car Hobby

How would you rate your Thunderbird: 5 (show quality) 4 3 2 1 (needs total restoration)

Please circle as many below that best describes the condition of your Thunderbird:

All Original Restored for fun use Needs Restoration Total Restoration Restored for Show only

Do not currently have a Thunderbird

Attach picture of your Thunderbird here:

# The BEST Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

★★★★★

This is my favorite recipe for homemade carrot cake! This cake is so easy to make, perfectly moist, and topped with an easy homemade cream cheese frosting.

**Course** Dessert **Cuisine** American **Keyword** easter **Prep Time** 35 mins **Cook Time** 35 mins  
**Total Time** 1 hr 10 mins **Servings** 10 slices **Author** Danielle Rye



## Ingredients

### For the carrot cake:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour spooned & leveled (250 grams)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup canola or vegetable oil (180ml)
- 4 large eggs at room temperature
- 1 ½ cups packed light brown sugar (300 grams)
- ½ cup granulated sugar (100 grams)
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce (125 grams)
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups lightly packed grated carrots (300 grams)

### For the cream cheese frosting:

- 1 (8-ounce) package brick style cream cheese (226 grams) softened
- ½ cup unsalted butter (115 grams) softened
- 2 cups powdered sugar (240 grams)
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

## Instructions

1. **To make the carrot cake:** Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Spray two 9-inch round cake pans well with non stick cooking spray and line the bottom of each pan with a parchment paper circle. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt until well combined. Set aside.
3. In a separate large mixing bowl, whisk together the oil, eggs, brown sugar, granulated sugar, applesauce, and vanilla extract until fully combined. Add the grated carrots to the wet ingredients and mix until well combined.
4. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix with a whisk or rubber spatula until just combined, making sure not to over mix the batter.
5. Pour the cake batter evenly between both prepared cake pans. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until the tops of the cakes are set and a toothpick inserted into the center of each one comes out clean.
6. Remove from the oven, transfer to a wire rack, and allow to cool in the pans for 20 to 25 minutes. Once the cakes have cooled, remove from the pans and return the cakes to the wire rack to finish cooling.
7. **To make the cream cheese frosting:** In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or in a large mixing bowl using a hand-held mixer, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add the butter and mix for about 30 seconds to 1 minute until well combined and smooth.
8. Add in the powdered sugar and vanilla extract and continue mixing until fully combined, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
9. **To assemble the cake:** Level the tops of each cake with a knife or cake leveler. Place one of the cake layers on a cake stand, top with a little over 1/2 cup of the frosting, and smooth it out into one even layer. Place the other cake layer on top and use the remaining frosting to frost the top and sides of the cake. Top with pecans or other toppings of choice, if desired.

# Margarita

BY [LENA ABRAHAM](#) UPDATED: MAR 14, 2024

APPROVED BY THE [DELISH TEST KITCHEN](#)



**YIELDS:**  
2 serving(s)

**PREP TIME:**  
5 mins

**TOTAL TIME:**  
5 mins

**CAL/SERV:**  
225

## Ingredients

1/4 cup kosher salt or coarse sea salt

Lime wedges, for glasses and serving

4 oz. blanco tequila

2 oz. triple sec

1 1/2 oz. fresh lime juice

Ice

## Directions

### Step 1

Place salt on small shallow plate. Rub rims of 2 rocks or margarita glasses with lime wedge, then dip into salt to coat.

### Step 2

Divide tequila, triple sec, and lime juice between prepared glasses and stir to combine. Top with ice and garnish with lime wedges.

We can't forget National Margarita Day on February 22nd !



**VTCI Membership Application Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES  NO

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES  NO

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES  NO

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank  
For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries	
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00	
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00	
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00	
July / August	\$65.00	\$100.00 includes next year	
September / October	\$60.00	\$90.00 includes next year	
November / December	\$55.00	\$80.00 includes next year	

Please make check payable & mail to:  
Vintage Thunderbird Club International  
P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275  
\*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.

VTCI  Scoop

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Or simply go to website and fill out form online  
[www.Vintage Thunderbird Club International.net](http://www.Vintage Thunderbird Club International.net)



**MAKES A GREAT  
VALENTINE'S DAY PRESENT!**

**ROAD TRIP...ROAD  
TRIP...ROAD TRIP!!!**

**To**



**For  
VTCI and CTCI**

**2025 Joint**

**International Convention**

**September 9 to 13, 2025**

See VTCI website for details on Registration,  
Hotel Registrations, Tours. Speakers and Special Events.

[www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)





# Word Scramble

## Answer Key

1	HROSN	<i>HORNS</i>
2	BTGEOL	<i>GOBLET</i>
3	AGNGETIRH	<i>GATHERING</i>
4	TPYAR	<i>PARTY</i>
5	WNGO	<i>GOWN</i>
6	ESEINROAKM	<i>NOISEMAKER</i>
7	GHPAACNEM	<i>CHAMPAGNE</i>
8	DOL	<i>OLD</i>
9	BUBLYB	<i>BUBBLY</i>
10	ISSIITETFEV	<i>FESTIVITIES</i>
11	EDPRAA	<i>PARADE</i>
12	VEE	<i>EVE</i>
13	LPASEKRSR	<i>SPARKLERS</i>
14	UARYAJN	<i>JANUARY</i>
15	TTIARNOID	<i>TRADITION</i>
16	RGRYMMN-EIAK	<i>MERRY-MAKING</i>
17	WNE	<i>NEW</i>
18	T DIFESHRNIG MOKTO	<i>STROKE OF MIDNIGHT</i>
19	CKLOC	<i>CLOCK</i>
20	RSREETMA	<i>STREAMER</i>



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