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We will sketch a proof that any neighborhood of a positive twist knot $K_m$ with $m \geq 3$ and odd with extremal Euler number can be thickened to a standard neighborhood of a maximal Thurston-Bennequin number Legendrian representative of $K_m$. In particular, we will investigate the restrictions on the twist number and on the neighborhoods which lead to open questions. (Received September 12, 2013)