



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

September 2018

2018 Meeting Schedule

Sept 16	Bill & Pat Selby
October	Steve & Annette Schmidt
October 21	Fall Cruise
November 11	Charlie & Izebela Costa
Dec. 1	Holiday Party

The September meeting is on the 16th.
Bill and pat Selby are the hosts RSVP
908-769-0539 or que53@comcast.net

If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.

Please let Joanne Seiler know at least **2 months** before your scheduled month that **YOU WILL BE HOSTING** the meeting and give the date/time/etc.



President's Message



The summer went fast and it was not a great one for the weather. Too much rain again. Lead East and Dead Man's Curve were both under new management. Joanne and I will also be going to the Wildwood Show Sept 21 to 23

A few club members went to the Chatterbox on the 25th and a few more on the 26th. Both days the crowds were the largest ever seen. Naturally, Saturday had the largest turnout of cars and even had to overflow the old cars into the spectator lot. It is sad to see this place close to put up a Wawa. What the hell were they thinking. I guess money talks and we are just a bunch of old teenagers they don't care about. There is 1 more weekend, but a lot of people will be away or at Lead East or Dead Man's Curve. The Wanderers will move their cruise about 5 miles further to the Jumbo land Diner and an other group will start up at the Lafayette village on 9/8 on RTE 15 before the Chatterbox. They will have food trucks for now

Our trip to Knoxville was a good time. Lots of rain going and lots of traffic coming home. The Smokey Mtn. Club put on a great convention with lots to do. Our club members won several awards. We had about 26 members and 6 T birds there. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all the NJORTC members for making the trip and making us look good.

A big thank you to Bill Downing and Arlene Kubat for another terrific picnic. We were very happy to see Charles and Lisa Musto there, all the way from Pa.

Our prayers and hope for speedy recovery to our members fighting health issues

Please stay well

Pat Le Strange

September

August Meeting

There was no formal meeting because of the picnic. The only formal business was the Treasurer's report which was made and accepted.

The Picnic

The picnic was great. We had approximately 55 attendees and 11 Tbirds that came. Many thanks to Bill and Martha for all their work in putting it together. It was a nice sunny day, a little warm and humid but with a little breeze and being under the pavilions it was a most enjoyable day weather wise.

Don, Ron and Paul A did the cooking and they did a great job, as did Joanne, Pat and John P in setting up in the morning. Thanks also to Pat for providing the music.

Early birds (pun intended) were greeted with coffee, bagels, donuts and crumb cake to start the day. Under the capable hands of the cooks we had chicken, burgers, dogs and kielbasa. Members brought their favorite salads and other dishes. Certainly no reason for anyone to go hungry. The meal was topped off by others who provided desserts and for a special treat, Walter brought ice cream in 3 flavors.

One of the highlights was a cake baking contest. There were five cakes entered. Winners were Diane Szura for best decorated and Joanne Seiler for best tasting. Walter baked a blueberry cake that I especially liked.

Bill had a written test for us all, try to match the state with the license plate motto or slogan.

In the afternoon, we had a trivia contest, girls against boys, featuring 50's and 60's items. The scores seesawed throughout the game but ended up 21 to 20 in favor of the girls. Another grrreat picnic to go down in the annals of NJORTC



Vice President's Message



Well this weather is very interesting, like all summer long, hot, rain. Has not been good at all for cruise nights and car shows or just driving our little birds. Even those who drove to the convention hit rain going to Tennessee and coming home. Soon summer will be over and beautiful Fall will be here, I hope.

This is Labor Day weekend where is a lot of fun things happening, Lead East in Parsippany and Dead Mans Curve in Mahwah. Joe is waiting to leave for Lead East and skies opened up. He will get there at some point. Everyone who is attending either event have a good and safe time.

Have not heard anything new about Alex. Still praying for him.

Our big story is Wendy. Wendy went through a great deal. She was on a ventilator for six days. This was due to her pneumonia and breathing. Mike was not even sure she was to be ok after removing ventilator, thought the pneumonia was taking over, but thank god she is doing good for her condition. She is out of ICU talking, hungry and smiling. He hopes she will be home this week, where he will have a hospital bed, oxygen and health care to make her comfortable. Mike and Wendy are thankful for all our prayers. Please keep them going, she has a long road to recovery.

Joanne so far has been doing good on her chemo. She is a fighter and will not let this cancer get her. Keep up the great job Joanne. We are all praying for you too.

Tennessee convention was well attended, plenty of activities and fun. Next year convention is in Flagstaff, Arizona, May 14th-May 20th, 2019. Registration is now open.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, September 16th at 2:00 pm. This meeting is for nomination of Vice President and Treasurer. Rich Martin nominated me and Steve Handy for re-election. We both accepted the nomination. Steve as Treasurer and me as Vice President. If there are no more nominations, nominations will be closed at our meeting. (cont'd on page 6)

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat 4th
Bill & Donna Jessie 14th

Happy Birthday

Mike Meehan 11th
Ron nCase 17th
Walter Strohmaier 29th

**GET WELL
SQN!**

Alec Johnstone
Joe Matrone
Dorothy Guidone
Wendy Meehan

Picnic



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Club Announcements

September Meeting

The September Meeting is being hosted by Bill and Pat Selby. Date is September 16th at Delizia's Pizza. Remember to RSVP the hosts, including regrets.

Fall Cruise

The Fall cruise will be a covered bridge tour and brunch. The date October 21st. make sure you keep this date open as these cruises are always a good time. Full details to be announced.

October Meeting

The date for this meeting has not been set. Watch for a future announcement

FUTURE MEETING HOSTS

. Members that are hosting meetings for the next few months (see page 1) need to contact Joanne immediately and set the date for their meeting

Election of Officers

It is that time of the year when we have election of officers. This year Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. Anyone who wants to run for either position has to be nominated before the October meeting. Rich Martin nominated Arlene Kubat for Vice President and Steve Handy for Treasurer. Both Arlene and Steve have accepted the nomination. Voting will be held at our November meeting.



Ford History in September

September is a busy month for auto manufacturers, as it was with FOMOCO

- 9/14/20 First Lincoln assembled
- 9/9/54 First day Tbirds were assembled (55's)
- 9/19/55 Last production day for 55 TBirds
- 9/4/57 First day Edsels went on sale
- 9/2/59 Falcon introduced

Cruise Nights

Monday

Wayne-Hooters-25 Rte. 23 So

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wayne-Wendy's 1560 Rte 23 N

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave -Cedar Hill

Christian Ref. Church

Clifton-Maple Valley Diner 1116 Rte 46 W

Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's 1800 Rte 23 N

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



Never too Old

Gene Szura reported that a relative went Zip
Lining at age 90

Car Shows-Swap Meets

9/6 & 9/20 Fair lawn 14-19 Parmelee Ave **6 PM**

9/7 Ridgewood-East Ridgewood Ave **5 PM**

9/9 Clifton-2 Brighton Rd Allwood Atrium

9/12 Nutley Franklin Ave **5PM**

9/15 Maywood-135 E Passaic

9/16 Teaneck-1799 Teaneck Rd Nat'l Guard
Armory **Noon**

9/16 Clifton-693 Van Houton-Shook Funeral.
Home

9/16 Hackettstown-Maint St (Rte 46 **Noon**

9/16 Pompton Plains 500 Rte 23 N. Plaza 23
Shopping Mall

9/16 Hawthorne-344 Wagaraw Rd-MGM Auto
Body Supply

9/16 Sussex-375 Rte 23-Nielson Ford-All Ford

9/22 Fair Lawn-12-00 1st Street.

9/22 Dumont-100 Grant Ave

9/22 Garfield-Midland Ave between Elizabeth
& Krakow Sts.

9/23 W. Caldwell-950 Bloomfield Ave

9/23 Bergenfield-80 So. Prospect-Bergenfield
High School

9/29 Lincoln Park-60 Chapel Hill Rd-First
Reformed Church

9/29 Ridgefield-555 Prospect Ave-St Mathews
Church. **10 AM**

9/29 Closter-20 Legion Place St Mary's
Church

9/30 Ridgefield Park-100 Challenger Rd..

9/30 Oradel-Memorial Field-Prospect & Park
Aves

9/30 Wayne-Willowbrook Mall, Rte 46

10/6 Allendale-Allendale Ave **10 AM**

10/6 West Milford-1614 Union Valley Rd-
Bearfort Village **1 PM**

10/6 Fairfield-165 Passiac Ave-Wings and
Wheels -Essex Cty Airport

10/7 Paramus-200 Rte 17 N Paramus Elks



September 2, 1945



Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

On October 21st is our annual Fall Cruise. Our chairpersons are Lucille Chabala and her daughter Julieanne. We will be touring the Great Falls of New Jersey. More details to follow. I know Julieanne is putting together a great cruise.

Happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Hope everyone had a fun and safe Labor Day weekend.

See you at the meeting. Arlene

KNOXVILLE Convention

Here are the results of the convention

Tom Mirro-Prime Original Class, Gold, elevated to Senior, Gold Medallion

Donna Jessie-Most Popular Touring

Dona Jessie-Senior Touring- 2nd Place

Al Cirinelli-1957 Touring-1st Place

Jere Klein-Concours One-Non-Original-Silver

In addition, Bill Jessie got his Master Judge III Award (20 times) and Don Dobres won a mega 50/50

Congratulations to all

Photos and story from the convention in next month's newsletter



September 22nd - Autumn starts



4 BBL Intake

"B" Intake manifold (57-58)

takes late Holley bolt pattern. Very good condition 250.00

Paul 201-652-7027



Chez Don

Ponder This

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things

Tech Tips

Automatic Shifter Repair

Does your shifter have a lot of play and you have to wriggle it around or pull up on the shifter in order to get the car to start?

The problem may not be the neutral start switch but parts within the shifter. There are two pieces that can help this situation. Replacing part # 7A133, a bushing and part # 7241, a pin, will tighten up the assembly.

Both parts are available.

So if you have any play in your shifter this is a good place to start and is not an expensive repair. And it can be done without getting under the car. However, you will need to pull up the carpet to get at everything.

Lew Bachman,
classicbirds, Yahoo



The technique of infamy is to start two lies at once and get people arguing heatedly over which one is true Ezra Pound

**I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible.
Email is best, snail mail ok**



On Sept. 17, 1787 the Constitution was signed. In 1789, it went into effect after ratification by the states

Cake Contest

