



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

June 2019

2019 Meeting Schedule

June 23	Jayne & Ray Braun
July 21	Don & Linda
August 11	Picnic
September	Don Dobres
October	Paul Dorne
November	Drew Eckman
December	Christmas Party

The June meeting is on June 23rd.

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



I hope everyone had a great Memorial day weekend, gave some time to remember our Veterans who gave their lives to keep us safe.

It looks like all the car shows and cruise nights have started up, so get out there and enjoy your T Birds.

Those of us who went to the Arizona Convention were treated to that state's variety of things to see. From Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon to the Meteor crater, Sunset crater and yes even to standing on the corner in Winslow, Arizona (such a fine sight to see). We also got to see snow again on Monday, but a short drive to Phoenix and we were back in 70+ degree temperature. Thanks go to the Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club for a great job hosting the convention. Also thanks to our 20 members who attended with special thanks to Bill & Donna Jessie and Walter Strohmaier for driving their T Birds there.

We had a good turn out on May 5 at the Martin's home, for our annual Tune-up clinic. Not too many T birds due to the weather but enough to keep the mechanics busy. Joanne and I hosted the club meeting with Joanne serving a variety of Cinco de Mayo Mexican food, which she made. It was good to see Wendy and Mike Meehan, hope you both get out more often again. I brought my grandson Jace with me as he, at 16 years old, has developed a strong interest in old cars. I let him get his hands dirty helping to change my spark plugs and wires.

I would believe by now all the votes have been counted on the Retro Bird issue. I hope it went our way.

Be safe and stay healthy
Pray for our members recovering from their illnesses
Pat LeStrange

May Meeting

The meeting was held at the Martin's in conjunction with the tune up clinic. Unfortunately, it was another rainy day and many of Tbirds decided to stay snug in their nests. The meeting was well attended. Joanne had home made food in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Many thanks to Joanne and Pat for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as well as the treasurers report.

We had two guests - Jason Lacone and Mark Santomauro. (Mark subsequently joined the club).

Lucille said she sent cards to members that had recent health issues and a sympathy card to Dave Van Winkle.

Pat & others went over the retro bird issue. Joanne noted that only 30 % of CTCI members belong to a club like ours. She also noted that the informed report that was supposed to be issued was not factual. Votes are supposed to be counted by May 27th.

Joanne reported on the Face Book page and the web page.

Mike Perillo and Pat went over the Spring Cruise..

Suzanne and Joanne noted that they are working a new jackets and other items. Sue did the designs

Paul A won the 50/50

Next meeting 6/23



June 16

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues



Vice President's Message



On a good note we got to see Wendy Meehan at the tune up clinic. She looked good and was talking to everyone. Wendy keep up the good work. Joanne still getting chemo. Thank god she is doing good.

Hope everyone voted for or against the retro birds joining CTCI. We should hear the results soon.

We just returned from the CTCI convention in Flagstaff, Arizona. We had twenty members attend the convention. Walter and Marianne, Donna and Bill drove their baby birds to the convention. Walter had some problems, but got to Arizona safely and all returned home safe and sound. Donna won plaque for Long Distance to the convention and Walter came in second. Congratulations to both couples. Donna also came in second place in 1956 touring.

We had a great time. We rented a car with Joanne and Pat and did a lot of touring. We went to Sedona and took a drive through all the mountains, I was so amazed, it was so beautiful. The town of Sedona was awesome. We drove to Standing on the Corner in Winslow, so much fun. Went through Bearizona, to see some wild animals come up to car, they didn't. Saw volcanos and solidified lava. Went to Meteor Crater National Landmark. Then to the Grand Canyon. Weather was against us, just saw a little of the Grand Canyon. Beautiful for what we saw. Of course, we saw a lot of dessert. On our way back to Phoenix we hit wind, rain, sleet, hail, fog and best of all SNOW, who goes to Arizona to see SNOW!!! Ended up in Scottsdale with plenty of cactus and just so beautiful.

Convention was good. Welcome party was good, we were entertained by Indians. Banquet went well, food good. As you can see we had an awesome time.

Our next meeting is June 23rd hosted by Jayne and Ray Braun, details in another area of the newsletter. (Cont'd Page 8)

Membership News



Joe & Lorrie Matrone 22th
Jere & Linda Klein 22nd



Arlene Kubat 1st
Bill Selby 18th



Wendy Meehan
Joanne Seiler

VCTI National Meet 2019

This is being held in Princeton, NJ on August 8-11

CTCI International Convention 2020

The 2020 convention will be held in Sarasota FL on May 4 - 9 . Hotel is the Hyatt Regency. Now taking reservations. Direct telephone # 941-953-1234. Make your reservations early Our snow birds, Rich and Lois, have already got the #1 registration

Cruise Nights

Monday

Wayne - Hooters 25 Rte 23 South

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut

Wayne - Wendy's 1560 Rte 23 North

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian
Ref. Church

Clifton-Maple Valley Diner 1116 Rte 46 W

Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's 1800 Rte 23 North

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

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

Sunday

West Caldwell-Franco's Pizza 407 Bloomfield
Ave

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June 21

Official Summer begins. Longest day of the year. Days start to get shorter

Club Announcements

June Meeting

The June meeting will be on the **23rd** at Mancino's, 490 East Main Street, Denville, NJ. Start time is 2 PM. Hosts are Jayne & Ray Braun. Be sure to RSVP Jayne or Ray, including regrets.

July Meeting

The July meeting is scheduled for **July 21st**. Additional information about the meeting will be announced later.

Spring Cruise

We just couldn't hit the good weather. It was an overcast, chilly day and the weatherman said it was going to rain. Not to be denied, members saddled up their daily drivers, meeting in Boonton and instead of a bucolic drive through the woodlands of NJ we had a caravan going through the suburbs of Passaic county. Still ok as it was areas that most have never been through. First stop was at the Branch Brook Park where the cherry trees were in bloom. While the peak period was over, there still were plenty of blooming trees to see. Our first stop there was the information center where we had a volunteer who told us of the history of the park and the trees (do you know there are 100's of varieties of cherry trees?). Gene Szura met us there - he had ventured out with his TBird, the only one to make the trip.

After our park history lesson, we toured some of the park stopping at various places.

At the last stop the skies opened up. We left the park and traveled to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark. There we were met by a member of the church who gave us the history of the church and then a very nice tour of the inside. Then off to brunch at

McLoone's Boathouse for a great meal. Despite the poor weather, it was a great trip. Many thanks to Mike and Theresa Parillo for the great outing



Spring Cruise





Car Shows-Swap Meets

6/1 Mt Tabor 16 Country Club Rd.

6/1 West Milford 126 Airport Rd Greenwood
Lake Airport

6/1 Ramsey Ramsey High School 256 East
Main Street

6/1 West Orange 178 Main St (Street Fair)

6/2 Waldwick 4 Hewson Ave. Waldwick
Train Station

6/2 Demarest 150 Knickerbocker Rd No.
Valley-Demarest High Sch

6/2 Pompton Plains Jackson Ave (Street
Festival)

**6/8 Pompton Plains NJTA Tbird show-60
Sunset Rd.**

6/8 Chester Main & Perry Sts

6/8 Paterson 80 Hamilton Plaza

6/8 Emerson 161 Main St

6/9 Paterson JFK High Sch 61-127
Preakness Ave.

6/9 Washington Twsp Westwood High Sch.
701 Ridgewood Rd.

6/9 Totowa-Gold's Gym 18 Furler St

6/15 Paramus Cupola 100 Ridgewood Ave

6/15-16 Fairfield-Essex Cty Airport 27 Wright
Way

6/16 Succasunna Horseshoe Lake Eyland
Ave

6/19 Fairfield Wallington Plumbing 21 Passaic
Ave **5:30 PM**

6/19 Rutherford Park Ave **5 PM**

6/23 Montclair 25 Depot Square

6/23 Wayne Wayne Town Hall 475 Valley RD
6/23 Rochelle Park Amer. Legion Post 170

33 West Passaic St

6/23 Hackettstown Bently Commons 425
Rte 46 East

6/26-29 Parsippany Parsippany Hilton AACAA
Spring National

7/4 Livingston Livingston High Sch 30
Robert Harp Dr.

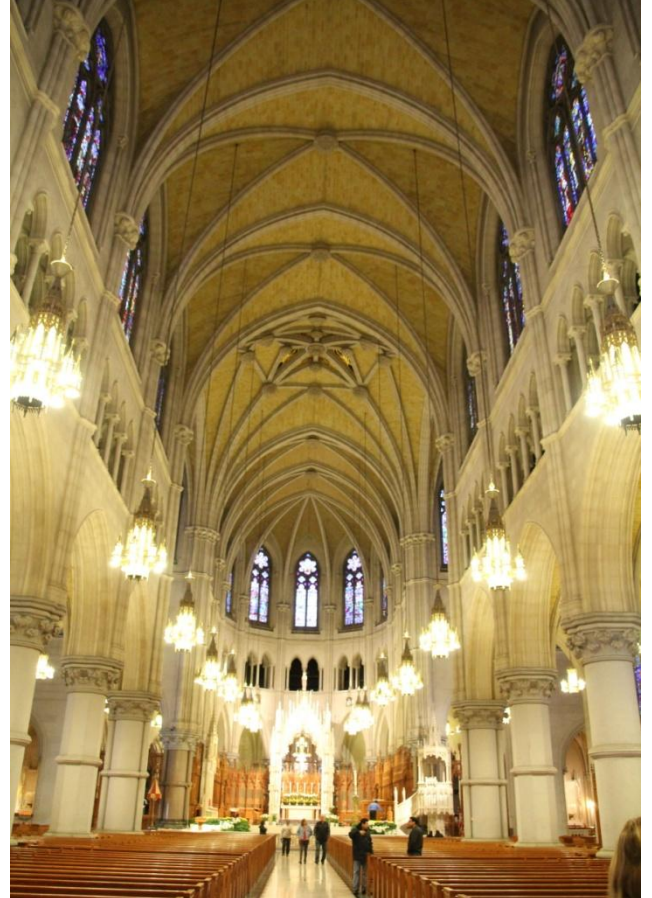
7/7 Paramus Kohl's 165 Rte 4 West

7/20 Parsippany IBEW Local 102 50
Parsippany Rd.

Americanisms

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One
helps you make a living, the other helps you
make you a life

Eleanor Roosevelt (from Donna)



**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**

Tune Up Clinic/May Meeting

As this Spring has been so far, the weather was overcast, cool and with forecasts for rain. Except for the Birds that came for some work, the rest were in their birdhouses staying dry. Three cars were on the agenda for some work. A lot of the members came early to commiserate or help those who were working on their cars. Lois had coffee ready and members brought eats. The meeting portion was well attended and the food, celebrating Cinco de Mayo, prepared by Joanne was excellent. Many thanks to Rich & Lois for the use of their facilities and to Joanne and Pat for hosting the meeting.



FOR SALE

1957 TBird

312, 3 speed overdrive. White on white, originally dusk rose paint code. Driver quality. Over \$11,000 in receipts for improvements in the last two years. Price reduced Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

Parts For Sale

4 wire wheel covers for a 56. Good shape.
4 stock wheel covers for a 56
Call Vince 973-980-4312

1926 Model T

Roadster pickup, runs well Very nice condition \$10,000. Call Mike, 973-267-2958
NOTE: I have pic-Paul



A picture from yesteryear



Instruction for Pilots

Helicopters can't fly; they're so ugly that the earth repels them



Rich displayed his newly refurbished car



Thanks to Joanne for some of the pictures

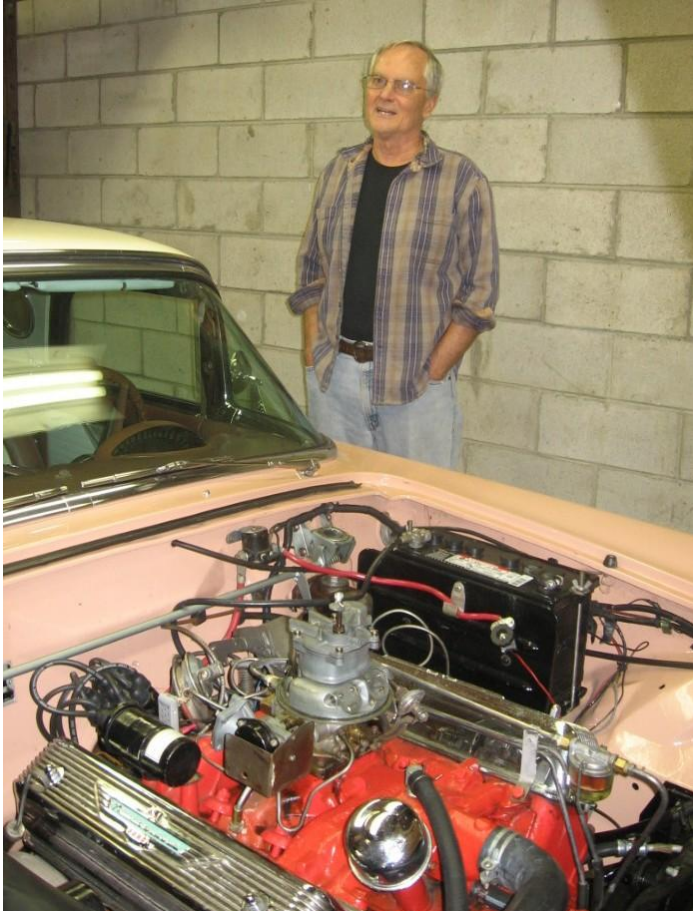
Vice President Message (Cont'd)

It's time to get out to cruise nights and car shows also listed elsewhere in newsletter. Have fun and drive safe.

Happy Fathers Day to all.

See you soon Arlene





Ford History In June

6/20/1925 20 millionth Ford Built
6/4/1896 Ford's successful test run of the
quadricycle

An Old Farmer's Advice

Don't interfere with something that ain't
botherin' you none



Next Month - Flagstaff Coverage