

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

March 2011

SPRING (FINALLY)

2010/11 Meeting Schedule

March 13	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
April	Alec Johnstone
May	Bill Pat Selby
May 22	Tune UP Clinic
June	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
Dec 3	Holiday party

The March meeting will be on **March 13** at 3:00 PM and will be hosted by Lorraine and Al Cirinelli. See "Club Events" for meeting location. RSVP 973-625-1001 or Incirinelli@msn.com

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



As everyone knows by now, we are mourning the passing of dear friend and long time club member Vince DeAndrea. I am sure everyone will miss him and his jokes. He helped the club in so many ways, as our attorney and board member. He was also "a friend" to the Doo-Wops and Oldies groups and brought us some of the best entertainment for our conventions and fund raisers. So with a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye I wish him eternal happiness in Rock and Roll heaven. Elsewhere in the newsletter there will be a more complete review of his accomplishments and contributions. The club donated \$300 to the Rusty Schwartz Foundation in lieu of flowers. This foundation was set up by Vince after the passing of his stepson.

As the spring approaches and the car show and cruise nights begin, let's get the Birds out. Hopefully even \$4.00 gas won't stop us. It's still worth it when you are driving a Thunderbird. So clean them up and get ready for June to travel to Virginia. The Tune UP Clinic will be at the Martins in May. Figure out what you need to do and get the parts so you will be ready.

Our Sweetheart Brunch was very nice as usual, again with a touch of sadness as Vince had passed the day before. Great food, great company

Our yearly activity schedule was set up at the recent Board Meeting and will be published soon. Still, if anyone has any ideas, let us know.

Joanne is having a couple of cancer fund raiser coming up, watch for the flyers. Although not a true club function, it's for a good cause.

In the future we will be adding the President's name to the bank account so the President can sign in case of an emergency.

As President it will be my task to appoint a new Board Member as well as club registered agent. I will let you know when a member has accepted the positions.

Please welcome a new addition, a baby boy to Mara Madden and Todd Salamon. I am sure one day he will be driving a 1956 TBird.

Thank You, Stay Healthy and Happy.

Pat



A few words from Alec

While this winter is 2/3 over and Spring & Summer on its way with our clubs plans and activities, we should take time to think of the passing of long time member Vince DeAndrea who did so much in the planning of many successful events in our club's history. He will be missed.

Looking forward to our next meeting and making plans for the conventions this year and looking forward to seeing you at the club's functions.

Happy Motoring, Alec.

Sweetheart Brunch

We had our annual Sweetheart Brunch, again at the Bethwood. They never seem to disappoint, as the food and drinks were excellent and there was plenty of it.. There were many members attending (sorry, I don't have a count). Walter didn't bring his 57 this time. Pat played Cupid and kissed all the ladies as he passed out a rose to each, and Joanne played Ms Cupid and passed out favors to each lady. The men got lottery tickets and some found that they won some bucks. A very pleasant time as usual. Lucille put this together and she did an excellent job.



Cupid giving out roses



Can I have some?



The Vice President's Message

Well, it looks like the weather might be changing for the better. It seems like maybe Spring is on its way. I can deal much better with rain than snow. Just maybe in a month or so we can finally get the Tbirds out on the road.

On a very sad note, our club lost a very dear member. Vince DeAndrea will be missed by us all. May he rest in peace.

I have booked the 2011 Holiday party at the San Carlo in Lyndhurst NJ for Saturday, Dec 3rd. I want to thank everyone who put in ideas for the party. I researched all the places and the San Carlo was the best price. We will be getting a bigger room.

The Sweetheart Brunch was very well attended. As usual, the food was great (too much to eat at one time though). We had a good time.

On March 19th, Joanne will be hosting a bowling outing for Relay for Life. Joanne has sent everyone a flyer about the bowling. I hope we can get enough of our members out to the event to help Joanne with this fund raiser. This is for Breast Cancer Awareness. If you have any questions contact Joanne.

Vickie Jessie is putting on a Disney Wishes Production at her college to benefit St. Jukes Children's Hospital. The dates are April 7-9 at 8 PM and April 9th at 2 PM (matinee). If anyone is interested in going, contact Donna Jessie.

Hope to see you all at our March meeting hosted by Lorraine and Al Cirinelli. Lorraine is having surgery on March 8th on her hand. I hope all goes well.

See you soon

Arlene.

Don't forget your club dues if you didn't go to the Holiday Party.

Membership News



Bill & Pat Selby 12th
Bruce & Eileen Corbett 30th



Joanne Seiler 5th
Susan Gaeta 9th
Bob Perruso 28th



Every body seems well

FOR SALE

1956 TBird Air cooled Fordomatic. Just removed.
 Shifted very good, no leaks. \$125 or offer.
 Paul, 201-652-7027

1956 TBird. 331 (302) stroker engine, AOD. Lots of
 custom touches, too many to list. (I have pics and
 info-ed) Primo car. Located in BC, Canada. Barry
 Miller, 604-816-1956 or millers@shaw.ca

Congratulations to Joe and Lorri Matrone who
 became grandparents again. Gaia Cariello was
 born in Milan, Italy 12/9, 7lbs. 3 Oz.

Congratulations to Mara Madden and Todd
 Salamon who have become parents for the first
 time. Born 2/19, Ryan Matthew Salamon, 7 lbs
 14oz. Mother and baby doing well, the dad?? He
 seems to be okay too!!!!

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire,
 but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

in memoriam

Vince P. DeAndrea
2/16/1944 - 2/12/2011



We mourn the passing of our friend Vince. A lifelong resident of Metuchen NJ, he practiced law at his own law firm for over 40 years. He was a graduate of Seton Hall University Law School. His passions were family, oldies music and Tbirds. Vince loved the club and his son Vincent had his "Member since 1976" pinned on his suit at the funeral.

He joined NJORTC in 1976. He was an active member ever since. He helped with legal advice and put together our original by-laws and set up the incorporation of our club. He served as a CTCI Region I Director and was a past president of CTCI. Vince put together several oldies shows for our CTCI events.

He had two little birds - a 1957 original, unrestored C Bird and hiding somewhere, for over 30 years, a complete 57 E Bird waiting for some tender loving care. Vince attended many of our mini-concours and went with us to several International and Regional conventions

We will miss our great friend and will miss his jokes and stories. Boy, could he tell them!!

Lois and Rich Martin

**I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll
ptschroll@aol.com**

Club Events

March Meeting Location

The March meeting (Mar 13th) will be held at the La Dolce Vita Restaurant, 120 East Dewey Ave., Wharton, NJ. (Other side, Shop Rite parking lot). Also note that the time has changed. It is now 3PM. Remember to RSVP the Cirinelli's.

Tune Up Clinic

This years Tune Up Clinic is scheduled for May 22 at the Martins and is co-hosted by the Corbetts. Please let Lois or Rich know if you are attending. For those driving to Richmond, it a good chance to get your TBird tuned up and do any mechanical work that you have been putting off.

Bowling For Breast Cancer

While not an "official" club event, Joanne has set March 19th as a fundraiser for the walking event. See the attached flyer for details.

Club "Mascot" Benefit

Vickie, our club "mascot" (Donna's words, not mine) and her school (she is now a Junior) is putting on an all student production to benefit St Jude Children's Hospital. Theme is "Disney Wishes" (all Disney music). It runs about 1 1/2 hrs.
Manhattanville College April 7-9, at 8PM
2900 Purchase St, Purchase, NY Matinee April 9@
Berman Center Theater 2pm
We haven't heard Vickie sing in a long time, should be nice to hear her again.

CTCI Conventions

Next Year - Richmond, Va, June 15-19 and Omaha, Nebraska August 24-28. It has been mentioned that rooms for Richmond, like in Dayton, are going to be tight, so make your reservation now. They can always be canceled if you decide not to go at a later date.

CTCI News

At the recent Board meeting, the following were elected as officers:

President - John Korenko (California)
Vice President - John Smith (Missouri)
Treasurer - Larry Kooiman
Secretary - John Sailors (Oregon)



Jan-Feb Meeting

Because of the coverage of the Holiday party in last month's issue, pictures from the meeting were not included. Here are some pics from the meeting hosted by Nick and Adrienne Malanga and Sue Gaeta. A report on the meeting was in last month's newsletter.



Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.



Cruise Nights

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Spring must be coming. I have received 3 flyers for upcoming shows.

March 27 Swap Meet, opposite Cow Town (Salem Cty) on RTE 40 west of Woodstown

April 17 AACA Museum, Hershey, PA. Ford and Shelby
(www.aacamuseum.org)

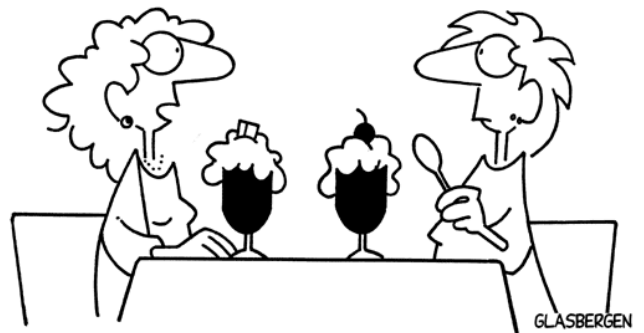
May 1 Butler, NJ, Rte 23 All Ford Show, Rte 23 Automall

If any one has info on shows and swap meets in April and forward please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



Ordinary saucer? No siree, its a dinner plate

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"If you put a crouton on your sundae instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad."



Harold's Deli

The visit to Harold's is always a treat. Not only that the food is good, but the portions are stupendous. Every seen a foot long eclair? They have it, right Joanne? And Paul A - how was that cake? Every one brought home a "doggy bag" for the next nights dinner. As usual, the pastrami was first rate as was the rest of the edibles (I loved the pickles). We had a great turnout despite the so-so weather and as usual, Walter didn't let any weather or road conditions prevent him from taking his 57.



Tech Tips

Speedometer and Tachometer Cable Lubrication

Frequently, an erratic or noisy speedometer or tachometer can be traced to a cable that needs lubrication. It is not a hard job to lube the cable, but you have to get under the dash to disconnect the cable from the speedometer.

The speedometer cable has a relatively large (about 5/8) knurled nut that screws to the back of the speedo. Loosen that nut and pull the cable from the back of the speedometer. Move the cable down to the pedal area where you can see it. With a pair of pliers, pull the inner cable from the housing. The round cable should have a square shape on both ends. This lower square shape fits into a square hole in the drive gear down in the transmission. When the gear in the transmission turns the cable turns.

On the upper end you may have a squared cable with a small brass bushing with a washer attached to keep the cable from migrating down the housing. On original speedometer cables there was a small flat tab on this bushing that resembles a slotted screwdriver blade. This tab fit into a rubber coupling that had a steel hairpin like protrusion that went into the speedometer back. Either version will work fine.

Clean the cable in solvent and inspect it. If you see areas of pronounced wear or fraying of the wire cable, replace it and the housing. If the cable has worn, the odds are the internal area of the housing is also worn and may tear up a new inner cable in a short time. To remove the housing, tie a long stout string to the housing at the top end and pull the old housing out from the transmission end. Now tie the new housing to the string at the top end and pull the housing back up to the dashboard by the string. This makes the job much easier.

The inner cable can be lubricated with a graphite or moly grease, wheel bearing grease, white grease or even Vaseline. Just apply fairly liberal amounts to the inner cable as you feed it into the housing. Do not apply any grease on the last 4 inches on the inner cable as there is already enough on that portion of the housing and you don't want excessive grease to migrate into the speedometer itself.

The tachometer cable is done the same way.

From Early Bird, Sept/Oct 1997



More Harold's



Interesting items on the "NET"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nP286H6vz8E>

2010 NJ Tbird Club Show-our cars are in it.

www.oldcarandtruckpictures.com

All makes of cars and trucks, including TBirds

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvFINTOiq_w&feature=youtube_gdata_player

short video on 55-57's



More Brunch



While 4 wheel drive vehicles are more common today, in the past they were quite expensive and somewhat limited. Did you know that it was invented in 1907?

from Paul A.



Please help us fight Cancer



On Friday June 10th my team **CLEAVAGE CREW** will be walking over night until 7 am Saturday June 11th to help raise **Breast Cancer Awareness** at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

www.relayforlife.org/ridgefieldparkNJ

CLEAVAGE CREW: Joanne Seiler - *Captian*, Tiffany Roe, Loretta & Chris Rogers, Robin & Ed Kurbansade, Linda LeStrange

We need to raise money for this event, and for a good cause

We are planning a **Lazer Bowling Fundraiser.**



Rockaway Lanes

www.rockaway-lanes.com

365 US Highway 46; Rockaway, NJ 07866
(973) 627-5800



Saturday March 19th 2011

2 - 4 pm { arrive 1:30 for set up & shoes }

\$20 per person

this includes shoe rental, unlimited bowling, 6 on a team

*** Please contact any of the team members for more information and reservations.*

*** We do need to reserve lanes by Fri March 4th*

Payment due day of bowling event.

Any questions Contact : Joanne Seiler 551-404-3646

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Thank You for your support

