

**New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club**  
**Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International**



# *The Thunder Heard*

**September 2017**

**2017/18 Meeting Schedule**

Sept. 24	Lucille Chabala
October 15	Fall Colors Cruise
October 22	Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo
Nov	Bill & Dot Hyde
December 2	Holiday Party
Jan-Feb	
March	Frank Gloss
April	Donna & Bill Jessie
April	Spring Cruise
May	Tune Up Clinic
May	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli

Note- 2018 Locations Tentative

The September meeting is on Sept. 24th. The host is Lucille Chabala.

**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**



Well it came and went. The 2017 Convention was more than a success.. It was proof the when we put our heads together we do it big and we do it right. Everyone in this club can hold their head high and proud. CTCI members from near and far are raving about the Convention and the total commitment of our club to run one of the best conventions they have ever attended. We have received thank you cards, e-mails and beautiful write-ups in clubs newsletters to attest to that. Even Mother Nature tried to slow us down but gave in and gave us clear skies when we needed it.

I do not say this lightly, I am so proud of this club. We acted as one unit without stressing out and bickering between us. Any problems went almost unnoticed and corrected immediately. The time and congenitally each of you gave to make this work will not soon be forgotten. I will not name names, but it is for sure that the smallest jobs were needed as much as the big ones. As I said it was a club effort and all carried out their jobs with enthusiasm.

I have to thank all the attendees, who traveled to New Jersey from all over the country and other countries. Without you it would not have been so successful.

Now on to Tennessee for 2018, I'm sure it will be a great show

**Pat Le Strange**  
 President of the Best club with the finest members anyone could ask for



## The 2017 Convention

The convention has now come and gone. By all accounts and from some feedback from registrants it was a great success.

The weather mostly co-operated - Concourse day was bright and sunny and the trips both Saturday and Sunday had very good weather although at the beginning of Saturday it didn't look very good.

The trips went off with nary a glitch. No one got lost or left behind, considering that there were three stops on the Saturday trip. The 911 Memorial and museum was a somber experience, but well worth going to. The boat ride around NYC was very nice - a nice look at NYC from a different point of view and the narrator on the boat (or is it a ship?) really seemed to know his stuff regarding the history of NYC. We ended up with four busloads of people for the trips

The welcome dessert had a plethora of goodies and the cook out seemed to go over very well - except there wasn't enough peach cobbler. The banquet was very good and thanks to Betty Tulowitsky the awards presentation went smooth and fast.

All the chairs did an excellent job in their respective areas which contributed to the great outcome. The chairs for the eating events did a great job in food and decorations.

The hospitality room people also did a great job (except there was no coffee !!!!)

We also got some very nice comments on the poker run. I understand the Phil Guidone and Ron Case came in first and second respectively.

Pictures are not available yet - Linda and Joanne took a lot and they will be posted on the web site as soon as the glitch on the web site is corrected.



## Vice President's Message

Our convention is over, our vacation is over. Labor Day will be here soon and a couple of days after that school starts. This has been a very busy summer, our weather was not good for cruise nights (too much rain). Hopefully September will be better weather so that we can continue to drive our cars.

Labor Day weekend is approaching, which means we have Lead East in Parsippany and Dead Mans Curve in Mahwah. Which ever one you choose to go to have fun showing off your beautiful cars. If you have never been to one of these shows, they are a lot of fun. So try to attend one or the other.

Hope that Alec is feeling better.

Now it's time to talk about our FANTASTIC Regional Convention. We pulled it off and did a great great job!!! If anyone did not come, you missed a good time. Thank you to all our committee Chairmen and their committees. All our volunteers. Everyone did a super job. As being your Vice President, I am so proud of all you. I am sure there is more about the convention in this newsletter. Hope all our attendees had a great time.

Before you know it Fall will be here. We have our Fall Colors cruise, hosted by Phil and Dorothy Guidone, Halloween, Thanksgiving and then Christmas

School starts September 7th. watch out for children. Have a great Labor Day.

See you soon, Arlene.



Sept 20- Rosh Hashanah  
Happy New Year

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Martha Downing 9th  
John & Sandra Pyrros 16th



Paul LoPiccolo 10th  
Mike Meehan 11th  
Ron Case 17th  
Walter Strohmaier 29th

GET WELL SON!

Alec Johnstone



September 4th

## Stuff You Didn't Know You didn't know

Most boat owners name their boats - and the most popular boat name is Obsession

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## Who Said History was Boring

Baths consisted of big tub filled with water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water then the sons and other men, then the woman and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the water".

## Club Announcements

### September Meeting

The next meeting is hosted by Lucille. Date is Sept. 24th. Time is 2 PM, place Delizia's Pizza. Be sure to RSVP Lucille, including regrets. Don't wait till the last minute either.

### October Meeting

This meeting, hosted by Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo, will be held on October 22nd. Details to follow.

### Fall Colors Cruise

Phil has set this up for October 15th. See the attached flyer for full details

## Convention-Members Awards

### Concours I

Charlie Costa - Gold - Senior Status  
Tom Mirro - Gold, Gold Medallion-Sr. Status  
John Pyrros - Silver

### Concours II

Frank Gloss - Gold  
Donna Jessie - Gold

### Touring

Wendy Meehan - 1956 2nd place  
Steve Handy - 1957 1st place  
Henry Semmler - 1957 2nd place  
All Cirinelli - 1957 3rd place

### Expanded Touring

Bob Notar - 1st place

### Hoods Up Touring

Phil Guidone - 2nd place

### Newsletter

Paul Schroll - The Thunder Heard - Gold  
And congratulations to Lois Martin who was awarded Master Scorekeeper

### V-J Day

September 5, 1945

End of WW II



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

## Windshield Wipers

Windshield wipers were first patented in 1903 by an Alabama woman, Mary Anderson. She was visiting New York, riding in a streetcar and it was snowing. She noted that the driver had to continually get out and clear the windshield, causing delays.

Anderson thought - What if there were some sort of blade that could wipe off the windshield without making the driver get out of the streetcar?

Back in Alabama she made a sketch of her device, wrote up a description and applied for a patent.

The patent application describes how the wiper was to be operated by a handle from the inside. She was awarded a patent on 11/10/1903.

Anderson tried to interest manufacturing firms in the device, but was turned down, one firm saying in part "we regret to state we do not consider it to be of commercial value".

As they say, the rest is history

HOW TO INTERPRET ANTIQUÉ CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

8/30-9/3 -Parsippany-Lead East  
8/31-9/3 -Mahwah-Dead Man's Curve Show  
9/10-Clifton-Allwood Atrium-2 Brighton Rd.  
9/8 Ridgewood-Memorial Park  
9/9-Park Ridge, 115 Colony Ave Park Ridge  
Town Pool  
9/10-Ridgesield Park-100 Challenger Rd  
9/10-Clifton 2 Brighton Rd  
9/16-Maywood-American legion Post 142 135  
East Passaic St  
9/17-Teaneck-1799 Teaneck Rd-Bergen Street  
Fest  
9/17 Wayne 1910 Rte 23 West-Lincoln of  
Wayne  
9/17 Sussex-Magarino Ford-375 Rte 23  
9/23/24-Caldwell-Essex Cty Airport Wings &  
Wheels Show-31 Wright Way  
9/23-Closter 20 Legion Pl.-St. Mary's Church  
9/23-Dumont-100 Grant Ave-Grant School  
9/30 Lincoln Park- The Carol and Charlie Show  
9/24-Oakland-Copper Tree Plaze 350 Ramapo  
Rd 2 PM  
9/26-East Rutherford-1 Racetrack Drive 5 PM  
**9/30-Lincoln Park-60 Chapel Hill Rd. 1st  
Reformed Church of Lincoln Park**  
10/1-Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St (Whiskey Cafe)  
10/1-Wayne-Wayne Township Municipal BLDG  
Valley Road  
10/8 Pompton Lakes - Wanaque Ave  
10/15-Park Ridge-Atrium Park Ridge-124  
Noyes Drive

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>  
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## Tech Support

User: My Keyboard is not working anymore  
Tech: Are you sure it's plugged into the  
computer?  
User: No, I can't get behind the computer  
Tech: Pick up your keyboard and walk ten  
paces back  
User: OK  
Tech: Did the keyboard come with you?  
User: Yes  
Tech: That means the keyboard is not plugged  
in.

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.

## Cruise Nights

Monday  
Tilted Kilt-334 Rte 46  
Tuesday  
Wayne-Wendy's-1560 Rte 23 N  
Clifton - Rutts Hut  
Wednesday  
Wycoff-Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church-Cedar  
Hill Ave.  
Clifton-Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46 West  
Thursday  
Wayne-Kohls-1800 Rte 23 N  
Friday  
Midland Park-Wendy's 31 Godwin Ave  
Boonton-Wooten St.-Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr  
Saturday  
Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St. (Old Whiskey Cafe)  
Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



**FOR SALE**

### ENCLOSED TRAILER

2010, 8'5 X 20' V nose, 5200 lb spring axles.  
2 5/16 hitch, escape door. Electric jack, sway  
bar, spare tire. 9,000 lb winch. Weight  
distribution bars, tie down straps \$5,000  
Call Bill, 845-304-1257

### 1957 TBIRD

312, white, 3 speed O/D. Two tops. Rare dusk  
rose paint code. Nice driver. Call Vince, 973-  
980-4312

### Information Wanted

On a black 1955 TBird, VIN P5FH137970 . This  
was and still may be a NJ car. The last  
records on the car shows that it was located in  
West Berlin, NJ in 2005 and in a car lot in  
Marmora, NJ in 2014. Any one in the club have  
any information on this car? A prior owner is  
looking for it. If you have info, contact Dave  
Tulowitsky [tulobird@aol.com](mailto:tulobird@aol.com)



Sept 22 is the Autumnal Equinox  
Equal Day and Night



## **NJ OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB 2017 ANNUAL FALL CRUISE OCTOBER 15, 2017**

This year our fall cruise will take us to the Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where a delicious full course luncheon buffet will await our arrival overlooking 258 private acres with panoramic views of the manicured fairways and beautiful Somerset Hills,

We hope you that you will join us as we cruise through the countryside with a stop along the way at Wightman's Farm for you to pick up some goodies to enjoy at home is also on the "menu". We will need a minimum of forty (40) people to attend. With the size of our club, this should be easily met. The price is \$43.00 per person, all inclusive, including soft drinks, and a cash bar will be available. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2017. We will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C. and sent to Steve Handy, P.O. Box 105, Oakland, New Jersey 07436. (Please do not send to us).

There will of course, be some prizes and games. At the present time, we are planning our route so stay tuned! Our expected time of arrival at the Basking Ridge Country Club is 1:00 p.m.

We will meet at SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN PARK (same location as our picnic) at 9:45 a.m. The address is East Springtown Road, Long Valley, NJ. Coffee, donuts, etc will be provided. Please note that this is a rain or shine event. Hopefully shine, so let's get those T-Birds out! We are a showstopper every year with our multi-colored T-Birds all lined up! Of course other vehicles are welcome if you can't provide the Thunderbird.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. A spectacular drive through the fall foliage, along with good food and good friends promises a memorable day!

Any questions, please call or email Phil and Dorothy Guidone

