

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Sat, Sept. 26, 2015: 6:00 PM

31 members attended

Meeting called to order by Pat Le Strange at 7:15. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alec Johnstone. Pat thanked Wendy & Mike Meehan for hosting the meeting at their home. He also introduced our new members Jayne & Ray Braun who own a '56 Black T-Bird w/B&W interior. The 50/50 drawing was won by Pat LeStrange (\$55).

Birthdays and Anniversaries during July were mentioned by Lucille.

Sandra Pyrros read the minutes, they were accepted as read as was the Treasurers report since Carol Ehm was not at the meeting, balance is \$5,421.60. (Copy of the report attached with these minutes.)

Correspondence Lois Martin-Many members have received their CTCl magazine, which has the ballots for voting for open positions. Joanne Seiler is running unopposed for Region 1 Director and Rich Martin is running, along with two others, for Director at Large. All our members are encouraged to fill out and mail in their ballots.

Sunshine Report: Arlene Kubat-We are praying for our members that are undergoing treatments, Judy Semler, Dorothy Dobres & Bob Belli. You can call Bob on his cellphone to chat. Joanne saw Bob Heister who is feeling better and said he was overwhelmed from support from club members.

Newsletter: Paul Schroll Send any articles in to him soon. Paul & Alec received a Gold Award for the newsletter at the Albuquerque convention, congratulations.

Old Business: Plaques: Paul spoke to someone who can reproduce them for \$35 but order must be over 40 plaques. Ron Case also has a name of someone and Donna Jesse will check out a place in Fairlawn.

Bill Downing gave us a recap on the club Picnic held on Sunday, August 16th. A good time was had by all. This was the largest gathering, over 80 people, to attend our picnic. Pat thanked Bill for chairing the picnic once again and doing such a great job! That was why it was so well attended. There were 17 T-Birds and 7-9 other classic cars.

Joanne mention 3,000 "hits" on our club website, photos 300-400 "hits". Treasurer's report will also be appearing on the members only portion of the website soon.

Joanne emailed a list of hosts for meetings for 2016. If any host has a problem with their assigned month, let her know ASAP.

Cars show dates were mentioned, a list is on our website. There is a "Classic Car" boat cruise in February leaving from Florida in February for 9 days.

An Albuquerque Convention recap was made by Pat. 10 members attended, 2 drivers (Donna Jesse & Walt Strohmaier. The Jesse's won the gold award for furthest driven. In September 2016 there will be a convention in San Diego, CA. The Ford-Johnson award will be awarded to the club with the most miles driven to a convention in 2 years time. TX has 9500 miles & NJ

3800. Lois had a copy of the convention brochure and mentioned the events & activities. Also the CA club has a raffle for a T-Bird quilt. Members voted to purchase a book of 12 to sell to our members.

Future conventions: 2016-San Diego, CA; 2017-Pat said he hasn't heard of one; 2018-A National might be in Tennessee. He is working with John Smith of CTCI to look at previous convention expenses. If a club is willing to hold a convention, CTCI will be the backer and also negotiate contracts.

Phil & Dorothy Guidone are chairing the Fall Colors cruise to be held on Sunday, Oct. 18th. 40 people are needed to attend. The cost is \$42.25. Please email Carol Ehm that you are coming and send a check to her made out to NJORTC - ASAP.

Pat asked for nominations for positions in our club that will be voted on at the next meeting in October. Lois was nominated for CTCI rep and Pat for president. No other nominations were made so they are running unopposed for the positions. So according to the bylaws, at the next meeting, the club secretary, Sandra Pyrros, will cast a vote for each of them.

Badge Fines: Alec Johnstone to collect

Next meeting is on October 25th at 2:00 pm at DeLizia Pizza in Boonton hosted by Gene & Diane Szura.

Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:40 pm

Minutes Submitted by Sandra Pyrros