



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

January/February 2024

2024 Meeting Schedule

Jan 21	Ron Case
Feb 11	Sweetheart Brunch
March	NJORTC
April	
May	Rich Martin
June	Mel Ramos
July	Steve Schmidt
August	Picnic
September	Marco Totaro
October	Charles Musto
November	Bill Downing

The next meeting is January 21. Ron Case is the host. RSVP 973-214-0539

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

Please let Arlene 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



Welcome 2024. last year ,club wise, it was a good year filled with many activities and meetings, with good attendance. I would like to thank all the chairpersons and hosts. Thank you Paul Schroll for doing a great job keeping everyone informed with the newsletters, Several members attended the CTCTI Convention and the 2 Thunderbird gatherings as well as many car shows, It is more important then ever to attend the events and meetings to keep our club together.

We had many members suffer from health issues last year, so please keep them in your prayers.

Be sure to check out our web site and look at the picture pages to see how our club has changed over the years

I am looking forward to a very active 2024.

Thanks for all you do to keep this a great club
Pat LeStrange



Ron Case's 57





Vice President's Message



We are now officially in winter, all though the weather has been a little warmer then should be. Way too much rain. Feel so sorry for those families that were flooded, especially through the holidays.

Hoping that Carmen Ramos is feeling better. She fell off ladder while decorating and broke her ankle. Bob Heissler's significant other Judy could not make Christmas party because she is on oxygen 24/7 so hard for her to go anywhere. Dorothy Guidone is having health issues. Joan McMillian was at the Christmas party. She is doing good, her numbers are good and she looks great. Joan whatever you are doing keep it up. We are all praying for you to continue to feel good. Aileen Corbett was also at the party, she also looks great. If I forgot someone I am sorry, please let me know if you are not feeling good.

Hope everyone had a good holiday, whichever one you observe. A lot of preparation for one day, i.e., decorating in house out of house, shopping, baking cookies, shopping, cleaning, shopping, cooking, shopping, wrapping and still cooking cleaning and shopping. A bit tiring but worth every minute of the day. Merry Christmas to all.

Before you know it the store shelves will be stocked with Valentine stuff. Speaking of Valentines Day, Julie Ann and Lucille have booked our Sweetheart Brunch for February 11, 2024 at the Brownstone. More details in another article.

We should be having our Board meeting in January. If anyone has anything they want discussed, please let one of the Board members know so we can bring it up at meeting. It looks like our monthly meetings are all hosted for the year.

We all had a good time at this years Christmas party. Everything worked out just fine. It was light in attendance this year, which did upset me a lot. At our next meeting we will discuss

next year's party to see what the problem is. Only one new member and his wife came to the party. I do not understand why our other new members do not come out to any events. More details about Christmas in another article.

Joe and myself want to wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year. Be safe, drive safe.
Arlene

Christmas Party

Music, a little ? loud but very good. The dance floor was crowded all night long. I don't think I ever saw so many of us on the dance floor.

Food was good, desserts were also good.

The only complaint by two members, Joe Kubat and Rich Martin, not enough ice cream!!! Thank you for all the toys for Toys for Tots. Joe delivered them the next day to the VFW in Lincoln Park. We had a 50/50, won by Joan Notar The money tree, made by Lois Martin, was won by Steve Schmidt. A man's detailing basket, made by Joan Notar, won by Pat. We also had chocolate Santa Claus, won by, I think Rich Iuso (could be wrong on that one)! Toni Sabino made all the beautiful center pieces. Donna Jesse made all the Thunderbird cookies that were in styrofoam center pieces made by Toni, and of course, we cannot forget our annual calendars, put together by Suzanne Gayet. We had our yearly guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Before they sat down to give out calendars and greet the guests, they danced to two fast dancers. They were excellent. Thank you for putting on a fun show.
Arlene



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Tom & Susan Mirro 2/8
Charlie & Izebela Costa 2/8



Julie Ann Morrison 1/3
Steve Handy 1/6
Jackie Werner 1/13
Steve Schmidt 1/16
Donna Jessie 1/20
Miles Yengst 1/23
Martha Downing 1/26
Merry Case 1/29
Bob Heissler 1/29
Rich Martin 1/30
Dorothy Guidone 2/7
Sean Dillon 2/19
Paul Dorne 2/7

GET WELL SON!

Carmen Ramos
Dorothy Guidone

Club Dues

For those who did not attend the Christmas Party, dues are payable in January. Make payment to NJORTC and send to Pat as Steve flew the coop to Florida.



Toys For Tots

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Club Announcements

January-February Meeting

Ron Case is host. Date is 1/21. Time is 2 PM.
Venue is Delizia's in Boonton. Be sure to
RSVP, including regrets.

March Meeting

The date is March 24th. Details to be
announced next newsletter

Sweetheart Brunch

It is February 11th. Location is the
Brownstone in Paterson. 11 AM. See the
attached flyer for specifics



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.

Happy New Year 2024

Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month -
Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads
Church

Car Shows/Swap Meets

1/13-21 Philadelphia-Car Show - PA
Convention Center

1/19-21 Allentown PA Swap Meet



Thanks to Mike Perillo for some of the pics

For Sale



1955 T-Bird

Goldenrod yellow clearcoat. 1989 Mustang H.O. , Fuel Injection, Paxton supercharger. 12 Volt. Griffin radiator. T-5 trans, Hurst shifter. Disc brakes (Lincoln Versailles), dual master. Continental Kit. Flowmaster mufflers. Traction bars. Power steering. Hard (white) and soft (black) tops. 55 Fairlane headlight rims. 56 Merc station wagon tail lights. Wire wheels and radials. Custom Sound radio with 10 CD changer. Located in New Jersey. \$ 38,000. For additional information and pictures contact Joe Kubat 973-900-1923

Cars For Sale

1966 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE , 289
1957 THUNDERBIRD , AUTO , BLK, RED
INTERIOR , 15 YEAR RESTO JUST
COMPLETED
1956 THUNDERBIRD , AUTO , FIESTA
RED, TWO TOPS
1955 THUNDERBIRD , 5 SPD , 5.0 ENGINE , TWO
TOPS
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NCRS 99 POINTS
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February 19th
George Washington 2/22
Abraham Lincoln 2/12



WHY

Don't you ever see the Headline "Psychic Wins Lottery ?



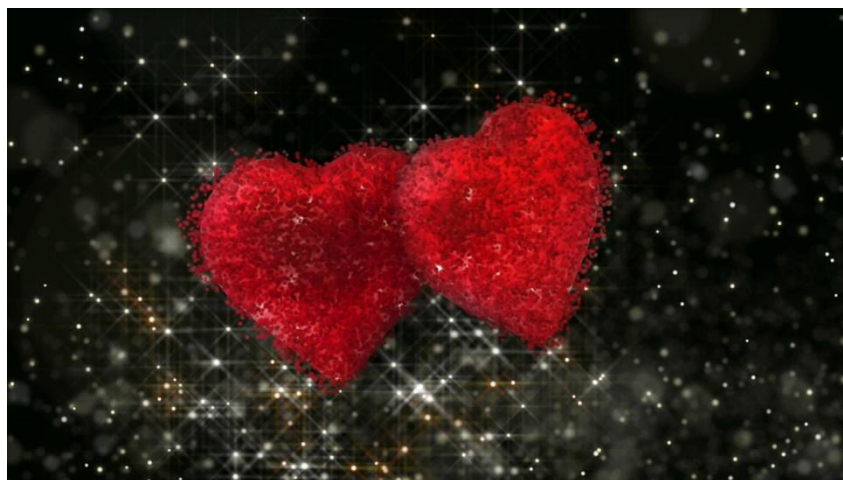


6 more weeks of Winter ??



Chocolate Santa - yum, yum





NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB
ANNUAL SWEETHEART BRUNCH

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024
11:00AM-3:00PM

THE BROWNSTONE
351 WEST BROADWAY, PATERSON
BALCONY ROOM

THE COST IS 65.00/PERSON

PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO NJORTC
MAIL TO :
LUCILLE CHABALA
6 BROOK WAY, WEST ORANGE NJ 07052



Reminders for Meeting Hosts

An email was recently sent out showing whose turn it is to host a meeting in 2024. As a reminder to those who are hosting for 2024 and in the future, please keep these in mind:

If anyone has a problem with hosting their month please contact someone else on the list and switch with them.

Usual attendance is 30-50 people, the host does provide something to eat and it should be kept simple.

Meetings usually last 3-4 hours and are usually held about 2 PM on a Sunday. Time and day can be changed with enough notice.

Meetings can be held at a venue of the host's choice, including their home if so desired.

Hosts should plan their meeting at least two months ahead and notify the meeting coordinator of the date, time, location and contact information. This provides enough time to notify everyone in the club, get the info into the newsletter and make any changes if necessary.

FYI - There are only nine meetings held a year, January/February are held as one due to the possibility of bad weather. The host may choose any date during these two months to host their meeting. August is our family picnic and a very short meeting is held then and December is our holiday party and no meeting is held

Contact the meeting coordinator or Vice President if there are any questions about hosting.

Reminders to Members in regard to meetings

Members attending a meeting are asked to RSVP to the host with at least a weeks' notice so the host can get a count of members attending and prepare as necessary. RSVP also means responding if not attending



Typical ? Ford dealer in 1956.