



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## March 2024

### 2024 Meeting Schedule

March 17	Harold's Deli
March 24	NJORTC
April	Gerry Ingersoll
April 28	Spring Cruise
May 19	Tune Up Clinic, Meeting
May	Rich Martin
June	Mel Ramos
July	Steve Schmidt
August	Picnic
September	Marco Totaro
October	Charles Musto
November	Bill Downing

The next meeting is March 24th Toni Sabino is handling RSVP's. Contact her at 973-618-8085 or [tonisabino@yahoo.com](mailto:tonisabino@yahoo.com)

**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.

# March



### President's Message



March is around the corner. Winter is coming to an end and daylight savings time will be returning March 10. We will be returning to Harold's on the 17th. Our Sweetheart bunch was very nice and well attended, thanks to Julie Ann and Lucille

We are looking at a new location for next years Christmas party. Looking forward to the Spring cruise, Mike Perillo has put in a lot of work to make it very interesting and fun.

Keep up the good work by all of our chair people.

Almost all dues have been collected and reminder letters have been sent out to the last few.

I am trying to get the calendars out to the members who were not at the Christmas party or the last meeting. If you haven't received one and would like one, please try to be at the next meeting.

Stay strong and take care of your selves

Patrick Le Strange  
President NJORTC





### Vice President's Message



It has been a cold snowy winter, but on the good note Spring is right around the corner and I am more than ready for it!

We had our January/February meeting. Very well attended. Actually more people at the meeting than at the Christmas party. Thank you Ron Case for hosting such a large meeting. Next meeting is March 24th, 2:00 at Delizias in Boonton. Please RSVP Toni Sabino if you are or are not attending.

Health update, Joan McMillian doing good. Dorothy Guidone having some health issues. I do have some sad news and that is Don Dobres was just diagnosed with esophagus cancer. He is down in Florida with Darlene. He started radiation and then will get chemo and go from there. As we all know he has had a rough year and now this has just made it worse. Please say our prayers for him. Our prayers do work.

On February 11th we went to the Brownstone in Paterson for our yearly Sweetheart Brunch. I believe we had almost 40 people there. The Brunch was good, company was good. Thank you Julie Ann and Lucille for putting this fun day together. The men received lottery tickets, women received adorable valentine socks and, of course, our roses. Paul Schroll took a couple ?? of pictures, which are on our web site (and Facebook).

On Sunday, March 17th we will be going to Harold's Deli. This is a pay-your-own event. Please let Toni Sabino know if you are going so that she can make reservations. Toni is in charge of this event. Remember come hungry, sandwiches are huge!!!

On Sunday, April 28th Mike Perillo put together a Spring Cruise. He already sent out info on this cruise and wanted a count of how many plan on attending so he can make reservations for the restaurant. More to follow on this cruise in the newsletter.

Pretty soon we will be getting our little birds out of hibernation and on the open road.

See you soon, Arlene

### January/February Meeting

Wow-talk about attendance !!! This meeting turned out to be among the largest. The whole room was filled up. Ron really knew how to get them to come. Not a lot of business to attend to so we had plenty of time to chat. The food was good and it seems everyone had a good time. We had two couples as guests who showed interest in joining the club.

Thanks to Ron for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

Donna did an update on the CTCI 1/12/24 meeting, including info on the upcoming convention in Iowa.

Arlene reported on the Board Meeting that was held in January.

Julie went over the upcoming Sweetheart brunch at the Brownstone.

Toni spoke about Harold's Deli and mentioned an alternative venue. Members decided to stay with Harold's. Toni said 3/17 is the date. (See attached flyer)

Mike Perillo spoke about the spring cruise and mentioned the email that was sent to members. This event is planned for 4/28

Rich and Lois volunteered to host the Tune Up Clinic this year. Date is 5/19 and will be held in conjunction with the May meeting.

Arlene noted that the 2024 picnic will be 8/11.

Arlene reported on the Christmas Party and the plans for next year (2024 party). A different venue is being looked at. Members decided to have a DJ and to have a buffet rather than family/sit/down.

Different venues for our meetings were discussed.

Lucille won the 50/50.





# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Bruce & Aileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st

Bruce Daily 8th

Esther Yengst 18th

Joyce Santimauro 29th

**GET WELL  
SON!**

Carmen Ramos

Dorothy Guidone

Don Dupres

## Club Dues

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



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## Club Announcements

### March Meeting

The date is **March 24th**. Venue is Delizia's in Boonton. Time is **2 PM**. Be sure to RSVP Toni Sabino, including regrets.

### Harold's Deli

Back to Harold's and those pastrami sandwiches (or whatever you like). **Date is 3/17**. Toni is the contact person. Contact her if you are going. See the attached flyer

### Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise, set up by Mike Perillo, is **April 28th**. Looks like a great cruise. See the attached information. Contact Mike ASAP if you are going.

### Tune Up Clinic

The Tune Up Clinic is scheduled for May 19th. Additional info next newsletter.

### Cars & Coffee

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

### Car Shows/Swap Meets

Nothing scheduled



March 31

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.





## 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**

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
**March 10th**  
**Remember - Spring ahead, Fall back**



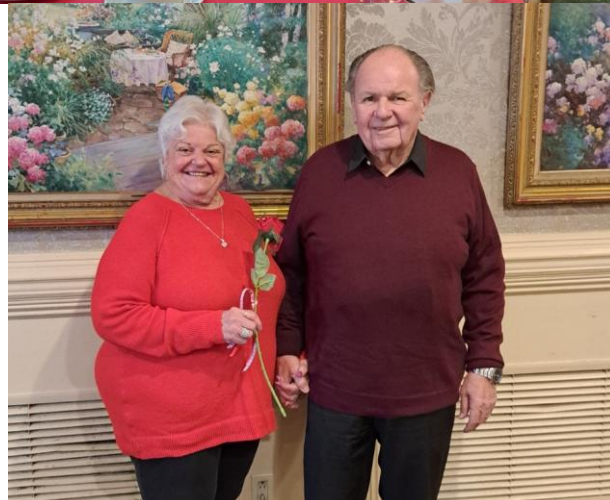
## Sweetheart Brunch

Time to celebrate Valentine's Day with our sweethearts at our annual Sweetheart Brunch. Very good attendance with about 40 people. New venue this year and I missed not having an omelet station but the food was very good and plenty of it. One of the ladies at our table really liked the mimosas. Rich I handed out chocolate hearts and kisses. The meal was finished off with cake and coffee. Roses were handed out to the ladies and the gents got lottery tickets. Hope someone hit it big (mine was \$2). Many thanks to Lucille and Julie Ann who put the program together.

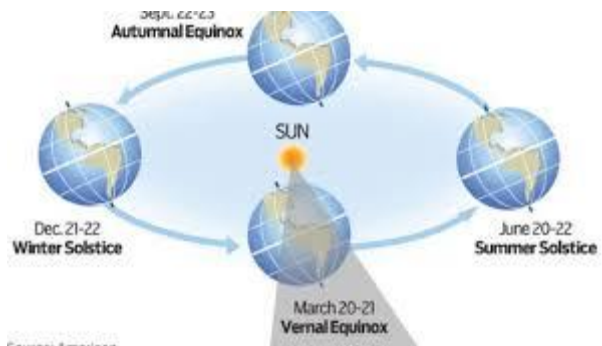


### Need Gaskets ?

I have an overstock, Mostly YBlock engine gaskets so if you need some call me. Free to club members. Paul S.







**March 19 - the Vernal Equinox  
Spring begins**



**Additional pics are on the web site and  
Facebook**



**From the mouth of Babes**  
**Teacher:** Clyde your composition on "My Dog"  
is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you  
copy his ?  
**Clyde:** No Sir; it's the same dog

**The surest sign that intelligent life exists  
elsewhere in the universe is that it has never  
tried to contact us.**



## Car Tip

Working under the dash is no fun, especially if the seat is in place. John Pyrros showed me this trick some time ago for saving your back. Placing one of those plastic "milk cases" next to the door opening gives you more support and makes it more comfortable laying on your back. And that is me, I still can get under and work - I had to fix the light bulb for the high beam indicator. Make sure the seat is all the way back for max space.



Any one interested in a fixer-upper ?



Along the same vein

Ever Wonder Why ?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor  
and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons

OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



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*Who wants to eat???*

*We're going to ...*



**GPS Address 1173 King Georges Post Rd Edison**

**NJ**

***We're going to our NJORTC Annual Harold's  
Lunch  
guaranteed to fill you up***

***Sunday March 17, 2024 arrive 12:45pm for 1 pm  
seating***

***Please contact Toni Sabino***

***pay as we go.***



***Don't I wouldn't even***

***973-  
618-  
8085  
or***



***tonisabino@yahoo.com and let her know who is  
coming RSVP by 3/10***



# NJORTC Spring Cruise

## Sunday April 28th (Rain or Shine)

**Note: All food is choose and pay your own.**

1/ 8:00 - 9:00 AM Meet at Delizia Pizza in Boonton (Have coffee + at deli)  
Collect \$17 total (\$5.00 & \$12.00) per person for both Tours

2/ Leave **PROMPTLY** at 9:00

3/10:15 Arrive at Strauss Mansion for private guided tour (Lynne Petillo from the Historical Society).  
Strauss Mansion - 27 Prospect Circle, Atlantic Highlands, NJ  
<http://www.ahhistory.org/>

4/ 12:00 Leave Strauss Mansion.

5/ 12:15 Arrive at Twin Lighthouse for private guided tour (Nicholas Wood from the Historical Society)  
2 Lighthouse Road, Highlands NJ  
<https://www.twinlightslighthouse.org/>

6/ 2:00 Leave Lighthouse.

7/ 2:15 Arrive at Mule Barn Restaurant.  
36 Kearney Road, Highlands, NJ  
<https://www.mulebarntavern.com/>  
<https://www.mulebarntavern.com/about>

Note: You may choose to go to the **Sandy Hook Light House** which is on the way home just minutes from the Restaurant - Closes at 4:30 (You are on your own at this point).

Also: On the way home is **Mount Mitchell**, the highest peak in eastern mainland North America and the highest peak of the Appalachian Mountains. 460 Ocean Blvd, Atlantic Highlands. Closes at Dusk (8:20)

<https://www.nps.gov/places/mount-mitchell.htm>

**Note: For those that have difficulty walking.**

**Access the Mansion by car from the left side with very short distance to enjoy the wrap-around porch via 3 stairs, and lobby on first floor. The Twin lighthouse has two museums on the ground floor.**

**Contact Mike Perillo as soon as possible if you are going**

