



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## January-February 2017

### 2017 Meeting Schedule

Jan 29	Joe Matrone
February 12	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Walter Strohmaier
March 19	Harold's ?
April	Bob Heissler
April	50/60's Dance
May	Mike Perillo
May	Spring Cruise
June	Phil Guidone
June	Tune Up Clinic?
July	Bob & Joan Notar
August 3-6	Convention

Note - 2017 Hosts Tentative

The January-February meeting is on Jan. 29th and is being hosted by Joe & Lorri Matrone. RSVP Joanne at

**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



2017 is here and most people are very excited for new beginnings on many different levels. NJORTC will face a lot of challenges and I am sure we will be successful in meeting all of them.

First will be our Annual board meeting, where all board members will plan activities and direction for the year. Please let us know of any issues you would like the Board to discuss. We will also review an audit of our bank accounts and will officially turn the books over to the new Treasurer, Steve Handy. Again Thank You Carol Ehm for your years of service as our Treasurer.

Joanne and I, as well as Rich and Lois Martin will be heading to CTCL headquarters in Signal Hill, Ca. in February for the CTCL board meeting. We will bring back news and reviews at the next club meeting after the trip.

Next will be the 50/60 Dance in April. This is a very important fund raiser, so please start lining up people to sell tickets to.

Then every month and maybe more, we will be holding Convention meetings, in addition to our regular meetings. Please stay in contact with your chairperson of any events you have volunteered to help with. If you have not yet volunteered, contact Arlene, she is the volunteer coordinator. We can use your help for as little as a few hours to a few days in many different ways, just let her know your availability and what you would like to do

Of course the biggest event of the year will be the Convention. We are getting a lot of pre registrations and the hotel is filling up very nicely. (Continued Page 9)

# JANUARY



# FEBRUARY

# Happy New Year

## Christmas Party

On December 3rd we had our annual Thunderbird Christmas party. We had 58 members and guests in attendance. Good group of people.

I hope that everyone had a good time. We did have a set back with our poor DJ, Pat. All the equipment and music were set up and ready to go and low and behold Pat's computer crashed. So with modern technology we were able to get music off other devices and Pandora, which I believe is a music station, so we were able to survive.

We had beautiful center pieces on our tables which were made by Joanne Seiler-thank you Joanne - they were pretty. Each table had a winner of a game to bring home the center pieces.

We had a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. They handed out small boxes of candy which were in shape of cars. I hope everyone enjoyed them. They also handed out Poinsettias. They were very pretty. Thank you Lucille Chabala for picking them up for us. Also a big thanks for a job well done goes to Ray Braun for being Santa and Linda Antenucci for being Mrs. Claus.

We also had a grab bag, whoever bought a gift got a gift. There were unwrapped gifts for toys for tots - thanks goes to Gene and Diane Szura for delivering the toys.

We had a raffle for lottery tickets, won by Joan Notar. Joan we hope you won something. Thanks to Lois Martin for putting the lottery tickets on a tree stand.

We had another raffle for a chocolate Christmas tree which stood a little over a foot tall. The winner was Diane Szura. I hope you and your family enjoyed it.

The third raffle was a 50/50. This was won by Valerie Kriney

We had plenty of food and, of course, an ice cream station (for Joe and Rich?) and pastries. Donna Jesse had a beautiful and delicious birthday cake for Bills 70th birthday which was on the day of our party. We also sang Happy Birthday to members who have birthdays in December.

Thanks again for attending  
Arlene



## Vice President's Message

Happy New Year. I Hope you have a safe and healthy 2017

Joe and Jan Seville are on the road back to recovery. Jan just got out of rehab after falling. Joe has been getting treatments , the good news is that they will be able to go to their Florida home to continue healing. John Bolger is getting stronger every day, he was able to come to the Thunderbird Christmas party. If there is anyone else who is not feeling good, our prayers are with you to feel better soon. Let's pray our members have a better 2017. We had our Christmas party on December 3rd at the San Carlo Catering in Lyndhurst. Hope all had a good time. There is an article on Christmas party elsewhere in this newsletter. I was a little disappointed in the food this year, so at the Board Meeting, I am bringing up that I am going to look into a new restaurant for our party.

Thank you Pat and Joanne for inviting us to your Christmas outside light display. Beautiful demonstration of lights and music. Great job. As Pat said he decorates outside, Joanne decorates inside. Also thank you for the open house party. Plenty of chili and baked ziti, plus the candy, chips and dips were delicious. And anything you wanted to drink. Thanks again for the great night. Ho Ho Ho. Pat also played the guitar and Ray Braun played the drum. Great job guys. We had a lot of fun when we went on Saturday night. Some of our members went on Friday night.

We also had a convention meeting on Sunday of the same weekend which Joanne and Pat hosted at their house. It was quite a busy weekend. We accomplished a lot on the convention. Thanks to Lucille for getting all the activities organized. We discussed the Hotel and rooms, shirts for the convention, Welcome party, hospitality, Concours, etc. The convention is well on the way to being fantastic. If anyone wants to volunteer, please let me know. ( Continued on Page 9)

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Charlie & Izebela Costa 2/8



Steve Handy 1/6

Steve Schmidt 1/16

Joe Saville 1/17

Jan Saville 1/19

Joe Matrone 1/22

Donna Jessie 1/20

Martha Downing 1/20

Merry Case 1/29

Robert Heissler 1/29

Rich Martin 1/30

Bill Hyde 2/1

Dorothy Guidone 2/2

Dot Hyde 2/5

Paul Dorne 2/7

GET WELL  
SON!

John Bolger

Jan Saville

Joe Saville

## 2016 NJORTC Christmas Party

Party for Christmas, cheery and bright  
Spirits high still, things not to go exactly right  
Fun for club, members company, each enjoys  
Thoughtful, less fortunate, tots and their toys

Lovely setting, efforts many, to appreciate  
Centerpieces handcrafted, really great  
Mr. & Mrs. Claus spirit holiday, conveyed  
Interesting people, personalities on parade

Time passed quickly, seemed just in a blink  
Something to reflect on, thoughts and to think  
When it came to the end, happy and satisfied  
Happy to be part, NJORTC, what a joyride  
Rich luso

## 2017 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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Pat LeStrange

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Arlene Kubat

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**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. email [ptschroll@verizon.net](mailto:ptschroll@verizon.net)**

## Best Wishes

To Joe & Lorri Matrone's 3 year old granddaughter who is going to have open heart surgery in January



## The 2017 Convention

Pre-Registration forms are posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page) as well as hotel information. Rooms are being booked rapidly so get the reservations in. In fact, we are looking into overflow hotels if needed. Events and excursions are finalized. The registration form has been finalized and will be available soon. Special price rooms for Wednesday night have been fully booked but there are rooms available at regular rates. We are trying to get some more at a special rate



## Club Announcements

### January-February Meeting

The meeting will be on **Jan. 29th** at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton (Walmart Shopping Center). Time is 2 PM. The hosts are Joe & Lorri. RSVP Joanne including regrets.

### Sweetheart Brunch

The brunch is **February 12th** at the Bethwood, 38 Lackawanna Drive, Totowa. Meet there at 11:30. Cost is 50.00 per person, 26.00 for children 6 -12 - same as last year. Mail your check to Lucille who is coordinating the event. RSVP no later than Feb 8th. Always good food and a great time and nice to get out of the house.

### Convention Committee Meetings

The next convention committee meeting is scheduled for **January 22** at Toni and Bob Sabino's, 1350 15th St. Apt. 15R, Fort Lee. RSVP Toni at [tonisabino@yahoo.com](mailto:tonisabino@yahoo.com) or 973-618-8305. Time is 12 noon. Members can attend and any suggestions are welcomed.

Notify the host if you are attending.

### Coming Events

Harold's Deli **March 19th.** Information forthcoming

### Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **January 8th** at 12 Noon. Location is Pat & Joanne's. RSVP the hosts

### Dues

2017 Dues are payable by **January 20th**. Amount is \$50.00. Get yours in ASAP. Send to Carol Ehm who is subbing for Steve Handy while he is away. Make checks out to NJORTC



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>  
[www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)

## Christmas Party Winners



Lottery Ticket Tree - Joan



50/50 - Valerie



Chocolate Tree - Diane

## Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-this is a inside get together for any car person. Car optional. Free coffee and munchies. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



Toys for Tots



HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!

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## Strange Facts

The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters









You know You are Living in 2017 when....  
 You accidentally enter your pin on the  
 microwave



It was Bill Jessie's 70th and Donna got him a cake



February 20th

Lincoln's Birthday Feb. 12th

Washington's Birthday Feb. 22nd







### President's Message (Cont'd)

This will be a well attended Convention. The full registration should be ready in January. We will have mail in as well as on-line registrations.

Due to the conflicting dates with the Convention, we will not be having our Annual picnic.

In between all these activities, we will still have all our regular meetings and events. Be sure to check the event page on the web site or in this news letter for dates or locations.

The last note is your club dues are due. Please send them to Steve Handy. Please, when sending a check for dues or any club event make them payable to "NJORTC". In the past, checks have been received in chairman's names, Treasurer's name or event names and the banks will no longer accept checks with anything other then the name on the account, NJORTC.

**Stay Safe**

Pat Le Strange

### Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

We have a Board meeting on January 8th, 2017 to discuss events for the year. If anyone wants to do an activity, please notify a Board member and let them know. Each month we try to do something. Joanne and Pat booked the hall for our annual 50/60's dance in April.

To all you Thunderbird snow birds, have a safe and hot winter. Just think of us up here freezing. Have a great winter see you in March or April.

As I said in the beginning of this article have a safe and healthy New Year. These years are going by faster and faster. Happy 2017.

See you soon, Arlene



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EACH.....COUSIN VINNY PRICE \$ 20

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LOUVER TRIM.....LOOKS LIKE

NEW....COUSIN VINNY PRICE - MAKE

OFFER...., 2, 56 TAIL LIGHT LENS USED

...COUSIN VINNY PRICE \$ MAKE OFFER .... 56

AFTERMARKET OUTSIDE

MIRROR.....USED....MAKE OFFER.....AUTO

METER 3 GUAGE CONSOLE NEW.....MAKE

OFFER.....

### Technical

### Battery Drain

To find out if something is draining your battery, begin with a fully charged battery.

Then disconnect the negative battery connection, take a test light and connect one end to the negative post of the battery and the other end to the battery cable. At this point, the light should not light. If it does light, then you have a draw on the battery. Keep in mind that you have a clock or have upgraded your radio to one that has a memory the light may show. The brightness of the light will tell how much of a draw you have.

If you have a draw, then start disconnecting all accessories and other connections one at a time to see where the draw is coming from.

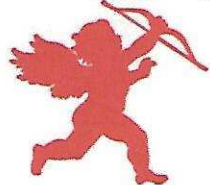
Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues.





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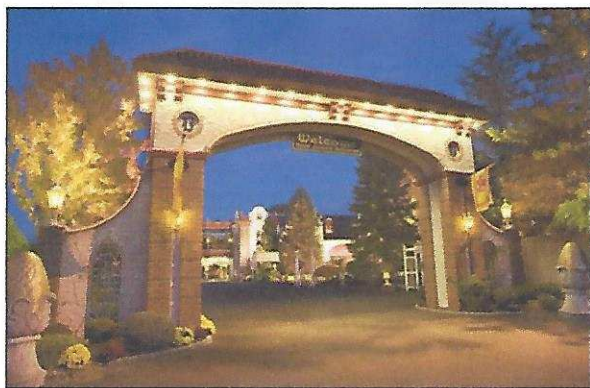


## Sweetheart Brunch



Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2017  at 11:30am

*Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us. Take your Sweetheart to Brunch.  
Good food, Great friends, always a good time.*



## The Bethwood

38 Lackawanna Avenue, Totowa, NJ 07512

*\$50 per person    \$26 Children 6-12    No Charge Children 1-5*



*RSVP and payment in advance needed by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*Include how many adults and children in what age group.*

*Please we must make checks out to NJORTC and mail to*

*Chairperson: Lucille Chabala 6 Brook Way; West Orange, NJ 07052*

### Sunday Brunch

Imagine being surrounded by elegance, treated like royalty and served the finest cuisine. Our award-winning chefs present the classic buffet at The Bethwood. Join us for our Sunday brunch and feast on a selection of delectable salads, sliced fresh fruit, seafood, beef, ham & poultry entrees, omelets, waffles, a sumptuous medley of desserts and more. Choose from over thirty selections representing the freshest and finest that nature's bounty has to offer. Whether it's a special occasion, a time for good friends to catch up on busy lives, or a lovely start to a leisurely weekend day, The Bethwood Sunday Brunch is the perfect opportunity to relax and indulge.