

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



The Thunder Heard

June 2017

2017 Meeting Schedule

June 2	Convention Meeting
June 11	Phil Guidone
June 16	Convention Meeting
June 25	Convention Meeting
July 16	Bob & Joan Notar
August 2-6	Convention
September	Lucille Chabala
October	Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo
Nov	Bill & Dot Hyde
December	Holiday party

The June meeting is on June 11th at Dekizias and is being hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone. RSVP

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



Happy Summer season. We have had 2 great club events since the last newsletter. The Spring cruise to Space Farms and the Lamppost Restaurant hosted by Carol & Charlie Ehm was attended by about 18 T Birds and 40 members.

The antique cars, farm equipment, and all the different collectibles from guns to dolls were wonderful to see, The animals - buffalos, lions, all kind of birds (with feathers), and lots of big snakes were fun to see too. The Lamp Post meal was delicious.

Then on May 21 we had a busy day with a triple header. It started off with the Tune Up Clinic, where several members worked on their Birds from minor adjustments to changing rear seals. I did not get an exact count but there were 18 or so Thunderbirds at Rich and Lois Martin's home. Then we took a break to have our monthly club meeting hosted by Mike & Theresa Parrillo, and after another break to eat, we had our now bi-weekly Convention meeting. Several members, not on committees, when back to working on their T Birds. This on top of it being National Thunderbird Appreciation day made for a full and enjoyable day.

The Convention is heating up as we finalize some contracts with only about 2 months to go. The registrations are coming in at a good steady rate. We are into our third bus on both the NY Sightseeing tour and the Best of NY Cruise Happy Summer driving

Pat LeStrange

Next month - Tune Up Clinic Pictures



May Meeting

Held in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic, a warm, sunny Spring day brought out 17 TBirds and many members. Mike & Theresa Parillo were the hosts. Lots of good food. Thanks to Theresa and Mike for hosting.

Highlights of the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer's report was made. Both were accepted.

A moment of silence was held for John Bolger.

Joanne mentioned that the dance was a big success, attendance and financial wise.

Wendy gave a rundown on registrations and other aspects of the convention.

Rich reported on the judges and other matters relating to the convention.

Pat reported on the Spring Cruise to the Space Farm and Lamp Post. 17 Birds attended.

Next meeting June 11th. Walter won the 50/50



Vice President's Message

Let us say a prayer for Lucille Chabala on the death of her sister, Jay, this week. May she Rest In Peace.

As far as I know everyone seems to be doing ok. Thank god.

On a Sunday, May 21st we had our tune-up clinic. There were 17 thunderbirds who came to the tune-up clinic, only a few of the cars needed some minor work. It's a fun day and I love watching our guys getting involved with doing work on each other's TBirds. Thank you to Rich and Lois Martin for hosting the tune-up clinic. As usual there were plenty of breakfast foods.

Sunday, May 21st was also National Thunderbird day. It was a good day to take your car for a drive and let everyone see them. Our club had 17 cars on the road. Way to go NJORTC.

We also had our monthly meeting hosted by the Parrillo's. Good meeting, good food and good turnout of members, it was a quick meeting. After our general meeting we had a convention meeting. Thank you once again to Lois and Rich for letting us use your house for the two meetings. As you can tell it was a very busy day.

Our convention is falling into place. As of now we have about 80 cars that will be coming to the show., about 285 people coming to convention. We have almost three buses filled with the 9/11 Memorial and tour of New York City. Also we have almost three buses filled for the circle line boat which tours New York City by water. Hotel almost sold out. Welcome party, BBQ and the Banquet will be very well attended. We still need some volunteers, so please email me : _____ if interested in helping out. If you have not sent in your registration yet, please do it before June 2nd or you will have to pay a late fee. The convention will be here before you know it. We still need items for tricky tray, door prizes and goody bags. Please see Diane Szura and Paul Schroll. Also notify Phil Guidone if you have any ads.

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Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Lorrie Matrone 22nd
Bill & Dot Hyde 29th



Arlen Kubat 1st
Bill Selby 18th

GET WELL
SON!

Condolences

To Lucille Chabala on the passing of her sister



June 18th

Computer Tech Line

Tech Support: What kind of computer do you have

User: A white one

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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



The 2017 Convention

Registration forms are posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page) as well as hotel information. Registrations continue to come in. Another block of special rate rooms were opened but are going fast. Others may be available at regular rates. There are overflow hotels at the special rate. Events and excursions are filling up and space is getting tight. All information is on the web site.

Planning meetings are continuing and members are invited to attend. Members who are attending the convention are advised to get your registration forms in ASAP so we can finalize transportation. June 2nd is the cutoff date for regular registration - penalties apply after that date.



Club Announcements

June Meeting

The June meeting is June 11th at Delizia's and Phil & Dorothy Guidone are the hosts. Time is 2 PM Be sure to RSVP Phil or Dorothy. Info on Page 1.

Convention Committee Meetings

We are now having bi-weekly meetings. The next convention committee meetings are:

June 2 - Pyrros' home 6 PM

June 16 - Delizias 6 PM

June 25 - Delizias 12 Noon

July 9th - Hanover Marriott 12 Noon

1401 Rte 10 East, Whippany

July 23 - Delizias 12 Noon

All meetings after June 2nd are pay your own way

All members may attend and any suggestions are welcomed.

RSVP Joanne if you are attending.

July Meeting

The July meeting will be on July 16th. Hosts are Bob and Joan Notar. Details will follow



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



June 14th

Spring Cruise

Even though the sun forgot to show up, 17 baby birds, a Mustang and a GTO showed for the Spring Cruise. Starting from Delizia's we traveled the back roads (and Rte 23) for a leisurely 40 mile cruise to Space Farms in Beemerville (for those who have never heard of Space Farms, it is not a farm full of space ships - it is a zoo and museum owned by a family named "Space") We were greeted by the granddaughter (3rd generation) of the founder . Inside, Mr. Space (2nd generation) told me the farm was started in 1927 and that the 4th generation is now involved in the business.

In addition to the various animals (bears, buffalo, deer, llamas, lions, tigers, jaguars, birds, monkeys etc. the farm has several museum buildings. One houses automobiles dating back to the early 1900's. Another area was filled with horse drawn carriages (including a buckboard once owned and used by Teddy Roosevelt). There are numerous bicycles and antique motorbikes. Other buildings held antique tractors, antique toys (including a tiny carousel that didn't look big enough for actual use, but it was noted that children used to be smaller. It was also noted that George Washington's first job, as a young boy, was transporting these carousels from town to town.

After a couple of hours of enjoying the animals and antiques, we hit the road for lunch. Back in the cars and another 10 miles later we were at the Lamp Post Inn in Vernon. Sal, the owner arranged a wonderful buffet for us. Dessert was a warm apple crisp topped with ice cream and whipped cream. (As we were "researching" the restaurant , Charlie and I ate there a couple of times and I can recommend the shrimp stuffed chicken and fillet mignon with the cheese chive sauce.)

Each couple was given a butterfly candleholder and lottery ticket. Diane Szura was the luckiest and won \$50.

Thank you to all who participated
Carol Ehm

Thanks to Mike Perillo and Joanne for pictures.



Summer Solstice

June 20th

Longest day of the year
Beginning of Summer
Days start getting shorter



Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

Next convention meeting is June 2nd at 6:00 hosted by John and Sandra Pyrros. Please call and let them know if your coming to the meeting. Our meetings are now every two weeks and will be held at Delizias in Boonton. Nobody is hosting, it will be pay for your own food.

Hope all you dads and granddads have a happy Father's Day.

Get the TBirds out on the open road. It's time for cruise nights and car show. Enjoy your car and be safe.

See you soon, Arlene



FOR SALE

1956/57 Chrome Steering Column

Very good driver condition, some minor surface rust. Easily replated. Call Paul 201-652-7027



Automobile Trivia

6/4/1896 Henry Ford made a successful run of his horseless carriage - he called it a Quadricycle

6/30/1953 Production Corvettes began rolling off the assembly line



A very small section of the rifle collection

Space farms - Animals, Live and Stuffed

