



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

August 2016

2016 Meeting Schedule

Aug. 14	Picnic
Sept. 25	Henry & Judy Semmler
October 9	Jan & Joe Saville
Oct. 16	Fall Cruise
Nov.	Steve Handy
December	Christmas Party

There is no formal August meeting. A informal meeting will be held at the picnic.

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



First before I go into anything, I want to wish my/our good friend Alec Johnstone a very speedy recovery. He has been very active and important member of our club for almost 14 years. We miss him and want him back to his old self soon. Please let him know that by a visiting or sending a card. He is in the Atrium in Wayne (Alps Road) .

Our summer is at midpoint and we are looking forward to our annual club picnic at Schooley's Mountain. Shows are in full swing and the cruise nights are full. Try to get out to some of the car events.

Bill Downing, Al Cirinelli, Joanne and I went to Pittsburgh 7/16 to 7/18 for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and were hosted by the Pittbirds club. We had a great time. Bill presented a booklet that he and Martha put together documenting the "Terrible Towel Travels in which most of us club members are pictured in. It was more then well received, bringing tears to one of the events chairperson. Please check the web site to see the booklet and pictures from the trip.

Lots of action happening with the convention. Most chair positions are filled, so please help if you can. We should have T Shirts ready by time this newsletter goes out. A convention bank account should also be completed by then. Much more will be talked about at the July meeting.

Members are mostly ready for the San Diego Convention. Bravo to the members driving there. Rich Martin, Bill & Donna Jessie, Walter Strohmaier, and John Bolger. Be safe, we will meet you there.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer

Pat Le Strange





A few Words From Alec

Alec is in rehab. I visited him on 8/2 with John Pyrros and he looked good, is alert and complaining. He is getting up and about a little with a walker.

Go Alec

editor

July Meeting

This meeting was hosted by Joe & Arlene Kubat. It was a rainy day that kept the Birds in the garage. There was good food and pleasant company. It was

Bill Downing's birthday and he got a candle and cake (ice cream which Joe scoffed up). Afterwards there was a meeting of the convention planning board to go over the various options for activities.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

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

Pat displayed the convention Tshirts.

A volunteer sign up sheet for the convention was passed around.

We had two guests, Rick Oleski and John Colella - both have 55 Birds.

Bill Downing reported on the picnic and the cookie tasting contest trivia contest.

Phil updated us on the Fall Cruise. Ending spot is Warwick, NY, Landmark Inn.

Pat reported that email addresses have been added to the web site for the convention. He also showed the T shirts that will be available for the convention and for those going to San Diego.

Arlene spoke about the need for volunteers for the convention.

The website has been updated for the trip to Pittsburgh and the Terrible Towel story with its NJORTC travels.

Lois mentioned that we need a committee head to handle the raffles, tricky tray and 50/50.

Lois won the 50/50. Next meeting is the picnic on 8/14.

V-J Day August 14th



Vice President's Message

As of now Bill and Shelly Belli are living in Florida for now. It is easier to get to Bob's doctors. Bob we all hope your getting stronger everyday. Alec Johnstone was in the hospital for a while, had us a little scared, but doing better and has now been moved to rehabilitation till he is stronger. You can call him on his cell phone or you can go visit him. He will be happy to hear from you.

Good luck to Don Dubres , who is starting the rebuilding of his home which was destroyed in a fire. Hope it goes fast and your back in your home soon.

We had a good meeting. We introduced two new men to our club today, Joe Coella and his friend Rick Oleski. They both live in North Haldon and live next door to one another. They both own 1955 TBirds and the cars are being worked on.

Pat, Joanne, Bill Downing and Al Cirinelli traveled to Pittsburgh to their annual car show. Last year we were given the Terrible Towel (if you want to read all about the Terrible Towel go to our website). Bill and Martha put together an article on the Towel plus pictures of all the places the towel went. Bill presented this booklet to the Pittsburgh Club, they were so thrilled with the booklet and all the places the towel had visited through the year. Thank you Bill and Martha.

August 14th is our club picnic. If you have not told Bill Downing that are coming to the picnic, please let him know ASAP. How many coming and how many children you will be bringing. This year we are having a cookie tasting contest. If you plan to enter , please let Bill know. If one of you guys are brave enough to enter the contest, you can make some cookies. Please come to the picnic, Bill and Martha work hard to make sure we all have a good time.

September 14th is CTCI International convention. We have four TBirds traveling to San Diego. Rich Martin, passenger Paul Schroll, Bill and Donna Jesse, John Bolger and Walter Strohmaier. If interested in going with them contact Rich Martin for details.

October 16th Phil and Dorothy Guidone are planning our annual fall cruise. This year we will be traveling to Warwick, NY. Sounds like a great trip. (continued on Page 6)

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Toni Sabino 15th
 Rich & Lois Martin 6th
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
 Henry & Judy Semmler 11th
 Jane & Ray Braun 22nd



Sheryl Adamoff 1st
 Al Cirinelli 13th
 Joanne Notar 15th
 Wendy Meehan 18th
 Shelly Belli 18th
 Joe Kubat 22nd
 Bob Belli 27th
 John Bolger 31st

Get Well Soon!

Bob Belli
 Alec Johnstone

FOR SALE

Cars for Sale

1952 MGTD, Red, beige interior and top nice driver \$25,000/OBO

1990 Camero, 95K. Orig. owner, white, tan interior. VG condition

Vince Ucci 973-980-4312

Parts for Sale

Classic Auto Air Custom Fit unit for a 57 T-Bird Asking \$600.

4-15 in T-Bird Rims sand blasted and powder coated colonial white with four tires (205-65-15) with 1,000 miles \$650.

Electric Cruise Control by Global Cruise \$225
 Call Bill, 201-280-0673

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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

Our Convention

We have received approval from CTCL for our convention which will be held on August 2 - 6, 2017. The hotel is the Hanover Marriot located in Parsippany on Rte 10. See logo on page 7.

Volunteers are needed, even if just for a few hours, for a day or for the entire time. Contact Pat, Joanne or any chair person.

Email addresses have been set up on the web site for registration and information.

All TBird Show

The All TBird Show, put on by the New Jersey Thunderbird Club, was a very nice show. The early Birds made up about a third of the show, which were mostly NJORTC members.

Between the early and retro Birds, it was over half of the total entrants. The weather was nice, but we did get a small shower. Many of our members took awards.



August

There are no holidays in August but here are some days to think about:

National Marshmallow Toasting Day 30th

National Watermelon Day 3rd

National S'mores Day 10th

Events

August Meeting

There will only be a short meeting in conjunction with the picnic (see below)

September Meeting

The September meeting, hosted by Henry and Judy Semmler will be held on 9/25. Details will follow.

Club Picnic

The picnic is August 14th. Bill Downing is the guy in charge (besides Martha). At the last meeting he sent around a sign up sheet for food to bring. The club is supplying dogs, burgers, etc. Contact Bill for your contribution. He is soliciting ideas for things to do. He is having a cookie baking contest so get those old recipes out of the recipe drawer/box. Also let Bill know that you are coming and if you are bringing any small children so he can provide games for them. Make sure you save the date, rain or shine. The picnic has always been the best fun time the club puts on-be there. If any one needs directions to Schooley's MTN, I have them.

Fall Cruise

It's not too early to think about this. Phil and Dorothy are setting things up for October 16th at the Landmark Inn in Warwick, NY so mark your calendars and save the date. This is always a great event. Additional details will follow in later newsletters.

San Diego Convention

Four cars are going out - Rich, Walter, Donna and Bill Jessie and John Bolger. They can use more company so get that TBird tuned up and travel with them. The scenery is super.

Rooms are all set. Just put some underwear in your bag and go. A couple more cars and we might get the Ford Johnson Award again.



Guess who? Maiden voyage

Car Shows-Swap Meets

8/12 Wycoff 301 Sicomac Ave Christian Health Care 6 - 9 PM Must call Darcey 201-848-5796 ASAP
8/12-14 West Milford Car & Air Show Greenwood Lake Airport
8/14 Hawthorne 344 Wagaraw Rd. MGM Auto Body Sup.
8/14 Boonton Main St. 2-6 PM
8/20 Hackettstown 210 Mountain Rd. Wendy's/Lowes Shopping Center
8/21 Hawthorne Grand Ave (behind Lafayette Ave)
8/25 Fort Lee Palisade Trolley Junction (south end of Abbot Blvd-Sharon Plaza) 6-9 PM
8/28 Paramus 200 Rte 17 NO. Paramus Elks
8/28 Englishtown Raceway Park Show & Racing
9/1-9/4 Parsippany Lead East
9/1-9/4 Mahwah Dead Man's Curve Show
9/9 Ridgewood Ridgewood Ave - Wilsey Sq. 5-9 PM
9/18 Clifton Schumacher Chev. 999 Rte 456 E
9/18 Lyndhurst- Whiskey Cafe 1050 Wall St.
9/18 Clifton Allwood Atrium 6 Brighton Rd.

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>

www.njortc.org

More TBird Show



The red one was Frank Chabala's 55

San Diego Convention

The hotel is now full, but there is a overflow hotel. The date is Sept. 13-18. See ctci.org for forms and contact information

Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne- Informal get together at Goffle Grille, Goffle Road

Saddle Brook- Advanced Auto, Market Street
Wayne- Tilted Kilt 334 Rte 46 1st and 3rd Mon.

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Saddle Brook- Bennigan's N. Midland Ave

Wayne - Wendy's , 1560 Rte 23 N

Wednesday

Wycoff- Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church Cedar Hill Ave

Clifton- Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46 West

Dover- Wendy's, Rte 46

Carlstadt- Prime Time, 645 Washington Ave

Thursday

Wayne- Kohl's, 1800 Rte 23 N

Friday

Midland Park- Wendy's , Godwin Ave.

Boonton- Wooten St Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr.

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



Tech Support

A user called the Canon help desk with a problem with the printer

Tech: Are you running it under windows?

User: No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the next cubicle is under a window, and his printer is working fine.

Shop Wanted

Don Dobres is looking for a shop to work on his Tbird. If anyone has a recommendation, please contact him.

July Meeting



Vice President Message(Cont'd)

Pat showed us the NJORTC 2017 convention shirts that we will be wearing to San Diego to promote our convention. Shirts are awesome. Our convention committees are picked and we are moving forward. We will be having a convention meeting after the picnic. All members are invited to attend these meetings.

See you guys at the picnic, Arlene

Parts For Sale

New & used parts for 55 & 56. Some 6 volt items.
Paul Adamhoff, cell 201-286-4781

TRIVIA

How hot is lightning?

Henry got last month's, Bugatti

All TBird Show



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Bill Jessie took his 56 Merc to "Loooville" for a Mercury get-together. While there, he visited Ken and Linda Herb and send back this picture. They sure look like retirement agrees with them.



River Edge Car Show

A few of the members went to this show, which always has a good turnout. This year was the same, with over 200 cars of all makes and models. The day ended with a brief shower, but didn't spoil the day. And it was hot, as is most of the days lately. A few pics of the cars I liked.



Marlin - AMC - Remember these?



Nice Merc - all stock



Jeepster



Two big Birds



Super nice 57 Convertible



Paul S, Paul A & Henry-examples of all three classic Bird years

