



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## June 2022

### 2022 Meeting Schedule

June 12	Donna Jessie
July 24	Al Cirinelli
August 14	Picnic
September	Joe Matrone
October	Phil Guidone
November	Bob Heissler
December	Christmas Party

The next meeting is June 12th.  
Hosts are Donna & Bill Jessie. RSVP  
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vanzoncorp@aol.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.

# JUNE



### President's Message



The weather is getting better. We had a well attended meeting & tune up clinic at the Meehan's home on May 15th. The Corbett's hosted the meeting there after the clinic. The meeting was very productive and covered many items. One of which was to start to use some of our club money on the members. First was to reimburse each member and spouse \$25 to offset the price of the dinner at the spring cruise which was held at the Walpack Inn. The spring cruise attracted about 25 Members. Thank you Sue Gayet for hosting the cruise.

We are looking forward to a lot of summer events. Thanking in advance everyone who will be attending the car show fund raiser at the Ridgedfield Park Elks lodge on June 11, in honor of my brother Mike LeStrange, who lost his battle with cancer last June. Proceeds will go to the MLF Foundation to support Cancer research and Hospice care.

Stay safe and Healthy  
**Pat LeStrange**





### Vice President's Message



We have had some crazy weather. Some spring like, some summer like and plenty of rain. Flowers outside are blooming beautifully. Unfortunately, the Boonton car cruise (Starlight Cruisers, who run the cruise night) have been rained out the last four Friday nights. Eventually we will have a nice Friday night and we can get our baby birds out for a nice ride to a nice cruise night.

Walter is going back to hospital for reconstruction surgery then back to his daughters for recuperation and hopefully home. Prayers are with you Walter for a speedy recovery and all goes well. Miss you Walter. Bob Heissler and Judy are not feeling good. Hope you two start feeling better, we miss you guys. Please everyone stay healthy.

Thank you Carrie and Mike for hosting the tuneup clinic and for opening up your house to the Corbetts for the meeting. We only had one car to work on, but it was fun. Thank you Aileen and Bruce for hosting the meeting. The food was very good.

Congratulations to Matthew Martin (Grandson of Rich and Lois Martin) on graduating from Steven's Institute of Technology, Al and Lorraine Cirinelli's granddaughter graduating from High School, Katelyn Kubat (Granddaughter of Arlene and Joe Kubat) graduating High School, Michael Schroll (grandson of Paul and Pauline Schroll) graduating from Middle School

On June 5th Vince Ucci and Sandra will be getting married. We want to wish you a beautiful day and many years of wedded bliss. Congratulations to a great couple.

On May 22nd Suzanne Gayet chaired our annual Spring cruise. This year it was to the Walpack Inn, in Walpack, NJ. We had a nice drive, unfortunately only three Tbirds showed up because of rain threat. Turned out weather was just fine. As always great people, good food and good drive. Thank you Sue for chairing.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Donna and Bill Jesse on June 12th at Anthony Franco's in Wayne at 1 PM. Hope everyone had a good and safe Memorial Day. When I

was growing up, my dad would not allow us to go shopping, movies, etc. to honor all our fallen veterans. We were able to have a BBQ!

Happy Fathers Day to all.

Arlene

### May Meeting/Tune Up Clinic

There was a very good turnout for this meeting. However, it seems that all our Thunderbirds were in very good shape as only one member opted for work on his car. In addition, the weather forecast was not the greatest (but actually turned out pretty good) so many attended in their regular cars.

Donuts, coffee and bagels greeted the early birders (pun intended). Our hosts showed off their new equine additions. For the lunch/meeting session Bruce and Aileen had plenty of good food, including a delicious NJORTC cake.. Many thanks to all our hosts, Aileen, Bruce, Carrie and Mike.

### Highlights of the business meeting

The reading of the minutes and Treasurer's report were accepted.

Pat stated that Walter was still recuperating at his daughters home.

Sue reported that the cruise to the Walpack Inn in Walpack Center NJ is set up and went over the arrangements. She also said she was looking to do the fall cruise to Black Bass Inn in Lumberville, PA.

Pat said the roster update is complete and may be obtained from the website.

After some discussion, members voted to partially subsidize the Spring cruise in the amount of 25.00 per person

Some discussion was held on the CTCI convention in Texas and other matters relating to CTCI.

Grille plaques were discussed. Any members who wish to get a plaque should contact Pat. We are trying to see who is interested in getting one.

Various car shows were noted by members.

Lorraine won the 50/50 (Again!!!)

Next meeting - June 12

### **BARRELS OF OIL**

When the first oil wells were drilled, the oil was first stored in water barrels. That is why, to his day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Mark & Joyce Santimauro 7th  
 Ron & Merry Case 19th  
 Jere & Linda Klein 22nd  
 Joe & Lorrie Matrone 22nd  
 Marco & Danya Totaro 24th



Arlen Kubat 1st  
 Valerie Kriney 20th  
 Drew Fotta 25th

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Walter Strohmaier

May Meeting



**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**

**June 6 1944  
 Never Forget**

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## Club Announcements

### June Meeting

The June meeting will be on **June 12**. Donna and Bill are the hosts. It will be held at Anthony Franco's Ristorante, 1176 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne NJ. Time is **1 PM** (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Be sure to RSVP Donna or Bill, including regrets.

### July Meeting

The July meeting is July 24. The hosts are Al & Lorraine. Details to follow

### Tune up/May Meeting



HAPPY ★★★★★  
*Father's*  
DAY

# FOR SALE

### 1957 Bird For Sale

FOR SALE: 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Gunmetal Gray with rare '57 non-porthole hardtop. No soft-top but has upholstery-matching tonneau. Power steering, power brakes, rebuilt 312 engine and automatic transmission. New brakes, Diamondback wide-white radials, and carpet. Like new red interior and beautifully done new paint job. Garage kept and maintained in excellent condition. Awards winner. A quality ride with "WOW!" appeal. \$45,000. Contact Van at 253-752-9679 or vvictor@netzero.net. (Tacoma WA)

Note: I have pics of the car if interested-Editor

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Mustang \$300.00 each

Call Paul A 201-286-4781



**Congratulations to Mike Meehan and Gene Szura for their recent "Best In Show" wins with their Tbirds. The pics were circulated earlier with their mega-height trophies**



## Car Shows

6/3-5 Carlisle PA-All Ford Nationals  
6/4 West Orange-Charles St & Ashland Ave  
(161 Main St)  
6/5 Waldwick-4 Hewson Ave-Waldwick Train  
Sta.  
6/5 Fair Lawn 2-46 Ave. of Heros  
6/5 Hackensack 184 Berdan Pl. St. Paul's lodge  
6/11 Ridgefield Park-Spruce & Cedar Sts  
Ridgefield Park Elks  
6/12 Paterson 61-27 Preakness Ave **11 AM**  
6/12 Demarest-162 Knickerbocker Rd  
6/12 Basking Ridge-101 So. Finley Ave  
6/18 Emerson-600 Kinderkamack Rd Stop &  
Shop  
6/19 Succasunna-72 Eyland Ave Horseshoe lake  
6/25 Netcong-Rte 46 & Main St NJ Transit STA  
6/26 Wayne-475 Vallet Rd. Wayne Municiple  
Parking lot  
7/3 Paramus-165 Rte 4 West Kohl's  
7/10 Oradel-55 Ryle St-River Dell High School  
(River Edge Show)

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

### Tuesday

Wayne-1560 Rte 23 North-Wendy's

### Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.  
Church

### Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 23 North - Kohl's  
Fairlawn-13-38 River Rd Empress Diner  
Hackettstown-219 Mountain Ave-Lowes

### Friday

Boonton-Wal-Mart Shopping Center

### Saturday

### Sunday

**Please let me know about any other Cruises**

### Keep Healthy & Safe - Use Your Mask

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the new BA-2 variant which is highly transmissible. Cases are rising again. And if you're one of those people who think covid and vaccines are a hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect others when you come down with Covid. Over 97 percent of new cases (and deaths) are unvaccinated people.



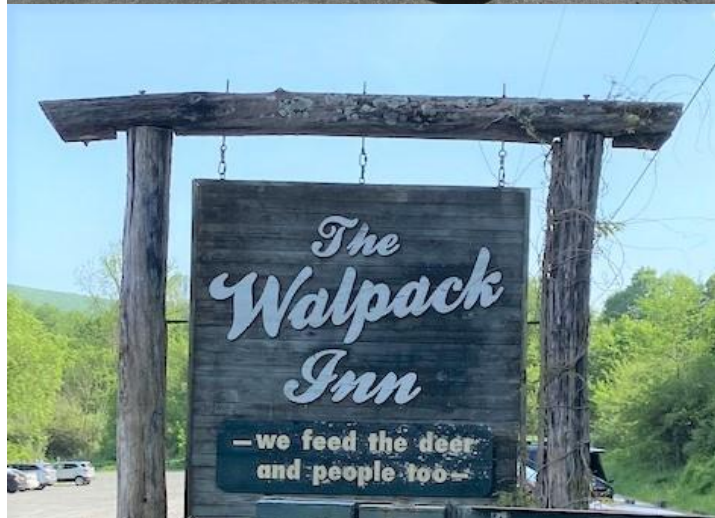
Our Hosts - the top two pictures





## Spring Cruise

Because of problems relating to the first intended cruise, Sue had to make a very quick change and it turned out to be very nice. After meeting at Lafayette we took a nice trip through the back woods of NJ to the Walpack Inn. There we dined on some excellent food accompanied by great service making the whole outing a great adventure. Again, the weather was not that great, very hot and with showers in the forecast. Three of the members took the dare and drove their TBirds. They must all have good luck following them as the rain held off. I think we all had a good time and many thanks go to Sue for setting up the cruise.







This ran in a local Waldwick NY newspaper some time back

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Warwick Advertiser

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## Warwick Valley High School teacher and artist Rocco Manno seeks photos for new book

**WARWICK.** Book to feature photos taken of huge mural of well-known Hollywood actors with the people who stopped and posed in front of it.

Anyone who has driven from Warwick to Sugar Loaf on Kings Highway has seen the huge mural of a group of well-known Hollywood actors on the side of a barn.

The building, now a local landmark, is on the Manno family farm and the artist is Rocco Manno, who teaches art at Warwick Valley High School.

### First came Elvis and James Dean

"Over the years hundreds of people have stopped to take a picture of something I did just because I thought it would be fun," said Manno. "I would love to now document in book form as many of these photos as possible and possibly the story to go with it if there is one."

Manno, who first painted Elvis Presley and James Dean on the barn in 1996, is looking to obtain a copy of a photograph from anyone who had ever taken a picture of the mural, posed in front of it alone or with family and friends, taken one with their car or motorcycle or anything else.

### 'Cool cars, models, friends and wedding parties'

The first version of Dean and Elvis was repainted white and a second version of Elvis, James Dean and Marlon Brando was painted in 2006. The most recent third version added Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen and Paul Newman in 2016.

"The number of people that have stopped is really amazing and that's just the ones I know about," said Manno. "From cool cars, models, friends and wedding parties and then of course just the image taken of the mural itself from each per-



Cool cars on display by Rocco Manno' mural of well-known Hollywood actors on Kings Highway between Sugar Loaf and Warwick.

son's own perspective is great. Never would I have thought when I painted some of my favorites on the barn that it would have generated such a buzz. I appreciate everyone who has ever looked at it and enjoyed a glimpse as you passed."

### Essential

Send images to: [Elvisbarnwarwick@gmail.com](mailto:Elvisbarnwarwick@gmail.com).

- Roger Gavan



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**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

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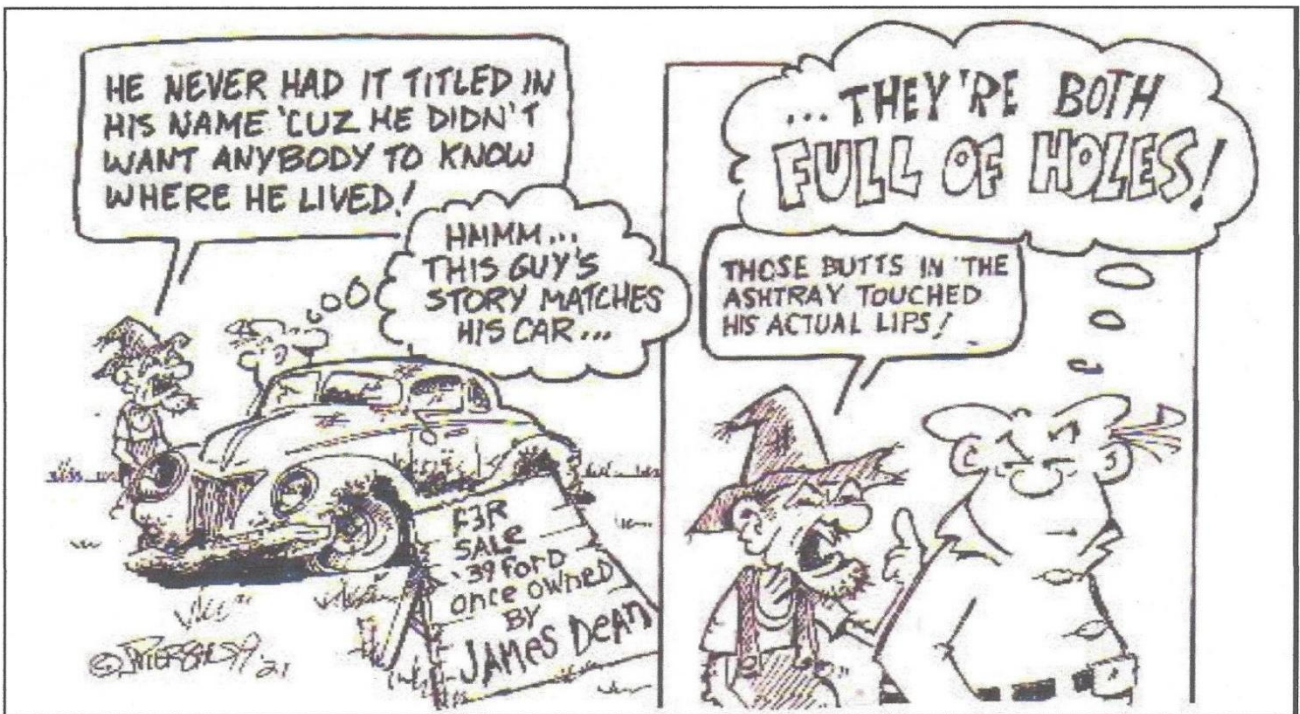
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as well as hospice.





Looks like the battle of the trophies

## OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



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