## NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Sunday March 20, 2016

Meeting called to order by Pat LeStrange at 2:20 pm. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alec Johnstone. Pat thanked Paul & Pauline Schroll for hosting the meeting at DeLizia's. Minutes read by Sandy Pyrros.

Treasurer's report read by Carol Ehm, balance is \$7,589.84.

Since Arlene was not at the meeting, mention of the birthdays and anniversaries omitted.

**Correspondence:** Lois Martin-she received info, poster & discount tickets from Javitts Center re: the car show. The San Diego club sent a Thank You to our club for our \$500 donation to their convention in Sept. They mentioned that they would reciprocate if our club has a convention in 2017. Flyer was rec'd for the Dover Memorial Day Parade & asked if we wanted to march or drive vehicles. Flyer rec'd from Magarino Ford Spring Roundup Ford show on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunshine:** Lucille reported that get-well cards were sent to Bob Notar/knee replacement and Lorraine Cirinelli/wrist surgery.

CTCI- Pat & >Joanne (Region 1 Director) and Lois & >Rich (Director at Large) traveled to the CTCI meeting in CA in February.

Paul Schroll mentioned that Vince Ucci will write an article on his car for the newsletter and if other members had information, please let him know.

Joanne said that "Go Daddy" page is changing their format & Pat has spent many hours reformatting our club info. Facebook site still the same.

Sandy Pyrros spoke about the club lunch at Harold's Deli in Edison. 24 people attended and everyone had plenty to eat and lots to take home.

Joanne asked members to please reserve and buy tickets for our club fund-raiser "50/60's Dance". Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes, chicken, Cesar salad and lots more to be served along with a great DJ for dancing the oldies. Please send checks to Joanne. Last year the club made \$1,800.

Also, Joanne mentioned that on May 15th we would have a Boat trip/Buffet Brunch trip on Lake Hopatcong on the Miss Lotta, a 57ft. Skipper boat that holds 40 people. Further information will follow.

Joe Kubat is in charge of a bus trip to Barrett-Jackson Auction at Mohegan Sun Casino on Saturday June 25th. Fare will be approx. \$40. Barrett-Jackson show ticket price is \$45. More info to follow. Bus holds 50 passengers. Meet @1000 Wall St., Lyndhurst.

Lois Martin said that the Tune-up clinic would possibly be June 26<sup>th</sup> but all depends on when the Corbett's will have their club meeting.

Pat gave information on the plans being made for a possible convention in 2017. He

has a contract from the Meadowlands Hilton and he's getting a committee together to meet and talk about the contract with the Hotel. Mike Meehan was called and he gave input re: the contract from past conventions. A lot of work needs to be done regarding the figures and amounts in the contract. Also, members can look at other hotels since everyone is not convinced that this hotel will fill the convention's needs. A few Slogans were submitted for consideration. Suggestions on trips during the convention: Circle Line Boat Trip in NYC. Cruise to Blvd. East & parking for photos overlooking NYC, drive to the Meadowland Race Track & displaying the cars and perhaps have a race named for the T-Birds.

Pat was contacted by Jerry Longstreet and invited our members to the Pittsburg T-Bird weekend on July 16-17 weekend. It's only a 5-hour drive.

Lois spoke about the "Car theme boat cruise" that she & other members & other car enthusiasts took in February. It was great fun and Charlie Ehm won "Best in Show" at the virtual car show. Next year there is a 9-day cruise.

Next meeting will be hosted by Toni & Bob Sabino on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Mancusos in Denville at 2 PM.

50/50 won by Bob Heisler for \$50. Badge fines collected. Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm

Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros