



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## September 2016

### 2016 Meeting Schedule

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

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



September is just about here. Time to start thinking about Fall activities, but before that, I want to thank Bill & Martha Downing and Arlene Kubat for another amazing club picnic. Although it was hot, there was a nice breeze blowing under the Pavilion. There was rain on the way home but it did not show up at the picnic. Former club members Dennis and Gail Chirico stopped by to see old friends. It was good to see them.

Good news that Alec is home now. He is still taking it slow and will recover soon. We all miss you .

Convention plans are going very well.. All chair people are in place and will be asking for your help and input soon. Please help when and where you can. Our bank account is set up and we have received out start up money from CTCL. Paul Schroll is the Convention Treasurer and I am co-signer on the account.

Labor day will be here before you know it. A lot of members will be going to one of the big events. Lead East "50's" 5 day party Aug 31 to Sept 4 in Parsippany or the Deadman's Curve " Wild Hot Rod Weekend" in Mahwah Sept 1 to 4. Which ever you choose go for 1 day or the whole thing have a safe and happy time.

Then comes the San Diego Convention. A few members will be driving Rich M. ,Bill & Donna J., Walter S. & John B. and Paul S. riding shotgun with Rich. Several others including myself will be going by plane. Safe trip to all.

Soon after that Phil and Dorothy Guidone have arranged a great Fall Colors cruise, so don't put those T Birds away yet.

Pat Le Strange



### A few Words From Alec

First off, I would like to thank all of my friends and fellow club members for all of their cards and get well wishes during my recent illness. 2 1/2 weeks in critical care unit and 3 weeks in acute care in rehab. I have a period of recovery to get back to where I was before this incident.

Again, I want to thank everyone for the many good wishes. I'm looking forward to see everyone at future club meetings

Because of his health issues, Alec has resigned as co-editor. Alec has worked on the newsletter when Pat was doing it and has helped me a lot, especially when I first started doing it. I wish Alec good health and a long life, and say Thank You.

### August Meeting Meeting

There was a brief meeting at the picnic site. A motion was made to dispense with any business which was seconded and passed. The meeting was then closed.

### The Picnic



### Vice President's Message

It has been very hot, finally this week it's a lot better, at least for a few days anyway. Within the last two weeks cruise nights have been cancelled due to heat. Try to get the little birds out this week and enjoy.

I have not heard on how Bob Belli is doing, all I know is back in Pennsylvania. Alec is home from rehab. He is doing better, but has a long road ahead of him. Alec get better soon, we all miss you.

Our yearly family picnic was once again a fun day. I know Bill put an article in this newsletter about the picnic, so if you were unable to attend you can read about it. It was very hot, but thanks to Pat and Joanne they brought fans and we stayed under the pavilions, so it was very comfortable. I want to say thank you to Bill and Martha for such an incredible day. Also thank you ladies who made salads, etc. everything was delicious. Thank you to our chefs, Joe Seville, Phil Guidone and Ron Case. You guys did great. Of course a thank you to our very own DJ, Pat.

I cannot believe that the San Diego International Convention is upon us. Some of our members will be driving to California, Rich Martin and Paul Schroll will be driving together in Rich's car, Walter and Marianne, Donna and Bill Jesse and John Bolger. Have a safe trip and the rest of us will meet you there. I believe there is about 14 members attending. I am sure we will have a great time.

Fall will be here before you know it. Phil and Dorothy have planned another great cruise for us on October 16th.

Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer will be in October and November will be election of officers.

Before you know it, it will be time for our Christmas party, December 3rd.

We are moving right along with the Regional Convention we are hosting in July, 2017. I am Chairperson for volunteers. If you have not already signed up to volunteer your time, please email and let me know if you want to volunteer and what days and times would be best for you. All committees will need volunteers. Thank you.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day. See you soon  
Arlene



# Membership News

**Happy Anniversary**

Bill & Martha Downing 9th  
John & Sandra Pyrros 16th



Paul LoPiccolo 10th  
Mike Meehan 11th  
Ron Case 17th  
Walter Strohmaier 29th

**GET WELL SON!**

Bob Belli  
Alec Johnstone

**FOR SALE**

## Cars for Sale

1990 Camero, 95K. Orig. owner, white, tan interior. VG condition  
Vince Ucci 973-980-4312

## Parts for Sale

Pertronix Igniter and Pertronix Flame Thrower coil. For 57 and up Ford Distributor. Used Asking \$60.00. Bill, 973-256-1212



Egg Toss Winners

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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)**

**Thanks to Martha, Joanne and Linda for the pictures**

## The 2017 Convention

Pre-Registrations are officially open. The Pre-Registration form is posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page).

### Picnic

While threats of rain limited the number of Birds at the club's annual picnic to seven, members still turned out in full force with a total of 64 members and guests in attendance, including former members Dennis and Gail Chirico. Although it didn't rain it was hot and humid, a mild breeze and the portable fans Pat and Joanne brought helped make the pavilion comfortable.

As usual there was plenty of food and plenty of help. Arlene did a great job arranging for salads and shopping for the club-supplied items. Special thanks to Ron Case, Joe Saville, John Pyrros and Phil Guidone who despite the heat took care of all of the cooking.

There were a number of contests this year starting with a car trivia contest for the men and a candy trivia contest for the ladies. Henry Semmler had the most correct answers for the men's trivia and Linda Antenucci had the most correct answers for the ladies trivia. Thanks to Paul Adamoff for supplying prizes.

The events continued with a baking contest, this year featuring cookies. Linda Antenucci was the big winner with her coconut-cherry cookies with almonds, Judy Semmler's Thumb Print Cookies came in second.

Steve Handy and Walter Strohmaier outlasted eight other teams in the egg toss contest.

The men redeemed themselves in the 50's/60's trivia contest besting the ladies 22 to 14 after getting shellacked 34 to 40 last time out.

All in all a great day, with great food and great friends!

Bill Downing



## Events

### September Meeting

The September meeting, hosted by Henry and Judy Semmler will be held on 9/25. Location is The Hearth, 1116 Rte 46 West, Clifton. Time is 2 PM Details will follow. Be sure to RSVP, including regrets.

### 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.

### Elections

The terms for Vice President and Treasurer are up this year. If you have any nominations for either or both positions they need to be made by the Oct. meeting.



Filling out the quiz



9/22 is the Autumnal Equinox  
Beginning of Fall

### Stuff you didn't know you didn't know

The first novel written on a typewriter - Tom Sawyer



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

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  
9/11 Clifton-Schumacher Chev 999 Rte 46 East  
9/11 Great Meadows-Island Dragway Ol Daze Drags & Show  
9/18 Oakland-Copper Tree Plaza 3-8PM  
9/18 Lyndhurst- Whiskey Cafe 1050 Wall St.  
9/18 Clifton-Allwood Atrium 6 Brighton Rd.  
9/18 Sussex-Magarino Ford 375 Rte 23 NO.  
9/25 Wayne-Willowbrook Mall, Rte 46  
9/25 W. Caldwell-Konner Chev 950 Bloomfield Ave.  
9/25 Lodi-Home Depot 99Rte 17 No.  
9/25 Haverstraw NY-Bowline Point Park  
9/28-10/2 Carlisle PA-Fall Carlisle  
10/1 Lincoln Park 1st Reformed Church 60 Chapel Hill  
Road Carol and Charlie Ehm Show  
10/1 Closter St Mary's Church 20 Legion Place  
10/2 Lyndhurst-Whiskey Cafe 1050 Wall Street  
10/2 Paramus-Paramus Elks 200 Rte 17 No.  
10/9 Pompton Lakes.Wanaque Ave

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



## San Diego Convention

The caravan is leaving Sept 5th. See you all there

## 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



The cooks hard at work





Egg Toss time



### TRIVIA

The San Francisco cable cars carry a particular distinction - what is that?  
Henry got last month's, 54,000 degrees





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**to NJ 2017**

**August 2 - 6, 2017**



**Youngest attendee**



