



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

August 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule

August 16	Picnic
September 13	Steve Handy
October 11	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

No August Meeting
Picnic August 16

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



We are going through the weirdest year I ever seen.. Please take care, but don't give up. Enjoy and appreciate what you have and don't worry or think about what you don't have.

I was very happy to hear that our 1st meeting since January went great. Tom and Sue went all out. Joanne and I was sorry we were not there but I knew Arlene would do a good job. As it turned out Joanne's daughter's bosses' tests came back negative, so we are out of quarantine

Looking forward to our picnic. There will be a lot of changes for safety reasons. Don't forget it will be social distancing and masks. Sorry no hugging, kissing or shaking hands.

CTCI is contacting members to take my Director's position. They have replaced John Sailors position of Director at large with Ed Bensen from California. Attache International, the company that runs the day to day CTCI business and edits the Early Bird has a new owner. The former owner Jim Spawn has had his brain cancer return and is under hospice care. Please say a prayer for him. Other than that not much new happening at CTCI

Please stay safe

Pat LeStrange



July Meeting

The hosts for this meeting, our first since February, were Tom & Sue Mirro. It was a nice bright sunny but hot day and we had a good attendance. Tom & Sue put in a very good spread. Good to see the members again.

Thanks to Sue and Tom.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The treasurers report was made and accepted.

Sue Gayet had samples of masks with the club logo. Members selected a design, the most popular will be chosen.

Most of the meeting was centered on the picnic. Bill mentioned the following. We are constrained by the state mandates for a gathering. At the present time, 50 people max are allowed at our picnic location. After much discussion, and in light of the virus, it was decided on the following:

Members and immediate family only

Club to provide dogs and burgers, water, soda, desserts and paper goods.

Members are to bring their own salads or other foods they wish to eat.

Masks, social distancing, sanitizers, etc required.

Club Announcements

Club Picnic

This is a go. We are subject to state rules so somethings are somewhat up in the air.

August 16 is the date. See above for the picnic.

August Meeting

No meeting as we have the picnic - short business meeting at the picnic.

September Meeting

This meeting is scheduled for **Sept. 13th**. Host is Steve Handy. Additional info next month

October Meeting

This has been scheduled for **Oct 11th**. Rich Iuso is the host. Additional info next month

Driving Tip (from Mr A)

Even though it's Summer, if it's raining hard, **Do Not** use your Cruise Control, can cause Hydroplaning!!



Vice President's Message



Hi everyone, hope all is staying safe and healthy. It has been very hot and humid out, but much better then snow. Get your Tbirds out on the open road and just enjoy the ride.

We were able to have our first meeting in five months. The meeting was hosted by Sue and Tom Mirro. Thank you Sue and Tom. They have a beautiful home and on 14 acres of property with a big pond filled with fish. Sue had plenty of food and very Covid safe.

Joanne is doing good. Don Dobres is doing good and just came home from Florida. I am sure he is glad he is finally home.

Suzanne Gayet is working on thunderbird face masks. If you want one please let her know as soon as possible. They are real nice.

We are going to have our picnic on August 16th. Schooley's Mountain. This year we are doing things a little different. As of now the Park is allowing 50 people to attend. We are only having Tbird members this year, no guests. So please if you intend to come sign up now before it's too late. First come first serve.

The Club will supply bagels, crumb cake, donuts and coffee for members that come early to set up. As usual we will have paper products, etc. we will also supply hamburgers, hot dogs and turkey dogs, plus condiments, soda and water and sanitizers. Diane Szura is going to Costco for cookies, etc. for desert. If you want salads you bring your own.

We will only be playing Bills trivia game. We will not be having a baking contest this year. Pat and Joanne are going to move tables throughout the pavilions. Seating for four at each table. You can also sit on your own chair to eat. Our chairs will be placed six feet apart. We will do our best to keep it Covid safe.

We do not know at this time when or if we will have our next meeting. As of now, unless indoor dining opens up our Christmas party is on hold.

Hope to see you at the picnic. Any questions call Bill Downing or me.

Stay healthy Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
Bill & Martha Downing 9th
Mel & Carmen Ramos 27th
Jayne & Ray Braun 22nd

Happy Birthday

Sheryl Adamoff 1st
Al Cirinelli 13th
Joan Notar 15th
Shelly Belli 18th
Joe Kubat 22nd

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Only in this Stupid World

**...do people order a double cheesburger, large
fries and a diet coke**

**... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and
buns in packages of eight**

**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**

FOR SALE

Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K
\$13,000

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,000.

Deck lid lock cylinder with keys

Pad - deck lid lock cylinder 55/56

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Bird white tonneau cover B/O

Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

Parts for Sale

4 orig. wire wheel covers for a 56. Includes clips, outer rings, and center covers. Call Paul
201-289-4781

1957 TBirds

Charles has two 57's for sale. They are project cars

#1-Mostly rust free. Orig. color white with red interior. Power steering, brakes, windows, seats & T & C radio Car runs. California car

#2- Mostly rust free. Original color starmist blue. Restoration started. Outer body has been stripped and any rust has been repaired and is in primer

Further description and pictures available-
contact newspaper editor.

1957 Bird

On ford barn.com there is a 57 for sale. Says body off resto. Montague, NJ 29,999



Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut ???

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.
Church

Thursday

Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd (Lowes)???

Friday

Boonton - Walmart Shopping Center

Midland Park -211 Greenwood Ave Hot Dog
Caboose

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd ??

Clifton - 1116 Rte 46 W. Maple Valley Diner

Car Shows-Swap Meets

These car shows are listed on njcarshows.com
- see listing for contact info to find out if still
going to be held

8/8 Hackettstown-219 Mountain Road

9/3-6 Dead Man's Curve Mahwah

9/3-6 Lead East Parsippany

9/12 Park Ridge 115 Colony Rd

9/13 Clifton-2 Brighton Rd Boy's & Girls Club

Ford History in August

8/29/45 Ford presented the first post WWII
Ford to President Truman

8/24/56 Last production day for 56
Thunderbirds

Other August History

8/13/56 - Groundbreaking for the construction
of the Interstate Highway System I-70, Charles
City, MO.

8/2/1776 Members of the Continental Congress
began signing the Declaration of
Independence

Keep Healthy

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, does not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier.

July Meeting



I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone



More Celebs and TBirds



Annette #3



Travolta #2



Jayne Mansfield



Jerry Lee Lewis



Nick Adams



Rich was hoping you could put a copy of the letter below, which we sent to CTCI, in our next newsletter. We hope that other clubs who get our newsletter will see it. I regret the board will ignore it but at least everyone will know we are questioning them. I also copied in quite a few past and present board members.

Mr. Witt, CTCI President,

This past weekend we were finally able to hold a social distancing New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club meeting. One of the major topics was the lack of a director for region 1.

We discussed the fact that when Cathy's election was void and she was removed as a director, her position was offered to her opponent in their election. However, when she was reinstated that offer was not needed. We believe that by doing so the board had established a protocol/president. Our club is asking the board, why was the region 1 director's position not offered to Al Robinson since he was Pat's opponent in their election? (just a note: Pat was not at this meeting, he and Joanne are in quarantine since her daughter was exposed to covid).

Our club is concerned with our lack of representation.

Please promptly answer our question as to why Al was not offered this position and the board's reasons for not doing so.

Toni Sabino NJORTC's CTCI REP. tonisabino@yahoo.com

Lois Martin Past CTCI REP (I was asked at the meeting to start communications with the board)



Five overlooked maintenance items you really shouldn't ignore - *Continued*

Brakes – Be honest: When was the last time you pulled your wheels (and brake drums, on cars so equipped) to check how much friction material was left on brake pads or shoes? If you're like most of us, it's been a while, perhaps even too long. I try to make this a springtime ritual, complete with a general cleaning of the brake calipers and rotors and greasing of the sliders. Doing so not only gives me a chance to inspect pads and rotors for wear, but also for issues like glazing of the pads. Cleaning the rotors, scuffing the pads and re-bedding the brakes is a good exercise to carry out yearly, as it prevents surprises (and expensive repairs) down the line. Brake fluid is another thing to monitor. Most (excluding silicone-based DOT 5 brake fluid) is hygroscopic, meaning that it absorbs moisture from the air, leading to issues that include corrosion of internal brake system parts, and—under extreme conditions—a lower boiling point, raising the potential of brake failure. For most cars and brake systems, it's good practice to change the brake fluid (following the manufacturer's recommendation for type) every two years.

Cooling system – It's easy enough to check the coolant level in an overflow tank, or within the radiator itself (cold only, please, as those of us who've worked in garages understand the dangers of hot, pressurized coolant), but to err on the side of caution, an annual inspection of the entire cooling system is good preventative medicine. Starting with the coolant, follow the manufacturers recommendation for lifespan, and change coolant (ideally with a system flush) accordingly. Look for anything unusual during a visual inspection, such as oil mixed in the coolant or scale build-up within the radiator. It's far better to diagnose a leaking head gasket in the comfort of one's garage than by the side of the road, awaiting a tow truck (and likely an expensive repair bill). After checking the coolant, inspect the hoses for leaks or cuts, and give them a squeeze – if a radiator hose feels “soft,” it could be a sign of impending failure. Don't neglect the hose clamps, either, and if one appears to be rusty, changing it is a good preventative measure. Next, inspect the radiator itself. Are the cooling fins allowing air to flow through the radiator, or are they bent and crushed from stone and bug impacts? Are there any leaks from internal radiator tubing? Is the radiator cap in good condition, holding pressure as it should? What about the water pump itself (a weeping water pump could indicate a failed gasket, or a worn-out pump) and the thermostat housing?