

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Sunday, March 15, 2015:

3:05 pm

Meeting called to order by Pat Le Strange Pledge Lead by Bruce Corbett.

Pat thanked John and Sandy Pyrros for hosting (acknowledged John's Sister and Daughter as

Guests.

Pat advised the passing of Frank Chabala

Joe Kubat recanted all the things Frank did for the club: ie cooking at our picnics, playing Santa Claus, 23 years of service as our treasurer – a moment of silence was held in remembrance.

Meeting turned over to Arlene Kubat:

Birthdays and Anniversaries were read (correction to include Bruce Dalley was made later on

during the meeting and everyone sang H.B.)

Minutes of last meeting from January 17 were read by Sandy Pyrros and accepted as read.

Treasurer report was given by Carol Ehm

Pat LeStrange asked a question about the Sweetheart amounts which were clarified.

Report was accepted as read (Carol gave a copy of the report to Sandy to enter with these minutes.

Correspondence – Lois Martin – club mailbox is closed, mailing is going to Lois and Rich

Martin's mailbox but nothing received.

Sunshine Report –Arlene Kubat

Arlene recognized Dorothy Dobres, Marianne Denning and Alec Johnstone after illness and

on-going recoveries.

Pat Selby's mother has passed away and a card was mailed.

The club sent a Spray of Flowers to the Funeral Home for Frank Chabala and the club attended in a large number which made Lucille very appreciative.

Membership – Paul Adamoff and Joanne Seller:

Maddins and Todd Sullivan are dropping out at least for the time being and Joanne also removed

Gonzalus? From the Roster. Joanne will try to get a new roster out to everyone as soon as possible.

CTCI: Lois Martin and Pat LeStrange:

Regional Albuquerque, New Mexico – August, 2015

National San Diego, Ca. – 2016

Board Meeting Summary sent via email from Pat LeStrange to all club members and

It is also posted on website for club members only.

Lois has requested the insurance certificate for our picnic to be mailed directly to Bill Downing.

Lois also reported on Albuquerque and she will make up a listing of places to see since, she and Rich have visited several times since, their son has lived there.

Newsletter: Paul Schroll

Has submitted the edition for the CTCI Contest.

He reminded everyone that he would appreciate information being submitted that he could use.

It was brought up that anyone who has not submitted the story on how they got their car that maybe a good topic.

Webpage and Facebook: Joanne Seller and Pat LeStrange

Facebook updated with information and pictures on Frank Chabala (two postings one by Joanne and one by Pat): with music

Photos have been entered by Pat and the convention portion is still being worked on but the

events section is complete.

Pat is asking for information and photos for conventions: Regionals and Nationals"

1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009

Joanne advised that there has been over 23,000 on our webpage; 300 members only hits

Which she expected more. Henry Semmler asked how to access the member only section.

Password Classic Thunderbird

118 hits for the dance, Joanne wishes we could get a ticket sold for each one of those!

Arlene recognized Bill Downing's article in the Early Bird and she previewed the future one he has done and acknowledged his efforts on behalf of our club.

CTCI Meeting in Ca. Pat LeStrange:

Attended the annual board meeting. CTCI has turned over our contact information to the Ford Co.

we will be receiving an email asking if we want to receive emails from Ford directly.

We can accept or decline it is a one time email. The Ford emails will advise activities, purchasing plans, discounts on cars, etc.

Pat also reported on our club's January board meeting:

The Christmas Party cost will be going up to \$ 130.00 because of the increased cost for hall and dinner. It was decided no calendars will be made this year because of the cost involved.

Martha Downing said she liked the calendar format and Pat advised that Joanne would look

into trying to set something up on the web or facebook page.

The Calendar for the year was set-up Harold's (success); Sweetheart Brunch (looking into another

location for next year; parking lot was an issue, the attitude of the staff, quantity and selection of entrees was an issue), 50's Dance, Westside Story Show, Arlene and Joe's Spring Cruise,

Tune-up Clinic, Picnic and Fall Cruise (Phil and Dorothy Guidone)

Arlene and Joe's Spring Cruise:
Manor too expensive: \$60.00, Mt. Fuji: valet parking only, looking into Branchbrook Park Cherry Blossom Festival April 19, 2015 or McBrides

Westside Story Show: Donna Jessie
We have enough for the group discount, they will announce our group at the beginning of the show, balance due: \$ 40.00 per person, special diets will be available tell staff at the beginning of the show. Tickets for the show date of April 26, 2015 are still available but, not in our section.
Parking available in the industrial lot next to the theatre if anyone wants to drive there T-Bird.
Email to go out at the end of the month from Donna to those who are going.

Tune-Up Clinic: Lois Martin
June 7th let Lois know if you're coming. If you are bring your car to have work done and what type of work is needed.

Picnic: Bill Downing
Permits secured by Phil Guidone, Lois Martin has requested the Insurance Certificate More information to follow at a later date.

Anniversary of the T-Bird (60 years): Pat LeStrange reported show in Pittsburg, Pa. July 16- 19, 2015

Walter Strohmaier: asked about the All Fords Show in Carlyisle, Pa.
60th Anniversary of the T-Bird (June 4th) – Walter has submitted pictures and a write-up on his Car and has been accepted for the Hall of Fame

Paul Schroll announced the winner of the Trivia question in the newsletter:
Lori Matrone : Answer was "ACME"
Paul also reported on New Plaques cost between \$15 to \$20 plus postage.
It was approved to go ahead and order 12 units and Paul will paint them red and gold

Paul also reported on a show for Auto Refinishing at the Meadowland's March 21/22.
Anyone interested should contact Paul within the next day or so.

Pat LeStrange brought up about Gas Station Show – possibly at the Elk's Club in Pompton Plains?
Or Pompton Lakes? – it may be today

Martha Downing asked about Budgets if we had budgets for each activity if we had an annual budget. Pat LeStrange advised that we have guidelines for certain activities but,

we do not have any annual budget for the club. Pat asked Phil Guidone about this point and it was advised that we are not suppose to carry over funds.

Phil Guidone is going to look into Barrett Jackson for January, 2016.

Badge Fines: Joe Kubat – Bruce Corbett to collect

Whiskey Café to close – in May

Joanne Seller advised: April meeting to be at their house
Paquito D’Rivera meeting scheduled for May 23rd Memorial Day Weekend a show of hands was taken and about a dozen people would be available to attend.

Arlene Kubat advised on their Classic Car Cruise – Carol Ehm showed pictures some members did Ziplining (Rich upside down), Anyone interest next year it’s a nine day cruise and price will be going up after March 31, 2015.

Pat LeStrange advised his granddaughter is going to be on Cablevision commercial for Urgent Care of Glen Rock next week.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20 pm
Walter Strohmaier won the 50:50
Minutes Submitted by Donna Jessie