



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

November 2016

2016/17 Meeting Schedule

Nov. 13	Steve Handy
December 3	Christmas Party
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
March	Walter Strohmaier
March	Harold's ?
April	Bob Heissler
April	50's Dance
May	Mike Perillo
May	Spring Cruise
June	Phil Guidone
June	Tune Up Clinic?
July	Bob Notar
Note -	2017 Hosts Tentative

The November meeting is hosted by
stevehandy85@gmail.com. See page 4
for location and time

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



Fall is here, and this year the tree colors are spectacular. Many thanks to Phil and Dorothy Guidone again for a wonderful Fall colors cruise. Thanks also to Tiffany and Anthony Rowe (Joanne's daughter and grandson) for all their help at the Landmark Inn and for arranging the stop at the Manno family farm, where we took pictures by the barn that had been painted with portraits of Elvis, James Dean, Marlin Brando, Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen and Paul Newman. Please go to the web site for all the pictures. Joanne and I did a 2 day Waterfall cruise with the Garden State Thunderbird Club. It was bad timing for waterfalls as we are in a drought, but we had a lot of fun and made some new friends

On a sad note, we all mourn the passing of Bob Belli after a long battle with cancer. He will be missed, and we hope Shelly keeps in touch. We will always be here for you Shelly.

And please keep John Bolger in your prayers as he is recuperating from his hospital stay, as well as to all our under the weather members

I would like to officially congratulate Arlene on her re-election as Vice President and welcome Steve Handy, who has won his election to become our new Treasurer. Thank you Carol Ehm, again for your fine years of being our Treasurer.

Our convention arrangements are going fine and we have set up a schedule for monthly meetings, we will pass along more info at our next regular meeting. We are having an unofficial trip to a German Restaurant in upstate, NY on Nov. 6th, let Joanne know by Oct. 30th if you are interested in going.

Stay Safe and Healthy
Pat Le Strange



October Meeting

There was a good turnout for the meeting. Joe and Jan Saville hosted (unfortunately Jan was feeling under the weather). The weather was iffy so the birds stayed in their nests. Bill Jessie debuted his newly acquired 2004 retro Bird. The food was good. Prior to the business meeting, a convention meeting was held to go over plans.

Thanks to Jan and Joe for hosting

Highlights of the business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

Lois reported that the TBird invoices from TARTC were now held by CTCL.

Joanne reported that the web site had all the information need for the convention. Registration, hotel reservations can be made through the web site. Additional discussion was held on the scheduled events. Lucille has most of the tours scoped out and will be finalizing soon.

Mike mentioned that we now have 52 pre-registrations. (Note - now 59)

Arlene mentioned the Christmas party. Much the same as last year although the dues credit is not being made for this year.

Since there was only one nominee for both the Treasurer's and Vice President's position, the Secretary was authorized to cast the vote for their election.

Joanne reported the 50's-60's dance is tentatively slated for April 22, 2017.

Next meeting November 13th

Fall Cruise



Vice President's Message

Last week we had record breaking temperatures and this week it's cold and talking about frost!!! We certainly are having crazy New Jersey weather. I do know we need rain though. I guess it's time to put our cars to sleep for the winter. (Not till the first snowfall-ED)

So sorry to hear of the passing of one of our members, Bob Belli. He is now at rest after suffering for a while. Our sympathy and prayers to Shelley and their family. Rest In Peace Bob.

I have not heard on how John Bolger, Jan and Joe Seville are doing. John Bolger and Joe Seville are having medical issues that they have to deal with. Jan was in the hospital after a fall and broke her leg, plus they had to redo a hip replacement. Prayers are with you all.

On October 16th we went on our annual fall colors Cruise. It was great. We stopped at a farm to purchase pie, cider, etc. then to the Landmark Inn in Warwick, New York. Food was excellent, members and guest were great as usual. We even had a visit from two skeletons who handed out candy for Halloween. Thank you Dorothy Guidone and Anthony Rowe, (Joanne's Grandson), a job well done. There is an article in this newsletter detailing the day. At the end of the day we visited a barn owned by the Manno family whose son painted a mural on the barn of some Hollywood greats. Also on the barn was a mural of September 11th. What a fantastic job he did on these murals. We were able to park our TBirds in front of the barns for a photo shoot. Thank to Tiffany Rowe, (Joanne's daughter) for arranging this photo shoot. A big thank you to Phil and Dorothy Guidone for another successful day. What a great day. The weather was perfect.

Now time to talk about our Christmas party. See the attached flyer for all the information. Payment due for the party is Monday, November 19th.

Our CTCI Regional convention is well underway. If you have not already signed up to volunteer for a committee, please let me know so I can add you to the list. We need volunteers to help make this a successful convention. email - finallyak@yahoo.com

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Now eat plenty of turkey and all the trimmings, plus all the great deserts.

See you soon, Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th
 Bill & Donna Jessie 14th
 Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th
 Charles & Lisa Musto 16th
 Carol & Charlie Ehm 8th
 Jan & Joe Saville 26th



Phil Guidone 4th
 Ray Braun 4th
 Izabela Costa 14th
 Henry Semmler 19th
 Don Terhune 22nd
 Aileen Corbett 23rd

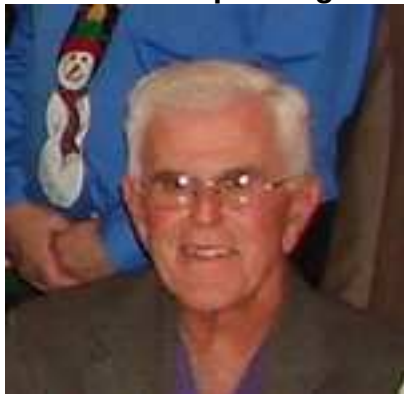
**GET WELL
 SON!**

John Bolger
 Alec Johnstone
 Jan Saville

FOR SALE

Condolences

Our condolences to Shelly Belli and her family
 on Bob's passing.



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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**

Watch Out

Nov. 13th is Sadie Hawkins Day

The 2017 Convention

Pre-Registrations are officially open. The Pre-Registration form is posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page). Events and excursions are being finalized. We now have 59 pre-registrations. We are having a committee meeting on Nov. 20th to finalize the convention schedule. Suggestions are welcome for any aspect of the convention

Fall Cruise

Phil & Dorothy, with help from Frank Gloss, put together another great fall cruise. The day started off sunny, with the promise of warm temperatures but suddenly turned overcast with a little breeze, rendering it just a little too cool to cruise with tops down. Luckily, any precipitation stayed away. We had 15 old cars, 14 of which were early Tbirds.

Starting from our gathering place on Schooley's Mtn. where Phil & Dorothy provided coffee and donuts, we cruised through the back roads of NJ for about an hour, stopping at one of the local farms where we could get the results of a bountiful harvest - fruits, veggies, pumpkins and some of those delicious pies that they always seem to have. Many of us loaded up on the goods that they were selling.

On the road again, the second part of the cruise, which took about another hour, ended up at the Landmark Inn in Warwick, NY (Frank's home town) where a bountiful of food awaited us.

Before we ate, Phil and Dorothy handed out a quiz about different Halloween trivia. There was a three way tie and a drawing was made to determine the winner. Steve Handy's name was the one chosen.

After we ate, there was a drawing for prizes and then the Halloween goblins came in and distributed candy to everyone. Sort of a reverse trick or treat.

Dinner done and while we gabbed, Joanne mentioned that nearby was a local resident who was an amateur artist who had painted the faces of some movie stars on the side of a barn and that we would be welcome to bring our cars in for a photo op. A number of the members went to view the art work. The artist also painted a memorial to 911 that he also painted on a barn. It depicted the first

responders who raised the flag at Ground Zero.

It was a great cruise and many thanks to Dorothy and Phil for putting it all together.

Events

November Meeting

The November meeting, hosted by Steve Handy is at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton (Wal-Mart Shopping Center) Date is Nov. 13. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP, including regrets.

See Page 1 for email/telephone #.

December Meeting

There is no December meeting as we have the Christmas party

Christmas Party

The party is December 3rd. Keep the date open. Costs went up last year, so it's \$65 per person. Unlike previous years, there is no credit for next years dues.

The party is at the San Carlo Restaurant. Activities include the gift exchange and a Toys For Tots gift (unwrapped) collection. Arlene is the chair so contact her if you are going to attend. See the attached flyer for additional information

Convention Committee Meetings

There are two convention committee meetings scheduled.

Nov. 20th at the Pyrros' At noon

Dec.11 at Pat & Joanne's At noon

Members can attend and any suggestions are welcomed.

Notify the hosts if you are attending.



Car Shows-Swap Meets

Nov 6 Rigelsville, PA Show and Swap

Nov 12 Egg Harbor - Pumpkin Run

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>

www.njortc.org



November 11th

Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Thursday

Friday

Midland Park-Wendy's , Godwin Ave.

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

Clifton - The Hearth on Rte 46. 10 to ??



Goblins bearing gifts



November 8th.



Stuff you didn't know you didn't know
The percentage of North America that is wilderness - 38 %



Daylight Savings Time ends Nov.5. Change your clock - fall back

Follow the Open Road



to NJ 2017



TRIVIA

John Bolger got the cable car answer - the only mobile national monuments





We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office - Aesop





San Diego - Another Perspective

Highway 66 Revisited

,Fifty two years ago I hopped into a 56 Chevy (yes, I know a Chevy) and headed west to California from Westwood, New Jersey. Dave, who was the owner of the car, was also a good backyard mechanic and friend. We were totally unprepared for this sojourn but made it anyway.

Route 66 alias, " The Mother Road" was the principal road we followed closely as I navigated our way using a Rand McNally atlas with near military precision. Getting lost for us just produced another adventure and opportunity to see something new. However, as our finances dwindled these side trips were less and less so we had to refocus on line A to line B.

This September I was afforded the opportunity to revisit that journey with my friend John Bolger who invited me to join him and the other members of the New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club for a trip to San Diego and an international meeting of vintage Thunderbirds. Being retired and celebrating my seventieth birthday Sept. 6, I decided to give myself a present and hopped into Johns' 57 Tbird for a three week road trip.

We met the other members of the club at a diner in New Jersey and we were soon on our way. Bill and Donna, Rich and Paul, Walter and Marianne had their cars prepped and ready to go, so we started out on Sept. 5th for California.

Every car not only had suitcases and everything else necessary for human survival but they had enough spare parts and tools that would make a NAPA dealer proud. Our trip was divided into segments that got us into San Diego after 8 days. We did some sightseeing along the way that included; the midway point on old Route 66, the memorial site of the Oklahoma bombing, Motel Safari and the Wigwam Motel in Arizona.

It was really shocking to see cities that were once thriving and vibrant to be inhabited by a few hangers on and ghosts from the past wandering deserted streets and businesses. Our arrival in San Diego though was not without some hiccups as Johns' car developed a fuel leak and Walter was having trouble with his fuel injection. Both problems were rectified due to the expertise of our fellow travelers.

The Crown Plaza in San Diego was soon filled with 55-57 Thunderbirds from all over the US and beyond. Most cars were driven in and others were trailered. Preparing the cars for judging was the first order of business. Owners and detailers were primping and cleaning their pride and joys. This gathering of T-Bird clubs was not just about cars it was also about reconnecting with other members, networking and sharing a true love of the American automobile.

When the day of judgment came for all the participants, the New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club garnered a number of awards at the Awards Banquet. The following day the majority of entrants got back in their cars or put them in a trailer and ended a fantastic time for them and the many non-participants who came by to admire this exposition hosted by the San Diego Chapter of Thunderbirds. They did an amazing job of organizing and promoting this event but also provided numerous activities to see this beautiful part of California. After repairs to Walters' car and saying goodbye to Donna and Marianne we headed back to New Jersey.

The northern routes that we took, 15, 70 and 80, revealed some of the most stunning glimpses of vistas, mountain ranges and valleys you really can't appreciate unless you get in a car and see for yourself. The routes back were not without mechanical problems and unfortunately Johns' car suffered both of them. First, a fan belt blew and then in Silverthorne, Colorado a push rod went bad. This group of four t-birds members were prepared for almost anything (Bill had an extra fan belt) but the pushrod presented a real problem. This problem was short lived as John had a roster of Thunderbird Club members throughout the US and their phone numbers. After being unsuccessful with the first few numbers they called Mr. Ted Rossi who was at a conference nearby.

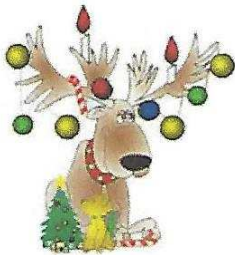
He dropped whatever he was doing and came to where we were with the car. Miraculously he had the part necessary for the repair but it was at his house outside of Denver. It was approximately a three hour round trip and when he returned the part was put in. The valves had been all adjusted while he was gone and the car started up good as new. A special thanks to Mr. Rossi who was not only a great person for doing what he did but also a fine representative of Thunderbird Club members. We would have been in Silverthorne for days waiting for the part without his help.

The rest of the journey was relatively uneventful and we rolled into Emerson, New Jersey on September 26th.

I would like to thank the members of the NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club for their hospitality for affording me this opportunity to feel like I was eighteen again and riding with the windows open and just waiting for the next adventure.

Geoff Maycrink

Note- as mentioned, Goeff was a friend of John Bolger's and is a gentleman and was good company on the trip. (Editor)



NJORTC Annual **Christmas**

Holiday Party

Saturday December 3, 2016

Cocktails 5PM Dinner 6:30

San Carlo Restaurant

620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

\$65 per person

Music & dancing with our own DJ ~ Pat LeStrange

IF you wish to participate...

1> Bring a \$25 wrapped gift marked MALE, or FEMALE,
for our bring a gift ~ get a gift ~exchange.

2> Bring an **UNWRAPPED** gift for **TOYS FOR TOTS**.

Questions Contact Chairperson Arlene Kubat finallyak@yahoo.com

RSVP with payment by November 19, 2016



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