

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club
Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2014

Fall Cruise 19th

2014 Meeting Schedule

October 26	Bill & Pat Selby
October 19	Fall Cruise
November	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party
	2015
March 28	50's Dance

The October meeting will be hosted by Pat & Bill Selby on Oct 26th at 2PM. RSVP 908-769-0539 or que53@comcast.net. See Page 4 for location

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



Ok, well October is here and it's getting chilly at cruise nights. We still can have fun and now we get to wear our club jackets. We had a good time at Lead East and other enjoyed Dead Man's Curve. Whatever is your choice keep supporting them. These theme events are great. Lots of shows coming up in the fall month including our Fall Cruise.

I heard that due to the fuzzy caterpillar coloration it is supposed to be a mild winter. I am hoping so.

We have put the Picnic pictures on the web site so take a look. Also, CTCI has created a Face Book page , [Classic Thunderbird Club International](#)

Elections for Treasurer and Vice President will take place at the October meeting.

In September, Joanne and I and the TBird were invited to the Warwick Drive In Theater so the Bird could be used inb an upcoming TV show. We wer there for over 6 hours but it was fun and intersting. The show is called "A Crime to Remember" on the Investigation Discovery channel to air in early December. It is a bout crime that happened in Arizona. The Tbird should be seen in a few scenes.

Don't forget to save the dates for the Fall Cruise, Christmas party and the 50's sock hop. Keep checking the web site, newsletter and emails for the exact dates.

See you at the next meeting.

Pat Le Strange



Happy Halloween



A few Words From Alec

Now that summer is history we should all hope the recent pleasant Autumn weather continues for the month of

October. Looking forward to the Fall Color cruise, always a great club event.

I had a slight fender bender with the side of my garage door opening. Going thru the negotiations with the insurance company and taking to body shops.

Looking forward to seeing everyone the fall cruise on October 19th..

I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Happy Motoring

Alec.

September Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Lorraine and Al Cirinelli at Delizia's. It was a warm Fall afternoon with plenty of sunshine which brought out 10 little Birds (most with their tops down) and three retro's. The meeting was well attended. Thanks to Al and Lorraine.

Highlights of the business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (July) were read and accepted as was the Treasurers report.

Joanne reported that she sent out a list of hosts for the 2015 meetings.

Pat reported that CTCL has approved a convention for 2016 in San Diego, CA.

Pat asked for any additional nominations. There were none and nominations were closed. Nominated: Arlene for Vice President; Carol Ehm for Treasurer. Elections to be held next meeting.

Arlene reported that everything was set for the Holiday party. Cost is 50.00 per person, same deal on dues as in prior years. There will be a grab bag and Toys for Tots collection.

Toni is doing the calendar again this year. Member should get their pictures in to her ASAP. It was suggested that some pictures of the years' events be included.

Arlene reported that everything is set for the 50's dance in March. Everything is booked.

Harold's deli trip has been changed to January because of other events.

Bill Downing gave a summary of the picnic and thanked those who helped out.

Bill Downing won the 50/50.



Vice President's Message

Weather: Beautiful - Fall has arrived. I love this time of year.

With Fall arriving it means cruise nights are ending for the season. I believe this is the final week for most of them. There are still some car shows on October. Our Fall Cruise is on Oct. 19th. As usual, Phil and Dorothy have a nice cruise planned for us. If you intend to cruise tell Phil by Oct 1st and send in you money, 40.00 per person.

I believe that Henry Semmler had an ankle operation - if so I hope you are on the road to recovery.

Labor Day weekend a few of us attended Lead East in Parsippany. It is a big 50's party. There were 1,800 cars and plenty of activities going on the whole weekend. Some of our club members went to Dead Man's Curve at the Crossroads Sheridan in Mahwah. They also had a lot of fun. Last weekend, Joe, myself, Charlie and Carol Ehm were in Wildwood for the annual car show on the Wildwood Boardwalk. The weather was nice, but plenty of wind. We all had fun

This is the time of year where we have election of certain Officers. Officers up for election are Vice President and Treasurer. I have been re-nominated for Vice President and Carol Ehm has been nominated for Treasurer. No others have been nominated. Frank is stepping down as our Treasurer after 22 years. Thank you Frank and Lucille for many great years of handling the club finances. Elections will be held at the October meeting

On Oct 4th Carol and Charlie will be hosting a car show for their church as a fund raiser. Let us show them our support and get as many TBirds there as possible.

Oct. 19 is our Fall Cruise, Oct 31st Halloween and before you know it , December 3 is here for our Christmas party. Believe it or not, Pat has started putting up his Christmas decorations.

I want to wish all our Jewish members and their families a Happy New Year.

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See you soon

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
 Susan & Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Donna & Bill Jessie 14
 Todd Salamon/Mara Madden 17th
 Bob & Shelly Belli 25th
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th



Sandra Bolger 1st
 Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Dominick Tucci 13
 Pat Selby 13th
 John Pyrros 18th
 Don Dobres 28



Henry Semmler
 Paul LoPiccolo

FOR SALE

1957 Thunderbirds (2)

Gene Szura has information on two 57's that are for sale. For info, contact Gene

Condolences

To Valery Kriney and her family on the passing of her mother.

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.
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Yom Kippur/Sukkot
 Have An Easy fast

September Meeting



Events

October Meeting

The October meeting will be held on the 26th at The Villa Borghese, 432 New Brunswick Ave, Fords, NJ 08863. Should be right off 287/440. Make sure you RSVP the hosts. See Page 1 for info. 2 PM

Election of Officers

Elections will be at the October meeting, now slated for Oct 26th. Nominations are closed.

Fall Cruise

Phil has scheduled this for October 19th. This cruise has always been a real treat so make sure you save the date. We will meet at Schooley's Mtn (picnic location) at 10 AM. Phil will have coffee and doughnuts. After the cruise, we will eat at the Harvest Moon Inn in East Amwell Township (Ringos). See flyer sent out previously. It may not be too late to sign up. Call Phil.

Car Show Oct 4th

While not an "official" club event, the show put on by Carol and Charlie Ehm is on Oct 4th. They have door prizes and raffles. Vehicles must be over 20 years old. Breakfast and lunch available. The show is at the First Reformed Church, 60 Chapel Hill Rd, Lincoln Park. Contact Carol or Charlie to register or register online at www.frc-lpnj.org

Holiday Party

SAVE THIS DATE

Yah, I know its only October (but getting closer) , but don't forget our Holiday party. It's December 6th so mark this down so you reserve the date. Particulars to be announced at a later date.



October 13th

Meeting



Our Hosts



Car Shows-Swap Meets

- Oct 4 Lincoln Park 60 Chapel Hill Rd 1st Reformed Church of Lincoln Park
 - Oct 4 Allendale Show and street fair
 - Oct 8-11 Hershey PA Show and Swap
 - Oct 8 Oakland Coppertree Plaza off Rte 202 5:30 - 8:00
 - Oct 12 Mt Arlington, 201 Howard Blvd.
 - Oct 12 Glen Rock 85 Harrison Rd Sovereign Medical Services 10 AM -2 PM
 - Oct 12 Hawthorne, Hawthorne Farmers Mkt. Grand Ave., between Jefferson PL & McKinley Ave 9 AM - 1 PM
 - Oct 12 Pompton Lakes, Wanaque Ave
 - Nov 1 Egg Harbor TWP. This is the Pumpkin Run and a few of us are planning to caravan down to it. Contact Carol Ehm if you want to go.
- I have flyers for most shows**

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>
www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

- Monday
- Tuesday
Clifton, Rutt's Hutt
- Wednesday
Wycoff - Greenwood Ave
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
Elmwood Park 375 Market St - Elmwood Park
Diner Start 10/11

Debut



At the picnic, Nick debuted Sue Gaeta's 57 after working on it for more years than he probably wants to remember. Nice TBird

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues.

Members' Muses

On Saturday August 30th I decided to take a stroll down memory lane at Lead East. For those that have not been to this annual event it is promoted as the world's biggest 50s party. Doo wop bands, dancing and of course... hundreds of antique cars, which is why I attend the show. They had a great eclectic collection of cars on display again this year in the Hilton Parsippany parking lot. Some were even for sale.

I attended the event over the years with my 3 boys, daughter, brother, father, and friends but never was I able to get my wife to come with us until this year. I attribute this big change of heart to the NJORTC. After joining the club just over a year ago she attended some of the club events and has gradually developed a fondness for the 55-57 T-Birds. You should have seen her looking at cars for sale and giving her opinion of each. Granted at this time she is choosing cars based on colors that appeal to her, but I consider this a big move in the right direction.

Now as for 55-57 T-birds at the show there were a few. One was even for sale. Unfortunately the price was an astounding \$85,000. Got to admit I liked it (But not \$85,000 worth). Color was Coral Sand with a white interior with some options. Other T-Birds were there including Paul and Sheryl's black 1955. While chatting with Paul along came Bob and Toni Sabino. Nice to meet some of the gang on this beautiful Saturday.

I wore our club polo just to see what would happen and was not disappointed. It was recognized at the raffle for the Buckingham PA, Land Preservation efforts for which I bought some tickets (again). It was also recognized by the folks from Nostalgia Motors in Boonton, NJ. To wrap things up, my wife and I had a nice time. Thanks in part to NJORTC.
Mike Parrillo

TRIVIA

In 1930, Cadillac debuted its V16 in a car named for a theatrical version of 1920's film seen by designer Harley Earl. What was that name
No winner from last months trivia. The answer was the design of the valve covers.

Tech Tips

Adjusting the Neutral Safety Switch

When making the adjustments, you may want to use a multimeter. Set it to ohms + 1 so that when you touch the leads together you get a full scale reading or if the multimeter has a buzzer, you can use it to check when the switch closes. When the switch closes, you will get a full scale reading or a buzz. Put the car on a lift or on jackstands so you can easily get under the car.

Loosen the screws on the switch enough so you can slide it but will stay where you put it. Use some alligator clips with your meter leads and connect them across the two center wires on the switch.

With the transmission in neutral, move the switch until it closes and you get a full scale reading or a buzz. Tighten the screws while watching the meter to insure that the switch is still closed.

Follow the same procedure for the backup lights with the ignition switch on and the transmission in reverse. To check the backup lights you must connect the meter to the other set of wires on the switch that are used for the backup lights.

If you have trouble keeping the proper adjustment, you may have a worn switch



A couple of pictures from a car/airplane show a bunch of us attended in August