

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

March 2016

2016 Meeting Schedule

March 20	Paul & Pauline Schroll
March 13	Harold's Deli
April	Bob & Toni Sabino
April 23	50's Dance
May	Vince Ucci & Julia
May	Spring Cruise
June	Tune Up Clinic
June	Bruce & Eileen Corbett
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
August 14	Picnic
Sept	Henry & Judy Semmler
October	Don Dobres
October 16	Fall Cruise

The March meeting will be hosted by Paul & Pauline Schroll on March 20th at 2PM. RSVP 201-652-7027 or ptschroll@verion.net See Page 4 for details

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 have had a lot of activity in the club last month. Joanne and I made our trip to California for the CTCI board meeting. Now with Joanne and Rich Martin they will see what Jersey Strong is all about. They were actively involved in the meeting and impressed the other board members. Joanne will have more info in this newsletter. Our Valentine's brunch went great, thanks to Lucille Chabala for chairing the event. Now we are looking forward to the Harold's Deli Trip chaired by Sandy Pyrros.

Our annual NJORTC Board meeting on Jan. 16 was discussed in the Jan/Feb issue. Go to our web site's Members Only page to read the minutes. While you are there, look around, there is always something new. Pictures of events, like the Christmas party, minutes of all the meetings back to 2012. Treasurers reports, roster, By Laws, also check out the for sale items and video pages.

Feb. meeting was well attended as it was the first since November 2015. Thanks to our hosts Paul Dorne and Julie Andriolo. The minutes will be up on the web site shortly. The biggest news is we had a motion on the floor on whether to host a CTCI regional convention in 2017. There was a long discussion on the pros and cons of doing it, as well as reading the results of the on line survey. Afterward a secret ballot was held. The results of the 23 votes (it was held to Members only, not spouses as per by laws) 13 Yes vs 10 No. Although personally I would have liked to have seen a wider margin. Now we will be going forward with the process of selecting Chair-people and confirming activities and contracts. Your help in this is certainly wanted and needed. We will be setting up a Convention web site. In addition, on the members only page we will have a link to a progress page. Joanne will let everyone know when new things are added

Please remember, this is a club, we either work together or we fall apart. It is a family and being such, if there are problems or concerns please let me know. The club family and it's harmony, is more important than any activity and untold feelings can rip it apart at it's heart. I am very proud of our club and together we make great things happen. Pat LeStrange





A few Words From Alec

Winter is 2/3 over - one month to go. Not too bad a winter compared to last year's when it seemed it would never stop

snowing.

We should see all our snow bird friends returning in the weeks to come.

Looking forward to all of our club's coming events in the months ahead. Time to get our Birds ready to roll

Happy motoring, Alec

January/February Meeting

This meeting was hosted by Paul Dorne and Julie Andriolo. There was a large turnout. The weather was threatening so the only "Bird" present was Walters. Food was good and it was a nice get together. Thanks to Paul and Julie

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last business meeting (Nov.) were read and accepted (after revisions) as was the Treasurers Report.

Joanne reported on the CTCI Director's meeting. Pat reported on the NJORTC Director's meeting. Effective for 2017, no credit will be given for dues if the Christmas party is attended. Amount of dues will be decided at a later date. New Sunshine rules were decided. and codified rules for the lottery tickets for members bring their cars to the meeting (only for 55-56-57 Birds). The different events for 2016 were also decided, although members still may bring up new ones or changes.

Arlene recapped the Christmas Party and Lucille on the Sweet Hear brunch.

We had two guests, Jim Messersmith and Nancy Evans-Bennett . They had submitted an membership application and now they have attended their first meeting.

Joanne reported that the American Legion hall in Elmwood Park has been booked for the dance. She and Pat have the tickets and flyers.

Since some members had expressed an interest in going to the Westchester Dinner Theater, Donna reported on various selections.

A long discussion was held about holding a CTCI regional Conference in 2017. After the discussion, a vote by ballot was taken (members only). There was a 13 (yes) to 10 (no) votes to go ahead with it.

Alec was the 50/50 winner.



Vice President's Message

This sure has been some crazy weather. Every day it's like a different season, one thing for sure, Spring is on its way and we can get our Tbirds on the road. We really cannot complain, because winter didn't come until February, but we still complain.

I understand Bob Belli is still undergoing treatment. Bob, hope you start feeling better soon. Bob Notar just underwent knee replacement and now is in rehabilitation. I hope you have a speedy recovery.

Lucille, thank you for passing around a copy of a newsletter written in 2002 by Wendy Meehan right after our 2002 convention. Hope everybody was able to read it at our meeting on Sunday. There were a lot of good pictures attached and some funny ones. We did have a good time at the convention.

We had 47 people at our Sweetheart Brunch at the Bethwood. Great job Lucille. We also had guests from the Mercedes Club. They enjoyed our company and showed interest in doing other events with our Club. Pat gave all the ladies a long stem rose, Lucille gave out Valentine scarfs and a box of candy in a heart shape box. We had a few kids and they also received a little gift. As usual good food, good friends, great time.

On March 13th we will be going to Harold's Deli, Edison, NJ. If you have never been there come with an empty stomach, the sandwiches and desserts are huge. We always take home a goody bag. Sandra Pyrros is Chairperson for this event.

On April 23rd we are having our annual Sock Hop, (new name this year). We will be having 50/60's music. Our food is once again going to be catered by the Market Basket. See Pat and Joanne for tickets and fliers. I am looking forward to it.

Joe is looking into a bus trip to Barrett Jackson Car Auction at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. It's the first time Barrett Jackson will be held on the East Coast. The trip will be on Saturday, June 24th. Further information will be given out at our March meeting.

Activities for the year are: May, Spring Cruise - June, Barrett Jackson Car Auction , Tune up Clinic - August, Club Picnic - September, San Diego Convention - October, Fall cruise - December 3rd, annual Christmas party. Continued on Page 4

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Pat Selby 12th
 John & Sandra Bolger 23rd
 Bruce & Eileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st
 Jaonne Seiler 5th
 Sue Gaeta 9th



Bob Belli
 Bob Notar



The Spring (Vernal) Equinox is here
 March 20th

Daylight Savings Time

Another sign of Spring -
 Daylight Savings Time starts March
 13th. Set your clocks ahead one
 hour. Remember - spring ahead, fall
 back.



Join CTCl now if you haven't yet. The Early
 Bird magazine alone is worth the dues. And for
 latest info, go to ctci.org

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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**

Sweetheart Brunch

See Arlene's column for a report on the Sweetheart brunch.



Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

Well it was voted by our club members to host 2017 Regional Thunderbird Club Convention to be held the end of July. We need all our members to get involved in running a class act convention. Next month Joanne and Pat will have a list of committees that we need. So please think about chairing a committee or helping on a committee. It's hard work, but as a club we can do it.

See you at the next meeting, Arlene

Events

March 2106 Meeting

The host for the November meeting is Paul & Pauline Schroll. It is March 20th at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP (see page 1 for info) including regrets.

Harold's Deli

Back to Harold's and those delicious pastrami and corned beef sandwiches. Date is March 13th. Time is 12:45 for a 1:00 seating.

Harold's is located at 1173 King Georges Rd., Edison, NJ. Sandy Pyrros is the chair, contact her if you are going She will be away for most of February, so call her before Feb. 9th or after March 4th. or email her.

April Meeting

The April meeting will be hosted by Bob & Toni Sabino on the 17th. Time and location to be announced.

50's/60's Dance

Happening April 23rd. American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park. 7:30 to 11:30. Tickets \$45.00. Tell your friends and sell them tickets. See Pat for tickets.

Pittsburgh, PA Car Show

Preliminary plans are being made to return to the Pittsburgh car show (in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix) this year. Date is July 16 & 17. Let Pat know if you are interested in going.

CTCI Director's Meeting

Joanne, along with Rich, attended the Director's meeting in CA. See Page 10 for her report



Car Shows-Swap Meets

3/20 Woodstone (Sharptown) AACA Swap

Meet. Salem County Fairgrounds

4/10 Watchung Swap Meet

5/1 Morristown NJAACA Car Show. Mennen
Arena

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

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

www.njortc.org



More Signs of Spring

Besides the change in time and the Vernal Equinox, I got another sign - two flyers for cars shows came in the mail.

Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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



Tech Support

Customer: I can't get on the internet

Tech: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech: Can you tell me what the password is?

Customer: Five dots

Tech Tip

Pouring Liquids

Pretty messy are we? When pouring liquids from jugs such as antifreeze bottles, do it "bass-ackward" . Have the spout at the top (highest point) as you tilt the jug over the hole. This gives you much more control over the liquid as it comes out of the jug. It will not "glug-glug" and splash everywhere , as air can get in to replace the liquid coming out. It is much easier to aim and get every drop into the fill hole From the Smoke Signal

TRIVIA

Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own year after year (others must be replanted every year). What are they. Need both to win.

Henry got last month's item - it was lettuce

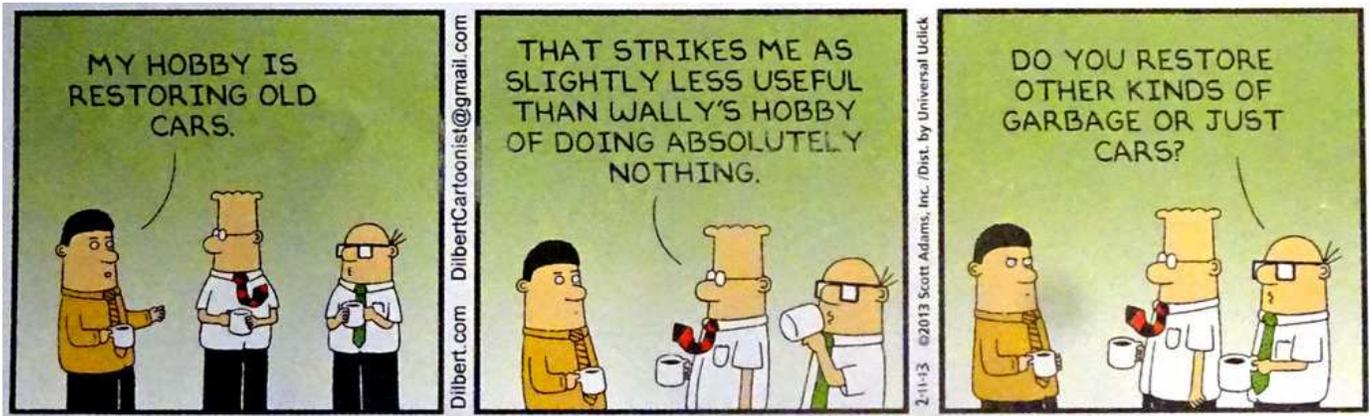
January/February Meeting



CTCI San Diego Convention

The hotel is now booking rooms and registration forms are available . Book early. The date is Sept. 13-18. See ctci.org for forms and contact info.

People never lie so much as after a hunting, during a war or before an election.
Otto Von Bismarck



From Ford Barn (lots of different interpretations in lieu of "cars")



OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART

HOW TO INTERPRET

ANTIQUE CAR ADS

IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more



Famous Last Words

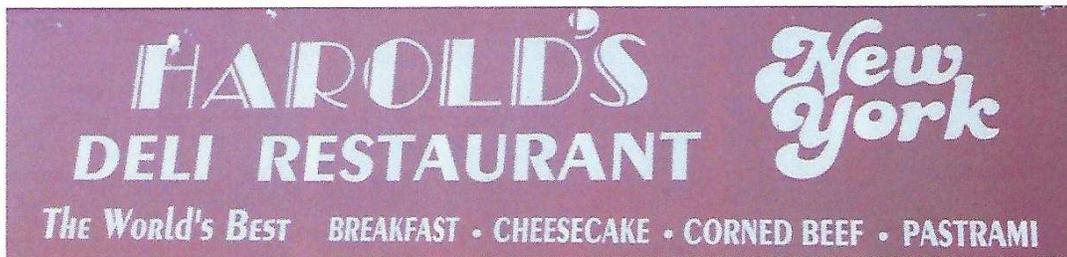
Don't be afraid - its only electricity



Who wants to eat????



We're going to.....



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Sunday March 13th 2016

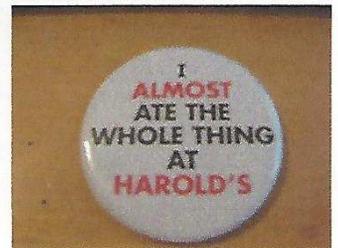
arrive by 12:45 pm for 1 pm seating

**Please contact Sandy Pyrras [201-487-2943](tel:201-487-2943)
sandypy@optimum.net and let her know
if you are coming by March 6th**

Reservations required. No advance payment we pay as we go



*The holidays are over, it's time to eat again, won't you join us for a winter
get together, we're going to our NJORTC 6th Annual Harold's Lunch
guaranteed to fill you up.*



**The 2016 Board meeting was held at CTCI headquarters in Signal Hill, CA,
in February**

- * The American Road Thunderbird Club (TARTC) from Dearborn, Michigan, has gifted CTCI, and all its members, custody of the Thunderbird invoices that they have maintained through the years. Plans for the physical transfer are underway. Concurrent with the transfer will be the creation of digital archive copies of each invoice. CTCI will continue the invoice sales in the same manner as TARTC has done. This will generate substantial income for CTCI.**
- * A budget for 2016 was approved with a small loss, primarily due to the loss of memberships. Membership has declined to 5,377 at the end of 2015. Your ideas on ways to attract new members to CTCI from Classic Thunderbird owners and fans everywhere are needed.**
- * The Early Bird conversion to all color has been very well received. Advertisers and members appreciate the new format. A reminder to all the clubs of your annual free ad in the EB is automatically in color with no additional cost.**
- * The Albuquerque Regional convention in 2015 was quite successful and as a result the seed money was returned to the clubs that provided it, much to their surprise.**
- * The 2016 International Convention is scheduled for September in San Diego and registrations are running very well. You need to get your registration and Hotel reservations in so you won't miss any of the fun.**
- * I as Region 1 Director, Joanne Seiler reported on the possibility of NJORTC to host a convention in northern New Jersey in late July 2017. Concerns over pricing were discussed and I was encouraged to continue to pursue it. Region 4 Director, Bill Long, also mentioned he had heard of some discussions from the Miami area, but there was nothing firm to report at this time.**
- * The Convention Guidelines and Procedures were discussed and suggestions were made to clarify the information required from a host chapter as it relates to hotel contract. The actual contract is not required but a proposal listing of room rates and the number and size of meeting/banquet rooms is required.**
- * A proposal to include the '02-'05 Thunderbirds as a "Modern Classic" under the definition of "Classic" in the By-Laws, was rejected.**
- * Participation with the Ford Performance Group has been delayed due to changes in Fords plans for that activity. You will receive more information on how to participate when they are up and running again.**

*** A plan to move the bi-annual printing of the Roster to a safe and secure on-line version that members could access through a password and print it themselves as well as search by name/state was approved. This will be able to be updated and a regular basis and easier to read. This will save about \$7,000 every two years. This roster will be online soon.**

*** A revision to the By-Laws, to remove the requirement for paper ballot voting on amendments, was approved by the Board. Voting on this change by members is required and must be done by mail at this time. This proposal was made based on the poor participation by mail in ballots in the recent elections. (400 members voted out of some 5,377 members this past election)**

*** In the report from Jack Gray, our Managing Director, he highlighted a number of plans that are needed to update and improve office procedures, make improvements to the website, continue ways to back up our out-of-print Early Birds and generate a survey to learn more about what members want from CTCI.**

*** In the Office update report, our interim employee, Liz Gray, reported her progress in documenting the office procedures. Her results will make it easier for anyone to quickly understand the process. She has also reorganized the shipping office for more efficient and productive usage.**

**** Other ideas discussed, but no immediate action taken, included:**

**** Putting Early Birds and Technical articles online.**

**** CTCI sanctioning of Regional Rallies (non-judged driving events such as AACA), for Regions not doing a Regional judged event.**

**** Purchase of an event management software package for clubs hosting a CTCI Convention to help manage all phases of the process.**

Over all it was an enjoyable, productive and enjoyable meeting and I look forward to representing you and your club members. If you have any questions or need help with something please contact me anytime.

Joanne Seiler, Region 1 Director