

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



The Thunder Heard

August 2018

2018 Meeting Schedule

August 5	Picnic
September	Bill & Pat Selby
October	Steve & Annette Schmidt
November	Charlie & Izebela Costa
December 1	Holiday Party

There will be no separate August meeting because of the picnic. A brief business meeting may be held at the picnic

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 half way through summer but still a lot of activities to go. Hopefully we are done with the rain for a while.

The picnic will be here soon (if not we already had it and had a great time) so I hope to see you there. Make sure you let Arlene know how many people are coming with you. Then a week after that we will be on our way to Knoxville for the Convention. Then about a week and a half after that it will be Lead East or Deadmans Curve, which ever you choose. Unfortunately around that time (after Labor day) the Chatterbox will be closing for good to be replaced by a WAWA.....Ugh! waaaawaaaah. The Wanderers are looking at the Jumbo Land diner or Lafayette Village as possibilities for next season.

Our last meeting was held in a new place in Allendale hosted by Valerie and Bruce. It was a light turn out of about 25 members, plus we Welcomed 2 new members Suzanne and George Gayet. They are shopping for a T Bird, so keep them in mind.

A special shout out birthday wish to Alec Johnstone, who is continuing to recover, we miss you Al please get better soon.

Have a great August
Pat Le Strange



August Specials

- 3rd - Nat'l Watermelon Day
- 4th-US Coast Guard Day
- 21 Nat'l Senior Citizen's Day
- Nat'l Picnic month
- Peach Month

July Meeting

Our hosts were Valerie Kriney and Bruce Dailey. It was a hot, muggy and rainy day but attendance was very good. Due to the weather, only three Birds flew in. The meeting went very well and we had some very good food. Thanks to Valerie and Bruce for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

Reading of the prior meeting's minutes were made and accepted, as was the Treasurer's report.

We had two guests, Suzanne and George Gayet, who later joined the club.

Pat mentioned that Joanne has had poor responses from members who are scheduled to host a meeting. **Members that are hosting meetings for the next few months (see page 1) need to contact Joanne immediately and set the date for their meeting.**

CTCI News: Rich and Joanne provided further information that CTCI has hired an outside firm to run the office and magazine.

Rich reported on the Tune Up Clinic

Donna gave a brief recap on the Alaska trip that some of the members went on.

Pat noted that the Vice President and Treasurer positions are up for election this year. Nominations for the offices must be made by the October meeting. Rich nominated Steve Handy for Treasurer and Arlene for Vice President. They accepted the nominations.

The Knoxville Convention was briefly discussed.

Rich Martin brought up the subject of grille plaques.

The August picnic was discussed. Arlene sent around sign-up sheets.

Paul Adamoff won the 50/50

Next meeting is the picnic.

For more details on the meeting go to the members section of the website.

Ponder These

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?



Vice President's Message

Well we finally got the summer we waited a long time for this year, only thing too hot and humid. This week it has been like we are living in a tropical area, wind, rain, sun, humid hot. But better then snow!!!

Welcome home from your vacation in Alaska, the Martin's, Jesse's, Ehm's and Szura's. They all said they had a fantastic time. They toured land and by sea.

Alec just celebrated a birthday this week. Some of our members went to be with him on his special day. Alec's daughter had sandwiches for the visitors who brought a birthday cake for Alec.. Please send him a card or give him a phone call, he will be happy to hear from you. Please say prayers for Joanne, her cancer is spreading and she has started Chemo. She is strong and will get through this hard time. Dorothy Guidone fell and fractured a rib and scapular. She is in a lot of pain. We are praying for you, Dorothy, feel better soon. Walter also fell down his front stairs at his house, he landed on all four and cute his head open. Had to have twelve staples in his head. Also praying for you to feel better. That is enough bad news for one month.

August 5th is our annual picnic, 10 am - 5pm. Please call Bill Downing and let him know if you are coming and if you are bringing any family members. Also tell him if any children are coming. If you plan on making a favorite dish, please email or call me. Must know if you are coming by August 1st. The club supplies all meats and paper products. Picnic is rain or shine event to be held at Schooleys Mountain State Park, Long Valley, NJ. Bill has different activities planned. We also are having a cake baking contest. If you plan on baking a cake, let Bill know. Email address wdowning@optonline.net. My email address, finallyak@yahoo.com. Please come and join us in a fun filled day. One more important thing, bring your Thunderbird for all members to enjoy. (Cont'd Page 8)

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Martha Downing 9th
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
 Henry & Judy Semmler 11th
 Ron & Joanne Rollieson 19th
 Jayne & Ray Braun 22nd

Happy Birthday

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

GET WELL SON!

Alec Johnstone
 Joe Matrone
 Dorothy Guidone
 Wendy Meehan

The only nice thing about being imperfect is the joy it brings to others

2018 Int'l Convention Knoxville, TN

Hotel and other information is posted on Smokey Mountain Thunderbirds website www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org
 Registrations were due June 15th, a late charge will apply now. There is no "host hotel" but there are two hotels that have a special convention rate. All activities will take place at the convention center. NJORTC members are signing up for the Holiday Inn (the closest one). Donna Jessie is setting up travel plans for those driving. Present plans call for a one and a half day trip. Contact Donna for info.

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Ford History in August

As noted last month, in July the first postwar Ford rolled off the assembly line. On 8/29/45 It was given to President Truman
 8/24/56 - The last production day for the 56 Tbird 15,631 were built

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

Club Announcements

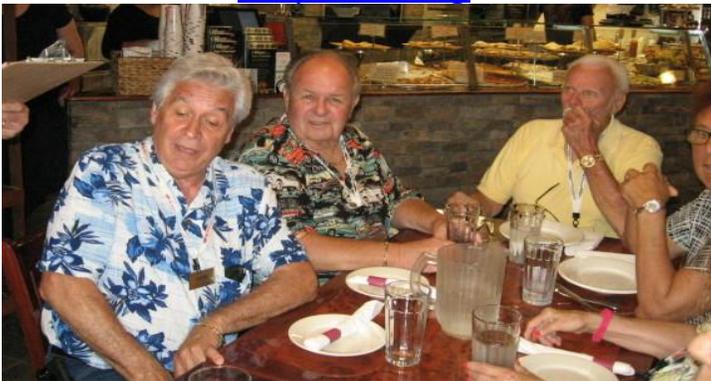
August Meeting

There is no meeting in August although there may be a very short business meeting at the picnic.

Club Picnic

The picnic is on August 5th. Bill Downing and Arlene are the co-chairs. Contact them for any suggestions. Rain or shine event. Arlene is handling the food so let her know what you are bringing. Hot dogs, burgers and chicken are supplied by the club. Starts 10 AM, Coffee, bagels and donuts for the early birds There is going to be a cake tasting contest so no desserts are required. Location, Schooley's Mountain Park, same as last year. If you need directions contact Paul S. See you there

July Meeting



All TBird Car Show

Here are some shots from the Tbird car show last June. Thanks to Martha



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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Wayne-Hooters-25 Rte. 23 So

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wayne-Wendy's 1560 Rte 23 N

Teterboro-80 Green St Sal's Good Eats

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave -Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church

Clifton-Maple Valley Diner 1116 Rte 46 W

Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's 1800 Rte 23 N

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

Car Shows-Swap Meets

8/2 Saddle Brook Wallington Plumbing 545 N. Midland Ave 5 - 8 PM

8/4 Oakland Lawlor Dr. Oakland Rec. Fields

8/5 Succasunna 72 Eyland Dr- (Two Kids)

8/5 Pompton Lakes 1 Perrin Ave Elks Club

8/11 Hackettstown 1 Visa Drive

8/12 Boonton Main Street Show 12 Noon

8/18 Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd-Lowes

8/19 Hawthorne-Grand Ave

9/7 Ridgewood-East Ridgewood Ave 5 PM

9/9 Clifton-2 Brighton Rd Allwood Atrium

New Members



Suzanne & George Gayet
Suzanne and George live in Boonton. They are looking for an early Bird. Welcome to NJORTC

Technical

Oil For Flat Tappet Cams

I have read the RAT-540 blog <https://540ratblog.wordpress.com/2013/06/20/motor-oil-wear-test-ranking/> referred to in the motor oil section of Gil's garage. It is lengthy and most informative. The blog is a reference point for the performance of different oils available for use. The blog dispels as myth putting so much credence in motor oils that have a high zinc content in order for our T-bird engines to be properly lubricated. While the blog does mention engine types (flat tappet for one) it does not specifically reference the 1955, 1956 1957 292 cu in and 312 cu in flat tappet engines that power our baby birds. I own a 1956 T-bird with a 312 cu in engine. The original owner's manual called for SAE 20W oil for that engine. I have been using Shell Rotella T 15W40 oil since I purchased the car 3000 miles ago. I was curious to know what oil tested and described in the RAT-540 blog would be a suitable choice for my engine. So I visited the Q & A (Questions and Answers) section of the blog <https://540ratblog.wordpress.com/about/>, referenced above. Rat-540 was kind and gracious enough to answer my questions and concerns promptly and thoroughly. I will embody the essence of my conversation with RAT-540 for the membership of CTCI. .

QUESTION: I am the owner of a 1956 Ford Thunderbird with a 312 cu in. flat tappet engine. I believe in your wear protection oil rankings however I am concerned with having sufficient oil pressure if thinner oil is used. In the original owners manual an SAE 20W was specified for use. Shell Rotella T 15W40 was also a well thought of oil in T-bird circles (zinc content) for my type of engine and it is what I currently use. The Shell Rotella T 15W40 is far down the list in your rankings. I would like to know in your opinion what oil in your rankings would give the best wear protection and be of sufficient viscosity to provide the necessary oil pressure. My engine is an original.

ANSWER: " Rotella Diesel oil is a poor performer in general, and not even a very good performer among

Diesel oils. It should not be used in gasoline engines at all, because it is such a poor choice. You no doubt got the idea to use it on a car Forum. But, car Forums are a terrible place to find tech info, because they are chock full of people who have no idea what they are talking about, even though most people there, think they are experts. Anyone who said you should use Rotella, is totally wrong and should be completely ignored. The 312 T-Bird engine was considered a High Performance engine in its day. And the 20w oil it called for, would have been typically 20W50 back then. If you want to stay with that viscosity for oil pressure considerations, then I suggest you use 20W50 Valvoline VR1 Conventional Racing Oil in the silver bottle. It even has high zinc, if that will help you sleep better at night. I've used that 20W50 oil myself in certain applications, but I have only officially tested the 10W30 version. For classic original cars that just cruise around on occasional weekends, the loading is so low, that the benefits of using ideal thinner oil, is not critical."

QUESTION: Thank you very much for your reply to my question and concern. Sharing your vast `knowledge of this important topic is much appreciated. I would gladly use a thinner oil in my 56 T-bird if I knew which to use. A friend of mine who also has a 1956 T-bird with a 312 cu in engine was advised by an engine builder / re-builder to use Valvoline 10W 40 conventional oil in a white bottle as that is what the engine builder uses. My friend was also a user of Shell Rotella T 15W 40. I write a column for my local T-bird club (Chapter 41 NJORTC) for the Early Bird bi-monthly magazine. This magazine is published by Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) and this club has many thousands of members. Shell Rotella T 15W40 is

recommended motor oil to club members. I would like to ask your permission to share with the CTCI membership your criticism of Shell Rotella T 15W40 motor oil as well as your recommendation to me of 20W50 Valvoline VR1 Conventional Racing Oil in the silver bottle. If you have any other oil or oils that you would deem appropriate for use in 1955, 1956, 1957 Ford Thunderbirds 292 cu in 312 cu inch flat tappet engines please advise. The points in your research regarding oil flow in lower temperatures, oil film after the engine sits idle for a long while and oil that makes the engine run cooler with the best wear protection are all of great concern to the club's membership. Any additional input you could provide regarding appropriate oils to use would go a very long way in the preservation of these American classics. I am very grateful for your help. Thank you very much.

ANSWER: "Yes, you may use info from my Blog. All I ask is that you include a link to my Blog, (<https://540ratblog.wordpress.com/2013/06/20/motor-oil-wear-test-ranking/>) when doing so.

Classic vehicles are best served by using conventional motor oil. Out of 223 oils tested so far, 15W40 Shell Rotella T, conventional diesel oil, ranks 168th, from producing only a very poor 72,022 psi. That makes it a very poor choice for any flat tappet gasoline engine. I would not recommend using such poor oil, even if it was free. There are countless other FAR SUPERIOR oils readily available.

For the best Wear Protection, I recommend using at least a 90,000 psi oil in stock flat tappet engines, and at least 100,000 psi oil in modified flat tappet engines. The higher the psi value, the better the Wear Protection. 10W40 Valvoline Premium conventional oil is likely a reasonable oil to use. I have not

tested that specific oil, but the 5W30 version of that oil produced 94,744 psi in my testing. In addition to 20W50 Valvoline VR1 conventional racing oil, if you are looking for thick oil, I recommend for thinner oil, 10W40 Pennzoil High Mileage Vehicle conventional, which produced 97,419 psi in my testing, and ranks 61st. I am using that oil in one of my own classic flat tappet V-8 engines. It is safe to use High Mileage oil in any engine, old or new.

Thanks for your questions,
540 RAT

I immediately took RAT-540's advice and changed my motor oil to 10W40 Pennzoil High Mileage Vehicle conventional. This oil is readily available. I got my at Home Depot 17.70 5 Qt. bottle. Pennzoil recently changed the color of this oils container from copper to the new yellow. I drove the car for 50 plus miles with no ill effects. I cannot say that I noticed a performance difference or a different sound from the engine having driven only a short distance. I encourage the membership of CTCI to read the RAT-540 blog and to ask questions or express their concerns to RAT-540. We all want to do what is best for our cars and the more informed we are the better we can accomplish this.

Happy Motoring

Rich Iuso



1957 TBird

312, 3 speed, overdrive. White on white - originally Dusk Rose paint code. Driver quality. Over \$11,000 in receipts for improvements in the last two years. \$24,000
Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

On 8/13/56 the first ground-breaking for construction of the Interstate Highway System took place in Charles City, MO. for Interstate 70

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

CTCI International convention is almost here. AUGUST 15th - AUGUST 19th. For all our members that are going, please have a safe trip and a great time. That also goes to our members that are going to Nashville after convention. Have fun.

It is that time of the year when we have election of officers. This year Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. Anyone who wants to run for either position has to notify Joanne before our October meeting. Rich Martin nominated Arlene Kubat for Vice President and Steve Handy for Treasurer. Both Arlene and Steve have accepted the nomination. Voting will be held at our November meeting.

If you are due to hold your meeting in September, October or November, please contact Joanne immediately.

July 24th our CLUB WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR 42nd ANNIVERSARY. Happy anniversary to NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB, woo hoo!!!!

See you at the picnic, Arlene



August 14 V J Day



Alec's Birthday

Some friends of Alec (Alex to some of you) went to his daughters house to wish him a Happy Birthday. They included Paul S. John P., Bill Jessie and Rich



