

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



The Thunder Heard

September 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule	
September 13	Steve Handy
October 11	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

The September meeting is on Sept. 13th.
 The host is Steve Handy. RSVP
 stevehandy85@gmail.com or 201-337-1746 See page 4 for time and 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



The Summer is quickly coming to an end. Not much took place for us as a club. Despite the rain and covid our picnic was fun and well attended. Thanks to everyone who came, and thanks to our new chef Mel Ramos and his co-chef Paul Adamoff. and to VP Arlene Kubat for all the food shopping. A special thank you to Bill and Martha Downing, not only for this picnic but for all the past picnics. As you may have heard they are stepping down as picnic chairpersons. Their efforts and organizational skills will be missed.

We also welcomed new members Keith and Brenda Murphy. They showed up in their newly purchased Dusk Rose 57, in the rain! Keith has several other cars also. Mike Meehan brought a guest, Carrie. It was wonderful to meet them all. Mike also brought George

Being most car events have been canceled for the rest of this year, we will take it day by day to see if we can get any events in.

Steve Handy will host the September meeting. Detail are be explained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Darcey Knapp from the NY Early Birds has been chosen as the new Region 1 Director. Let's all wish her well. She has started a Face book page for Region 1 members . You must join and be accepted to see it.

Stay safe and healthy
 See you all soon
 Pat Le Strange



The Picnic

We had to overcome some interesting complications for this year's picnic. Covid 19 restrictions limited the crowd size to members only, required social distancing and wearing face masks. Even the weather seemed to be against us with rain throughout the morning.

Despite these obstacles the picnic went relatively smoothly and was attended by 45 hearty souls. Two members, Mike Meehan and new member Keith Murphy brought their Thunderbirds. There was plenty of help this year and the cooks, Paul Adamoff and Mel Ramos, did a GREAT job. Pat and Joanne, along with Toni and Bob, made sure that the facilities were set-up to accommodate us. Phil Guidone coordinated all the paperwork with Morris County Park Commission to obtain the permit. A big Thank You goes out to all who helped make this year's picnic a success.

There were two picnic challenges: 60 Years of Presidential Candidate Slogans and Car Named Artists (from our resident music scholar Paul Adamoff), both were tough and didn't yield many correct answers. And "Oh, by the way," the men won the trivia contest 21 to 8.

Hope everyone had a good time. Bill D

August Meeting

A brief business meeting was held at the picnic site. The reading of the prior minutes and Treasurers report was waived.

A summary of some of the CTCI proposed changes were made (see Page 8). There was no other business

Help (Volunteer) Wanted

Please let's thank Bill & Martha Downing for all they've done over the past 8 years to bring us a great Picnic! Bill is retiring from being Chairperson of the Picnic so we need a new chair person. Please reach out to Joanne Seiler ladytbird567@gmail.com.

I've loaded some pics onto snapfish of picnic pics over the past 8 yrs. Picnic 2013-2020 there's about 15 pics, celebrate Bill for doing a good job

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



Vice President's Message

Weather still hot, but enjoy it Fall is around the corner. This has been a very quick summer. Hope you had your little birds out and had fun driving them and showing them off at cruise nights, although only a few cruise nights are going on. Hopefully there will be some car shows in September and October.

It sounds like everyone is staying healthy. This is very good, keep it up.

We had our Club picnic and it turned out to be a successful and fun day. Thank you Bill Downing for Chairing this event. This is the last year Bill is going to be Chairman of the picnic. Thank you for all you did to make our picnics so much fun. Every year we had baking contest. One year we had to guess the member from pictures taken from our high school years. Martha and Bill put on a trivia game every year, men against women, so much fun. Bill did a great job coordinating the picnic from start to finish. Oh yes I forgot our egg throwing contest, which was always fun.

I believe we had 45 members attend the picnic this year. It really was not a nice day weather wise, but we have our picnic rain or shine. We can handle all kinds of weather! It was a light year due to COVID 19, but it is what it is. Our tables were six feet apart. Our members wore their masks. This year we did not have any homemade salads, once again due to COVID 19. We had bagels, crumb cakes, donuts, plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey dogs, snacks and desserts. I believe there was plenty of food for all. I want to thank Paul Adamoff for bringing turkey dogs, bagels and being a chef, Mel Ramos for being a chef, Paul Schroll for bringing coffee and donuts, Steve Handy for bringing (my favorite) B&W crumb cake, Toni & Bob Sabino bringing soda, Mike Parrillo bringing water, Rich Martin bringing ice and Joanne Seiler bringing desserts. Also thank to Pat for bringing sound system. Thank you all for getting these things, it's makes my job easier.

There isn't anything else going on. We are still waiting for our Thunderbird masks. I am sure they will be here any day now.

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Membership News

Happy Anniversary

No September Anniversaries



Mike Meehan 11th
 Ron Case 17th
 Carmen Ramos 17th
 Walter Strohmaier 29th

GET WELL
 SON!

New members



Keith & Brenda Murphy
 The hail from Long Valley NJ and have a dusk rose 57, 62 Sports Roadster, Delorean and a MG-TF

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Sept 20- Rosh Hashanah
 Happy New Year



A good start to the day

Club Announcements

September Meeting

The next meeting is hosted by Steve Handy and Joan. Date is Sept. 13th. Time is 2 PM, place Ramapo Valley Baptist Church, 150 Franklin Ave, Oakland NJ. This will be outdoors. Be sure to RSVP Steve, including regrets. . Don't wait till the last minute either. Bring a tent if you have one.

October Meeting

This meeting, hosted by Rich Iuso & Georgette, will be held on October 11th. Details to follow.



FOR SALE

Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K
\$13,000

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,000.
Deck lid lock cylinder with keys Pad - deck lid
lock cylinder 55/56

Set 4 orig. 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips B/O
Bird white tonneau cover B/O

Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

Parts for Sale

4 orig. wire wheel covers for a 56. Includes
clips, outer rings, and center covers. Call Paul
201-289-4781

1947 Pontiac

Convertible - Recent restoration. Original
owner car. Contact Gene Szura for
information and pictures

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.

Ford History In September

9/21/08 First Model T assembled

9/14/20 First Lincoln assembled

9/4/57 Ford began selling the Edsel

9/9/54 First production Thunder assembled

9/9/55 Last production day for 55 Tbirds

9/12/59 Falcon introduced

9/17/56 First production day for 57
Thunderbird

9/11/70 The Ford Pinto goes on sale



V-J Day -Sept 5, 1945 End of WWII

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut??

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Friday

Midland Park- 211 Greenwood Ave Hot Dog
Caboose

Boonton-Wooten St.-Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd????

Car Shows-Swap Meets

These shows are listed on ncarshow.com -
see listing for contact info to find out if still
going to be held

9/12 Park Ridge-115 Colony Ave

9/13 Clifton-2 Brighton Rd. Allwood Atrium

9/19 Hasbrouck Heights-513 Veteran's Way

9/20 Bogota-24River Road

9/20 Wayne-475 Valley Rd-Wayne Municipal
Lot

9/27 Totowa-Street show, Union Blvd

10/4 East Hanover 174 Rte 10 East Nielson
Dodge

10/11 Pompton Lakes Street show Wanaque
Ave

10/11 Paramus-200 Rte 17 North-Paramus
Elks



Sept 22 is the Autumnal Equinox
Equal Day and Night

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

Our next meeting will be hosted by Steve Handy and Joan on Sunday, September 13th 2:00 pm. The meeting will be at the Ramapo Valley Church, Oakland, NJ. It will be held outdoors and COVID safe. Please wear your mask!

Labor Day will be here next week. Enjoy your weekend. Be safe

See you soon, Arlene.



Sept 7th

Keep Healthy & Safe

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, does not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier.





No celebs with Tbirds this month

CTCI Board Meeting - Zoom meeting was held on August 6th at 7 PM Eastern time.

When meeting began there were six participants, by end of meeting there were nine on zoom and one on phone. When I was asked what I thought about the way CTCI was handling things I informed them how unhappy I was about the way Region 1 had no director and how the whole situations was handled. Ross from the California club who put together the meeting informed me that we did have a new region 1 director, it is Darcy Knapp, when I asked why Al Robinson wasn't asked to step in I was told the board said he was a loser and that is why they didn't ask him. Needless to say that didn't sit well with me because no one is a loser and just because he didn't win the election didn't mean he was a loser, everyone agreed with me, Ross said that is why we are having this meeting because things need to change.

The board wants to sell the California building and re-incorporate to Wyoming for the sake of less California regulations because California's rules are that in a club like ours the members need to be informed of everything and have to vote on changes, Wyoming laws are different , the board would have complete run of everything and the members would have no vote or say in any decisions.

The board also wants to do away with the CTCI reps, they don't want to answer or explain anything to anyone. The board is trying to do away with the Regional conventions because they are getting harder for the regions to put on, it would only be a multi day get together with no judging or banquets. People would just drive to a state then basically drive home.

The full financial report is being withheld from the members, we would like to put in place that each CTCI Rep gets a report from the club so we can put it all together and know basically what the finances are.

We will be meeting again this month and decide how often we will meet also how we will go about letting the board know what we the members expect from them. If anyone would like to join in or have any suggestions please let me know and I will give you the information as soon as I know.

Toni Sabino CTCI Rep NJORTC

I used to spin the toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune - now I spin it like I'm cracking a safe



Sept 27

Blast from the Past



Walpack Inn 2006

PSA-every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. PJ's will have you believe all is well