

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2012

50's Dance October 6th
Fall Cruise October 14th

2012 Meeting Schedule

October 28	Gene & Diane Szura
October 6	50's Dance
October 14	Fall Cruise
November 17	Mike & Wendy Meehan
December 1	Holiday Party

The October meeting will be on Oct. 28th at 2PM and will be hosted by Gene & Diane Szura. RSVP at 201-991-8459 or mauszura@verizon.net See "Club Events" for meeting 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



First I would like to thank all the members who attended the Convention. As the President I was extremely proud of the amount of members that were there. Some flew and some drove. It was a great turnout of 32 people. All did very well in on the awards night. It was a great convention. Our newsletter Editors took home gold awards. They also did a terrific job on the special edition Memphis newsletter.

Our club seems to be growing. At the last meeting we had two more couples join. We hope they will be active and join in on the club functions.

The 50's dance is going very well. We are a little jittery on the total count. We are receiving phone calls almost daily. Our biggest worry right now is the people that will show up at the door. We do plan to have extra food, goodies and extra tables ready. Please encourage anyone you have talked to to give us a call. We don't mind selling tickets at the door but it makes it hard to plan. Anyway, we have good faith the dance will be success.

Thanks to all who have sold tickets

I know the Fall colors cruise is the week after the dance, but that is another event we look forward to every year and would not want to miss it. Hopefully most will attend both events but if not try to attend at least one. Give Phil a call so he can reserve enough seats.

The DVD of Memphis is in the works and I hope to complete it before I get too involved in my Christmas display (although I have been out buying lights and putting together one of the displays).

Thanks again for being such a great club.

Pat LeStrange.





A few Words From Alec

In the dwindling days of the car season it was nice to see 13 Birds and one retro Bird at our monthly club meeting held in my clubhouse in my condo complex. It was hosted by Paul & Pauline. It was one of our most well attended meetings - Tbirds and total attendance.

There are still a few shows before the season comes to a close. I hope to see as many club members as possible attending.

Happy Motoring

Alec

September Meeting

The Sept. meeting was hosted by Paul & Pauline Schroll at Chads Barn in Mahwah. It was a sunny and warm Fall day which brought out a large contingent of TBirds (14 including a retro Bird) as well as a large contingent of members. A lot of business was taken care of at the meeting and then it was time to eat. There was lots of food and drink for all.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Pat received notice from CTCI reporting that we ended up in third place for the Ford-Johnson (mileage traveled) Award.

We received two applications for membership. Since they attended a meeting, they were accepted (see page 4 for the new members).

Lois reminded the members of the CTCI Director At Large election.

Phil reported on the Fall cruise. Everything is set. Members who will be going should contact Phil ASAP.

Pat reported on the 50's dance. Volunteers are needed to set up. Contact Joanne to help.

Joanne reported that she sent out emails to those members hosting meeting in 2013. Those members should contact Joanne to confirm the month assigned.

Dorothy Dobres was the winner of the newsletter trivia question.

Next meeting is Oct 28th. See page 4 for time and location.



Vice President's Message

I cannot believe another month has gone by and it is once again time to write another article for the newsletter.

Weather has been really very nice except for this weekend which has rained a bit and was very damp. We have to take the good with the bad!!! Fall is here!!!

We spoke with Eva and she is doing ok. She is looking forward to the fall cruise. On October 9th Frank Chabala is going for surgery on his other hip. We wish him all the best. He says that he plans on walking on his own so that Santa Claus can pay a visit at our Christmas party.

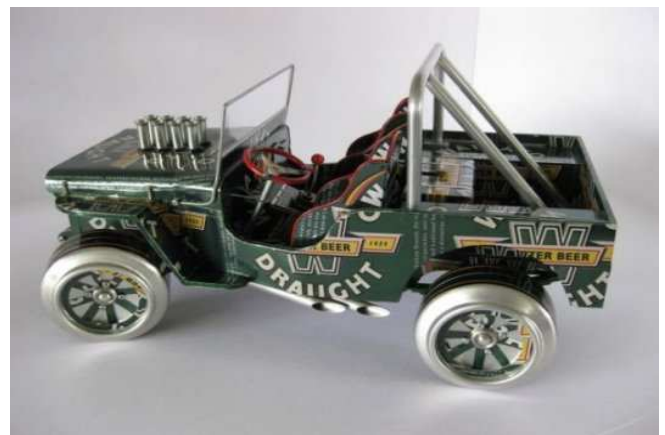
Now that Fall has arrived, it means car shows and cruise nights are almost over but it does not yet mean that we have to put our Birds to sleep for the winter. We still have plenty of nice days left and besides we are looking forward to the Fall cruise on October 14th. Soooo, keep your Birds on the road till the weather starts to turn. Just have fun, fun, fun!!!

Our big event will be here next weekend, our 50's dance. Pat and Joanne are working hard to put this dance together. I hope this dance will be successful and most importantly we all have a great time. Good food, music and people, what more can we ask for? I hope we can buy and sell as many tickets as we can.

Now that Fall is here, it will soon be Halloween, Thanksgiving, our Christmas party and then Christmas. These next few months are going to fly by. Pat has already started to put up his Christmas display. Cannot wait to see it again this year.

See you all at the dance.

Arlene



Membership News

Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
 Susan & Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Bill & Donna Jessie 14th
 Mara Madden & Todd Salamon 17th
 Bob & Shelley Belli 25th
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 27th



Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Dominick Tucci 12th
 Pat Selby 13th
 John Pyrros 18th
 Don Dobres 28th



Frank Chabala
 Eva Tucci

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Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others whenever they go.

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Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.

September Meeting



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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Club Events

October Meeting Location

The October meeting will be held at the SLICE Pizzeria/Restaurant, 41B River Rd, North Arlington, NJ 07031. Separate parking next door will be available for your Thunderbird. Remember to RSVP Gene Szura.

Fall Cruise

Phil has set the date for October 14th. Make sure you keep this day open. See page 8 for all the information

50's Dance

As you know this is on October 6th. Tickets are printed and ready. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer. Make copies and get them to your friends and acquaintances,, and get them to buy the tickets. Pat has the tickets.

Make sure you get one for yourself.

New Members



A welcome to our newest members, Robert Sabino and his fiancée Toni Ragosta. Rob has a 64 Tbird. He resides in Elmwood Park, NJ



Also a welcome to Carol & Charles Ehm who hail from Lincoln Park, NJ. Carol is the owner of a 56 TBird, while Charles has a 56 Nomad and a 70 Chevelle

Cruise Nights

Some of these may have closed for the season

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grill, Goffle Road (till 10/8)
Rochelle Park 375 West Passiac St (Mr Cupcakes)
1st Monday of the month
Saddlebrook-427 Market St. (Advance Auto)

Tuesday

Carlsadt-645 Washington (The Grasshopper)
Clifton, Ruts Hut
North Bergen-2849 Kennedy Rd. (Sonic Drive IN)

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Thursday

E. Rutherford-Cheeburger/Cheeburger Rte 17 SO
Emerson-Emerson Shopping Center,
Kinderkermack Rd.
Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's and Wendy's
Shopping Ctr.

Friday

Midland Park Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)
Elmwood Park-Legion Place (Am. Legion Post 147)
Boonton-Wooten St. (Wal-Mart shop. Ctr) Till 10/5

Saturday

Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St. (Whiskey Cafe)

Like Cruising? How about an ocean cruise? In February '13 there is an ocean cruise with old cars as the theme. It's the Classic Car Cruise. See info at <http://www.classiccarcruise.com>



Happy Halloween

Car Shows-Swap Meets

10/3-7 Carlisle PA Swap Meet
10/10-13 Hershey PA Swap Meet
10/3-Wayne 300 Pompton Rd (William Patterson Univ.F
10/7 Saddle Brook-Market ST. (Washington School)F
10/7 Wantage 145 Sherman Ridge Rd (Woodbourne
Veterans Memorial Park) F
10/7 Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St (Whiskey Cafe) F
10/13 West Milford-Pinecliff Lake Clubhouse 1577 Union
Valley Road F
10/14 Pompton Lakes-Wanaque Ave.F
10/21 Paramus-64 East Midland Ave (Berkeley College)F

I have flyers on some of these (F)

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
www.newjerseycarshows.com (reactivated)



It seems that each month celebrates food - October is cookie, country ham, seafood, pizza, vegetarian and popcorn month. And to wash it down apple jack month. So celebrate.

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



Octoberfest Time

Tech Tips
Winter Storage Tip

While we hate to admit it, winter storage season will soon be here.

An item you may want to add to your list in preparing your little TBird for winter storage is to make sure to fully loosen the steering column adjusting collar. Spray a bit of oil around the collar and slide the column several times. Be sure to lay some plastic on the floor to catch any drips.

As a lot of us know, these collars and columns seize from lack of use and they can be tough to loosen if they do.



I have a soft spot for Model A's



"E" 57 Ranchero with all the accessories

Concours D' Elegance

A number of members went to this show at Buckingham in Doylestown,PA. Free breakfast. It was a very nice show on a beautiful late summer day. Lots of very nice cars



Rich's Mustang



Ron Case & Alec



Legends Car Show

Many NJORTC members attended this show. Another very nice show on a great day. Over 100 cars made a nice mix.



Elvis was there too - straight from Memphis



The week of October 9th is Fire Prevention Week. make sure all your smoke alarms are in working order.

September Meeting



Concours



John's other car

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something

Trivia Quiz

What is Astraphopia?

First person with the correct answer wins a prize.

Last month's trivia quiz went unanswered. The correct answer was Brandy.



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2012 ANNUAL Fall Cruise

Phil and Dorothy found a NEW DIRECTION for this year's cruise! This fall, we will travel to the beautiful SMOKE RISE VILLAGE INN in Kinnellon , NJ!

Smoke Rise Village Inn is nestled in the scenic community of Kinnelon, located on Northern NJ. The inn has been offering fine cuisines and exceptional service for 65 years. Its historic stone building, once a farming structure, dates back to 1892. Following years of a thriving dairy business, the building was developed into a restaurant in 1947 - created to serve as the social hub of its small community. A perfect charming place to visit, we hope you will join us for a delicious buffet brunch prepared by Executive Chef George Tavolara.

At the present time, we are in the process of planning our route so stay tuned! Our expected time of arrival is 12:45pm at the Inn.

We will need a minimum of thirty (35) people to attend. Typically, this is our usual number.

The price is \$38.10 per person, all inclusive. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1st and we will need your check at that time, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C. send to our address. There will, of course, be some prizes and games...and possibly another special Halloween guest.

We will meet at SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN PARK (same location as our picnic) at 10.00 am. Address for the park is EAST SPRINGTON ROAD, LONG VALLEY. Coffee, donuts, etc will be provided. Please note this is a rain or shine event, and hopefully shine, so let's get those T-Birds out! We are a show stopper every year with out multi-color T-Birds lined up.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. A spectacular drive through the fall foliage, along with good food and friends promises a memorable day.

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*Hello, Happy Fall Everyone! I am posting the new meeting schedule and just a brief overview of what is expected as a host since we do have several newer members this year. Hopefully you have had a chance to join us at one or some of our meetings since you have joined. Here is the meeting schedule for 2013. Please take a look to see if you are on the list. **IF** anyone has a problem with hosting their month please contact someone else on this list and switch with them. Every member hosts a meeting; they come around about once every 3 years. We usually have 20 - 40 people show up, the host does serve something to eat, and we ask it to be kept simple. Meetings last 3-4 hours and are usually held at 2pm on a Sunday afternoon. This can be adjusted with enough notice. Not every member has the room in their home to hold a meeting but they have accommodated us at a club house, warehouse, boat, even restaurants. Members attending the meeting are asked to kindly RSVP to the host with a weeks' notice so you have a count of attending and can prepare. I am the meeting coordinator for the club and I would appreciate the date, time, contact information and location of the meeting you are hosting 2 months in advance, e-mailed to me. This gives us time to notify everyone in the club and get the info into the newsletter, and make any changes if necessary. Meetings are fun and they give us a chance to get together and share our T-Bird stories and discuss upcoming functions. If anyone has any questions please e-mail me ...*

Joanne Seiler at ladytbird567@yahoo.com my cell phone # is 551-404-3646. We are looking forward to another great year and seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

FYI *There are only 9 meetings held a year. January / February are held as one due to bad weather, the host may choose any date during these 2 months to host their meeting. August is usually our family picnic and a very short and brief meeting is held then and December is our holiday party and no meeting is held just a fun time.*

JAN/FEB *Bob & Shelly Belli*

JULY *Joe & Arlene Kubat*

MARCH *Todd & Mara Solamon*

SEPT *Joe & Lori Matrone*

APRIL *Phil & Dorothy Guidone*

OCT *Lucille & Frank Chabala*

MAY *Bill & Dot Hyde*

NOV *Walter Strohmaier*

JUNE *Bob & Joan Notar*

I thank you for your cooperation in advance and please contact me any time. If you need help or suggestions I am happy to help however I can.

Joanne Seiler ladytbird567@yahoo.com

NJORTC Meeting Coordinator & Club Photographer



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club Presents it's 1st Annual '50's Sock Hop

Saturday Oct. 6, 2012

7:30 pm to 11:30 pm (doors open at 7:00)

Elmwood Park American Legion Hall

Legion Pl. Elmwood Park, NJ

This is a Real 50's Hop

**So slick back your hair, put your Collars up
Dig out your saddle shoes and Poodle Skirts**

Dressing 50's Style is Strongly Encouraged

Don't be the only one in modern clothing

Be a participant, not a spectator

**Large Parking Lot
Plenty of Parking
for your Old Rides**



**DJ Donny Quinn
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50's and early 60's**



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