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The Thunder Heard

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RAIN, RAIN - GO AWAY

2009 Meeting Schedule

July 18	Ken & Linda Herb
July 11	Race Track Show
August 2	MINI CONCOURS
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll
October 19	Fall Cruise
October	Henry & Judy Semmler
November	Joe & Arlene Kubat
December 5	HOLIDAY PARTY

The July Meeting will be on the 18th and will be hosted by:

Ken & Linda Herb
5 Rockledge Road
Randolph, NJ 07869
3:30 PM
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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



June was a beautiful month...if you are a duck. We did have 3 days of no rain. I am sure the sunshine is coming-maybe July or August?

The June meeting at the Martin's home was well attended. Thanks Rich & Lois. I finally got to give the Tucci's DVD I made and the album Joanne had made of their 60 Wedding held at the Chabala's in November. We had been waiting until Joanne and the Tucci's were at the same meeting together, but as it was 8 months without the connection I had to give it to them without Joanne being there. We watched the DVD and everyone liked it.

At the meeting we discussed the Chatterbox night and the Mini Concours as well as the standard club business.

I know a lot of members went to the North Jersey Thunderbird Assoc. ALL THUNDERBIRD SHOW in Pompton Plains at got rained on. Thanks to all who attended, for making a good Club turn out.

On the 27th we did the Chatterbox night. The forecast was, of course, possible showers and it did rain a few times during the evening, but in between the rain it was sunny and warm. We had a very good turnout of 22 members, spouses and relatives with 8 TBirds, 1 pickup truck, 1 Cadillac and a 41 Ford. The Wanderers Car Club, who run the cruise night, were very impressed. They were happy to see that the rain did not stop us from coming there.. We were given prime parking on the front lawn, so we drew a lot of attention. WE will definitely have to make this an annual event.

Well, try to stay dry and keep your fingers crossed that the Mini Concours will have good weather .

Happy T Birding
Pat LeStrange





A few words from Alec

As you read this myself and fellow members will either be preparing to leave or will be already at the CTCI Regional in Tulsa over the July 4th weekend. I am really looking forward to attending as I missed last years International due to a medical problem.

Since every show or cruise night in our area has seen some form of moisture this season, I'm hoping that Tulsa, even though hot, will be somewhat drier than here. Seattle on the East Coast as it has become to be called.....

Happy Motoring
Alec

My TBird – Paul & Sheryl Adamoff



On Monday, June 12th, 1995, my wife Sheryl handed me, in our office, a “small” ad from the Record newspaper, an ad for an antique car.

Seeing it was a 55 T-Bird, I thought it would have sold immediately, so just I left the ad on my office desk. That Thursday, Sheryl asked me if I called about the car. I said it had to be sold by now. She said to call and I did. It was still there and still for sale.

That evening we went to Tenafly and met with the owner's father. It was black with black & white interior, two tops with an extended rear and a continental kit. We both fell in love with it. He told us his son came back from Vietnam, drove the car for a short while and then put it in the garage and left it there for ten years. His son moved to Toms River and didn't want the car. (Cont'd on Page 5)



Vice President's Message

It has been a little crazy in my household this month. Joe and I happily announce the engagement of our daughter, Kimberly. We are very happy for her and, course, Nick. They ate planning a spring or summer wedding in 2010.

As for my monthly weather report, it hasn't changed – rain, rain, rain. I hope when we go to the Chatterbox on June 27th it is nice. We have lost time with cruise nights and car shows, so let's pray the rain stops for a while.

WE also have another fun night coming up at the Meadowlands Race Track. Looking at fine cars, eating, betting on the horses and listening to oldies music – oh what fun.

I hope all is well with every one. Hi Vince, hoping you are doing better. Our prayers are with you.

See you all soon

Arlene

Vince DeAndrea

Vince is progressing but will be in rehab for the near future. He appreciates all the calls, visits and cards. He has a new cell phone plan so now you can call him. Give him a call at 732-599-9444 or at the rehab number, 732-839-9626



Happy Birthday America on the 4th of July

Membership News

ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Diane Szura



Frank Gloss 12th
Sandy Pyrros 16th
Paul Adamoff 16th
Pauline Schroll 17th
Charlie Costa 18th
Diane Szura 21st
Alec Johnstone 24th

Teddy says
get well!



Vince DeAndrea
Arnold Dworkin

FOR SALE

Milestones

Condolences to Eva Tucci on the passing of her sister

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July is Hot Dog month
(Honestly, I don't make these up)



CLUB EVENTS

June Meeting

Our hosts were Lois and Rich Martin. See Page 7 for highlights of the business meeting. A few pics



Did you ever notice how often a narrow mind and a wide mouth go together?

Any items you want us to publish in the newsletter must be received before the 1st of the month. They can be e-mailed directly to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com



TBirds at the Meadowlands

We have been invited to the WMTR Meadowlands Race Track Show by John Pestrichelli, of the Garden State Mustang Club (Ponies and Birds??) This will be on July 11th, and held in the Paddock area. We must get a count as space may be limited. If you are interested in taking your TBird to this show, please contact John Pyrros as soon as possible.

Mini Concours

As noted in the 2009 meeting schedule, this will take place August 2nd, so please keep this in mind. Location will be the same, At the Doe Meadow grounds.

All Thunderbird Car Show

On the 13th the All Thunderbird Car Show was held, despite the terrible rain in the morning. There were approximately 90 cars – about 15 Early Birds, 13 or so Retro Birds and the rest the bigger T-Birds.

We were well represented by 10 cars (Paul S, John B, Phil G, Bob B, Bruce & Aileen, Charlie C, Bill J, Alec, John P, and Henry S. Nick Malanga and Sue Gaeta were also there and volunteered their services as judges.

Phil Guidone, Bruce & Aileen Corbett and Bill Jessie won awards. John Bolger won a special award for getting stuck in the mud.

All in all, it was a good show, with the sun coming out during the afternoon.



Charlie & Bruce between rain storms



The father said he had to sell it because he was moving. I told him it needed body work, the soft top was shot, emblems & parts were missing and a lot of the chrome was rusted. We made a deal and picked up the car that Saturday morning.

We had it flatbedded to Hackensack and then to a body shop in Paterson by our office on Monday. The body shop did a complete body off. I had the chassis sent out, sand blasted and then painted. The shop had the engine sent out and checked out. All new brake lines, a new 4 core radiator and gas tank was installed. After the body was off, 12 pin holes were discovered in the rear quarters, but no rust or rot was found anywhere else.

The problem was that I told the owner of the body shop I wasn't in a hurry since I had no place to store it. **MY MISTAKE!!**. Due to being a shop being paid for claims and cash repairs, he put the car on a lift and kept telling me he working on it and left it for about 7 years. I had to have our lawyer send him a letter demanding him to finish it, which he did. Unfortunately, when I got it, it had several chrome and other parts missing.

\ I had a new soft top installed, a new head liner in the hardtop, and a new interior installed. I had the original radio changed to AM/FM stereo, new speakers and installed a 12 CD changer.

With the help of our club **“BOYS”** the major parts that were found (Continued on Page 8)



TECH TIPS

Flexible Brake Hoses

Flex hoses on our Thunderbirds are made of two layers of rubber with internal braided cording between the layers for strength. The following is a list of conditions to determine if flex brake hose replacement is necessary.

1. Cracks in the exterior covering
2. Abrasions or cuts in the covering from rubbing against other components.
3. When there is a clean area around the portion of the hose as it enters the fittings at either end. This usually caused by the weight of a component being suspended by the hose.
4. If the hose is brittle and does not flex easily
5. If the hose restricts flow in either direction.
6. The lettering on the hose should be in a straight line. If twisted, the hose may have internal damage that is not readily noticeable (ply separation).
7. Dampness or leaking of fluid around fittings.
8. Swelling or blistering of the hose from fluid pressure.
9. A broken outer cover that exposes braid to road debris and moisture. This usually occurs near and end fitting or mounting bracket.

Some experts suggest replacing hoses every 3 to 5 years. Whenever an axle has more than one hose, both should be replaced at the same time if one has to be replaced because of internal damage.

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CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

July 4-Livingston-Livingston High School, Livingston Ave. (Flyer)

July 3-6 CTCL Regional – Tulsa, OK

July 12-River Edge, Memorial Park, Continental Ave. flyer

July 18-Oakland-Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Ave. Flyer)

July 19-Hillsdale-Demarest Farm, 244 Werimus Road (flyer)

Pompton Lakes-Pompton lakes Elks, 1 Perrin Ave. (flyer)

July 26-Hackensack-Bergen Cty Courthouse parking lot-River Road (flyer)

July 31-Aug2-Macungie, PA (Antique cars)

Aug 8 Clifton-Fette Ford, 1137 Rte 46 5-9PM-Ford Powered Vehicles only (Flyer)

Aug. 9 Wayne Town Hall, 475 Valley Road (Flyer)

For additional car shows and cruise nights locations go to www.njcarshow.com

Chatterbox Cruise

Despite two “scattered showers” twenty two members (counting spouses) attended the Chatterbox cruise set up by Pat. We had 8 Birds, one old pickup, a “big a\$\$ed Cadillac and a 41 Ford street rod (Paul S’s son’s street rod) in attendance. Despite the showers I believe all enjoyed the trip and the get together.



CRUISE NIGHTS

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grill, Goffle Road

Tuesday

Elmwood Park-River View East, 455 River Dr

Succasunna- McDonald’s, Rte 10

Wayne-Wendy’s-Rte 23 NO.

Paramus-The Fireplace, Rte 17 No.

Wednesday

Bear Mountain, NY

Wycoff – Greenwood Ave

West Caldwell-Taco Bell 900 Bloomfield Ave

Denville-Wendy’s-Rte 46

Hot Dog Hut-Wayne, 126 Mt View Blvd (Rte 202S)

Fairfield- Huddle Inn, 31 Passaic Ave.

Thursday

Hackettstown-Lowes-Mountain Ave

Riverdale Armory-Newark Pompton Tpke

E. Rutherford-Lowe’s, Rte 17 N

Lebanon-Spinning Wheel Diner, Rte 22

Friday

Midland Park-Center St. Train Station

Boonton-Walmart-Wooten Street

Saturday

Chatterbox-Rtes 15&206, Augusta

Montgomery, NY McDonald’s Rte 208

Lyndhurst-Whiskey Café, 1050 Wall St

Sunday

No. Haledon-No. Haledon Pizza, 5 Sicomac Road

Island Dragway Family Night

Again this year Island Dragway is having it’s Food-Fun-Racing night on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting May 6 and ending Oct 21st. For the entry fee of \$15 you can come to watch or race and enjoy a barbeque. For additional info, go to

www.islanddragway.com

If you are interested to going to one of these as a club activity, please contact me. Please have in mind what dates you would prefer. If you decide to go racing, you will need a helmet (available at the track for a rental fee), an overflow can for the radiator (easy fix) and seat belts. If you prefer, you can just sit in the stands and watch me beat the britches off Rich Martin and the rest of the TBirds.

The economy is so bad.....

Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM



More Chatterbox



June Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Lois and Rich Martin. Besides the great food and great company, we were able to see Rich's fleet and his newest addition, a 62 Ford Galaxie hardtop that almost looks like it just came off the assembly line (no restoration). Thanks to Lois and Rich.

Some highlights of the meeting:

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The reading of the Secretaries minutes of the last meeting was waived due to the secretaries' absence.

Lucille reported that Vince DeAndrea is still in rehab. Lucille bought a poster for all to sign to send to Vince.

Pat reported that Arnold Dworkin is in a nursing home, but did not have any particulars as to location and contact information.

Pat reminded the member about the Chatterbox trip and Meadowlands. John Pyrros is in charge of the Meadowland outing.

Mike Meehan reported on the Mini-Concours (Aug 2) Paul Adamoff brought some antenna type flags which will be given away at the Mini-Concours

Lucille brought samples of year of service pins. Different types were discussed, including one shaped like an early Bird.

Alec reported on the North Jersey Assoc.'s Show on 6/13. We had 11 members in attendance despite the poor weather.

Upcoming cruises and shows were discussed.

Reminder that the next meeting is at Linda and Ken Herb's house on July 18th.



July is also iced cream month so lets celebrate the 4th with hot dogs, ice cream and any beer left over from June.



NJORTC History

The first meeting (and the first election of officers) was held in December of 1981.

The club name at that time was NJ Salt-T-Birds

There were 9 members (none of the original members are presently with the club)

Researched by Lucille, Club Historian



My TBird – continued

in need to be replaced/missing and were corrected.

The car is now in running condition, thanks to the **GREAT** help of Paul Schroll, John Pyrros and the supervisor, Alec Johnstone !!

We are very lucky to have joined a club such as ours and have **GREAT FRIENDS!!**

My wife walked into the den & asked “What’s on the TV?” I replied “Dust”
And that’s how the fight started....



June Meeting (Missing Bruce & Mike)

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CAR SHOW

NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB



ANNUAL MINI-CONCOURS & PICNIC

- ⊛ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009 - RAIN OR SHINE**
(Car Registration: 10 am - Noon)
- ⊛ **Lewis Morris Park ("Doe Meadow" picnic area), Morristown, NJ**
- ⊛ **Free Admission - Free Registration - Free Refreshments For Registrants**
- ⊛ **Thunderbird Classes: 1955, 1956, 1957, Other T-Birds, Other Classics**
- ⊛ **Trophies - Dash Plaques**
- ⊛ **Peer Judging - Trophies in all classes plus special awards**

*Pre-Registration is not required.
However, if you plan to attend, we would appreciate it
if you let us know in advance - to be sure we buy enough food!*



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