

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



# The Thunder Heard

**January/February 2014**

**Happy And Healthy 2014**

**2014 Meeting Schedule**

Feb 16	Sweetheart Brunch
March 16	John & Sandra Bolger
March 9	Harold's Deli
April 6	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
May	Bill & Donna Jessie
May 4	Tune Up Clinic Spring Cruise
June	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby
	Fall Cruise
November	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party

The March meeting will be on the 16th at 2 PM and will be hosted by John & Sany Bolger. See Page 4 for location. RSVP 201-967-0917, 551-486-5769 or sandibeach1001@aol.com

**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**



I hope everyone is getting used to the cold, but crusin weather is just around the corner. Looking forward to to warm 50 degree days, I'll settle for even 40 - heck, I'll take anything above zero.

January has been a busy month. We had our board meeting, we went over the books and set up activities for 2014. We had a family emergency on Sunday with the passing of Joanne's mother. Thanks to all for your kind words and deeds and the many who attended the wake.

Due to that, Joanne and I did not attend the meeting on Sunday, but I was told Arlene did a great job. Thank you Arlene.

On the 16th, 13 members, spouses and relatives went to Scottsdale, AZ for the car auctions. Phil Guidone did a great job of getting us a very fancy hotel/resort. The weather was beautiful and we all had a wonderful time. John Bolger had a health problem but still made it Barrett-Jackson.

On February 6th I will be off to the CTCI Board Meeting in CA. I will report to you at the March meeting.

Make sure you contact Lucille Chabala for the Sweetheart Brunch in February.

Stay healthy and hang in there - warm weather is coming.

Pat Le Strange

*January*

*February*



### A few Words From Alec

Now that everyone is back from Barrett-Jackson and all that heat, sunshine and beautiful cars it's time to settle down and enjoy the Winter (Arctic) weather that we are currently enduring. I cannot remember ever being for so long a period of time being so cold in our area.

Our little Birds won't be seeing the open road in the near future.

I hope you are all staying warm and hope to see everyone at our next meeting to hear all the stories about Barrett-Jackson and Scottsdale

Alec

### Jan/Feb Meeting

Ron Case was the host for the Jan/Feb meeting. It was a nice winter day, not too cold and sunny. A few of the members even brought out their Tbirds. Charley even debuted his Mustang that he has been restoring. It was crowded at Delizia's as most of the members attended.

Thanks to Ron for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were given and accepted.

We received a thank you letter from the Commander of the Teaneck Nat'l Guard for the collection of toys the members gave to the NJ Nat'l Guard 508th MP Support Company.

Arlene said he has booked the San Carlo for next Holiday party, December 6, 2014

Lucille said the Sweetheart brunch is scheduled for February 17th.

Rich mentioned that he is going to Sweden to help a Tbirder in his TBird restoration.

Phil mentioned that 13 members are attending the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale.

Arlene reported on the Board meeting which was held on the 11th.

Sign up sheets for the Brunch and Harold's were passed around.

Next Meeting March 16th at Delizia's.

Life is like a roll of toilet paper - the closer to the end, the faster it goes.



### Vice President's Message

Guess what - yes snow again. I personally do not like snow and this winter is way too cold for me!. Feb. 2nd we will find out how much longer this winter will be. I hope the groundhog finds just 6 more weeks of this snowy, cold and long winter. Think SPRING!!! One thing that makes the weather bearable is that some of our club members, including Joe and myself, are going on a cruise in 2 weeks to nice warm and tropical weather. Cannot wait!

We want to send our sympathy and prayers to Joanne and her family on the loss of her mother. It is always a tough time when you lose your mom.

I hope that everyone who went to Scottsdale (Barrett-Jackson auction) had a great time. Thank you Phil for arranging this trip.(Yes we did-Editor).

We had our Board Meeting for 2014. We put together a year of fun activities . February-Sweetheart Brunch, March- Harold's Deli, April/May-Spring Cruise and Tune Up Clinic, June- Chatterbox, July-CTCI Convention, August-Cub picnic, September-open (any ideas, please bring up at a meeting), October -Fall cruise, December, Christmas Party. I would say we have a mighty busy year ahead.

Pat is leaving beginning of February for the CTCI meeting in CA. Have a good and safe trip.

Do not forget the Sweetheart Brunch on Feb. 16th at the Bethwood in Totawa, 11:30 AM. If you have not sent in your money to Lucille, please do so now. \$44.00 per person.. As usual, good food (plenty of it) and good friends. It's a good way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Between Barrett-Jackson and Mecum car auctions, I think Joe is getting his fill of cars. I sure know I am. I am starting to believe there is nothing else on TV except car auctions.

With this weather please drive carefully.

Arlene



# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Charlie & Izabela Costa Feb 8



Todd Salamon Jan 4  
 Steve Handy Jan 6  
 Joe Saville Jan 17  
 Jan Savill Jan 19  
 Joe Matrone Jan 22  
 Donna Jessie Jan 20  
 Martha Downing Jan 26  
 Merry Case Jan 29  
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Get Well Soon!

All seem to be well

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### Condolences

To Joanne Seiler and her family on the passing of her mother.

## Jan/Feb 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.**

**[ptschroll@aol.com](mailto:ptschroll@aol.com)**

## Club Events

### Dues

For those members who did not attend the Holiday party, or did solo, dues must be paid. Get your dues into Frank Chabala. Amount is \$50, \$25 for those who attended the party solo.

### Sweetheart Brunch

The ever popular brunch is scheduled for February 16, 2014. It's at the Bethwood, 38 Lackawanna Dr, Totowa. Let Lucille know you are coming and get in your payment. Cost is 44.00 per person. We are slated to be on the first serving at 11:30.

### Harolds

Harold's Deli is on March 9th. This is a pay as you go get together. Great pastrami, corned beef or whatever your delight is. Great pickles too. Notify Sandra Pyrros if you are going as she has to give Harold's a count. Arrival time is 12:50 (for 1PM seating). Address is 1173 King Georges Post Road, Edison,, NJ 08837

### March Meeting

This is on March 16 at Delizia's Pizza at the Wal-Mart shopping center, Wooten Street, Boonton. Remember to RSVP John or Sandy Bolger.

### Activities

If you have a good idea for a club activity, bring it up at a meeting. There is no scheduled activity for April, June or November, although there is a possible Chatterbox get together in June

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



**6 more weeks?**

**A Clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory**

## Christmas Party 2013

We had a great party! There were 61 of us. Our party gets bigger every year, which is a great thing. Everybody was dressed in bright holiday clothing, which made the party very festive. We started at 5PM with the cocktail hour and we had plenty of hors d'oeuvre's as we chatted in anticipation of the meal and entertainment. Pat and his many hats (which he is always changing during the night), set up the music, first Christmas songs and then 50's music so we could dance and just have fun. Pat is a great DJ.

At 6:30 the dinner was ready. The food was delicious (hope everyone enjoyed it) and plenty of it. Dessert was chocolate covered strawberries, cookies and ice cream with many different toppings, and our two ice cream aficionado's (Joe and Rich) made sure they had their fill .

When dinner was over, we had a visit from Santa Claus (thanks Frank). Santa gave out gifts, the ladies receiving very nice scarves with NJORTC printed on it and the men received 2014 Thunderbird calendars featuring members' cars (thanks Toni). And for those who participated, there was a grab bag.

Lois made up a large picture frame with different lottery tickets which was raffled off. The winner was Steve Handy. I believe he won \$20.00 or a little more on the tickets. We also had a 50/50, but I do not remember who won but I hope you enjoyed your winnings.

The members had brought toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. We had a lot of them so it was very successful and rewarding knowing that some children will be enjoying them. We had a retired Vet who picked them up and delivered them. We received a nice letter acknowledging our donation. The room we had was very festively decorated - we even borrowed the reindeer from the hallway and place the gifts around it. Joanne made the center pieces for the tables, which were very nice. Thanks to Joanne.

One thing was missing. The chicken man didn't show. I guess he has retired.

After a little dancing our 2013 party came to an end. Now we are getting ready for next year. I hope everyone had a good time. I just love our club

Arlene

(Editor's note - Arlene did all the prep work for the party and she did a super job)



some of the toys collected



## Tech Tips Electrical Leaks

Electrical leaks are an unwanted current flow and can occur due to worn or damaged insulation, corroded connections or excessive dampness. There is nothing more annoying than jumping into your Thunderbird in full anticipation of an enjoyable drive and finding the battery too low to start the car. If you think you have an electrical leak (or "short") that is running down your battery here's how to find it.

1. Turn off everything that uses electricity (don't forget the clock)
2. Remove the battery cable that goes to the starter
3. Connect a multi-meter set to measure DC volts from the battery terminal and the cable. If it reads battery voltage there is leakage or a short
4. Switch your meter to read DC amps (start on the highest range to prevent damage to the meter) and measure current flow. If the reading is 1 amp or more then quite likely there is something still turned on. Any current flow between 1 amp and .01 amps is a major electrical leak. Less than .01 amps is a minor leak.
5. If a leak is detected, first clean the battery terminals, battery top and battery cables. Then one at a time, remove fuses and disconnect wires until the current drops to zero. When it does, you have found the source of the leak.

From the CASCO newsletter, Sept 2013 and the Pitts Bird Thunderbird Club

## CTCI International Convention 2014

This is going to be on July 1st to the 6th in Springfield Mo. The show field will be indoors. The hotel is University Plaza Hotel (417-864-7333). Mention "Classic Thunderbird Club Int'l" or Group Code CTC14 (fourteen) when making reservations. Entry forms and information on the convention can be accessed at [www.ctci.org](http://www.ctci.org). Rooms are expected to fill up fast, so get your reservations in.

## Convention Caravan

Lois and Paul S. are setting up a caravan to go to the convention. So far there are 10 members going. Contact either Lois or Paul if you want to go with the caravan.

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

2/28-3/2 Atlantic City Car Auction

For more shows go to  
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
[www.newjerseycarshows.com](http://www.newjerseycarshows.com)  
[www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)

## Cruise Nights

Tuesday  
Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

## Jan/Feb Meeting



## Trivia Quiz

What was the inspiration for MG's famous octagon shaped badge?

Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Mike Perillo and the answer was a Baker Electric Streamliner

## Signs

On a Fence:  
Salesmen welcome - Dog food is expensive

**Holiday Party**



**I won, I won**



**Grab Bag Items**



**Purloined Deer and Lady's Gifts**





**Happy Valentines Day Everyone**





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# Sweet Heart Brunch

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*This is always an enjoyable event.*



*We hope to see you and your sweetheart there*

**Good Food - Good Friends - Good Times**



Happy Birthday George Washington &  
Abraham Lincoln Feb 17th



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We're going to



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**Please contact Sandy Pyrras [sandypy@optimum.net](mailto:sandypy@optimum.net)**

**201-487-2943 and let her know if you are coming by March 2 nd**



*Reservations required. No advance payment we pay as we go*



*The holidays are over, it's time to eat again, wont you join us for a winter get together, we're going to our NJORTC Annual Harold's Lunch guaranteed to fill you up.*



