

## NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Sunday, March 16, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Pat LeStrange at 2:15 pm (36 members attending). Pat thanked John & Sandy Bolger for hosting today's meeting at DeLizzia Pizza in Boonton, NJ. Flag Salute by Alec Johnstone. Minutes from the January meeting were read by Sandra Pyrros & accepted as read.

### Treasurers Report

Frank Chaballa reported the **opening balance: \$4,046.00**

*Income:* 50/50=\$75, \$150=Dues, Xmas Party Scarves=\$30, Sweetheart Brunch=\$176, Calendars=\$60, Badge fines=\$9, SH Brunch=\$1,051.76.

*Expenses:* Annual Report (Phil)=\$25, Xmas Supplies=\$42.54, Xmas decorations=\$26.65, Bank chgs=\$6, SH Brunch-Roses & favors=\$121.47, San Carlo Deposit 2014 Xmas party=\$500.00, The Bethwood deposit=\$200, Spring Cruise lunch deposit=\$100. Exchange for SH brunch=\$1,199.43.

Total **Balance: \$3,377.66**

**CD: \$7,075.61**

Correspondence-Lois None

Sunshine- Lucille. Sympathy card to Joanne Seiler on the passing of her Mom. Joanne thanked the club members for all their support. An anonymous donor sent flowers.

Membership- Paul Adamoff, nothing to report

CTCI Report- Lois Martin said that CTCI is advertising in their magazine for next year's "boat cruise" in February, leaving from Tampa, FL. Club members really enjoyed the cruise this year and encouraged members to book.

Pat attended the CTCI meeting in CA and reported they voted not to accept the "retro" birds in CTCI. Also, a committee was formed to study how to enlist new members to join CTCI. It was announced that in August, 2015, around Labor Day, there will be a Regional Convention in Albuquerque, NM.

Regarding the Early Bird Magazine, as Regional Director, Pat gets the edition early before other members and he thanked Bill Downing for doing outstanding job writing our club article! Thanks very much.

### Old Business

Lois said that she is closing up the club PO Box since nothing was sent to it in the last 6 months. Joanne updated the club website with new contact information.

Joanne reported that since our website has been posted (Jan.2013) we have over 11,000 hits. Very successful, also people have signed the guest book page. Contact Pat or Joanne to list items for sale on the website, but let them know if you sold the item posted so that they can remove the listing. The Photo Page has been redesigned to make it more user friendly. Our Face Book page has not had too much activity. Photos of all our events are posted.

Pat and Joanne put together "Goody Bags" to give to new members. They showed us the contents and its not costing the club anything, its items we had on hand. 10 new members

joined our club last year.

Sandra Pyrros, chairwoman, reported on our March club event, lunch at Harold's Deli, Edison. We had a great turnout of 36 hungry members and we all stuffed ourselves, especially with the huge desserts.

Thanks go out to Lucille Chabala for chairing the Sweetheart Brunch at the Bethwood. That was another well-attended delicious event.

### **General Business**

Paul Schroll said that he is in the process of selecting one of our newsletters to submit to CTCI for awards. Also he is asking if any members want to submit an article on how they acquired their T-Birds. Also the Trivia award goes to Mike Perillo again—also last month's winner.

Lois Martin is booking hotels for those members driving to the Springfield, MO convention. Please let her know if you are coming. Bob Heisler would like to hitch a ride with someone. Lois is scheduling the 1<sup>st</sup> day of 8 hours of driving, 2<sup>nd</sup> day of 7-1/2 hours, and the last day of 4 hours. It's 1,190 miles, about 18-19 hours driving total. 10 cars traveling. Pat mentioned that our club is in the running for the Ford-Johnson Award. We are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place up against Washington, Southern California, Dallas & Oregon. Also, if you have not signed up for the convention hotel & activities, please do so ASAP as the activities fill up fast.

Arlene Kubat reported that last month's Classic Car Cruise "on the ocean" was an excellent experience. Next year will be a smaller ship, the RC Vision of the Seas, leaving Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> from Tampa, FL. There were workshops, speakers, remote control car races, trivia contests, virtual car show judging and Rich Martin was a big winner.

Joe Kubat is chairing a "Spring Cruise" on May 4, 2014, from Lafayette Village on Rt. 15N. We will meet there and drive to Sunrise Mountain and back for a 12 noon lunch seating. Buffett cost is \$27.50. A vote of members was taken to charge \$30 pp and include the beverages. Please give your check to Lucille before April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

Paul mentioned that there are a lot of car shows coming up that he'll list them in the newsletter and Pat will post on our website. Paul said that the Richard Nader Doo-Wop Show and car cruise is once again taking place on May 31, 2014 at Izod Arena. Bring your cars and you'll receive 2 tickets to the show that night.

Rich Martin is holding the Tune-Up Clinic at his house on May 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM and our club meeting will start around 1 PM. Please let him know who will be bringing their car to be worked on. Cars traveling to Springfield will have first preference to be worked on.

Next meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup>-2 PM at DeLizzia's Pizza hosted by Frank & Mary Gloss. 50/50 won by Joe Kubat for \$55.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.