

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



# The Thunder Heard

DECEMBER 2009

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

### 2009/2010 Meeting Schedule

December 5	HOLIDAY PARTY
Jan 17	Ron & Merry Case
Jan	Harold's Deli ?
Feb 7	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Walter Strohmaier
April	Bob & Shelly Belli
May	Dominick & Eva Tucci
June	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
July	Susan & Anthony Gaeta
August	Mini-Concours
September	Donna & Bill Jessie
October	John & Sandra Bolger
November	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December	Holiday Party

The Jan/Feb meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM and will be hosted by  
Ron & Merry Case  
37 No. Mountain Ave  
Montclair, NJ  
(Georgian Inn)  
RSVP 973-857-4264 or  
mrcasetbird@yahoo.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



First, Joanne and I wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to the holiday party. The chicken is ready! During this holiday season let's try to remember those less fortunate than us. Many have lost their jobs and their finances are in bad shape. Give when and where you can. Try to bring an unwrapped toy to the party. Donna Jessie will have a Toys For Tots collection there.

It's been quite a year, full of a lot of club activities. Thanks to all who took up the challenge of heading up an event so we all could have fun.

At our last meeting Joanne went over the 2010 activity list (see Page 4), so it looks like it will be a busy year too – at least one per month.

I am hoping we will have a good turnout for the Dayton Convention in June. I know we have several drivers going there and we are in the running (thanks to Walter) for the Ford Johnson Trophy. We have never won it before. Let's do it this year!

So with the Birds in their beds and I in my chicken hat, let us **NOT** settle down for a long winters nap.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a fast winter.

Pat LeStrange





### A few words from Alec

As I compose this short message I am home after being released from my annual pilgrimage to Valley Hospital (becoming a second home). I have to go back for some more tests in the coming days that the hospital was unable to do in my 3 day stay. I am happy to be home.

I would like to wish every one a healthy and happy holiday season.

Happy Motoring  
Alec



Don't let aging get you down...It's too hard to get back up.



### Vice President's Message

Hi everyone. No weather report because the weather is crazy-it's no wonder why everyone is sick. Hope all are well.

I forgot to congratulate Joanne on her Breast Cancer Walk. Great job, I hope someday there will be a cure.

Thank you everyone for coming to our monthly meeting. At least we had a great day (weather wise we could not ask for better this time of year). I believe we had seven Birds parked outside (some people who passed by thought it was a car show). They looked great.

Did everyone read the Early Bird? Walter's car (along with the others who went on the fabulous Alaska trip) was on the front cover. There is a great article and pictures about the trip in the magazine. If you have not read it, do so – you will enjoy it.

By the time we get our next newsletter Thanksgiving will be over, sooo I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. If we all think about it we have a lot to, be thankful for.

Now the holiday season is near. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. I hope everyone will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember our Christmas party- Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 5PM at the San Carlo, Lyndhurst, NJ. So far it looks like it will be our biggest turnout of members. This is great, it makes Santa Claus very happy – he will have gifts for one and all.

Happy Holidays to one and all from Arlene and Joe. HOHOHO!!!

Arlene



# Membership News



Ken & Linda Herb 3rd



Bill Jessie 3rd  
 Paul Schroll 15th  
 Bruce Corbett 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Lois Martin 21<sup>st</sup>

Teddy says  
 get well!



Vince DeAndrea  
 Alec Johnstone

**FOR SALE**

**For Sale:** 57 TBird, "E" Model. Three speed trans. Body Off restoration in 1998. Red with white soft top, black and white interior. Power brakes, T & C radio, 5 Kelsey Hayes wire wheels, engine dress up kit. Skirts, Firestone original type WW tires, repro gel type 32 battery. Contact: Steve Rose, West Orange NJ. 973-731-5524, [SRTDC@aol.com](mailto:SRTDC@aol.com). Open to highest offer. This car is 1 of only 282 built with a three speed trans.



Remember Pearl Harbor

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## 2010 Club Activities

As mentioned on Page 6 (Nov. meeting notes) Joanne listed the various functions that we usually have for the year. These were discussed and Joanne finalized some open items after the meeting. Below are the items planned or suggested for 2010 at this time.

Cruise to Harolds Deli. No information on this yet.

Sweetheart Brunch. This will be held at the Bethwood, now scheduled for Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Lucille is handling the details. See notice on this page.

Atlantic City Auction. Joe Kubat is looking for ways to make an outing to AC

Family Bowling. Lucille is looking into a proposed bowling session sometime in March.

Cruise to the Chatterbox. Pat is looking into another cruise this year in June or July

Mini-Concours-August. The members decided to change the venue this year, to include a pavilion in case we have bad weather. Joanne checked out a place on Schooley's Mtn., Long Valley and showed pictures of the site. The members decided to hold the mini-concours there on either August 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fall Colors Cruise- October. Phil and Dorothy are going to handle the details.

Holiday Party-December. Arlene is going to handle the details.

If you have any ideas on the above or have a suggestion for a new activity or to chair one ...i.e. organize it...contact Joanne at [purplerose714@optonline.net](mailto:purplerose714@optonline.net). We'd love to try new things.

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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll  
[pts1231@aol.com](mailto:pts1231@aol.com)

## CLUB EVENTS

### Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at the San Carlo Restaurant, 620 Stuyvesant Ave., in Lyndhurst. Mark this on your calendar. Cost is \$50.00 per person. If you go to the party, 1/2 of dues will be forgiven. If a couple goes, the total amount of dues will be forgiven. Get your check (payable to NJORTC) into Frank Chabala ASAP. It should be in by the November meeting.

The will be a grab bag (\$25 maximum, bring one-get one) for those who want to participate.

At the party, we will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. If you would like to donate, please bring an unwrapped toy for a child (approx. cost \$10.00. As you know, this is a very worthy program. Donna Jessie is the contact person for this.

### Sweetheart Brunch

This is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. At the Bethwood, 38 Lackawanna Ave., Totowa, NJ. Come and bring your sweetheart and enjoy an excellent brunch. Call Lucille (973-731-9133) if you plan to go. Cost is 39.95 per person.

### Roster Update

Anyone who has a change in address, telephone (land or cell) email address, etc, please notify Pat LeStrange so he can update the roster



Happy New Year

### CTCI Int'l Convention

This is being held in June 15-20, 2010 at the Wright-Paterson AFB. Make your plans now for attending. Already we have about 7 cars that are going. Book rooms early as there may be a shortage.

## Getting ready for Winter

Paul Adamhoff, whose profession is heating and cooling suggests the following to get our homes ready for winter:

### Proper Use of Your Warm Air Heating System

First, always keep the FAN selector to “ON”, not auto.

Secondly, if you have/use a HUMIDIFIER, the fan must be in the “ON” position. If the fan is in AUTO, when your heat goes off, so does the humidification into your space. Your humidifier has/should have a humidistat to properly control replacing humidity into your space.

Highly recommended is the use of “Pleated Type Air Filters”. These can be bought at Home Depot/Lowes or (Paul says) he can get “ANY” size but you must buy 12 pieces at a time.

Pleated filters “STOP” dust and pollen & should be replaced twice a year, pending on area being filtered.

Call or email Paul if you have any questions.  
[padamoff@airtech.com](mailto:padamoff@airtech.com) , 201-760-8727 evenings.



## Winter Driving

From AARP – Cruise Control

Never use your cruise control in the rain or snow. If your car hydroplanes in the rain or comes in contact with ice, your cruise control will cause the engine to speed up!!

## TECH TIPS

### Power Steering Pump

Is that power steering pump tilted? It should be flat. The reason for most power steering pumps being tilted is the wrong length belt. Try these belts:

Gates 9405 (TBird Restoration Manual)  
Goodyear “Matchmaker” 17401-13AV1015  
NAPA 17403

Notice the “40” in each of the numbers. Back in the day belt part numbers contained the length of the belt. While I am not sure, the correct belt maybe a 40 inch belt.

Another reason for a tilted pump is wrong bracket/pulley. If so, try different length belts to flatten it out.

### Penetrating Oil

Machinist’s Workshop Magazine tested penetrants for break out torque on rusted nuts. They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrants with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a “scientifically rusted” environment. Results:

<u>Penetrant</u>	<u>Average load</u>
None	516 lbs
WD-40	238 lbs
PB Blaster	214 lbs
Liquid Wrench	127 lbs
Kano Kroil	106 lbs
Homebrew – ATF-Acetone Mix	53 lbs (50/50 mix)

With any penetrant, let it sit after soaking so it can do its work.

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. I would like to continue the “MY TBIRD” column so how about it – send me the story and pics of your TBird.

## November Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Arlene & Joe Kubat. It was a great fall day and there were a lot of little Birds flying around. The Bergen CTY mob flew in with a flock of five Birds. Joe & Arlene put on a fine spread for the well attended meeting. Thanks to Joe & Arlene.

### Highlights of the meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Alec introduced a guest, Joe Matrone from Suffern, NY. Joe has a 56 and a retro bird.

The club website was discussed. Wendy and Mike said they talked to Ken about it (???). Wendy said she will put in any information that we give her. Joanne will send her the information. Paul Schroll mentioned that Hemming's will sponsor a web site at no cost to the club and that they will set it up and run it also at no cost.

Joanne completed the informational packets about the club and distributed to some club members.

Joanne listed the various club functions proposed for 2010 (see page 4 for details). They were discussed by the members.

Mike mentioned that the calendars are being printed and will be ready for the Holiday party.

Dominick passed around a sample year of service pin. He will pursue pricing.

Arnold's son reported that Arnold is doing very well and talks about the club all the time.

John Bolger won the 50/50.

Ron said the January meeting will be held on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.



## CRUISE NIGHTS

### Friday

Boonton-Walmart-Wooten Street (not sure this is still going on).

### Saturday

Clifton-Falls View Grill, Rte 3 West 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Till it snows!!!!

## CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Jan 16 – Allentown Fairgrounds-swap meet

Jan 30-Ridgefield Park Elks-50's Dance put on by Pat and Joanne

Feb 26-28– Atlantic City Auction

If any one has info on shows and swap meets in Dec and forward please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



**Tops down-that's how nice it was.**

