

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



# *The Thunder Heard*

**April 2019**

**2019 Meeting Schedule**

April 7	Harold's Deli
April 14	Gene & Diane Szura
April 28	Spring Cruise
May 5	Tune Up Clinic
May 5	Pat & Joanne
June	Jayne & Ray Braun
July	Don & Linda
August 11	Picnic
September	Don Dobres
October	Paul Dorne
November	Drew Eckman
December	Christmas Party

The April meeting is on April 14th.

**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**



Welcome to Spring. We are off to a good start, the last two meetings have been very well attended. We are now looking forward to a repeat with extras for our Spring cruise. We are going to Branch Brook Park for the Cherry blossoms and the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, both to include guides. Then off to McLoone's for lunch. Mike Perrilo has put in a lot of work to make this a success. Also in April is one of our favorite stops, Harold's Deli in Edison, come hungry!

There has been a lot of talk in CTCL concerning an upcoming vote to include Retro Birds into CTCL. I will offer my opinion, but please vote as you feel. Many people on the surface are saying, sure let them in, it will increase the membership, but there is a lot more to it than that. The only similarities between the Retro's and the Classic's they are both 2 seaters. My feeling is there is little pro admitting the Retro will increase membership. Many members already own a Retro, quite a few members I have spoken to will drop their membership if they are included, and there is at least 2 other major Thunderbird clubs that have a large amount of Retro owners. I believe the cost to make the Retros even in judging and documents, books, etc. could be a losing endeavor. Lastly, anyone with a love of the "Baby" birds can belong to CTCL and can enjoy all that CTCL has to offer, except for Concours judging. So please do some homework before voting. Also if you think the award banquettes are long now, just imagine what that would be like, not to mention the size of the Early Bird magazine.

OK, I got that off my chest, now just go and enjoy the 2019 car season

Stay healthy, drive carefully, and be happy you drive one of the best Automotive classics on the road

Pat LeStrange



## March Meeting

The meeting was held at a new venue this month. It was a nice sunny Spring day and some lil Birds came out to play. The meeting was well attended. The food was good - Bill had homemade carrot cake, cheese cake, a sinfully rich chocolate cake and cookies shaped like little Tbirds for dessert. Always nice to get together. Many thanks to Martha and Bill for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as well a financial report given by Pat..

Joanne gave a summary of what changes have to be made and costs for the inclusion of Retro Birds into CTCI .

Mike Perillo went over the plans for the Spring Cruise taking place on April 28th.

Joanne said that Rich Martin has been appointed CTCI Tech Advisor on 56 Birds.

Toni and Joanne mentioned that CTCI will be sending out E-ballots for the Retro Bird issue. Joanne requested that members who wanted to comment on this issue to send them to her.

Joanne mentioned that there are a few members that have not sent in their dues. Toni mentioned that Harold's is on schedule and members must notify her by 3/31 if they are going.

Bill Downing mentioned a show in Mt Tabor celebrating Mt Tabor's 150th anniversary.

Martha won the 50/50 and Joe Kubat won the TBird glass block donated by Bill Downing.

Next meeting 4/14 in Lyndhurst

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



April 26th



## Vice President's Message



Happy Spring everyone. Sorry I missed the meeting. Heard we had a big turnout. That's great. Heard food was good and desserts were delicious, of course, baked by our very own baker, Bill Downing. Bill and Martha sent me a piece of carrot cake, so good. Thank you Bill and Martha for hosting the meeting.

I have not heard any report on Wendy this month. Hope that she is still improving. Joanne suffered a big drop in blood pressure last week, gave us a scare, but you know Joanne, she fought back and is fine. Are prayers are with you.

Harold's Deli is April 7th, please tell Toni if you are going. She has to make reservations. Mike Perillo is putting together a Spring Cruise on April 28th. We are meeting at Delizias in Boonton at 8:30. We will travel to the Basilica and have a tour guide taking us through the Basilica. (If you have never seen the Cathedral you will be amazed how beautiful it is). We will then drive through Branch Brook Park to hopefully see the cherry blossoms and then travel to McLoone's for lunch. Sounds like a great tour. Thanks Mike.

Bill Downing mentioned that on June 1st Mt Tabor is having a car show honoring their 150th birthday.

Before you know it the CTCI Convention in Flagstaff Az. will be here. Hope everyone made their reservations by now.

Our next meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, Lyndhurst, April 14th, hosted by Diane and Gene Szura.

Now that Spring is here, we can start to get our little birds back on the open road.

See you soon, Arlene

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

*Happy Birthday*

Judy Semmler 12th  
Charles Musto 16th  
Lucille Chabala

**GET WELL  
SON!**

Wendy Meehan  
Joanne Seiler  
Valery Kriney

## 2019 Dues

For those who did not attend the Christmas party, your dues must be paid. Since Steve is out of town, send your check to Pat

## Congratulations

To Bill and Pat Selby on the birth (3/27) of their new granddaughter. No name yet. Hope mother and baby are doing well.

## VCTI National Meet 2019

This is being held in Princeton, NJ on August 8-11

## Western Class Round Up

### Flagstaff Convention May 15-19

Preregistration and hotel reservations are now open. The preregistration form may be downloaded from [www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org](http://www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org). Hotel reservations may be made direct to the hotel, the Little America Hotel & Resort, 928-779-7900. Mention "Thunderbird Regional Convention". The room rate is 139.00 plus tax ( 151.22)

## Instructions For Pilots

You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck

## 2019 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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## Club Announcements

### April Meeting

The meeting will be on **April 14th** at the Courtyard By Marriott, 1 Polito Rd., Lyndhurst, NJ **Meeting time is 2 PM.** The hosts are the Szura's. Be sure to RSVP the hosts, including regrets

### Harold's Deli

Harold's in on **April 7th.** Toni is handling arrangements. Let Toni know if you are attending. See attached flyer for all information.

### Spring Cruise

Mike and Theresa Parillo are hosting this event. The date is **April 28th.** It will be a Branch Brook Park Cherry Blossom Cruise. Meet at Delizia's at 8:45. Will caravan to the park for a short presentation and then tour through the park. Then to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for a presentation and possibly a tour. Then up to McLoone's Boathouse for brunch Cost is expected to be around 45.00 per couple. Rain or shine. Contact Joanne if you are going. Check to NJORTC, pay at next meeting or send check to Pat.

### Tune Up Clinic

This event is **May 5th** at the Martin's Additional information will be announced later.



A picture from yesteryear



Returns Due 4/15

## March Meeting







- How to Prepare Tofu**  
**a. Throw it in the trash**  
**b. Grill some beef, chicken or fish**

## Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
 Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

**I am not aware of any cruise nights opening yet. Most start in May**

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

4/24-28 Carlisle, Spring event

4/27 Mahwah-209 Ramapo Valley Rd-River  
 Palm Terrace

4/28 East Hanover-75 Rte 10 E. Nielson  
 Dodge/Chrysler

5/1 Washington-Warren Hills High Sch

5/4 Park Ridge-115 Colony Ave

5/4 Pompton Plains-PV Park, Marvin Rd.

5/5 Morristown 161 E. Hanover Rd Mennen  
 Arena AACA show & swap

5/5 Carlstadt 179 Washington Ave

**I have flyers for most of the shows-email me for a copy**

## Ford History in April

4/29/59 - The 50 millionth Ford was built at the Dearborn plant. It was a Galaxie 4 door,

4/14/57 - The first production Skyliner was presented as a gift to the President

4/6/34 Ford announced whitewall tires as an option. Cost \$11.25

**I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible.**

**Email is best, snail mail ok**







Just remember, once over the hill you pick up speed



# FOR SALE

## 1957 TBird

312, 3 speed overdrive. White on white, originally dusk rose paint code. Driver quality. Over \$11,000 in receipts for improvements in the last two years. Price reduced Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

## For Sale

4 WW radials 205-75-15 off my 56 Bird. 5 years old, good tread  
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## Tech Tip Door Locks

Try this one on your Bird. Lock your door from the outside and then push hard a number of times on the outside button. Some of you will find tthe inside button will slowly work its way up.

It is easy to over tighten the inside buttons and to do so may allow the situation above.

The Birds came from the factory this way.

The problem is that when the button is screwed onto the shaft too far it limits available downward travel of the shaft. The result is that the lock mechanism inside the door latch assembly is not able to engage fully.

The good news is that the fix is simple. Just unscrew the inside button a few turns to allow for more travel

From The Thunderbird Circle



April 22nd



*Who wants to eat???*  
*We're going to ...*



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*We're going to our NJORTC Annual Harold's Lunch  
guaranteed to fill you up*

**Sunday April 7th 2019** arrive by 12:45 pm for 1pm seating  
**Reservations required.**

**Please contact Toni Sabino**  
**and let her know who's coming.**  
**No advanced payment we pay as we go.**



*Don't I wouldn't even  
think about it if I  
were you....  
I'm not sharing!*

