

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



# The Thunder Heard

**December 2013**

*Happy Holidays*

**2013/14 Meeting Schedule**

December 7	Holiday party
Jan 12	Ron & Merry case
Feb 16	Sweetheart Brunch
March March 9	John & Sandra Bolger Harold's Deli
April	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
May	Bill & Donna Jessie Tune Up Clinic
June	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby
November	Alec Johnstone
December	Holiday party

The Jan/Feb meeting will be on the 12th of January at 2 PM and will be hosted by Ron & Merry Case. See Page 4 for location. RSVP 973-857-4264, 973-214-0539 or merryc2002@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**



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. I have been putting up my Christmas display for about a month now. If you could see the faces of the children and adults who stop at watch the show, you can really get the meaning of Christmas and the reason I do it. It's the shared happiness and joy from the lights and music. A feel good memory time that families will remember forever and it does not cost them anything. My elf (Joanne) evens runs around giving out candy canes. Please stop by and see it - we would like to make you smile too. Watch your emails for the open house invite. To my friends who can't make it to the house, I will be putting a video on the web. Last yers show is on my face book page now.

The sad part of the season is we have to put the birds away. But there is always something needed to be fixed on them and this is a good time to do it. Then on a nice day you have a good reason to "test" drive it.

Phil Guidone has booked Schooley's Mountain in August for next year's picnic.

There is s till plenty of winter time car related activities. Some members are going on an ocean (car themed) cruise, some to Barrett-Jackson auction, some to the CTCI Board Meeting, then the Atlantic City auction and later to the NY Auto Show

I hope to see you all at the Holiday Party.  
 Happy New year

Pat Le Strange

**From Rich Martin**

Thanks to everyone for your support in my run for CTCI Director. Unfortunately, I did not win. It went to Martha from California





### A few Words From Alec

As this year is drawing to a close all of us in our club have a lot to be thankful. We have a great club that is very well run and we have many very good and well organized events throughout the year. This past season was outstanding starting with the Christmas party last December to the trips to CA and Reno and another Fall Color Cruise.

I for one am looking forward to another great year.

One of the best things for me (being a car guy) was to join this club.

Thank you all

Alec

### November Meeting

Walter Strohmaier was the host for the June meeting. A overcast day with a rainy morning brought out only one TBird, but didn't dampen the attendance as there was a full house at Delizia's. Thanks to Walter for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

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

Toni reported that the calendars have been ordered, delivery is a matter of weeks. To be distributed at the Holiday party.

Joanne had additional clothes to distribute but some were not delivered. She noted that she is changing suppliers because of delivery problems.

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

A volunteer was needed to handle our outing to Harold's Deli. Sandra Pyrros volunteered. It is scheduled for March 9th

Congratulations were given to Rich Martin for his Platinum and Gold awards for his 88 Mustang at the Mustang Grand National in Orlando

Congratulations were also given to John Bolger for his award for his 57 at the Concours de Elegance in Saratoga, NY and his Hemmings picture.

Lois announced that the May meeting and the Tune Up clinic will be held at their home on the same day - the Jessie's hosting the meeting. Date to be announced.

The NJORTC Board meeting will be held on Jan. 11th.

Saturday, Dec 14th will be the Christmas Open House at Pats. Start 5PM.

Next Meeting Jan 12 at Delizia's.



### Vice President's Message

Very, very cold out. November 24th broke a record for its day ever! I can honestly say I hate cold - ugh. Long winter ahead but good news - if you are brave enough to brave the cold, you can still get the little Birds out for a little longer.

I hope Henry's shoulder is doing better.

I am sure everybody knows by now, because I never stop talking , on November 7th our daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl weighing in at 7 lbs, 8 ozs, 22 inches long. Her name is Alexa Grace. Thank god mommy and baby are doing good.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Let's be thankful for all we have. Enjoy your day and eat all you can.

As you all know, December 7th is our annual Christmas party. As of right now we have 63 coming, the biggest turnout so far. I wish that some of our new members can attend. If you are still thinking about it, make you decision to come. We always have good food, a visit from Santa, good music thanks to our President, Pat, great friends and a great time. Remember that the cost of the party is a credit against your dues. Grab bag - bring a gift, get a gift. Also we are doing Toys For Tots, so bring an unwrapped toy (no money permitted). We also have other activities and plenty of dancing.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays to all. I hope Santa brings you all what you want.

See you at the party

Arlene



December 7th - Remember

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bill Jessie 3rd  
 Toni Ragosta 4th  
 Charles Ehm 10th  
 Paul Schroll 15th  
 Carol Ehm 19th  
 Bruce Corbett 20th  
 Mike Perillo 21st  
 Lois Martin 21st

Get Well Soon!

Henry Semmler

**FOR SALE**

## Prestige Soft Top

Almost new Prestige soft top with swing arm.  
 White vinyl fabric. was down only once. Call Joe,  
 973-406-4378 or 704-941-5336



New car in the club -Vince's purchase

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## Congratulations

To Arlene and Joe Kubat on (again) becoming grandparents. Nov 7th, Alexa Grace, 22 lbs, 8 oz.

Also to new grandparents, Henry & Judy Semmler,  
 a baby boy.

## November Meeting



## Winter Soltice

December 21st is the Winter Soltice - the shortest day of the year. After that, the days start to get longer (and warmer)

**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)**

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

## Club Events

### Next (Jan/Feb) Meeting

Merry and Ron Case will be our hosts. Date 1/12/14. Location will be at Delizia's Pizza Kitchen in Boonton, NJ, 308 Wootten Street in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center. 2PM, remember to RSVP Ron or Merry either way.

### Holiday Party

Last call - call Arlene - NOW. December 7th. San Carlo Catering, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst. Price is \$50 per person. Start time 5PM. As in the past, one half of the amount will be credited toward your next years dues (\$25 per single, \$50 per couple). Contact Arlene if you are going. Frank gets the check The chicken man has mentioned that he may not be there, but I bet his ego will not let that happen. Santa, grab bag, lottery ticket raffle and other gifts. For the grab bag, \$25 gift, buy a gift, get a gift. Also collecting toys for Toys for Tots.

### Sweetheart Brunch

The ever popular brunch is scheduled for February 16, 2014. Never too early to let Lucille know you are coming. Cost is 43.69 per person. We are slated to be on the first serving at 11:30.



Our newest members, Vince Ucci and Juliet Babathodjaeza. Vince just bought a 56, has a 60 Chev. Conv and a 65 Vette. Vince was a member a number of years ago, had a 57 which he sold. Welcome back Vince and welcome Juliet.



**Merry Christmas everyone**

## Tech Tips

### Calculating Rear End Gear Ratio

It helps if you have someone to assist you.  
To start with, mark the location of the pinion yoke and one tire.

If you have a positraction rear, then rotate the TIRES ONE full revolution while counting the exact revolutions the pinion yoke rotates (if the yoke rotates 4 turns and then a little more, you probably have a 4.11 rear gear or close to that- if it rotates 3 and ½ turns, then you would have a 3.50 rear gear.

If you have an open (non-posi) rear, then mark the yoke and ONE tire (keep the other tire from rotating) and turn the ONE tire two full turns while counting the revolutions the yoke rotates-this is your ratio (see above)Simply put, positraction, you turn both tires one full turn, non positraction, turn one tire two full turns.

### 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.

### Cruise - On Water

The Want to go on a different type of old car cruise? Go to [www.classiccarcruise.com](http://www.classiccarcruise.com) for a 7 night ocean cruise with a classic car theme, cruising the Caribbean. February 8 -15, 2014. We have no connection with the operators of this cruise, just a heads up for a possible winter vacation. Two of our members went last year and had a very good time

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

1/17-19/14 Allentown, PA-Indoor Swap Meet and Car Corral. Allentown PA Fairgrounds 717-243-7855  
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

Saturday  
Clifton-The Hearth, Rte 46. 11AM to 3 PM. Till third week in December

### November Meeting



### Trivia Quiz

When were seat belts first fitted to a motor vehicle?  
Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Lorri Matrone, answer was Gremlin

