

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



The Thunder Heard

June 2014

Cruising Season is On

2014 Meeting Schedule

June 21	Charles & Lisa Musto
July 26	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August 17	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby Fall Cruise
November	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party

The June meeting will be on the 21st at 1 PM and will be hosted Charles & Lisa Musto. RSVP Joanne Seiler at ladytbird567@yahoo.com or 551-404-3646 by 3/29

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



The weather is getting better, the car shows are up and running. It won't be long before we will be headed to Missouri for the convention.

The Spring Cruise was great and well attended, thanks to Joe Kubat. Job well done

A few members went to a show in Newton and several trophies as well as door prizes were brought home. We all had a good time. After the show we cruised to the Chatterbox for something to eat and to see the Cruise Night cars.

The Tune Up Clinic at the Martin's had 21 Birds in attendance and several mechanical problems were corrected. Thanks Rich and Lois for the morning snacks.

After the Tune Up Clinic the monthly meeting was held at the Martin's, hosted by Bill and Donna Jessie. The meeting covered a lot including the convention and the June meeting at the Musto's.

Our club is getting stronger and doing more activities. Before long it will be picnic time. Bill Downing seems to have everything under control. I'm sure it will be alot of fun, so don't miss it.

Get out and enjoy your TBirds.

Pat Le Strange



June 15th



A few Words From Alec

What a great turn out for the Tune Up Clinic. There were 19 early Birds, one square Bird and on retro. There was a lot of work done and a lot of food as this was also a monthly meeting. Any bad weather held off except for a sprinkle now and then. All in all a very good day.

Earlier in May we had a great Spring Cruise to start our season. Let's all hope for good weather all season so we can erase the memory of this past winter.

May Meeting

Another well attended meeting was held at the Martin's in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic. This month's hosts were Donna & Bill Jessie. It was a great day we had 21 Tbirds, including a retro and a 59. Many thanks to Donna & Bill and Rich & Lois for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Joe reported on the Spring Cruise. There were xx old cars and 32 people attending.

Bill Downing reported on the status of the picnic in August. He is asking for high school pics of the members for a game. The permit has been obtained.

A discussion was held on the June meeting, including logistics and possible hiring of a van. People will meet at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton at 10:30 AM and caravan to to see Charles's warehouse and then to his home for the meeting.

Lois reported on CTCI's proposed program for helping chapters that host international conventions.

Pat mentioned that he has uploaded some more videos to the web site.

Bill Jessie mentioned a non-sanctioned TBird event in North Carolina in Sept. He is going to get additional info on it.

Various car shows and other events coming up were noted.



June 21 - Summer Soltice - longest day of the year
Days then get shorter



Vice President's Message

Weather: 86 degrees, hot, but not complaining yet. Sunday and Monday were two beautiful days (Memorial Day weekend). Sunday we went to a car show in No. Haledon, a nice show. I believe we had three TBirds - Paul A, Alec and Bill D. Joe bought his El Camino, Pat brought his 56 Ford, Rich his 62 Galaxy and Paul S brought his 64 Fairlane. We had fun. After the show we went to a BBQ. Monday we went to two parades.

Now a short report- on 5/26, the weather in Springfield MO. was 82 degrees, scattered showers. Rest of week 80's. Sounds like the weather is almost the same here. Do not know what the long term weather is - it's just a month before we leave for the convention

It was good to see Walter at the meeting. He is feeling better. The last I heard Lorri Matrone had knee surgery and is still in the hospital due to complications. Lorri, I hope you are now home and feeling better.

Our Tune Up Clinic was well attended with members and their Birds. The guys always enjoy it. They all work on one another's cars. It always good to see our men happy. After the clinic we had the monthly meeting. As usual, plenty of good food, good meeting and just hanging out after the meeting. We even had Mike and Wendy attend the meeting. It was good seeing them.

June 21st we will be traveling to PA to the Musto's. John P is driving 4 couples in his van. Pat & Joanne are making arrangements for another van, which will also have four couples. Some members are taking their TBirds, some their regular cars. Please let Joanne know if you are attending - she will then give the count to Charles.

I hope everyone reads the fantastic article Bill Downing wrote about our club and its activities in the Early Bird magazine. The article is in color, which makes the article stand out. Keep up the good work Bill.

Looking forward to going to Missouri.

See you soon

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Frank & Lucille Chabala 2nd
 Alex & Diane Marsiglio 7th
 Joe & Lorri Matrone 22nd
 Don & Dorothy Dobres 27th
 Bill & Dot Hyde 29th



Alex Marsiglio 14th
 Arlene Kubat 1st
 Paquito D'Rivera 4th
 Nick Malanga 6th
 Brenda Feliciano 13th
 Bill Selby 18th
 Dorothy Dobres 2nd
 Carl Grady 28th



Lorri Matrone

Condolences

To Phil Guidone and his family on the passing of his brother

FOR SALE

1959 Tbird 2 Dr Hardtop

352, auto, PS, PB, PW, factory air. Torch red. New tires. cd-radio. runs great. Bob- 201-815-7661

1957 TBird

Dusk Rose, restored approx 10 yrs ago. PS, PB, radials, Air, low mileage since resto. \$39,950.

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Days to remember & Celebrate

June 7 Nat'l Chocolate Ice Cream Day
 June 20 Ice Cream Soda Day

Thanks to Mike Perillo and Lucille for contributing to this issue

Spring Cruise

Joe surely picked this one. The day was bright and sunny with only a slight crispness in the air. You could tell it was spring (finally!!) as some flowering trees were in bloom while others were beginning to show their leaf buds.

Meeting at the Lafayette Village, there were 16 cars present, 11 of which were early Birds, and 32 people. After our usual chit-chat, we were on the road, cruising to Sunrise Mountain through the back woods of rural New Jersey. A very nice ride and all made it to the top of the mountain and the overlook to view the scenery.

The ride back to Lafayette Village where we were dining at the Lafayette House Tavern was equally nice. We all settled in for the buffet brunch, which was both delicious and plentiful.

After the eating was done, some went shopping in the various outlets in the village.

All had a great time although some ran into rain on the way home.



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

Club Events

June Meeting

For the June meeting we are going on a road trip to the Musto's in Forty Fort, PA first to see Charles' collection of cars and parts and then to his home for the meeting. Joanne has sent out an email on the trip with all the information (including vans) for the meeting. If you did not get this email, contact Joanne. Joanne is also taking the RSVP's for the meeting and she needs to know by May 29th. so call now. We are meeting at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton at 10:30 to caravan to the Musto's warehouse and home

Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for August 17 at Schooley's Mountain. This has always been a great time with a large turnout so don't miss it. Mark it down now so you don't forget. I'm sure Bill Downing will have some surprises for us. Bill has already asked for pictures of yourself around the time you graduated high school. Rumor has it he wants to set up a dart board, but that is just a rumor. And if you have a favorite recipe for cookies, get it out. No wacky cookies please.

Activities

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



Flag Day - June 14th

Trivia Quiz

What autos were the first to use a standardized production key start system?

The correct answer to last months trivia was Jimmy and the first to guess correctly was Carol Ehm For the other Trivia question, the year was 2002 and the circumstance was a mini show with the Mercedes club. No one got it, not even the ones in the picture.0

May Meeting



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

Car Shows-Swap Meets

June 1 Demerest-No. Valley Reg. High Sch. 150
Knickerbocker Rd.

Waldwick-7 Hewson Ave -Train Station

5-8 Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA

5-8 NSRA East York PA York Fairgrounds

7 Mahwah-505 Ramapo Road

8-Washington TWP-701 Ridgewood Rd (Westwood
High Sch)

8 Hewitt-1911 Union Valley Rd(Queen of Peace
Church)

14-15 Teterborro-Wings & Wheels-Teterboro Airport

14 Pompton Plains All TBird Show 60 Sunset Rd
Pompton Valley Presb. Church

15 Succasuna, Eyland Ave

22 Wayne 475 Valley Rd. (Wayne Town Hall)

22 Montclair-6 Depot Square

July 13 River Edge-Continental Ave. at Memorial Pk.

I have flyers for most shows

For more shows go to

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, 140 Goffle Road

Wharton-Canal House 47 Kossuth Ave

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Fairfield-Taylor's Tap & Grille 335 Fairfield Rd.

Saddle Brook-Bennigan's 405 N. Midland Ave

Wednesday

Wycoff - Greenwood Ave

Clifton-The Hearth, 1146 Rte 46W

Thursday

Emerson-Kinderkermack Rd (Emer Shop Ctr)

Wayne-Kohl's, Rte 23 North

Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's & Wendy's)

Friday

Boonton-Wal-Mart Shopping Center Wooten

Saturday

Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St (Whiskey Cafe) ???..

Thomas Edison Day June 7th

Celebration in W. Orange. Laboratory and the

mansion in Llewellyn Park open to the public..

Bring the children and grandchildren for a fun day.

Tech Tips Easier Starting

Another oldie, but I thought it might be worth repeating.

For 57 Birds or others with the later Holley 4BBL carbs here is a technique for starting when you car has been idle for an extended period of time. This technique avoids having to crank the engine continuously until the fuel pump has filled the carb.

After reconnecting the battery and cranking the engine for 15 seconds or so to get the oil circulating, you can partially fill the carb front bowl by hand with enough fuel to start the engine. You will need a small container with a spout thin enough to fit in the carb's vent tube.

Fill the container with a couple of ounces of fuel and then put the fuel in the carbs front vent tube. Then hit the throttle a couple of times to set the choke and "prime" the engine and away you go. The engine should start immediately and run long enough for the fuel pump to catch up.

This was originally submitted by Ken Herb

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. Rooms are expected to fill up fast, so get your reservations in. Tours and other activities also fill up fast, so get your registration in.



Spring Cruise



Tune Up Clinic

As noted above, the turnout was large. 5 cars had work done, some for the upcoming trip to the CTCI convention in Springfield, MO. A report and pictures will be in next month's newsletter but for now



I received this message from Mike Perillo. This is why the people of NJORTC make this the best TBird club.

On May 18th the NJORT Club held a “Tune up Clinic”. This was the first time I attended such an affair due to the fact that last year I had a prior commitment. In brief, it was a terrific experience for an old gear head like me. We met at the Martin’s home and it was hosted by Donna & Bill Jessie.

The location was terrific! We had access to a three car garage with an additional garage in the back. Also available were tools, small machine shop, and an overall atmosphere of old school auto mechanics. To say that the Martin’s were gracious in inviting us to their home just does not do this offering justice.

Thunderbirds were all over the place being tinkered with by owners and club members gladly pitching in with help and advice. I think there were about 12 T Birds present. I spent as much time soaking up tips, asking questions, and learning the Socratic way by observation, as I could. Just the education I needed to make my future purchase of a small bird that much more correct. There was even a 57 Bird for sale that I started checking out and without skipping a beat, several club members came over and offered invaluable advice on the prospective purchase.

I am glad to have joined the NJORTC and encourage anyone interested in these classic cars to do the same. Many thanks to the Martin’s, Jessie’s, and all participants. I’m sure we are all looking forward to the next big adventure in PA.

By: Mike Parrillo

Spring Cruise - On top of Sunrise Mountain



High on the mountain - the trees had not yet budded



Remember D Day June 6th