

## **NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes    Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Pat LeStrange at 2:25 pm. He thanked Joe & Lorrie Matrone for hosting this meeting at the Grand Buffett on Rt. 17 S, Ramsey.

Reading of the minutes from the July meeting were waived. Pat welcomed new member attending, Theresa Perillo and potential new members Harriet and Paul LoPiccolo from Brooklyn Hghts., NY.

### **Treasurers Report**

Frank Chaballa reported the **opening balance: \$7,540.67.**

*Income:* 50/50 July=\$60/August=\$65, Badge fine=\$3, Dues=\$25 Joseph Saiville.

*Expenses:* Jackets & shirts=\$1,685. Picnic=\$324.32 & \$54.80. Bank charges=\$6.

**Balance: \$5,622.55    CD: \$7,061.80**

Motion made to accept report as submitted.

### **Correspondence**-None

**Sunshine**- Arlene Kubat. Carol Ehms mom not well. Lucille-None

**Membership**- Paul Adamoff spoke with and gave info to another prospect.

**CTCI Report**- Lois Martin~CTCI is running the Springfield, MO convention next year being held on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Cars will be displayed inside in AC area. Help will be necessary from club members attending during the show to help convention run smoothly. Pat LeStrange is running unopposed for Director Region #1 and 3 people are running for Director at Large including our own Rich Martin. Ballots will be in the Early Bird magazine and members are encouraged to please vote! Donna Jesse said that our club is in the running for the Ford-Johnson mileage award. Rich said the award always has gone to West coast clubs, we want it on the East coast! During the last 2 conventions, Walter Strohmaier logged 8,000 miles and Paul Schroll and Rich Martin logged 6,300 each.

### **General Business**

Lois said the payment for the PO Box due end of Sept.=\$27.00. Motion made to keep the box another 6 months. A decision will be made at the next board meeting in January.

Paul Schroll-Newsletter editor requests any articles/photos from members, please email and next newsletter will be coming out at the end of this month. Pat wrote a short newsletter last month as Paul was traveling. A Gold award was given for the newsletter during the San Jose convention.

Joanne Seiler said there were 6,600 hits on the website, people are reaching out to us. Pictures from the Chatterbox and our Picnic are uploaded and she's asking for pics from San Jose & Des Moines to be posted to our Snapfish Account.

### **Old Business**

A big thank you to Bill Downing, Picnic chairman. It was great fun and great food. Bill

thanked everyone for helping and those who brought the delicious pies. The picnic is free to members and paid thru fund raising events.

Pat spoke about our 50's Dance on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets need to be sold. Let Joanne know if you are coming. Volunteers are needed for the Friday night set-up and to help during the dance, please let Joanne know.

Phil Guidone has set the date for Fall Colors Cruise for Oct. 20, 2013. Meet at Schooley's Mtn Park at 10 AM for coffee & donuts. Then cruise thru area, stop at a Hackettstown Farm and then onto the Inn at Mill Race Pond in Hope, NJ for lunch. He needs a minimum of 35 people, book today \$38.25. Commitment by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Xmas Party~Arlene~Dec. 7th at San Carlo in Lyndhurst, NJ. Bring a gift/get a gift grabbag. 5pm cocktails. \$50 pp. Buy 2 tickets and your club dues will be paid for the year.

Joanne said the remaining shirts and jackets ordered are delayed by the supplier, sorry, but they will be in soon. She can take new orders any time. Rich said that years ago the club voted blue & white as club colors but now it's evolved to red/black/gold. It was discussed that any color is good for the tee-shirts but jackets will stay black and some shirts predominately red & white.

Paul Schroll~Trivia award from July won by Lorrie Matrone. What country consumes more spicy food=Norway.

### **New Business**

Pat LeStrange mentioned that he's completed the Memphis movie and is inviting everyone to a "drive-in" movie at his home on Sat., Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, movie shown at 6pm.

Toni Ragosta will be chairman for the Calendars. She's looked at some sites w/different prices. Shutterfly \$16, Snapfaish \$22, VistaPrint \$9.64. She need your photos submitted to her by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Joanne said new Roster going out tonight.

Walter, Rich & Paul spoke about their 39 day journey cross-country. They had a great time and lots of adventures and our country is so beautiful!

Elections for President, Pat LeStrange and CTCI Rep, Lois Martin are next meeting. Pat asked for nominations but no one has made any other suggestions so nominations closed. They are running unopposed.

Next meeting is Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM hosted by Lucille & Frank Chaballa at Delizzia Pizza in Boonton.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

50/50 won by Dorothy Guidone for \$65.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.