

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

December 2020

2021 Meeting Schedule	
December 5	Canceled
2021	Schedule (Tentative)
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
March	Bruce Corbett
April	Joe Kubat
May	Bob Sabino
June	Lucille Chabala
July	Paul Werner
September	Bob Notar
October	
November	
December	

No meetings are scheduled due to the pandemic

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.









I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. I am wishing all a Healthy and Happy Holiday season. I will miss the Christmas Party, but we will do some good things next year.

We did another Thank you drive by at the Hackensack Hospital and the Cancer Center. Thank you, Donna Jessie for putting it together. Only 1 T bird made the drive, Gene Szura's. Mine had a fuel pump failure at the staging point and Walter had the wrong time and missed it. Still we had 2 Corvettes (my Brother Mike's, I rode with him and his wife Linda's, Joanne rode with her) Joe and Arlene were in their El Camino, Bill and Donna Jessie's had their Merc, John Pyrros had his 56 Chevy, my friend Bill Morton drove his 54 Ford wagon and a friend of Gene and Diane drove a model T. We threw out bags of Hershey Kisses and held up thank you signs. The Hospital workers seemed to appreciate it all.

On a personal note I have begun my Voice Therapy and my Carotid artery operation went smoothly. Joanne is also doing very good. You may have seen some recent pictures of her on Face book at my granddaughters Sweet 16 Party. She looked fabulous. I am praying for all our members who are going through health issues.

I hope everyone voted on the CTCI By law changes. We had send out recommendations but whatever way you voted is your choice.

I Hope to see everyone next year Stay safe, healthy and happy

See you all soon, Pat Le Strange

Fall Color Cruise

We had a very successful cruise. It's nice to tour the byways of NJ as there are many scenic spots that we rarely see. The foliage was in top condition this weekend. We had about 17 TBirds (including one retro), a nice 54 Ford and (gasp) a GM product. Meeting in Sparta we went up the road to the Chatterbox (now a sad sight to see) for photos (weeds were in the way). Then to Sunrise Mountain. This was our second trip there, and it is always a thrilling view. Then a ride to Wayne for lunch at the Packanack Lake Country Club for a nice meal. The two Rich's, Martin and luso, made all the arrangements and they did an excellent job. There were a few hiccups as far as the cars go, but they were taken care of in short order.

Fall Cruise





Old Farmer's Advice
Lettin' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot
easier than puttin' it back in

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

Vice President's Message

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.
Unfortunately this Thanksgiving was very different due to this COVID. Hoping that Christmas will be somewhat more normal.

I heard that Marianne Denning is not doing well, so let's give her an extra prayer. Joanne's numbers are staying the same, which is good. She does need to get blood transfusions every 4 to 5 weeks, but other than that she is good. Pat had minor surgery to blow out his carotid arteries. All was good. He is now going to a speech therapist for his horsiness. Melvin Ramos had another stent put in heart, (he has quite a few), he's doing ok. If I missed anyone, I am sorry and hope you are feeling better.

When I decided to cancel the Christmas party I didn't know if I was making a rush decision or not, but I am glad I did cancel thank god. The virus is on the rise again and we have to be careful. Hopefully next Christmas we will have our party. Believe me I miss seeing you guys. I do not know when we will be able to have our next meeting. Please wear your mask, keep your distance and stay out of crowds.

Last week a few of us met with our cars and took a ride around Hackensack Hospital to visit some of the essential workers. I believe we had eight cars, only one Thunderbird and Pat drove his Thunderbird, but unfortunately broke down right before our meeting place. Needless to say Pat was not a happy camper!!! It was a rewarding day though. Thank you Donna Jesse for putting the event together.

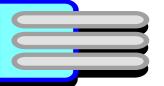
I want to wish all a Happy Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please all be happy, healthy and pray 2021 is a better year and we will be able to get this much needed vaccine.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

See you soon, Arlene



Membership News





No Anniversaries



Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Sabini 4th
Tom Brieva 11th
Paul Schroll 15th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Parillo 21st
Lois Martin 21st
George Gayett 25th

Mel Ramos Pat

Marianne Denning



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Remaining Meetings

The Christmas party and future meetings have been canceled due to the virus.



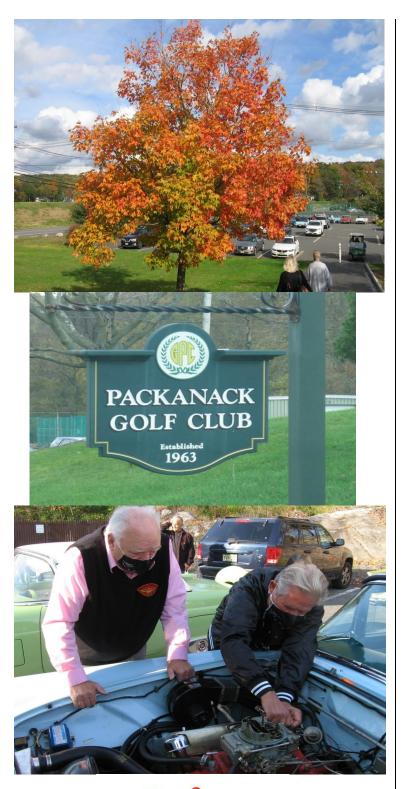


Great Truths
Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground











December 21 - shortest day of the year Winter starts, days get longer



Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K \$13.000

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,000. Deck lid lock cylinder with keys Pad - deck lid lock cylinder 55/56

Set 4 orig. 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips B/O Bird white tonneau cover B/O

1993 Corvette 40th Anniv., conv 38k \$15,000 Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

1947 Pontiac

Convertible - Recent restoration. Original owner car. Contact Gene Szura for information and pictures 201-991-8459

1957 Cylinder Heads

"G" cylinder heads (2). Seems to be uncut, with valves and springs. Probably needs to be refurbished. Fits all Y blocks, best of all Y Block heads. \$275 for the pair. Call 201-652-7027 Paul



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.

Ford History In November

12/1/13 Ford introduced the continuous moving assembly line 12/13/57 The last 1957 Thunderbird was assembled

December 27th is National Fruit Cake Day Enjoy

Tech Tips Fire Extinguishers-Part 1

We should carry a Fire extinguisher in our old cars as well as our new cars. Here is some information gleaned from another chapter's newsletter.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TYPES

TYPE A is used for wood, paper, some plastics and textiles.

TYPE B is used for liquid and gas fires (oil, gasoline). TYPE C is used for electrical equipment that requires nonconductive agents.

TYPE D is used for combustible metals, such as magnesium, titani-um, sodium.

Fire extinguishers are good for 6 to 8 years. Inspect the gauge for adequate pressure and check the expiration date. To prevent compaction, shake or bump it about once a month.

HOW TO USE EXTINGUISHERS

PASS TECHNIQUE

Pull the pin.

Pointing away from you, release the locking mechanism.

Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side. After the fire is out, stop using the extinguisher. Stand back and wait. You may have the fire rekindle and need to use the fire extinguisher twice.



Beer anyone?





Keep Healthy & Safe
Use your mask

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, you do not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. The second wave is here. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier





Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah



