

# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## July 2020

### 2020 Meeting Schedule

July 19	Tom Mirro
August 16	Picnic
September	Steve Handy
October	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

The July meeting is on 7/19 Tom & Susan Mirro are the hosts. RSVP 732-446-4402 or Susan at [ssnowflake7593@msn.com](mailto:ssnowflake7593@msn.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



I hope everyone is staying healthy and doing well. We are starting to plan some activities and meetings. I totally understand if some members are not ready, we will be here when you are. As the new norm for any activities we must follow the CDC guide lines, social distance and face masks.

I am sure everyone is aware I have resigned my position as Region 1 Director and have read all the e mails. Just to help you understand my reasons for doing that. I have been involved with the CTCI Board for 9 years, 4 as my term , 4 with Joanne during her terms and a partial on my 2020 term. I did not want to do this as I have really enjoyed my time on the Board. The killing blow was when they removed Cathy Stubbs from the Board stating she was not a member of CTCI but a spouse of a member. Never before was that a problem. However that was not my only reason. In those 9 years I have never seen Board members treated with such disrespect as it has been since 2018. The way they spoke to Board members, especially woman, was very unprofessional. Also at the Feb. 2020 meeting the guests, mostly former Board members, we told they could not speak until after the meeting. As it turned out they forgot to close the meeting so the guests were heard on record. The way Joanne was treated and yelled at was almost a cause for me completely losing my calm nature, but I made my feelings known and left it at that. The Board is a volunteer position and I refuse to be or see other people treated that way. Don't give up hope though, these board members terms will end and I am sure a much better Board is waiting in the wings. Please remember I feel CTCI is still a great club, but I just cannot say that about the Board.

Pat LeStrange



## Club Announcements

### July Meeting

Joanne is trying to set up a meeting on **July 19th.**, hosted by Tom & Sue Mirro. Because of the virus situation she is trying to see how many will attend. See her email on this. If you are going to attend, call or email Sue if you plan to attend. **CALL EARLY either way** for planning reasons. It is understandable if you are not ready to gather in a group so please let Sue know.

### Club Picnic

Plans are still being made for this. We are subject to state rules so things are somewhat up in the air. **August 16** is the planned date.



Where Mike's been spending his days



First car off assembly line - Mahwah  
(From Gene Szura-Star Ledger) 7/15/55

**Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everybody looks?**



### Vice President's Message



Summer is officially here and it sure has been hot the last few days, but I am not complaining. Even though there really isn't too many places to go yet, we can get our little birds out on the road. Enjoy little trips and drive safe. There are a couple of cruise nights that have started.

Hope everyone is staying healthy. This coronavirus is hanging in there. The Governor is starting to open things up, outdoor eating, little stores and now malls, but I am still afraid to go out among a lot of people. One good thing we can finally go and get hair cuts! Just take things slow and where your masks.

Don Dobres and Darlene (Don's sister) go to Florida for the winter and come home in April. This year they stayed in Florida during the outbreak of the virus and then Don discovered a growth on his ear lobe, turned out cancerous, so he is now having radiation treatment for six weeks. He is feeling better and now can hear better. They will be coming home in the middle of July. Joanne is doing good. Joanne keep up the good work. As far as I know everyone is doing good.

Tom and Sue Mirro will be hosting our July 19th meeting at 2:00 in their home. Please let them know if you are coming. Don't forget your masks (our new way of life) and lawn chairs.

The only other thing coming up is our yearly picnic in August. The park is open with some restrictions. We are working out the details.

Cannot believe it is going to be Fourth of July, but it is here. Everyone have a safe 4th.

Hope to see you all soon, Arlene

# Membership News



Frank Gloss/Mary Green 1st  
Gen & Diane Szura 2nd  
Mike & Theresa Parillo 27th  
George & Suzanne Gayet 27th



Suzanne Gayet 2nd  
Frank Gloss 12th  
Bob Notar 12th  
Paul Adamoff 16th  
Pauline Schroll 17th  
Charlies Costa 18th  
Lorrie Matrone 19th  
Diane Szura 21st  
Jere Klein 22nd  
Bill Downing 31st



Don Dobres

**FOR SALE**

### 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  
Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

### Parts for Sale

4 orig. wire wheel covers for a 56. Includes  
clips, outer rings, and center covers. Call Paul  
201-289-4781

### Wanted

2 Original 57 TBird rims. call Sean  
201-819-0300

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

### Homeschooling in these Times

Homeschooling is going well-2 students  
suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for  
drinking on the job

Day 5: One of these little monsters called in a  
bomb threat

Day 6: My student just said "I hope I don't  
have the same teacher next year

## First Cruise to Boonton 2020

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, does not look better. Went to Boonton for the first time this year. Lots of people not wearing masks. I can see if they have a medical reason, but with the amount of people not wearing it doesn't seem to be a medical issue. This virus knows no boundaries. Even people who have no symptoms can carry the virus and can infect other people. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis.



## Happy Independence Day

The founding Fathers and the men who fought for our freedom from England were liberals

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

These car shows are listed on [njarshows.com](http://njarshows.com)  
- see listing for contact info to find out if still going to be held

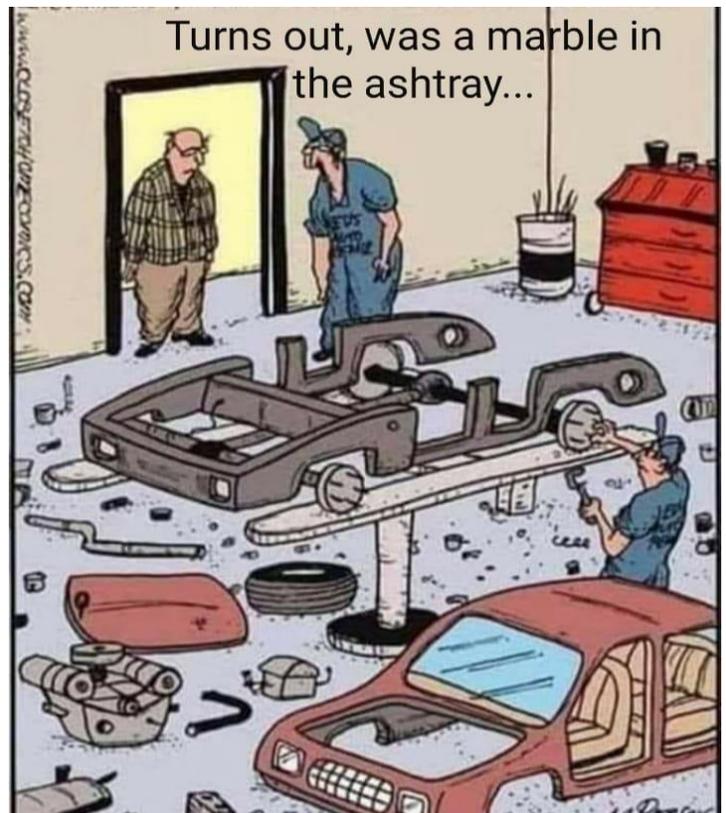
7/12 Pompton Lakes-1 Perrin Ave-Elks Club

7/18 Dumont-West Shore Ave-Use 55 West Shore Ave for GPS

8/8 Hackettstown-219 Mountain Road

8/9 Bogota 24 River Road

**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**



## Cruise Nights

### Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut ???

### Thursday

Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd (Lowes)???

### Friday

Boonton - Walmart Shopping Center

### Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd ??

## Ford History in July

7/30/1863 Henry Ford was born

7/15/1955 First production day - Mahwah NJ assembly plant

7/3/1945 1st postwar Ford came off the assembly line

## Other July History

7/2/1776 - The Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be free and independent states"

## Trivia

The Motor City - Detroit - is the only city from which one can look south to see Canada, although it is not the northernmost city in the U.S. That is Seattle WA.

7/2 is National Bikini Day

7/15 is National Hot Dog Day

**Celebs and TBirds**

(not necessarily owned by them)



**Annette Funicello**



**Clark Gable**



**David Jansson**

**Only in this Stupid World**

Do we leave cars worth thousands in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage



**(Maryanne - Gilligan's Island)**



**Debbie Reynolds**



**Donna Reid**



The "Boss" Frank Sinatra



Marlo Thomas



Gene Barry



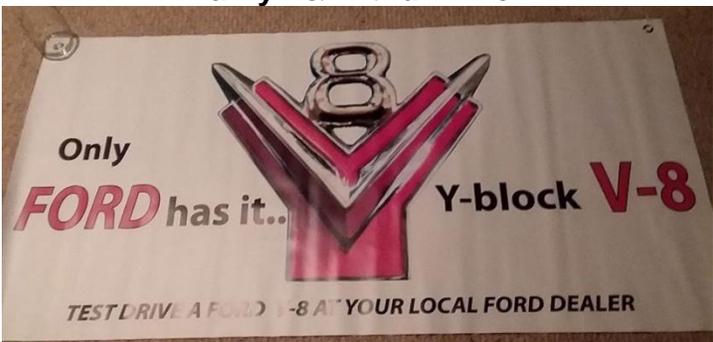
Natalie Wood



Marilyn & Arthur Miller



Robert Urich



## How to prep your car for driving season this spring

The winter weather is receding for most of the country, which means the fun-to-drive cars are starting to wake from their winter hibernation and return to the road. Follow these tips to make sure your first drive is an enjoyable cruise that doesn't end prematurely with a call for roadside assistance.



**Check your tire pressure** Temperature swings during winter storage, plus tires that have been stationary for extended period of time, can result in lost pressure. A quality tire pressure gauge will ensure proper pressures are maintained. When checking tire pressure, take a moment to visually inspect the tires for general condition, which should show no cracking or separation of the tread or sidewall.



**Confirm you Oil level or change it** Many classic cars have small leaks in the engine compartment, and it is worth taking a moment to check the oil level and be sure that a significant amount hasn't leaked into that drip pan you put beneath the car. Also visually inspect the oil for containments. Pump your brakes  
**Brake-system seals and gaskets can dry up from non-use.**



The hard-harder test is a good, quick check to be sure that your brakes will not lose pressure during that first drive. With the car turned off and parked, press on the brake pedal as if you were coming to a gentle stop, hold the pedal, then press harder on the pedal as if you were performing a panic stop. The pedal should remain firm and not slowly continue moving towards the floor. If the pedal continues to move, or there is evidence of brake fluid anywhere under the car, it is time to make some repairs before attempting to drive.



**Inspect fuel condition** Modern gas blends can sour in just a few weeks due to the ethanol content. A quick sniff of the open gas cap can tell you a lot about the condition of what's in the tank. If it smells at all like paint thinner or varnish, that's good indication that the fuel has separated or degraded significantly. The car might still run, but degraded fuel can cause expensive damage to your fuel system and engine. When in doubt, drain and replace.

After you've completed these checks and made any necessary adjustments, it's time to go for a cruise. Enjoy the ride! From Thunderbird Owners of New York

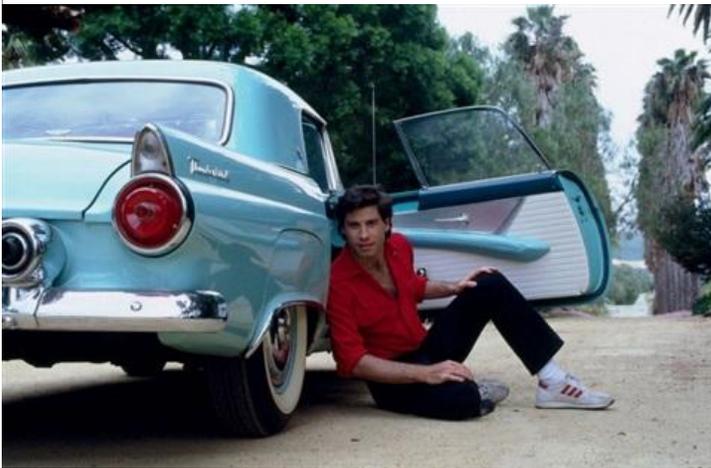
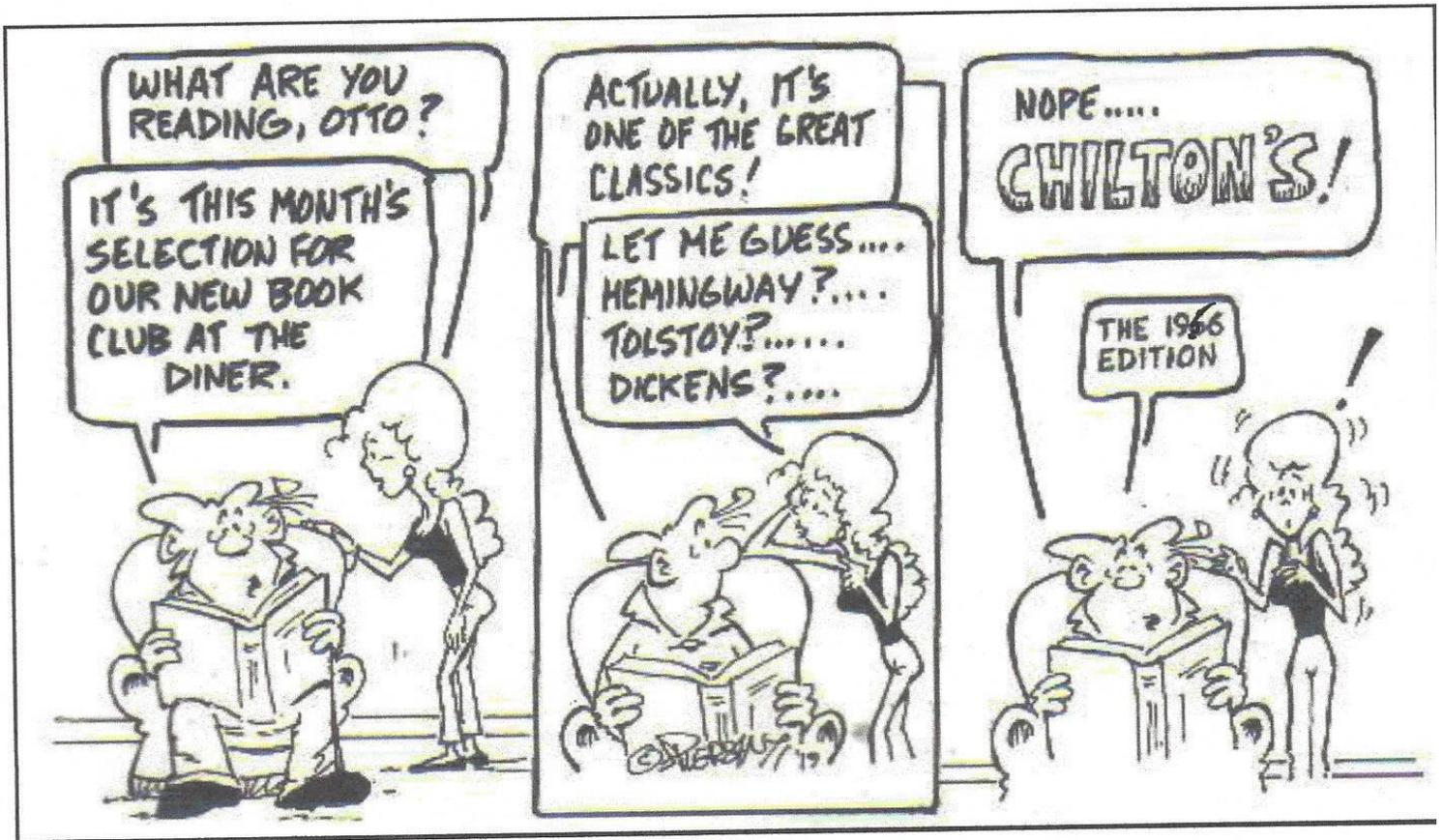


Elvis



Annette again

# OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



John Travolta



My first car-not this exact one but the same year, color and model



We can't forget Santa's

