

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012

Meeting called to order by Pat LeStrange, Pres. at 3:15 p.m. Flag salute by Pat. Minutes of last meeting on 11/13 read by Sandra Pyrros and accepted as read. Thanks were given to Alex & Diane Marsiglio for hosting this meeting.

Treasurer report was given by Frank Chaballa

Starting balance \$875.17
Income \$7,297.17 (\$3,000 transfer from CD-\$2,750.00 Xmas Party-\$214.00 Dues-\$45 for 50/50-\$94 Lottery Board-\$319 Calendars)
Expenses \$4,258.34 (15.20 Newsletter-\$2,637.77 San Carlo Xmas Party-\$829.80 Calendars-\$108.31 Mini-concours-\$473.66 Xmas gifts-\$110.20 Cookies Xmas party)

Current BALANCE \$3,038.83 CD \$12,021.00

Attendance sign-in book was passed around for members to write their names & if they drove to the meeting with their T-Bird so that they may receive a Lottery ticket.

Pat LeStrange mentioned that a Board Meeting was held prior to this meeting. He is going this week to a CTCL meeting and will report back at our next meeting.

Joanne Seiler passed out new rosters and asked for corrections, if any.

Arleen Kubat presented Pat with a new club briefcase for his presidential paperwork. The old briefcase was falling apart.

Correspondence – Lucille Chaballa - None

Thank you from Dominic for the club & members sending him get well cards.

Sunshine Report –Lucille Chaballa

Card sent to Dominic Tucci for his recent illness. Frank going into the hospital for a hip replacement in a few weeks.

Membership – Alec Johnstone

He sent club information to 2 people. No response from one couple. Alec Marsiglio introduced an interested T-bird car enthusiast, Frank Scambatti, who was at the meeting. Paul Schroll was in touch with someone on the internet. He has a retro bird & interested in little birds.

Old Business

Memphis Convention in August. Rich Martin discussed the email that was sent to everyone that booked the River Cruise. They were asked to respond by email on which cruise they wanted to take, choice of three. We agreed to the 7:30 pm cruise on Friday night so that club members could cruise together. He also mentioned that there are 114 cars registered so far with 84 being judged and its 6 months away. They expect a big turnout of birds.

New Business

During the board meeting, Joanne listed the events we have on the calendar for each month next year. A suggestion was made for a "cruise" to the Walpack Inn and Dominic will handle making the arrangements.

January/February Sweetheart Brunch – Bethwood, Totowa, NJ – Feb. 19, 2012 – Lucille Chaballa
March 4th Harold's Deli - Mike Meehan
April 22nd Walpack Inn Cruise, Walpack Center, NJ – Dominic
May 20th Tune-up Clinic at Rich & Lois Martins home/Corbetts (club meeting too)
June Chatterbox (&drive in movie?) Pat LeStrange
July 29th or Aug. 5th Mini-Concours - Schooley's Mtn., Long Valley, NJ
August Memphis Convention
Sept. Warwick, NY Drive-In movie?
October Fall Cruise – Phil & Dorothy
November
December Xmas party December 1st

Suggestion for a 50's dance. Pat & Joanne are looking for a venue, if anybody has a suggestion, please let them know. Cheryl Adamoff suggested the VFW's halls, perhaps in Saddle Brook.

Arlene asked if the Xmas party should be at the San Carlo or Brownstone (in atrium room). Both should be checked out and the date of Dec. 1st was agreed upon.

Joanne & Pat had a suggestion for a club listing on Facebook. Cheryl will handle the page. It's another way to get our club information out to the general public. Also they suggested making a yearbook—pictures of club members with car information, short bio. This will be considered.

Arlene mentioned to send Paul info or stories so that they can be put into the newsletter. Paul asked if members can write stories & submit them each month. Sandra Pyrros volunteered to try and write a story each month, also Cheryl & Lorrie Matrone as contributing editors. Sandra is writing a story re:Barrett-Jackson trip a few members took this month. Anyone can write a story and email to Paul for inclusion in the newsletter.

General Business

Lucille said that reservations can be made with her today or send her a check for \$37.50pp by Feb. 15th for the Sweetheart Brunch on February 19, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

The next club meeting will probably take place on March 25, 2012, hosted by Judy & Henry Semmler. Members will be advised of the location & time.

Badge fines collected by John Pyrros
50/50 was \$40

Meeting adjourned at approx. 4PM.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.