

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



# The Thunder Heard

November 2024

## 2024 Meeting Schedule

November 10	Valerie Kriney
December 8	Christmas Party

The next meeting is on Nov. 10th. Valerie Kriney and Bruce Dailey are the hosts.

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**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**

**Please let Arlene and Toni 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



Thanks to Mike Perrillo for a very good Fall Cruise to Allaire State Park. The park was very interesting with lots to see with a Fall Theme in the Historic setting. We also went on a train ride around the park, lots of fun. After we went to lunch at Mulligan's Bar and Grill. See the pictures on the Photo Page on the web site.

Thank you to Charles and Lisa Musto for hosting the October meeting. Sadly due a very poor attendance we did not have a not have quorum of members to hold a meeting. As usual the tour of his auto collection was amazing. He has included 3 other types in addition to all the F Birds. The Dual Ghia collection has grown to around 12 cars. There are 2 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner (retractable hardtop) F codes, with 1 winning a AACA Zenith award. He also has 3 Mustangs 1 being a total race car is not street legal. We ended with a delicious lunch at a restaurant. Those members who missed this can see the pictures on the web site photo page.

Looking forward to the next meeting on November 10. Also getting very excited about our Christmas party on Dec. 8 at the Mt Arlington Elks lodge in Morris County (not to be confused with North Arlington in Bergen County).

Thank you, stay healthy and happy

Patrick Le Strange President NJORTC



Valerie's 56





### Vice President's Message



You would think after all the rain we had this summer we would be fine, but no, one month without rain we are in a drought, go figure!!! In all reality this Fall has been beautiful. I hope that you were able to get your baby Birds out to some car shows. Unfortunately, cruise nights are done for the season. I believe there still car shows going on.

Joan Mc Millian doing good. Rich Martin had surgery on his knee after suddenly having severe pain in it for over a month. After the surgery he is up and about. Irene Douma had a little set back with her recovery after back surgery, but she is hanging in there. She is hoping to make the November meeting. John Pyrros just had two teeth pulled and now he is cleared to have a valve operation on his heart, which will be on October 30th. Let's pray that John does well and has a speedy recovery.

Hope everybody else are doing good.

Joe and I were not able to make the Fall Cruise, but I understand it was a wonderful day out, and all that went had a good time.

The only request made was that next year we travel North to see Fall foliage. Thanks Mike Perillo for a great cruise as usual.

Once again we were unable to make the October meeting hosted by Charles Musto in Pennsylvania. I understand he had some different cars to look at in his collection. It was a small turnout of members so a very brief meeting was held. I believe Nomination of Officers were supposed to be at this meeting.

We will have to do nomination and election of officers at November meeting. Steve Handy will run as Treasurer and I will run as Vice President again.

You all received my notice about the Christmas party, SUNDAY, December 8th, 3pm - 8pm Elks Lodge, Mount Arlington, NJ. As in the past, the cost of the party remains the same. \$65.00 per person (\$130.00 a couple), if you pay as a couple your dues is paid for 2025. If you are paying for one, half your dues is paid for 2025. Money for party must be paid by NOVEMBER 18th. Please join us this year for a guaranteed good time. Great food, includes butler style cocktail hour, buffet with quite a few hot trays and, of course, good desserts. Plus a good DJ and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Next meeting Sunday, November 10th, Anthony Franco's, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ (not sure of time, elsewhere in newsletter).

See you soon Arlene

### October Meeting

As there was not a quorum of members, there was no formal meeting.

### Fall Cruise

We had a nice cruise to Farmingdale NJ (via the parkway) to Allaire State Park. It was a nice clear warm fall day and the ride was most enjoyable. The park is a historic village and has some of the original buildings including a blacksmith shop and general store.

Additionally, there was a fall festival going on with multiple vendors with all sorts of goods.

Among the facilities, there was an operating train which offered rides, which all the members took advantage of. After we tired ourselves out, we were off to Mulligan's Bar & Grill where we had some very good food and drink (including adult beverages). We had 21 members and 7 birds plus a brand X car (which was a very nice stingray Vette). Many thanks to Mike and Theresa for setting up this event.



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th  
Charles & Lisa Musto 16th

*HAPPY Birthdays*

Phil Guidone 4th  
Mary Green 11th  
Izabela Costs 14th  
Rob Burns 16th  
Aileen Corbett 23rd

*GET WELL SON!*

Irene Douma  
John Pyrros  
Rich Martin



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## Club Announcements

### November Meeting

This meeting is **November 10th**.  
Location is Anthony Francos, 1176  
Hamburg TPKE, Wayne. Time is **1 PM**.  
Be sure to RSVP the host, including  
regrets.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party is on **December 8**  
(Sunday) Location is the Elks Lodge,  
210 Howard St, **Mt Arlington** (not to be  
confused with No. Arlington). Time is **3**  
**PM** to 8 PM.. Cost is the same as last  
year, \$65.00 per person. Attendees get  
the usual dues credit. Payment to either  
Steve Handy or Arlene Kubat, must be  
made by Nov. 18th. Payment can be  
made at the Nov. meeting. Contact  
Arlene if you are going.

### Officers Election

The Vice President and Treasurer's  
positions are up for election this year.  
Nominations are usually made in  
October, but are now scheduled for  
November. If you are interested in  
running for either, notify Pat



## Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month -  
Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads  
Church

## Cruise Nights

Cruise nights have closed for the season. If  
any one knows of any still operating, please let  
me know.

## Car Shows/Swap Meets

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12/1 Wayne-475 Valley Rd Wayne Town Hall  
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Happy Thanksgiving





## **Getting Ready for Winter's Nap** **Here are some tips for winter storage** **From Kyle Smith - Hagerty Media**

The fall colors are upon us, at least in the states where that kind of thing happens. That means the classic rides are being prepped for storage as we collectively brace for the snow to fly and the salt to hit the roads. Hagerty has covered proper winterization methods and tips for your car in a multitude of ways, but here are a few suggestions that haven't always made our lists but you should consider.

### **No parking brake**

Opinions regarding the use of parking brakes can get oddly heated, so whether or not you should use yours regularly is a discussion for another day. The key thing here is to not set it and leave for months over the winter. If you're worried about your car rolling from its parking spot, wheel chocks are a better option because the chance that your parking brake binds or seizes up over time is too great of a risk. It's no fun finding your classic is garage-bound for an additional couple days or weeks for a brake job when all you want to do is drive in the spring.

### **Floor moisture**

The enemy of any vintage car owner is rust, and the easiest way to keep it at bay is to keep things dry. Moisture can wreak havoc on multiple parts of a car, but it's the underside and chassis that often end up paying the price when rust takes hold. If you aren't lucky enough to have climate-controlled storage, consider laying down plastic sheeting before parking your car in its winter resting place. Whether the floor is dirt or concrete, moisture will rise up, and this plastic will help keep it from condensing on the bottom of the vehicle and take hold. The sheeting will also help keep the concrete from pulling moisture and oils from your tires, extending their life too.

### **UV control**

Just like you want to protect the underside of your car, the top and interior need to be saved from invisible forces: UV light.

Some garages have cave-like architecture, and therefore there's no concern about sun wearing on your paint or interior, but if you're parking a car in one spot for a long time, be sure to take into consideration where the sun hits it and what that might do. Faded and cracked interiors can be avoided with the right cover or some careful window blocking.

### **Deep clean**

This one is simple. Vacuum and deep clean your interior. Don't leave any debris or dirt in the nooks and crannies and allow it to take hold and stain or rot your interior surfaces. This will not only help keep the materials soft and supple during cold winter months, but it will also keep any small things from growing into stains that might require more work to remove in the spring or will attract rodents or vermin. Did you eat in your car this year? Get that french fry out from underneath the seat. You aren't fooling anyone.

### **Top up**

Not your fluids, but your convertible top, if you've got one. We've seen many a car with a nice cloth top that shrunk to the point that it is nearly unusable without extra hands helping to get the frame close enough to latch and risking a tear or two. Even if you live all summer with the top down, store your car with the top up. Most car covers are fitted to be used with the top up (you do have a car cover right?) and this yearly top-up time is also the perfect opportunity to lube all the pivot points before the long winter season.

### **Record your winter priorities**

Planning to work on your ride at all over winter? Now is the time to make your to-do list and set your priorities while you can still do a last drive and any diagnostics that might require moving the car. Also think about how the car is placed into storage. Need to work on the engine but you backed into the garage, so now you have to walk around the car every time you need tools? Set yourself up for success and avoid that mistake by thinking through what you plan on doing and when.



**November 3rd**



**November 5th**

**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**



**Autumn has come to the trees**

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