

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



The Thunder Heard

April 2011

SNOW GONE???

2011 Meeting Schedule

April 10	Alec Johnstone
May 1	Bill & Pat Selby
May 22	Tune UP Clinic
June	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
July	Dennis & Gail Chirico
August 14	Mini Concours
September	Charlie & Iabella Costa
October	Pat LeStrange, Joanne Seiler
October	Fall Cruise
November	John & Sandra Pyrros
Dec 3	Holiday party

The April meeting will be on April 10 at 2:00 PM and will be hosted by Alec Johnstone. See "Club Events" for meeting location. RSVP 201-934-4058 or bronzebyrd@optonline.net

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



Well Spring has sprung. Today (the day I am writing this) is March 23 and the trees and bushes are in full bloom - NO, wait a minute! Are blooms supposed to be white and 7 inches deep? Enough of this already. I know the good weather is almost here

The March meeting was again, very well attended. It was held at a very nice restaurant by Al and Lorraine Cirinelli. Many items were covered from the changes in the By-Laws to the Christmas party. Thank you to Phil Guidone and congratulations for accepting the position of Registered Agent and Board member for the positions left due to Vince DeAndrea's passing

On another note, Dominick Tucci has retired from being the Awards Chairman. Dominick, thanks for your many years of great awards. Congratulations and thanks to John Pyrros for stepping up and heading the Chairmanship. Dominick will continue to help John.

Please look over the BY-Law changes and let us know if you have a problem with them. We have to vote and approve them.

Lets get out to the shows, cruise nights and most importantly the club functions. It helps to get the Birds out and running to get in shape for the Virginia Convention. It looks like we will have another great turn out for that.

Let Rich Martin know if you plan to do any work on your TBird at the Tune-UP Clinic.

I would also like to thank everyone who was able to attend Joanne's American Cancer Society bowling fund raiser and also everyone who sent donations. Even though this was not an official club function it was for a good cause. Unfortunately this disease has brought heartache to everyone, so lets support any fund raiser we can so they can find a cure.

Please stay Healthy and Happy.

Pat





A few words from Alec

Winter is still here. It never went away or so it seems. It has snowed twice in the last week and I am getting anxious to get my "57" on the road.

I realize that I will probably be complaining how hot it is in July and August - such is human nature and thankfully we live in a country where we can complain freely.

Anyway, looking forward to the cruise and show season and it looks like we will have a good showing at this years Regional conventions. I hope to see you there.

Happy Motoring, Alec.

March Meeting

The March meeting was held at the La Dolce Vita restaurant in Wharton, hosted by Al & Lorraine Cirinelli. Lorraine just had some surgery on her hand and Al has been her chief bottle washer and make up man (you should have gone to hair dressing school Al). The meeting was very well attended and the food was excellent. We all had a great time, the business meeting was relatively short and sweet (thanks to Pat) and we had the chance to bench race, waiting for the Spring. Thanks to Al and Lorraine for a great time.



The Vice President's Message

Guess what? It is Spring!!!! Well, that is what the calendar says anyway. We had a few Spring like days but the SNOW came back. UGH!! At least we know the snow will not last long. The weather will get BETTER soon.

Pretty soon we will be getting our little Birds out of winter storage and going to cruise nights, car shows and just out for a good cruise. Our club has some activities planned for the spring and summer months. Tune-up Clinic, CTCI Convention in Virginia, Mini-concours, Sonny's Restaurant, Outdoor Drive-in and , of course, our Fall Cruise. A lot of fun things to do with our cars and our club.

On March 19th, Joanne Seiler hosted a bowling fund raiser for Relay to Life. We had some club members attend - John & Sandy Pyrros, Paul & Pauline Schroll, Walter Strohmaier, Phil & Dorothy Guidone, Joe & myself. Of course, Pat & Joanne. We all had a lot of fun. As for myself, I think I should take up another activity because I did not do too good! The bowling ball just did not go where I wanted it to go.

I hope that with this newsletter we will find Lorraine Cirinelli is feeling better after surgery on her hand.

See you guys at Alec Johnstone's meeting in April. I hope the weather gets better so we can bring out our birds. Remember, whoever brings their bird to a meeting will get a lottery ticket. Maybe someone will win big.

See you soon

Arlene.



Membership News



Judy Semmler 12th
Lucille Chalaba 27th



Lorraine Cirinelli

FOR SALE

1960 Tbird

Any one looking for a square bird. I saw this on
Ford barn, don't know anything about it
<http://www.fordbarn.com/forum/showthread.php?t=32201>



Good Wishes On Passover

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish

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Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad



Winter Get-Away

While getting away from the winter snow in NJ, we (Sandra and I) vacationed in south Florida. I decided to go to the prestigious (by prestigious I mean \$50 a ticket) Concours d' Elegance at the beautiful Boca Raton Golf and Country Club Resort.

As I'm enjoying the show, I stopped by the class that had the Early Birds and managed to at least make a tentative deal to sell some spare parts I have at home. Strolling further along down through the classes, I stopped to talk to a fellow car enthusiast, Jay Leno. He spent most of the time looking at a 58 Buick which he claimed to be the first type vehicle he drove to Hollywood and said he slept in it.

I then spotted a 1963 rose beige metallic Thunderbird roadster that looked familiar and found it to be Mike Spillane from northern NJ who now resides in FL, an acquaintance and fellow member of the North Jersey Club. As we passed the time of day chatting up on old times, the judges came look at his car. I told him I'd stop by and see him before I left and wished him good luck. I then walked around the rest of the show field, returning about 1 1/2 hours later and found Mike had won 1st place in his class, which was a large class - from 1960 to 1985 cars.

I waited until he had to drive his car into the winner's circle, took some pictures and said my goodbyes.

Another NJ Thunderbird does well!! John Pyrras



I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll
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Club Events

April Meeting Location

The April meeting (APR 10th) will be held at the Paddington Sq Club House (Chads Barn Court), Mahwah, NJ. Remember to RSVP Alec.

Tune Up Clinic

This years Tune Up Clinic is scheduled for May 22 at the Martins and is co-hosted by the Corbetts. Please let Lois or Rich know if you are attending. For those driving to Richmond, it a good chance to get your TBird tuned up and do any mechanical work that you have been putting off.

Mini Concours

The Mini-concours has been scheduled for August 14th at Schooley's Mountain. Reserve this date now so you won't forget. Additional info will be posted

Winter Get-Away





March Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Lorraine and Al Cirinelli ,at the La Dolce Vita Restaurant. Although it was a nice clear crisp day, the Birds were still tucked in their beds. The meeting was well attended.

Highlights of the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, as was the treasurer's report.

There was a moment of silence in honor of Vince DeAndrea.

Lois mentioned that all the rooms at the host hotel for the Richmond convention were taken. She mentioned the possibility of a private tour of Graceland.

Phil reported that Schooley's Mtn has been booked for the Mini-Concours. The date is August 14th.

Dominick resigned from the awards committee. John Pyrros has been appointed the new Chairman.

Pat appointed Phil Guidone as a Trustee (board member) to fill the vacant position as well as Registered Agent.

Lois reported that the By-Laws have been revised, mostly minor changes. All club members will be sent a copy of the revised By-Laws for acceptance by the members at the next meeting. The Board has approved the changes and they will be posted to the club web site when ratified by the members.

Pat mentioned that the cruise nights will be starting up. Any information about them (starting date, etc) should be sent to Paul Schroll for the newsletter.

Phil tossed out the idea of a group attendance at next years Barratt-Jackson auction.

Next meeting, April 10th-see page two for info.

Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.



Cruise Nights

.CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

April 15-17 Englishtown NJ Swap Meet/Show

April 16 Willingboro, NJ info 215-752-0484 (Bobbi)

April 17 AACA Museum, Hershey, PA. Ford and Shelby
(www.aacamuseum.org)

May 1 Butler, NJ, Rte 23 All Ford Show, Rte 23 Automall

May 7 Bridgewater, NJ Info 908-526-4016 (Rich)

If any one has info on shows and swap meets in May and forward please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



What a trooper - operation two days ago
Hey Al - get me a beer!!!!



CTCI Conventions

This Year - Richmond, Va, June 15-19 and Omaha, Nebraska August 24-28. It has been mentioned that rooms for Richmond, like in Dayton, are going to be tight, so make your reservation now. They can always be canceled if you decide not to go at a later date.



More March Meeting



Tech Tips Tips on Getting Gas

Below is an article given to Paul Adamoff from a customer of his. The origin and author is unknown

I don't know what you guys are paying for gas - but here in CA we are paying up to \$3.75 to \$4.10 a gallon. My line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon. My company delivers about 4 million gallons in a 24 hour period thru a pipeline. One day is diesel, the next jet fuel and gasoline - regular and premium. We have 34 storage tanks with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks underground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline. When the days gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and temperature of the gasoline, diesel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role.

A one degree rise in temperature is a big deal for the petroleum business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you are filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see the trigger has three stages: Low, middle and high. You should be pumping on low mode thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping at the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground tanks so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying an empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.

Unlike service stations, where I work every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.