



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2024

2024 Meeting Schedule

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| October 6 | Fall Cruise |
| October 12 | Charles Musto |
| November 10 | Valerie Kriney |
| December 8 | Christmas Party |
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The next meeting is on Oct. 12.
(Saturday) Charles Musto is the the host.
RSVP Charles 570-479-4497 or Adrian
Lori at 570-709-0823

**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



Welcome to Fall, although the days are getting shorter the weather is always great and the turning of the leaves is beautiful.

Looking forward to the Fall cruise and the meeting at Charles and Lisa Musto's. It is a bit of a ride, but if you have never been there you are in for a real treat, Check out the photo page on the web site for June 3, 2018 and the video I made of the visit for the last time we went there. He told me he has added to the collection.

Our last meeting went very well, Thanks Bill and Martha for stepping up to host, as it became an open meeting,

Please don't forget October is Breast Cancer Awareness month spread the word to all the women in your lives wear some pink during the month. Please get checked. we have lost club members, family members and friends due to this terrible disease and I don't want to lose any more.

Patrick Le Strange
President NJORTC



Charles Musto's 57 (Azure Blue F Code)





Vice President's Message



Weather has been delightful! Last month to get your little birds out for a cruise night or car show before they have to be put away for the winter. So enjoy them for what time is left of 2024 season!!!

I want to thank Bill and Martha Downing for stepping up and hosting our September meeting. It was a good meeting. We went to Anthony Franco's in Wayne. The food was very good, but Bill's homemade desserts were the best as usual. He makes the best carrot cake around.

Joan McMillan is taking a couple of months off of chemo and will restart in December. Her numbers are staying the same. Irene Douma is doing better every day. John Pyrros just had tooth pulled and then after that heals he will be going back in the hospital for a new valve in his heart. Our prayers are with you guys. Hope everyone else are doing well, have not heard from anyone, which is good news.

Our Fall Cruise is coming up soon, Sunday, October 6th. Allaire State Park. There seems like there will be plenty of things to do and see. Re-enactments, Train Museum & Train Ride (\$6.00), Museum and Flea Market. Then after all this Mike Parillo has picked a nice restaurant for us to go eat and enjoy. Please let Mike or Julie Ann know if you are going or not.

Next will be our October meeting, Saturday, October 12th at 12:00 sharp. It is about a two hour drive. We have to make a decision on whether we all want to caravan or not. If you want to caravan contact Pat and a meeting place will be set up.

Before you know it the Christmas Party will be here. If there are any songs you want to hear, please let me know so I can tell the DJ. Next month I will tell you the cost of the party per person. We will be having a real cocktail hour, butler style, and a buffet with more food on it and desserts. Beer, wine and soda will be included in price of party. You will be able to buy drinks at the bar at a lower price. The party will be held at the Elks Lodge in Mt. Arlington, NJ.

Happy and safe Halloween. That's all for now,

See you soon

Arlene

September Meeting

A very good meeting. Not a lot of "business" to attend to but it is always good to get together.

The food was good but was outshined by the home made dessert goodies made by Bill, especially the carrot cake which was sinfully rich. A number of Tbird attended. Thanks to Bill and Martha for hosting.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The treasure's report was made and accepted. No secretary's report.

Pat reported on the CTCI Convention and noted that the next one in 2025 will be in Texas. Will be combined with VCTI

Facebook page -Paul S reported that he posted the picnic pictures

Pat reminded the group that the Fall Cruise is 9/6 and to let know Mike Perillo if you are going

Sue inquired about a 2025 club calendar. Members indicated that they would like to have one. Sue asked for pictures.

Pat mentioned that he has rented a storage unit for all the club's extra items and that an inventory will be taken and any old items not worth saving will be disposed of. (Note: this has been made resulting in our not having to use the the storage unit - Steve Handy is storing what was left.)

Arlene went over plans for the Christmas party (Dec 8th)

Julie Ann mentioned the Sweetheart brunch and asked what date we wanted it.

Mark won the 50/50

Next meeting October 12th.

September Meeting Pics



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
Bill & Donna Jessie 14th
Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th
Steve & Annette Schmidt 28th



Linda Klein 7th
John Pyrros 18th
Don Dobres 28th
Darlene Anderson 28th

**GET WELL
SON!**

Irene Douma
John Pyrros



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Club Announcements

Fall Cruise

This is **Oct, 6th**. See the attached flyer for full information

October Meeting

October meeting is **Oct 12th** (Saturday). Start The time is **12 Noon** at Charles's garage., 415 East Packer Ave., Exeter, PA. From there we go to Arturo's Restaurant, 140 Main St., Dupont, Contact Pat about a caravan to PA.

November Meeting

This meeting is scheduled for **November 10th**. Details next month

Christmas Party

The Christmas party is on **December 8**
Details to follow.



Cars & Coffee

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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Paramus- 314 Paramus Rd Taverna
Rockaway-152 Rte 46-Red Hut Diner

Tuesday

Clifton-417 River Rd-Rutt's Hut
Elmwood Park-111-95 Rte 46 west-Pizza Town
River Edge 259 Johnson Ave-Prime 259

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.
Church (Usually goes to end of DST)

Thursday

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center(End 10/18)

Saturday

Towaco-445 Main St-Diane's Dairy

NOTE- Many Cruise Nights cease at the end of September so ones shown here may not be operating

Car Shows/Swap Meets

10/5 West Milford-Bubbling Springs Park

10/6 Closter-19 Vervelen St-Closter Plaza

10/6 East Hanover-Rte 10W-Nielson Dodge

10/12 West Milford-65 Lincoln Ave-Wallisch Homestead

10/13 Pompton Lakes--Wanaque Avenue

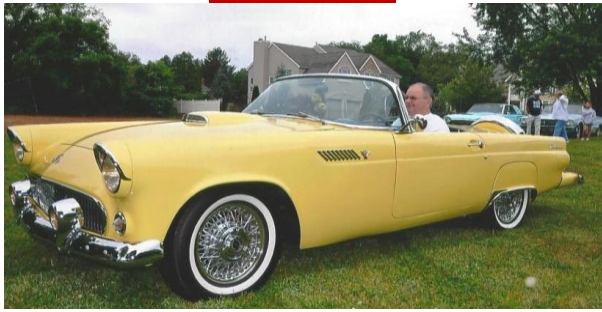
10/13 Cresskil-100 3rd St. Trunk or Treat

10/20 Pequannock-Rte 23 & Alexander Ave- Pequannock Valley park



Things My Mother Taught me

Anticipation-"Just wait til we get home"
For Sale



1955 T-Bird

Goldenrod yellow clearcoat. 1989 Mustang H.O. , Fuel Injection, Paxton supercharger. 12 Volt. Griffin radiator. T-5 trans, Hurst shifter. Disc brakes (Lincoln Versailles), dual master. Continental Kit. Flowmaster mufflers. Traction bars. Power steering. Hard (white) and soft (black) tops. 55 Fairlane headlight rims. 56 Merc station wagon tail lights. Wire wheels and radials. Custom Sound radio with 10 CD changer. Located in New Jersey. \$ 38,000. For additional information and pictures contact Joe Kubat 973-900-1923


55-57Parts For Sale

56-57 Chrome outer steering column tube. Good condition, very little rust-good driver condition \$150. 57 rear top receptacles-new (part #s 50552 & 50553 right & left)35.00 each. 56 rear exhaust hangers-new (part #s 5279 & 5278) \$20 for both. 55-56 Bendix front brake shoes-new-riveted/relined 3\$30 Plus shipping if required. Paul, 201-652-7027

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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

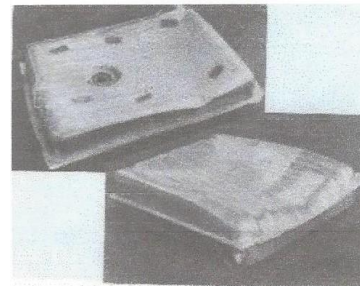
Tech Tip

Keep That Tank Vented

The gas tanks on our 55-57 TBirds were designed to be vented. That is to allow air to come into the tank to fill the void as the fuel is removed. If the tank is not vented the fuel being pumped out of the tank will create a vacuum in the tank with potentially damaging results. In an unvented tank the fuel pump will be attempting to pull the fuel from the tank and push it on to the carburetor and at the same time the vacuum in the tank will be attempting to pull the fuel in the line between the pump and the tank back into the tank. The usual result is that the engine will be starved for fuel and will die. Further cranking will not restart the engine. If the pump is strong the tank will actually collapse as shown in the photos. This will occur most often when a car is freshly restored and/or when a new gas cap is installed. If this situation is occurring you will hear a rush of air when the gas cap is removed. If this occurs you can get home by simply removing the gas cap and driving home with it off. Once home you can eliminate further problems by simply drilling a 1/16th hole through the cap. The 1955 recessed center cap, the 1956-early 57

cap with ribs and many replacement caps do not have a visible hole through the cap. With these caps the venting ports are incorporated into the design and it should not be necessary to drill a hole into these. Here are some do's and don'ts:

1. Do check your tank with the cap on tight before you install a new tank or cap.
2. Do be sure to remove the cap and check for air being sucked into the tank if your engine dies mysteriously. There might be so much vacuum in the tank that the cap may actually be difficult to remove.
3. Do be sure to either drill a small hole through the cap or return it to your vendor if the cap is new.
4. Do Not force the engine to run by putting fuel directly into the throat of the carburetor – this will only create an even stronger vacuum in the tank
5. Do Not be alarmed if you hear this sucking sound with your late model iron – many of these are designed to operate under a slight vacuum. The cap should indicate this.





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NJORTC Fall Cruise 2024

October 6th

Allaire State Park



Cross your fingers for good weather and GET EXCITED! Enjoy the day with our fun club.

UPDATE as of 9-9-24 (Today)

- I made reservations at "Mulligans Bar & Grill" 203 Squankum Road, Farmingdale NJ for 2:00 that afternoon. I will need a head count for that reason so please e-mail (parrillosr@aol.com) with your **RSVP as soon as possible.** <http://www.originalmulligans.com/>

-We will meet at Wendy's back parking lot. 333 Franklin Ave, Belleville, NJ.
This is very close to the parkway S entrance.

We leave promptly at 10:00 AM so please arrive early (9:30 or sooner would be best) if you want coffee/breakfast etc. Bring your EZ Pass.

Allaire State park, 4265 Atlantic Ave, Farmingdale, NJ 07727

Re-enactment's

The historic village was known as the Howell Works in the early 19th-century. At that time, it was a thriving industrial community which produced pig and cast iron. The buildings, which remain today, include a general store, blacksmith shop, carpenter's shop, manager's house, foreman's house and a church. One of the workers' row house buildings is now the Allaire Visitor Center and Museum.

Train Museum & Train Ride (\$6.00)

Established in 1953, the Pine Creek Railroad is an example of rail travel at the height of the steam era in the United States. The diesel, narrow-gauge trains are operated by the NJ Museum of Transportation.

Museum

Exhibits on the 19th-century bog iron industry, the Howell Works (original name for Allaire Village), and its owner, James P. Allaire provide an introduction to Allaire Village.

Flea Market

What's to say. You know the drill. Bring a few bucks, you may find a new treasure.
Parrillo Car Cruise Tours:)