

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



# *The Thunder Heard*

**October 2018**

**2018 Meeting Schedule**

October 14	Charlie & Izebela Costa
October 21	Fall Cruise
November 11	Steve & Annette Schmidt
Dec. 1	Holiday Party

The Octber meeting is on the 14th  
 Charlie and Izebla Costa are the hosts.  
 RSVP 973-478-4149 or  
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**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



Fall is back, Summer went fast. It was wet, hot and humid and affected a lot of car shows and cruise nights. Now we look forward to a long Fall, there will be plenty of car related activities. Coming up is our Covered Bridge Tour, it is sure to be interesting.

Sad news on the passing of long time club member Dominick Tucci. He was not too active in the past few years but was always a team member during his membership.

The hotel for the 2019 CTCI Convention is taking reservations , so get yours in while the good rooms are available. Check out the link on our web site. There is a lot of changes going on at CTCI which you will hear about at our next meeting.

Joanne and I attended the Wildwood Boardwalk classic car show. There were several Baby birds as well as some other year birds. It is a very big show covering most of the boardwalk.

Please keep your prayers going for our members fighting health issues  
 Enjoy the fall and be careful for wet leaves on the roadways.

*Please stay well*  
*Pat Le Strange*

**Don't do something permanently stupid because you are temporarily upset**



## September Meeting

The hosts were Bill and Pat Selby. It was a nice late summer day which brought out some the Birds to exercise their wings. As usual the food was good and the company better. Thanks to Pat and Bill for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

Arlene chaired the meeting as Pat was indisposed.

The minutes of the last full meeting (August) were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

Bill Downing did a recap of the picnic

A call for nomination for the positions of Vice President and Treasurer was made. No additional nominations were made. Current nominations are Arlene for Vice President and Steve Handy for Treasurer

Donna reported on the Knoxville Convention.

Lucille and Julie (Lucille's daughter) went over the Fall Cruise (see pageXX).

Phil spoke about a trip to the Barrettt-Jackson auction in Arizona. He will be getting hotel rates. The date are Jan 12-19. Anyone interested contact Phil.

Arlene went over plans for the Christmas party.

Flagstaff Convention 2019. Preregistration is open as is reservations at the hotel. (See page XX for more information)

Next meeting Oct. 14

Julie won the 50/50.

## September Meeting



### Ponder This

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest??



### Vice President's Message



Happy Fall everyone. Hope this Fall is better weather than our Summer. Get your little birds on the road before it's too cold.

Heard from Mike Meehan, Wendy is not getting any better, but not getting worse. It's going to be a long road for her so please keep her in your prayers. Alex Johnston is doing the same. Joanne has had some issues, but she is a strong lady. Chemo does take a lot out of you, but hopefully it does its job. On a good note, Congratulations to Toni and Bob Sabino on becoming first time Grandparents to a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations to Toni's daughter Rebecca and husband Roy on the birth of Rylee Jean.

Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer closed. Arlene Kubat for Vice President and Steve Handy for Treasurer. Both positions were uncontested. Toni Sabino will cast one vote for each position at our October meeting. Congratulations to ME and STEVE.

October 21st is our annual Fall Cruise. Chairing the cruise are Lucille Chabala and her daughter Julieanne. We will be going on a covered bridge tour and then lunch at the Cock and Bull Restaurant in Peddler Village in Pennsylvania. \$40.00 per person. More details in newsletter.

Our Christmas party is on December 1st, Villa Italia at 5:00 pm. \$65.00 per person. If you attend the Christmas party your dues for 2019 will be paid. More details to follow.

Phil Guidone is putting together a trip to Barrett Jackson in Scottsdale, Arizona, January 12th - January 19th, 2019. This is not a club event, but if anyone wants to go contact Phil.

May 15th - May 19th, 2019 is a regional convention in Flagstaff, Arizona. You can preregister now and also make hotel reservations,

Next meeting October 14th, 2018.

See you soon, Arlene

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th  
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th

*Happy Birthday*

Ron Rollieson 6th  
 Linda Klein 7th  
 Pat Selby 13th  
 John Pyrros 18th  
 Drew Eckman 20th  
 Don Dobres 28th

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Alec Johnstone  
 Joe Matrone  
 Dorothy Guidone  
 Wendy Meehan  
 Joanne Seiler

## Western Class Round Up

### Flagstaff Convention May 15-19

Preregistration and hotel reservations are now open. The preregistration form may be downloaded from [www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org](http://www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org). Hotel reservations may be made direct to the hotel, the Little America Hotel & Resort, 928-779-7900. Mention "Thunderbird Regional Convention". The room rate is 139.00 plus tax ( 151.22)



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## Club Announcements

### October Meeting

The October Meeting is being hosted by Charlie and Izebela Costa at Delizia's Pizza. Start time 2 PM. Remember to RSVP the hosts, including regrets.

### Fall Cruise

The Fall cruise will be a covered bridge tour and brunch. The date October 21st. We will meet at the Washington Crossing Park at 9:30 AM. The address is 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, PA 18977. Meeting at the parking lot opposite the Visitor Center. Lucille and Julie are in charge of the outing. Cost is \$40 per person-check made out to NJORTC. Send check to Julie Morrison at 2620 Fallow Hill Lane, Jamison, PA 18929 no later than Oct 7th. After the tour we will be going to the Cock and Bull Restaurant in Peddler's Village. GPS address 2400 Street Road New Hope, PA 18938 (Note - Peddler's Village is actually located in Village of Lahaska, PA)

### November Meeting

The date for this meeting is Nov 11th. Further details next month

### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is December 1st. Arlene is the chair. It is being held in the same place as last year, the Bella Italia Ristorante, 535 Central Ave., Orange NJ. Starts at 5 PM.

65.00 person, you get credit for dues. Toys for Tots (unwrapped item) and grab bag (25.00). RSVP Arlene. Checks payable to NJORTC.



### Ford History in October

- 10/1/15- Henry Ford Hospital was opened
- 10/10/15 The One millionth Model T was assembled
- 10/8/17 First Fordson Tractor was built
- 10/13/60 Ford Econolines were introduced
- 10/24/38 Mercury was introduced
- 10/17/55 First 1956 TBird was assembled
- 10/3/56 Introduction day for the 57 TBird



## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Wayne-Hooters-25 Rte. 23 So

### Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

### Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave -Cedar Hill

Christian Ref. Church

Clifton-Maple Valley Diner 1116 Rte 46 W

### Thursday

### Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Ctr **10/5 last one**

### Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

**Some of the above may have closed - please  
let me know if they have.**

## September Meeting



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

10/6 Allendale-Allendale Ave **10 AM**

10/6 West Milford-1614 Union Valley Rd-

Bearfort Village **1 PM**

10/6-7 Fairfield-165 Passiac Ave-Wings and

Wheels -Essex Cty Airport

10/7 Paramus-200 Rte 17 N Paramus Elks

10/7 Wayne-1910 Rte 23 N Lincoln of Wayne

10/10-13 Hershey, PA

10/13 Fairfield 79 Two Bridges Rd **11AM**

10/14 Pompton Lakes Wanaque Ave **10AM**

10/20 Flemington Race Track

10/21 Park Ridge 124 Noyes Drive-Atrium

10/21 Englishtown 230 Pension Rd-Raceway  
Park

10/27 Wayne-45 Reinhardt Rd Passaic Cty  
Tech Inst

10/28 Pilegrove, NJ- 780 Rte 40 Cowtown  
Rodeo- Swap meet and car corral

11/3 Montville-Hot Rod Farm 65 River Rd



## Knoxville

Here is some pics that Joanne took at Knoxville. Thanks Joanne



On the road - second group



Pat



Al

### Tech Tips

#### Winter Storage Tip

While we hate to admit it, winter storage season will soon be here.

An item you may want to add to your list in preparing your little T-Bird for winter storage is to make sure to fully loosen the steering column adjusting collar. Spray a bit of oil around the collar and slide the column several times. Be sure to lay some plastic on the floor to catch any drips.

As a lot of us know, these collars and columns seize from lack of use and they can be tough to loosen if they do.

# FOR SALE

### 1957 T-Bird

312, 3 speed overdrive. White on white, originally dusk rose paint code. Driver quality. Over \$11,000 in receipts for improvements in the last two years. \$24,000  
Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

### Wanted - 57 Bird

Member looking for a 57, 312 automatic, preferably willow green. "Turn key" condition. Sean, 201-819-0300



Tom



Jere



Happy Halloween



**Rich working hard**



**Pretty Birds All In A Row**



**Judge (ment) Day**

**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**



**Not sure what/who) this is, but maybe a Tennessee local???**





## Convention Summary - Knoxville, TN "Thunder 'n Lightnin" in the Smokies

Before I start the article, I would like to extend our thanks to the Smokey Mountain Classic Thunderbird Club for taking on this convention

We had two groups driving out Rich & Lois Martin and Steve Handy with Joan in their "newer" cars on Sunday, the 12th - they visited Carol & Charlie Ehm on the way down.

The second group left on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> (Bill & Donna Jessie, Walter Strohmaier (had lost a hub cap on the way to the diner) with Maryanne, Al & Lorraine Cirinelli, Jere Klein; and Pat & Joanne). While gassing up our cars it started to rain, and rain and rain some more! We had a flooded road on I-78 and we got off and waited it out. Walter was having a mystery issue with his car and then our car suffered a wiper motor failure at the Virginia line. We had to pull over three times but we all arrived safely for the night! The next day we continued to Knoxville, no rain thank God but Walter was still having some issues.

Some other members flew into the convention Phil & Dorothy Guidone and their girls; Don Dobres with his sister Darlene; Bob & Toni Sabino, Linda Klein and Bruce Dailey. Tom & Susan Mirro came in on Wednesday with his bird in tow. On Tuesday evening we shuttled over to a very nice restaurant by the University- the Cooper Cellar. Some of us tried Rich's latest drink (Angry Balls); some went back to their hotels and the rest did a little exploring on S. Gay Street and Market Place.

On Wednesday the Sabinos explored the Historical Society and said it was very interesting. Bill & I did the Thunder Road Drive which took you up to the Dam (beautiful scenery), Bush Bean Museum, Factory and Lunch and drove over a National Historic Covered Bridge - the whole road trip was about 96 miles!

Wednesday was the official start of the Convention. The Welcome Party was in the Convention Center and it was very nice to catch up with other club members. Linda Klein (our newbie) won a Signed copy of Vintage and Historic Racing Cars by Alex Gabbard. Bill Long did a Trivia Contest on Tennessee!

NJORTC members took over the outside patio by the bar after the Welcome Party. Al had a fight with a chair and injured his toe nail! (No dancing for him-ED)

Thursday started with the Judges' Training Meeting while some of our members were busy cleaning their cars and getting ready for the judging while some members decided to enjoy the Fashion Show and Luncheon! That evening 5 buses were loaded up for a fun evening at "Dolly Parton Smoky Mountain Adventures" - great food with a fun show based on friends and family. Kudos to the two dog acts and Par Sundquist for being such a good sport!

Friday at 7:00 AM was the Judges and Owners meeting and the Concours d'Elegance got underway at 8:00 am. There was also a Princess Cruise and Luncheon that day which was sold out. The cruise meandered along the Tennessee River with some beautiful scenery and very elegant homes. In the evening it was time to unwind with a Dance Party in the Pavilion next to the Convention Center.



Saturday started off with the Swap Meet at Blackstock. Some of our members did the two road trips - the Thunder Road Tour and the Smoky Mountain Tour with Lunch included. Rich and Lois said the Dragon's Tail had unbelievable views of the mountains. Bill was able to get a wiper kit from Marvin Hill and we were able to install it in 3 hours. Some did a Historical Tour of the Blount House and there was a wonderful historical fair going on!

At the Awards Banquet Bill Long was the Master of Ceremonies and they ran a wonderful slide show during dinner. In addition, Jimmy Wood of the Arizona Club had a very nice presentation on the "Western Classic Round Up" May 15 to 19, 2019 convention in Flagstaff. Reservations were taken for the convention and the Hotel.

Special Awards - Lin Somsak received a Special Tribute for her retirement and years as editor for the "Early Bird" magazine; Perry Anthony and Scott McGilvray got special awards and CL Hood got his 70th judging award WOW! The Ford Johnson Award was given to the Santa Clara Valley Thunderbirds with 15,121 miles. NJORTC had a total mileage of 3,636 miles. Longest Distance was awarded to Clark and Wilma Hamm (well done!). Most Popular Display was awarded to Frank and Cathy Stubbs.

All in All, it was a Wonderful Time with Wonderful Friends and Little Birds. Most Importantly Everyone Got Back Home Safe and Sound! Next year onto Flagstaff - the Road Awaits!! Donna

Let's try to bring the Ford Johnson Award back to the East Coast! If you drive those birds they will run better! It would be 2,296.6 miles from Landing, NJ to Flagstaff and if we get seven cars to go that would give us 16,076 miles. (FOOD FOR THOUGHT !) Bill

Note - Members awards were reported in the September newsletter but are repeated here (ed)  
Tom Mirro-Prime Original Class, Gold, elevated to Senior, Gold Medallion  
Donna Jessie-Most Popular Touring  
Dona Jessie-Senior Touring- 2nd Place  
Al Cirinelli-1957 Touring-1st Place  
Jere Klein-Concours One-Non-Original-Silver  
In addition, Bill Jessie got his Master Judge III Award (20 times) and Don Dobres won a mega 50/50



The "Gang" that attended Knoxville