

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



The Thunder Heard

Jan / Feb 2015

Happy New Year

2015 Meeting Schedule

Jan 17	Sue Geata
Jan 18	Board Meeting
Jan 25	Harold's Deli
Feb 15	Sweetheart Brunch
March	John Pyrros
March 28	50's Dance
April	Spring Cruise
April	
May	Tune Up Clinic?
May	Paquito D'Rivera
June	Bill Downing
July	
August	Picnic

The Jan-Dec meeting will be hosted by Sue & Anthony Gaeta on Jan 18th. RSVP 908-359-9883 or tsgaeta@yahoo.com. See page 4 for location

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



First, welcome to our new Treasurer, Carol Ehm, who takes office this month and to our re-elected Vice President Arlene Kubat. Much success to both of you.

I know we are in the middle of winter but we all will be busy and before you know it Spring will be here.

In January we have our meeting and then the Executive Board meeting. Also in January is the Harold's Deli get together. Joanne and I will be heading for California on Feb. 5th for the CTCI Board meeting Then we will be going to Las Vegas before returning home, just in time for the Sweetheart Brunch Feb 15. It is being held in a new place, so we are looking forward to it. Also in February, a number of our members are heading out for an automotive themed ocean cruise.

In March comes the 50's dance. Start lining up your friends and family and get them to go.

We will have a few good things to talk about at the meeting. The Philly club has an event in July that we may want to try to get some people to go. It is a three day event for the TBirds 60th anniversary. The Garden State Club has shown interest to hook up with us if we go.

Our prayers are with Dorothy and Don Dobres. We are here if you need us. I have to save some stuff for the meeting, so that's it for now.

Pat Le Strange



**January -
February**



A few Words From Alec

Happy New Year. At this time of year what with the snow and frigid temperatures , one comforting thought to keep in mind that spring and summer is slowly getting nearer in the northeast corner of our great country.

Also the many events that our club participates in are right over the horizon.

I hope everyone survives the cold. with no damage . See you at our upcoming events.
Happy Motoring , Alec

January February Meeting Scheduled for January 17th

Christmas Party

On Dec. 6th we had are annual Christmas party at San Carlo Catering in Lyndhurst. We has 63 members in all. The party started at 5 PM with a fantastic cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres , cheese and crackers and crudites. The dinner started at 6:30 and we had 8 choices of delicious food from the buffet table plus a ham serving station and a antipasto and Italian cold cut table. In my opinion, I think it was one of the best buffets we have had at the San Carlo. Dessert was an ice cream station which included many different toppings, pastries and cookies. I do not thank any one walked away hungry.

Thanks to Pat, we had Christmas music, dinner music and dance music. he did a great job in making the party fun. We had some great dancers. Pat changed his many hats through out the night, just to make you laugh .

As usual, we had our visit from Santa Claus who had his picture taken with each couple and gave out calendars, mugs and tote bags. I think every one liked their gifts. Toni did a great job in the calendars. We also had a grab bag which was a success. One of the biggest things was the Toys for Tots collection. I hope that the toys we gave made some children very happy.

We had two raffles - a 50/50 which I do not remember who won it, but I'm sure the winner was happy and a raffle for a Lottery Board made up by Lois. It had many different lottery tickets on it. This was won by Theresa Parillo. I hope she hit it big.

On each table was a stuffed Christmas animal carrying a bag of candy for center pieces. They were absolutely adorable . These were made by Joanne with help from her grandson Anthony. Thanks Anthony for your help. The person, whose birthday was closest to Christmas (See next column)



Message

Happy New Year to all. I hope that it is the best year ever. Good health, wealth and love. I hope all your holidays were fun. Thank you Pat and Joanne for the great Christmas light display and music and, of course, Santa in the window. If you missed the light and music display this year, it will be better next year because they just went out and bought 3,600 more lights.

Our annual Christmas party was fantastic. Thanks to everyone who helped put on a great party. I have booked the San Carlo again for next year. We will take a vote at our meeting to see if we want to stay there or go else where. Their prices are going up, but in my opinion, as long as the food is good and plentiful, it is worth the money. I also think this year the cocktail hour was better as well as the buffet.

As we all know, Dorothy Dobres under went a serious operation. I spoke to her during the week and she is slowly feeling better. It will be a long road to recovery. Our prayers are always with her.

Congratulations to John & Sandy Pyrros on the marriage of their son. Cannot wait to see pictures, because it sounded like a fairy tale wedding. They were married in Central Park, NYC.

Congratulations to the happy couple.

We have a few busy months ahead of us. Pat & Joanne are going to the CTCI Board meeting in CA and then to LA. Hope they hit it big. Sweetheart Brunch Feb 15th and then a number of us are going on a auto themed ocean cruise Feb 19th. Two meetings in January, club (17th) and Board (18th). That should keep us busy.

If anyone has any ideas for a club activity, please bring your idea to the next meeting.

Happy Birthday and anniversary to our members celebrating in January and February.

Stay warm and see you at our next meeting.

Arlene

Christmas Party (cont'd)

won the centerpiece.

I hope everyone had a Happy and healthy holiday.

The 2015 party has been booked at the San Carlo for Dec 5, 2015.

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Charlie & Izebela Costa Feb 8



Todd Salamon Jan 4
Steve Handy Jan 6
Steve Schmidt Jan 16
Joe Saville Jan 17
Jan Saville Jan 19
Joe Matrone Jan 22
Donna Jesse Jan 20
Martha Downing Jan 26
Merry Case Jan 29
Rich Martin Jan 30
Bill Hyde Feb 1
Dorothy Guidone Feb 2
Dot Hyde Feb 5
Paul Dorne Feb 7
Sheila Kline Feb 15

Get Well Soon!

Dorothy Dobres

FOR SALE

See page 6 for FOR SALE and other items

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.
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Sign

At a radiator shop
Best place in town to take a leak

Christmas Party



Good ole St Nick



Centerpiece

Events

January Meeting

The January Meeting, hosted by Sue and Anthony Gaeta, will be held on Jan 17th at 1 PM. Location-Caffe Piazza, 649 Rte 206 North, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Remember to RSVP Sue yes or regrets.

Executive Board Meeting

This will be held at John Pyrros' home, 228 Oak Street, River Edge, NJ. For board member only. Spouses of board members may attend. Call John or Sandy at 201-417-7788 or 201-487-2943 if you are attending.

Harold's Deli

January 25. Sit down time is 1 PM, come by 12:45 so we can get together. This has always been a great gathering with good food and better company. This is a pay your own event. Harold's is located at 1173 King Georges Post Rd, Edison, NJ. Sandy Pyrros is the chair, notify her if you are going.

Sweetheart Brunch

New Location

February 15. Another good time event. This year it is being held at Perona Farms, 350 Andover-Sparta Road, Andover, NJ 07821. Price is \$40.00 per person. Lucille is in charge so RSVP her by Feb. 10th if you are going to attend

50's Dance

Time is getting close. Make sure you save the date - March 28th. Joanne will be looking for volunteers to set up so give her a call. See attached flyer

Westchester Broadway Theater

Donna is trying to put together a trip to see the play, West Side Story. This should be a good outing. Trying to get a date in April or May and will be on a Sunday, approx. 11:45 to 4:30. See attached flyer. Call Donna if interested. email: tbandmetro@aol.com or 845-786-2985

Biggest Loser

Feel that you may have overdone it over the holidays? Joanne is trying to set up a weight loss challenge. Everything confidential. Joanne has sent out a flyer on this, so contact Joanne if interested. See attached flyer

Car Shows-Swap Meets

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>
www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt



Happy Valentines Day

TRIVIA

What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"? Top of the line (clue)
No winner in last month's trivia question

Tech Tips

During a restoration or just doing some maintenance did you find that the holes in the sheet metal were stripped so you could not tighten that screw that held on that door garnish molding, the plate for the door garnish or any other piece held by a sheet metal screw?

An easy way to repair this is to use a thin cotter pin, about an inch long (longer will be ok) .

Spread the cotter pin a little and cut the long end even with the short end. Then bend over the ends at a 90 degree angle, about 1/4 to 3/8 of an inch.

Insert the cotter pin in the hole. The bent ends will prevent the cotter pin from falling through the hole. Put on the piece you are working with and screw in the old sheet metal screw for a good tight fit of the screw.

Remember, use a thin cotter pin as too thick a pin will prevent the screw from going into the hole.



Another

FOR SALE

Wanted - Project

Charlie Costa is looking for project. The Power Wagon is too big for the garage so he is looking for something else to spend his time on. Give him a call at 201-757-4341 if you have anything.

2003 Thunderbird

MT Shadow gray 15K Miles. Mint condition, two tops, cart, trunk mat, special wheels (and originals). Asking 24,500. One owner car. Call Steve Schmidt at 201-314-1249



Vintage Auto Air Conditioner

Air conditioner removed from 57 TBird. Complete System - compressor, condenser, evaporator, hoses, generator/compressor mounting bracket and instructions \$500.00. Call Bill Hyde, 201-280-0637 or wrhii2@yahoo.com

Misc TBird Parts

Many used and new p[arts for 55-56 Birds. Contact Paul A 201-286-4781 or 201-760-8728 evenings



February 16th



Frank & Lucille - Service Award



Theresa Parillo was the lucky winner for the lottery ticket board



Toys for Tots Collection

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?



Groundhog Day Feb 2 - 6 more weeks?



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club's
50's Sock Hop and Dinner
Saturday
March 28, 2015

American Legion Hall

1 Legion Place
Elmwood Park, NJ



See any
NJORTC
Member
for Tickets
or call Pat
201-920-7226

7:30pm to 11:30pm
Doors Open 7:00pm

Gasser Dan
Spinnin' the
Oldies

50's Style

*save
the date!*
Tickets on Sale in December

Strongly Encouraged



Tickets \$45
Includes
50's style Dinner
Wine, Beer & Soda

Food
Catered
by the
Market Basket





As a club we're trying to put together a trip to see a play.

***Show:** West Side Story at Westchester Broadway Theatre*

***Date:** April 26, 2015*

***Time:** approximately 11:45 am to 4:30 pm*

Cost if we have 15 or more: \$ 80.24 which includes a \$4.00 gratuity. (tax maybe extra)

If less than 15 the price would be \$85.90 plus tax and gratuity.

I would like to know who is going and have deposit by the meeting in January to order the tickets. I want to order the tickets by February 1st. \$40 deposit per ticket will be required to order.

***Donna Jessie** is putting this together so if you are interested please contact her.*

Email: tbandmetro@aol.com or vanzoncorp@optonline.net or call home 845-786-2985

Cell: 845-548-1656.



The Holiday's are over and a New Year is about to begin. As a club I thought maybe some of our members would like to do a simple weight loss challenge. We can do this in 2 month increments (8 weeks) Here's the challenge. At the January Meeting I will bring a scale, those who would like to enter will weigh in secretly.... 2 people will keep track of the weigh~ in's..... pay \$25 each and do your own dieting, work outs ect and when the 8 weeks are up you'll do another weigh in and the top 3 people will be awarded a monetary prize. The top loser will receive 50% of the entry money and the next 2 top losers will split the remaining money. So the more members who enter the bigger the pot! Who's up for the challenge? We can use our Facebook page to exchange work out ideas, recipes and cheer the entrants on!

So entry fee \$25, to run January 17th to our March meeting, (maybe a little more than 8 weeks, 50% \$\$ to Top Loser, 25% \$\$ to the next 2 top losers. Let me know before the meeting who is interested in doing this.

Weigh~in will be kept private, but weight loss will be posted....ie 10 lbs lost... anyone up for the challenge????

Joanne Seiler ladybird567@yahoo.com or call 551-404-3646.



Who wants to eat???

We're going to



POSTAL ADDRESS 3050 WOODBRIDGE AVE, EDISON, NJ 08837

GPS ADDRESS 1173 KING GEORGES POST RD., EDISON, NJ 08837

Sunday January 25th arrive by 12:45 pm for 1 pm seating

Please contact Sandy Pyrras sandypy@optimum.net

201-487-2943 and let her know if you are coming by Jan 16th



Reservations required. No advance payment we pay as we go



The holidays are over, it's time to eat again, wont you join us for a winter get together, we're going to our NJORTC Annual Harold's Lunch guaranteed to fill you up.

