



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

March 2021

2021 Meeting Schedule

Tentative

April	Joe Kubat
May	Bob Sabino
June	Lucille Chabala
July	Paul Werner
September	Bob Notar
October	
November	
December	

No meetings are scheduled due to the pandemic

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



Spring is just around the corner.....Just have to find that corner. I hope everyone is doing well. Happy to say the dues are coming in at a rapid pace, don't forget we lowered the dues for this year to \$25. Send them to my home as Steve is a snow bird and is in Florida for the winter.

We had a very successful "Zoom " board meeting and hope to do a regular club meeting in March on Zoom. It's not hard to do so give it a try. All instructions will be E Mailed a few days before the meeting. Check on the web site for the Board meeting minutes as well as the audit.

As for Joanne and me, we are trying to hang in there health wise. Joanne is continuing her treatments and looks good. My voice has not changed, the voice therapy was unsuccessful. The Doctor did exploratory surgery on my vocal cords, and took 3 biopsies. They found 2 benign and 1 cancerous tumors. I will be getting radiation therapy to shrink and remove the tumor. It will be low dose treatments 5 days a week for 6 weeks. Success rate is very high, although I may never get my voice back completely.

With all that said I am still hoping for a great 2021

Stay Healthy and enjoy yourself

See you soon
Pat Le Strange

MARCH

Stars and other Notables with a Thunderbird

Note - not necessarily owned by them
New pictures



Sandra Giles and a fuzzy Bird



Georgia Holt



Frank - another shot



Vice President's Message



Hope everyone is doing ok and staying safe and healthy. Hope most of you have gotten your first Covid vaccine and lucky to have gotten your second appointment. They are making it so hard to get the shot, but if you haven't gotten an appointment yet for your first shot, you have to keep trying. There are people on Facebook that will be more than happy to help you.

Marianne Denning is on the road to recovery. Pat is going to start radiation on his vocal cords. They found a tumor that has cancer. He will be treated with radiation. Hopefully he will have his voice back. Our prayers are with you Pat. Joanne has not been feeling to good lately. Going to all her Doctors, changing medicines, taking tests. Our prayers are also with you Joanne. I hope everyone else is in good health.

The Board had their annual meeting via Zoom. It really was pretty cool. We accepted the yearly treasurers report. We discussed a possible Spring cruise. We need someone to Chair this event. Obviously, we could not do Sweetheart Brunch or Harold's Deli due to Covid-19. We are hoping to have the picnic, fall cruise and Christmas party. We still do not know when we can bring back meetings. We would like to hold a membership Zoom meeting. We discussed having outdoor meetings in the warmer weather. It's up to the hosting member. We decided \$25.00 this year for dues. Dues due in March, 2021. Please make check payable to NJORTC. send to Pat.

I think that by now we are all tired of this Winter and alllll this snow. I am glad that it is finally starting to melt. Pretty soon snow will be gone, Spring will be here and we can get our little Birds out on the open road.

Believe it or not St. Patrick's Day will be here soon. May the luck of the Irish be with you all. Hope to see you all soon! Miss you guy ! Please stay healthy and safe.

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Pat Selby 12th
Bruce & Eileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st
Joanne Seiler 5th
Bruce Dailey 8th
Joyce Santimauro 29th

**GET WELL
SON!**

Pat

Club Dues

At the recent Board Meeting, it was decided to cut the dues in half because of the limited schedule expected this year. So the dues are \$25.00. Send to Pat. Payment is now due.



Johnny Bench



Dolly Parton

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Point to Ponder

Why do peanuts float in regular Coke and sink in a diet Coke - Try it

Club Announcements

Remaining Meetings

All future meetings have been canceled due to the virus, including the Sweetheart Brunch and Harold's.

As discussed at the recent Board meeting, we are planning to have the picnic in August (Phil is trying to get a permit). The Spring Cruise, Fall Cruise and the Christmas Party are maybes.

We will try to have some club meetings during the warmer weather so they can be outside. Any member having a scheduled meeting for this year but will not be held because of the virus will be scheduled for next year.



FOR SALE

Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camaro, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K
\$13,000

Deck lid lock cylinder with keys Pad - deck lid
lock cylinder 55/56

Set 4 orig. 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips B/O
Bird white tonneau cover B/O

1947 Pontiac

Convertible - Recent restoration. Original
owner car. Contact Gene Szura for
information and pictures 201-991-8459

1957 Cylinder Heads

"G" cylinder heads (2) . Seems to be uncut,
with valves and springs. Probably needs to be
refurbished. Fits all Y blocks, \$275 for the
pair. Call 201-652-7027 Paul

T-5 5 Speeds For Sale

(2) One from a 87 Mustang, the other from a
83 Mustang GT. \$300 each.
Call Paul A 201-286-4781

Ford History In March

3/13/58 The 50 millionth Ford was produced.
A Thunderbird

3/31/32 The Ford V8 was unveiled for sale



Joyous Passover

Tech Tips

Automatic Shifter Repair

Does your shifter have a lot of play and you have to wriggle it around or pull up on the shifter in order to get the car to start? The problem may not be the neutral start switch but parts within the shifter. There are two pieces that can help this situation. Replacing part # 7A133, a bushing and part # 7241, a pin, will tighten up the assembly. Both parts are available. So if you have any play in your shifter this is a good place to start and is not an expensive repair. And it can be done without getting under the car. However, you will need to pull up the carpet to get at everything



Barbara Eden

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.

Keep Healthy & Safe Use your mask

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, you do not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. The second wave is here. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier

Caravanning Etiquette



The rules of caravanning comes down to two things - safety and keeping together. The caravan leader should drive at a safe medium speed so the rest of the group can keep up and stay in a tight group - particularly through towns, traffic and lights. Drivers should not allow enough space for other cars to get in and split up the group. If the back of the group is lost, the leader should slow down and/or stop if it can be done safely to allow everyone to catch up. Those split off should catch up as quickly as possible. Lane changes should ideally happen from the rear of the group. Those bringing up the rear, knowing of a lane change, should move over and allow space for the person in front, etc, on up the line. So pay attention to the car BEHIND you. Caravanning etiquette is: Little Birds first, other Thunderbirds, antiques next and other cars last. Keep up with the group and stay close to the car in front of you. From Trail Bird News



Annette



Annette #2

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early bird magazine alone is worth the dues.



Mel Ferrer & Audrey Hepburn



Congratulations

To Tom Mirro - out of 1,500 entries, his 56 was among the 18 top vehicles chosen to compete for the AACA Zenith Award. Tom said it is the first Tbird to ever have been selected for this.



*Vernal (Spring) Equinox. Equal day/night
March 20th*

Spring forward



Starts March 14th

News from The Friends of CTCI Committee

It has come to my attention that my last entry in our newsletter was shown to Ed Benson who was not happy about it. There is a correction about the building in California's facade. It isn't falling down as was stated at the last meeting by someone who is on the board. That was the reason for my writing it in the newsletter. It seems to me that us CTCI reps are getting some false information, I don't know if that is on purpose or by accident. I am asking all my club members to please join in on the next meeting (TBD) so we can have other people's thoughts on the subjects that will be brought forward in the meeting. If you are interested let me know and I will give you the information on how to join. I believe our club is having a zoom meeting in March in which time I will be happy to go over our Rep meetings with you and answer any questions you might have.

Miss you all and hope to see you on zoom.
Toni Sabino NJORTC Secretary CTCI Rep's