

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



# The Thunder Heard

August 2023

**2023 Meeting Schedule**

August 13	Picnic
September	Paul Dorne
October	Gene Szura
November	Mark Santimauro
December 9	Christmas Party
<b>2024</b>	<b>Tentative Sch</b>
Jan/Feb	Tom Brieva
March	Sean Dillon
April	Bruce Hardy
May	Rich Martin
June	Mel Ramos
July	Steve Schmidt

The next meeting is the picnic. RSVP Arlene Kubat if you are going.

**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**

Please let Arlene 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



I can't believe it's August already, it won't be long before the Lead East and Deadman's Curve big Labor Day events. My brother's memorial car show fund raiser is August 5th at the Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge, more information on our FaceBook page and Web site. Our biggest event will be the club picnic at Schooley's Mountain park on the 13th. Check with Arlene to see what she needs.

Sorry I could not make the July meeting but big thanks to Arlene for running the meeting and Mike & Carrie Meehan for stepping up to host the meeting. I am sure it all went well.

As always stay safe and take care. Check in on our members recovering from illness or other problems  
*Pat LeStrange*



Al Cirinelli's 57





### Vice President's Message



Hottest July in history!!! Make sure you dress cool and keep hydrated.

Joan McMillian having radiation and taking chemo pills. I talk to her, sounds good. Please keep praying for her. Carrie Meehan was thrown from riding her horse and hurt the heel of her foot, not sure if there is anything broken in the heel. Glad she wasn't badly hurt. Cannot put pressure on foot and getting around with a scooter. Hope she heals fast.

Thank god all others are doing good. Hope everyone stays well for a while.

I want to thank Mike and Carrie Meehan for hosting our monthly meeting. Had a great turnout of members, only a few Thunderbirds, food was good and meeting was good.

My article is going to be about the picnic on Sunday, August 13th., Schooly's Mountain. (Directions elsewhere in newsletter). For those who come to help set up, 9:00 is good. We have coffee, bagels, donuts and crumb cake.

The actual picnic starts at 11:00. For the ladies that volunteered to make a salad, I thank you in advance. If you do not remember what you signed up for, just email me and I will tell you. (Finallyak@yahoo.com) (973-900-1921).

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are coming to the picnic and if you would like to bring a salad (not mandatory). I need to know how many people are coming so I know how much food to buy. So far we have 25 coming.

This year we are have plenty of games to play. Horseshoes, adult pickup sticks, corn whole and , of course, trivia. We are also having a guess who is who. I am asking everyone who is coming to the picnic to send me a picture of their yearbook photo or a teenage picture of themselves. Please xerox or scan a copy of the picture and send it to me. It has to be wallet size. We did this game once before and had a lot of fun. I need these pictures ASAP (like yesterday I mean).

Please all try to come to picnic it is sure to be a good time. Once again let me know ASAP if you are coming and send me a picture.

Also bring your Thunderbirds. They look so nice all parked in a row in the parking lot!

Our next meeting in September will be hosted by Paul Dorne and held at Delizias in Boonton. Date to be announced.

See you soon, Arlene

### July Meeting

It was a very well attended meeting. The country setting, Mike and Carrie's home, was very nice as well as the sunny weather. Only a moderate amount of Tbirds attended. Food was tasty and plenty of it. Thanks to Mike and Carrie for hosting the meeting.

### Highlights Of the Business Meeting

The reading of the minutes from the last meeting was waived. The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Other than that above, I haven't received any information on the meeting.

Next "meeting" August13 - the picnic.

### July Meeting Pictures



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Rich & Lois Martin 6th  
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th  
 Bob & Toni Sabino 15th  
 Mel & Carmen Ramos 27th



Sheryl Adamoff 1st  
 Al Cirinelli 13th  
 Joan Notar 15th  
 Bruce Hardy 18th  
 Joe Kubat 22nd

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Aileen Corbett  
 Don Dobres  
 Joan McMillan



The world's first self propelled vehicle was a steam powered tricycle made by Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot in 1789

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## Club Announcements

### Club Picnic

The date for the picnic is **August 13th**. Early Bird time for helpers is **9AM**. We need people to help set up. Coffee and donuts, bagels. . Arlene is setting up the menu so contact her on what you will bring to the picnic. She is planning some games and there is going to be a guess who game so send a picture of you when you were in high school to Arlene prior to the picnic. Location is the same, RSVP Arlene if you are going. Schooley's MTN County Park. GPS address is 91 East Springfield Rd, Long Valley. Directions attached.

### September Meeting

The meeting is tentively scheduled for September 17th.

### October Meeting

Gene Szura is the host. Date is **10/15**. Additional info next newsletter.



## Car Shows/Swap Meets

- 8/5 Ridgely Park-Spruce & Cedar Sts-Elks Lodge 1506-Mike LeStrange memorial
- 8/5 Paterson-61-127 Preakness Ave-JFK High
- 8/6 Rutherford-201 Rte 17-Meadows Office Complex
- 8/12 Hackettstown-219 Mountain Ave-Wendy's
- 8/19 Hackettstown-1620 Rte 57-Riverwood Industrial Park
- 8/20 Hawthorn-Grand Ave-Rear of Library
- 8/31-9/3 Parsippany- Lead East
- 8/31-9/3 Mahwah-Dead Man's Curve
- 9/8 Ridgewood-133 E. Ridgewood Ave **5 PM**
- 9/9 Parsippany-Troy Hills-50 Parsippany Rd. IBEW BLDG**
- 9/10 Washington TWSP-701 Ridgewood Rd Westwood High school
- 9/10 Clifton-1255 Broad St Boys & Girls Club
- 9/16 Fairfield-12 Hollywood Ave-St Thomas More Church**

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

- Paramus-314 Paramus Rd -Taverna
- Paramus-165 Rte 4 West Panera Bread
- Rockaway-Red Hut Diner Rte 46 E

### Tuesday

- Elmwood Park-Pizza Town-89 Rte 46W
- Hewitt-1926 Union Valley Rd-COSMOS

### Wednesday

- Carlstadt-317 Washington Ave
- Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref Church

### Thursday

- Rockaway-Miller's Ale House-Rockaway Mall
- Hackettstown-Wendy's-219 Mountain Rd

### Friday

- Boonton-Walmart Plaza

### Saturday

## Cars & Coffee

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

**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.**

### Did You Know...

The roar that we hear when holding a sea shell to our ear is not the ocean but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.



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**Parts for Sale**

Several NOS & used parts for '55 & '56 T-birds. Parts can be seen early evenings or pending no car show, weekends.

Contact Paul Adamoff 201-286-4781

**GG's Grand Adventure**  
**Part II - Homeward Bound**

I was glad Bill and Donna didn't take us back on that Route 50 (longest and loneliest highway). They decided to go back home by way of Route 90 and 80 much nicer route.

Our first stop was Elko, NV. We stopped to see a relocated homestead called Sherman Station that had been converted to a Visitor's Center and Educational facility. (Bill found a Ford bench to rest on.) Next stop was Crates of the Moon in Arco, Idaho (It was really out of this world).

June 7<sup>th</sup>, we made it to Yellowstone and saw Old Faithful (when a showoff goes off every 90 minutes) and saw hot springs and mud volcanos. The scenery and wildlife were spectacular however, the roads were very rough and very hard on my undercarriage. When we exited the park on the east entrance, we found out it had been completely shut down that morning because of a mud slide. They opened a partial lane, and they were alternating the traffic. It was very scary I was happy to get out of there!

Onto Cody, Wy for a well-deserved rest. We spent two days in Cody, Wy; I waited outside while Donna and Bill enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the Irma Hotel which had tons of Buffalo Bill Cody memorabilia (his guns, boots and the room he stayed in). They had the cherry wood bar that Queen Victoria sent over as a thank you to Buffalo Bill for entertaining her with his Wild West Show for her Jubilee in London. We also visited the original location of the town which they now have a museum village set-up of various log cabins that were relocated there including the "Hole-In-The-Wall Gang's Cabin" . d Jeremiah Johnson is buried here as well. In the evening Donna got to see her first Rodeo which was very exciting. I had a slight exhaust leak and the owner of the Big Bear Motel had a used car dealership with two lifts and he had me stop by and fixed it (I was purring like a kitten). We saw his collection of Indian bikes, cars and his '57 T-Bird as well.

Then it was onto a bunch of winding roads uphill/downhill around all these mountains to get to the other side – not fun! The elevations on these climbs were unbelievable! I was making a funny noise when they would turn my steering wheel to the right but we kept going. We made it to Mount Rushmore but on the way down I was making that noise whenever they turned my wheel (so we pulled over into a scenic overlook). Bill felt under my frame and thought the muffler was against the driveshaft). I won't go into details - called AAA and I was down the mountain in 2 ½ hours into Custer, SD where we were staying for the night. Bill and Donna did have a nice "Guardrail Snack" Dinner while waiting for the flatbed. Everyone was so nice including Dillon the Tow Driver. Ann, where we were staying, picked Bill and Donna up at the garage when we arrived that night,. Bill the station owner opened the next day for us and did a temporary fix so; I wouldn't have a further problem going home. We didn't get to see as much of Custer as we would have liked but, we did get to see the Crazy horse site with it's very interesting Indian exhibits! Drove through Custer State Park with more Bison, Pronghorns and Prairie Dogs.

Then onto Mitchell, SD and the Corn Palace Arena (simply amazing). Stopped overnight in Tomah, Wi to rest my radials! Then we pushed onto Bryan, Ohio home of Spangler Candy Factory. We missed out on the opening of their newest touring center by a few days. We also stopped off at Historical Lyme Village and John Wright Mansion in Bellevue, Ohio.

I could sense we were getting close to home when we crossed the Pa. stateline. Bill and Donna stopped off at a favorite restaurant Lugi's in Dubois, Pa. and rested for the night. All I knew was I would be home tomorrow tucked away in my garage and be up on Bill's lift for a well-deserved cleaning and inspection. We're home (6,229 miles total) did it all alone! Average gas milage 16.5 mpg not bad for an old bird! That's all for me until we hit the road again in October! Donna

**See our web site for pictures of their adventures-New pictures have been added**





### Tech Tip Door Locks

Try this on your Bird. Lock your door from the outside and then push hard a number of times on the outside button. Some of you may find the inside button slowly working its way up. It is easy to over tighten the inside buttons and to do so may allow the situation above. The Birds came from the factory this way.

The problem is that when the button is screwed onto the shaft too far it limits available downward travel of the shaft. The result is that the lock mechanism is not able to engage fully.

The good news is that the fix is simple. Just unscrew the inside button a few turns to allow for more travel

### An oldie from Gene Szura



Surprise lake Show 1981



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## **Schooley's Mtn County Park**

Nestled among the hills of western Morris County, Schooley's Mountain Park offers visitors 797 acres of active and passive recreation facilities. The Park is named for the Schooley family who owned a considerable amount of land in the area during the late 1700s.

**GPS Address:** 91 East Springtown Rd, Long Valley, NJ 07853

### **Directions:**

From Rt.80 west...**Go to Exit 26, "BUDD LAKE/HACKETTSTOWN"**

Continue West on Rt. 46 for **7 Traffic Lights** approx. 5 miles

**Light # 1.** International Dr. .4 miles

**Light # 2.** Village Way (Trading Post on left/Home Goods on right) .2 miles

**Light # 3.** Woodland Rd. (BP Gas on left / Budd Lake Diner on right) .5 miles

**Light # 4.** Mt. Olive Rd. (Valley Bank on right, Valero Gas on left) .7 miles

**Light # 5.** Sand Shore Rd. (CVS on left, Budd Lake on right) .3 miles

**Light # 6.** Smithtown Rd. ( small strip mall on right ) 1.1 miles

**\*Light # 7.** Naughtright Rd. (Johnson Dodge on far left corner) 1.3 miles

**\*As you approach the 7<sup>th</sup> light be in the left turn lane**

**Then:**

Turn **LEFT** onto Naughtright Rd. go 3.3 miles

Turn **RIGHT** onto East Springtown Rd. go .4 mile

Turn **LEFT** into Park straight to the end of the road

*(Handicap: after entering park turn right at sign "Family Picnic Site/Boat House" etc. Go to end, "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign, turn left go up hill to Handicap parking, next to restrooms and to the right of the Pavilion.)*