

NJ OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Minutes from September 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 by Pat. The Pledge of Allegiance by then lead by Gene Szura. Pat thanked Paul Dorn and Julie for hosting. Pat reintroduced Irene our new member who has a 1957 bird.

The meeting was turned over to Arlene who announced Anniversaries and birthdays for the month of September. There were no minutes to approve since last month was the picnic.

Treasurer's report was given by Steve Handy. Opening balance was \$24, 799.00 and closing balance was \$24, 175. The expense this month was the picnic and total for that was just under \$1,000.00. Steve has some extra issues of the Early Bird Magazine in case anyone wanted one.

It was reported that the car show that Rich Martin and Local 102 was held in Parsippany. A few of our members participated and said it was really nice.

Committee Chairs gave reports:

Mail: Lois- was not at the meeting

Sunshine: Lucille- no cards had to be sent since the last meeting. Arlene did give an update on Joan and Walter. Walter misses being at the meetings and hearing from people. He would love to hear from us. Mark Santamauro gave an update on his back and is doing well.

CTCI: Donna- was not at the meeting

Newsletter: Paul- nothing new to report

Membership: Paul- gave out 3 applications at Lead East and 1 application at the Local 102 show in Parsippany. We did have a new member, Miles, attend the picnic.

Webpage: Pat- pictures from the picnic were added. Pat said that changes were also made to the Club Store. Prices on some items have changed. Let Pat know if you are interested in purchasing anything.

Facebook: Paul- Pictures from the picnic were added and we still continue to get hits on our page.

Arlene spoke about the picnic. Joyce was her co-chair but could not be there because her dog was sick. It was stated that there no longer needs to be a co-chair for the picnic due to everyone's help with set up and clean up. Everyone pitches in. It was a nice event with good food and games. Thank you to Steve Handy for the ice cream and to Arlene for all her hard work. Next year she is thinking of doing wedding pictures for the guessing picture game.

Pat read a thank you letter from the Mike LeStrange Foundation's car show that helped to raise \$3,300.00. Our club was the sponsor for the trophy. Monies that were raised were then donated to local cancer care and research, hospice and bereavement groups.

Several of our members attended the car shows at Lead East and Dead Man's Curve. They said that both shows were very nice. They had perfect weather that weekend.

Members were reminded to PLEASE RSVP to the hosts of meetings whether or not you are attending. It is a courtesy so that hosts can get an accurate count to plan for food.

Tom Mirro's article that was emailed to everyone was again acknowledged.

Nominations for President and CTCL were taken. Pat was again nominated for President and Donna for CTCL. Elections will be held at the October meeting. If anyone else would like to run, please submit your name to Pat.

Fall Cruise: Mark Santamauro spoke about a Mystery Cruise that is being sponsored by the NJ T-Bird Club on October 8th. The event is 72 miles and takes 3 hours. You get 14 points- one for each item found in the scavenger hunt. Coffee and crumb cake will be offered at arrival. Arrival time is 9:00AM and the scavenger hunt will be from 10:00-1:15. Everyone will gather for a BYO picnic

lunch at the end. There will be prizes. Please bring a pen and a clipboard along with your own picnic lunch. The cost is free. If anyone is interested please let Mark know.

Tom Mirro attended the T-Bird Reunion in Deerborn, Michigan and said that it was a very nice event.

Our fall cruise is being planned by Mike Perillo. More information to follow.

Since CTCI is now supposedly allowing Retro birds in, Rich Martin wants to sign a letter requesting a manual for the club.

Upcoming car shows: October 1st-Closter, NJ. Please see the newsletter for more dates for shows.

Bob Sabino put his T-bird up for sale if you know of anyone interested.

Our next meeting is going to be hosted by Gene and Diane Szura on October 15th here at DeLizia's.

The meeting came to a close at 2:59. A motion was made by Paul Adamoff and was seconded by our new member Irene.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Ann Morrison, Member

In the absence of Toni Sabino, Secretary