

# The Thunder Heard

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## JULY

## 2005

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2005 Meeting Schedule	
July 17	<b>** Mini-Concours **</b>
Aug	Bob & Arlene Perruso
Sept	Bruce & Aileen Corbett
Oct	<b>OPEN</b>
Nov	Stan & Cindy Gersch
Dec	<b>** Christmas Party **</b>
2006 Meeting Schedule	
Jan / Feb	Mike & Wendy Meehan
March	Arnold & Linda Dworkin
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
June	Rodger & Debbie DePiero
July or Aug	Dominick & Eva Tucci
July or Aug	<b>** Mini-Concours **</b>
Sept.	Rich & Lois Martin
Oct.	Henry & Esther Olszower
Nov	Bob & Christina Calvo
Dec	<b>** Christmas Party **</b>



The June meeting was hosted by Dennis and Gail Chirico at their home in Hillsdale. They had generously volunteered to host the meeting after it was discovered the scheduled member would not be able to do it. About 20 members were in attendance. The last meeting's minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. We discussed the upcoming shows and conventions. There were 4 Birds in the driveway 1 '57, 1 '02 and 1 '03 and 1 '04. The Kubats showed off the new "roadster tonneau on their new bird. Everyone enjoyed the good food and hospitality

Thank You Dennis & Gail

SORRY ABOUT THE LATE NEWSLETTER, BUT I HAD A COMPUTER CRASH.

Pat

**THE JULY MEETING** is scheduled to be "The Mini Concours" on July 17 held at Doe Meadow Park, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

### EDITOR'S NOTES


In early June, myself, John P, Dennis and John B. had a pleasant experience. We traveled to upstate New York to bring home John Bolger's '57 Bird, that had been under going body and frame restoration for 2 years. John has owned the car since the early '70s and had put it away for 25 years. We are looking forward to helping to put it back together.

Please let Pat or me know of your adventures with your Birds or other collector cars, so we can publish it so other members can share in your experiences

Happy Motoring  
Alec



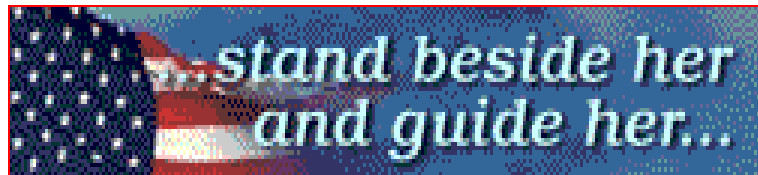


**GET WELL SOON**  *A Speedy Recovery Wish To*  
 Glad to say at this time, as far as we know all members seems to be fine

**JULE'S TRIVA QUESTION**  
 Which President of the United States was so enamored by the lines of the Thunderbird that he purchased 50 of them for his inaugural procession?

**Region # 2 Regional Convention**  
**Classic Thunderbird Club of Northern Ohio**  
*"Still Nifty at Fifty"*  
**Convention Web Site**  
[www.ctcno.com](http://www.ctcno.com)

**Please Let Us Know**  
 If you have a Change of Address, Name or Anything Else



ANY ITEMS YOU WANT US TO PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH. THEY CAN BE E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME  
 Pat LeStrange rolodexp@aol.com

Are you going to the Mini Concours ?

Please let us know how many people and what Thunderbird or other car you will be bringing See directions on last page and call John Kefalonitis  
**908-459-4201**

*Linda Dworkin*..... **JULY** .....  
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*Al Catanzato*.....  
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*Frank Gloss*.....  
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**And now for something completely Different**

Have you noticed the steady rise in the cost of registering for a car show? Both pre-registering and at the gate. The ironic part is that, without our cars there is NO SHOW! Yet we continue to pay the ever-increasing fees. We realize most shows are charitable fundraisers and we are more then willing to help make these events successful.

However the financial burden should not fall entirely on the car owners. The organizers of these events should be made aware that they are killing the golden goose and if the fees continue to increase many car owners will cease to attend. A good way to let them know our feelings, would be to fill out the pre-registration forms and outline

our reasons for not attending. I.E: High Fees and mail it in.

Alec

# MEMBER NEWS

**Rick Titone's Suzanne Somer (American Graffiti) white Thunderbird will be on display for 1 night at the opening of Ms Somer's 1 woman musical, "THE BLONDE IN THE THUNDERBIRD" on July 8 at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre 256 West 47th Street, NY [www.suzannesomers.com/Community/FAQs/Default\\_thunderbird.asp](http://www.suzannesomers.com/Community/FAQs/Default_thunderbird.asp)**

## Last Months Events

### **North Jersey Thunderbird Association**

#### **All Thunderbird Show**

Attendance at NJTA was very good on the part of NJORTC In attendance were Tom & Matthew Trotto '57, Joe & Arlene Kubat, Children & Grandchildren '55,'04, Joe & Judy Bosco '63, Pat LeStrange '57, Alec Johnstone '57, John Pyrros '57, Henry '57, Rachel '03, and Brian '96 Semmler, Walter & Mildred Strohmaier, Bob Belli '57, Mildred Strohmaier won tire shine, Alec, John & Pat won numbered Thunderbird prints, Joe Kubat won something?, Tom Trotto won the 50/50

Pat L.

until after the show at about 11pm. We had a great time tailgating and listening to the outdoor show. The indoor show started at 7pm and was one of the best I've seen, even though the free tickets we received for bringing our cars were in the nosebleed section. Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, Kenny Vance and the Planotones, the Duprees and the Cadillacs were all show stoppers

Pat L.

### **Warwick Fire Dept.**

#### **Memorial Field, Warwick, NY**

Alex, Pat & Joanne made a day of the Warwick Fire Dept Show on June 25. we were joined by some friends with a '57 Chevy. It was a very nice show, approx. 55 cars showed up. I won the Chief's Trophy and Alec won the 50/50 for \$100. The show was only \$5 registration and they gave you free hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and water. A carnival was going on and there were to be fireworks at 10pm. We did not stay for the fireworks, but choose to go to the "Chatterbox" in Augusta. If you not aware, this is a 50's style food drive in, including carhop service. They have a cruise night and had about 200 cars.

Pat L

modeled with the car at the reviewing stage



Alec's display at some recent car shows

### Tune-up Clinic reports

Aileen and Bruce Corbett treated us to a refreshing lunch, delightful tour of the garden (for the "girls"), and an oil change (for the "guys"). Rich & Lois, Wendy & Mike, Ken & Linda, Charlie Costa, and of course Bruce & Aileen were there. There was discussion of the possible appearance of a local black bear and her two cubs that have been visiting the Corbetts, but none arrived (thank goodness). We did see the battle

### **Richard Nader Doo Wop Concert, Car Show & Tailgate Party**

Six members with cars and guests attended the show. We had to be there about 3pm and did not leave

### **John & BarbaraAnna's 1923 PACKARD**

at the AACA Greenwich Conn. Concours d'Elegance

On June 4<sup>th</sup> BarbaraAnna was recognized for her original 1923 attire,

scarred rooster (the bear did visit the chicken coop weeks earlier and ate one of the two chickens). Mike and Wendy drove their GREEN thunderbird (this is the one that got the oil change). Ken & Linda drove their '66 corvette in effort to put some miles on the freshly rebuilt engine (numbers match). All in all it was a great day (no rain) and low humidity.

Ken Herb

Hey Guys,  
The following were at the tune up clinic on May 29 Mike and Wendy – oil change, Aileen and Bruce – looked over the Marvin Hill restoration on our '56 bird. Rich and Lois Martin- our technical support person. Linda and Ken Herb- brought the beautiful 1966 Corvette, looking good. A few anxious moments for Ken when several rain drops fell, we pulled it into the garage just to be safe!!!! Charlie Costa was gathering info for his ongoing restoration on his 56 bird. We did a light maintenance on Wendy/Mike's Green Bird and changed the oil Lots of chatting and eats.

Aileen Corbett



Congradulations to Dominick Tucci for being 1 of 150 cars invited to participate in the Concours D' Elegance in Bethlehem, Pa. with his Shellby GT500KR of which only 118 were produced.

A note in a recent newsletter suggested the CTCI would like Regions, not having a Regional convention, to have a weekend driving event . Joanne and I recently returned from the NJ Elk's convention in Wildwood, NJ. I am sure many of you have attended the car shows they have about 4 times a year But to those who are not aware, this is the largest "Doo-Wop/ 50's style town in the east.(see the website link in this newsletter) Many diners and motels are in the 50's style. Poodle skirts are worn by the waitresses and 50's memrobilia is everywhere. They are trying to keep the town in the 50's. So this would be my suggestion for a weekend meeting. What do you think Daddy-O?

Pat

PS: This is by no means a suggestion that I should be in charge of putting it all together 😊

"Doo-Wop unto others as you would have others Doo-Wop unto you"

## June Award Winners

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**North Jersey Thunderbird Association**

**All Thunderbird Show 6/11**

**Joe Kubat 1<sup>st</sup>Place '55**  
**Tom Trotto 1<sup>st</sup>Place '57**

**Bob Belli 1<sup>st</sup>Place '57**  
**Rachel Semmler 1<sup>st</sup> Place '03**  
**Arlene Kubat 1<sup>st</sup>Place '04**  
**Judy & Joe Bosco 2<sup>nd</sup>Place '63**  
**Pat LeStrange 3<sup>rd</sup>Place '57**  
**Henry Semmler 3<sup>rd</sup>Place '57**  
**(That's 8 Trophies !!!)**

(It should be noted, Alec J.& John P. were judges and so their cars were not judged)

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**Washington Township Show 6/12**

**Bob Belli Best Ford**

**John Pyrros Alec Johnstone Top 30 Plaque each**

1

**Warwick,NY Fire Dept. Show 6/25**  
**Pat LeStrange Chief's Trophy Best of Show**

1

**Harmon Plaza Cruise Night 6/9**

**Secaucus Pat LeStrange 2<sup>nd</sup> Place People Choice**

1

**Whiskey Cafe Cruise Night 6/11**  
**Bob Belli**

**As Reported**  
**E-Mail Alec or Pat If you have won or know of a member who has won any other awards**

## FOR SALE

1 set (4) '56Wire wheel hubcaps, including center hubs & clips \$400.00 Set  
Walter J. Fries,Jr. 610-759-1997

1987  
Thunderbird  
d  
Ken Herb 973-328-7567



'82

## MUSTANG

'82 mustang, red, LX model, red leather like interior, glass t tops, V 8, auto, air, ps, hatch back, good tires and brakes, runs and moves, engine smokes and knocks. No time to do it over, saved it because a limited number were glass t-top. It has alum ford wheels. Hasn't been on road since around 94, has hood scoop, spoiler, road lamps and blacked lower Ford accent group. Make me an offer, reasonable, not for free, condition is in need of restoration, has rust and needs paint of course. Parts all there, nothing taken off or missing. Contact me at home

Gene Szura 201-991-8459



## This picture is real not doctored in anyway

It was taken by a transportation Supervisor for a company that delivers building materials for the 84 Lumber Company. When he saw it in the parking lot of an IHOP, he went and bought a camera to take pictures. The car is still running, as can be witnessed by the exhaust. A woman is either asleep or otherwise out in the front seat passenger side. The guy driving it was jogging up and down on Rt. 925. (in the background) Witnesses said their physical state was **OTHER than normal**. The driver finally came back after the police were called, and was found crouched behind the rear of the car, attempting to cut the twine around the load! Luckily, the police stopped him and had the load removed. The materials were loaded at Home Depot. Their store manager, said they had the customer sign a waiver. While the plywood and 2X4s are fairly obvious, what you can't see is the back seat, which contains -- are you ready for this? -- 10 bags of concrete @ 80 lbs. each. They estimated the load weight at 3000 lbs. Both back tires exploded, the wheels bent and the back shocks were driven through the floorboard. The car, with FL plates (naturally), was headed for Annapolis, where the couple presumably planned to build a new house.

## Julie's Trivia Answer

President John F. Kennedy

## 2005 Shows

July 7-10



Region 5 Convention, Heartland Flight

Omaha, Nebraska

July 17 Sun. 9AM-8PM

Mini Concours

Doe Meadow Park  
Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ



Aug. 7 Sun. / RD Aug. 14 Sun.

Cruisin' for Kids

North Rockland High School

(This is a Judged Show)

The proceeds go to three needy children in North Rockland with extraordinary medical needs. Watch for forthcoming flyers

Contact: Bill Jessie

August 13-14 NJ

4<sup>th</sup> Annual NMRA Ford Nationals

Atco, NJ

<http://www.southjerseymustangclub.com>

August 14 Sun. R/D 8/21 9am-4pm

Tri-County Cruisers

Wayne Town Hall, 475 Valley Rd. Wayne, NJ

Aug. 24 7pm

Park Ave. BMW

(Not sure if a car show,

flyer states vintage cars on display)

Free Oldies Concert "The Brooklyn Reunion Show"  
Midland School, Rochelle Park

August 25-28

"Still Nifty

at Fifty"



ClassicThunderbird Club of Northern Ohio

Region 2 Convention

Beachwood (Cleveland), Ohio

[www.ctcno.com](http://www.ctcno.com)

August ???

Somerville Cruise Nite



Sept. 2-5



Parsippany Hilton, Rt 10 Parsippany, NJ

Sept.. 11 Sun.

Elk's Lodge

Ridgefield Park, NJ

Street Legends Car Show

(This show is run by several NJORTC members)

Proceeds to Elk's Handicapped Children

September 23-25 NJ

Englishtown Fall Swap Meet & Auto Shows

Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ 732-446-7800

<http://www.racewaypark.com>

Sept. 28-Oct. 2

FALL CARLISLE

Oct. 2 9a-2p



Lincoln Tech  
70 McKee Dr., Mahwah, NJ

Oct 16 10a-5p R/D oct23  
Pompton Lakes downtown Wanaque Ave.  
Cars must be parked by 10am

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**Cool Web Sites**

**The Thunderbird Registry**

(This site is gathering all Thunderbirds for a free access database, currently there are over 26,000 Thunderbirds registered) You can locate cars by various ways.

[www.tbirdregistry.com](http://www.tbirdregistry.com)

A lot of all types of Ford cars

[www.lovefords.org](http://www.lovefords.org)



[www.dooopusa.org/](http://www.dooopusa.org/)

Fab Fifty's Weekend Wildwood, NJ

[www.fabfifties.com/](http://www.fabfifties.com/)



**Cruise Nites  
2005**

**MORE NITES WILL BE ADDED WHEN THEY ARE "CONFIRMED"**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Bergenfield</b> Wendy's, 150 North Washington Ave. 6-9 pm	<b>Stony Point</b> Annie's Resturant Rt9W 50's Sytle Drive-Up	<b>Brick</b> Lone Star Steak House 6:30-10p	<b>Wycoff</b> Brick Pizza 6-9p	<b>Pompton Lakes Town Square Mall</b> Wanaque Ave, Pompton Lakes, NJ (Starts 4/21, cars 1978 & older only)	<b>Somerset</b> Amwell Rd Rutgers Plaza 6:30-9p	<b>Lynhurst</b> Whiskey Café Wall St. 6-9p Starting 5/7
	<b>Union</b> Galloping Hill Inn Starts 5/9 -10/24	<b>Clifton</b> 417 River Rd. Rutt's Hutt 6-9:30p	<b>Bloomfield</b> Bloomfield Center 6-9PM Starts 6/1 to 8/31		<b>Somerville</b> Main Street, Somerville, NJ. 908-725 1274	<b>Pottstown, PA</b> Vintage Rides Every 2nd Sat. Except Aug.
	<b>Kearny</b> Burger King River Rd. 7pm	<b>Tappan, NY</b> Rt303 Tappan Shopping Plaza 6:30-9p	<b>Moonachie</b> Burger King 7pm Moonachie Rd	<b>Secaucus</b> Harmon Meadow, Rte.3 and Harmon Meadow Boulevard, NJ 6pm <a href="mailto:marilyn.mangan@hartzmountain.com">mailto:marilyn.mangan@hartzmountain.com</a>	<b>Nanuet, N.Y</b> Nanuet Mall Rt 59 6pm-9	<b>AUGUSTA, NJ</b> CHATTERBOX DRIVE-IN, ROUTE 15 & 206 6PM (5/7 through September) <a href="mailto:HOOFBEAT@OPTONLINE.NET">mailto:HOOFBEAT@OPTONLINE.NET</a>
	<b>Lynhurst</b> <b>Whiskey Café</b> 6pm to 9pm Classic Cars & Acappella Groups Starts 5/15	<b>Paramus</b> Hooters Rt 17S 6PM	<b>Maple Shade</b> Hooters Rt.38 5-9 PM	<b>Wanaque, NJ</b> Crown Liquors 207 Ringwood Ave 7-10pm	<b>Wayne</b> PAL Building PAL Drive 6-9PM	
		<b>Wayne</b> Wendy's & Goodyear Rt 23 N Just before DMV 6pm-9pm 1972 & Older		<b>Denville</b> Denville Stewarts 101 Bloomfield Ave 6-9pm		

