

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



The Thunder Heard

September 2011

P I C N I C - L E T S G O

2011 Meeting Schedule

September 24	Pat LeStrange, Joanne Seiler
October	
October 16	Fall Cruise
November	John & Sandra Pyrros
Dec 3	Holiday party

The September meeting will be on Sept 24th at 4PM. It will be hosted by Pat and Joanne, 4 Ford Rd. Landing, NJ 07850. RSVP rolodexp@aol.com or 201-920-7226 by 9/16

Special meeting - see pg 4

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



Here we go again. Rain, Earthquake and now a hurricane. Not the best car show season, but we won't give up.

Lead East is almost here. If anyone is going be sure to stop by our corner. If you don't know it is on the right side of the building, by the food stand and port-o-johns. Look for the "bush people" wearing sunglasses.

The week after that is the Elk's Street legends Car Show in Ridgefield Park. Several members and I run the show, proceeds go to the handicapped children and veterans.

Make plans for Joanne's and my meeting - we are planning a late meeting followed by a drive in movie in the back yard. Please let us know when you RSVP if you want to stay for the movie with or without a car so we can plan on the amount of cars. Once they are parked it will be very difficult to move them. I can accomodate about 12 to 15 cars. Even if you want to park out front there will be chairs to watch the movie.

I hope everyone who went to Omaha had a good time. I am sure you made the club look good.

The Mini Monsoon, I mean the Mini Concours, although a lot of rain, went great. The pavilions protected us from getting wet. The bingo also went good, even if I mixed up the G's and O's. I hope everyone enjoyed the movie of the Virginia trip. Amazingly we all stayed longer than last year. And Walter Strohmaier didn't let us down. HE drove his TBird in the rain. ATTA boy, Walt.

See you all soon.
 Pat





A few words from Alec

I just came back from Omaha. A good time was had by the seven members of our club that attended. Due to Hurricane Irene four of us had our return flight canceled so we rented a SUV and drove the 1200 miles in 20 hours. John P and Bill Jessie handled the driving admirably while Sandra and I took care of the backseat driving.

The word in Omaha was that there are 500 registrations for Memphis 2012 already.

I hope to see a lot of club members there

Happy Motoring,
Alec

The Picnic

It rained. And it rained. And it poured almost all day. But regardless, I think every one had a good time. It was really hard not to, as the people and the food made for a very convivial get together. Even with the weather, most of the club attended, and we had three guests who are prospective members.

Mike Meehan put it all together and he did a great job. He had coffee and donuts for the early birds. Between him and Arlene all the parts needed for a successful picnic were put together. John Pyrros got the beverages and even remembered my iced tea. Every one contributed some food so the selection was fantastic from the appetizers to the apple pie ala mode.

Frank and Phil did their imitation of cooks (really -they did a great job - the burgers were just right as were the dogs).

To keep us busy, a game of bingo was brought out and most had fun playing for the prizes.

Pat put together a disc with pictures of the Virginia trip and brought all his equipment so he could show it on a big screen. After everybody had chowed down, he showed it and it was great, like the one he did on the Ohio trip.

Unfortunately, because of the bad weather, we only had two Birds - Henry's retro and Walters 57, the car that goes everywhere regardless of the circumstances.

The saving grace was the facilities. Our area consisted of three big pavilions which were interconnected so everybody had room and stayed dry. The facilities at Schooley's MTN certainly is a vast improvement over the tents that we used at the previous location. Even the grill was under cover so the cooks stayed dry.



The Vice President's Message

Weather - OMG!!! Crazy, rain earthquakes, hurricanes. Now our week ends are rainy. I was sitting at a table when the table felt like it was moving. Thought I was feeling dizzy, but later found out it was from the earthquake. I just hope we do not get the hurricane which is to get here over the weekend (8/27-28 and we did) . I must say the last few days have been great. I wish it would stay like this. Sleeping is great with no air conditioner at night. Just heard weather report about Hurricane Irene, not so good. It might be the worst hurricane in over 100 years. I must admit I am a little nervous!!! Please be safe!!!

We had a great time at our mini-concours/picnic even though it once again rained. We were under the pavilions at Schooley's Mountain and pretty much stayed dry. We had 28 members plus 3 potential members, 4 guests and 3 children. Only one car made it to the picnic, Walters. This is one Thunderbird that misses nothing (just love it). As usual the food was great and, of course, plenty of delicious desserts. We played bingo, had music, and watched a DVD (made by Pat with Joanne's help) of our trip to Richmond and a DVD of different club activities. They were great. Thank you everyone who made our picnic a fun day. Of course, we cannot forget our chef's, Frank and Phil.

By the time we get this newsletter some of our members have been to Omaha, Neb. for a Regional Convention. I hope they had a safe and enjoyable time.

ON Sept. 11 the Ridgefield Park Elks Club will be hosting their annual car show. The Street Legends Car Club runs the show (which has a few of our Thunderbird members in it). This is their 10th show and will also honor the 10th anniversary of 9/11. I hope we can get a lot of our club members to attend with their cars.

On Sat, Set. 24 Joanne and Pat will be hosting our monthly meeting at 4PM . After the meeting (around 7PM) we are going to have a drive in movie (weather permitting). It will be a fun night. Please try to attend and, of course, please bring your car. What's a drive in movie without a car!!!

Hope everyone is well, see you all soon.
Arlene

Membership News



John & Sandra Pyrros 19th



Ken Herb 5th

Mike Meehan 11th

Frank Chabala 15th

Ron Case 17th

Adrienne Malanga 26th

Walt Strohmaier 29th

Get Well Soon!

I hope everyone is well

OOOPs Section

In last month newsletter I forgot John Bolger's birthday on the 31st. Happy Birthday John.

FOR SALE

1955/56 Reproduction grille. New, never used. I went with rechroming my original unit. \$150
Paul, 201-652-7027

Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.

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August Meeting

There was a very short business meeting at the picnic. The reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report was waived and no other business was taken up.

Picnic



This tells it all



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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pschroll@aol.com

Club Events

September Meeting

Besides our regular meeting, Pat and Joanne will have a **drive in movie** starting at **7PM** (you did notice that it is getting dark earlier). They have a 12 foot screen and parking will be in their back yard (the neighbors should like that). So bring your TBird. The meeting will, of course, be held rain or shine and lets hope that the weather is good for the movie.

Barrett-Jackson (Scottsdale) Trip

Maybe you can still get in on this? Phil Guidone is setting up a "cruise" to the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale. Get to Phil if you want to go. Dates are 1/18 to 1/22/12. Don't wait as rooms have to be booked now.

Fall Cruise

Phil is sure a busy guy, good thing Dorothy does the leg work. It will take place on October 16th. See Page 8 for all the details.



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

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

- 8/31 - 9/4 Lead East - Parsippany, NJ
9/9 Ridgewood-E Ridgewood Ave (Friday evening)(F)
9/10 Teterboro Airport (F)
9/11 Ridgefield Park Spruce Ave & Cedar St. (Ridgefield Park Elks) (F)
9/11 Great Meadows (Island Dragway) Ol'Daze Drags & Car show (F)
9/18 Butler - All Ford Show - Rte 23 Automall (F)
9/18 W Caldwell-Konner Chev-950 Bloomfield Ave.(F)
9/18 Bronx, NY-Orchard Beach Parking Lot (F)
9/18 Pearl River, NY- Central Ave Field (F)
9/23-9/25 Englishtown Show and Swap
9/25 Wayne 45 Barbour Pond Dr. (Maquet Cardio)(F)
9/24-Oakland-Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Ave (F)
9/28-10/2 Carlisle PA -Fall Carlisle
10/1 Allendale-West Allendale Ave (NJ Transit Parking)
10/1 Sparkill, NY-St Thomas Aquinas Col. 125 Rte 340(F)
(F)-I have flyer
For additional listings, go to www.njcarshows.com



Have a joyous Yom Kippur

CRUISE NIGHTS

- Sunday
Jackson-2010 W. County Line Rd (Clifmar Diner) 3rd
Sunday of the month
Monday
Saddle Brook-427 Market St (Advanced Auto)
Hawthorne-Goffle Road (Goffle Grill)
Stoney Point, NY- Gennaros Rest, 146 Rte 9W
Tuesday
Tappan, NY-51 Rte 303 (Liberty's American Grill)
Carlstadt-645 Washington Ave (The Grasshopper)
East Rutherford-49 Rte 17S (Cheeburger-Cheeburger)
Mahwah-Continental Soldiers Park, 550 Ramapo Valley
RD (Rte 202)
Wednesday
East Rutherford-Rte 17N (Lowe's/Chili's)
Wycoff - Greenwood Ave
Thursday
Wayne-Kohl's Shopping CTR, Rte 23 N
Moonachie-195 Moonachie Rd (Burger King)
Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's Shopping Ctr)
Emerson-Emerson Shopping Ctr, Kinderkamack Rd.
Norwood-Livingston St. (Dunkin Donuts)
Friday
Boonton-Wooten St (Wal Mart shopping center)
Midland Park - Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)
Saturday Chatterbox, Rtes 15 & 206, Augusta

Island Dragway (Great Meadows near Hackettstown)

Again this year Island has a barbeque night on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month-through . Cost is 15 bucks (driven in-muffled). Included is a barbeque. Want to make one night a club function and try your car at the track? You need seat belts and a helmet if racing (helmets can be rented at the track). Let Rich know - we can make it a group thing

CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A schedule and registration forms are available online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your plans now and get your Bird ready.

Omaha CTCI Regional

Seven members of NJORTC attended the CTCI Region 5 Convention hosted by the Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club.

Rich (with Lois) and Walter drove out while we (John & Sandra, Bill Jessie and Alec) flew out. The convention site was a great location-two hotels with the convention/meeting space in between and there was plenty of room for the show field and trailer parking.

The weather was perfect to enjoy all the planned events which included a Welcome Reception, bus tour to the old train station and the Old Market downtown Omaha, a dessert social ("Elvis" was the headliner) shopping trips, a driving tour to the SAC Air/Space Museum and the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. There was plenty of good food and drink including delicious Omaha Steaks. Alec especially liked the open bar.

Rich got 1st place in Hoods Up Touring and also got his Master Judge V for training. Alec "won" a smaller diameter steering wheel (retail around \$400) by investing about \$30 in the Tricky Tray. Bill Jessie found a set of NOS 56 Bird hubcaps.

While at the convention, we were tuned into the path of Hurricane Irene pushing her way up the east coast to NJ. All flights were canceled coming back to Newark, so we (John, Sandy, Bill & Alec) rented a mini-van and drove (20 hours straight) the 1200 miles back to NJ, arriving in the wee hours of Monday where a power outage was still in effect.

Along the way we had a lot of laughs while watching the states fly by - Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania and finally into NJ. We will surely remember our return trip from this convention. Louis and Rich headed back on their own, as Walter was continuing on to Oregon and other parts unknown, scheduled to arrive back home in mid-September.

Sandy Pyrros

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NJORTC Goes Big Time?

Rumor has it that Pat has been selected to be the next Director of Region 1. He ran unopposed.

Tech Tips Coolant Hose Failure

What you can't see *can* hurt you - coolant hose failure, a phenomenon known as electrochemical degradation (ECD) occurs because the hose, liquid coolant and the engine/radiator fittings form a galvanic cell or "battery". This chemical reaction causes micro-cracks in the hose tube, allowing the coolant to attack and weaken the hose reinforcement.

The best way to check a coolant hose for the effects of ECD is to squeeze the hose near the clamps or connections using the following procedure:

1. Make sure the engine is cool
2. Use fingers and thumb to check for weakness, not the whole hand.
3. Squeeze near the connectors. ECD occurs within inches of the ends of the hose, not in the middle.
4. Check for any difference in the feels between the middle and ends of the hose. "Gaps" or "channels" can be felt along the length of the hose where it has been weakened by ECD.
5. If the ends are soft and feel mushy, chances are the hose is under attack by ECD. To avoid breakdown of the cooling system, replace the hose.

From Gates Rubber Co., via the Early Bird



A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.

Omaha Regional



Picnic



Mr Lucky strikes again



Hard at Work



The chefs getting some instruction



Pics courtesy of Mrs. Pyrros



September is national Coupon Month. get your scissors ready.

NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB ANNUAL FALL CRUISE

October 16, 2011

Come one, come all, as we journey to **Ringos, New Jersey** for our annual Fall Cruise.

We will be dining at the **Harvest Moon Inn Restaurant**, 1039 Old York Road, Ringos, where a wonderful buffet brunch will await your arrival.

The Harvest Moon Inn Restaurant has a long history dating back to 1811 which is more detailed in the attached.

At the present time we are in the process of planning our route which may include a stop along the way for our added enjoyment. Expected time of arrival at the Inn is 1:00 p.m.

We will need a minimum of *twenty-five (25) people* to attend. Last year we exceeded this number.

The price is \$35.00 per person, all inclusive. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2011 and we will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C., sent to our address. There will be some prizes and games.

Point of departure will be Schooley's Mountain Park (same location as our picnic), East Springtown Road, Long Valley, at 10:30 a.m. Coffee, etc. will be provided. Please note this will be a rain or shine event, so let's get the T-Bird out. There is nothing more attractive than a line of multi colored T-Birds.

Come join us as we enjoy the fall foliage, fine dining and most importantly, good friendship.

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