

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



# The Thunder Heard

**November 2015**

2015/16 Meeting Schedule	
November 15	Charlie & Izabella Costa
December 5	Christmas Party
	<b>2016</b>
Jan/Feb	Paul Dorne
March	Paul & Pauline Schroll
April	Bob & Toni Sabino
May	Vince Ucci & Julia
June	Bruce & Eileen Corbett
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
Sept	Henry & Judy Semmler
<p>The November meeting will be hosted by Charlie &amp; Izabella Costa on November 15th at 2PM. RSVP 973-478-4149 or charlie8265@optonline.net See Page 4 for details</p>	
<p><b>If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.</b>  Please let Joanne Seiler know at least <b>2 months</b> before your scheduled month that <b>YOU WILL BE HOSTING</b> the meeting and give the date/time/etc.</p>	



**President's Message**



The season is slowly coming to an end. There are still a few things to do when the weather is permitting. So get out and enjoy.

Kudos again to Phil and Dorothy Guidone for a great Fall Cruise. The pictures are on our web site "picture page". We had about 21 cars; 15 Little birds, 2 other year Birds 2 other classics and 2 regular cars. There was a stop at a farm and a beautiful cruise through the NJ country side. Dorothy dresses as Big Bird and not only entertained us but went into an adjoining room where a child's birthday party was taking place.

Our meeting at Delizia Pizza hosted by Gene and Diane Szura had a large turnout. The voting for President and CTCI Rep. was held. As me for President and Lois Martin for CTCI rep. were unopposed, the acting Secretary Toni Sabano cast one vote for each to make it official. Thank you for reelecting me. We also welcomed new members Don Terhune and Linda Antenucci

Sad news was announced that Dorothy Dobres had lost her battle with cancer and had passed quietly at home with Don at her side. May she rest in peace and our prayers are with the family.

I had received an email from a person in Wall, NJ that he wanted to donate some Tbird parts and books to our club. Joanne & I had to attend a luncheon in Belmar so we stopped by and picked up the parts. We will be going through the boxes and see what to do with them. Also while we were down there, we stopped for a visit to the home of former members Dennis and Gail Chirico. They are doing well and said to say hello to the club. They will be putting their 57 T-Bird up for sale. Have a safe and Happy Holiday season (it will be here before you know it.)

Pat LeStrange





### A few Words From Alec

After another great Fall Color Cruise there is sad news - Don Dupres' wife Dorothy passed away on the 25th. It is always sad when a member's loved one passes. Dorothy fought a valiant battle before her illness finally claimed her. Our condolences to Don at this sad time.

Happy motoring, Alec

### October Meeting

Gene & Diane Szura were our hosts. There was a very good turnout of members and quite a few Birds as it was a very nice day. The food was great and Diane decorated in a Halloween theme. Many thanks to Diane and Gene for hosting.

#### Highlights of the Business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (July) were read and accepted (with correction) as was the treasurer's report.

New members Don Therhune and Linda Antinucci were introduced.

Since no additional nominations were put forth, the acting Secretary Toni Sabino was authorized to cast a symbolic vote electing Pat as President and Lois as CTCI Representative.

In order to get accurate counts for club events it was decided that the chair for the event will be responsible to collect monies and then turn them over to the treasurer.

Joe Kubat is looking into a "cruise" to the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut for the Barrett Jackson auction in 2016. Possible bus trip.

Joanne said the 50's dance is scheduled for early April and the same hall.

Bob Sabino was named an assistant Sergeant at Arms to take over when Bruce and Alec were not at the meeting.

Rich Martin brought up the past practice of donating or buying an advertisement at the international CTCI conventions.

Arlene spoke about the upcoming Christmas party.

Lois reported that the San Diego convention material was now on the CTCI website including events and registration materials.

Joanne asked for a volunteer to handle a cruise to the Diner Expo in Piscataway. Anyone??

Pat mentioned about various early TBird parts that were donated to the club. He and Rich will go through them for ultimate disposition.

Next meeting November 15th.



### Vice President's Message

Do not forget clocks go back on Sunday morning, November 1st, which means the days will be very short, long nights, ugh!!! So far the weather has been pretty nice, trees are still in fall colors so you can still drive your Tbirds to see all the beautiful fall colors.

On a very sad note, we lost our Prom Queen, Dorothy Dobres, on Sunday morning. I loved Dorothy, she was a wonderful lady, a heart of gold. She had a long battle, first with back surgery making a speedy recovery. Soon after that she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She fought real hard but lost the battle. Our prayers are with her and her family. Don my heart goes out to you and prayers with you to get through this hard time. Well wishes go out to Bob Belli and Judy Semmeler, who are fighting their own battles. Alex Johnston having to go through different tests to see why he is not feeling good. Pat LeStrange is having a stent put in, best of luck to you Pat. John Pyrros had cataract surgery and is doing good. In November he will be having Knee surgery, also best of luck to you John. Lois Martin had back surgery and doing good. Prayers sent out to all of you.

Congratulations to Pat for being reelected as President for two more years and also congratulations to Lois for being reelected as CTCI Representative for two years. You two guys are an asset to our Club. Thanks

If anyone is interested in going to San Diego in September, 2016 for CTCI International Convention the hotel is now taking reservations. Do not wait to long to make the reservations, the rooms will go quick, sooo go onto the CTCI web page and find out all the info. Believe it or not some of our members are planning to drive to San Diego.

Thank you Phil and Dorothy Guidone for doing a great job on our fall cruise. We met at Schooley's Mountain for some donuts and coffee before we started our cruise. It was a very cold morning, but turned out to be a beautiful day for a cruise in our Thunderbirds. We first stopped at a farm stand to buy some pies, pumpkins, etc. then we travelled to Hawk Pointe Golf Club in Washington, NJ. What a beautiful site to watch all our different colored Tbirds drive down the Fall colored roads. The food, service and the Golf Club were excellent. We even

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# Membership News

**Happy Anniversary**

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th  
 Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th  
 Charles & Lisa Musto 16th  
 Carol & Charlie Ehm 8th  
 Jan & Joe Saville 26th



Phil Guidone 4th  
 Izabella Costa 14th  
 Henry Semmler 19th  
 Ailene Corbett 23rd

**Get Well Soon!**

Bob Heissler  
 Judy Semmler  
 Bob Belli

**FOR SALE**

Buy, Sell, locate.....Call Vince 973 980-4312

Condolences

To Don Dobres and his family on the passing of his wife, Dorothy



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**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. email [ptschroll@verizon.net](mailto:ptschroll@verizon.net)**

**Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird alone is worth the dues. And for the latest info, go to [ctci.org](http://ctci.org)**

## October Meeting



## Events

### November Meeting

The hosts for the November meeting are Charlie and Izabell Costa, Nov. 15th at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP (see page 1 for info) including regrets.

### December Meeting

There will be no December meeting

### CTCI Director at Large

As you all know, Rich Martin is running for CTCI Director at Large. A ballot is in the last Early Bird. I'm sure Rich would appreciate your vote so send in your ballot now. It must be in before 11/15

### Holiday Party

December is just around the corner and so is the Holiday Party. It is December 5th. Be sure to notify Arlene that you are going and send in your payment to her. As in the past, if you buy two "tickets" your next years dues are paid for. Half if only one "ticket". Price is \$65.00 per person. There will be a grab bag (bring a gift, get a gift) raffle and prizes. This is always a great outing, so don't miss it.



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

11/7 Egg Harbor Fleming Auto Parts,. Anyone like to go - always heard good things about this, never made it. Got to get up early. 8am to 4PM

1/9 & 10/16 Somerset NJ Car show, swap meet. Garden State Exhibition Ctr

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>

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

## Fall Color Cruise

See Pats & Arlene's columns for a description of the cruise. In addition, Phil & Dorothy held a contest where we had to name a TV show, it biggest character and how many feathers the character had. Out came Dorothy dressed as big bird and picking up the questionnaire. While most guessed the show and character ok, the number of feathers was the decider and Joanne came closest.



Yes, it was that cold



Thanks for the coffee and doughnuts

## Cruise Nights Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Clifton - The Hearth Restaurant. Rte 46 West  
11AM-3PM

### Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

had Big Bird come visit us. Thanks again Phil and Dorothy for a great day

Before you know it, our Christmas party will be here. December 5th at 5:00 pm at the San Carlo Catering in Lyndhurst, NJ. The cost this year is \$130.00 per couple (\$50.00 will be paid dues for 2015) \$65.00 per person, (\$25.00 will be paid dues for 2015). \$25.00 grab bag and please bring an unwrapped gift for toys for tots. Please send your check to me - Arlene Kubat, 19 Alpine Drive, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035 no later then November 15th. I must receive a check from whoever is going before I can count you in. Let's make this the biggest year ever.

Joe is checking into a trip to Mohegan Sun, Barrett Jackson car auction. The first time ever in this area, June, 2016. Think about it and let Joe know who is interested in going.

Hope everyone has a safe Halloween. Happy Halloween to all.

See you soon, Arlene



November 11th

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### Remember

Daylight Savings Time ends Oct 31st. Turn your clock back one hour Saturday night  
Spring ahead, Fall back

# Fall Color Cruise



A little yard art





**Any one want to guess what they are doing?**



## Tech Tip

### Battery Post Cleaner Solves Light Problem

Having trouble with the lights on your car? If there are not sufficiently grounded the cause could be corrosion in the socket and/or base of the lamp. A good cleaning can usually solve your problem. A good way to clean is to use a battery terminal wire brush cleaner. Insert the male end of the brush into the lamp socket and give it several turns. Then stick lamp base into the female end of the battery post cleaner and twist the bulb several times.

From the Smoke Signal, and by Joe Guevara

### The Computer Generation

**Tech Support:** What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

**User:** A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11

## TRIVIA

What is this used for?



Thanks to Gene Szura

Henry Semmler got the correct answer for last month's - 1941



Election Day - Nov 3rd.

## A Few Extra Pics



### From Al Cirinelli

I read in the last CTCI book I received about a web site for Pure Gas. I checked it out & also fueled at my local Shell Station. Shell does not add E10 to their fuel. Let our club know so they can avoid problems in the future with their car engines.



**Fifteen Classic Birds, one Square Bird and one Flair Bird were part of the group as well as two other old cars.**

