



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## November 2025

### 2025 Meeting Schedule

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| Nov. 16     | Bob Notar         |
| December 7  | Christmas Party   |
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| 2026        | Meetings          |
| No info yet |                   |
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| Feb 8       | Sweetheart Brunch |
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The next meeting is Nov. 16th. Bob & Joan Notar are the hosts..  
RSVP 973.632-9522 or  
notar@optonline.net

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

Please let Arlene and Toni 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



Pat is recuperating from his recent operation but did leave this message::

I saw the fall cruise was a great success sorry i had to miss it. I will try to get a link to Paul for the pictures. Thank you Mike P. For another great job.

I am getting better every day and hope to see you very soon. I know the club is in great hands

Patrick Le Strange  
President NJORTC



Bob Notar's 57





### Vice President's Message



The weather has been beautiful. Hope you are getting those little birds out on the road and going to car shows or just taking them out for a drive looking at the beautiful fall foliage.

Before you know it, it will be time to put them to sleep for the long winters night.

Last weekend we went on our annual fall cruise. We took a ride up to Peekskill, NY and then took a boat ride up the Hudson River. It was fantastic. The boat was nice, food was good, water calm and most important club members who attended were great. Hope all who went had a good time. Thanks Mike Perillo for putting together another great cruise.

A report on Pat. He had his surgery.

Operation went well. He had a few rough days but thinking positive thoughts and starting to feel better. He has a long road to recovery. Prayers do help. George Gayet needing prayers. All else seem to be doing ok, thank god.

Time to talk about Christmas party. Sunday, December 7th, 3:00 - 8:00. Elks Lodge, Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ (same venue as last year). Same DJ, Cocktail hour 3:00 - 4:00-4:4:30, Dinner 5:00 - 5:30. After dinner - dancing, visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, raffle and more dancing. Please bring an unwrapped gift for toys for tots that Donna Jesse and Pat will be taking care of this year. Guaranteed a good time. Please send your check to me or Steve Handy no later than Monday, Nov. 24th.

I am also looking for pictures from some members who I have notified various times.

Please get me the pictures ASAP. would prefer recent ones, please. It is important that I have them before the next meeting!!!

Hope your Halloween was fun, safe and somehow you got a lot of candy☐☐☐

Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember to turn your clocks back on November 2nd.

See you soon, Arlene

### October Meeting

Not a very nice day - dark clouds and imminent rain. Kept all the birds in their nests.. A very good turnout though and it is always good to get together. Thanks to Rich Iuso and Georgette for hosting.

#### Highlights of the business meeting

No treasurer's report was made as Steve was out of town. The minutes were read and accepted

Club nominations were made for President and CTCI Rep. Pat and Donna, respectively, were nominated and accepted. The vote was Yes for both.

Donna mentioned the CTCI election for Region 1 director. The voting ends on 10/28

Rich Iuso mentioned that his articles sent to the Early Bird were not in the magazine. Donna to look into this.

Pat noted that the roster on the web page was updated and that members should check to make sure all info is correct.

Mike went over last minute details for the fall cruise on 10/19. . Mike mentioned that the boat leaves promptly at 11Am so be there early.

Arlene updated the info on the Christmas party. PAYMENT DEADLINE 11/24

Julie said the Sweetheart Brunch is set for Ferury 8th. By a show of hands, members went with same venue as last year.

Gene & Diane Szura were congratulated on their 50th anniversary of being in the club.

Sue Gayet is looking for pictures for the 2026 calendar. Send your pictures to Sue.

Sean won the 50/50 but donated back to the club and a new ticket was drawn - Mark was the winner.

Next meeting 11/16



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
Paul & Cheryl Adamoff 16th  
Charles & Lisa Musto 16th

*HAPPY Birthdays*

Phil Guidone 4th  
Mary Green 1th  
Izabela Costa 14th  
Rob Burns 16th  
Ailene Corbet 23rd

*GET WELL SON!*

Pat LeStrange  
Bill Downing

## Congratulations

To Pete Crosta & Barri Lucero who tied the knot on Oct 20



When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember the fire dept. usually uses water

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## Club Announcements

### November Meeting

The November meeting is on **Nov 16th**. Start time is **2 PM**. Location is Anthony Franco's, 1176 Hamburg TPKE, Wayne. Be sure to RSVP the hosts.

### Christmas Party

This is on **December 7th**. Location is the Elks Lodge, 210 Howard St, **Mount Arlington**. (Not No. Arlington). Same venue as last year. Time is 3 PM to 8PM. Cost is the same as last year, \$65.00 per person. There will be a Toys For Tots collection. No grab bag. Same dues credit as last year. Contact Arlene if you are going. Payment due now.

### Sweetheart Brunch

This is scheduled for **February 8, 2026**. Additional info to follow. Save the date.

### For Sale

#### Miscellaneous Parts

Several items NOS & used for '55, '56 T-Birds & Ford cars

9000 Watt Regular gasoline, 5 gallon capacity, portable Predator generator, with battery / pull start. Asking \$1,600.00, only used about 4 hours.

Contact Paul Adamoff (cell) 201-286-4781

### WANTED

Peacock Blue 1956. Top dollar paid.  
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**WHAT'S MY CAR WORTH?**

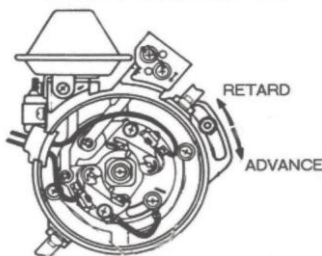
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**RETARD YOUR TIMING**

**Nov. 2nd - Clocks back 1 hour**

## Cars & Coffee

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

## Cruise Nights

## Car Shows/Swap Meets

Nothing in north Jersey that I can see

## October Meeting Pics





## Fall Cruise

It was a lovely day for a cruise in our cars.

Typical Fall weather, a crisp, sunny day.

While members started from different locations, we all made our way to Peekskill NY - some via the interstate, some through the back roads and parks of NJ and NY. If you like twisty turny roads, the NY roads to Peekskill NY are the way to go. Everyone arrived on time and we were able to commiserate before boarding the Emerald Princess for the water part of our cruise. We had 12 Tbirds attending, 11 early birds. The ride on the ship was nice and calm. The foliage was starting to turn. Good food and drinks and plenty of it if you wanted to go back for seconds, with a good variety. Being Fall, there was not much activity on the river and only saw a few other boats.

After the we landed, some headed to a local ice cream shop to finish off a great trip.

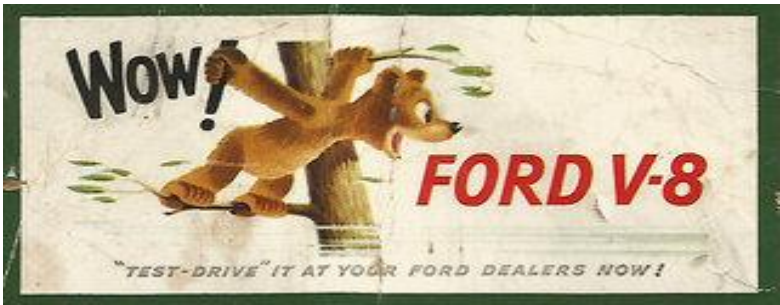
Many thanks to Mike and Theresa for setting up the trip





West Point





# TIPS FROM THE BIRD DOCTOR



Looking for used Thunderbird parts?  
Here's a list of people who sell 55-57  
Thunderbird parts.

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Ross Woodsman     | 916-691-6626 |
| Gary Vukovic      | 937-654-8802 |
| Hills Automotive  | 740-949-1956 |
| Bob Schermerhorn  | 518-392-2472 |
| Adrian Lori       | 570-709-0823 |
| Tony's Classics   | 515-321-0767 |
| Jewel's Body Shop | 920-450-5555 |



## CONVERTIBLE TOP ZIPPER LUBE

In an edition of Boating magazine they discussed the issue of zipper lube. They recommend simple candle wax or crayon for zipper lubricants and snaps, additionally they also recommend a commercially available lubricant from a company called "Starbrite" Snap and Zipper Lubricant, which comes in clear form. This has been the same recommendation from this magazine for the past 10 years or so. Vaseline also helps as well as beeswax for an even smoother and longer lasting and less greasy!



## AIR CLEANER CORK

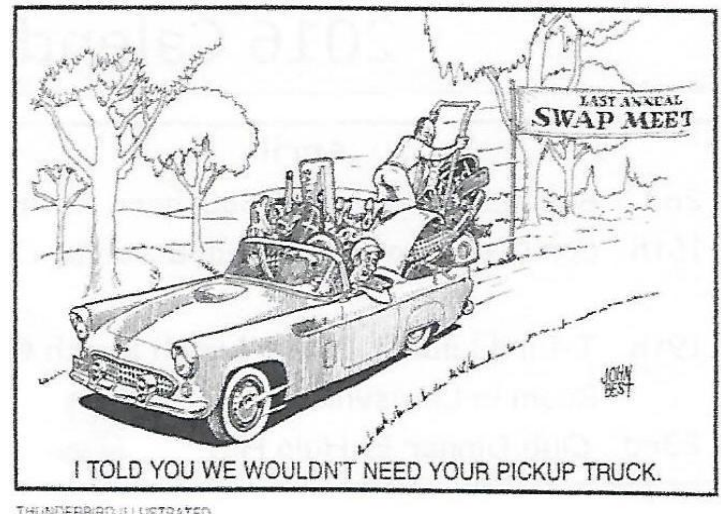
To prevent your **NEW** air cleaner cork from looking like the one pictured Remove the old cork from the channel - DO NOT remove the original staples.. Clean the old cork out. Cut 3/8 inch off the **BOTTOM** of the new cork then notch the new cork at the staple locations. Then slide the new cork in the channel. This way if you ever want to change the cork again all you have to do is slide it out. Will look original and not mess up the under hood paint, If you decide to make new staples, they are easy to make using paper clips and a pair of pliers.



From the Trail Bird News, -Trail Birds of Southwest Florida

## Hershey PA AACA Fall Meet

Fall Meet took place from Oct 6 to Oct 10th, 2025. It was huge with two enormous fields of car parts, auto memorabilia and flea market items. In addition AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) headquarters is located in Hershey, Pa.. They have a fabulous research library (we were able to see follow club member Tom Mirro's name on the Thunderbird Trophy see picture) and there is a separate museum to visit as well. Both worth the trip. The show ends with the awards banquet where Mike Parillo received a First Junior Award, Donna Jessie was upgraded to a Senior Award and Tom Mirro received an additional Preservation Award! Donna



The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.