



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

September 2021

2021 Meeting Schedule

September 12	Bob Notar
October 10	Mike Parillo
November 5	Vince Ucci
December	Christmas Party

The September meeting is on Sept. 12th.
Hosts are Bob & Joan Notar. RSVP the
hosts at 973-632-9522 or
bnotar@optonline.net

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

Please let Arlene 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



The end of the Summer season is just about here, but there are plenty of car activities going on.

I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work to make our picnic a success..

As I announced at the picnic I have stepped back from being President for now and the Vice President Arlene has stepped in. She has been doing a great job for the last couple of months, please continue to give her your full support. I am also happy to see how many people are taking on the jobs that Joanne used to handle. We have a great club and I appreciate how we pull together in our toughest times

Thanks

Pat LeStrange





Vice President's Message



It's almost September and I cannot believe it, the summer is going by way to fast. It has been a rough summer, very hot, humid and rainy. A lot of cruise nights were cancelled. Hopefully September will be a better month for cruise nights and car shows. Get the birds out when you can.

Labor Day weekend is in another week. We have two big car shows going on that weekend starting on Thursday, September 2nd to Monday, September 6th (Labor Day). One show is Dead Man's Curve, Mahwah, NJ and Lead East, Parsippany, NJ. Whichever one you go to have fun and be safe. Big crowds, wear your mask to be on the safe side.

Sad news, Mel Ramos's brother was killed in a car accident in Virginia Beach. Va. Mel we are sorry for your loss, prayers to you and your family. May your brother Rest In Peace.

Marianne Denning is feeling better. Lucille is going through physical therapy for her shoulder after her fall. George Gayett is coming along after his fall. Hope everyone else is doing good.

Rich and Lois's grandson, Joey left Wednesday for the Air Force. Right now he is in Texas and will start Boot Camp. Good Luck. Congratulations Mike Meehan and Kari, they are getting married September 18th. Donna and Bill Jesse's daughter, Vickie will also be getting married on September 18th. Congratulations to the happy couples.

We had our annual picnic on August 8th. It probably the best day of the summer weather wise. Thank you Jackie Werner for chairing this event. Also thank you Bill Downing for helping Jackie run the picnic. We had a great turn out of members and their mates. We had a man's baking contest. 1st prize on cake. Mel Ramos. Coconut Cake. 1st prize on cookies. Bill Downing - Chocolate Chip. Thank to all the men who baked. The men won the Trivia contest. Next year we will WIN!!! Thank you ladies for the salads, etc. you made. Everything was delicious. Thanks Rich Iuso for bringing the chicken wings. They were sooo good. A big thank you to our cooks.

Without you guys we wouldn't be able to eat, Mel, Ron Case and Paul Adamoff. Thank you Mike Meehan for supplying the music. Also thank Steve Handy for getting crumb cake, Paul A for bagels, Paul S for coffee and donuts. Mike Parillo for water, Sue Gayett for soda and watermelon. I forgot who picked up the ice, so sorry, but thank you. I also want to thank Joe Kubat for helping me do all the shopping and running around and do whatever I asked him to do.

The Christmas Party is underway, December 4th, 2021 5:00pm. Bella Italia, Orange, NJ

The next meeting will be hosted by Joan and Bob Notar. September 12th, 2021 at 2:00pm, Anthony Franco, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ.

Picnic 2021

Another great picnic. It was organized by Jackie and Paul Warner who did a great job getting it together. The early morning weather was a little threatening so not many birds showed up. However, the weather turned out nice. The cooks, Paul A, Mel and Ron did a great job on the burgers, dogs and chicken. Each member brought a salad, desert or other goodie so everyone had a great variety of eats. There was a man's bake off contest and the winner for cookies was Bill Downing and for cakes Mel Ramos. Bill and Martha held their world famous trivia contest, pitting the boys against the girls. For the second year in a row, the boys prevailed. Thanks to the cooks, the others who helped out, Arlene who got all the food and Jackie and Paul Werner



Membership News



No Anniversaries



Vanessa Musto 10th
Mike Meehan 11th
Marco Totaro 14th
Ron Case 17th
Carmen Ramos 17th
Patricia Brieva 23rd
Walter Strohmaier 29th



George Gayet

New Members

Larry and Linda Shepard. Larry joined us at the picnic and submitted a membership application. Larry and Linda are from Milford, NJ. They have red 57 and a 89 Mercedes

Condolences

To Mel Ramos on the passing of his brother



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

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September Ford Trivia

9/21/08 First Model T Assembled

9/14/20 First Lincoln Assembled

9/9/54 First production TBird was assembled

9/19/55 Last production day for 55 TBirds

9/17/56 First production day for 57 TBirds

9/4/57 Edsel went on sale

9/2/59 Falcon introduced

9/17/70 First production for the Ford Pinto

Club Announcements

September Meeting

The September meeting is on **Sept. 12th.**
Location is Anthony Franco's Restaurant, 1176
Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne. Start time is **2:00**
PM. Bob & Joan Notar are the hosts. Be sure
to RSVP them, including regrets

October Meeting

The October meeting is **October 10th.**
Additional info in next month's newsletter

November Meeting

This meeting is scheduled for **November 5th**
(Friday night). Additional info to be
announced

Christmas Party

The Christmas party is scheduled for
December 4th. Keep the date open.



FOR SALE

1955 TBird

Thunderbird blue, T & C radio, 30,000 miles, 2
tops, unrestored original \$35,000
Call Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

1955 TBird

Goldenrod yellow, rust free 2 tops Asking
27,900. Call George @ Tuxedo Auto Body
845-753-5900 (I have pics-editor)

T-5 5 Speeds For Sale

(2) One from a 87 Mustang, the other from a
83 Mustang GT. \$600 each.
Call Paul A 201-286-4781

Mufflers and resonators For Sale

Stainless mufflers and resonators for 56 TBird.
used \$300. Call Bill 845-304-1257



Car Shows

9/1 Montville Hot Rod Farm-65 River Road

12 noon

9/1 Nutley-Street show-Franklin Ave **5PM**

9/2-5 Lead East

9/2-5 Dead Man's Curve Show

9/10 Ridgewood-Ridgewood Ave Street Show **6PM**

9/12 Cifton-2 Brighton Rd Allwood Atrium

9/12 Washington TWSP-701 Ridgewood Rd-
Westwood High School

9/19 Wayne-475 Valley Rd-Municipal Parking lot

9/19 Pompton Plains-Newark/Pompton Tpke and
Jackson Ave

9/25 Closter-20 Legion Place-St. Mary's Church

9/25 Butler-65 Bartholdi Ave-St Anthony's Chur.

9/25 Ridgefield Park-100 Challenger Ave

9/26 Hawthorne -344 Wagaraw Rd-MGM Auto Body
Supplies

9/26 Oakland-350 Ramapo Valley Rd (Rte 202)-
Copper Tree Plaza

10/2 Budd Lake-350 Clark Dr.

10/3 East Hanover-175 Rte 10 -Nielsen
Dodge/Chrysler

10/3 Rochell Park-33 West Passaic St

10/10 Paramus-400 Paramus Rd-Bergen
Community College

10/10 Pompton Lakes-Wanaque Ave.

Go to: newjerseycarshows.com for other shows

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Wayne-1560-Rte 13 North- Wendy's

Clifton-Rutt's Hut-417 River Road

Mahwah-219 Ramapo Valley Rd-Mason Jar

Wednesday

Wyckoff -422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref,
Church

Clifton-147 Huron Ave-Athena Vets

Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 23 North- Kohl's

Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd-Lowe/Wendy's

Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart Shopping Center

Saturday

Oakland-Lenape Valley Grill-176 Ramapo
Valley Rd (RTE 202)

Clifton-1116 Rte 46W- Maple Valley Diner

Towaco-446 Main Rd-Diane's Dairy

**Please let me know if you have information on
other cruise nights or car shows**

**I want your input. Please send any items to be
included by the middle of the month if possible.
Email is best, snail mail ok.**



PONDER THIS
No one ever says "it's only a game" when their team is winning



Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift





Joe celebrates his b'day - not the big one yet

Tech Tip

Distributor Maintenance

The distributor must be lubricated and the best time is when the oil is changed.

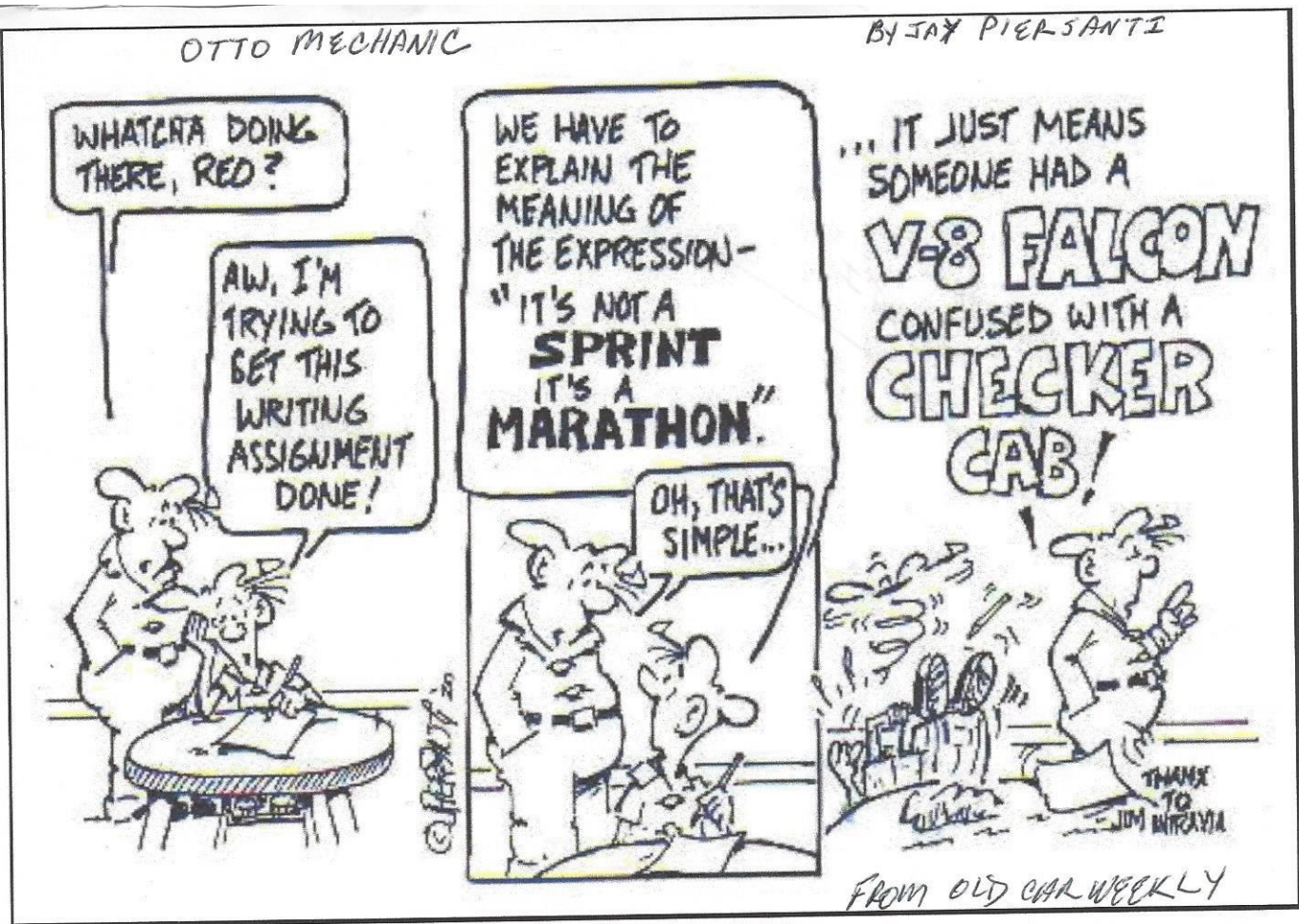
Did you know that there are two places for lubrication?

The first is the one that is very visible, the oil cup on the side



T birds still have a lot of pick up-so says Paul W. (must be the car-Editor)

The other one, not so much. If you take off the rotor, you will see (or should see) a small piece of felt inside the shaft. That should be oiled at the same time. The oiled felt drips on the weights and springs below the plate. Even if you have an electronic conversion like a Pertronix,, the felt piece should be oiled.



Fun Facts On What was Happening The Years the Early Birds were in Production 1955

AD TAGLINE: Enchantment unlimited...the new Ford THUNDERBIRD
NEWS EVENTS AND TRIVIA

RCA offered a \$35,000 recording contract to Elvis Presley

The First McDonalds Restaurant was opened

Lee Merriwether from California was Miss America

James dean died in a single car crash at the age of 26

It cost \$0.03 to mail a letter first class

People were going to the movies to see Picnic, Rebel Without A Cause and East of Eden

From Sal Perrotta, Thunderbirds of New York

1956 Next Month

Keep Healthy & Safe Use your mask

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the Delta variant. They are required in certain places. And if you're one of those people that think the vaccine is a hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect the like minded others when you come down with Covid 19. Over 97 percent of new cases (and deaths) are unvaccinated people.