



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## January/February 2019

### 2019 Meeting Schedule

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Jan/Feb   | Paul & Sheryl Adamoff |
| March     | Bill & Martha Downing |
| April     | Gene & Diane Szura    |
| May       | Pat & Joanne          |
| June      | Jayne & Ray Braun     |
| July      | Don & Linda           |
| September | Don Dobres            |
| October   | Paul Dorne            |
| November  | Drew Eckman           |
| December  | Christmas Party       |
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The Jan-Feb meeting is on February 24th. Paul & Sheryl Adamoff are the

**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



Sorry to say this is the second year in a row our first newsletter of the year we have had to announce the passing of a very dear club member - Alec Johnstone who was a past newsletter co-editor, Master of Arms and Membership chairman. He was not only a long time club member but a close personal friend. Alec got me to join the North Jersey Thunderbird Assoc. and later I got him to join our NJORTC club. He was the person who connected me with the person whom I bought my 57 T bird from. He and I shared many fun time and adventures together, through Conventions and many car shows. I will miss him a lot.

It looks like we are getting through this winter pretty good and hope it stays mild without too much snow. It won't be long now, Ground hog day is Feb 2. Let's hope he don't see his shadow.

Joanne and I went to Kansas City Mo., for the CTCL Board meeting from Jan. 10 to the 13th., She will tell you all about it at the meeting., We may have also held our club's annual Board meeting and Treasurers Audit by time of the club meeting.

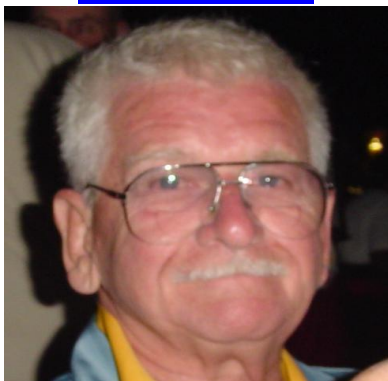
Please stay Healthy and safe. Pray for our members going through their health problems and pray for the Johnstone family as they mourn their loss.

Thanks for being the great club you are.

*Pat Le Strange*

**An old farmers advice - Forgive your enemies, it messes up their heads**

## In Memorium



We are sorry to hear of the passing of Alec. Although he tried to maintain a gruff exterior, Alec always had a heart of gold and was ready to help anyone who asked. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace Alec.

## December Meeting

There was no December business meeting

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

We will be having our annual Board meeting on Saturday, January 26th at 1:00. Joanne and Pat will be hosting the meeting. If anyone has anything to report or any activities you would like to do, please let a Board member know.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Sheryl and Paul Adamoff, more info about this meeting elsewhere in news letter

Happy Valentine's Day, see you soon.  
Arlene



## Vice President's Message



Happy and healthy New Year to all of you. Hope and pray it's a good year.

Unfortunately we are not starting the year off good. Alec Johnstone passed away last week. The only good thing is that he is now at peace, he suffered way to long. Our prayers go out to his daughter, Karen and her twin daughters. Alec always bragged about his granddaughters and how he loved them. In turn, they loved their "Poppy". May Alec Rest In Peace, he will be missed.

Joanne has some more issues going on and now will have to do radiation on her shoulder, she is still on chemo. If it's not one thing it's another. Please say extra prayers for her. She is strong and will continue to fight.

Some good news is that Wendy Meehan had a good December and so far January has been good. Please continue to keep her in your prayers, they are helping. From what Mike told me, he is learning how to cook, not loving it, but you have to do what you have to do. I bet my money on the fact that he is becoming a good chef.

I heard that Walter Strohmaier is not feeling well, do not know what is wrong, sent him an email but have not heard from him yet. Walter hope you feel better soon.

Dot Hyde is doing good after an operation on her foot. It has been a long recovery, but each day it gets better.

We have quit a few snowbirds in our club. Rich and Lois Martin, Steve Handy and Joan, Don Dobres. Joan and Bob Notar will be going to Florida for three weeks. If I missed anyone, I am sorry. Hope you all have a safe, great and hot summer. See you in the Spring.

Our next event will be our Sweet Heart Brunch, February 17th, 10:30 at McLoone's Boathouse, 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange. This is a new venue. We were supposed to go to the Manor in West Orange, but they just called Lucille Chabella and said they are no longer serving brunches. (Cont'd left)

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Tom & Susan Mirro 2/8  
Charlie & Izebela Costa 2/8

*Happy Birthday*

Steve Handy 1/6  
Steve Schmidt 1/16  
Joe Matrone 1/22  
Donna Jessie 1/20  
Martha Downing 1/26  
Merry Case 1/29  
Bob Heissler 1/29  
Rich Martin 1/30  
Bill Hyde 2/1  
Dorothy Guidone 2/2  
Dot Hyde 2/5  
Paul Dorne 2/7  
Sean Dillon 2/19

**GET WELL  
SON!**

Wendy Meehan  
Joanne Seiler  
Dot Hyde

## 2019 Dues

For those who did not attend the Christmas party, your dues must be paid in January. Since Steve is out of town, send your check to Pat

## Western Class Round Up

### Flagstaff Convention May 15-19

Preregistration and hotel reservations are now open. The preregistration form may be downloaded from [www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org](http://www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org). Hotel reservations may be made direct to the hotel, the Little America Hotel & Resort, 928-779-7900. Mention "Thunderbird Regional Convention". The room rate is 139.00 plus tax ( 151.22)

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## Club Announcements

### Jan/Feb Meeting

The meeting will be on February 24 at the Mason Jar, 219 Ramapo Valley Rd, Mahwah, NJ. **Meeting time is 3 PM.** Be sure to RSVP the hosts, including regrets

### Sweetheart Brunch

The brunch venue has been changed as the Manor has ceased doing brunches. The new location is McLoone's Boathouse, 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange. Date is February 17th at 10:30 AM. \$45 per person, children \$18. Contact Lucille before 2/13. Checks made out to NJORTC

### Board Meeting

The Board meeting is scheduled for January 26 at Pat & Joanne's home. Time 1 PM.

Members may attend. If there are any activities or anything else you would like to have the Board consider, contact any Board member. RSVP Pat or Joanne if you plan to attend

### Christmas Party



## Christmas Party

As I write this, it seems that the Christmas party was a long time ago, but in recapping I'm sure it was better this year as we had the bigger room which was nicely decorated, giving us the space to move around. We had 60 members and guests. A nice cocktail hour started off the party. The dinner and the desserts were very good, although some had a problem handling one dish which turned out to be very hot.. Tables had a very pretty center piece made by Joanne. Every one seemed to have a good time, especially Bill D.

Each person was given a little box of candy from the club. The grab bag was great with many fantastic gifts. Santa and Mrs. Claus gave out wine bags and great 2019 calendars which were beautifully made by Suzanne Gayet. The calendars included birth dates and anniversaries of members and pictures of members' Thunderbirds. Thanks to Suzanne. We thank Santa (Ray) and Mrs. Claus (Linda) for their visit and handing out the gifts. I hope everyone enjoyed them.

There were a number of raffles. Merry Case won a Christmas lantern while Ron Case won the 50/50. John Pyrros won a money tree that was made by Joanne

As you know, Pat retired from his DJ job - the only problem was is that Pat did not know what to do with himself with all the free time. The DJ we had was great. She played games and gave out gifts, all the while providing great music which every one enjoyed. And there were dancers who enjoyed "cutting the rug".

As in the past, we had a Toys for Tots collection. Linda was able to have a U.S. Marine attend to pick them up. He was invited to stay, which he did. We hope he had a good time.

The most important thing to remember is, it is us as a great club that makes our Christmas party fun.

Arlene

(Editor's Note - Thanks to Arlene for all the work she did)

### A primer about oil filters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTNJLEV8CG8>

From Henry





## Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

1/26 Montville-Hot Rod Farm

2/18-20 Atlantic City Auction



**Toys For Tots**



**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**









Bill having a great time

### Ford History in January & February

1/18/37 - Ford # 25 million was produced - a Fordor Touring car-at the Rouge  
 2/15/54 - "Thunderbird" was selected as the name for the new Ford sports car

My goal for 2019 was to lose 10 pounds.  
 Only 14 to go.

Thanks to Joanne for the pictures



# FOR SALE

## 1957 TBird

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## Tom Mirro

Tom has been notified that his 56 has won a AACA 2018 National Award and that his car will be displayed at the Philadelphia Int'l Automobile Show in the AACA section. The show runs from Feb. 3 to Feb. 10 at the Convention center

## Tech Tip

The boiling point of your coolant can be changed by changing your radiator cap. The table below explains boiling points for water at different pounds per square inch

| CAP PSI | BOILING POINT |
|---------|---------------|
| 6       | 212°F         |
| 10      | 239°F         |
| 15      | 250°F         |
| 20      | 259°F         |

The antifreeze mixture also changes the boiling point as indicated on the antifreeze container  
(From Tony)







February 2nd



February 18th  
Lincoln's Birthday 2/12  
Washington's Birthday 2/22





This is a little late, but I liked it  
Thanks Donna