



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## October 2020

### 2020 Meeting Schedule

October 11	Rich Iuso
October 18	Fall Cruise
November	No meeting
December 5	Canceled
<u>2021</u>	<u>Schedule (Tentative)</u>
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
March	Bruce Corbett
April	Joe Kubat
May	Bob Sabino
June	Lucill Chabala
July	Paul Werner
September	Bob Notar

The October meeting is on Oct. 11th.

See page 4 for time and location

**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



Fall is here, there are still some events to attend. Fall is great T bird weather, We have our Colors Cruise on Sunday Oct. 18 Check your e mail for more details. Also On Oct. 11 Rich and Georgette will host an outdoor meeting at the Sunset Grille ( Lincoln park Airport at 1 pm)

As I am sure you have heard I continue to have a voice problem and should be starting voice therapy soon. So at the meeting you will have to be extra quiet to hear me. I may have to bring a loud speaker.

I hope you all voted in the CTCL election and are aware of the changes.

I finally got my T Bird up to Rich's, shop but I don't think it will be back on the road for the Fall cruise.

Not much more to talk about , so I will keep it short this month

Stay safe and healthy

See you all soon

Pat Le Strange



# October

## September Meeting

For then second month in a row, we have been able to get together. Steve and Joan set up an outdoor meeting and the weather co-operated, being a nice sunny late summer afternoon. A number of members brought out their Tbirds, for some the first this year. We were able to sit under trees while eating the great food that Steve provided. Thanks to Joan and Steve for hosting

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The reading of the prior minutes was waived and the Treasurers report was made and accepted.

Toni reported on the last board meeting of CTCI and additional discussion was made regarding the upcoming voting for directors and other CTCI issues. See September newsletter for more details on the meeting

Jacqueline Werner volunteered to run the picnic.

Suzanne had the new NJORTC masks which were distributed.

Nominations were opened up for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Arlene and Steve were nominated. No other nominations were made. Both accepted their respective nominations.

Arlene said that the Christmas party may not happen this year because of the state rules regarding gathering. Because we had already made a deposit for this year's party, she asked if it was ok to hold over the deposit till 2021. Memembers said yes. (Note - the party has now been canceled).

A question came up about members wanting to have the Fall cruise. Majority said yes. (Note - a cruise has been set up for 10/18)

Lucille won the 50/50.



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



## Vice President's Message

Hi everyone! Hope all are staying healthy and safe. Fall has arrived, summer is gone, which means we still have some beautiful weather ahead of us so keep those baby birds on the open road and enjoy. Pretty soon we will have to put them to sleep for the winter.

As far as I know everyone is healthy, which is great. Let's keep it that way.

I want to thank Steve Handy and Joan for hosting our last meeting. We had a good turnout of members and Thunderbirds, plus a couple of other classic cars. It was great to be able to meet. We will be able to have one more meeting on October 11th before it gets to be too cold outside to host a meeting. It will be our last meeting for the year so please try to attend. Our next meeting October 11th at 1:00 (one hour earlier then usual) to be held at Sunset Grill, Lincoln Park. (Lincoln Park airport). Please notify Rich Iuso ASAP to let him know if you are attending. He has to tell the restaurant how many are coming in advance. Meeting and dining will be outside.

At our last meeting we had a lot to discuss about CTCI. Please vote for Director at Large, John Smith, MO. or Ron McCloud, Tenn. Also, do you want to see headquarters moved from California to Wyoming? It is very important that you vote.

On October 18th Rich Iuso and Rich Martin are Chairing our annual Fall Cruise. They have a nice cruise planned out. . It will be a great day. Please come out and join us.

As you all know by now, this years Christmas party has been CANCELLED. When we sent out a notice on what everyone's opinion was about having the party a lot of you said you were against having it. We also had quite a few say yes, but the no's won. We are better safe than sorry. Bella Italia understood completely and said we can roll over the deposit until 2021. New date December 4th 2021.

Have a safe and happy Halloween. I am sure Halloween will be different this year too.

See you soon Arlene



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Joe & Arlene Kubat 15th  
 Bill & Donna Jessie 14th  
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th  
 Steve & Annette Schmidt



Linda Klein 7th  
 Pat Selby 13th  
 John Pyrros 18  
 Don Dobres 28th

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Gene Szura  
 Walter Strohmaier  
 Marianne Dennig



## 2020 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

### President

Pat LeStrange

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Arlene Kubat

### Treasurer

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## Club Announcements

### October Meeting

The next meeting is hosted by Rich Iuso and Georgette. Date is **Oct. 11th. Time is 1 PM,** place Sunset Pub & Grill (Lincoln Park Airport), 425 Beaverbrook Rd, Lincoln Park. This will be outdoors. Be sure to RSVP Rich, including regrets. . Don't wait till the last minute either. Bring chairs

### Fall Cruise

Rich Martin and Rich Iuso has set up a nice cruise on **October 18.** We will meet at the Bagel Station, 342 Lafayette Rd (Rte 15) in Sparta. **Time is 9:15.** They have a route all marked including a possible stop at the (now closed) Chatterbox for a photo shoot. There will be a stop at a local farm. We will end up at the Packanack Lake Golf Club for an outdoor lunch. \$20.00 per person (club is picking up the rest). Contact Joanne by 10/11 if attending. You can bring a check to the meeting on the 11th. Another day to get out.

### Remaining Meetings

The November meeting and the Christmas party have been canceled due to the virus.



### Great Truths that Adults Learned

Wrinkles don't hurt

Laughing is good exercise - it's like jogging on the inside





# FOR SALE

## Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camaro, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K  
\$13,000

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,000.  
Deck lid lock cylinder with keys Pad - deck lid  
lock cylinder 55/56

Set 4 orig. 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips B/O  
Bird white tonneau cover B/O

1993 Corvette 40th Anniv., conv 38k \$15,000  
Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

## 1947 Pontiac

Convertible - Recent restoration. Original  
owner car. Contact Gene Szura for  
information and pictures 201-991-8459

## 1955 Thunderbird

Red, Continental Kit, 12V, Auto, Front Disk  
brakes, wire wheels, SS exhaust, www,  
porthole top. Contact David Johnson, 732-  
513-1972

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.

## Ford History In October

10/1/08 Model T introduced and released for  
sale

10/1/15 Henry Ford Hospital opened

10/10/15 The 1 millionth Model T was built

10/8/17 First Fordson Tractor was built

10/21/27 First production of the Model A

10/24/38 Mercury introduced

10/3/56 Introduction day for 1957 TBird

10/4/57 First Edsel was sold

10/8/59 Falcon went on sale

10/13/60 Ford Econoline trucks introduced

10/17/55 First 1956 Tbird was assembled



1963-The Aero Bird Intro



## Cruise Nights

### Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut??

### Wednesday

Wycoff-Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church-Cedar Hill Ave.

### Thursday

### Friday

Midland Park- 211 Greenwood Ave Hot Dog Caboose

Boonton-Wooten St.-Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr

### Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd????

**Not sure what is open**

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

These shows are listed on [njarshow.com](http://njarshow.com) - see listing for contact info to find out if still going to be held

10/4 East Hanover 174 Rte 10 East Nielson Dodge

10/11 Pompton Lakes Street show Wanaque Ave

10/11 Paramus-200 Rte 17 North-Paramus Elks



### Keep Healthy & Safe

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, does not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier.





**Battery** – Today, the popularity of “maintenance free” batteries has given consumers a false sense of security. Batteries are often ignored, until the time they fail to deliver enough charge to spin a starter and fire an engine. Do we need to point out that this usually happens at the worst possible time? Any visual inspection of the battery should include a close look at the terminals themselves. If corrosion appears on the terminals, it could be an indication of improper charging. The corrosion should be thoroughly cleaned with a mixture of baking soda and water (be sure to wear eye protection), making certain that any build-up is removed from both the battery terminals and the battery cables. Coating the reassembled terminals with grease or a dedicated battery terminal spray will help to delay the buildup of corrosion in the future. Batteries that can be serviced should be topped (only to the full mark) with distilled water, and again we’d remind you to wear eye protection. A “smart” battery charger (such as the Battery Tender from Deltran) is a great way to keep batteries topped without over-charging, and if used regularly will help prolong the battery’s life.

**Lighting** – You’re driving a lonely road at sunset, motoring near the speed limit, when suddenly the red and blue lights appear in your rearview mirror. Certain you weren’t speeding, you ask the officer why you were stopped as you fumble for your license, registration and insurance card. “Your brake light’s out,” is his reply. Substitute headlamp or taillamp, and most of us have had a similar experience. It’s a safe observation to say that the roads aren’t as empty as they once were, and today’s drivers certainly aren’t more attentive, so it’s good practice to do everything you can to be seen in a classic car. That includes a regular review of headlamps, taillamps, stop lamps and directional signals. Many bulbs (particularly headlamps) dim over time, and our night vision certainly doesn’t improve with age. If the road ahead isn’t as bright as it used to be, perhaps it’s time to replace your headlamps, or at the very least ensure that the connections are tight and the grounds are solid. Check taillamps and turn signals for corrosion as well, since oxidation can be enough to reduce light output. Again, it’s a good idea to look over your classic car and check light output at the beginning of each season. Replacement bulbs aren’t expensive, especially when compared to a traffic ticket or, worse, an accident.

**From Pitt Birds - See June and August newsletters for other installments**

**If you would like an autographed copy of all three installments just send 5.00 to the editor. Postage included**





It hits tedium like TNT hits confetti.

## Mink Coat for Father

What a mink coat does for a lady, a Thunderbird does for a male. It's a feeling words can't capture, but *you'll* get it the minute you slide behind the adjustable wheel.

There's comfort deluxe and plenty of room all around whether you're 5'6" or 6'5". Instrument panel includes a tachometer for men who drive by rpm's and a sweep-second electric clock . . . both standard equipment. Roll-up windows make a tight weather seal with both convertible top and glass-fiber hardtop. New wind deflectors control cockpit comfort at all speeds.

Talking of speed, have you heard how a Thunderbird dusted off all U. S. and foreign production sport cars in the acceleration tests at the Daytona Speed Trials? From a standing start it covered a mile in 40.5 seconds . . . was pushing 150 m.p.h. when it took the flag. If you'd like to sample some of this sizzle, take a whirl in a Thunderbird with an over-square 225-h.p. Thunderbird Special V-8, floor-mounted 3-speed transmission and 3.73 to 1 final drive.

Of course, this honey *handles* like a thoroughbred, too. With engine mounted well back in an extra-rigid

X frame, Ball-Joint independent front suspension, anti-sway bar, double-acting shocks and longer rear springs, the Thunderbird keeps all four wheels glued to the road down the straight and through the bend, come rough or smooth. Big 11" hydraulic brakes cut speed in a twinkling.

**Looks?** That's a matter of opinion. Some critics rate the Thunderbird as an all-time Classic. Most just say it's the car they'd like to be seen in. Try on a Thunderbird at your Ford Dealer's and see how it fits *your* dream-car specifications.

Newest version of America's  
most exciting car

# Ford THUNDERBIRD