

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



# The Thunder Heard

**May 2026**

2026 Meeting Schedule	
May 17	Vince Ucci
May 16	Tune Up Clinic
June	
July	Rich Burns
August 9	Picnic
September	Donna Jessie
October	Al Cirinelli
November	Bob Heissler
Dec 13	Christmas party

The next meeting is May 17th.  
 VinceUcci is the host. RSVP  
 973-980-4312 or  
 agent86@getsmart1.com

**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**



We have been pretty active in the past couple of weeks. We did our annual Harold's Deli trip, on the 12th everyone went home with full stomachs plus take home. (see website for pictures) Thanks Toni for arranging the trip.

Then we had our club meeting on the 19th at Delizia's very well attended. BUT We had several members who showed up and never told the host they were coming. This caused a seating problem as well as the hosts, Julie Ann and Lucille, to have the restaurant put out more food. Please do not come to the meeting if you do not inform the host. Thank you Julie Ann and Lucille for a job well done.

On the 26 we had our Spring cruise to a Cadillac collection in Spring Lake, NJ. Another Job well done by Mike Parrillo. (see website for pictures).

I was informed on 4/26 that our scheduled June meeting host quit the club as not to have to host a meeting. Toni S. will be working hard and fast to arrange a new host. check your emails and website for updates.

Looking forward to May

Stay safe and healthy  
 Patrick Le Strange  
 President NJORTC



Vince Ucci's 56





### Vice President's Message



Welcome to Spring! Temperature up and down, rainy, damp and windy, but pretty soon we will complain it's too hot!!! All the Weathermen talk about is we need the rain, doesn't all the snow we had helped? I do not understand, oh well!!!

Even though Joe and myself missed our April meeting I wanted to thank Lucille Chabala and JulieAnn Morrison for hosting the meeting. I heard a lot more members came that never responded, it's always great to see you, but you need to call and let the host know you are coming so that we have enough food and desserts. Sooo with that said, please call if or if not coming to a meeting. Thank you.

Also at the meeting a very special birthday was celebrated. I am lucky to call this lovely lady, Lucille Chabala, a great friend for many years. Joe and I want to wish Lucille a very happy 90th birthday. I understand that her son and his entire family flew in from New Mexico and Julie Ann's entire family were all together to surprise Lucille for her birthday. She told me she feels like she is floating on cloud 9. She is so happy. Happy 90 Lucille.

We want to wish Lois Martin a quick recovery after having a knee replacement and Donna Jesse for having a hip replacement. Both ladies are doing very good. Prayers for fast recovery for both ladies. George Gayet the same. Hope everyone else is doing great.

Cause of the moving we missed Harold's Deli. Thanks Toni for being in charge of handling Harold's ,great job, as usual. Also Mike Parillo did another great job in handling our Spring cruise. All I really heard, was how great the Cadillac museum was. They said it was awesome. I am sure the rest of the cruise was as good.

I believe our next event is our Tune-up Clinic, which will be at Paul and Pauline's house on May 16th. Please let Paul know if you plan on working on your car and what you plan on doing and parts you will pick up. Even if you are not bringing a car, you should still come and hang out. Let's pray for a beautiful day...

Happy Mothers Day to all, see you son Arlene

### April Meeting

Not a very nice spring day as it was overcast with rain expected so that ket all the little birds in their garages.. However, the meeting drew a large crowd . Food was good as usual. . Many thanks to Lucille with the help of Julie Ann for hosting the meeting.

### Highlights of the business meeting

Minutes unavailable at press time

### Pics from the April Meeting



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Gerry & Rosemaris Ingersoll 15th  
 Robert & Michelle Strauss 23rd  
 Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Tom Mirro 3rd  
 Pat LeStrange 7th  
 Lisa Musto 8th  
 Gene Szura 13th  
 Gerry Ingersoll 20th  
 Bob Sabino 22nd  
 Irene Douma 27th  
 Theresa Perillo 22nd  
 Rosemarie Ingersoll 28th  
 Mark Santimauro 30th

**GET WELL SON!**

Donna Jessie



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## Club Announcements

### May Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for May 17th. Delizia's Pizza, 308 Wooten St. Boonton (Walmart shopping center). Time is **1 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)** Vince Ucci is the host. Be sure to RSVP at least a week in advance.

### Tune Up Clinic

The clinic is on May 16 at Paul Schroll's home. See attached flyer

### June Meeting

No information on this yet.

### Condolences

To Sharon Herman on the passing of her father



## Cars & Coffee

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

### Cruise Nights

5/13 Metuchen-Main St

5/20 Morristown-Morristown Green

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian  
Ref. Church

Thursday

Moonachie-191 Moonachie Rd. Burger  
King

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Ctr

Saturday

Towaco-466 Main St-Diane's Dairy

### Car Shows/Swap Meets

5/1-3 Englishown Swap Meet

5/1-3 Rhinebeck. NY Dutchess Cty Fairgrounds

5/2 Park Ridge-123 Colony Ave-Town Pool lot

5/2 Hawthorne-Bamford Ave

5/3 Randolpd-906 Rte 10 W Performance Ford

5/3 Denville-408 E. Main St Show & Swap  
meet

5/3 Carlstadt-350 Michelle Pl. Nam Knights

5/3 Creskill-100-120 3rd St.

5/7-9 Wildwood 5/16 Ringwood-130 Skyline Dr-

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5/16 Paramus-50 W. Midland Ave-Annunciation  
Church

5/17 Hackensack-80 SO. RiverRd-Costco

5/23 Hawthorne-118 Franklin Ave-

5/24 No.Haledon515 High Mountain Rd-High  
School

5/30 Midland Park-36 Faner Rd-Mill Gardens

6/7 Waldwick-4 Hewson Ave-RR Sttion

6/14 Paramus-165 Rte 4 West-Panera Bread

6/14 Old Bridge-3698 US 9 South-All American  
Ford

**6/20 Franklin Lakes- 649 Franklin Ave**

**Crossroads Church. All TBird show**

I have flyers for most of the above

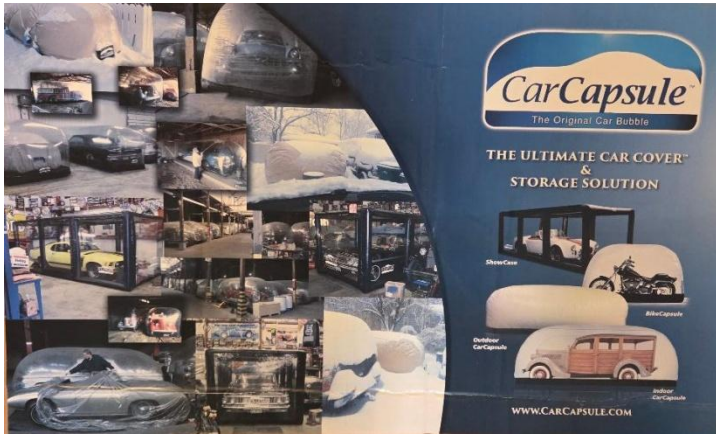
**For Sale**

**Tbird Radio**

56/57 Tbird upgraded radio brand new in box.....paid \$850 with shipping ...\$ 700.00  
973.980.4312 Vinny

**Tbird Car Capsule**

: CAR CAPSULE (used) - fits baby birds.  
Model CC18F. .Asking \$300.. Contact Irene  
Douma 201.819.3385.



**Misc.**

Mike Parillo is selling his Yamaha

[https://www.cycletrader.com/listing/2025-YAMAHA-YZ+450F-5040170225/?cmp=email\\_cycle\\_paa\\_posted](https://www.cycletrader.com/listing/2025-YAMAHA-YZ+450F-5040170225/?cmp=email_cycle_paa_posted)

973-626-3659

**WANTED**

Peacock Blue 1956. Top dollar paid. all Vinny  
973-980-4312

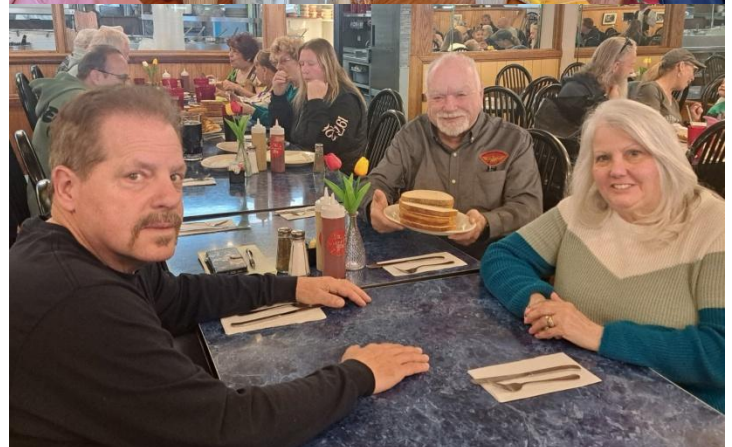
An advertisement for 'VINNY'S VINTAGE VEHICLES'. It features a yellow and white background with the text 'WHAT'S MY CAR WORTH?' in a large font. Below this, it says 'Call Vinny!' and provides details about complimentary appraisals and market values. A QR code is present for more information. Contact info includes 'VINCENT UCCI', phone number '973-980-4312', and email 'VINCENT.UCCI@GMAIL.COM'.

**Harold's Deli**

Our annual trip to Harold's was just as good as it has been. The food is still as good as always and as always plentiful. Theresa ordered the hot dog special and you wouldn't believe how big it was with all the trimmings. And Paul A did his usual shtick with the neapolitan. The delicious pastrami hasn't changed. Many had two take home bags for another (or more) meals. Thanks to Toni for setting this up. Additional pics on the web site



A special cake for a special lady's birthday





HAPPY  
*Mo*ther's Day

May 10th

## Spring Cruise

Mike Perillo set up the cruise to Wall Township where Joe Puleo has a private Cadillac Museum . It turns out that this was only a part of his collections. The Caddies consisted of mostly 59's, perhaps one of the biggest Caddies every made. Many were convertibles. It looks like you could fit an early Bird in the trunk. All the cars seemed to be restored to perfection (although some are unrestored originals). The museum held more surprises.

A Lionel train collection that would be the envy of any Lionel collector and a cash register collection consisting mostly of restored brass registers. Also included inside was a almost a full size reproduction of a two bay Texaco gas station. Among the collection of Caddies were three 59s modified in Italy by Pinin Farina A partial second floor housed a bar and lounge area and the Lionel collection. After that, it was lunch at a small but very nice restaurant in Spring Lake. and then a trip to an ice cream parlor.

The day started dark and dreary with the threat of rain so only three Birds were driven.

While there was no rain up north, it was raining further down. Fortunately, it stopped for the return trip. A very nice outing, thanks to Mike and Vince for setting this up. Here a few pics of the outing. There are a lot more on the web site.





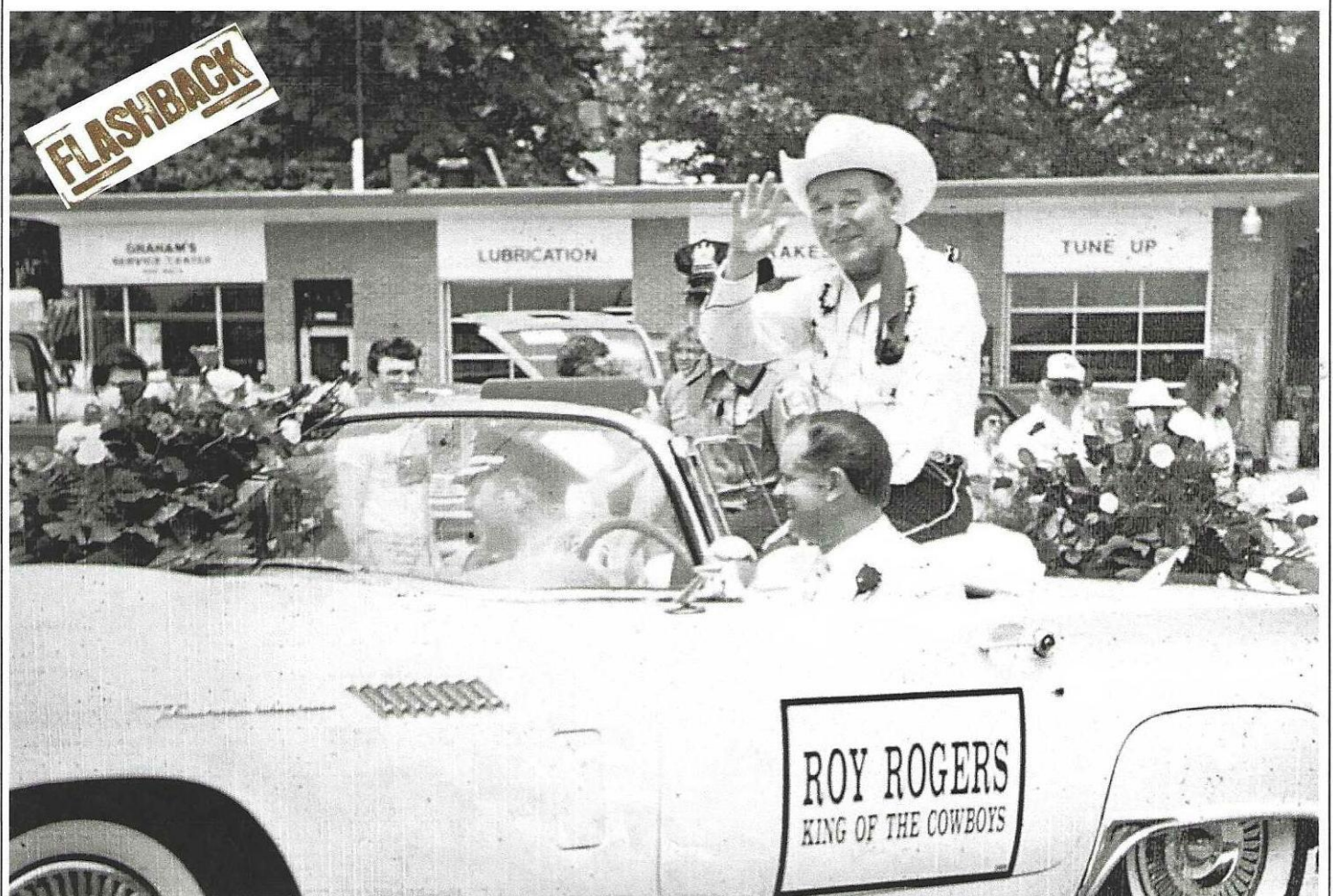
Actual dealers sign



Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak



Thanks to Mike Perillo for some of the pics



**From the Trailbirds of Southwest Florida**

# TUNE Up CLiNIC

## Saturday May 16th

Rain Date May 23rd

Get your car ready for the new season

Paul Schroll's Home

51 Glen Avenue Midland Park NJ

RSVP 201-652-7027, 201-575-0068 201-316-6642

ptschroll@verizon.net

Start time 8 AM.

Everyone invited even if you just want to come by . Ladies are welcome

Please RSVP at least one week in advance

Please call Paul two weeks in advance if you are planning to do any work on your car. Be sure to bring any parts, oil, etc that you will need.

Plenty of off road parking for your Tbird

This event will not include a club meeting

