

The Thunder Heard

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PRESENTED IN BEACHWOOD, OHIO !!

and the responses we received for those corrections



NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

THE OCTOBER MEETING will to be hosted by **Bob & Arlene Perruso** on **Sunday Oct.30 at 2PM** at their home at **44 Ridge Rd., Roseland, NJ**
RSVP: 973 228 3802

2005 Meeting Schedule

Oct	Bob & Arlene Perruso
Nov	Stan & Cindy Gersch
Dec 3	** Christmas Party **

2006 Meeting Schedule

Jan / Feb	Mike & Wendy Meehan
March	Arnold & Linda Dworkin
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
June	Rodger & Debbie DePiero
July or Aug	Dominick & Eva Tucci
July or Aug	** Mini-Concours **
Sept.	Rich & Lois Martin
Oct.	Henry & Esther Olszower
Nov	Bob & Christina Calvo
Dec	** Christmas Party **

2007 Meeting Schedule

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The club Roster is in this issue
All corrections were made from the sample roster sent out earlier this year

President's Message

What a great showing Open Roads had at the Cleveland, Ohio Region 2 convention. We had 8 cars on the judging field and many of them won awards. We also had the largest number of members in attendance not counting the Northern Ohio club who put on the Regional. Everyone in attendance had a nice time and seemed to enjoy themselves at the convention. Congratulations to all who came home with an award.

Let us now turn our attention to our own clubs plans for a Regional Convention in 2007. We already have several members reporting on Hotels and once we agree on one of the hotels we can present our plan to National and see if we can get their approval. If we do, please come out to the meetings and bring your ideas. If we all become involved, it will be one of the best Regionals that CTCL has ever experienced.

Please remember to RSVP to the host of each meeting so that they may plan accordingly. Also, if it is your turn to host the meeting please let Alec know the date and time at least a month in advance so that he can print it in the newsletter.

See you down the road,
John

Alec's Message

As this year's season is winding down it is time to think about putting our beloved Birds away 'til nextspring. As a club we had a very active year, what with all our meetings, Mini Concours and a great participation by 20 members attending the Regional in Cleaveland, Ohio. Looking forward to an even better year in '06

Happy Motoring Alec |
Pat's Message

Well, the summer is over and the conventions are over, but there are still a lot of cars shows in Oct. So before we put the cars away, get out to a few. The Ridgefield Park Elk's show went very well. There were 90 vehicles including 6 Baby Birds, 1 Big Bird. and 5 NJORTC members. The Street Legends and the Elk's Lodge thank the Open Road members for sponsoring a Trophy. \$3500 was raised from the event for the Elk's Handicapped Children Fund, bring the 4 year total to about \$14000.00
 Pat

Bruce and Aileen Corbett hosted our Sept. meeting at their home in Hewitt. There were 25 members and 2 guests, along with 4 Baby Birds and 3 Retro Birds. The food was great and the weather cooperated for the outdoor meeting. We discussed the possibility of hosting a Regional in 2007. Old Business and new business were covered.



Interested in a 2007 Regional?

Who said, "Never Again?" Well it's been about 3 years and we have a lot of new members, so there is a lot of interest. We have done 3 (2 Regionals and a National)

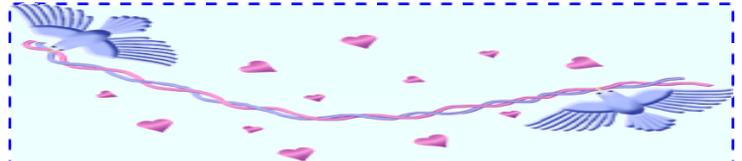
All were very successful, so I guess we know what we are doing! All members are encouraged to check on possible locations. Several hotels have already been looked into. The hotel must be able to accommodate at least 200 dedicated parking spaces, room for trailers and around 200+ rooms with banquet facilities.

**CLUB ELECTIONS ARE
 COMING UP**

Our local Club elections for officers will be postponed to the November meeting. Several officers' positions will be open. Nominations will be accepted at the October meeting

**DON'T FORGET
 TO VOTE**

**IN THE CTCI
 ELECTIONS**



Happy October
 Anniversaries to.....

- Joe & Arlene
 Kubat.....5
- Dennis & Gail
 Chirico.....10
- Bill & Donna
 Jessie.....14
- Henry & Ester
 Olszower.....15
- Arnold & Linda
 Dworkin.....16 Bob &
 Shelly
- Belli.....25

October

*Happy
 Birthday!*

Dominick Tucci	12
Christina Calvo	15
John Pyrros	18
Ellen Catanzaro	26



A Speedy Recovery Wish To
 Frank Chabala

ANY ITEMS YOU WANT US TO PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER
MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.
THEY CAN BE E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME
Pat LeStrange rolodexp@aol.com

Sunday, September 4, 2005 Last T-bird made ends up in Maine

ELLSWORTH — The last Ford Thunderbird ever built was delivered to a Ford family estate on Mount Desert Island on Friday. The sleek, silver convertible was one of 1,500 special collector's editions made by Ford Motor Co. this year. It rolled off the production line in July.

"People are saying, 'I can't believe it's the last one,'" said Dave Gould of Dave Gould Ford, which took receipt of the car Friday morning. "Everyone knows it will be worth a ton of money someday."

The car was made for Josephine Ford, the granddaughter of company founder Henry Ford. But the 81-year-old heiress, who owned a summer home in Seal Harbor, died June 1 in Detroit.



The two-seater car instead went to her daughter, also named Josephine. An inscription on the dash reads: "Last 2005 Ford Thunderbird, produced July 1st 2005 for the family of Josephine Ford."

The custom-made car has a 290-horsepower V-8 engine, and is considered priceless.

The Thunderbird, one of Ford's most celebrated nameplates, first went on sale in 1954 and soon became part of the American culture.

The Beach Boys sang about the "T-bird" in 1964, Suzanne Somers drove one in the 1973 film "American Graffiti," and Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis took one on a cross-country crime spree in the 1991 movie "Thelma and Louise."

The Thunderbird went through numerous design changes over the decades before going on hiatus in 1997.

The redesigned 2002 Thunderbird got off to a roaring start when it was brought back into production, but the flurry died down almost as quickly as it emerged. After sales fell to just 11,998 last year, 33 percent fewer than in 2003, the company announced it was retiring the car this year.

Dave Machaiek, curator at the Owls Head Transportation Museum, said it's special for the last T-bird to be in Maine. "It's the end of the era," he said.

The museum, located in Owls Head outside of Rockland, is home to a 1955 Thunderbird with black-and-white seats. The Thunderbird was Ford's sport response to Chevy's muscle car, the Corvette, Machaiek said. "They are an icon of the '50s," he said.

Editor's note: This article was reprinted from a web site. It should be noted the Thunderbird did not stop production due to lack of sales. It was a limited production car to be made for only 4 years at 25000 per year. It is noted however, it did fall far short of that production number. There were no plans to build a 2006, despite the rumors..

Thunderbird Monopoly game.
Is on sale now at
www.fordcollection.com



Some of you might just be interested in the upcoming issue of *Legendary Ford Magazine*! This issue will cover the 50th Anniversary of the Thunderbird and looks to be a fantastic keepsake!
<http://www.legendaryfordmagazine.com/>



Potts Auction Co. is doing the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance on Nov. 5th. We are looking for quality consignments for the auction. Packards and Thunderbirds will be featured in the Concours and we'd love to have some to sell. If you have a car you would like to sell Contact us at

1-800601-2888 or pottsauction@aol.com

Rick Potts
Potts Auction Company



The Holiday Party will be held on Saturday Dec.3 at the San Carlo Restaurant in Lyndhurst, NJ
5pm to 6pm Cocktail Hour
6pm to 10 pm Dinner, Entertainment and Party, Party, Party

MEMBER NEWS

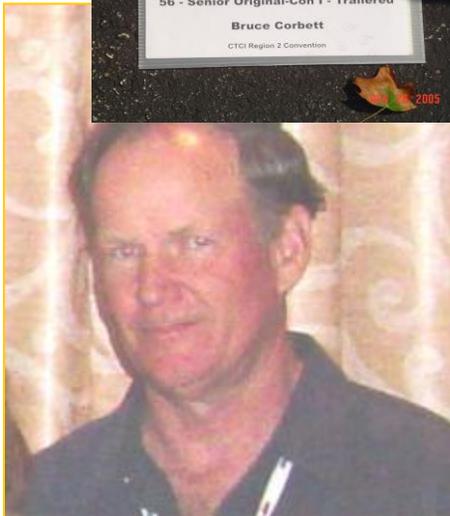
Last Months Events

Region 2 - Regional - Aug. 24 to Aug. 28
Beachwood, Ohio

And Our Winners were.....!!!

Concours I

'56 - Senior Original -
Trailerred
Gold & Gold
Medallion
Bruce Corbett



'57 - Primary Original -
Trailerred
Bronze
Dennis Chirico



Concours II

'57 Primary Non- Original Trailered



Bronze
John Pyrro



Touring



Hoods Up
Touring
3rd Place
Walter
Strohmaier

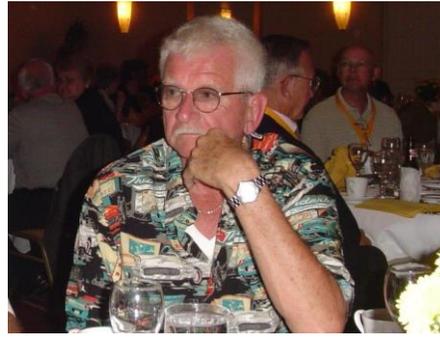


'56 Touring
1st Place
Wendy Meehan

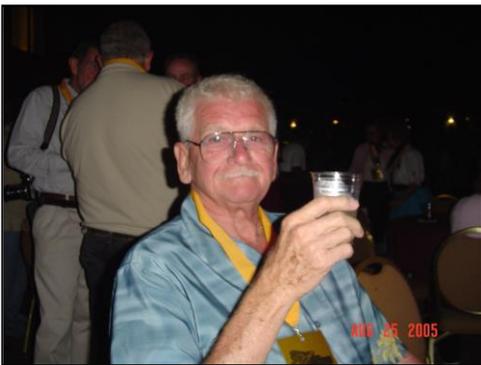




3rd



'57 Touring
Place
Alexander
Johnstone



Most Popular Touring

Alexander
Johnstone



Special Award

CTCI 2005 Newsletter
Concours Category - Gold Award
Wendy Meehan



Open Road Members who Judged

Dennis Chirico, Bruce Corbett, Vince DeAndrea, Bill Jessie,
Alec Johnstone, John Kefalonitis, BarbaraAnna Kefalonitis,
Joe Kubat, Pat LeStrange, Rich Martin,
Mike Meehan, Wendy Meehan, John Pyrros,

Open Road Members who Tabulated Scores

Aileen Corbett, Arlene Kubat, Lois Martin

2005 Shows

Oct. 2 9am	American Cruisers Whiskey Café	\$15
Oct. 2 9a-2p	Lincoln Tech 70 McKee Dr., Mahwah, NJ	
October 15	The Parent Teachers Association of the Academies @ Englewood Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show Academies @ Englewood, NJ mailto:dmhsscience@hotmail.com 201-845-7014	\$20
Oct 16 10a-5p R/D oct23	Pompton Lakes Wanaque Ave. Cars must be parked by 10am	\$20

Also check NJ Car & Truck Shows
<http://home.att.net/~chevy57/carshow.html>

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Jackets	Wendy Meehan & Judy Bosco
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Club Historian	Lucille Chabala
Club Photographer	Lucille Chabala
Sunshine	Lucille Chabala
Master at Arms	Bruce Corbett
Events Coordinator and Webmaster	Wendy Meehan

Stuff FOR SALE

82 Mustang, red, LX model, red leather like interior, glass t tops, V 8, auto, air, ps, hatch back, good tires and brakes, runs and moves, engine smokes and knocks. No time to do it over, saved it because a limited number were glass t-top. It has alum ford wheels. Hasn't been on road since around 94, has hood scoop, spoiler, road lamps and blacked lower Ford accent group. **Make me an offer**, reasonable, not for free, condition is in need of restoration, has rust and needs paint of course. Parts all there, nothing taken off or missing. Contact me at home Gene Szura 201-991-8459

'55 T Bird,

\$20,000 Thunderbird Blue, Auto, new stayfast top, runs great, 12 volt, needs paintwork and some minor body work .

Contact:

John Pyrros 201-417-7788 or Alec Johnstone 201-788-1671





Happy Birthday to Annette Funicello
 (Former Thunderbird Owner)
 Oct. 22, 1942



Annette's dad gives Annette a hand polishing her white Thunderbird. It is her most prized possession and was a graduation gift from her parents.

(I have also seen an article where her Thunderbird was Starmist Blue, so I am not sure which is correct or if she had more then 1)

Kool Web Site



Become a Bird Watcher. If you see a vintage Thunderbird on TV or in a movie you can report it to this site. You can also see what TV and Movies Thunderbirds was in by the year of the car. It is part of the Automotive Mileposts web site

<http://automotivemileposts.com/birdwatchers.html>

