

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



The Thunder Heard

December 2020

2021 Meeting Schedule	
December 5	Canceled
<u>2021</u>	<u>Schedule (Tentative)</u>
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
March	Bruce Corbett
April	Joe Kubat
May	Bob Sabino
June	Lucille Chabala
July	Paul Werner
September	Bob Notar
October	
November	
December	
No meetings are scheduled due to the pandemic	
<p>If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.</p> <p>Please let Joanne Seiler know at least <u>2</u> months before your scheduled month that <u>YOU WILL BE HOSTING</u> the meeting and give the date/time/etc.</p>	



President's Message



I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. I am wishing all a Healthy and Happy Holiday season. I will miss the Christmas Party, but we will do some good things next year.

We did another Thank you drive by at the Hackensack Hospital and the Cancer Center. Thank you, Donna Jessie for putting it together. Only 1 T bird made the drive, Gene Szura's. Mine had a fuel pump failure at the staging point and Walter had the wrong time and missed it. Still we had 2 Corvettes (my Brother Mike's, I rode with him and his wife Linda's, Joanne rode with her) Joe and Arlene were in their El Camino, Bill and Donna Jessie's had their Merc, John Pyrros had his 56 Chevy, my friend Bill Morton drove his 54 Ford wagon and a friend of Gene and Diane drove a model T. We threw out bags of Hershey Kisses and held up thank you signs. The Hospital workers seemed to appreciate it all.

On a personal note I have begun my Voice Therapy and my Carotid artery operation went smoothly. Joanne is also doing very good. You may have seen some recent pictures of her on Face book at my granddaughters Sweet 16 Party. She looked fabulous. I am praying for all our members who are going through health issues.

I hope everyone voted on the CTCI By law changes. We had send out recommendations but whatever way you voted is your choice.

I Hope to see everyone next year Stay safe, healthy and happy

See you all soon, Pat Le Strange



Fall Color Cruise

We had a very successful cruise. It's nice to tour the byways of NJ as there are many scenic spots that we rarely see. The foliage was in top condition this weekend. We had about 17 TBirds (including one retro), a nice 54 Ford and (gasp) a GM product. Meeting in Sparta we went up the road to the Chatterbox (now a sad sight to see) for photos (weeds were in the way). Then to Sunrise Mountain. This was our second trip there, and it is always a thrilling view. Then a ride to Wayne for lunch at the Packanack Lake Country Club for a nice meal. The two Rich's, Martin and Iuso, made all the arrangements and they did an excellent job. There were a few hiccups as far as the cars go, but they were taken care of in short order.

Fall Cruise



Old Farmer's Advice

Lettin' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in

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



Vice President's Message

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Unfortunately this Thanksgiving was very different due to this COVID. Hoping that Christmas will be somewhat more normal.

I heard that Marianne Denning is not doing well, so let's give her an extra prayer. Joanne's numbers are staying the same, which is good. She does need to get blood transfusions every 4 to 5 weeks, but other than that she is good. Pat had minor surgery to blow out his carotid arteries. All was good. He is now going to a speech therapist for his horsiness. Melvin Ramos had another stent put in heart, (he has quite a few), he's doing ok. If I missed anyone, I am sorry and hope you are feeling better.

When I decided to cancel the Christmas party I didn't know if I was making a rush decision or not, but I am glad I did cancel thank god. The virus is on the rise again and we have to be careful. Hopefully next Christmas we will have our party. Believe me I miss seeing you guys. I do not know when we will be able to have our next meeting. Please wear your mask, keep your distance and stay out of crowds.

Last week a few of us met with our cars and took a ride around Hackensack Hospital to visit some of the essential workers. I believe we had eight cars, only one Thunderbird and Pat drove his Thunderbird, but unfortunately broke down right before our meeting place. Needless to say Pat was not a happy camper!!! It was a rewarding day though. Thank you Donna Jesse for putting the event together.

I want to wish all a Happy Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please all be happy, healthy and pray 2021 is a better year and we will be able to get this much needed vaccine.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

See you soon, Arlene

National
Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
December 7



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

No Anniversaries



Bill Jessie 3rd
 Toni Sabini 4th
 Tom Brieva 11th
 Paul Schroll 15th
 Bruce Corbett 20th
 Mike Parillo 21st
 Lois Martin 21st
 George Gayett 25th

**GET WELL
 SON!**

Mel Ramos
 Pat
 Marianne Denning



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Club Announcements

Remaining Meetings

The Christmas party and future meetings have been canceled due to the virus.



Great Truths

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground





December 21 - shortest day of the year
Winter starts, days get longer



FOR SALE

Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, 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

1957 Cylinder Heads

"G" cylinder heads (2) . Seems to be uncut,
with valves and springs. Probably needs to be
refurbished. Fits all Y blocks, best of all Y
Block heads. \$275 for the pair. Call 201-652-
7027 Paul



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 November

12/1/13 Ford introduced the continuous
moving assembly line

12/13/57 The last 1957 Thunderbird was
assembled

December 27th is National Fruit Cake Day
Enjoy

Tech Tips

Fire Extinguishers-Part 1

We should carry a Fire extinguisher in our old cars as well as our new cars. Here is some information gleaned from another chapter's newsletter.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TYPES

TYPE A is used for wood, paper, some plastics and textiles.

TYPE B is used for liquid and gas fires (oil, gasoline).

TYPE C is used for electrical equipment that requires nonconduc-tive agents.

TYPE D is used for combustible metals, such as magnesium, titani-um, sodium.

Fire extinguishers are good for 6 to 8 years. Inspect the gauge for adequate pressure and check the expiration date. To prevent compaction, shake or bump it about once a month.

HOW TO USE EXTINGUISHERS

PASS TECHNIQUE

Pull the pin.

Pointing away from you, release the locking mechanism.

Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side. After the fire is out, stop using the extinguisher. Stand back and wait. You may have the fire rekindle and need to use the fire extinguisher twice.



Beer anyone?



Keep Healthy & Safe

Use your mask

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, you do 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. The second wave is here. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier



Merry CHRISTMAS
Happy HANUKKAH

FORD THUNDERBIRD

*The New Personal Car with the Sports Car Flair
Features the Spark Plugs in Your Future,*

NEW **TURBO ACTION** CHAMPIONS!

The best plug in your future is definitely the new Turbo Action Champion which powers the mighty Ford Thunderbird.

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Once again, Champion demonstrates its leadership in spark plug design, performance and dependability—features which have made it the choice of increasing thousands of motorists, today's and tomorrow's motor cars.

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