

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



The Thunder Heard

November 2011

Happy Thanksgiving

2011/12 Meeting Schedule

November 13	John & Sandra Pyrros
December 3	Holiday party
2012	
Jan/Feb	Diane & Al Marsiglio
March	Judy & Henry Semmler
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Lois & Rich Martin
May	Tune Up Clinic
June	Wendy & Mike Meehan
July	Aileen & Bruce Corbett
August	Picnic
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll

The November meeting will be on Nov 13th at 2 PM. It will be hosted by John & Sandra Pyrros, 228 Oak Ave, River Edge, NJ RSVP 201-487-2943 or sandypy@optonline.net

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



First, I would like to thank the club for re-electing me as Club President. Also congratulations to Lois Martin on her re-election.

Thanks to Phil & Dorothy on another great Fall Cruise....Amazingly it did not rain. On most of our TBird outings we seem to always get rain, but this was a beautiful day. A very good turn out with almost everyone bringing their Thunderbird.

During the dinner we had a very short meeting which is when the voting for officers was conducted. As the positions were unopposed, the recording secretary cast the official vote. The upcoming Holiday Party was also discussed. Please let Arlene know if you are going.

I would like to wish Frank Chabala a speedy recovery after his surgery. We need him back on his feet, he will be needed for the coming Holiday party.

I hope everyone has gotten their reservations in for Memphis. A lot of us missed out on the Marriot but there is a couple of hotels close by, giving the same T Bird rate. Now get your registration in before the activities are sold out.

I hope to see everyone at the Pyrros' meeting in November.

See you all soon.
Pat

NOVEMBER



A few words from Alec

As the season in our area draws to a close, in retrospect it was not the nicest year for old car related outings. Still, there was much to be thankful for 2 conventions to travel to and our club activities to enjoy. It really did rain a lot this year, but like Dodger fans of old used to say "Wait till next year"

I am thankful that I have so many good friends in our club and how we support and help one another through out the year. Looking forward to a great year next year.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

October Meeting

An abbreviated business meeting was held in conjunction with the Fall Cruise

Highlights of the meeting:

The elections for President and CTCI Representative was held. Since both offices were unopposed, a motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast a Yes vote for the nominees for both offices. The Secretary did so.

Wendy asked if 2012 calendars with members cars were wanted. All members said yes. New pictures are due by Oct 31st. Email or snail mail them to her.

Phil & Dorothy thanked everyone for coming. Their son, Andrew, donated a gift and Pat was chosen to receive it. Andrew is a chef at Tiffany's Restaurant in Pequannock.

Pat thanked Dorothy and Phil for setting up the fall excellent fall cruise.. Next meeting November 13th



A Salute To America's Veterans



The Vice President's Message

Weather - except for today (rain of course) it has been pretty good. So far no heat and definitely no air conditioner, windows open and great sleeping at night.

I want to wish Frank Chabala a speedy recovery. He had a back operation last Friday (14th) and came home Sunday. Lets all pray that this operation will allow him to walk and use his legs without pain. I also hope Joanne's mother is feeling better and also Lois' mom. My prayers are with them all.

Joe and I were unable to make the Fall cruise on Sunday. I understand it was a great cruise-good food and also a SHOCK- no rain. It was a nice day, glad everyone had a great time. Thank you Phil & Dorothy for another great cruise.

I cannot believe that almost another year has gone by and it is time for our Christmas party. Saturday, Dec. 3rd at the San Carlo, Lyndhurst, NJ, 5pm. This year we have a bigger room on the main level (no stairs). Last year we had 60 people (biggest one ever) and our room was too small. I would like to see as good a turnout as last year (we only had two members who did not come). So please everyone, try to make it. As in the past, \$100 per couple (1 yr membership paid), \$50.00 for one (1/2 yr. membership paid). Send your checks to Frank Chabala by 11/13 or bring a check to the Pyrros's meeting on 11/13. There will be no refunds and you must pay in advance. \$25.00 grab bag gift if you want to participate.

Once again Pat will be the DJ. If there are any of our members who have some talent that would like to share with us, it will be very exciting. I know we have a few ballroom dancers and also some musical instruments (maybe a singer) and of course our very own chicken dancers. I promise you we will have a good time!!!

I am glad to hear that Walter is back in his home after being flooded out. Our son and his family went home too, but still have no kitchen (good thing there are toaster ovens). At least things are looking better.

The Holidays are fast approaching. Hope everyone has a safe and spooky Halloween. Also have a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. Let us all be thankful for what we have
See you soon, Arlene

Membership News



Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th
 Nick & Adrienne Malanga 11th
 Paul & Sheryl Adamhoff 16th
 Charles & Lisa Musto
 Dominick & Eva Tucci 20th



Linda Herb 1st
 Phil Guidoine 4th
 Izabela Costa 14th
 Aileen Corbett 23rd

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala

FOR SALE

5 BF Goodrich Silverstone bias 7.50x14 tubeless tires. Less than 1000 miles. Asking \$125 for all 5
 4 Kingstar radial tires P215/75Rx14 tubeless tires Asking \$100 for all 4. Less than 1000 miles
 Rims: Sandblasted and primed
 1 14x5 Ford (4.5 pattern) 50's/60's pass. car \$30
 1 14x5 1/2 Ford KH rim. Off 57 wagon or retractable (4.5 pattern) asking \$50
 3 50's Merc 15x5, 5 1/2 bolt pattern (also fits early Ford and 50's/60's pickups) painted blue \$40 ea.
 4 15" beauty rings Asking \$20 each
 2 14x 5 1/2 4.5 bolt pattern Ford rims \$30 ea.

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Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.



Fall Cruise

The fall cruise was excellent. The weather was bright sunshine on a crisp but not cold autumn day. 10 Tbirds answered the call for the cruise. We had 29 attending. The fall foliage had just started turning so the trees gave us some color.

We met at Schooley's Mtn where Phil, Dorothy and their daughter Kim had coffee and donuts ready. Phil and Dorothy had plotted a course through the hills, valleys and small towns of NJ. It included two stops. The first was the Valley Shepherd Creamery where cheese, milk and other products from sheep were made. After a brief stop and a short cruise we went to a local farm which had pumpkins, pies, donuts, apples and other goodies for sale. If you wanted to, you could go pumpkin picking in the pumpkin patch (you know where the Great Pumpkin leaves treats for good little boys and girls). Then it was the last leg of the cruise to our final destination, the Harvest Moon Restaurant in Ringos, NJ where we enjoyed a fine meal (a great rice pudding for dessert). Phil and Dorothy had prizes and names were pulled for the prizes. A brief business meeting was held (see page 2).

Dorothy and Kim dressed up in Halloween costumes and distributed candy to everyone, sort of a reverse Trick or Treat.

Many thanks to Phil, Dorothy and Kim for all the hard work in putting this great cruise together.



I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll
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Club Events

Holiday Party

Make your plans now. It is being held on 12/3 at the San Carlo Restaurant, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst. Time is 5PM (cocktails). A bigger and better room has been booked. We had a blast last year despite a smaller room. Cost if \$50 per person and the same dues deal is on again this year (No dues if a couple attends, half dues for a single). Bring your check to the Nov meeting or send to Frank Chabala by Nov. 13th. Last years' attendance was a record, lets make this one too. There will be great entertainment by the dynamic duo of Pat & Arlene and we will try to get Santa to make an appearance.

Election of Officers

At the abbreviated Oct meeting (see Pg 2), Pat LeStrange was reelected president and Lois Martin was reelected CTCI Representative.

Fall Cruise



some of the locals



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Oct 30 West Nyack, NY 360 W. Nyack Rd (United Water)
Oct 30 Hawthorne-Hawthorne Farmers Mkt, Grand Ave

Nov 5 Egg Harbor Township, Pumpkin Run 353 Zion
Road (Fleming's Auto Parts) (f)

(f)-I have flyer

For additional listings, go to www.njcarshows.com

Fall Cruise



Who are those masked ladies handing out candy?



CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Wycoff - Greenwood Ave (till it peters out)

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Clifton - Rte 46 West The Hearth, 1116 Rte 46W.

11:30 to 3:00 (Between Van Houton Ave & Rte 3)



CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A schedule and registration forms are available online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your plans now and get your Bird ready.

NOTE

The special rate rooms at the host hotel have all been booked. There are additional rooms available but at a higher rate. There are rooms available at other hotels which are close by at the original rate. An email was sent out with the contact information. If you do not have this information please contact the editor of the newsletter.



Lincoln Tech Car Show

A number of our members attended this show which had over 100 cars. John took Peoples Choice with his 56 C.. Y. NJORTC took the Club Participation Award. Joe Matrone took 1st place in his class with his 55 conv. There were a lot of nice cars. A few pics:



When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember the fire department usually uses water.



Tech Tips Storage Hint

This is an idea I have used on many of my old cars over the years. When putting your Tbird up for the winter or for any prolonged storage period, it is easy to make "breathable barriers" for your windows.

If you think insects or rodents might be a threat to your prized vintage TBird's interior, you can quickly fashion a simple barrier to allow the top two inches of your windows to remain open for restricted ventilation yet provide reasonably effective protection for your car.

Simply roll up a narrow length of rabbit wire into a tube shape, approximately two to three inches in diameter, then curl back any sharp barbs on one end. Then measure and cut the other end to fit snugly across the top of your windows.

A bit of "bending the wire fabric to fit" will be required; you don't want it to crimp the windlace on your top. Do NOT roll your windows up too snugly. Be sure all wire barbs have been bent back with needle nosed pliers to avoid damaging cloth and bright metal surfaces.

Now place some clean rags or old socks around each end to further prevent scratching. Then roll some old towels or other cloth around these wire tubes. Some additional towel material can be used to close any space remaining open at the back edge of your windows.

You are now ready to roll your windows up against your new pair of breathable tube shaped barriers. This "quick fix" is effective for both hard and soft tops and is very inexpensive. You can even insert a few moth balls inside the wire tubes for extra protection.

From the Early Bird, Gary Minkin

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

More Fall Cruise



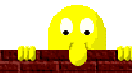
Farmer Paul



Coffee & Donuts



More locals? - looks like Alpacas from South America



First stop - the sheep creamery



Last stop - Dinner time

More Fall Cruise



Sorry about the bad pics, must be the camera!!!



Don't you dare put a hex on me!!!

Quiz

He asked "Why's everybody always picking on me?"

Who was he?

- a. Bad, Bad Leroy Brown
- b. Charlie Brown
- c. Buster Brown

Email me your answer

More Lincoln Tech Show

