

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



The Thunder Heard

September 2012

Autumn Is In The Air

2012 Meeting Schedule

Sept. 23	Paul & Pauline Schroll
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October 6	50's Dance
October	Fall Cruise
November	Mike & Wendy Meehan
December 1	Holiday Party

The September meeting will be on Sept 23rd at 3 PM and will be hosted by Paul & Pauline Schroll RSVP 201-652-7027 or ptschroll@aol.com See "Club Events" for meeting 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



I would like to thank all the members that traveled to Memphis. Some went by TBird, some regular cars, some pulled trailers and some flew in. Special Thanks to Paul Schroll for being wagon master, Shelly Belli for arranging the hotels going and coming. And to Joanne Seiler, Wendy Meehan and Paul Schroll for taking several thousand pictures to document the trip (I hope to put together in a DVD). Congratulations to all the reward winners .

We had a great time on the trip. We were treated like stars every where we went.

As Region 1 Director, I got the chance to meet several people for Region 1. It was really nice to meet Jim Leporati , President of the Garden State Thunderbird Club. I hope to visit one of their meetings soon.

See you at the next meeting

Pat LeStrange.

Special Memphis Issue Coming Soon
Watch for it in your email.



Autumn Starts Sept 22nd

SEPTEMBER



A few Words From Alec

Well, the much anticipated convention in Memphis has come and gone -from everything I 've heard from our club members that were there it was a great show. Our club was well represented by 9 members driving their cars and 4 members trailering. Almost all won one award or another continuing our tradition of giving a good account of ourselves and our little Birds.

Everyone is now home safe and sound and looking forward to next year.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

August Meeting

The August meeting was actually the picnic. There was a short business meeting, but no substantive matters were discussed.

Picnic



Vice President's Message

Hi Everyone

Weather - Hot and Humid. Memphis, TN-hot and humid!! (C'mon Arlene, Memphis not that bad-ED)

Between the heat, humidity and rain it has a short summer with getting our little Birds out. Before you know it, we will be putting them away for the winter. UGH! Sooo hopefully we will get plenty of use out of them in the Fall.

I hope that all our members who have been under the weather are starting to feel better.

Now that the International Convention is over, we have to get working on the 50's Dance which is Saturday, Oct. 6th. Please get out there and sell tickets. I know it is going to be a great night. After the dance, on Oct. 14th is our annual Fall cruise. Let Phil Guidone know you are going. Cost \$38.10 per person

Now to talk about the convention. First of all, I would like to thank Paul Schroll for doing a great job mapping the trip out. As for our group he was a great leader, as I am sure Rich Martin was as good leading his group. Thank you Shelly for selecting the motels coming and going.

As far as the convention in Memphis, it was the best convention I attended. I know we all had a GREAT time. The first night that we were there we went to Beale St. There were a few people on the street and not exciting as I thought it would be, but as the week went on I ended up liking it. All I know that on Saturday the Thunderbirds went to Beale St. and boy it certainly was Birds on Beale Street. It was truly amazing.

Graceland was fantastic. I just loved it. On Saturday the touring class went to Graceland and I believe four of our TBirds had their pictures taken in front of the house (that must have been a great feeling). Sun Studios was cool and I stood on the X where Elvis stood and also held the microphone he sang with(I was sooo thrilled, I was in seventh heaven). We were lucky that we were able to go on the Mississippi Riverboat dinner cruise, because the river had very little water - when we docked, we docked in MUD.

The one thing we all had to do was go to the Peabody Hotel to see the famous DUCKS.

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Membership News

Anniversary

Bill & Martha Downing 9th
John & Sandra Pyrros 19th



Ken Herb 5th
Mike Meehan 11th
Frank Chabala 15th
Ron Case 17th
Walt Strohmaier 29th



Frank Chabala
Lucille Chabala
Eva Tucci

FOR SALE

55-57 Convertible Top

Black canvas replacement convertible top for 55-57. Purchased new for \$2,500 from Prestige Thunderbird. Placed on car only twice for photo shoots. Never weathered the elements. Asking 2,000. Call Tom at 973-464-3093. (Pics available, email Paul Schroll)

55 TBird

Frame off restoration, black with black/white interior. Soft and porthole tops. Top caddy. Radial tires, skirts. 12 Volt. Power seat, manual brakes and steering. Three speed trans. Asking \$35,000. Call Frank Gloss, 845-986-2030

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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.



Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you will never get a busy signal and someone will always answer.

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will itch

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.
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Club Events

September Meeting Location

The September meeting will be held at the Paddington Square Club House (Chad's Barn Court), Airmont Road to Masonicus Road, Mahwah, NJ. Be sure to RSVP Paul Schroll

Fall Cruise

Phil has set the date for October 14th. Make sure you keep this day open. See the last page for all the information

50's Dance

As you know this is on October 6th. Tickets are printed and ready. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer. Make copies and get them to your friends and acquaintances ,, and get them to buy the tickets. Pat has the tickets. Make sure you get one for yourself.

Preliminary 2012 Schedule

Sept - Warwick, NJ Drive In movie ?
 October 14 - Fall cruise
 October 6 - 50's dance
 December 1 - Holiday party

Special Edition

I am planning a special edition for Memphis coverage. Look for it soon.

For now I will say it was super. The activities were great and well planned. The tour of over a hundred TBirds to Graceland and to Beale Street was a sight to behold, as well as 200 TBirds under the lights indoors in the arena.

The trip (two and 1/2 days) by our cars made it with only a few glitches which were easily fixed.

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

It was something to see when the DUCKS walked the red carpet. I could keep going on and on about the convention, but this article is long enough.

I want to say Thank You to the Memphis Thunderbird Club for doing a fantastic, top notch job. Also thank you to our ladies who helped out in the hospitality room. All the TBirds (225 of them) looked great in the convention hall. Also congratulations for all the awards our club members received on their cars and our newsletter. Keep up the great job, Paul and Alec. Thanks again to all.

See you soon, Arlene

Cruise Nights

Monday

Rochelle Park 375 West Passiac St (Mr Cupcakes)

1st Monday of the month

Saddlebrook-427 Market St. (Advance Auto)

Tuesday

Wayne-Wendy's-Rte 23 North

Carlsadt-645 Washington (The Grasshopper)

Clifton, Ruts Hut

North Bergen-2849 Kennedy Rd. (Sonic Drive IN)

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Englewood-412 South Van Brunt St (4 West Diner)

Wayne - Rte 23 West (Wendy's)

Thursday

E. Rutherford-Cheeburger/Cheeburger Rte 17 SO

Emerson-Emerson Shopping Center,
Kinderkermack Rd.

Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's and Wendy's
Shopping Ctr.

Wayne- Rte 23 West (Kohl's)

Friday

Midland Park Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)

Elmwood Park-Legion Place (Am. Legion Post 147)

Boonton-Wooten St. (Wal-Mart shopping Ctr)

Saturday

Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St. (Whiskey Cafe)

Like Cruising? How about an ocean cruise? In February '13 there is an ocean cruise with old cars as the theme. It's the Classic Car Cruise. See info at <http://www.classiccarcruise.com>



Holy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Car Shows-Swap Meets

9/7 Ridgewood-Main Street - Start 5PM F

9/9-Ridgefield Park-Spruce & Cedar Sts-Elks Lodge F

9/9-Fair Lawn-Memorial Pool Parking lot

9/9-Edgewater-Edgewater Commons, River Road F

9/15-Ringwood- 112 Erskine Rd (St Catherine Church)F

9/16-Butler-Rte 23 Automall Rte 23 S All Ford Show F

9/23-Paramus-Paramus Elks 200 Rte 17 N. F

9/23-Pearl River, NY Central Ave Field F

9/29-Lincoln Park-60 Chapel Hill Rd. Ist Reformed Church

10/3-Wayne-WM Patterson Univ. 300 Pompton Rd.

10/7-Wantage-Wantage Municipal Bldg 888 Rte 23 N,
Sussex F

10/7-Lyndhurst-Whiskey Cafe 1050 Wall St. F

I have flyers on some of these (F)

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
www.newjerseycarshows.com (reactivated)



For those who like food, 9/18 is National Cheesburger Day and the 19th is National Butterscotch Day. So enjoy.

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

Trivia Quiz

What was first used in thermometers, before mercury?

First with the correct answer gets a prize.

Tech Tips

The Do's and Don'ts of Car Washing

(Part 2 - Cont'd from last month)

DON'T-Use a household detergent to wash your car . This is one of the most common mistakes. Dish soap, laundry soap and household cleaners are often too harsh to use on a car's paint. They can strip off the protective wax coating and possibly the paint's finish. A dedicated car wash formula is formulated with a milder soap that doesn't affect the protective coating.

DO-Wash the vehicle in sections. Wash and rinse one area at a time. This will help prevent the sudsy water from drying on the paint before you can rinse it off.

DON'T-Use abrasive material on the paint. Whether washing or drying, never use a cloth or other material with a surface that can leave hairline scratches. A large sponge works well, or many professional detailers prefer to use lamb's will mitt. The thick nap of the lamb's wool allows loose particles to be worked up into the wool rather than remaining on the surface. Whichever you use, apply plenty of suds to help keep the paint surface well lubricated.

DO-Rinse out the sponge or mitt often. It's preferable to use separate buckets for suds and rinse water, which keeps dirt from getting mixed into the sudsy wash water. Squeeze the sponge/mitt out in the rinse water and then dip it into the soap bucket for a fresh batch of suds.

DON'T- Continue to use a sponge/mitt that's been dropped onto the ground. It could instantly pick up large particles of dirt that, although you may not see them, could scratch the paint.

DO-Use a bug and tar remover to finish the job. Mild car wash formulas often aren't tough enough to remove road tar, grease or similar residues.

from the Early Bird



Trivia Question Winner

Dorothy Dobres was the first to come up with the correct answer. The meaning of the Heliotrope Plant was eternal love or devotion. Lorri Matrone was the second one with the correct answer





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2012 ANNUAL Fall Cruise

Phil and Dorothy found a NEW DIRECTION for this year's cruise! This fall, we will travel to the beautiful SMOKE RISE VILLAGE INN in Kinnellon , NJ!

Smoke Rise Village Inn is nestled in the scenic community of Kinnelon, located on Northern NJ. The inn has been offering fine cuisines and exceptional service for 65 years. Its historic stone building, once a farming structure, dates back to 1892. Following years of a thriving dairy business, the building was developed into a restaurant in 1947 - created to serve as the social hub of its small community. A perfect charming place to visit, we hope you will join us for a delicious buffet brunch prepared by Executive Chef George Tavolara.

At the present time, we are in the process of planning our route so stay tuned! Our expected time of arrival is 12:45pm at the Inn.

We will need a minimum of thirty (35) people to attend. Typically, this is our usual number.

The price is \$38.10 per person, all inclusive. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1st and we will need your check at that time, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C. send to our address. There will, of course, be some prizes and games...and possibly another special Halloween guest.

We will meet at SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN PARK (same location as our picnic) at 10.00 am. Address for the park is EAST SPRINGTON ROAD, LONG VALLEY. Coffee, donuts, etc will be provided. Please note this is a rain or shine event, and hopefully shine, so let's get those T-Birds out! We are a show stopper every year with out multi-color T-Birds lined up.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. A spectacular drive through the fall foliage, along with good food and friends promises a memorable day.

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