

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



The Thunder Heard

March 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule

March 15	Joe Matrone
March 29	Harolds
April 19	Vince Ucci
April 5	Tune Up Clinic
April 26	Spring Cruise
May	Joe Kubat
June	Bruce Corbett
July	
August	Picnic
September	Steve Handy
October	Rich iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

The March meeting is on 3/15. Joe & Lorri Matrone are the hosts.

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



Joanne and I just got back from the CTCI Board meeting in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The board re-elected Bob Witt as President, VP is now Jim Rodgers, Treasurer is John Kledis.

I will be sending out a more detailed summary by e-mail (lestrange@njortc.org) as soon as I can. Things could have gone a lot smoother and I did not agree to a lot of the changes.. Please be aware your CTCI voting rights are in jeopardy. At this point (possible changes coming) you will not be allowed to vote in a CTCI election unless you have an E-Mail address. No paper ballots will be sent out!

Our Sweetheart brunch had a very good attendance at McLoone's Boat House, 2nd year and 3 event there. Thank you to Lucille Chabala and Julie Ann Morrison for chairing, Good job. The pictures are on the web site. Hoping to have a good turnout for Harold's.

At our last meeting we reviewed a few By-Law changes, we will vote for the changes at the March meeting.

Our membership numbers are holding steady, some have left and some new have joined.

See you at Harold's and the club meeting

Pat LeStrange



Spring Equinox - March 19

January/February Meeting

The host for the meeting were Paul & Pauline. The weather was good, but all the Birds have gone south as some of the owners have done. There was a very good turnout and the food was good.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The reading of the last meeting minutes were waived

The minutes from the Board Meeting were read.

Lucille reported that those ill members were sent get well cards.

Toni reported the the new CTCI website has been upgraded and the roster is up and working well. (NOT AS FAR AS I CAN SEE).

Pat stated that he has made some changes to the website, roster updated and is now on the website. The Club Store has been revamped

The agreement with Delizia's has been changed. Pat said that that there is a \$250 minimum (any food purchase offsets this). As it has been noted before, it is not mandatory that we use Delizia's for a meeting.

Joanne mentioned that friend who was elected as Morris Cty Surrogate gives talks on probate, wills, trusts, estate planning and guardianship. (Note-she is planning to make a short talk at the next meeting).

The upcoming Sweetheart brunch was discussed

Pat spoke about the changes the Board made to the BY-Laws. Voting on the changes will take place next (March) meeting. Changes to be shown on the website.

NOTE- anyone who wants a copy of the changes/additions/deletions to the By-Laws contact me and I will send you a copy of them. Changes will be voted at the March meeting Paul.

Computer Tip

When visiting a site, is the type starting to get too small? To enlarge, press Control and the + key. Pressing Control and - makes the type smaller



Vice President's Message



As of now we have been pretty lucky with just a little snow this winter, but they say it's never over until the fat lady sings, ugh!!! We could use a little more sunshine though.

Hope all you snow birds are having a great time in Florida. Miss you guys. Joanne and Pat are in Tennessee attending the annual CTCI Board meeting. They ran into snow driving there. They are there safe and hope their travels home are safe.

Special prayers for Wendy. She is now bedridden. Please send her cards to let her know we are thinking of her. Also special prayers for Joanne. She has been taken off chemo, it is no longer working tumors on liver are getting bigger. The Doctor is going to try to new medications that will stop tumors from growing. All other vitals are good, which is a good thing. As we know Joanne is a fighter and a very strong lady, she will get through this.

Dorothy is getting stronger everyday. Pretty soon she will be back to hiking. Mel Ramos is doing ok after heart procedure. Bill Jesse is walking around really great after hip replacement. Hope everyone else is do

On February 9th we went to McLoons Boat House in West Orange for our annual Sweetheart brunch. We had 30 members attend. Food was good, good friends. Candy lips and kisses on tables, roses given out to women from Pat and men received lottery tickets. The only winner I know of was Walter, he won a big \$5.00. Joanne also raffled off a big big candy kiss. Theresa Perrillo won. Hope she enjoyed it. Thank you Lucille and Julie Anne for chairing this event. Fantastic as usual.

Sunday, March 29th will be our annual trip to Harold's Deli, Edison. This event is hosted by Toni and Bob Sabino. Just let Toni know if you are going so she can make reservations.

Suzanne and George Gayet will be hosting our spring cruise. More details to follow.

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Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Pat Selby 12th
Bruce & Eileen Corbett 30th

Happy Birthday

Vince Ucci 1st
Joanne Seiler 5th
Bruce Daily 8th
Joyce Santimauro 29th

**GET WELL
SON!**

Wendy Meehan
Joanne Seiler
Dorothy Guidone
Jan/Feb Meeting



Don't forget to....



Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings Time starts March 8th

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CTCI International Convention 2020

The 2020 convention will be held in Sarasota FL on May 4 - 9 . Hotel is the Hyatt Regency. Now taking reservations. Direct telephone # 941-953-1234. Make your reservations early. **Registration form is ready. Submit your registrations now as events are being filled up.**

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

Club Announcements

March Meeting

This meeting will be on **March 15**, hosted by Joe & Lorri Matrone. It will be at Delizia's at **1:45 P.M.** There will be a guest speaker, Heather Darling, the Morris County Surrogate about Wills, Probate, etc. Be sure to RSVP, including regrets.

Harolds Deli

Bring your appetite. Harold's is **March 29th**. Toni Sabino is arranging. **1 PM** seating, you must be there by **12:45**. Address is 1173 King Georges Post Rd., Edison, NJ. Contact Toni if you are going. Pay as you go

April Meeting

This meeting will be on **April 19th**, host Vince Ucci and Sandra. Details to follow.

Tune Up Clinic

April 5th at Rich and Lois Martin's house. Tune up Clinic only, no meeting. Please notify Rich if you want to do some work on your car. Be sure to bring any parts you will need, including oil and any other liquids. Starts at **8:30 AM**. Coffee will be available. Notify either Rich or Lois if you will be attending. Ladies welcome to chat and learn about engines.

Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise is scheduled for **April 26th**, hosted by Sue Gayet. Keep the date open. Additional details to be announced

Maple Syrup Festival

March 7 - Middletown NY. Activities, wine, beer and a talk about maple syrup. Meeting at Delizia's at **12 (noon)** Contact Joanne if going. Arranged by Suzanne and George Gayet. A fun afternoon. \$5.00 Charge



Happy Purim March 9 and 10

Thanks to Joanne for some of the pictures

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

Car Shows-Swap Meets

4/19 East Hanover -Neilson Dodge 175 Rte 10 East

Anyone with info on cruise nights or car shows please send the information to me

Jan/Feb Meeting





FOR SALE

1957 TBird

Red, white interior. Automatic, wire wheels, wide whites \$34,000. Harry Arnold, 813-419-4683 (FLA) Pic available

2002 TBird

Red, 140K Good condition \$7,000 631-513-0964 (FLA/NY?) Pic Available

Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

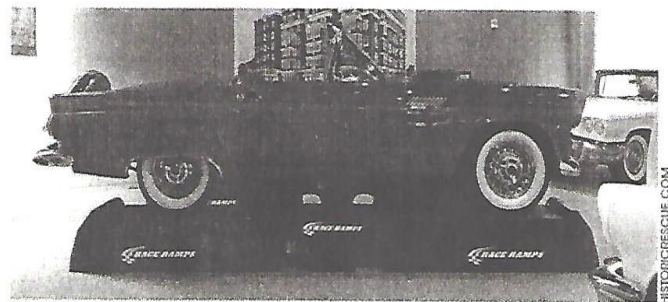
1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K \$13,000

1976 Triumph TR 6. Yellow, fully restored, all original \$26,000 or offer

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,995. Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

Thunderbirds

For sale: several 55 and 57 west coast nice project cars from my private collection including several 57 D and E code cars. Reducing collection of nonrestored cars. Call Adrian 570-709-0823



Thunderbird Nesting

AMERICA ON WHEELS MUSEUM IS HOSTING A THUNDERBIRD EXHIBIT CALLED "FEEL the Thunder" through April 2020. The exhibit will feature all Thunderbird models, from 1955 to 2002. Included is a 1955 black model with white vinyl top, a national award-winning '57 D-code, and a '61 "Bullet 'Bird" convertible. These are just a few of the Thunderbirds that will grace the museum located in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Visit www.americaonwheels.org for more information.

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

Sunday, March 15th is our monthly meeting hosted by Joe and Lori Matrone. The meeting will start at 1:45 because Joanne and Pat have a speaker coming to speak for about a half hour on wills, etc, she is supposed to be very good. Please try to make this meeting, it should be very interesting.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all. May the luck of the Irish be with you.

See you soon, Arlene

Sweetheart Brunch

Thank you for joining us once again for our umpteenth annual Sweetheart Brunch! Our celebration was held on February 9, 2020 at McLoone's Boathouse amidst the South Mountain Reservation Complex. This year we had our very own area overlooking the banks of the reservoir and walking paths. It was a wonderful view as the sun shown for most of the day. We feasted on breakfast foods, salads, and lunch food. We had the choice of choosing from the waffle and omelet station, meats from the carving station and the raw bar of shrimp, clams and oysters. No meal would be complete without a dash of sweetness as we enjoyed various baked goods and pastries. This year the men presented the roses to their significant others. We are glad to say that all of the ladies accepted! Couples pictures were taken by Joanne. As couples returned to their seats the gentleman were given lottery tickets and the ladies got a frame. Old fashioned candy hearts, chocolate kisses and lips adorned the tables for each couple to take. A bigger Hersey's kiss was raffled off and Theresa Parrillo was our big winner! We hope she shared that with Mike. We thank Lucille for being our hostess again this year. We look forward to next year! Will you be there to accept your rose???

Julie
There was 33 attendees at McLoone's Boathouse. No kisses, Me Too?



Ford History in March

3/31/1932 The Ford V8 was publicly unveiled
3/13/1958 The 50 millionth Ford, a Tbird, was built





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



Plant A Tree

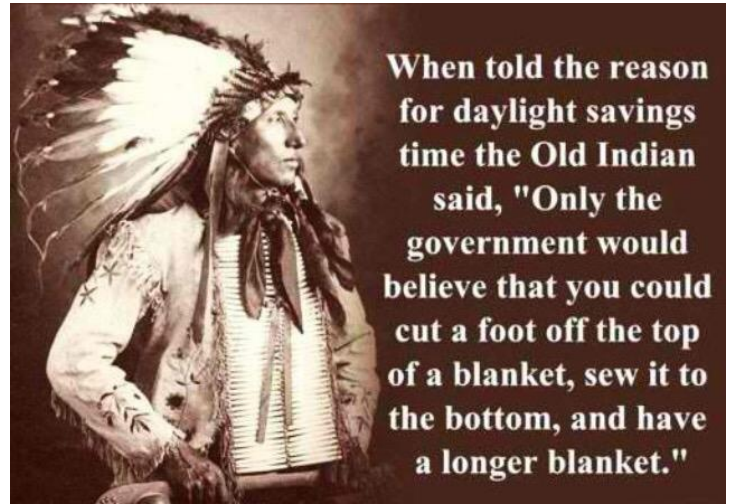




Greetings from the snow birds

Point to Ponder

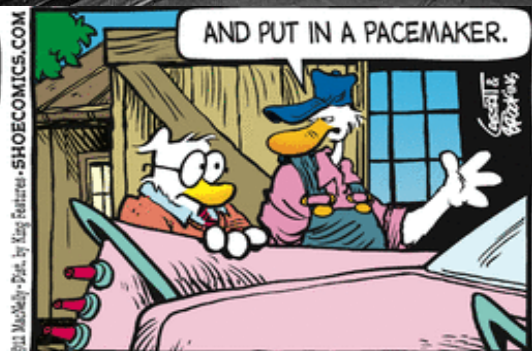
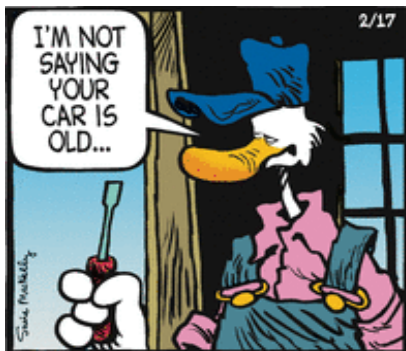
Why do you have to "put your two cents in" -
but it's only a "penny for your thoughts:?"
Where is that extra penny going - taxes???



Tech Tips

Timing with a Vacuum gauge

1. Adjust carb to obtain the smoothest idle at the factory suggested RPM by adjusting the air/fuel mixture.
2. Attach vacuum gauge to a vacuum source.
3. Adjust timing to obtain the highest vacuum reading at idle
4. Go back and readjust carb if necessary (step 1)
5. Adjust (reduce) timing to decrease vacuum by 1 or 2 inches of mercury on the vacuum gauge.
6. Road test to see that you get no more than a slight ping on hard acceleration in high gear.
7. If it pings too much, reduce timing by small increments until you get no more than a slight ping when accelerating hard in high gear.





Who wants to eat???

We're going to ...



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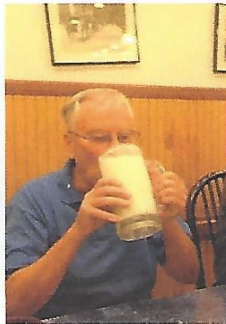
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*We're going to our NJORTC Annual Harold's Lunch
guaranteed to fill you up*

*Sunday March 29th 2020 arrive **by 12:45 pm for 1pm** seating
Reservations required.*

*Please contact **Toni Sabino** tonisabino@yahoo.com
and let her know who's coming.*

No advanced payment we pay as we go.



*Don't I wouldn't even
think about it if I
were you....
I'm not sharing!*





TUNE-UP CLINIC



SUNDAY April 5th 2020 AT 8:30 AM
RICH & LOIS MARTIN'S HOME
SPRING TUNE UP'S, BRAKES,
OIL CHANGES, ECT



*BIG PROJECTS CALL RICH AHEAD OF TIME

Guys come watch, help, work, learn!

Some of you will be driving to Sarasota FL!



NO MEETING THIS TIME AROUND!!!!

LOIS WILL HAVE BAGLES & COFFEE IN THE MORNING
LADIES ARE WELCOME TO COME HANG OUT CHAT AND WATCH
THE GUYS WORK. PLEASE JUST LET LOIS KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING



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