



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

May 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule

June	Bruce Corbett
July	Tom Mirro
August 16	Picnic
September	Steve Handy
October	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

No meetings are scheduled at this time

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 hope everyone is getting through this Covid 19 OK. Thankfully, I have not heard of any club members who have gotten sick. Hopes and prayers that it stays that way.

I know several people have taken their cars out for a drive, which I think can always cheer you up. Joanne and I went for a ride through Branch Brook park to see the cherry blossoms, but in Joanne's car. I did see that the Cops and Rodders car club had a ride a couple of weeks ago with quite a few cars (Ron Case was one). I guess most of us are just cleaning and fixing things on our T Birds. Maybe you should at least take your car out and fill it with fresh gas at the low gas prices.

Joanne and I received our club clothing from MVP Team gear. They mailed everyone their orders. We are very happy with ours and I hope everyone else is too.

I had sent out e mails of the CTCI minutes to all Region 1 CTCI members and will continue to keep everyone up to date. The CTCI board has put restrictions on what can be shared. Not sure why, but I will keep sharing until they kick me off the Board. Please do not think that when you read of a motion being passed, it was a unanimous vote , most times it is not.

All NJORTC activities and meetings are still on hold. But keep the faith, I am sure we will have a busy summer. If there is anything club stuff on your mind, please e-mail me and I will have our Board address it and get back to you. I have considered Zoom meetings but not sure if we need it or if everyone can use it. Now may be a good time to go to the web site and reminisce over all the past activities on the photo album link. You can also look through newsletters going back to 2005. There is also a video page with interesting Thunderbird and NJ videos. There is a lot

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President's Message (from Page 1)

more on other pages on the site. If you need the password for the member section, send me an e-mail, text or call.

I had a little good news. I had prepaid non-refundable rooms for the trip to and from Sarasota and figured I would lose that money after the Convention was canceled. I received e-mails on 4 /25 that they will refund my money after all, although it will take 30 days.

Please stay safe, strong and healthy and pray suffering from Covid 19 as well as other illnesses and injuries for our members and their families, who are suffering from Covid 19 as well as other illnesses and injuries

Pat LeStrange

Club Announcements

ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY ARE CANCELED



Families are like fudge - mostly sweet, with a few nuts



Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone



Vice President's Message



Hello my Tbird friends. I hope you are all well and staying safe. I know you are all staying in your house for your own safety, plus there is nowhere to go. Please stay healthy. Wear your mask and keep social distancing.

I have not heard of any new injuries or illnesses in our Club. This is a good thing. I personally know a few people that have passed away due to the Coronavirus and that have also tested positive. So it's good news that we are staying healthy thank god.

I want to thank Bill Downing for the Picnic Trivia. Joe and myself enjoy playing the game in the morning. But we really never know the song, we stink!!!

Hope that everyone who ordered clothing from our online store received their order and were pleased with your order. I know I was very pleased.

Joe has officially retired after 53 years of driving a tractor trailer. I am so happy to have him by my side 24/7:):):)

I hope that with some of the nice days we have had you were able to get your birds out for a nice drive. Mike Meehan has taken George (that's the name of his Tbird) out for a couple of drives. Joanne and Pat took a drive through Branchburg Park to look at the Cherry Blossoms. Ron Case was seen by my daughter, on one of her group chats, out with his car in a caravan. Get your cars out there and just drive.

Unfortunately, I do not know when the next meeting or event will be. I just wonder if anything will ever be the same. Joanne will keep us updated on meetings.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms and Grandmas. Hope we will be able to see our kids and grandkids.

Let's pray that we get through this virus and pray for all medical workers, all workers that are essential. Please stay healthy. Miss you guys.

Hope to see you all soon Arlene

The best place to be when your sad is Grandmother's lap

Membership News



Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Sweet Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd

Tom Mirro 3rd

Pat Le Strange 7th

Jayne Braun 7th

Lisa Musto 8th

Gene Szura 13th

Bob Sabino 22nd

Theresa Perillo 22nd

Mark Santimauro 30th



Joanne Seiler

Dorothy Guidone

Carmen Ramos

FOR SALE

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.

Deck lid lock cylinder with keys

Pad - deck lid lock cylinder 55/56

Set of 4 original 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips

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.

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**Memorial
Day**

*Never Forget
Ever Honor*

Some Members working on their Cars



Aren't these shows fun!!!

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

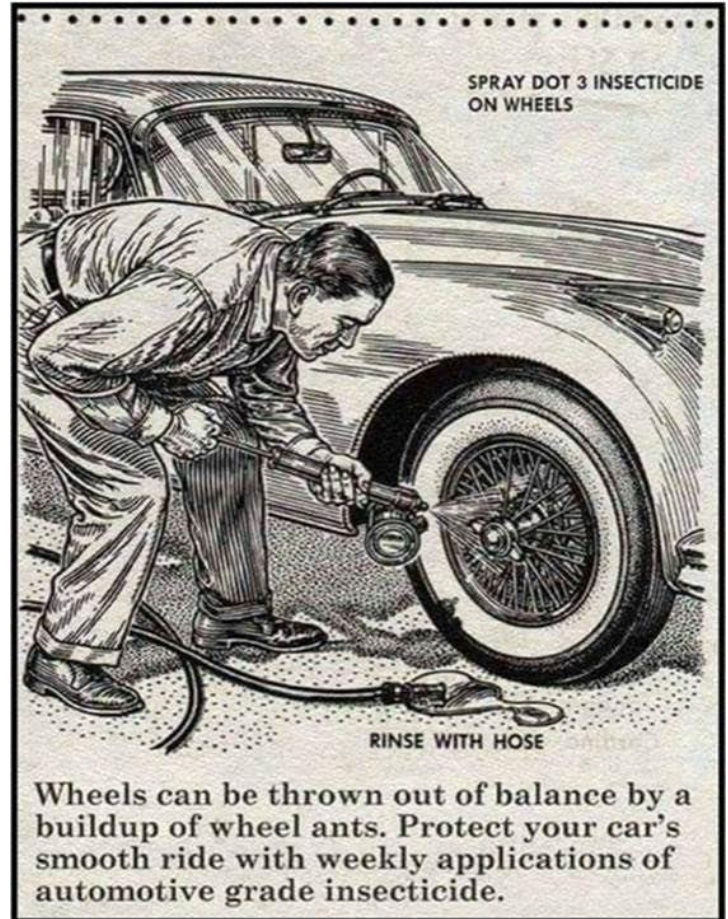
Clifton - Rutt's Hut

Saturday

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

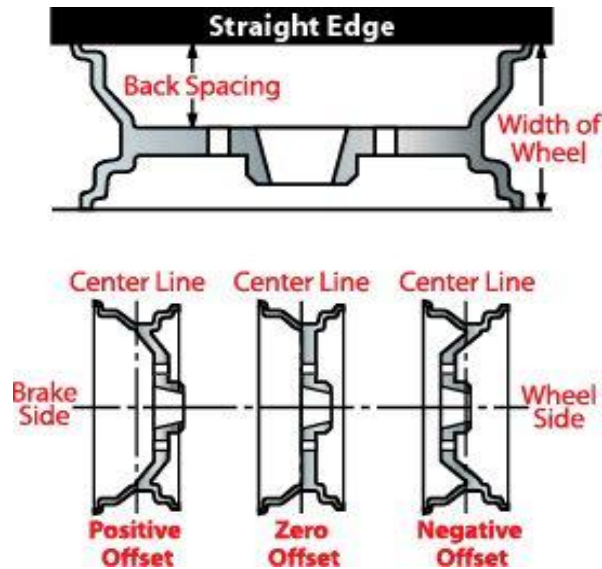
Car Shows-Swap Meets

I don't know if the above places are still open



My mothers 31 Model A. She said her and her sister drove this from Mass. to Wash. D.C. back in the early/mid 30's. ED

Tech Tip
Everything you wanted to know about wheels



NOT SHOWN IS THE INSIDE RIM WIDTH. IT IS MEASURED FROM INSIDE FLANGE TO INSIDE FLANGE AND IS THE USUAL MEASUREMENT WHEN REFERRING TO A WHEEL SUCH AS A 5 INCH RIM

Also in May

- 1899 The first speeding ticket (12 mph) was issued - NYC taxi driver
- 1933 Eastchester Township, NY was the first to install radios in their police cars
- May 8th, 1945 - President Truman announced the German surrender

THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION DAY (From CTCI)

****Over four million Thunderbirds were produced but they are still a rare sight on our roads. Join other Thunderbird owners around the world as members of the Classic Thunderbird Club International and Vintage Thunderbird Club International celebrate these iconic cars.**

Any place you go, people will want to talk about your Thunderbird. Thunderbird Appreciation Day is the day to show other folks that they can be part of the Thunderbird family. Share some photographs of you and your Thunderbird with Early Bird magazine, various clubs and Facebook group pages.

Ford History in May

- 5/3/1945 Ford built its 31 millionth vehicle
a 1/2 ton pickup
- 5/17/1920 River Rouge, the Ford integrated
plant, officially opened
- Iron ore in one end, a finished auto out the
other end

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



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AAA BACK IN THE DAY

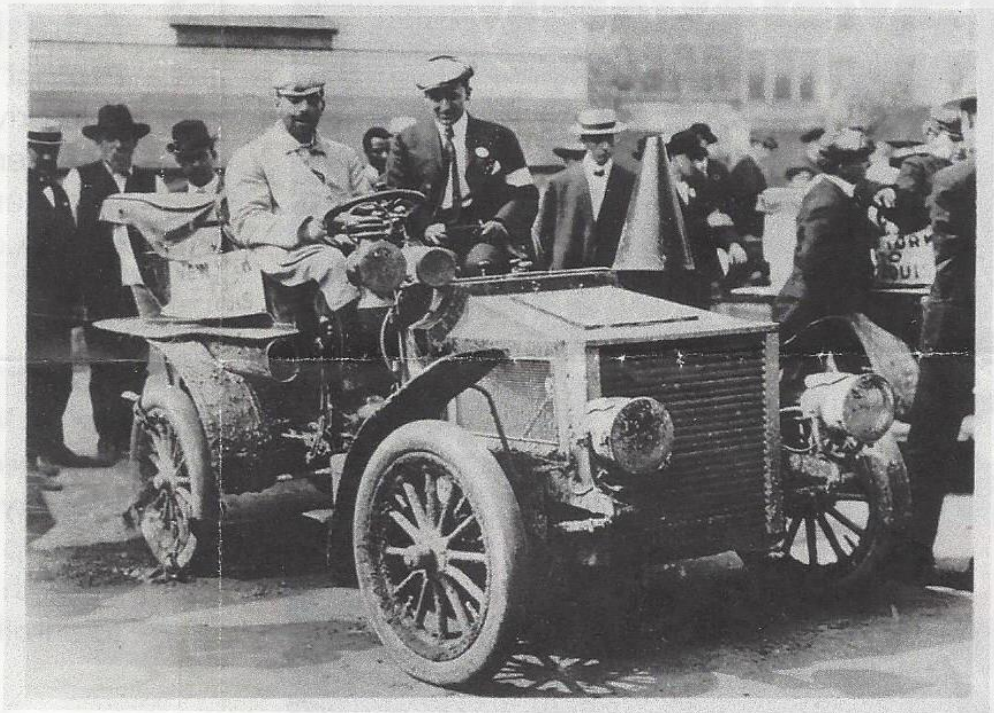
Post-Production

AAA FOUNDER Augustus Post led a life made for the movies. An auto racer, airplane pilot, balloonist and all-around adventurer, Post was a legend of the early 20th century. Yet only now have his exploits made it to film.

"The Unforgettable Augustus Post," was named the Best Documentary in the short film category at last year's Chelsea Film Festival in New York.

A transportation pioneer, Post bought his first car at a motorcycle rally in 1898. He was an ardent supporter of the Good Roads movement, which culminated in 1913 with the opening of the Lincoln Highway from New York to San Francisco.

In 1904, Post helped launch an auto race from New York to St. Louis, Mo., which became an annual event known as the Glidden Tours. He was the first person to drive a car in New York City, and also received



its first speeding ticket. (He was going 5 mph in Central Park.). He held the distinction for being the 13th person in the United States to successfully fly a plane.

Post (pictured above, left) helped promote auto clubs (and

airplane clubs) across the country and oversaw the creation of AAA, serving as its first chairman.

A true Renaissance man, Post also appeared as a Broadway actor, wrote books, poems and a libretto for an opera.

Watch the film trailer and find more AAA history pieces. AAA.com/Flashback

Thanks to Donna

Heard a Dr. on TV saying in this time of staying at home

we should focus on inner peace. To achieve this we should always

finish things we start and we all could use more calm in our lives.

I looked through my house to find things I'd started and hadn't

finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of

Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of

Valiumun scriptuns, and a box of chocletz.

Yu haf no idr how feckin fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all who

need inner pece. An telum u luvum. And two hash yer wands, stafe day avrybobby!!!



Grille Plaques - Any one need one?