

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



The Thunder Heard

April 2016

2016 Meeting Schedule

April 17	Bob & Toni Sabino
April 23	50's Dance
May 22	Vince Ucci & Julia
May	Spring Cruise
June	Tune Up Clinic
June	Bruce & Eileen Corbett
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
August 14	Picnic
Sept	Henry & Judy Semmler
October	Don Dobres
October 16	Fall Cruise

The March meeting will be hosted by Rob & Toni Sabino on April 17th at 2PM. RSVP 201-366-4368 or ptschroll@verion.net See Page 4 for details

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



Spring is here, time to get our T Birds ready to go. It is getting close to Cherry Blossom time in Branch Brook Park, Newark. If you type this link,

http://108.58.154.186/view/viewer_index.shtml?id=1145

in your browser you will see a live video feed of the park so you will know when the blossoms are in bloom

Our Harold's deli trip was a big success again, Thank you Sandy for the arrangements, If you go to our web site you will see the pictures on the picture page also check out the Valentine day pictures.

In the next couple of months you will see a major change of the web site. Web Builder, which is the program we use, is discontinuing our old platform and we must upgrade to the new version. It should be better and easier to use.

Our next big event is the dance. **PLEASE get out and sell some tickets**, This is one of our major fund raisers and not selling tickets will ripple through all our club activities. A few members have only purchased tickets for themselves and a guest, This is good but we cannot fill the hall and make a profit at that rate. If you could just reach out to one other non-member couple we could double our intake. We only have a couple of weeks left! After the dance we will be coming up on our spring cruise, which this year will be a real cruise on Lake Hopatcong. It will include a brunch and narrative history of the lake and the prominent people who have live around it. All the info on this and other upcoming events are on the Events Calendar page of the web site,

Our convention plans are moving along. We had a meeting with Phil, Rich, Lois, Mike, Wendy, Joanne and myself, to further tweek the hotel contract as well as plans to send out proposals to other hotels. I will be starting a convention update page on the web site, as soon as I get the new format in place.

This is our club and is like a family. We need everyone to support all our events in whatever way you can, to make it strong and fun

Thank You, Pat LeStrange





A few Words From Alec

I hope that the little snow we had recently was Winter's last gasp and we can move on to get our TBirds prepped for the coming season.

We had a meeting hosted by Paul & Pauline - lots of discussion about the upcoming convention in 2017. I hope to hear from all members on this topic pro and con. It will be difficult to top the convention that our club hosted in 2007. Let's hear your take on this matter. Come to the meetings and listen to what it takes to run a car show this large with visitors from around the country .

Happy motoring, Alec

March Meeting

This meeting was hosted by Paul & Pauline Schroll Despite the threat of snow on the first day of spring, there was a very good turnout. Food was good and it was a nice get together.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last business meeting were read and accepted (after revisions) as was the Treasurers Report.

Joanne reported on the Spring Cruise -now a boat trip/buffet lunch on Lake Hopatcong will be on May 15th. Add'l information to follow.

Joe Kubat gave amounts for bus fare and for the action. See attached flyer for full info..

Lois reported that the Tune Up Clinic will be in June, date not yet determined

Pat said he was contacted by Jerry of the Pitt Birds who invited us to the show/antique race on July 16-17 in Pittsburgh.

Sandy reported on the Harold's Deli outing.

Pat gave information on the plans for a possible CTCI convention and that he will be meeting with various members to go over contracts and other issues. Slogans and trips for the convention were suggested.

Lois reported on the car themed cruise a few members went on. Carol Ehm's Tbird was "Best in Show) for the virtual car show.

Next meeting April 17th

Bob Heissler was the 50/50 winner.

Signs

In a Veterinarians Office
Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!



Vice President's Message

Welcome Spring!!! Even though we did not have a bad winter, it's time for Spring and pretty soon our little TBirds will be back on the road. Cruise nights will be starting beginning of May and there are some car shows in April. Enjoy and get those TBirds out of winter storage.

I was unable to make it to our meeting on Sunday, but I was glad to hear that Bob Notar (after knee replacement) and Lorraine Cirinelli (hand and arm surgery) were at the meeting and feeling better.

Hope you guys 100% recovery soon. Also was glad to hear that Don Dobres was back. Hope that Bill Hyde is doing better after elbow surgery. Bob Belli hoping you are feeling better. Congratulations to Pat and Bill Shelby on the birth of their first Grandchild, a little girl. Also Joe and I have a new Grandchild, a little boy, Brady James.

We had a great trip to Harold's Deli in Edison. We had 24 people attend. As usual the sandwiches were huge as well as the desserts. Delicious as usual.

Once again great food and great people. Thank you Sandra Pyrros for putting this event together.

Don't forget to sell your tickets for our Sock Hop on April 23rd. As we all know it's a great night out, great music, good food, root beer floats. If you need tickets you can get the from Joanne or Pat.

On Saturday, June 25th Joe Kubat is putting together a bus ride to Barrett-Jackson car auction , Mohegan Sun Casino, Conn. (first time held on the East Coast). If interested please notify Joe. This is a fund raiser for our Thunderbird Club. Ladies if you do not want to go to the car auction, you can go into the Casino. It sounds like it will be a fun day for all of us.

As you know San Diego, California is hosting the International Thunderbird Convention in September. If you are planning to go, please make your hotel reservations now and fill out the event sheet, which was in last months Early Bird magazine. Hotel and events are filling up fast.

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo 8th



Judy Semmler 12th
Charles Musto 16th
Lucille Chabala 27th

Get Well Soon!

Bob Belli
Bob Notar
Lorraine Cirinelli
Bill Hyde

FOR SALE

56/57 Outer Steering Column

Chrome outer steering column for 56/57. Driver quality, only minor surface rust on lower part. Good candidate for rechrome for concours. \$200.00
Paul, 201-652-7027

1991 Cadillac Allante

68 K Pearl white, black leather interior, black cloth top \$8500 or BO. Vince 973-980-4312

1956 Thunderbird

Buckskin tan, new brown & white interior, white conv. top. Radial WW's, wire wheel covers, seat belts. Restored, newer paint in very good condition. 135,000 miles \$42,000 or BO. Vince 973-980-4312

If a parsley farmer owes the bank money, do they garnish his wages??

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues. And for latest info, go to ctci.org

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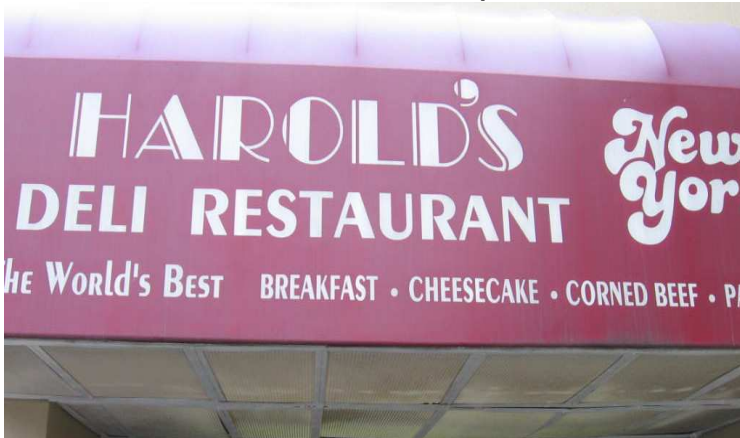
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I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me. email ptschroll@verizon.net

Harold's Deli

As usual, many members attended our annual winter break at Harold's. The food was delicious (pastrami was the best I ever had), the portions were generous and the company was great. Thanks to Sandra Pyrras for arranging everything. She even made it a St Patrick's theme by including shamrocks at the tables (which some members adorned themselves with)



Events

April 2016 Meeting

The hosts for the April meeting are Rob and Tony Sabino. It is April 17th. at a new venue, Mancino's Pizza, 490 Main Street, Denville, NJ Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP (see page 1 for info) including regrets. Tony says there is special parking for our Birds.

May Meeting

The May meeting will be hosted by Vince Ucci and Julia on the 22nd. Time and location to be announced.

50's/60's Dance

Happening April 23rd. American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park. 7:30 to 11:30. Tickets \$45.00. Tell your friends and sell them tickets. Time is getting short.

Spring Cruise

The Spring cruise is going to be boat ride on Lake Hopatcong on May 15th. Additional info will be forthcoming. Keep the date open.

Pittsburgh, PA Car Show

Preliminary plans are being made to return to the Pittsburgh car show (in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix) this year. Date is July 16 & 17. Let Pat know if you are interested in going.



Recognize these folks ? The Jessie's met them while at their spring vacation villa. See Pg 8



Car Shows-Swap Meets

Spring is here and list of car shows and swap meets is in full bloom

4/10 Stirling - Watchung Swap Meet-Warren Ave

4/15-17 Englishtown Show and Swap

4/22-24 Spring Carlisle

4/24 Suxxex-Magerino Ford, 375 Rte 23

5/1 Morristown-NJAACA Car Show. Mennen Arena

5/14 Netcong-Power Portal 34 Bank St.

5/15 Paramus-Bergen Comm. Coll. 400 Paramus Rd (Upper Saddle River.-Rusty Relics Show)

5/21 Montville - Hot Rod Farm 65 River Rd.

5/21 Midland Park-MP High Sch. 250 Prospect St.

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>

www.njortc.org

More Harold's



Cruise Nights

Most cruise nights start May 1st

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-this is a inside get together for any car person. Car optional. Free coffee and munchies. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



Tech Tip

Stubborn Screws

Do you have some screws that are hard to undo? Before you screw up the screw heads, put some valve grinding compound on the tip of the screwdriver. This will help the screwdriver to hold that tight screw and not slip out of the slot. This will work well for either slotted or Phillips screws

TRIVIA

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history (French version). Name each one with their respective suit. Don't have any prizes, you get kudos.

Henry got last month's - they are rhubarb and asparagus

March Meeting



April 22nd

San Diego Convention

The hotel is now booking rooms and registration forms are available . Book early. The date is Sept. 13-18. See ctci.org for forms and contact information

My 1956 Buckskin Tan TBird

I joined NJORTC in 1998 right after I purchased my 1957 Dusk Rose Bird. I found out that it was a Senior Gold Concours car. Although I took some "ribbing" about it being an Italian macho guy driving a "pink" TBird, I still loved the car. and the unique color. In 2008 I had to sell it due to a divorce.

For the next four years I kept the memories, awards and the pictures close to me.

In the summer of 2013, I decided it was time to look for another Dusk Rose 57, so the search began. After answering numerous ads and coming up empty I decided I was open to other colors. In October Julia and I went to Florida, stopping on the way to look at a red 57 - it drove like a Mack truck. While in Florida I located two nice possibilities in South Carolina and made arrangement to look at them. Both sold before we could get there - UGH!!

At this point I was getting a little discouraged to say the least. Back home, I saw an ad in CTCI's classifieds for a 56 Buckskin Tan for sale in Wisconsin. But I wanted a 57? HMMM, Buckskin Tan is a very rare color - but not Dusk Rose? After thinking it over and doing some negotiating the 56 Bird was on its way to NJ. The owner told me that the color of the car was a shade off from Buckskin Tan. The pictures he sent me did not reveal the true color.

The day before Thanksgiving, on a cold rainy night, the car was delivered. The driver pulled the car off the truck in the dark and pulled it into my garage. WHOA! - to my surprise the Buckskin Tan had a beautiful shade of Rose tint to it under the lights. I was pleasantly surprised with the color and the TBird was actually in better condition than described by the seller.

Last summer we entered the TBird into the Concours D' Elegance at Ramapo College. Julia told me she wanted to get a color matching outfit, so I gave her my credit card with confidence she would never be able to match the color and my card would be safe. Foolish assumption. After an extensive Willowbrook search a matching outfit was found and purchased. I should have known better? All's well that ends well, we received a 2nd place behind Charlie Costa's beautiful Peacock Blue 56.

Vince Ucci

Answer to photo on Page 4

Chuck & Fran Vinoski - Chuck was president in the 90's. (From Donna Jessie)



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NJORTC BUS TRIP...



Saturday June 25th 2016



Meet at 1000 Wall Street West; Lyndhurst NJ ~8am
{Across the street from Medieval Times}

Arrive Mohegan Sun Casino ~ 11am

Depart Mohegan Sun ~ 5pm

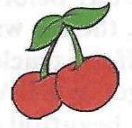
Arrive home at Park N Ride ~ 8pm

These are approximate times

Bus Ticket \$40 pp transportation to Mohegan Sun
Barrett Jackson \$45 pp ticket to enter BJ auction



Donuts and water available on the way to Mohegan
Chips & water available on the way home.



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