

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



# *The Thunder Heard*

**July 2016**

**2016 Meeting Schedule**

July 31	Joe & Arlene Kubat
Aug. 14	Picnic
Sept. 25	Henry & Judy Semmler
October	Don Dobres
Oct. 16	Fall Cruise
Nov.	Steve Handy
December	Christmas Party

The July meeting will be hosted by Joe and Arlene on July 31st. RSVP them at finallyak@yahoo.com or 973-900-1923 or 973-900-1921 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**



We had a very successful Tune-Up clinic on Sunday June 26 at Rich and Lois Martin's home. Our meeting was hosted by Bruce and Aileen Corbett the same day. We got to relax and enjoy our famous Root Beer Floats. Usually we have to gulp them down during the 50/60 dance, So we treated ourselves with the leftover 5 gallon container, I had been storing in my freezer. Look for pictures on the website Photo page. Rich is great at helping fellow club members with their T Bird problems. Some problems take a little longer and 2 Birdies have to stay a few extra days.

I would like to thank Rich M. John P., Bill J. and Paul S for their contribution to the club's Treasury. I had been contacted by a man from S.Carolina to see if I knew anyone who could go look at Thunderbird in Holmdel and would pay \$500 for someone to do it. I passed this on to Rich, he asked the 3 other members to go with him. When I asked Rich if the person was sending check to him, he told me the check was being donated to the club. Great job guys.

The 2017 Convention is getting more organized each week. We are now planning monthly meetings to make sure all Chairmen are working together and our directions and deadlines will be met. We must have some things done before the San Diego Convention in September. The slogan and logo were shown to the club and a few adjustments must be made.

Don't forget the August picnic will be upon us soon. Please let Bill Downing know how you can help him. Bill Downing, Al Cirinelli, Joanne and I are gearing up for a trip to Pittsburgh for the Vintage Car race and Pittsburg Thunderbird picnic, we will tell you all about it when we return.

Drive Safe  
 Pat Le Strange





### A few Words From Alec

The car season is almost half over and I have not been to many events. In the past I would try to attend every event that I could because they were so enjoyable.

The past year my health has taken a nosedive - but there is always hope and I am adamant about getting better. Thanks for all the good wishes in the past.

Happy motoring, Alec

### June Meeting

This meeting was hosted by Bruce and Aileen Corbett. It was a beautiful summer day, bright sunshine, low humidity and a just right temperature. Perfect for bringing out the Tbirds and 20 showed up. This year is our 40th anniversary as a Tbird club and we had a cake to celebrate it. The food was excellent and the pulled pork and macaroni coleslaw made by Aileen was raved about. Attendance was one of the biggest meetings ever. Many thanks to Aileen and Bruce for hosting the meeting and to Rich & Lois for having it at their home.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last business meeting were read and accepted as was the treasurer's report.

Joanne said she still has raffle tickets for the quilt being raffled off at San Diego.

Lois reported that CTCI has sanctioned our 2017 convention and the dealer invoice for 55-57 Tbirds will now be handled by CTCI

Joanne mentioned that 2016 is the clubs 40th anniversary as NJORTC. Original name was Salty Birds

Bill Downing reviewed the upcoming picnic and passed around a sign up sheet for items that members will bring.

Pat reported that the hotel contract for the convention has been entered into. The slogan has been chosen and a logo was presented. An online registration will be used (paid for by CTCI) and we will have an information table set up in San Diego. Monthly meeting are being set up for the committees.

Next meeting July 31st.



### Vice President's Message

Summer is officially here. Our cars are on the road, enjoying cruise nights and car shows. Get out and enjoy, this time of the year goes by so fast.

I want to congratulate all our grandchildren or children who have been promoted to the next grade in school and our 8th grade graduates, welcome to high school, high school graduates, good luck in college or if no college good luck in the outside world.

Pat LeStrange's granddaughter, Lia, appeared on the cooking show, Chopped Jr. She was competing with three other children, to prepare a three course meal for their dads. All the kids did a good job. Congratulation Lia for coming in second place. It was great watching her on TV. Grandpa was a very proud man.

Sunday was our tune-up clinic hosted by Rich and Lois Martin, I was unable to attend, but Joe was there for a couple of hours. A few of the cars were being worked on and others members came with their cars just to socialize. Our men just love this day, just to get together and work on their cars, with our master mechanic, Rich giving out advice. All our guys work good together and like helping out one another.

Also our monthly meeting was held at Rich and Lois's house hosted by Aileen and Bruce Corbett. I know our yearly picnic was discussed. Thank you ladies for signing up to make your favorite salad, etc. When I get the list from Bill, I will go over it, if there are to many of the same dish, I might have to ask for something else.

As you all know by now our convention has been approved by CTCI, sooo it's in full swing. I hope at the meeting we filled our committee chairs. We are hosting convention in a beautiful hotel with all the things we need to make a successful convention. All committees will need volunteers. If we all pull together, it will be successful, awarding and a good time. It's a lot of work, but well worth it. Whoever is going to Pittsburgh have a safe trip and good time.

Next meeting will be Sunday, July31st at Delizias, 2:00 hosted by me and Joe. Please notify me if you are or not attending.

[Finallyak@yahoo.com](mailto:Finallyak@yahoo.com) or 973-900-1921.

Have a safe and fun Fourth of July- Arlene

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Frank Gloss/Mary Green 1st  
Gene & Diane Szura 2nd  
Mike & Therese Parillo 27th



Frank Gloss 12th  
Bob Notar 12th  
Sandra Pyrros 16th  
Paul Adamoff 16th  
Pauline Schroll 17th  
Charlie Costa 18th  
Lorrie Matrone 19th  
Diane Szura 21st  
Alec Johnstone 24th  
Bill Downing 31st

Get Well Soon!

Bob Belli

**FOR SALE**

## Cars for Sale

1991 Caddy Allante, pearl white, 67,000  
excellent \$8,500 or b.o.  
1956 Tbird, Buckskin tan, 135M, excellent  
\$ 35,000/OBO  
1955 Tbird, Black, B&W interior very nice  
\$ 34,000/OBO  
1952 MGTD, Red, beige interior and top nice  
driver \$25,000/OBO  
Vince Ucci 973-980-4312 or  
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## Congratulations

To Joe & Lorri Matrone on the birth of their 11  
grandchild, a girl, Vivienne Mae

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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](mailto:ptschroll@verizon.net)**

## Our Convention

We have received approval from CTCI for our convention which will be held on August 2 - 6, 2017. The contract for the hotel has been finalized and entered into. The hotel is the Hanover Marriot located in Parsippany on Rte 10. A logo and slogan has been decided upon (Follow the Open Road to NJ in 2017)

We have already received offers of support from the various Tbird clubs in the area so this could turn out to be a great convention. Volunteers are needed, even if just for a few hours, for a day or for the entire time.

## Tune UP Clinic

It was a great day as mentioned above. Four members decided to work on or have their cars worked on. Rich Martin did most of the heavy lifting but others helped out. Many members came early to help out and gab. Lois had coffee ready and various members brought donuts and bagels as well as crumb cake for the early birds (pun intended). Many thanks to Lois and Rich for hosting the Tune Up clinic.



## Events

### July Meeting

The July meeting will be on July 31st at Delizia's Resturant in Boonton. 2 PM. RSVP Arlene or Joe (including regrets) See page 1 for RSVP.

### August Meeting

There will only be a short meeting in conjunction with the picnic (see below)

### Club Picnic

The picnic is August 14th. Bill Downing is the guy in charge (besides Martha) and is in the process of setting it up. At the last meeting he sent around a sign up sheet for food to bring.

The club is supplying dogs, burgers, etc.

Contact Bill for your contribution. He is soliciting ideas for things to do. He is having a cookie baking contest so get those old recipes out of the recipe drawer/box. Also let Bill know that you are coming and if you are bringing any small children so he can provide games for them. Make sure you save the date, rain or shine. The picnic has always been the best fun time the club puts on-be there

### 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. Pat and others are going. Let Pat know if you are interested in going.

### Westchester Dinner Theater

Tickets are still available for "Happy Days"  
Call Donna

### San Diego Convention

Four cars are going out - Rich, Walter, Donna and Bill Jessie and John Bolger. They can use more company so get that Tbird tuned up and travel with them. The scenery is super. Rooms are all set. Just put some underwear in your bag and go. A couple more cars and we might get the Ford Johnson Award again.



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 7/3 Englishtown Raceway PK 230 Pension Rd Show/Race
- 7/4 Livingston-30 Robert Harp Dr. (High School)
- 7/10 River Edge-Memorial Park, Continental Ave
- 7/16 Dumont Calvery Church, 185 W. Madison Ave.
- 7/17 Berkeley College 64 E. Midland Ave.
- 7/17 Pompton Lakes 1 Perrin St-Pompton Lakes Elks
- 7/17 Great Meadows-All Ford Show-Island Dragway
- 7/17 Suffern NY-35 Washington Ave.
- 7/21 Saddle Brook-545 N. Midland Ave Wallington  
Plumbing Supply
- 8/12 Wycoff 301 Sicomac Ave Christian Health Care 6 -  
9 PM Must call Darcey 201-848-5796 ASAP
- 8/21 Hawthorne Grand Ave

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<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>  
[www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)

## Tune Up/June Meeting



## San Diego Convention

The hotel is now full, but there is a overflow hotel. The date is Sept. 13-18. See [ctci.org](http://ctci.org) for forms and contact information

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Hawthorne- Informal get together at Goffle Grille, Goffle Road

Saddle Brook- Advanced Auto, Market Street  
Wayne- Tilted Kilt 334 Rte 46 1st and 3rd Mon.

### Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Saddle Brook- Bennigan's N. Midland Ave

Wayne - Wendy's , 1560 Rte 23 N

### Wednesday

Wycoff- Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church Cedar Hill Ave

Clifton- Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46 West

Dover- Wendy's, Rte 46

### Thursday

Wayne- Kohl's, 1800 Rte 23 N

### Friday

Midland Park- Wendy's , Godwin Ave.

Boonton- Wooten St Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr.

### 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





Bill D - will we see it like this again?



**TRIVIA**

**Which car company started out German, yet became French after WW1?**

**After two months and no winner. Correct answer is 6 inches for each gallon of diesel.**

## Thank You NJORTC

**Excited and having fun looking for a baby TBird  
A 56 year old kid, a new toy - is that absurd?**

**Various prices, options, colors and conditions  
Much to study and learn was the mission**

**Not like you order how you want the car to come  
Look and reason what's best to get a good one**

**Compromise as to condition and colors  
How to know what is best from the others**

**What not to do to purchase and not get stuck  
Met some members of NJORTC what luck**

**Nice and kinder they could not be  
How very fortunate and lucky for me**

**The member took time to answer my questions  
I partook of their wonderful knowledge and  
suggestions**

**Differences of opinions forth and back  
knowledge of these old cars they did not lack**

**Gave me confidence a purchase to make  
Lessen my chance, they did, of making a mistake**

**Pat, Ray, Rich, Joe, Paul, Don and Bill  
Such nice gentlemen, join their club I will**

**I am thankful to have somewhere to turn- so many  
things about the car to know and learn**

**How did I happen to come to Delizia's place  
Surely it was by way of God's good grace**

**Thank you for your friendship and kindness  
NJORTC**

**You all make this world a better place for people  
like me  
Richard Iuso**

## Old Car Ads

**Want to see a "back in the day" ad for your old  
car? Go to : <http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>**



**Day after - somebody forgot these**





## Preparing your Bird for a Road Trip

### Tires & Wheels

- Check tires for cuts & damage
- Use a gauge to check for proper air pressure
- Check valves stems for deterioration & damage
- Use a gauge to check tread depth
- Have wheels balanced once a year
- Check wheels for rust, cracks & damage
- Check lug nuts for proper torque
- Check spare tire for condition & air pressure
- Make sure that jack & tools are in good order
- Check spokes of wire wheel for tightness

### Service & Parking Brakes

- Check brake pedal for travel and firmness
- Check back side of tires for brake fluid leaks
- Check parking brake for operation & release
- Check fluid level in master cylinder
- Check that cover vent is open & clean
- Check for frozen or dragging brakes
- Remove drums and check condition of brake linings and all brake parts.
- Re-pack front wheel bearings every 3-5 years
- Check brake lights for proper operation

### Chassis & Suspension

- Check exhaust system for damage & security
- Check levelness of vehicle side to side & front to back
- Check frame for rust or damage
- Check springs for broken or bent leaves
- Check steering parts for looseness or damage
- Have wheel alignment checked every 2-3 years
- Check motor mounts for security & wear
- Check shock absorbers for leaking fluid

### Engine Compartment

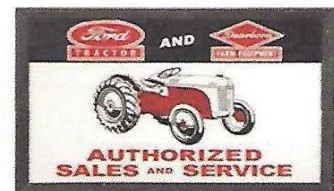
- Check radiator for clogged or damaged fins
- Drain and replace anti-freeze every 3-5 years
- Check belts & hoses for damage & deterioration
- Check wiring for damage & deterioration
- Check carburetor for leaks and loose parts
- Check vacuum hoses for flexibility & leaks
- Check engine timing.
- Check spark plug wire for damage & deterioration
- Check that heat riser operates freely
- Service spark plugs & distributor
- Check battery cables for tightness & corrosion

### Lights, Windows & Body

- Check operation of head lights, tail lights & instrument panel lights
- Check mirrors for tightness & proper aim
- Check door hinges for damage & security
- Check door strikers for proper adjustment
- Check all windows for proper operation
- Check top fasteners for security & damage
- Check fender skirts for proper fit & security

### Interior & Trunk

- Check trunk hinges for security & damage
- Check weather stripping for security & damage
- Check trunk lock for proper operation
- Check dash board gauges for proper operation
- Check heater & vent controls for operation
- Check seat adjustment for proper operation
- Check that floor mats don't interfere with brake & accelerator pedal operation.
- Check windshield wipers for proper operation
- Replace windshield wiper blades every 2-3 years



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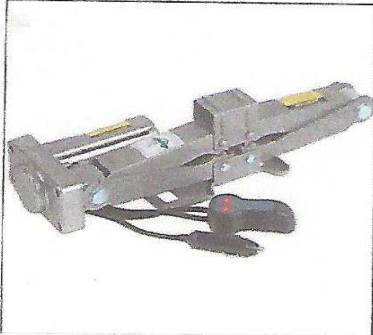
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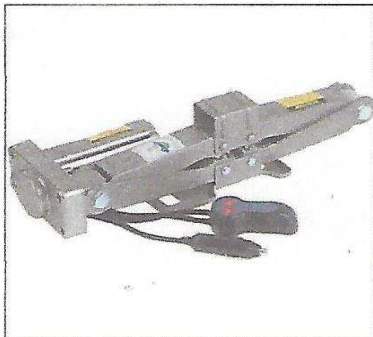
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