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The Thunder Heard

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Happy Thanksgiving

2008/09 Meeting Schedule

Nov 23	Frank & Lucille Chabala
Dec 7	Holiday Party
Jan/Feb	Robert & Arlene Perruso
March	Mike & Wendy Meehan
April	Ed & Sandy Burnette
May	Paul & Pauline Schroll
June	Rich & Lois Martin
July	Gene & Diane Szura
August	MINI CONCOURS
September	Vince & Mary Ann Ucci
October	Henry & Judy Semmler
November	Joe & Arlene Kubat
December	HOLIDAY PARTY

The November Meeting will be hosted by :

Frank & Lucille Chabala
At 2 PM, Nov. 23rd
RSVP: 973-731-9133 or
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6 Brook Way, Llewellyn Park
West Orange 07052

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



As of this writing (10/28) out here in Morris County we have had our first snow fall. Not much (1/4 inch) but that is still snow!!! Grrrrrrrrr!

Our meeting at Vince's was very productive. Arleen Kubat (vice president) and Frank Chabala (treasurer) were officially elected to their offices.

Hopefully you voted for the Director at Large of the CTCI, and plan to vote in the presidential election.

The holiday party is gearing up, so get your reservations and money in now.

We also talked about the coming (2009) regionals. I finally got the DVD of the 07 Convention together and showed it at the meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

We all pushed Vince's 57 TBird out of his garage and onto Rich Martin's trailer so Rich could take it to his shop and get it running and back into shape.

The fall colors cruise was great. We had a very good turn out of little Birds plus one retro Bird and one Cadillac. The route was very scenic, the restaurant was very nice and the food was terrific. Thanks to the Guidones for putting it together.

In closing, Joanne and I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving and don't go eating all the trick or treat Halloween candy like I did-give it to the kids!

Thanks and Happy T Birding.
Pat LeStrange



RSVP MEETING HOSTS NO LATER THEN 1 WEEK BEFORE A MEETING, YES or NO



A few words from Alec

Now that winter is all most upon us it's time for our Birds to go into hibernation. Also time to reflect on all the good times we enjoyed this past season as members of NJORTC

Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to all the good times and events. Looking forward to next year and getting back on the open road

Happy Motoring
Alec

My TBird – Donna Jessie



My dad told me that as a very young girl, when I would be driving with him and I would spot a little Bird, that I would get all excited and say look “The Little Bird with the Holes (portholes). As I got older, I promised myself that one day I would own a little bird. I went to a vintage car dealership at 23 years old-they had a black TBird in the window. I asked the salesman “How much is that TBird” and he replied “If you have to ask then you can’t afford it”. I never went in there again!

At 24, I was reading the local paper and there was a 1956 TBird listed. (My father thought I was crazy looking in the local paper for the car). I called about the car which was in Nanuet, NY. The person who owned it got it from an associate that was going bankrupt and he didn't want his friend (the seller) not to get paid what he owed him. The associate told the friend he had six old cars in storage at the Jersey shore (my TBird was stored at the Jersey shore since 1964) and any one would be worth over what he owed him. The seller took the TBird because it would fit in his garage.

So, I got my “Little Bird”. I purchased the car on my 25th birthday, January 20, 1981. It was snowing.



Vice President's Message

First off, I want to thank Dorothy and Phil Guidone for a great fall cruise. Everything from the early coffee at the park, the line up of TBirds, the fall colors to the final stop to eat were perfect.

Time to put the TBirds to sleep for the winter.

Joe and I want to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families. Let us be thankful for what we have.

Good luck to Gail and Dennis on their move.

It is also time for our Holiday party-I cannot believe it is that time of the year already, but it is here. Please call Dominick to let him know if you are coming and send your check to Frank Chabala. Lets make it our best Holiday party ever. Any questions, call Dominick (201-641-9529) or myself (862-221-9773, cell 973-900-1921). We will have a visit from Santa (he can hardly wait for all the ladies to sit on his lap and give him a BIG kiss!!! We will have gift and raffles and do not forget our DJ (Pat) and his chicken. Come to the party and have a great time. See you there.

Arlene



I almost drove it into the garage door since the brakes need to be redone. I found out that the original brakes shoes were on the car.

Unfortunately, I did not know about CTCI or about the car. I had work done on the engine and I had car repainted (I was advised the gray under the white was probably the primer). Wrong! The first batch of work done on the car was between 1981 and 1983.

Then I met Bill who had owned a TBird (black). He (continued on Page 5)

Membership News

ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli Nov 2
 Mike & Wendy Meehan Nov 10
 Nick & Adrienne Malanga Nov 11
 Paul & Sheryl Adamoff Nov 16
 Dominick & Eva Tucci Nov 20



Izabela Costa Nov 14
 Linda Herb Nov 1
 Phil Guidone Nov 4
 Nancy Trotto Nov 17
 Aileen Corbett Nov 23

GET WELL SOON



Paul Adamoff
 Vince DeAndrea
 Henry Semmler

FOR SALE

Two 312 shortblocks. Stock bore,
 both seem to be in good condition.
 Mileage on both unknown. 200.00 each
 Paul, 201-652-7027

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Club Historian	Lucille Chabala
Club Photographer	Lucille Chabala
Sunshine	Lucille Chabala
Master at Arms	Bruce Corbett
Meeting Schedules & Activities Coordinator	Joanne Seiler
Webmaster	Wendy Meehan



FALL CRUISE

This was an excellent drive, great food, great company and great cars. Phil Guidone made all the arrangements and he did a great job. I think Alec's fast speedometer got him the long distance. Many thanks Phil. Here are some pictures (thanks to Joanne Seiler)



Phil doing last minute paperwork



Some of the spectators

Any items you want us to publish in the newsletter must be received before the 1st of the month. They can be e-mailed directly to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Party

This is Dec 7th at Dolce Novita, 107 Moonachie Rd, Moonachie. Cost is \$50.00 per person. If you come, 50% of next years dues will be forgiven. If you and your significant other comes, 100% of next years dues will be forgiven.

Contact Dominick Tucci (201-641-9529) if you are going. Send your check to Lucille Chabala.

Make your reservations now and get that check to Lucille.



Getting ready for "take off"



See Page 7 for more pictures

OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting was held at Vince DeAndrea's home on Oct 26th.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The treasurer report was read and approved. Due to the absence of the secretary, no minutes were read.

Dominick mentioned that all was ready for the Holiday party. (see Upcoming Events on page 4).

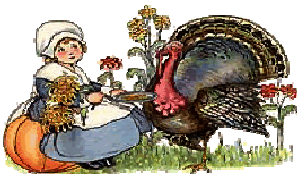
Arlene Kubat was elected as Vice President and Frank Chabala was reelected as treasurer both for a two year term.

Alec Johnstone read a letter from Paul Adamoff (See page 6) regarding his recent illness. Alec also showed the members clocks with an old car theme that Paul donated to the club. These are to be raffled off at the Holiday party.

The 2009 CTCI regionals were mentioned.

A second trip to Harold's Deli is being planned for January.

Lois Martin won the 50/50.



TECH TIPS

Calculating Rear End Gear Ratio

It helps if you have someone to assist you.

To start with, mark the location of the pinion yoke and one tire.

If you have a positraction rear, then rotate the TIRES ONE full revolution while counting the exact revolutions the pinion yoke rotates (if the yoke rotates 4 turns and then a little more, you probably have a 4.11 rear gear or close to that- if it rotates 3 and 1/2 turns, then you would have a 3.50 rear gear.

If you have an open (non-posit) rear, then mark the yoke and ONE tire (keep the other tire from rotating) and turn the ONE tire two full turns while counting the revolutions the yoke rotates-this is your ratio (see above)

Simply put, positraction, you turn both tires one full turn, non positraction, turn one tire two full turns.

My TBird (continued from page 2

really started the correct research on the car.

Bill and I were married in 1984 and I used my Little Bird as my wedding car and I wore my mother's hoop wedding dress (lots of fun). We used three other old cars to compliment my Little Bird.

In 1991, our Little Bird was at the NJ regional along with our daughter (see picture) Victoria where she celebrated her first birthday, July 19, in 103 degree heat (the rest of the family was not too pleased).

Finally, in 1988, Bill and I discussed starting a limited restoration on the car. At this point, we knew the original color of the car was Navajo Grey (not the undercoat). We started with the engine, transmission and chrome. Eventually the limited restoration became a complete frame off restoration from 1998 to 2001.

Since then we have made new friends, gone to new places and enjoyed our "Little Bird". Hopefully, there are many memories yet to be made.

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Nov 2 - Reigelsville PA – Show and Swap

Nov 8 - Egg Harbor Township Pumpkin Run Show 353
Zion Road CTY Rd 615

WAYNE (VALLEY RD) AUTO SHOW

NJORTC was well represented as we had six cars entered. The big winners were Charlie Costa, Ron Case, Alec.



CRUISE SPOTS

Monday

Stoney Point, NY – Gennaro's Rest., 146 Rte
9W
(Prev. Annies, new loc is about 1 mile north)

Tuesday

Clifton-Rutts Hut

Friday

Boonton-Boonton Plaza (Wal-Mart)
Wooten Street

Saturday

Clifton-The Falls View Grill, Rte 3 West
11:30 – 3:00 10/4 – 12/6

Not sure about Stoney Point and Boonton

2009 SCHEDULE

July 3-6 CTCI Regional – Tulsa, OK

August 18-20 CTCI Regional – Vancouver, BC
(book rooms by March 1st)



Wayne show

**Its never too late to have a happy
childhood**

Fall Cruise (continued)



I have plenty more pictures and will be including them in future issues as space permits.

Hello, happy fall everyone! I am posting the new meeting schedule and just a brief overview of what is expected as a host since we do have several newer members hosting this year. Hopefully you have had a chance to join us at one or some of our meetings since you have joined. Here is the meeting schedule for **2009**. Please take a look to see if you are on the list. IF anyone has a problem with hosting their month please contact someone else on this list and switch with them. Every member hosts a meeting, they come around about once every 3 years. We usually have 20 - 30 people show up, the host does serve something to eat, we ask it to be kept simple. Meetings last 3-4 hours and are usually held on at 2pm on a Sunday afternoon . This can be adjusted with enough notice. Not every member has the room in their home to hold a meeting but they have accommodated us at a club house, warehouse, boat, even restaurants. Members attending the meeting are asked to kindly RSVP to the host with a weeks notice so you have a count of attending and can prepare. I am the meeting coordinator for the club and I would appreciate the date time and place of the meeting you are hosting 2 months in advance e-mailed to me. This gives us time to notify everyone in the club and get the info into the newsletter, and make any changes if necessary. Meetings are fun and they give us a chance to get together and share our T-Bird stories and discuss upcoming functions. If anyone has any questions please e-mail me ...
Joanne Seiler at purplerose714@optonline.net my cell phone # is 551-404-3646. We are looking forward to another great year and seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

FYI There are only 9 meetings held a year. January / February are held as one due to bad weather, the host may choose any date during these 2 months to host their meeting. August is usually our mini concourse and a very short and brief meeting is held then and December is our holiday party and no meeting is held just a fun time.

JAN/FEB Arlene & Robert Perruso

MARCH Wendy & Mike Meehan

APRIL Sandy & Ed Burnett

MAY Pauline & Paul Schroll

JUNE Lois & Rich Martin

JULY Diane & Eugene Szura

SEPT Maryanne & Vince Ucci

OCT Judy & Henry Semmler

NOV Arlene & Joe Kubat

I thank you for your cooperation in advance and please contact me any time. If you need help or suggestions I am happy to help how ever I can.

October 26, 2008

To ALL the T-Bird Members,

I want to thank **all** of you, for your concern for my health!

I especially want to thank Gail, Dennis and ALL the others for helping me at the car show, on September 7th., when I fainted due to *dehydration*.

This happened again on September 17th. in a Dunken Donuts, in Paramus, on the way into work, which I did not make.

I admitted myself into Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York, two weeks ago, due to the doctors in New Jersey did not know how to treat my **RARE** intestinal problem.

I was hospitalized for two weeks, under medications, which is starting to help!

I got back home this past Tuesday and doing much better, meaning my blood pressure is staying normal with the medications. That's normal physically, **NOT** mentally!!

Again, thank you all! You are more to me than just club members, you are all

GREAT FRIENDS!!

Hope to be with you SOON!

Paul Adamoff

