

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



# The Thunder Heard

**May 2013**

## CRUISE SPOTS OPEN

**2013 Meeting Schedule**

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| May 19    | Tune Up Clinic         |
| May 11    | Bill & Dot Hyde        |
| June 23   | Bob & Joan Notar       |
| July      | Joe & Arlene Kubat     |
| August 11 | Picnic                 |
| September | Joe & Lori Matrone     |
| October   | Fran & Lucille Chabala |
| October   | Fall Cruise            |
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| November  | Walter Strohmaier      |
| December  | Holiday party          |

The May meeting will be on the 11th at 4PM and will be hosted by Bill & Dot Hyde,

**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**



Its coming-Spring!!! Joanne and I attended our 1st cruise night on April 2nd in Port Jervis, NY. Yes, it was a bit chilly but it was nice to take the ride. We also went on April 18th to Branchbrook Park in Newark to take pictures under the Cherry Blossoms. The TBird was a big hit and a lot of people took pictures next to it. I let few sit in it. Joanne had a tough time trying to get pictures with out some one in the way. If you have never been to Branchbrook Park for the Cherry Blossoms it is quite a sight, over 4,000 trees. The blossoms only last about 2 weeks so be ready next year. It is a beautiful, clean park that you can drive through. Be sure to visit the Basilica Cathedral at the east end.

Most cruise nights will be starting in May. Check our web site for Cruises and Shows. If you know of any let us know and we will add them on.

Our April meeting, hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone was attended by 42 members at Willie McBride's in Branchburg. We got a lot accomplished. Arlene and Joanne made a presentation for the new club items. Most members were interested in shirts and jackets. More to come on that. Thanks to Phil & Dorothy

We had the chairpersons and committee heads get up and say how their events are doing and let the members respond. I think that was a good format and will continue that kind of agenda in the future.

We are still addressing the problem of the size and expense of the meetings. If you have creative ideas, please let us know.

The web site is doing very well with over 1,200 hits in a month. We have added, in addition to the shows and cruises, a For Sale and Wanted section with an email address. So if we get any responses I will forward them, thus ensuring your privacy. The face book page is also doing good, but is a more social media. You can share your pictures and events with other club members.

All in all, the club is thriving and hopefully we have a good spring and summer season.

Pat LeStrange.





### A few Words From Alec

Finally its getting warmer and more car events are popping up every week.

I had the privilege of driving my TBird on a 120 mile round trip in the pleasant sunshine going to our recent club meeting in Branchburg, NJ. A very good turnout of club members (42) and our Birds. A good time was had by all.

Looking forward to the CTCI conventions this summer - I hope to see you at one or the other of the 2 scheduled conventions.

Alec

### April Meeting

Dorothy and Phil Guidone were hosts and they sure picked a nice day. A little cool but with bright sun, 9 members brought out their TBirds. Attendance was very good. The restaurant that Phil & Dorothy picked put on a nice spread and everybody had their fill. A productive meeting. Thanks to Phil & Dorothy.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The Secretary's minutes and Treasure's report were given and accepted.

We had a new member, Bob Heissler, attending the meeting.

Pat reported on CTCI happenings.

Joanne updated the club on the new website and our Facebook page.

Pat reported that everything was set for the Walpack Inn cruise. He reported that the 50's dance will be held in late Sept. at the same location as last year.

We received a note from the So. Jersey TBird Club about a cruise to Gettysburg, PA some Oct. weekend, asking us if anyone from NJORTC would like to join them. Some members expressed interest.

Joanne and Arlene have looked into purchasing club shirts and jackets. They brought samples of polo shirts, T shirts, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants.

Phil Guidone is looking into a "cruise" to the Scottsdale auctions in Jan.

Joanne read off a list of activities and events proposed for 2013. Members are encouraged to submit any ideas for a club event.

Next meeting 5/11 at the Hydes.

50/50 won by Bill Jessie.



### Vice President's Message

The sun is shining, the temperature is warming up, Spring is finally here. Now it is time to get those little Birds out on the road, whether it be a cruise night, car show or just going out for a ride. The time of year is FINALLY here!!!

I hope at the time of this writing our members who have been under the weather are feeling better.

Thanks go to Joanne and Pat for setting up the website. If you have not visited it yet, please do so. It is awesome!!! We also have a Facebook page that Joanne puts messages and pictures on. We have had a good response to both the website and Facebook page. Great work.

I want to say thanks to Paul Schroll and Alex Johnstone for out newsletter. It gets better every month.

Thank you Bill Downing for taking over the Chair person for our family picnic. Bill has everything under control already and is trying to decide on different activities to do. Looking forward to the picnic, it is always a good time, whether it rains or not.

Joanne and myself went to Class Act Embroidery to look at jackets and shirts (which you all saw at the meeting). They have a lot of good ideas now we just have to pick what we want - sooo maybe at our next meeting we can put in an order.

Soon some of out members will be driving to San Jose for the regional convention, then drive to Reno for Hot August Nights and then to Des Moines for another regional convention. Those who are driving will be gone over a month. Boy, all I can say is what a lot of driving in the Thunderbirds.

Pat & Joanne are looking to start putting together the 50's dance. The date of the dance will be known at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Dot and Bill Hyde's house on Saturday, May 11th at 4PM. Please remember to call whether you are going or not going to the meeting. On Sunday, May 19th at 9AM is the Tune Up Clinic. Please let Rich know if you are bringing your car to be worked on and let Lois know if you are just coming to hang out. It is a work day and also a fun afternoon just visiting.

See you all soon, Arlene

Sign at a Towing company

"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows

# Membership News

*Anniversary*

Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd

Pat LeStrange 7th

Lisa Musto 8th

Gene Szura 13th

Rob Sabino 22nd

*Get Well Soon!*

Bob Notar

**FOR SALE**

## 56 Thunderbird

No engine or tranny. Solid body, rust out in right rear 1/4, trunk floor has some issues, those rubber mats cause condensation, has hole about the size of a silver dollar and surface rust with maybe some pin holes here and there. Floors and floor braces look solid. Car has had R front fender changed along with the nose panel.. All panels fit nice. Asking \$12,500.00 can supply with cony kit if some one wanted to put it back to stock. Have all engine parts to make stock T-bird engine and trans, but I got it with no engine or tranny and I have no 312 blocks. Located in Oregon

Pics available Frank Stubbs 425-228-1012

## Misc Parts

Misc. New and used TBird parts left over from my restoration. Paul A 201-286-4781

## Laws

### Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of the act.

## 2013 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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Arlene Kubat

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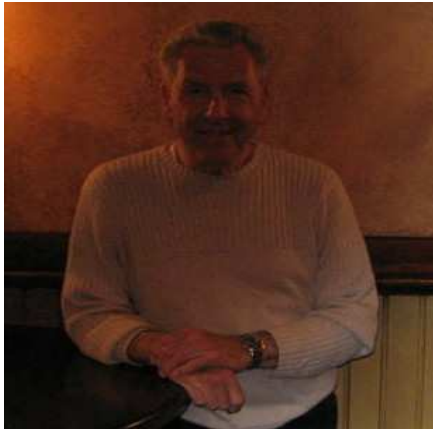
web site: [www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)

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| Registered Agent                           | Phil Guidone    |
| Awards/Plaques                             | John Pyrros     |
| Membership Chairman                        | Paul Adamoff    |
| Name Badges                                | John Pyrros     |
| Jackets                                    | Joe Kubat       |
| Grill Plaques & Hats                       | Frank Chabala   |
| Club Historian                             | Lucille Chabala |
| Club Photographer                          | Joanne Seiler   |
| Sunshine                                   | Lucille Chabala |
| Master at Arms                             | Bruce Corbett   |
| Asst. Master at Arms                       | Alex Johnstone  |
| Meeting Schedules & Activities Coordinator | Joanne Seiler   |
| Webmaster                                  | Joanne Seiler   |

Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.



## April Meeting



Our newest member, Bob Heissler. Bob hails from Berkley HGTS and is looking for a RED Tbird. Welcome to NJORTC Bob. (Sorry about the pic, will post a better one next month)

**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.**  
[ptschroll@aol.com](mailto:ptschroll@aol.com)

## Club Events

### May Meeting

Be sure to RSVP the hosts, Dot and Bill Hyde if you are attending or cannot. Info on front page.

### Tune Up Clinic

Is on for May 19th at Rich and Lois Martin's. 9AM to ????. Past time to get the Tbird out of the garage and on the road for the summer. If you are going to attend, call Rich or Lois and if you are going to have work done to your car bring the necessary items with you. Let Rich know if you are going to work on your car. Oil change to engine replacement, it can be done (bring your own replacement engine).

There will be a lot of members to help you.

Lois has said she will welcome the ladies and they can sit around and have girl talk while watching the guys. Call Lois if you are coming. And guys, even if you are not going to work on your car, come any way and shoot the bull and help out if you can. Rich can always use a sweep person. Remember to call. Last year we had a great time and almost every car in the club was there. See the pics on our new web page.

### June Meeting

Bob & Joan Notar will be our hosts and it is scheduled for June 23rd. Details next month.

### Scottsdale in 2014?

Phil is looking into a trip in January. Anyone interested contact Phil.

### Proposed 2013 Activities

May 19-Tune Up Clinic

June/July-Chatterbox Cruise (and movie?)

August 11th-Club Picnic

August-San Jose and Des Moines CTCI

Conventions

September-50's Dance??

October - Fall Cruise

Members are encouraged to submit suggestions for any activities

### Des Moines Iowa Convention Plans

Donna Jessie is making plans for a caravan to the CTCI Convention in Des Moines, including route and hotels. Donna and Bill are driving out. If you are planning to drive to Des Moines, contact Donna if you wish to caravan with her.

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Hawthorne, Goffle Grill, Goffle Road

### Tuesday

Clifton, Ruts Hut

Wayne-Wendys, Rte 23 West

### Wednesday

Wycoff, Greenwood Ave.

Denville, Wendy's-Rte 46

### Thursday

Wayne, Kohls, Rte 23 West.

Emerson, Kinderkermack Rd.(Emer. Shop. Ctr)

### Friday

Midland Park, RR Station, Central Ave

Boonton, Wooten Rd.(Wal-Mart Shop Ctr)

### Saturday

Clifton, Rte 46West (The Hearth Rest.) 11AM

Lyndhurst, 1050 Wall St (Whiskey Cafe)

## WalPack Inn Cruise

A great turnout and a great cruise. The weather was perfect and if you had the top down you could get a great start on your summer tan. The Jessie's and Pat/Joanne did just that. We met at the Olde Lafayette Village (old?) . Some got there early and did some browsing in the shops. When everybody got together, there were 14 cars (with 11 Tbirds) and 30 people. Needless to say, the old cars were a big hit in the parking lot. Rob and Toni debuted their 59 Tbird which they recently acquired, the Notars brought their GTO and the Ems brought their 55 Nomad.

From there we set off on the cruise. The forsythia and many types of trees were in full bloom and the other trees were starting to leaf out making for a colorful ride. The route took us to the back roads of NJ out of the hustle and bustle of the more urban areas and where we could see the mountains and green valleys as we toured along the rustic roads. It was great seeing the line of Tbirds and other old cars as we drove over the winding roads.

Upon reaching the Walpack Inn, we had special parking on the lawn where we could see our cars as we ate. The food and the service was as good as the cruise and everyone had their fill. Alas, things had to end but we all left with good feelings of a great day with great people.

Many thanks to Dominick who set everything up.

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

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

May 3-5 Rhinebeck, NY-Duchess Cty Fairgrounds  
6550 Spring Brook Ave

May 11 Midland Park High School 250 Prospect St. F

May 18 Montvale-Hot Rod Farm 65 River Rd.

May 19 Upper Saddl River 1 Lake St-Pearson Educ. F  
Demerest-No. Valley Reg. High School F

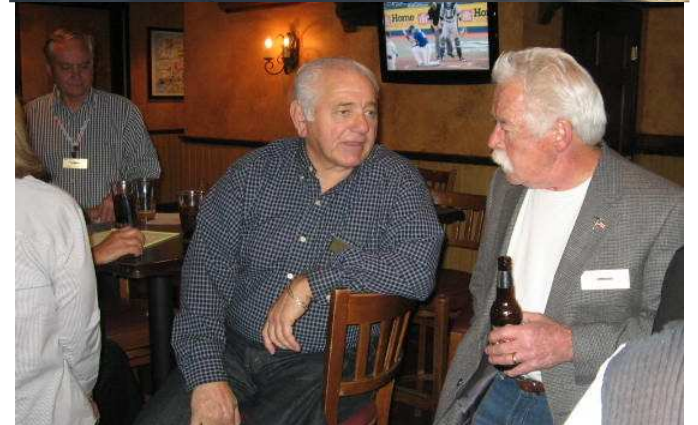
May 26-Franklin Lakes-80 Franklin Lake Rd. F

June 15-16 Teterboro-Airport-Planes and Cars F

June 15-Pompton Plains-60 Sunset Rd (All TBird) F  
F=Flyer Available

For more shows go to  
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
[www.newjerseycarshows.com](http://www.newjerseycarshows.com) (reactivated)

### April meeting



### Trivia Quiz

What has four legs and only one foot (should be an easy one)

Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Mara Madden and the answer was yogurt



## Walpack Inn Cruise



Ever wonder about the phrase "Wet Your Whistle"-many years ago , in England, a whistle was included in the handle or rim of the mug and was used to signal for a refill.





# More Walpack



Happy Mother's Day



## Tech Tips

### An Additional Tip for a Cooler Running TBird

The bypass hose that runs between the water pump and the intake manifold is considered a contributing source of hot running YBlocks because it is a source of water that bypasses the radiator and has a fairly significant flow of water..



A noted YBlock engine builder has recommended that a plug with a 1/8 hole drilled in it be placed in the hose to restrict the water. The drilled hole is for any trapped air that may be in the system.



**Remembering our Armed Forces**  
Victory in Europe May 8th  
Armed Forces Day May 18th



A Thunderbird looking for it own kind? Spotted during the Walpack cruise.



Met this guy at the Inn. He was just like us after we finished eating -stuffed (Groan!!)



Thanks to Joanne and Sheryl for their photo's for the newsletter.