



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

The Thunder Heard
July - August 2008

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Happy Independence Day

2008 Meeting Schedule	
July 20	Pat LeStrange & Joanne Seiler
August 10	MINI CONOURS
September	John & Sandy Pyrros
October	Vince DeAndrea
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December	Holiday Party
The July Meeting will be hosted by Pat LeStrange & Joanne Seiler At 2 PM, July 20th RSVP: 201-920-7226 4 Ford Road, Landing, NJ	
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 <u>YOU WILL BE HOSTING</u> the meeting and give the date/time/etc.	



President's Message



I want to wish everyone going to the TBird convention in Oregon a safe and happy trip. I know you will do well in the awards department

As for those of us not going, get those Birds out to a car show or cruise night. People love the little Birds and want to see them.

Joanne and I will be hosting the July meeting and look forward to a good turnout.

We have a lot of events coming up and we need to make decisions at the club meeting. Some of these events involve club money, so please, lets be prepared to give a yes or no so we can have concrete plans on them.

Thanks and Happy T Birding.
 Pat LeStrange

Mini Concours August 10th



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



A few words from Alec

A word about our recent weather – Freaky!!!! What is this? Florida!!! Every day (well almost) thunder showers or rain cancelling out our plans to attend a cruise or show!

Anyway almost all of the summer is left.

I sure hope that the weather is better in Portland where the CTCI convention will be held at the end of July. Hope to see you all there.

Happy Motoring
Alec

My TBird – Pat LeStrange



My first TBird was bought in 2001 – a 1984 Shay reproduction. With this I started going to cruise nights where I met Alec Johnstone.

In 2002, he found a blue 1957 about a block from his house. He said the guy was asking \$18,000. After he went to look at it, he told the guy to raise the price to around \$23,000. After I had seen it a couple of times and drove it, I decided to buy it. I was able to get him down to a little below the original asking price.

I have been very happy with the TBird and have no major problems. I have replaced almost all the chrome, put on a new blue soft top and repaired the rear main seal. My biggest problem is flat tires, usually a couple a season. But if I had never bought the Shay I would not have met a lot of terrific people or joined this great club.

Vice President’s Message

The 4th of July is almost here. My father used to say once the 4th comes the summer is almost over.

The weather has been somewhat crazy that I feel we have not gone to too many car shows or cruise nights. It seems to me that every time I go to a cruise night, the skies open up I hope the weather gets better so I see some of you guys and your TBirds at the cruise nights. For the ladies, we do not have to make supper because we can eat where ever the cruise night is.

For everybody going to Portland, have a safe trip whether you are driving or flying. Hope that the ones driving come home with a nice trophy. Have fun

Arlene Kubat

Upcoming Events

Mini Concours- August 10th

This is located at Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ, off Rte 124, in the “Sugarloaf” picnic area. Everything free, trophies, dash plaques. If you plan to attend call Mike Meehan 973-267-2958 or email mike_meehan@verizon.net (don’t forget the underline between mike and meehan). Flyer, with directions is attached.



Membership News

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich & Lois Martin Aug. 6
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone Aug. 7
 Henry & Judy Semmler Aug. 11
 Al & Eileen Catanzaro Aug. 27



Al Catanzaro July 10
 Frank Gloss July 12
 Tom Trotto July 14
 Sandy Pyrros July 16
 Sandy Burnette July 16
 Paul Adamoff July 16
 Pauline Schroll July 17
 Charlie Costa July 18
 Alec Johnstone July 24
 Sheryl Adamoff Aug. 1
 Dennis Chirico Aug. 9
 Al Cirinelli Aug. 13
 Wendy Meehan Aug 18
 Shelly Belli Aug. 18
 Ed Burnette Aug 21
 Joe Kubat Aug 22
 Bob Belli Aug 27

GET WELL SOON



Mildred Strohmaier
 Eva Tucci
 Paul Adamoff
 Alec Johnstone

FOR SALE

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

Caravan to CTCI Portland, Or.

If anyone is interested in driving to Portland for the CTCI Convention please contact Rich Martin at 973-728-8652 or martinmotors@optonline.net.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

At one of the local cruises and at the TBird show an old race Thunderbird, recently restored to its race car days, was displayed



The TBird was called "Salty's Shaker" and is a 1955. It was originally owned by Joe Saltalamachia Jr. from Passaic. He owned it from 1966 until he passed away in 1979. He raced the car from 1968 until 1975, winning 30 plus class winner trophies at Raceway Park (Englishtown), Island Dragway, Maple Grove and others, running an L-88 427 Chevy, T-10 trans and 59 Olds rear. His best time was 10.21 seconds at 137 MPH.

Current owner is Bob Salerno who did a 2 tear restoration on the Bird. The interior, trunk and engine compartment were kept as original, but the body was completely stripped and painted the original race car red and the lettering was redone by Mr J from Paterson, the original striper.

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



ALL THUNDERBIRD SHOW JUNE 14TH

The show, sponsored by the North Jersey Thunderbird Association, was great. They had about 120 cars- great Thunderbirds ranging from 1955 to 2005. The weather was delightful and even the food vendor had good food. As usual, it was a very well run show.

There were 11 cars from NJORTC. Many garnered awards. The following members showed their cars:

Bruce Corbett (1st Place)

John Pyrros**

Alec Johnstone**

Dennis Chircio (3rd Place)

Ron Case* (2nd Place)

Bob Belli**

Paul Schroll **

Charlie Costa (1st Place)

Walter Strohmaier**

Joe Kubat**

Phil Guidone (1st Place)

In addition, Phil Guidone's son took a 1st place in his Retro Bird

*Debut for Ron's car – it sure looks good

** Non judged

I hope I got the awards correct – let me know if I messed up

TBIRD CRUISE TO ISLAND DRAWWAY?

I'll try this one more time as I did not get any responses the first time. As noted below (page 6) Island Dragway is having BBQ nights. One set price (\$15) to just eat and watch or eat and race. Is there any interest in the club for a cruise in our TBirds to Island Dragway? Island is located in Great Meadows. If you are interested, please contact Paul Schroll

It's not how good you are – it's how well you can cover up your mistakes



JUNE MEETING

The meeting was held at Eagle Rock Diner, West Orange. Frank & Lucille Chabala set it up at the last minute because of illness by the scheduled host.

Highlights of the business meeting:

Arlene Kubat presided over the meeting.

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

Phil Guidone, through a letter, listed options for the fall cruise. Of the options, the members decided to have Phil select the location, sans the winery and including the cruise and a full meal.

Lois Martin reported on the latest information from CTCL regarding the controversy about a proposed donation to McPherson College.

Paul Schroll reported on cost of new grille plaques. For a minimum order of ten, one piece plaques will cost either \$25 (aluminum) or \$45 (bronze). Two separate castings will cost \$45 and \$75 respectively. No action was taken pending Wendy Meehan's report from another supplier.

Members voted to cancel the Tune Up Clinic until next spring.

Lucille reported on Eva Tucci and Mildred Strohmaier

Lucky Lucille won the 50/50.



TECH TIPS

Power Seat Motor Testing

The motors can be tested out of the car (as well as in).

On 57's, connect the negative (ground) to the black wire and positive to the green wire and the red wire at the same time for clockwise rotation. For counterclockwise rotation, connect the positive to the green wire and the yellow wire. Make sure you hold the motor tightly if not mounted.

Not sure that the 55's and 56's are the same.

Timing with a Vacuum Gauge

1. Adjust carb to obtain the smoothest idle at the factory suggested RPM level by adjusting the air/fuel mixture.
2. Attach vacuum gauge to a vacuum source.
3. Adjust timing to obtain the highest vacuum at idle.
4. Go back and readjust the carb.
5. Adjust the timing to decrease vacuum by 1" of mercury
6. Road test to see that you get no more than a slight ping on hard acceleration in high gear.
7. If it pings, reduce vacuum by small increments until you get only a slight ping when accelerating hard in high gear

Woman's Section???

Arlene Kubat has suggested to me to have something in the newsletter more directly related to the women of the club. I am definitely in favor of this and I would need some one to write the column each month. Please contact me if you would like to do this. No recipes please, as I do not want to be responsible for typos to the recipe and thereby making more enemies. As far as recipes go, if you have one that you would like to share with the club, submit it to me in a email and I will forward it each member.



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

July 12 Concert/Car Show Meadowlands Paddock
Contact John Pestrichelli (201-265-8550) for details

July 12-Lake Pine Colony Club, Medford NJ-Kids
activities, Swimming 8AM (flyer)

July 12- Calvary Temple Show 111 Preakness Ave,
Wayne. 9Am (Flyer)

July 13-River Edge-Continental Ave.@ Memorial Park
8 AM (flyer)

July 13-Pompton Lakes Elks, 19 Perrin Rd, Pompton
Lakes 10AM (flyer)

July 19 Car Show Trebour Ford, 906 Rte 10, Randolph
5pm to 9PM (flyer)

July 19-Indian Hills High School, Oakland. 9AM. Benefit
Indian Hills Hockey Team (flyer)

July 28-Aug 3 – CTCL Convention, Portland Oregon

August 3 North Rockland High, Thiells, NY-Crusin For
Kids Benefit Show (8/10 rain date) Contact Bill Jessie for
details. (flyer)

August 3 Hillsdale, NJ Demarest Farm 244 Werimus
Road 11AM (flyer)

August 3 Whippany, NJ Birchwood Manor, North
Jefferson Road-9AM-Benefit Two Kids Foundation (I
have info, no flyer)

August 10 Wayne, 475 Valley Toad (Town Hall) 9AM
(flyer) Rain date Aug 17, Tri-County Cruisers

Sept 7 Ridgfield Park ,Street Legends Car Club, Elk's
lodge #1506 Spruce and Cedar Streets 9AM Flyer
attached)

Sept 7 Ol' Daze drags, Island Dragway Show and/or race
(flyer)

Sept 27 Oakland, NJ, Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo
Ave. 9AM Benefit Class of 09 (flyer)



CRUISE SPOTS

Sunday

Wycoff-Bourbon BBQ, Goffle Road

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grill – Goffle Road

Stoney Point, NY – Gennaro's Rest., 146 Rte
9W

(Prev. Annies, new loc is about 1 mile north)

Tuesday

Clifton-Rutts Hut

Wayne – Wendy's- Rte 23 North (just before
DMV)

Saddle Brook-Bennigan's, North Midland Ave
Elmwood Park-River View East, 455 River Dr.
Old Tappan-BY-State Plaza, Old Tappan Road

Wednesday

Wycoff-DMV Parking lot-Greenwood Ave.

Moonachie-Burger King-Moonachie Rd

Keansburg-Keansburgh Amusement Park

Thursday

Riverdale Armory – Newark Pompton Tpke-
Paramus-Panera's Rest. (Behind Kohl's) Rte 4
West 7PM

Friday

Midland Park-Center St & Greenwood Ave
(train station)

Boonton-Boonton Plaza (Wal-Mart)

Wooten Street

Sayreville-Peter Pank Diner-Rte 9 North

Saturday

Chatterbox-Rtes 15&206, Augusta

Whiskey Café-Wall St, Lyndhurst

Cruises start 6-7 pm unless otherwise noted

For other cruise locations go to
<http://www.wmtram.com/biglistcarshows.htm>

OTHER

Island Dragway-1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month –
BBQ nights. (May 7,21, June 4, 18, July 2,16,Aug 6,20)
\$15 per person race or watch Food and drink included.
Gates open 4PM, racing till sundown, bbq continues late.
Info www.islanddragway.com



SEPT. 7, 2008

Rain Date Sept 14



STREET LEGENDS CAR CLUB

Will Present

The 7th Annual

Ridgefield Park Elk's Lodge #1506 Car Show

Show Hours 9 am to 3 pm

Spruce Ave. & Cedar St.

Ridgefield Park, NJ

To benefit - Elks Handicapped Children and US



Veterans Home



Entertainment: DJ Music 50's-60's - FD Pipers

Great Food Cold Refreshments

Door Prizes 50/50s - Dash Plaques and Trophies - Lodge open Hall

Clean Rest Rooms and Air Conditioned Hall

And

Trophies, Trophies, Trophies

Awarded by Club Member's and Sponsor's Picks



Registration \$15.00 Day of Show (no pre registration) pre-1963 Vehicles

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VENDORS WELCOME, FOR MORE INFORMATION

OR TO SPONSOR A TROPHY

PLEASE CALL MIKE OR LINDA

Who are the Street Legends ?



The Street Legends are a group of Elk's Lodge #1506 members, spouses, children and friends, who 7 years ago put together a car show fund raiser to raise money for the Elk's Handicapped Children's fund.

We are also all classic car owners.. We are now proudly presenting the 7th annual show
MIKE, LINDA & MIKE JR. LESTRANGE, PAT LESTRANGE, JOANNE SEILER, LARRY, ANGELA & JOE HUBERT, BILL, LIZ & WILL MORTON, ALEX JOHNSTONE, JOHN PYRROS

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CAR SHOW

NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB ANNUAL MINI-CONCOURS & PICNIC



★ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008 – RAIN OR SHINE**

(Car Registration: 10 am - Noon)

- ★ Lewis Morris Park ("Sugarloaf" picnic area), Morristown, NJ
- ★ Free Admission - Free Registration - Free Refreshments For Registrants
- ★ Thunderbird Classes: 1955, 1956, 1957, Other T-Birds, Other Classics
- ★ Trophies - Dash Plaques
- ★ Peer Judging - Trophies in all classes plus special awards

*Pre-Registration is not required.
However, if you plan to attend, we would appreciate it
if you let us know in advance - to be sure we buy enough food!*



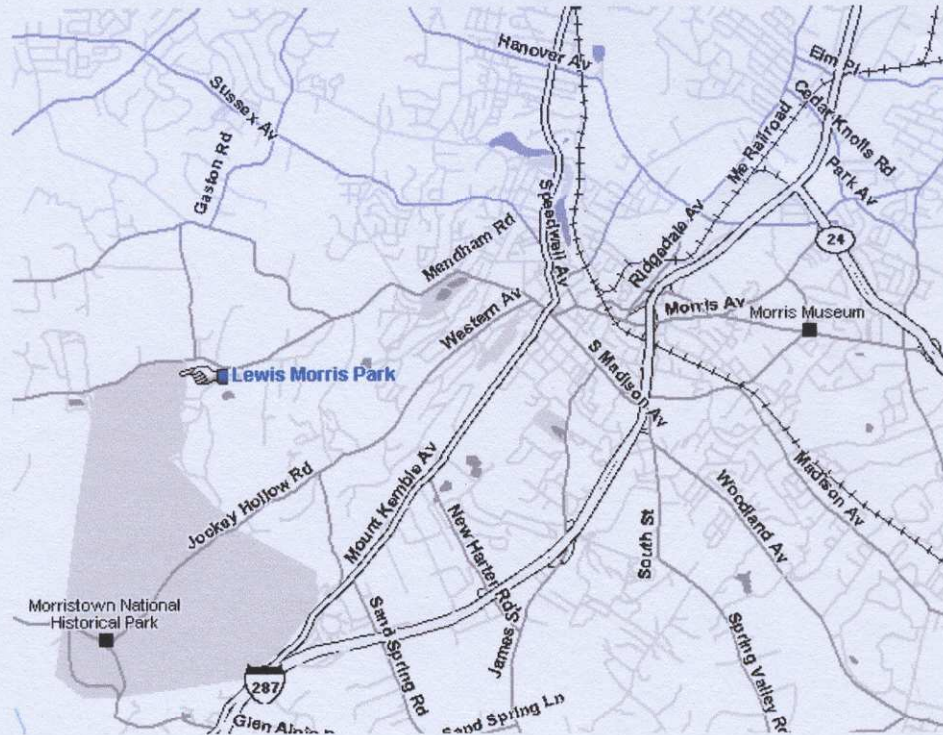
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**NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB
ANNUAL MINI-CONCOURS & PICNIC
LEWIS MORRIS PARK, MORRISTOWN, NJ
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2008**



From North:

Take I-287 South to Exit #36
Follow the directions below...

From South:

Take I-287 North to Exit #36B
Follow the directions below...

From East:

Take 78 West to 24 West to I-287 South
Take I-287 South to Exit #36
Follow the directions below...

From I-287 Exit #36 (heading South) & #36B (heading North):

From exit ramp, stay straight on Lafayette
Go under RR tracks
Turn Right at light onto Morris Street
Bear Left at light and continue up the hill to the "Morristown Green"
Turn Right at light onto the Green
Turn Left at light (around Green)
Turn Right at light off the Green, following signs for 124 (old Rt. 24) West
Continue on 124 West for about 3 miles
Lewis Morris Park is on the left
Follow signs to the show/picnic at "Sugarloaf"