

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



# The Thunder Heard

March 2015

## SPRING IS COMING

### 2015 Meeting Schedule

March 15	John Pyrros
March 28	50's Dance
April	Spring Cruise
April 26	Dinner & Play
May	Paquito D'Rivera
June 7	Tune Up Clinic
June	Bill Downing
July	Chatterbox ????
August 16	Picnic
Sept	Harold's ????
October	Fall Cruise
November	
December	Christmas Party

The March meeting will be hosted by John & Sandra Pyrros on March 15th at 2 PM

**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



Great weather huh? Spring is coming, I am sure of it.

Two big club events have taken place so far this year. First, in January, was Harold's Deli. Although Joanne and I were not there I was told it was a good turn out and everyone had a good time. In February we held our Sweetheart Brunch at Perone Farms. It was another good turn out but the general feeling was that it was not as good a selection of food as the Bethwood. We will keep trying new spots.

We have added new albums to the web site - the Christmas Party, Harold's Deli and the Sweetheart Brunch. All pictures are located on the members only page. Again, they have music so enjoy. Sorry about the music on some of the Apple devices as they do not recognize Flash Player. I am working on a new photo storage site that may correct that.

February 5th Joanne and I went to California for the CTCI board meeting. I have emailed a summary to all the club members. I will put it on the web site in the members area in case you missed it. I hope all you Facebook people enjoyed our vacation travel log. After the CTCU meeting we went to Las Vegas for a week. We made a side trip to Area 51 and the "Lil Ale Inn". Got home just in time for the Sweetheart Brunch and the record breaking cold temps. To all the members who went on the cruise on the 20th, Good timing even though you spent a couple of days in Florida at 48 degrees (we were at 0 degrees for that time period so you were still warmer). By the way, I noticed when I got back from Vegas my bathroom scale was malfunctioning so please don't be alarmed if yours does too!!! I think it's some type of Murphy's law.

Please get busy selling those dance tickets, the sales are going slow. This is a major fund raiser or the club and we can't afford to run it at a loss. We are only at about 1/3 sold) cash in hand).

Pat Le Strange





### A few Words From Alec

First off, let me say that I want to thank all my friends in our club that offered their prayers and help during my latest medical crisis. I spent a week in Intensive Care and Critical Care recovering from a severe heart attack at the end of January. It's good to know that so many people care for you and that I'm still here to enjoy your friendship and caring.

Again, many thanks to everybody

### January February Meeting

Sue and Anthony Gaeta hosted this meeting. It was a very nice day and we had a full house. The host put on a great spread and every one had their fill.

Thanks to Sue and Anthony.

### Highlights of the Business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report. The new Treasurer was welcomed.

Joanne reported that we had a spike in the number of visitors to the web site because of the mention in the Early Bird. The site now has over 20,000 hits.

Arlene reported she has tentatively booked the San Carlo for 12/5/15. Prices will be higher. Any one having suggestion for another location get back to her.

The coming events for 2015 were detailed. See page one for details.

Pat mentioned that he and Joanne attended the Garden State TBird Club meeting.

Paul S said he is working with two suppliers for club plaques.

Next meeting March 15th.

Paul S won the 50/50.

### Harold's Deli

Harold's was a blast as usual. The pastrami was just right as well as all their other offerings. The pickle bar was as good as ever. There were about 30 members and friends who ate till they couldn't stuff any more in. We even had the pleasure of having Victoria Jessie with us whom we haven't seen in a while. Most everyone had a second meal at home as most took the part they couldn't finish.

Sandy Pyrros made all the arrangements and everything went super. She even had little chocolate table favors for us. Thanks Sandy.



### Message

Hi everyone. We are back from our cruise. Great time and, of course, NO NO snow. The Caribbean was very hot , what a delight.

We want to pay our respects to Pat Selby on the loss of her mother. Our prayers are with you and your family.

I have not heard on how Marianne Dennig is doing. I hope she is getting around better and getting stronger each day after her fall. I also hope that Dorothy Dobres is feeling better and stronger. Alec had a heart problem and was in the hospital. He is home and feeling better. Frank Chabala is not doing to well, he is back in the hospital. I will keep you posted on his status. Our prayers are with you Frank and also with Lucille. If there is anything we can do, please let us know

Our next event is the 50's dance on March 28th. Ticket sales are slow, so please get out and sell them. This is a big fund raiser for us, so lets make this years dance the best one yet. As you all know we have a great time, great food, great music. So please get out there and sell your tickets.

There were 10 NJORTC members that went on the cruise last week. We were on the Vision of the Seas cruise ship. The ship was an older ship that was refurbished. It was very nice. We had a rough sail going to our first port, but we survived. We went to Roatan, Honduras, Belize, and Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico. We were on the go all the time. We had two guests, Time Strange (hot rod/classic car builder who is also in the middle of taping a TV show) and Von Hot Rod (painter and pin striper). Tim did a seminar on car restoring/building and Von had pin striping classes. All our guys and some women enjoyed both. The Classic car Cruise also raises funds for American Vet (service) Dogs. These dogs are trained to help disabled vets, a fantastic program.

One of the highlights of the Honduras leg was zip lining which Rich Martin, Carol and Charlie Ehm, Joe and Jan Seville took part. Guess who was doing stunts - of course our own Rich Martin, zip lining upside down. There was so much more on the various stops that I could keep going on. All I can say is it was Grrreat. There will be another cruise next year if any one is interested.

Neat meeting hosted by the Pyrros, March 15th . See you then ..... Arlene

# Membership News

**Happy Anniversary**

Bill & Pat Selby 12th  
John & Sandra Bolger 23rd  
Bruce & Eileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st  
Joanne Seiler 5th  
Susan Gaeta 9th

**Get Well Soon!**

Dorothy Dobres  
Frank Chabala  
Marianne Dennig

**FOR SALE**

### Outer Steering Column

Chrome Outer steering column for a 56/57. Very nice condition and can be used as is for a driver. Needs to be rechromed for a show car. Minor surface rust. Paul, 201-652-7027

### Moved

Bob and Shelly Belli have moved to Pennsylvania. Their new address is 120 Stoney Lane, Shohola Falls, Pa 18458. Home phone 570-296-6515.

### Condolences

To Pat Selby on the passing of her mother.

**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.**

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## Harold's Deli



**Matzo Ball Soup Anyone?**



**Root Beer Floats**

## Events

### March Meeting

The March meeting will be held at the Paramus Ambulance Corp building, 295 East Midland Ave, Paramus NJ. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP (or regrets) to Sandy or John.

### 50's Dance

Time is getting close. Get those tickets sold. Make sure you save the date - March 28th. Joanne will be looking for volunteers to set up so give her a call.

See attached flyer

### Westchester Broadway Theater

Donna has put together a trip to see the play, West Side Story. This is a dinner and play. This should be a good outing. The date is April 26 and will be on a Sunday, approx. 11:45 to 4:30. See attached flyer. Call Donna if going. email: [tbandmetro@aol.com](mailto:tbandmetro@aol.com) or 845-786-2985



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

3/22 Woodstown NJ Salem County Fairgrounds,  
AACA Swap Meet 730 RTE 40  
4/11 Medford NJ Flying W Airport, 60 Fostertown  
Rd Car Show

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

## Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wednesday

Paterson-Pep Boys Speed Shop 261 McLean Blvd  
Starts 3/11



### TRIVIA

What was the first car to be offered with a  
"perpetual guarantee"? Top of the line (clue)  
No one guessed this last month, so I'll run it again.

### VERNAL EQUINOX

March 20 is the Vernal Equinox. This means  
SPRING HAS COME

## Sweetheart Brunch

We tried a new place, Perona's Farms. It was  
bright, sunny day. We had a good crowd.  
However, the food didn't seem as good and the  
selection somewhat lacking (no free mimosa's) as  
compared to our prior experiences at the Bethwood.  
Regardless, it was good getting to see the other club  
members and to get out of the house to dispel the  
cabin fever we have had because of the cold, snowy  
weather.



## Brunch



### Another Sign of Spring.

March 8th is the start of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed. Remember - Spring ahead, Fall back

# January/February Meeting



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club's  
**50's Sock Hop and Dinner**  
**Saturday**  
**March 28, 2015**

**American Legion Hall**  
**1 Legion Place**  
**Elmwood Park, NJ**

See any  
NJORTC  
Member  
for Tickets  
or call Pat

201-920-7226

**7:30pm to 11:30pm**  
**Doors Open 7:00pm**



**Gasser Dan**  
**Spinnin' the**  
**Oldies**

**50's Style Dressing is Strongly Encouraged**



**Tickets \$45**  
**Includes**  
**50's style Dinner**  
**Wine, Beer & Soda**

**Food**  
**Catered**  
**by the**  
**Market Basket**







*As a club we're trying to put together a trip to see a play.*

*Show: West Side Story at Westchester Broadway Theatre*

*Date: April 26, 2015*

*Time: approximately 11:45 am to 4:30 pm*

*Cost if we have 15 or more: \$ 80.24 which includes a \$4.00 gratuity. (tax maybe extra)*

*If less than 15 the price would be \$85.90 plus tax and gratuity.*

*I would like to know who is going and have deposit by the meeting in January to order the tickets. I want to order the tickets by February 1st. \$40 deposit per ticket will be required to order.*

*Donna Jessie is putting this together so if you are interested please contact her.*

*Email: [tbandmetro@aol.com](mailto:tbandmetro@aol.com) or [vanzoncorp@optonline.net](mailto:vanzoncorp@optonline.net) or call home 845-786-2985*

*Cell: 845-548-1656.*

**Note - we have met the minimum so the price is the 80.24.**

