

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



The Thunder Heard

NOVEMBER 2010

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

2010/11 Meeting Schedule

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| November 7 | Frank Gloss/Mary Green |
| December 5 | Holiday Party-Brownstone |
| Jan/Feb 2011 | Nick & Adrienne Malanga |
| Jan 23 | Harold's Deli |
| March | Al & Lorraine Cirinelli |
| April | Alec Johnstone |
| May | Bill Pat Selby |
| June | Paul & Sheryl Adamoff |
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The Novemrr meeting will be on the 7th at 2 PM and will be hosted by Frank Gloss & Mary Green, 23 Southwyck Lane, Warwick, NJ 10990. RSVP 845-759-2992 or fegloss@optonline.net

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



Fall is here and just about the end to the car show season. It was a good season although almost too hot some days to attend car shows. You members attended a lot of shows all over the state.

Our Fall Colors Cruise was terrific and was the most attended one the club has ever had. Thanks to Phil and Dorothy Guidone, great planning, great route and a great restaurant. The Olde Mill Inn treated us like VIP's. Special parking and our own private room, as well as welcome signs for the Club.

Everyone please get your Christmas Party money to the Chalabas and let Arlene know if you will or will not attend. For those who don't go, I don't want to hear you cry that you missed the Chicken Dancers. The Christmas Party has been getting better and better each year (thanks Arlene) and now we are trying a new location, The Brownstone. Don't forget the price of the Party goes toward your annual dues. \$50 per person. Two (2) people covers your entire dues, one (1) person will cover 1/2 of your dues.

Get your ideas for upcoming events to Joanne so we can work out a schedule.

I hope to see a big turnout at the next meeting at Frank Gloss's home. This will be the election meeting . The two positions up for election were unopposed, but we will have the official vote at that time.

Thanks

Pat LeStrange





A few words from Alec

At least we had a brief taste of Indian Summer in late October to ease the fact that we are now facing another long winter, early darkness and cold temperatures.

We really had a picture perfect Sunday for our Fall Colors cruise. A great trip, thanks to Phil and Dorothy.

Looking forward to our club Christmas party at the Brownstone. Make your plans to attend now.
Happy Motoring

Alec

Fall Colors Cruise

This fall cruise was one of the best ever. The weather was sunny, a little on the crisp side but was still top down weather. We had thirty members attending with 10 little Birds, a retro bird and a big old Caddy. We met at Schooley's Mountain Park, where Phil and Dorothy, along with their daughters Kimberly and Jennifer, had coffee and donuts waiting. After some commiserating, we started the cruise. After a short ride, we made a stop at an old cider mill where every one wandered around and, it seems, where they bought cider, donuts and some delicious looking apple pies to take home. Then we continued the leisurely cruise on the back roads of New Jersey enjoying the turning of the leaves and the old towns in the area.

Everyone was able to stay together and no one got lost. We ended up at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge where a great buffet lunch was awaiting us. After enjoying the delicious food, Phil and Dorothy had door prizes and two masked goblins, who were celebrating an early Halloween, passed around candy. A big thank you to Dorothy and Phil for a great time.



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Vice President's Message

I was going to stop doing my monthly weather report, but I cannot because, in general, the weather has been great. It has been cold mornings and night, but afternoons have been real nice. I wish it could stay like this. It is favorite time of year with the leaves changing color and weather (most of the time) nice. But, unfortunately, this will change-UGH!!! There are still some car shows going on-they will be coming to an end real soon so get the TBirds out there before it is time to put them away for the winter

Our Fall Cruise was fantastic. We had a good number of TBirds and members attend. We all had a good time. Thank You Dorothy and Phil for putting together a great cruise and good food. Dorothy and her daughter (Kimberly) put on some Halloween gear and came around handing out candy (Dorothy had on the coolest pair of eye glasses). Some of the members won some prizes. Like I said it was a lot of fun.

Our Christmas Party is fast approaching-December 5, Sunday at 5:30. The Brownstone, Paterson, NJ. The cost is \$50 per person, \$100 per couple. Please send your check to Frank Chalaba as soon as possible. If you are not paid before the party, you will not be included. Also, there are no refunds. We will once again have a grab bag, \$25. Bring a gift, get a gift. If anyone has any fun ideas, please share them with us at our next meeting.

Once again the holiday season is here. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween. Try not to eat too much candy. Also a Happy Thanksgiving to all. We all have a lot to be grateful for. I know we will all be eating a lot of turkey and all the trimmings-oh my gosh that is all we ever do, eat, eat, eat!!!

One last thing for this month - do not forget to turn your clocks back November 7th, end of daylight savings time. If you forget you might be late for our monthly meeting at Frank Gloss', 2PM

Hope to see you all soon.

Arlene

Membership News



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



Izabela Costa 14th
 Linda Herb 1st
 Phil Guidone 4th
 Aileen Corbett 23rd



I hope everyone is well

FOR SALE

From Pat: I have a friend looking for a 56 Bird with auto trans (required) It must be in good shape not in need of restoration, basically a nice driver. Call me.

Next Year - Richmond, Va, June 15-19 and Omaha, Nebraska August 24-28. It has been mentioned that rooms for Richmond, like in Dayton, are going to be tight, so make your reservation now. They can always be canceled if you decide not to go at a later date.

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October Meeting

The meeting was hosted by John and Sandy Bolger. It was a great weather day, sunny with just a little crispness to the temperature. We had a large attendance and 7 members brought out their TBirds. There was plenty of good food and drink to go along with the great hospitality. Many thanks to John and Sandy



**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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll
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Club events

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party is scheduled for December 5th at the Brownstone Restaurant, 351 West Broadway, Paterson 07522. Mark this on your calendar. Cost is \$50.00 per person. If you go to the party, 1/2 of dues will be forgiven. If a couple goes, the total amount of dues will be forgiven. Get your check (payable to NJORTC) into Frank Chabala ASAP. It should be in by the November meeting. Also notify Arlene if you are going.

Harold's Deli

After a one year hiatus, Harold's is on the schedule. It is going to be on Jan 23, in Edison. Keep the date open and join us. I can taste the pastrami now!!!! Further info will be following.

More Fall Colors Cruise



Apple Cider, donuts, super size pies



Coffee before starting

Mini Car Show

In conjunction with the Meadowlands Street Rods (who arranged the show), Alec, John P and Paul S., three cars from the Meadowlands plus Bob Skudera, Bob Connors and Harvey Truppi staged a mini car show for the clients of the West Bergen Mental Healthcare Center. This is the second year we did this. The clients seemed to enjoy the show, asking various questions about the cars and the years they were made. The center provided refreshments and the cars and drivers were rewarded with a standing ovation as they left. Each owner was also given a gift card to Pathmark



Mini-show Participants

Strange Facts

The San Francisco Cable Cars are the only mobile National Monuments

City with the most Rolls Royces per capita - Hong Kong



Tech Tips

Dash Light Switch

The interior dash light switch for the 55-57 TBirds is located on the headlight switch. The interior dash lights are turned on by pulling out on the headlight switch. At least that is the theory. This "tech tip" is a simple test. If your dash lights do not work when you pull out on your headlight switch, the problem may be that your switch has developed a thin layer of oxidation. The lights are turned on when a small spring tip comes in contact with the inner mechanism of the switch. As you turn your switch from left to right, your lights will dim or brighten. This is due to increasing or decreasing the tension on the spring. The greater the tension, the greater amount of contact is made by the spring. This increased contact allows more current to flow through the switch, creating a brighter light display on your dash. As oxidation builds up on the spring contact, a failure to make contact can result. No contact means no dash lights. As most veteran TBird owners have discovered, if you simply turn your switch from right to left a few times, you can cut through enough of the oxidation to make contact again with the spring. Your lights will now work. Sometimes, a few turns are not enough. As I was having problems with my switch, I called our resident "Guru" Mr. Ken Smizinski. He asked me if I had turned the switch a few times. I replied that I had with no results. Ken proceeded to tell me that it may take a dozen or so rotations of your switch before contact can be restored.

The oxidation of our dash switches is the result of infrequent use. Most of us rarely drive at night. If we do drive at night, our nights are limited to those hot summer evenings when there is not even a hint of rain in sight. The replacement switches available from the parts supplier appear to be more prone to oxidation than the original switches. As such, inspect your switch closely before deciding to replace it because your interior lights no longer work. The solution may be as simple as a few twists of your hand. Early Bird, Jan-Feb 1998

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.

Fall Color Cruise



Fall Foliage



Group Shot



Pat brought one of his friends



Morning coffee table decor

Cruise Nights

Saturday

Little Falls-Great Notch Inn Rte 46W 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Till it snows!!!!

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Nov 7 - Reiglesville, PA

Feb - Atlantic City Auction

If any one has info on shows and swap meets in Dec and forward please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



October Meeting



The meeting was hosted by John and Sandy Bolger. It was a clear day, windy and somewhat cool, but many brought out their Birds. Some even braved the cold and had their tops down. The meeting was well attended. Thanks to Sandy and John for hosting.

Highlights of the meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurers report was read and accepted. Dominick showed samples of the "year" pins. After much discussion, it was decided to put on the year the member joined instead of the years of membership. It is to be awarded at the member's hosting of their first meeting.

Lois reported that there was nothing new on the Virginia convention but those attending should get the reservation to the hotel in as soon as possible, ditto on the Omaha convention. She noted that there was speculation on a third convention, in San Diego, CA.

Arlene reported on the Holiday party on Dec 5th. The club is again subsidizing the cost over \$50. Like last year, an attending member will get 50% credit against next years dues. A sign up sheet was passed around.

Joanne asked if anyone had any location suggestions for the Sweetheart brunch. No one had so it will be held again at the Bethwood.

Rich Martin reported that he talked to Vince about Harold's Deli and Vince said he will handle it as well as reviewing the club by-laws for updating and posting on the club website.

Voting for the positions for Treasurer and Vice President will be held at the November meeting.

Lucille told the club the Mercedes Club is holding a seminar sponsored by AAA. It is a 6 hour course, (\$50.00) and passing may get you an insurance discount and will provide for a reduction in license points. Call Lucille if you are interested.

Bob Belli mentioned the Night at the Races for next April. Due to lack of interest, it will not be held.

If anyone has an idea for an activity for next year, contact Joanne.

Next meeting November 7th. (see Page 1 for time and location).

Why did ole Henry only offer only black for the Model T's?

e-mail the answer to me (Sorry, no prize)



Safety Tip

How to Lock Your Car and Why

I locked my car. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and locked my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store. They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation . I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight to the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful, scheme being used to gain entry into cars. Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening....

While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase.....you name it. He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic -- there is a device that robbers are using now to clone your security code when you lock your doors on your car using your key-chain locking device..

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They know you are going inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom and that they now have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said to **manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.**

When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen.

From Paul Adamoff off the internet

Berkley College Show

Six of us went to this show, which is about the last one in northeast NJ for this year. It was a great day and over 250 cars made it. It was Halloween themed and some cars, including Pat's Merc, came dressed for the occasion. Unfortunately, it did not show up in the pictures. Two 50/50's, tricky trays and an accapella group rounded out the show. Lots of new cars-never seen before.



John P's favorite



Built in the 60's-very well engineered

Idiot Sighting

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a Taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce'. He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.