



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club  
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# The Thunder Heard

## December 2006

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### 2006 Meeting Schedule

Dec 2	** Christmas Party **
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### 2007 Meeting Schedule

Jan 28 2pm	Bob & Shelley Belli
Mar	John & Sandra Bolger
Apr	John & Terry O'Brian
May	Frank Gloss / Mary Green
Jun	9999999999 OPEN 99999999
Jul	Charles & Isabella Costa
Aug	REGIONAL CONVENTION
Sept	Richard & Susan Titone
Oct	9999999999 OPEN 99999999
Nov	Jack & Shelia Granowitz
Dec	CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Jan/Feb meeting will be hosted by Bob & Shelley Belli at their home on Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 2PM.  
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Directions on page 6

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

What a great concert! Everyone in attendance seemed to really enjoy him or herself; I would like to thank Vince, Lucille, Arlene, and everyone else who worked so hard to make it a success. Most of all, the members that sold the tickets, you all really did a great job towards making the event a success. The club made a little money to put towards the Regional's expenses. Now lets all get behind the committee heads and put on a really fantastic Regional.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party again this year. It is a really nice way to start out the Holiday season, friends, food, and music who could ask for more. Please make your reservations for it by sending your check to Lucille and calling or e-mailing Arlene so that she may get a final count for the restaurant.

BarbaraAnna and myself would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas, and a healthy Holiday season.

See you down the road,  
John Kefalonitis



Wow, if you weren't there, you missed a terrific concert Thanks to all who supported us.



Please check our **CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE** on the last page. Do not mix it up with the regular schedule. The meetings will be the first Sunday of the month at 5pm. Hosts are urged **"Not to make the**

refreshments extravagant “ stick with sandwiches or finger food.



**A few words from Alec**

Well, here it is the last month of the year already. Seems like some of us were just getting ready to go to Wichita for the National Convention. Speaking of conventions, our convention in Aug '07 will be the last and only convention East of the Mississippi until 2009 and maybe even longer then that. So consider registering for our convention and show off your Bird Happy Motoring  
Alec



**Vice President's Message**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Thanks for a great year.  
A Big Thank You to everyone who sold tickets and supported our FUND RAISING concert.  
Bob & Christina did a great job hosting our November meeting at their home. They made every one feel at home and served plenty of food. We had 7 Little birds and 1 Retro Bird. Bob had us park on the lawn for a Kodak moment. ( See Pictures elsewhere in the NL)



**Our 2007 Regional IS Going to Happen.....**

Come to the meeting and find out

how it is progressing and how you can help

**Check out the Convention Page**



Any items you want us to publish in the newsletter must be received before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month they can be e-mailed directly to me Pat LeStrange rolodexp@aol.com.

2006 Club Calendar

Dec 2

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**The Road to a Long-Lasting Automobile**

Auto technicians say the key to keeping vehicles running well, today and down the road, is routine maintenance. Yet many drivers tend to stall when it comes to keeping up with some everyday auto-basics. A recent survey by the Car Care Council found:

- 54 percent had low tire pressure
- 38 percent had low or dirty engine oil
- 28 percent had inadequate cooling protection
- 19 percent needed new belts
- 16 percent had dirty air filters
- 10 percent had low or contaminated brake fluid



**TOOL OF THE MONTH**

**PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads**



**NOTICE**

Due to the upcoming convention and by club vote. This year your dues will NOT be included in the Holiday Party ticket price. Each must be paid for separately. \$36 club dues will be due in January.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DECEMBER  
AnniversarY

Ken & Linda Herb.....3



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

Bill Jessie...

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Paul Schroll.....

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## Holiday Party

The price for the party is \$50 per person at the San Carlo in Lyndhurst (same place as the last couple of years) on December 2

Bring a gift (\$25), get a gift  
Contact Arlene Kubat



Bob & Christna Calvo's meetng  
Pictures taken by Bob's friend Frank Grimes



A small overheat problem



The VP giving suggestions on how to park



Beautiful Birds on Beautiful Grass





and the "Magic of Constantine" performing  
ABRACADOO-WOP



**Where have you been?**

**UPDATE**



We have heard from a few "lost members" the Catanzaro's have moved, the Powells, Eckerts, Gerschs, Steve Rose and Julie Levine are not renewing their membership of the club, because of

various reasons.

Why not drop us an E-Mail to [rolodexp@aol.com](mailto:rolodexp@aol.com) or send a note/letter to Alec and let us know how you are and what's been going on. We would love to put some news about you in the newsletter so everyone can get updated.

We miss you.



***Makin' Thunderbirds*** by Bob Seger

(Recorded 1982)

Excerpt:

*We were makin' Thunderbirds*

*We were makin' Thunderbirds*

*They were long and low and sleek and fast*

*They were classic in a word*

*Back in '55*

*We were makin' Thunderbirds*

*We were young and proud*

*We were makin' Thunderbirds*

*We were young and sure*

*We were makin' Thunderbirds*

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If you enjoyed Our concert  
You may want to get tickets to another

Vince DeAndrea Show

Feb.10, 2007 at 8PM

at Hillsborough High School,  
555 Amwell Rd. Hillsborough, NJ

Staring:

The Happenings

(See you in September, Go Away Little Girl)

the Musical Comedy of Andri & Cirell

(Darling Lorraine)

Bobby Valli's tribute to his brother

Frankie Valli (the 4 Seasons)

Registered Agent	Vince DeAndrea
Awards/Plaques	Dominick Tucci
Membership Chairman	Alec Johnstone

Name Badges John Pyrros  
 Jackets Joe Kubat  
 Grill Plaques & Hats Frank Chabala  
 Club Historian Lucille Chabala  
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 Sunshine Lucille Chabala

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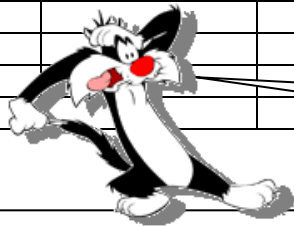
# THE CONVENTION PAGE



## CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 5 pm **UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

Month & Year	Date	Time	Host
NOV 2006	Nov. 5	4 pm	The Fire Place, Rt 17 N Paramus (at Ridgewood Ave., next to the Fashion Center)
DEC 2006	Dec 10		Stardust Diner, Hackettstown ???? info coming
JAN 2007	Jan 7	2 pm	Walter & Mildred Stromaier
FEB 2007			
MAR 2007			
APR 2007	April 1	5pm	Rich & Lois Martin
MAY 2007	Combined with Tune Up Clinic		Bruce & Aileen Corbett
JUNE 2007			
JULY 2007			John & Barbaranna Kefalonitis



Sufferin' Succatash  
 We still have open months !

## Convention Committees for 2007

Hotel & Legal- Vince DeAndrea  
 Trophies- Dominick Tucci  
 Merchandise, shirts, hats, etc... (Souvenir items)- Joanne Seiler  
 Corporate support- Phil & Dorothy Guidone  
 Judging- Vince DeAndrea, Rich Martin, Mike Meehan  
 Hospitality- Joe & Arlene Kubat  
 Publications- Pat LeStrange & Alec Johnstone  
 Logistics layout- Bruce Corbett & Bill Shelby  
 Goodie bags & Door prizes- Eva Tucci & BarbaraAnna Kefalonitis  
 Registration- Aileen Corbett  
 Activities (on & off site)- Lucille Chabala & Joe Kubat  
 Treasurer, 50/50- Frank Chabala  
 Welcoming- Joanne Seiler  
 Program, Publicity & Advertising- Wendy & Mike Meehan  
 Vender Room- John Pyrros  
 Secretary- Arlene Kubat  
 Volunteers- Alec Johnstone  
 Master of Ceremonies- Vince De Andrea  
 Decorations- Ron & Merry Case

**FOR SALE**

'55 Thunderbird Jr. \$2500.00

Rodney McNeil of the Star City  
Thunderbird Club, 5540 Arthur St.  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Bob & Shelley Belli  
57 Longview Dr. Emerson, NJ  
2pm Nov 26, 2006  
Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 2PM.

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**Directions to our home:**

Garden State Parkway- (North or South)  
Exit 165- when you get off the Garden State  
Parkway, follow signs to Oradell. This will put  
you on Ridgewood/Oradell Ave. Go east on  
Oradell Ave to the second traffic light. (Forest  
Ave). Take a left on Forest Ave. to the next  
traffic light. (Soldier Hill Road) Take a right turn  
on Soldier Hill. Go approximately 1/2 mile to  
Ross Ave on the left side. Take a left turn to first  
left ( Longview Drive). go to the next corner on  
right side, #57. Grey House.

Route 17- North or South- Take Exit Linwood  
Ave. Go east on Linwood to end. (Pascack  
Road) Turn right on Pascack to 1st light. (Soldier  
Hill Road) Take a left on Soldier Hill Road to  
Ross Ave. (on left side). Take a left turn on Ross  
to first left (Longview Drive). Go to the next  
corner on right side, #57. Grey House

Route 4- Take Forest Ave exit ( Bergen Mall)  
Go north on Forest Ave approximately 5 miles to  
Soldier Hill Road. There is a light on the corner  
of Soldier Hill and Forest Ave. Turn right on  
Soldier Hill Rd to Ross Ave on the left side. Take  
a left turn to first left ( Longview Drive). Go to the  
next corner on right side, #57. Grey house.