

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



The Thunder Heard

July 2011

NJORTC 35 Years Old

2011 Meeting Schedule

July 10	Charlie & Izabela Costa
August 14	Mini Concours/Picnic
September	
October	Pat LeStrange, Joanne Seiler
October	Fall Cruise
November	John & Sandra Pyrros
Dec 3	Holiday party

The July meeting will be on July 10th at 4:00 PM and will be hosted by Charlie & Izabela Costa, 428 MacArthur Ave., Garfiels, NJ 07026. RSVP 201-757-4341 or charlie8265@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



The VA Convention was another great trip. Our turnout was very impressive - 27 members with 14 TBirds and one '54 Ford. We went, we saw, we had a lot of fun. All NJORTC member who had their Birds judged won awards as well as out newsletter editors, Paul and Alec.

I am proud of our members for their attendance and all the extra things they did to help the Convention go so well. The battery caper that John Pyrros and Alec Johnstone did was just the thing that makes our members stand out.

Rich Martin said he had spoken to Mike Martin (no relation and the Convention Chair) who stated we had an open invitation and would be welcomed back to Virginia anytime. Mike was very happy by our turnout. Now lets see what impact we can have in Memphis.

Paul and Sheryl's meeting was, again, well attended. VP Arlene Kubat did a great job running the meeting as I arrived late because I took my kids, grandkids and Joanne's kids and grandson to the Bronx Zoo. Thanks to Paul and Sheryl.

I was forced to cancel or at least postpone the Chatterbox/Warwick Drive In as there were too many conflicts with car shows and some members personal commitments. Joanne and I will try to do something with a Drive In Movie at our house when we have our club meeting. Please let me know how you feel about it as it will have to be a late afternoon meeting.

It appears I will run for the Region 1 Director's job. I have been undecided, but I am getting a lot of support from our club, so I will give it a shot. Thank you in advance for your votes.

Please remember to let meeting hosts know well in advance (at least a week) if you will be attending their meeting. We all have hosted meeting and we all know the stress. 4 or 5 days before the meeting we have only a few RSVP's. Then 2 or 3 days before the meeting we get a flood of responses and have to scramble for more food.

Thanks
Pat





A few words from Alec

Well, its here and gone, the Convention in VA that we all were looking forward to has become a part of our club's history. As in 2010 at Dayton our club dominated the awards ceremony and banquet. Everybody had a great time and the weather for the most part cooperated with little rain.

Now myself and other members are looking forward to the convention in August of this year in Omaha.

I hope to see you there.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

June Meeting

The June meeting was hosted by Sheryl and Paul Adamoff. While the weather forecast was not good, we had 7 Birds flying into the Adamoff's nest. The bad weather never came. Attendance was great and the food was as well. We even had a doe-eyed party crasher to entertain us. The VA convention was the big topic of conversation. Thanks to Paul and Sheryl for hosting.



The Vice President's Message

It is officially summer!!! The last few days have been very nice, a bit hot, but that's what summer is all about. We have had plenty of rain to last us for a while. The only thing that has me a bit worried is the tornados in the area. The first tropical storm has come to life - guess the name? Well I will tell you - ARLENE. HA HA!!!

I have talked to Lucille and she is feeling better after her kidney stone surgery. When we were in VA, Aileen hurt her knee in the pool. I hope it is feeling better.

My prayers are with Donna Jesse and her family on the loss of her father

I understand the Walter has bought himself a new toy - a motorcycle of all things. Be careful .

On June 25th NJORTC celebrated 35 years of being a chartered club. Joanne surprised us with a cake (with our logo) and balloons. She also had our certificate framed and read some highlights of what our club has done for thirty five years. We found out that the first President was a woman - verrrry interesting. We have had the tune-up clinic, mini concourse and Christmas party all these years. Thanks Joanne for doing the research.

It has been two weeks already that we went to VA for the Regional Convention. All members who attended the convention won awards. Congratulations. Paul S and Alec won the Concourse Gold for the newsletter. Great job guys, keep up the good work.

We all had a great time at the convention. Every one knew that NJ was there. The first night there we took up almost all the tables in the pub and the waitress was all confused. Oh well!!! The next night we had a partial power failure - all the lights went out in the hotel except where we were partying. At 5AM the fire alarms went off and woke us all up. Some of us thought it was the alarm clocks or cell phones going off. If there was real fire we would have been in trouble. The only smart ones were Dotty and Bill Hyde. They actually left the building and were the only ones outside besides the firemen. When they were told it was a false alarm, they realized they left their keys in the room. (Cont'd on Page 4)

Membership News



Gene & Diane Szura 2nd



Frank Gloss 12th

Bob Notar 12th

Sandy Pyrros

Paul Adamoff 16

Pauline Schroll 17th

Charlie Costa 18th

Lorrie Matrone 19th

Diane Szura 21st

Alec Johnstone 24th



Lucille Chabala

Condolences

To Donna Jessie on the passing of her father

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/classicbirds/photos/album/1079906548/pic/list> (under Art's Thunderbird) or call Art Fink 732-996-2376 or awfink55@verizon.net for pics.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are 4 billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet

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July 4th, 1776 The beginning of the United States
Happy Birthday America

June Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Paul & Sheryl Adamoff.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, as was the treasurer's report.

Lois and Arlene reported that plans for the Mini-Concours are proceeding.

Lois reported that the organizers of the Memphis 2012 convention thanked the club for the donation. She also reported that there will be a private tour of Graceland, including the airplane and car collection. A riverboat cruise is also planned. Cars will be indoors.

Phil reported on the October cruise. He also mentioned the possibility of a cruise to Barret-Jackson in Arizona (via airplane) and is inviting all for a club event.

Joanne talked about the Cookbook fundraiser. The club will reconsider this in the fall.

The Richmond Convention was discussed. The club was well represented and our member's cars won many awards.

Joanne came up with surprise. This month represents the 35th anniversary of NJORTC and from some archives read off various facts about the club as it grew.

Next meeting July 10th hosted by Charlie and Izabela Costa



Club Events

Mini Concours

The Mini-Concours has been scheduled for August 14th at Schooley's Mountain. Reserve this date now so you won't forget. Additional info will be posted

Chatterbox/Drive In

This event has been postponed to a later date ????? because some were afraid that a car show nearby would create a heavy volume of traffic

Richmond Caravan

Every thing went well for the caravan. All those driving to Richmond made it down and back without any problems. Thanks to John Pyrros and Paul Schroll for planning the caravan down. 11 drove down together

The Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

We had a lot of funny stories. All I can say is that Dorothy Guidone might be trading in cocanut man for tighty whities!!! We went on very interesting tours and also met Thomas Jefferson at the welcome party. Like I said, we had a great time. Our cars made it to VA with no problems and returned home safe and sound. The local chapter put on a great convention. All the Thunderbirds looked great on the show field.

Well, I think I said enough for one newsletter. Enjoy getting your TBirds out to cruise night and car shows. Talk to you soon.

Arlene

June Meeting



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
ptschroll@aol.com



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

7/9-Merchantville-Alexander Ave. (F)

7/9 Randolph-Performance Ford, 906 Rte 10

7/10 River Edge - Continental Ave

7/16 Oakland- Indian Hills High School 97 Yawpo Ave. (F)

7/17 Totowa -Bethwood-38 Lackawanna Ave. (F)

7/17 Hillsdale-Demarest Farm-244 Werimus Rd (F)

7/17 Pompton Lakes-Elks Club, 1 Perrin Ave (F)

7/24 Hackensack-Bergen Cty courthouse-corner of Church St and River Rd.

8/6 Thiels, NY-No. Rockland High Sch.-Hammond RD (F)

(F)-I have flyer

For additional listings, go to www.njcarshows.com

June Meeting



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.



CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Jackson-2010 W. County Line Rd (Clifmar Diner) 3rd Sunday of the month

Monday

Saddle Brook-427 Market St (Advanced Auto)

Hawthorne-Goffle Road (Goffle Grill)

Tuesday

Tappan, NY-51 Rte 303 (Liberty's American Grill)

Carlstadt-645 Washington Ave (The Grasshopper)

East Rutherford-49 Rte 17S (Cheeburger-Cheeburger)

Wednesday

East Rutherford-Rte 17N (Lowe's/Chili's)

Wycoff - Greenwood Ave

Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's Shopping CTR, Rte 23 N

Moonachie-195 Moonachie Rd (Burger King)

East Rutherford-49 Rte 17S (Cheeburger-Cheeburger)

Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's Shopping Ctr)

Emerson-Emerson Shopping Ctr, Kinderkamack Rd.

Norwood-Livingston St. (Dunkin Donuts)

Friday

Boonton-Wooten St (Wal Mart shopping center)

Midland Park - Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)

Saturday

Chatterbox, Rtes 15 & 206, Augusta

Island Dragway (Great Meadows near Hackettstown)

Again this year Island has a barbeque night on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month-through . Cost is 15 bucks (driven in-muffled). Included is a barbeque. Want to make one night a club function and try your car at the track? You need seat belts and a helmet if racing (helmets can be rented at the track). Let Rich know - we can make it a group thing

CTCI Convention

This Year - Omaha, Nebraska August 24-28. Make your reservations and sign up now if you are going.

Strange Facts

The Eisenhower Interstate System requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

Virginia



The award winners



Thomas Jefferson orating



Monticello



The whole crew



The caravan assembles - NJ Tpke



Judging



VA Capitol Bldg..



Do these guys have the same designer?

July is the month where you can eat with no guilt while celebrating the month. Among the foods feted in July are hot dogs, ice cream, peaches blueberries and catfish

VA Convention

As everybody has said, the convention was great. Members who brought their cars all got awards, including a few Golds. We had 14 cars entered. Our newsletter was awarded a Gold in the Concours Division. At 27 people, we were probably the largest contingent there.

The trip down, with an eleven car caravan, was uneventful and despite Joe wanting to stop for a full lunch, we made good time. The wagon master had to crack the whip to keep things moving.

The convention itself went smoothly, with only a few minor glitches. Judging day was hot, but sunny so it seems the judging went as smoothly as possible. In fact, except for a few late afternoon showers the weather was clear (but on the hot side). One of the cars being judged was an F Bird from PA whose battery decided to take a dump. A quick thinking club member (John P) "borrowed" Alec's battery and got it going (He got a gold).

There were a couple of those glitches that the hosts would rather forget, such as the tour guides not showing up, (the tour in question went off ok anyway as the bus drivers did the narration) and a partial power outage Thursday night. (but the bar stayed open). The highlight of the first tour was the VA State Capitol which also served as the Capital of the CSA. The second, driving tour, was to Monticello (Jefferson's home) and it was very interesting. A nice lunch followed. Both tours were a history buffs' delight. But I must say that the main hospitality room was a bit of a disappointment.

The hotel was very nice, the rooms being clean and comfortable. One thing that all will remember will be the 5AM fire alarm. Some thought that the shrill alarm was their alarm clocks (me included) and had no hint that it was a fire alarm and went back to bed. Fortunately, there was no fire.

Even Thomas Jefferson wanted in on the Convention. An actor playing him was the highlight of the welcoming party and gave a talk on the issues of the day in his time.

The awards dinner was very nice (the salmon was very good) and went off without a hitch. Arlene especially liked the chicken and Joe found a patron who was able to get him ICE CREAM for dessert. It must be Joe's infectious smile!!!!

The return trip was just as uneventful as going down. Every one went back in small groups.

Sliders anyone???

Paul

Awards:

John Bolger - Gold, Concours

John Pyrros-Gold, Concours, elevated to Senior

Henry Semmler- 1st place, Touring

Alec Johnstone - Silver, Concours

Bill Hyde - 3rd Place, Touring

Al Cirinelli - 2nd Place, Touring

Pat LeStrange - 3rd Place, Touring, Peoples Choice,
Touring

Phil Guidone- 1st Place, Hoods Up Touring

Joe Kubat - 3rd Place, Touring

Wendy Meehan - 1st Place, Touring

Bruce Corbett - Gold, Concours 1, Gold Medallion

Donna Jessie - Gold, Concours 1

Rich Martin - 1st Place, Hoods Up Touring

Walt Strohmaier - Participation - Display

Wendy and Mike were elevated to Master Judges.



The banquet/awards dinner

Virginia



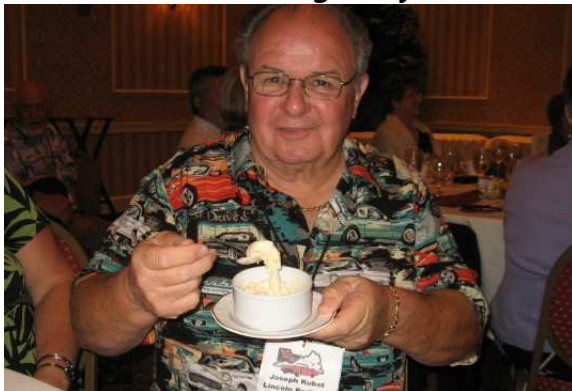
Three of NJ's finest



Three more of NJ's finest



Welcoming Party



Yup - ice cream



Lining up for the Driving Tour



Gold and Silver



Back home after a good trip



Teeny Boppers again??