

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



The Thunder Heard

May 2015

Cruising in Full swing

2015 Meeting Schedule

May 23	Paquito D'Rivera
June 7	Tune Up Clinic
June 7	Bill & Martha Downing
July 26	Carol & Charlie Ehm
August 16	Picnic
Sept	Mike & Wendy Meehan
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October	Fall Cruise
November	Charlie & Izabella Costa
December	Christmas Party

The May meeting will be hosted by Paquito & Brenda D'Rivera on May 23rd..
RSVP Joanne at 551-404-3646 or ladytbird567@yahoo.com as she is handling the RSVP's. See page 4 for location

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



May is here and we are almost done with the cold weather. Most of the cruise nights start in May and that's a good sign. Lots of activities coming up.

Our Spring cruise went very well. We have gotten a lot of compliments. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm. Amazing it was cold and rainy up to Friday, then turned bad again Monday. There were 12 cars. The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart was breath-taking inside and out. We were lucky enough that when we arrived, although there were a lot of people, the curb along the front was empty and we were able to park all the cars there . It was fun to see the people taking pictures of the church then starting posing and taking pictures of our T Birds. After the Cathedral Basilica we cruised through Branch brook Park to see the 5000 Cherry Blossom trees. Even though they were not at peak bloom, it was a beautiful site to see. We parked in an uncrowded area and sat under some of the trees. Then we were off to lunch at The Russian Hall in Little Falls, NJ. It was a great day with great people. Thank you to all involved. Please go to the web site to see the pictures, turn up your volume for some good music too.

Our meeting was again well attended. Another new member was added, Carl Grady. A lot of business was handled, a report on the success of the 50's dance, future activities, and Treasurers report. The minutes are available on the web site.

Be sure to get your registrations in for The Albuquerque convention and the Pittsburgh 60 anniversary of the T Birds.

Happy car season
Pat Le Strange





A few Words From Alec

Here it is almost May and it still feels like October. I am looking forward to this summer's events now that I have my 57 back from the body shop with the damage done to my car when the garage door post jumped out at me when I was pulling the car into the garage. Car's fixed and new wood installed on the post.

I'm sorry I missed the Spring Cruise as I was not feeling well.

Happy motoring, Alec

April Meeting

Joanne & Pat hosted this meeting. It was a beautiful day and many of the Tbirds came out of hibernation, about 10. Nice to see all of them after this terrible winter. Alec had a flat tire, but every one pitched in and got it changed. The meeting was well attended. Pat & Joanne had some great food and it felt good getting together. Thanks to Joanne and Pat.

Highlights of the Business meeting

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

Joanne reported on the dance, which was both a great get together and a financial success.

Paul A introduced a visitor, Carl Grady, who later joined.

Arlene and Joe reported on the upcoming Spring Cruise. It was mentioned the Paquito D'Rivera has a concert in Ridgewood on April 26th.

Pat updated info on the CTCI Albuquerque convention.

Donna distributed tickets for the Westside Story show.

Paul S reported on the Pittsburgh show and the status of the club plaques.

Joanne reported on the web page. We are getting about 1,000 hits per month.

Next meeting May 23rd, Paquito being the host.

Joe Saville won the 50/50.



Vice President's Message

I think that Spring is just about here-one day it is here and the next day it's gone! As of May 1st, the 2015 cruise nights begin. First one is on Friday night in Boonton. I really hope that it warms up a little. It is now time to get our little Tbirds out on the road and have fun with them. Drive safe.

Hope that Alec is feeling better, he had another problem with his heart.

On April 18th we had our annual Spring Cruise. The weather was the best day we have had so far this year. It was a beautiful cruise. We went to Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and then to Branch Brook Park in Newark. First off the Cathedral Basilica was just so amazing. Then we went through Branch Brook Park to see the cherry blossoms. There were pink cherry blossoms in bloom, not to many white, but nevertheless it was beautiful. After the park we travelled to the Russian Hall for lunch. We had special parking for our Tbirds and the food buffet was delicious.

Once again a great cruise with great people and beautiful cars. It's a thrill to watch these amazing cars travel in a caravan. Thank you Pat and Joanne for mapping out the cruise and thank you Carol for suggesting the Russian Hall.

On Sunday, April 26th members of Club went to dinner and to see the Play, West Side Story. Joe and I were unable to attend, but I heard the Play was very good also the food was good. A good time was had by all. Thank you Donna Jesse for putting this event together.

Our next event will be our Tune-up Clinic on June 7th hosted by Rich and Lois Martin. Please let them know if you are coming and if you are bringing a car to work on. Starting time 9:00 am. Also that day Bill and Martha Downing will be hosting our June meeting at 1:00 pm. The meeting will also be held at Rich and Lois. Please let Martha and Bill know if you are attending.

We have had a very busy Spring. Hope everyone who attended our events enjoyed themselves. Like I have said many, many times we have the best Club ever.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Paquito D'Rivera on May 23rd. If you plan on attending please notify Joanne Seiler.

Hope everyone has a great Memorial Day. See you soon.
Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorriane Cirinelli 2nd

Pat LeStrange 7th

Lisa Musto 8th

Gene Szura 13th

Bob Sabino 22nd

Theresa Perillo 22nd

Get Well Soon!

I hope everyone is well

FOR SALE

1956 TBird

Peacock blue , white interior, 312 with dress up kit.

Orig. CA car,w/w radials. Asking 50,000 C.

(approx 40,800 US) In Canada 604-583-0151

1964 TBird

Convertible, red with black top. Black interior.

Runs well. Asking 14,000 C (about 11,400 US) . In

Canada 604-583-0151

1992 TBird

Original owner car, 25K, Sport Model 5.0V8

Contact Gene Szura



Remember Mom May 10th

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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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April Meeting



Events

May Meeting

The May meeting will be held at the D'Rivera's at 7707 Boulevard East, North Bergen, NJ 07047 on May 23rd. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP (including regrets) to Joanne

Tune Up Clinic

Time to tune up for the new season. This is on June 7th at the Martin's. Notify Rich if you are going to do or have any work done on your car. Be sure to bring any parts you will need, including oil and filter if changing. Come (with your Bird) even if you have no work to do on your car and enjoy the day BS-ing and to help out. 9AM Start. Ladies invited to socialize. Let Lois know if you are coming. See below for the June meeting

June Meeting

The June meeting will be held in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic on June 7th. Bill and Martha Downing will be the hosts. 1 PM. Even if you are attending the Tune Up Clinic, notify Bill or Martha that you are attending the meeting.

Newest Member



Welcome to our newest member, Carl Grady. Carl and his wife Dawn reside in Ridgewood, NJ. he has two "Bullet Birds", a hardtop and a convertible, both 63's. He also has a couple of MG's.

CTCI Convention

Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 26 - 30

If you plan to attend, get your hotel reservations in now. It will be held at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. The hotel is fully booked, but there are others for the same price. For reservations call 800-325-3535 or 505-830-5781(direct). Ask for the Pajarito Thunderbird Club rate (\$99 single, \$109 double). Additional details can be found at the CTCI website or www.thunderbirdsnm.com

Live everyday as your last one - one day you'll be right

Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 5/1-3 Rhinebeck NY Show & Swap Dutchess Cty
Fairgrounds 6550 Spring Brook Ave (RTE 9)
5/2 Netcong-34 Bank St Power Portal Products.
5/2 Cranford 201 West End Place-Cranford HS
5/3 Florham PK 50 Hanover Rd-Auto. Switch Co
5/16 Montville Hot Rod Farm
5/17 Upper Saddle River 1 Lake St-Pearson Educ.
5/17 Chester-Main Street
5/23 Ramsey - Main Street-Ramsey High School
5/24 No. Haledon-515 High Mountain Rd.
5/30 Clifton-1484 Van Houton - Masonic Temple
5/31 Demerest-162 Knickerbocker-Northern Valley
High School
6/5-7 York PA NSRA Nat's East-York Fairgrounds
6/5-7 Carlisle, PA All Ford Nationals
6/6-7 Mahwah-Concours- Ramapo College
6/7 Paramus-165 Rte 4 West-Kohl's Shopping CTR
6/7 Waldwick-7 Hewson Dr. Waldwick Train STA.
6/13 Pompton Plains-60 Sunset Rd-Pompton Valley
Church - TBird Show
6/14 Wayne-475 Valley Rd-Wayne Municipal
Parking Lot
6/14 Washing TWSP-701 Ridgewood Rd. Westwood
High School

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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Fair Lawn-14-26 Plaza Rd. Railroad Tavern

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wayne, 1560 Rte 23 N Wendy's

Saddle Brook-405 N.Midland Ave-Bennigans (5/12)

Wednesday

Wycoff- Greenwood Ave

Paterson-Pep Boys Speed 261 McLean Blvd

Clifton - 1116 RTE 46W-The Hearth

Thursday

Wayne - 1800 Rte 23 N Kohl's

Hackettstown Mountain Rd Wendy's

Friday

Boonton-Wooten St, Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr.

TRIVIA

What company has offered drive thru service the longest?

The answer to last month's trivia was Gulf, in 1913 and in Pittsburgh. Answered by Joe Saville

Spring Cruise



Signs

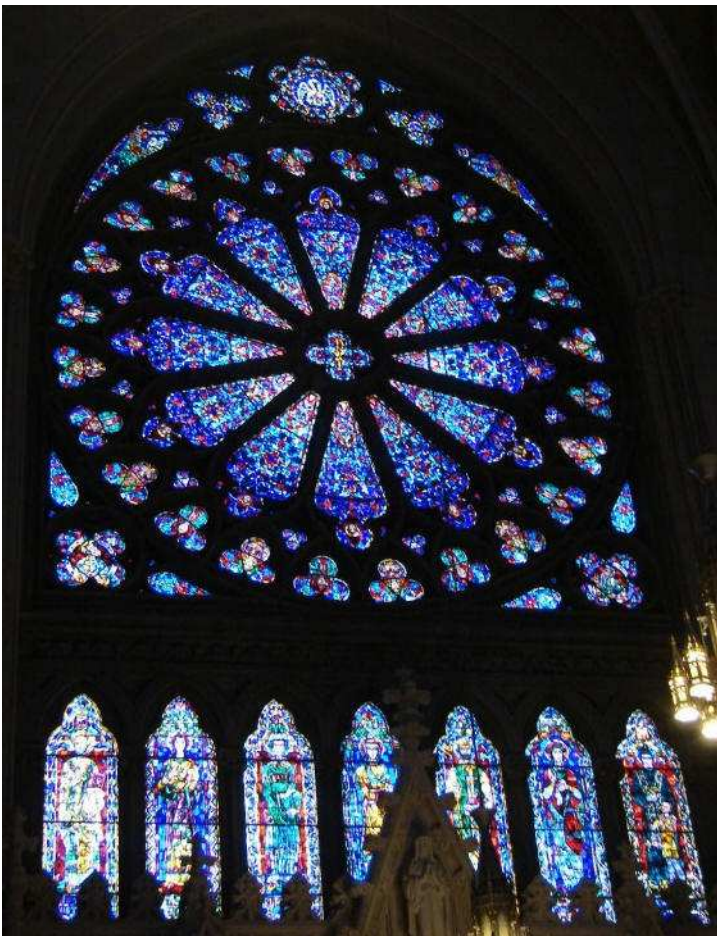
On the back of a Septic tank truck
Caution - this truck is full of political promises

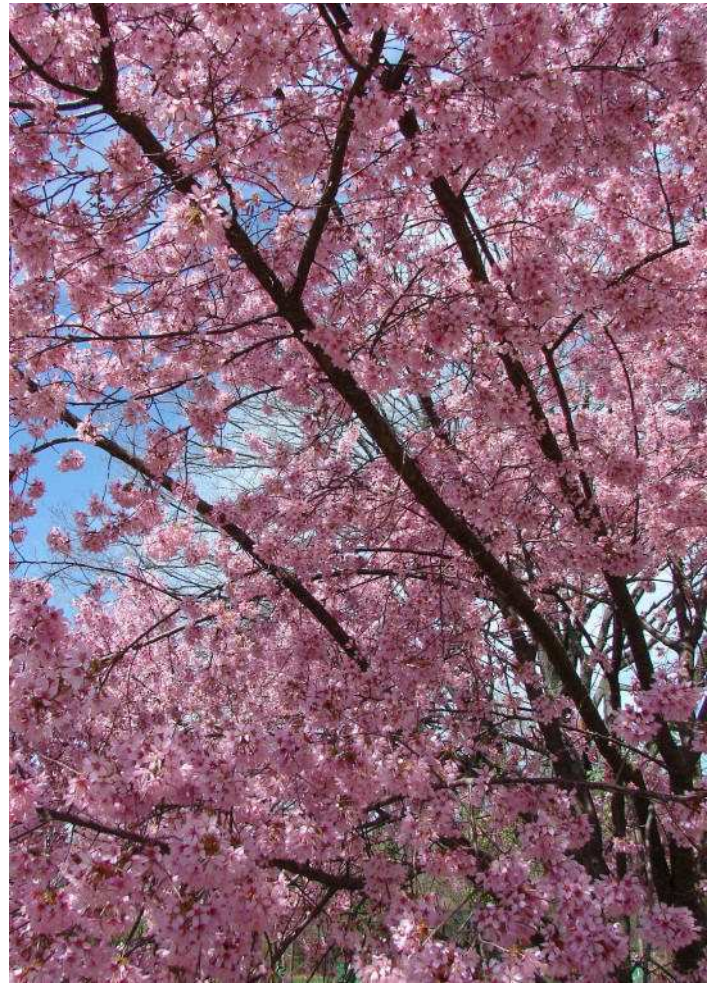
Spring Cruise



Pittsburgh TBird Anniversary Show July 16-19

The Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club, in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, is hosting a 60th anniversary celebration of the Tbird. The TBird display will be the centerpiece of the car show. You can drive your Tbird on the road race track on Sunday (2.3 miles). Activities include a tour to the Flight 93 Memorial, tours of the pit and paddock areas of the race track and the parade lap. Some dinners and lunches are provided. For full information, hotel accommodations and a schedule of events go to www.pittbirds.org. Click on PVGP. Registration fee is \$100 plus 50.00 for the Flight 93 Tour and Banquet. The host hotel is the Comfort Inn at RIDC Park 412-963-0600. There is a special rate of \$109 plus tax. Let Paul S. know if you are interested in going. Currently we have 6 cars going





May 16th

May 8th - VE Day - 70th Anniversary

My TBird - Bob Sabino

When I first started to look for an antique car I checked the usual places, car ads, internet, friends, etc. and after an exhaustive search and research, I came across an internet ad on my T-Bird. It was sitting on a lot located in La Brea, CA.

It came in from a woman who's husband had passed away and she asked the salesman, who was a friend of the family, to sell it for her. When I first saw the ad I dismissed it (although the price was a good fit for me), but I kept looking when I saw that the original color was turquoise, my favorite color. When I saw the owner had painted it red I moved on because as we all know it's hard to find a car in the color you like.

So again more research and after about 6-months, the ad popped up on my e-mail as still being for sale, and at this point I had not found a suitable car to purchase so I took a second look and realized, aside from the color, it had all I was looking for - solid California body, newer interior, and was in great shape. I had it checked out and low and behold, the car was a perfect fit, so I talked to the dealer, agreed on the price, and had her shipped to me.

It arrived as the last car on the trailer, and had to meet the guy because he couldn't negotiate the New Jersey roads, (silly Californians). It was at the last rest stop on the NJ-Turnpike. I looked over the car, and I was in LOVE, again (lol). I took her home, replaced the tires. re-wired her, had my mechanic again thoroughly go through every part, and behold "CALI" (named after California), was home. I joined N.J.O.R.T.C. ,a fantastic group of people and still enjoy her today, and that's the story of a boy and his car



Next Month - Betsy

April Meeting



Yeah - Sure



One of Carl's 63's



How many Tbirders does it take to change a tire???

First Car Show

Saturday, 4/25, three of us (John P, Paul A and Paul S) attended one of the first car shows in our area. Although a small local show (Midland Park), there was a good selection of cars ranging from a Brass Era Caddy to a late model Beemer. The show was well run and had a Tricky Tray as well as door prizes and trophies. A few shots from the show.



Caddy and a "T"



Remember the Jeepster?



Nice 54 Victoria



Two nice "T"s



Third brake light on Paul A's car sunk into the continental kit

Spring Cruise

As a club we try to do a monthly activity especially during the colder months. Well April is our Spring Cruise when we finally get out Little T-Birds out for the first time after a long cold winter. As you know winter is refusing to leave us here in the north east. Saturday, April 18th is our scheduled cruise. Joe and Arlene Kubat made arrangements to have a lunch at the Russian Hall in Little Falls NJ. They would like to cruise through Branch Brook Park to see the Cherry Blossoms which the park is well known for. Pat and I visit the park yearly for pictures of our cars during the short Cherry Blossom bloom. We said we would put together the cruise to the park. After the cold winter who knows when the Cherry Blossoms will bloom.... April 18th should be ok.... The cold weather never goes away.... nothing is blooming, not even crocuses are peeking out of the ground. Two weeks before the cruise we start to visit the park regularly and begin to plan the cruise route. There are skeptics among us who say there won't be anything blooming, it will be boring. We plan on visiting the park keeping watch on the bloom forecast. The park predicts peek bloom to be the 20th -24th. That should be ok for us we should see some pink and white blooms. Our first trip 2 weeks prior to our target date the park looks like the dead of winter, no sign of spring anywhere. Are we doomed, should we cancel, should we change plans? No, no we'll be fine says Arlene. We plan on mapping out the cruise, testing the timing and directions. One week prior not much has changed except we are having some really nice weather in the 60's.... come on sun warm up those trees! Two days before the event we see signs of spring. The next 2 days should be very warm, hopefully the trees will bloom. It is Saturday morning, 12 little birds meet at the Boonton parking lot. Everyone is excited to have their T-Birds out even if we don't see any Cherry Blossoms. We head out on our cruise; first stop is the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Many of our cruisers have never been there. As we approach the massive Cathedral what a beautiful sight, people all about taking pictures around the church with their Cherry blossoms in bloom. We pull up all in a row right in front of the church as if they knew we were coming. We spend a little more than an hour there admiring the inside and out of this beautiful building. People all around were taking photos of our cars and we were taking photos of each other and the church and beautiful trees. Now we head into the park, no signs of spring, the ordinary trees have not even begun to bud but as we proceed into the park we see a little pink, and as we move deeper into the park how beautiful... spring is in bloom. The big Cherry

Blossoms Trees are not bloomed but all the little ones are, there are daffodils, tulips, hyacinth and a long row of forsythia bushes all yellow along the stream. It's getting warm as we find out spot to hang out on a dead end road. Everyone gets out and brings out their chairs and gather around to sit and enjoy the outstanding weather. Even though we had passed out a walking tour map no one wanted venture away.

There is a festival going on in the park so it is somewhat crowded. Our little area is nice with pretty pink Cherry Blossoms and daffodils around. Some people walked around taking pictures, Pat introduced Bruce to *geocaching* and they went hunting for *cache*. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day, the warmest day of the season so far-it hit 79*. After hanging around for a while we are off again to cruise to our lunch. We arrived at the Russian Hall hungry- we had a big room all to ourselves. The Brunch included ziti, a beef dish, chicken francese, eggplant rollatini, sausage & peppers, and little pastries for dessert. A good time was had by all. As of the writing of this article, the weather has turned back to cold, my birdbath is frozen and we had snow flurries the past 2 days. We were very lucky. Visit our website to see more of our pictures from this beautiful warm day.

Joanne Seiler

Cruise pictures from Joanne



Remember - May 25th