



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

August 2022

2022 Meeting Schedule

August 14	Picnic
September	Joe Matrone
October	Phil Guidone
November	Bob Heissler
December	Christmas Party

The next meeting is the picnic on 8/14. Notify Arlene if you are attending. 973-900-1921 or finallyak@yahoo.com

If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.

Please let Arlene 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



Welcome summer heat. This was proven at our meeting on the 24th, everyone came in newer vehicles and Retros with air conditioning (except me, I dove my 57 with the top down, but I only live 15 minutes away). The car shows and cruise nights are showing the effects too, that and the gas prices are causing low numbers of cars.

Our July meeting was well attended and the food was excellent. Thank you Al and Lorraine. As we are on the subject of meetings, it has been brought to my attention (again) there is too much side chatter when people are trying to conduct the meeting. I am asking for more respect to whomever has the floor. We have several members with hearing problems and cannot hear the speaker. If you are only coming to the meetings for the food and to talk, but are not really interested in the clubs business, please wait outside until the meeting is over. I am sure you would not want people to be talking while you are trying to address the club. I am sorry if I sound harsh on this, but it is an important subject to me, as well as the Board and all members who are there for club business.

Thank you

Pat Le Strange





Vice President's Message



Right now all I can say about the weather is the it is way too hot!!! Five straight days of over 100 degrees! Try to stay in air conditioning and drink plenty of fluid to stay hydrated.

Unfortunately we have a lot of members with problems. First off, Walter is still recovering from reconstruction surgery. He is starting to feel better. Mel Ramos is having some health problems that are serious, just starting medicines and doing physical therapy. He is starting to walk and feel a little better. Bruce Dailey just had knee surgery. Paul Weiner shoulder surgery, Joan Mac Milan and Martha Downing cataract surgery. Paul Adamoff hernia surgery. In the month of August Lois Martin going for knee surgery and Donna Jesse is having back surgery. Prayers in advance that all goes well for our two ladies. If I missed anyone I am so sorry. Please all feel better.

Thank you Lorraine and Al for hosting our July meeting. The restaurant was great, food delicious (of course way too much) and plenty of great deserts.

Our annual picnic is going to be here in three weeks. Please let me know if you are coming. Finallyak@yahoo.com or 973-900-1921. I need to know how many are coming so I know how much food to buy. Please it does not take that long to send a message or make a call. I also need to know if you plan on bringing a side dish. We hope you come out and join us, it is always a fun day and you certainly won't leave hungry!!! PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP. August 14th, Schooleys Mountain County Park, 91 East Springtown Rd., Long Valley, NJ. 11:00 am. Bagels, etc., served for anyone who comes early to help set up. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING ASAP!!! Thank you

Sue Gayet is planning our Fall Cruise on October 16th. It will be a brunch, but unfortunately I forgot the name of the place. We have been there before to see how syrup is made. The place is owned by George Gayet's daughter.

It's that time of the tear again when it is time for nomination of 2023 Officers. Opening positions are Vice President (which I will do if nominated again) and Treasurer (which Steve Handy will also do if nominated again). If any nominations, please let Pat know before our September meeting.

Hope to see you at the picnic.

Please stay cool

Arlene

July Meeting

A great sunny day, but hot hot hot. Birds can't fly good in hot weather and most stayed home. A certain starmist blue was the exception. It was a well attended meeting and Al & Lorraine went all out on the eats. Many thanks to Lorraine and Al for hosting.

Highlights of the business meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as well as the Treasurers report.

There wasn't much business to transact other than discussion on the picnic, which most of the issues have been taken care of.

Since the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are up for election, Pat requested tht any nominations be sent to him.

Sue discussed the plans for the Fall cruise, which she has scheduled for October 16th.

Donna said that her contact could not do grille plaques.

Pat congratulated Vince and Sandra on the recent wedding

Lorraine won the 50/50.

Pics of the meeting



Did You Know

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Rich & Lois Martin 6th
Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
Bob & Toni Sabino 15th
Jayne & Ray Braun 22nd
Mel & Carmen Ramos 27th



Sheryl Adamoff 1st
Al Cirinelli 13th
Joan Notar 15th
Joe Kubat 22nd

**GET WELL
SON!**

Walter Strohmaier
Mel Ramos
Mike Meehan
Bruce Dailey



August 14th is V-J Day - the
end of WW II

**I want your input. Please send any items to be
included by the middle of the month if
possible. Email is best, snail mail ok**

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Club Announcements

August Meeting

No formal meeting in August as we are having the picnic.

Picnic

The picnic is **August 14th**. Location is the same as in the past, Schooley's MTN County Park. GPS address is 91 East Springfield Rd, Long Valley. Notify Arlene Kubat if you are coming and if you are bringing any guests. Also notify Arlene on what food you will be bringing. Start time is 9 AM and we need volunteers to set up. Coffee, donuts, crumb cake and maybe bagels will be available for the early Birders. Directions are attached.

September Meeting

No information at this time

Fall Cruise

Sue has this scheduled for **October 16th**. Keep this date open. Current plans are a cruise to Finding Home Farms where we will have brunch. Possible stop at a farmer's market. Additional information to be announced later

Nominations for Officers

Up for re-election for next year are the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Nominations for these positions should be made before or at the October meeting. Send nominations to Pat



Thanks to Valerie, Gene, Donna, Sheryl and Paul A who sent me pieces for this newsletter

August 3rd is Nat'l Watermelon Day and
August 19th is Nat'l S'mores Day
So as they say, eat your heart out

FOR SALE

Cars & Parts For Sale

1959 TBIRD, CONVERTIBLE, BLUE/BUE, 390
ENGINE, BEAUTIFUL....\$ CALL

1973 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, GREEN/TAN,
AUTO, VERY NICE CONDITION....\$ CALL

1955 Tbird. Black, auto, hardtop, continental
kit \$45 K

56-57 AM/FM radio. Bluetooth new in box
\$....Call

Call Vince, 973-980-4312

Parts For Sale

JVC 12 Disc CD Changer with remote control,
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8/3 Bloomfield-1515 Broad St Universal Tech
Inst. **6-9 PM**
8/6 Paterson-61-127 Preakness Ave-JFK High
8/12 Fairfield 23 Madison Rd **3-7 PM**
8/13 Hackettstown-219 Mountain Ave-Lowes
8/14-Bogota-24 River Rd Sahara Club
8/20 Hackettstown 1620 Rte 57
8/21 Hawthorne-Grand Ave-behind library
8/26-28 Atlantic City Convention Center
8/28 Pompton Plains-1 Perrin Ave - Elks Club
9/1-4 Mahwah-Sheraton Mahwah 1 Int'l BLVD
9/1-4 Parsippany Lead East
9/8 Nutly-Franklin Ave
9/9 Ridgewood 133 E. Ridgewood Ave **5-9 PM**
9/10 Parsippany-50 Parsippany Rd IBEW
Local 102
9/11 Clifton-1255 Broad St-Summit Health
9/11 Washington Townshi-701 Ridgewood Rd
Westwood High Sch

Cruise Nights

Monday

Rockaway-152 Rte 46 Red Hut Diner

Tuesday

Wayne-1560 Rte 23 North-Wendy's

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.
Church

Bloomfield - Broad St

Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 23 North - Khols

Fairlawn - 13-38 River Rd Empress Diner

Hackettstown-219 Mountain Ave-Lowes

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

Rockaway-466 Main St.-Diane's Dairy



Our hosts





THUNDERBIRD: 1957, black with hardtop, 49,000 miles, ps, pb, 312 V8, automatic, was previous show car before being destroyed in storage fire, frame and drivetrain ok, needs new interior, some sheetmetal and so on, drove fine before fire, located in Coldwater Lake, Michigan, \$10,000, 517-227-3364.

How much would you pay for a parts car -Gene sent this ad from Hemmings

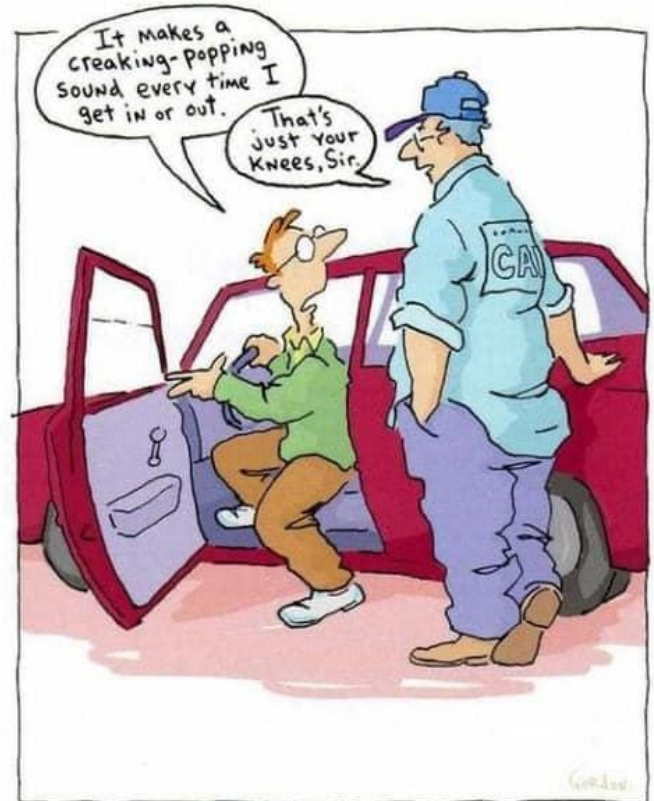
Tech Tip

Keeping the Battery Charged

Donna sent this in - Solar Battery Charger



Future TBirders ?



Keep healthy and Safe

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the new BA-5 variant which is highly transmissible. Cases are rising again. If you're one of those who think covid and vaccines are hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect others when you come down with Covid. Most deaths (yes there still are many deaths) are among the unvaccinated

And for you left handers, August 13 is Left Handers Day

My Thunderbird Story

Paul Werner

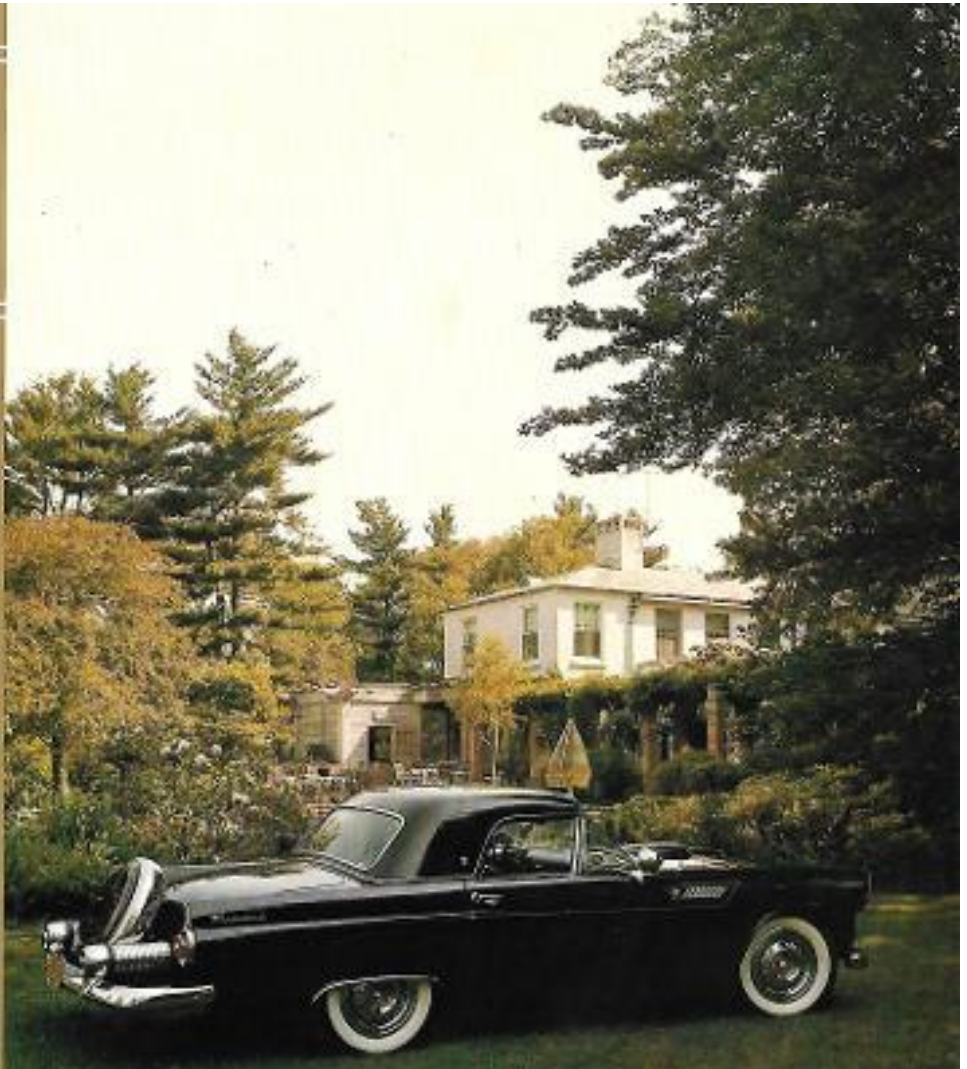
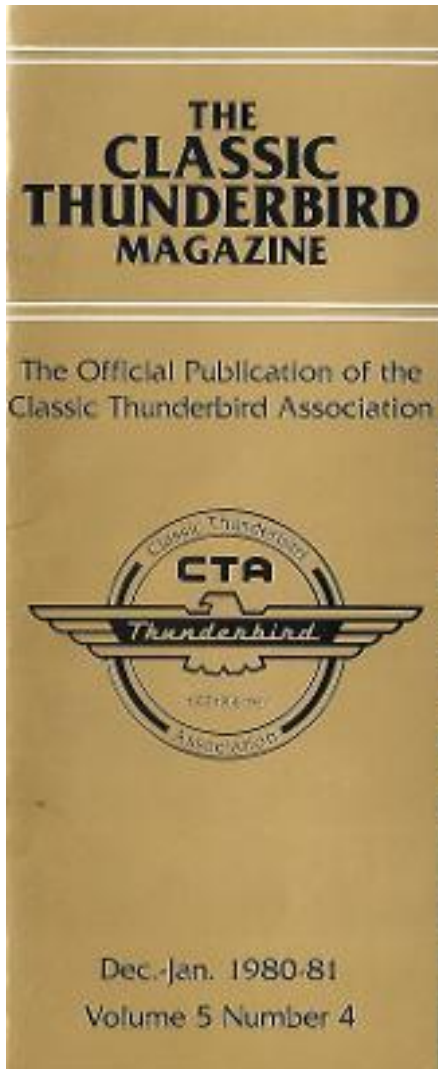
Back in the the early part of the Disco DAZE I got the bug to get a Classic Car . I had several performance cars before then. My best buddy at the time was willing to tackle anything .His license plates were " I INVENT" . I found 2 56 T birds that were running (sort of), complete cars with hardtops for \$ 1000 each so you can imagine the shape they were in. The deal was he picked the one he wanted and he would put mine on the road. This was the definition of amateur restoration. I took it to BOSTON in the pouring rain (almost drowned inside the car) for the FIRST T Bird Club New England Rally in '76 . Had a great time, got to see what T Birds were supposed to look like . Since then Lots of time, mistakes and energy has been put into my Bird . Cried a lot , learned a lot . Today after many improvements , disks , air shocks , under the hood modernized it's a joy to drive . I think it's a great Sunday Driver.



The dog days of August are upon us. Paul A has some recommendations to keep you cool at home

1. Shut off system, before checking the air filter, so the unit doesn't suck in any dust.
2. Make sure your air filter is clean.
3. Use **Pleated** type air filters (they are white & have a pyramid design) rated at **MAXIMUM MERV #8 or #10**. **Do Not use** any above these numbers!!
4. Most sizes can be bought at Home Depot or Lowes
5. When you check your filter, again, shut system off, remove the Pleated filter, hold up to a good light, if you can see a lot of light, re-install, it's still good!
6. Shut off system first, before step 6.
7. Clean the out door Condensing Unit with a high pressure water nozzle, starting at the top, going Horizontal back & forth towards the bottom. Any DUST / DIRT on the fins can reduce the efficiency during a hot / humid day!!
8. Always keep your thermostat FAN switch on **"ON"** not AUTO. This keeps the air circulating thru out your house to give a more even temperature in **ALL** the rooms.

Oldies From Gene Szura
Magazine - predecessor to CTCI and the Early Bird ??
(Sorry I couldn't get some of the pages clearer)



USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS



Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

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The new THUNDERBIRD for '56...
you'll go places as you've never gone before

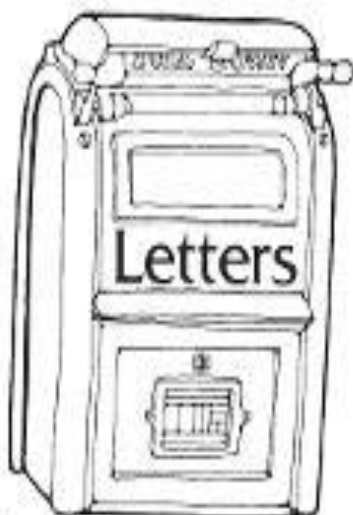
One trial spin in the new Thunderbird is enough to quicken the pulse of even the most seasoned driver.

Here is enormous power, tamed to obey your every command... precision handling that makes you the master... road-holding stability that breeds new confidence and skill whether winding up a mountain pass or breezing down a boulevard... new Lifeguard Design that provides new protection for you and yours.

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You who have special appreciation for advanced design and custom craftsmanship, you who get keen enjoyment from a car that responds to your touch with the sureness of a thoroughbred, should really be driving a Thunderbird. It is for people such as you that this distinguished personal car was designed.





to the Editor

Dear Editor

I thought the following item might be of interest to some of the newer members, a bit of personal memories regarding our Classic Thunderbirds.

THE STORY OF THE CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD HARD TOP FORT HOLES

Ford man, Mr. Lewis Cruse, Vice President, General Manager Ford Division, drove one of the new 1955 two place Ford Thunderbirds home for testing.

He found it was difficult to see the rear sides, especially when backing around a large tree in his garage area.

This Thunderbird had the then standard, solid hard top on it.

Mr. Cruse, being a boating enthusiast and boat owner, returned the dandy new Thunderbird to design and said "small portholes on sides of the top".

This bit of history was related some by Mr. James Custer, son of Lewis, who now has "Cruse's Rivertown Motors" Ford/Lincoln Mercury dealership in Cheboygan, Michigan.

Submitted by: Don Gidley
C/A #279
Box 746
Madison City, MI 49701



On June 7th 1960 the New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club had their annual "Fun Day in the Sun", Mini-Concourse, at Surprise Lake in the Watchung Mountains.

This year Mother Nature threatened the event in the early morning hours. After many phone calls the show was a "Go" and was not to be postponed to the Rain Date. We did unfortunately lose

approximately 10 cars from our friends who live way out in Long Island and South Jersey. We had a total of 33 1955-57 T-Birds in our concourse area with only 28 waiting to be judged, there was also a couple who elected on their own to park in the regular parking lot. The concourse area was also flanked by a large number of special interest cars.

There was no registration fee at the meet, and our club supplied refreshments to the attending clubs and visitors with cars. A picnic lunch and snack bar worked out fine. Other activities included volleyball, badminton, and horse shoes for the families and children.

The trophies deserve a trophy in themselves as do our talented members who designed and made up the unique plaques and desk pen sets.

Judging was done in six categories. To be fair and equal we had one judge from each club for each category. The attending clubs were Thunderbird Owners of New York, Garden State Thunderbird Club, North Jersey Thunderbird Club and of course New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club.

The following is the end result of our Mini-Concourse.

Best of Show	D. Daise	1955 N.J.O.R.T.C.
1955	Wendell Big John Gutz	1st N.J.O.R.T.C.
	Sonny Cessaro	2nd T.O.N.Y.
1956	Gordon West	3rd VISITOR
	Lee Moore	1st T.O.N.Y.
	Jordan Bernstein	2nd T.O.N.Y.
1957	Andy Vogt	3rd N.J.T.C.
	Ralph Bunell	1st T.O.N.Y.
	Eric Schwedchen	2nd G.S.T.C.
		3rd N.J.O.R.T.C.



*There has never been
a more beautiful
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control panel!*

Congratulations to the winners and we hope all our friends had a good time and that they can attend our next annual show with as many or more cars than this year. Soon we will have our Club Picnic and before we know it, we will be putting our cars away for the winter and planning our Christmas party; then start to plan next year's show bigger and better. Hope you can be there.

Gene Seura
C.T.A. #662
Y. Res. N.J.O.R.T.C.



Mini-Concours 1980

Our fourth annual mini-concours is now history, despite the early lack of participation by the membership. Nature was more than cooperative by providing us with a beautiful day. The sun was shining brightly with only a slight trace of humidity...talk about a stunning day! Eighteen cars arrived with sixteen being judged...a fair amount but below some previous shows. Some of the New Jersey members couldn't make the show which was a disappointment or a source of gloom...depending on whether or not they were in your class. A last minute influx of volunteers from TONY provided us with extra judges, which was a really but

nonetheless more than welcome. Speaking of judges, I would like to thank them for a job well done. In some cases the judging was akin to severe but most importantly, fair and consistent. Some of our "first time" judges were indoctrinated on how to "pick 'em apart" which will be of immense assistance when they complete their cars. Much thanks to Gordon West who was Chairman, Organizer and "chief cook and bottle washer" with a little help from his friends (wow! that's a song!) John Cruz and yours truly. Actually, all of those who attended owe Gordon a special round of applause...he didn't make a speech. Once again, thanks to all those people who donated their time, whether as judges, showing their cars or just "helping out" with some of the "little jobs" that are so necessary and ever so essential to the successful running of a show. Thanks also the members of the New Jersey Clubs that ably assisted. Listed below are the scores based on 250 points.

Best Of Show	Rich Martin (1956)	
	236 1/2	NIORTC
1955	John Cruz	
	215	TONY
	Paul Stanton	
	142	TONY
1956	Dave Eckert	
	214 1/2	NIORTC
	Gordon West	
	204	TONY
	Tom Moore	
	172	TONY

1957	Jerry Porcik	
	189 1/2	TONY
	Gene Seura	
	181	NIORTC
	John Muldoon	
	175	TONY
	Steve Hudak	
	152 1/2	TONY
Senior Class	Andy Vagg (57)	
	226 1/2	TONY
	Leo Lystoff (58)	
	225	TONY
	Roy Sumner (57)	
	214 1/2	TONY

Much thanks to those that helped to make the show a success. Congratulations to the winners and we'll see you again next September.

T.O.N.Y.



CTA wants photos of your T Bird under construction, finished or maybe an interesting shot of some Bird flying away. If so send us a photo.



New Jersey Open Road

Thunderbird Club

Annual Picnic



Schooley's Mtn County Park

Nestled among the hills of western Morris County, Schooley's Mountain Park offers visitors 797 acres of active and passive recreation facilities. The Park is named for the Schooley family who owned a considerable amount of land in the area during the late 1700s.

GPS Address: 91 East Springtown Rd, Long Valley, NJ 07853

Directions:

From Rt.80 west... **Go to Exit 26, "BUDD LAKE/HACKETTSTOWN"**

Continue West on Rt. 46 for **7 Traffic Lights** approx. 5 miles

Light # 1. International Dr. .4 miles

Light # 2. Village Way (Trading Post on left/Home Goods on right) .2 miles

Light # 3. Woodland Rd. (BP Gas on left / Budd Lake Diner on right) .5 miles

Light # 4. Mt. Olive Rd. (Valley Bank on right, Valero Gas on left) .7 miles

Light # 5. Sand Shore Rd. (CVS on left, Budd Lake on right) .3 miles

Light # 6. Smithtown Rd. (small strip mall on right) 1.1 miles

***Light # 7.** Naughtright Rd. (Johnson Dodge on far left corner) 1.3 miles

***As you approach the 7th light be in the left turn lane**

Then:

Turn **LEFT** onto Naughtright Rd. go 3.3 miles

Turn **RIGHT** onto East Springtown Rd. go .4 mile

Turn **LEFT** into Park straight to the end of the road

(Handicap: after entering park turn right at sign "Family Picnic Site/Boat House" etc. Go to end, "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign, turn left go up hill to Handicap parking, next to restrooms and to the right of the Pavilion.)

If you get lost call Pat LeStrange 201-920-7226 or
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