

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



The Thunder Heard

December 2016

2016/17 Meeting Schedule

December 3	Christmas Party
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
February 12	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Walter Strohmaier
March 19	Harold's ?
April	Bob Heissler
April	50's Dance
May	Mike Perillo
May	Spring Cruise
June	Phil Guidone
June	Tune Up Clinic?
Note -	2017 Hosts Tentative

The date for the January-February meeting has not been decided upon. Watch your email for time, place and date.

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



Happy Holidays to all. May they be safe and enjoyable.

We have had 2 very successful meetings in November, our regular meeting and our Convention meeting. A lot of progress in both. We discussed our Holiday party and that most of the convention details are almost ironed out. At the Convention meeting, all chair people gave updates on their committees. We are in very good shape for the Convention.

As we move into 2017 we will be selling tickets to our 50/60 that will take place on April 22, 2017. Please, let Joanne or me know how many tickets you need. Then we will be very busy from then until the Convention. In between we will be attending all our usual car show and cruise nights.

At the time of this writing I have almost finished my Christmas display, so take a ride by and see the 40000 light Christmas spectacular, or stop and say hello on Dec.9 or 10 and have some of Joanne's chili and some hot chocolate.

To all our members going south for the Winter. be safe and we will see you in the Spring, to the rest of us, get ready to fight off old man winter. Be sure to do some stretching exercises before you do any snow shoveling, we are not as young as we used to be. ..

On a sad note our hearts are broken at the passing of Toni Sabino's son Robert. Our condolences go out to Toni, Bob and their families

Pat Le Strange



November Meeting

Good weather brought out the members for the meeting, hosted by Steve Handy. Steve put out a good spread and the meeting was very good. Only 6 members brought out their little Birds, looks like some have already bedded down for the winter.

Thanks to Steve for hosting

Highlights of the business meeting

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

Joanne reported that the web site had all the information need for the convention. Registration, hotel reservations can be made through the web site. Arlene mentioned the Christmas party. Much the same as last year although the dues credit is not being made for this year.

Pat mentioned that he has uploaded 4 new photo albums to the web site.

Joanne reported the 50's-60's dance is set for April 22, 2017. Arrangements for the DJ are also set. She said there has been a increase in the cost of the hall.

Next meeting December 3rd (Christmas party).
50/50 won by Theresa Parillo



Strange Facts

The youngest Pope was 11 years old



Vice President's Message

I Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. A time to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. Now the most busiest time of the year is here. One thing we have to keep in mind is the true reason of Christmas. The birth of Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. Also have a happy and healthy New Year.

On a very sad note, Toni Sabino's son, Robert, passed away on Sunday, November 20th. at the young age of 30. I am happy that I knew Robert. He always had a smile on his face, very polite and respectful. Let us pray for Toni, Bob and Toni's daughter Rebecca that they get through this very hard time. Rest In Peace Robert.

Thank god that John Bolger is doing better. Hopefully he said he and his wife will be at the Christmas party. Unfortunately, I have not heard how Jan and Joe Seville are doing. Praying that they are starting to be on the road to recovery.

I am now making final plans for our Christmas party on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm being held at the San Carlo Catering in Lyndhurst. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Remember we will be having two special guests, Santa Claus and the lovely Mrs. Claus. Also our grab bag (\$25.00) bring a gift get a gift. Don't forget toys for tots, unwrapped gift. We will be dancing to music by our very own DJ Pat. Thank you in advance to Joanne for making the centerpieces and the help she has given me. Lucille has also been a help. Thank you ladies.

Pat has been working on his outside Christmas lights and displays with the help of Joanne. Every year they are better then the year before. Hope you can get out the weekend of December 10th to see their display.

We are moving along on our CTCI Regional convention to be held in August 2017. Our activities are now completed, registration forms will be completed soon. You can make reservations for the hotel on our web site. Rooms are already filling up. If you have not given me your name to volunteer, if interested please do. We need our members to all work together for the convention to be a success. Its a lot of work, but also a lot of fun. Thank you John and Sandra Pyrros for hosting the meeting.

Stay safe and healthy during this holiday season.
See you soon, Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary



Bill Jessie 3rd
 Toni Sabino 4th
 Charles Ehm 10th
 Paul Schroll 15th
 Carol Ehm 19th
 Bruce Corbett 20th
 Mike Parillo 21st
 Lois Martin 21st

GET WELL
 SON!

John Bolger
 Jan Saville

FOR SALE

56/57 Chrome outer steering column tube.
 Driver quality. 125.00 Paul S.

Condolences

To Toni Sabino and her family on the passing of her son.



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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. email ptschroll@verizon.net

A Winter Reminder

During the Winter months, when snow is on the road, **NEVER** use your cruise/speed control. This can cause loss of steering control. Also good advice when it's raining. From Paul A.

The 2017 Convention

Pre-Registration forms are posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page) as well as hotel information. Rooms are being booked rapidly so get the reservations in. In fact, we are looking into overflow hotels if needed. Events and excursions are finalized.

We now have 66 pre-registrations. We are having a committee meeting on Dec 11th to finalize the convention schedule. Suggestions are welcome for any aspect of the convention. Special price rooms for Wednesday night have been fully booked but there are rooms available at regular rates. We are trying to get some more at a special rate



Events

December Meeting

There is no December meeting as we have the Christmas party

Christmas Party

The party is December 3rd. Costs went up last year, so it's \$65 per person. Unlike previous years, there is no credit for next years dues.

The party is at the San Carlo Restaurant. Activities include the gift exchange and a Toys For Tots gift (unwrapped) collection. Arlene is the chair so contact her if you are going to attend. See the attached flyer for additional information

Convention Committee Meetings

The next convention committee meeting is scheduled for **Dec.11** at Pat & Joanne's At noon

Members can attend and any suggestions are welcomed.

Notify the host if you are attending.

Coming Events

Sweetheart Brunch February 12th
Harold's Deli March 19th

Keep these dates open

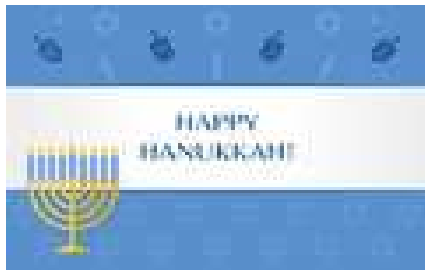
Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 12 Noon. Location is Pat & Joanne's. RSVP the hosts



Car Shows-Swap Meets

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>
www.njortc.org



Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-this is a inside get together for any car person. Car optional. Free coffee and munchies. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

Clifton - The Hearth on Rte 46. 11AM to 3PM



Stuff you didn't know you didn't know

Coca-Cola was originally green

Winter Solstice

Dec 21st is the Winter Solstice. Shortest day of the year. The days will now be getting longer.

And for you fruitcake fans, 12/27 is National Fruitcake Day



NJORTC Annual **Christmas**



Holiday Party



Saturday December 3, 2016
Cocktails 5PM Dinner 6:30

San Carlo Restaurant

620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

\$65 per person



Music & dancing with our own DJ ~ Pat LeStrange



IF you wish to participate...

1> Bring a \$25 wrapped gift marked MALE, or FEMALE,
for our bring a gift ~ get a gift ~exchange.

2> Bring an **UNWRAPPED** gift for **TOYS FOR TOTS**.

Questions Contact Chairperson Arlene Kubat finallyak@yahoo.com

RSVP with payment by November 19, 2016

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Happy Hanukkah!

