



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

July 2025

2025 Meeting Schedule

July 13	Steve Handy
August 10	Picnic
September	Phil Guidone
October	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Notar
December 7	Christmas Party

The next meeting is July 13th
Steve Handy is the host. RSVP
text 201-452-6834 or
stevehandy85@gmail.com

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

Please let Arlene and Toni 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



Hard to believe it's July already. Hope everyone has a great 4th of July.

Our June meeting went very well with about 35 members in attendance. We welcomed 2 new members , Steve and Sharon Herman.

Please take note of the next meeting on 7/13 because it will start at 1 pm due to several members wishing to attend Paul Werner's memorial service.

Stay safe
Patrick Le Strange
President NJORTC





Vice President's Message



Well we just finished our first heat wave of the year, a few days relief and another heat wave coming next week. This weather is crazy. We just have to get our cars out when we can!

Long list of get wells: George Gayet - A lot of issues going on with George. Prayers definitely needed. Bob Heissler just had pace maker replaced. Judy (Bob's significant other) breathing not good on oxygen, still not good. Lois still working on her programming her implant on her back, hope eventually she can get it right so she can feel better. Bob Notar cataract surgery on both eyes, doing good. Irene had another back surgery, doing fine, just slow healing, Pat having another scan on throat to see if anything else can be done.

Paul A had a procedure done, feeling better. If I left anybody out, I am truly sorry. Please let me know and I will mention you next time.

Congratulations to Lynda and Richard Burns on graduations of their grandchildren. Mia, is in a six year law program at the State University in Albany. She finished her 3 years undergrad and one year of law school. Her undergraduate graduation was in June.

Ayden, finished at the State University of Buffalo in three years and in June received his Master Degree from Buffalo. Jake, finished four years at the State University of Buffalo and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Rachel, graduated from Steven's Tech, with a degree in Mechanical. Congratulations to all four grandchildren. Good luck in the future.

It is that time of the year again to discuss the Clubs yearly picnic. If you plan on coming please let me know, also let me know what kind of salad you are going to bring, if any. One suggestion is a fruit salad if anyone interested. Cell #973-900-1921 or email - finallyak@yahoo.com. Please let me know asap. Picnic is August 10th. For those who want to help set up start time 9:00 am. Picnic time 11:00 am. For those who come early we have a continental breakfast? Our picnic is a lot of fun. If you have any ideas let me know about them.

There is going to be a Celebration of Life for Paul Werner who passed away in Mexico this past Winter. It will be held on July 13th in New

City, NY @ 2 pm - 6pm. Please notify Jackie if you plan to attend.

Our next meeting is July 13th at 1:00 pm. at Anthony Franco's, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne. Hosted by Steve Handy. If you intend to go to Paul Werner's Celebration of Life you can come to meeting and then leave and make New City in time.

See you soon, Arlene

June Meeting

One of those really hot days when members opted for the AC of their daily drivers. Not much going on, the business meeting was brief. Thanks to Pat for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

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

We had two guests, Steve and Sharon Herman who joined the club at the meeting'

Pat mentioned the Paul Werner memorial, he asked Juliann to send flowers

There was a discussioin on the picnic. Arlene sent around a sign up sheet for food.

The 50/50 was won by Paul S
Next meeting July 13th

June Meeting Pics



Seat Belts are not as confining as a wheelchair

Membership News



Frank Gloss/Mary Green 1st
 Gene & Diane Szura 2nd
 Mike & Theresa Parillo 27th
 George & Suzanne Gayet 26th
 Jacek & Kinga Kosmala 31st



Richard Iuso 11th
 Julie Ann Andriolo 11th
 Frank Gloss 12th
 Bob Notar 12th
 Suzanne Gayet 12th
 Paul Adamoff 16th
 Pauline Schroll 17th
 Charlie Costa 18th
 Diane Szura 21st
 Jere Klein 22nd
 Bill Downing 31st



Welcome -New Members



Steve and Sharon Herman
 They live in Bergenfield.

As shown on Steve's shirt, they own a 56
 white TBird.

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Paul Werner Memorial

Please just a reminder of Paul Werner's
 Memorial

July 13th 2-6 American Legion
 New city, New York

RSVP please Jackie Werner 201 784 9126

Club Announcements

July Meeting

The June meeting is **July 13th** at **1 PM**
(NOTE TIME CHANGE). Venue is
Anthony Franco's, 1176 Hamburg TPKE,
Wayne Be sure to RSVP yes or no..

August Meeting

There is no August meeting as we have
the picnic. August 10th



Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month -
Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads
Church

Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne- 1140 Goffle Rd-Goffle Grill

Tuesday

Wayne -Wendy's-Plaza Sq. Shopping CTR-637
Hamburg TPKE (**New Location**)

Elmwood PK 95-111 Rte 46W Pizza Town(4/1)

Wednesday

Wycoff 422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.
Church (4/16)

Thursday

Wayne-1800 RTE 23N-Kohl's
River Vale 636 Westwood Ave-Dunkin

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

Car Shows/Swap Meets

7/6 Bogota-24 River Rd-Sahara Club

7/13 River Edge-Kinderkamack & Grande
Ave-Train Station

7/13 Teaneck-655 Pomander Walk-5 Star
Assisted Living

7/20 Paterson-2 East Park Drive-Eastside Park

7/20 Rockaway-Beach St. Fire Mans Field

7/27 Wayne-493 Black Oak Rd-Care One

7/27 Rutherford-201 Rte 17 N

8/5 Tenafly-55 Hudson Ave-Brightview Senior
Living

8/17 Hawthorne-Grand Ave.

If you have info on other cruise nights or
shows please email me the info.

From Steve Schmidt

I would like to offer up a thanks from NJTA to
ORTC for their support at our show.



60's Ford Dealer - TBird was just another used car

For Sale
1955 Tbird



I'm putting my 55 up for sale after enjoying it for the past 40+ years. Less than 25k miles since a complete body off restoration, PH HT, skirts, 2x CTCI gold, 3sp OD, pwr seat, 312, 12volt, replica AM/FM radio with mp3 adapter, electronic ignition, AC, front disk brakes, upgraded suspension..., Diamondback radials installed 2022. The car has always been maintained and is in excellent condition with I believe every safety and reliability upgrade there is. Details, photos on request, everything documented asking \$26,000. Frank Gloss 845-642-8484

Tires For Sale

4 tires thin W/W 205/75R15 new in 2013 about 10-12000 miles on them good for local driving no highway \$100 for all four
Bill 845 304-1257


WANTED

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PEOPLE WANTED

Vince Ucci is looking for two people to judge Thunderbirds at the show on 9/27. Contact Vince at 973-980-4312

WANTED

Gas Filler Lid Spring for a 1957 Thunderbird. I need one original spring (no repos). I



A couple of random shots of club members that were sent to me.



**AACA car show Beckley, West Virginia
Great show! HMM - Where's Donna?**



Three generations of Notars in Memorial Day Parade

Waldwick Show

Your editor attended this show. . Just a few shots



Liked this 32 - Y Block



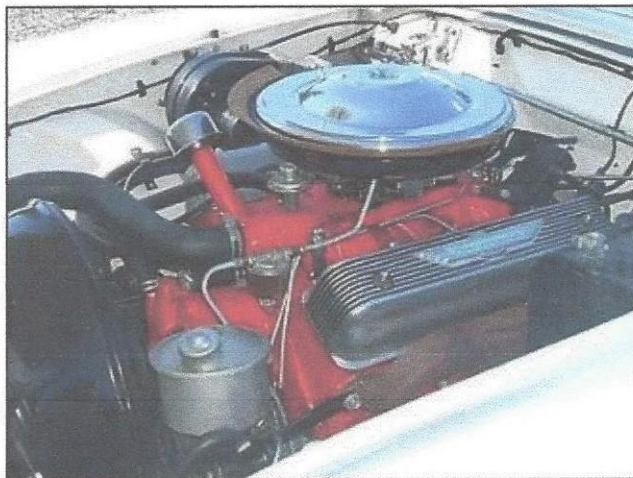
NJTA All Tbird Show

After a 5 year hiatus the show is once more. There were about 50 cars, ranging from 55 to 2005. NJORTC had 7 cars there (3 NJTA members included). Very nice show.



POWER STEERING BELT

Does your Thunderbird power steering pump set level? According the Restoration Manual the pump for the 55-57 Thunderbirds should set level in the engine compartment. When you look at other Thunderbirds and pictures in books and magazines, most often the pump is tilted. So how do you get the pump level? In most cases it is all in the length of the belt. The correct belt listed for the Thunderbird is a Gates 9405. Most auto parts stores can convert that number to the brand they sell. In some cases the Gates 9405 will not level the pump. I have heard one owner state that he used a NAPA 17403 to flatten the power steering pump on his 'Bird. The best method to level your pump is to have the sales person at your friendly parts store sell you 2 or 3 belts of different lengths with the understanding that you will return the ones that you cannot use. It is also a good idea to check the pump with the belt off. Some owners have said they find it nearly impossible to pull the pump level even with the belt off. This is a picture of a '57 with a level pump. *Dave Tulowitzky*



OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



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Crash Test -Thunderbird

FORD ARCHIVES

