

# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## May 2012

### TUNE UP CLINIC ON THE 20TH

#### 2012 Meeting Schedule

May 20	Lois & Rich Martin
May 20	Tune UP Clinic
June 16	Wendy & Mike Meehan
July 15	Aileen & Bruce Corbett
August	Picnic
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October	Fall Cruise
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December 1	Holiday Party

The May meeting will be on May 20th at 1:00 PM and will be hosted by Lois and Rich Martin, 15 Stonehedge Way, Hewitt NJ 07421 RSVP 973-728-8652 or [loislane21@optonline.net](mailto:loislane21@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



Had a great time at the Spring Cruise to the Walpack Inn. Very good turnout of 11 cars and about 25 members. It was good to see Eva up and about. It was nice to see that yellow Bird of the Herb's too. Thanks Dominick for putting it together and thanks to all the members for attending.

I think this will be a fast asummner. Before we know we will be heading to Memphis so make sure the Birds are ready to go. If you need help , bring it to the Tune Up Clinic at the Martins's home. Remember to bring any parts you will need.

I received an email from Jim Leporati, the President of the Garden State Classic Thunderbird Club. They will be bringing 10-20 cars to the picnic. I am looking forward to this, we have not done this in a long time. I will be reaching out to other Region 1 Chapters.

Enjoy the TBirds, the season is here.

See you all soon. Pat LeStrange.



May 19th



A few words from Alec

Well now that the Winter that wasn't is a distant memory it's funny that it felt warmer in March than April.

Anyway, the cruise and car show events should be in full swing in a week or so. I'm looking forward to a great Summer of enjoying our Birds and seeing everyone more often.

Happy Motoring,  
Alec

April Meeting

It was a great day to get together. Despite the weather-mans prediction, the sun shone brightly and the temperature was very pleasant. 7 members brought out their cars, including Bill Downey who debuted his recently finished Torch Red 55. Linda and Ken were the hosts and they put out excellent eats. The weather was so nice that we were able to hold the meeting outdoors on their spacious patio. Many thanks to Ken and Linda.

Highlights of the Business meeting

The Secretary's report was made and accepted. The Treasurer's report was waived as the Treasurer was not present.

Rich Martin reported on the Memphis convention Pat reported on the CTCL meeting he recently attended. Alex resigned his position as Membership Chair. Paul A was suggested as his replacement, which was voted upon and passed. Paul A was thanked for the NJORTC signs he donated.

The 50's dance was discussed

Phil is checking into another "Winter Cruise" to the Barret-Jackson auction for next year. Phil reported that we are all set with NJ on the incorporation issue.

Pat reported that people contacting the email address on the websight report no response and that some of the info on the site is outdated (such as the application for the 2007 convention) and needs to be removed. Pat will contact Wendy to get the site updated.

Alex was appointed Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms to fill in when Bruce is not there.

Next meeting May 20th at the Martin's



Vice President's Message

Weather - we have had a good spring so far. A little crazy 80's-90's one week, then a little rain (much needed) and now a little more normal for spring. It is definitely time to get out our little Birds and go for a ride.

Here is hoping Eva, Gene, Martha, Frank and Lucille are all feeling better.

Congratulations to Paul Adamoff for chairing the membership committee and Alec Johnstone for being named the Assistant Sergeant of Arms.

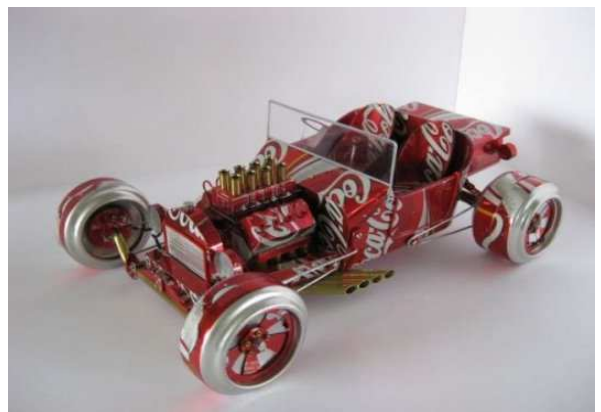
As of this writing, I have not heard about the Spring Cruise. I am sure all who went had a nice time. The weather was great, food good and just to spend time with friends. Sorry we could not attend, but we had a family obligation.

Our Tune Up Clinic is this Month at Rich and Lois' house. If you need any work done on your TBirds do not forget to tell Rich so he can be prepared. We have to get the TBirds ready for Memphis.

Our monthly meeting will be the same day (May 20th) as the Tune Up Clinic and also hosted by the Martins.

Cruise nights and car shows are starting up so get out there with your cars and enjoy. I hope the season will be nice, not like last year when all it did was rain.

See you soon, Arlene.



# Membership News



**Bob & Joan Notar 25th**



**Lorriane Cirinilli 2nd**

**Pat LeStrange 7th**

**Lisa Musto 8th**

**Gene Szura 13th**

**Sandy Montanino**

**Get Well Soon!**

**Frank Chabala**

**Eva Tucci**

**Lucille Chabala**

**FOR SALE**

**55-57 Parts**

35 Year collection for sale. Sale is whole lot, not individual pieces.

Trim, engine parts, rubber parts, more. Ken Harvey, 856-692-3197

**1998 Suburu Forrester**

"S" Series - Linda Herb's mother's car, nicely equipped. Recently refreshed. One owner, 94K \$3,500 OBO.

Call Linda or Ken Herb.

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.

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**Remember**

## April 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.**  
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## Club Events

### Tune Up Clinic

The Tune Up Clinic (also including the May meeting, will be held on May 20th at the Martins. If you want to do work on your car, please call Rich and let him know. Good opportunity to get the car ready for Memphis if you are going. Be sure to get the parts you need prior to the clinic. The meeting is scheduled for 1 PM, Tune Up Clinic about 9AM.

### Club Picnic

Keep July 29th open. This is the date for the picnic at Schooley's Mountain (same location as last year - remember last year with all the liquid sunshine?) Additional details will be forthcoming - we will be discussing the details at the next two meetings. If you have any suggestions please bring them to the next meetings

### Preliminary 2012 Schedule

June - Chatterbox (& drive in movie?)

July 29 - Picnic - Schooley's Mtn

August - Memphis Convention

Sept - Warwick, NJ Drive In movie ?

Sept 22 -50's dance (tentative)

October - Fall cruise

December 1 - Holiday party

### Summer Cruise to Walpack Inn

We had a very nice time on this cruise. There were 9 Birds that answered the call. The day was just right for cruising - sunny with mild temperatures. Dominick Tucci set this up. We met at the Lafayette Mall. Dominic timed our stay there just right so there was little time for the ladies to spend their husband's money. It was nice to have Eva Tucci and Martha Downing attend, both who have been recuperating from recent procedures.

We then went on a very nice cruise in the NJ countryside to the Walpack Inn where we had preferential parking.

The food was good and plentiful and the strawberry/blackberry pie was great. Rich had a nice big slice of cheesecake and it must have been good as he ate it all. Many thanks to Dominic for setting this up.

I wish there were photos, But I forgot my camera and I was unable to obtain photos from those who brought theirs.

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Rochelle Park 375 West Passiac St (Mr Cupcakes)  
Saddlebrook-427 market St. (Advance Auto)

### Tuesday

Carlsadt-645 Washington (The Grasshopper)  
Clifton, Ruts Hut  
North Bergen-2849 Kennedy Rd. (Sonic Drive IN)

### Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave  
Englewood-412 South Van Brunt St (4 West Diner)

### Thursday

E. Rutherford-Chebberger/Chebberger Rte 17 SO  
Emerson-Emerson Shopping Center,  
Kinderkermack Rd.  
Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's and Wendy's  
Shopping Ctr.

### Friday

Midland Park Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)  
Elmwood Park-Legion Place (Am. Legion Post 147)

### Saturday

Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St. (Whiskey Cafe)

**Only open cruise nights I know of so far-please let me know about any others opening**

Our intrepid reporter Sandra Pyrros was on hand to see the Enterprise fly over the Hudson River. She snapped this photo and filed this report



I went up to the Fort Lee Historic Park this morning to see the space shuttle fly into NYC aboard NASA's 747 shuttle carrier. It was an amazing sight! The plane flew quite low and slow past the George Washington Bridge and loudly went up the Hudson as far as the Tappan Zee Bridge and then back down again passing the Intrepid and the Statue of Liberty and landing at JFK airport. It will be brought by barge to the aircraft carrier Intrepid in June.

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 5/5 Midland Park, High School, 250 Prospect St. F
- 5/4-5/6 Englishtown Show and Swap
- 5/4-5/6 Rhinebeck NY Show and Swap, Dutchess Cty Fair Grounds
- 5/6 Florem Park 50 Hanover Rd.
- 5/12-Montvale (Hot Rod Farm) 65 River Rd  
-Park Ridge-Park Ridge Pool (Colony & Brook Rd) F
- 5/19 Englewood -Dwight Morrow High School, 274 Knickerbocker
- 5/20-Upper Saddle River ,Pearson Education, 1 Lake Street F
- 5/27-Franklin Lakes, 813 Franklin Lakes Rd. TBirds are the featured cars . F  
-Hackettstown-Mars Chocolate 800 High St.
- 6/1-6/3- Carlisle PA Ford Nationals
- 6/3-Waldwick 7 Hewson Ave.  
-Elmwood Park 180 Broadway (K-Mart)
- 6/9-Pompton Plains, 60 Sunset Rd - All TBird show F
- 6/10-Demarest-162 Knickerbocker Rd (No. Valley High School

**I have flyers on some of these (F)**

For more shows go to  
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
[www.njcarshows.com](http://www.njcarshows.com) (reactivated)

## CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A schedule and registration forms are available online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your plans now and get your Bird ready.

### NOTES

The special rate rooms at the host hotel have all been booked. There are additional rooms available but at a higher rate. There are rooms available at other hotels which are close by at the original rate. An email was sent out with the contact information.

If you do not have this information please contact the editor of the newsletter.

There has been a significant number of registrations already. It is advisable to get your registration in early as space for the tours and other events may be limited - so if you want to go to these register now.

## April Meeting



Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues.

## Caravans To Memphis and Return

Planning is ongoing. The stops on the way down have been determined and motels have been booked. The return trip motels have not been booked. Both Shelley Belli and Paul S are working on this. Because of Shelley's contacts in the travel field, we will be able to obtain better motels at medium price rates.

The stops on the way down will be in Salem, VA and Dickson, TN. On the way back the stops will be in Knoxville, TN and Winchester, VA (these two have been changed from earlier points) .

Complete information will be sent to all parties once the motels are selected and the rates are determined. This will include routing as well.

Everybody will have a 24 cancellation period if there is an emergency and cannot attend. Shelley is getting the rooms under her name (needed for the discount) and those using the rooms will pay Shelley.



Rita Hayworth and her 41 Lincoln

**Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't wish to be seen with.

Bullet proof vests, windshield wipers and laser printers were invented by ?

Correct answer gets a prize.