

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



The Thunder Heard

August 2024

2024 Meeting Schedule

August 11	Picnic
September	
October	Charles Musto
November	Bill Downing
December 8	Christmas Party

The next "meeting" is the picnic on August 11th. Contact Arlene

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



Hoping everyone is enjoying their Summer and their T Birds. Our last meeting went very well, with good attendance, not a lot of issues to deal with.

As you know there is only a very brief meeting in August during our club picnic on the 11th. GPS address is 91 E Springtown Rd, Long Valley, NJ 07853 . Please support your club by attending this free event, it is always a good time rain or shine.

Speaking of meetings, we do not have a September meeting host, Toni Sabino is working on it, so she may be asking for members to step up and switch. I have spoken to Charles Musto (Oct. host) he is looking to do his meeting on the 12th or 13th. I suggested Sunday the 13. If you prefer Saturday let Toni know. If you have never been to Musto's look on our website's photo page on June 3, 2018, plus the video that I'm very proud of.

Get well, stay well and stay happy
Patrick Le Strange





Vice President's Message



Hi everyone, we are back from our family cruise to Bermuda. We sailed on the Norwegian Joy. We had a great time. Sorry it's over. This cruise was last year's Christmas present from our two kids and their kids.

No weather updates. All I can say weather was very hot in Bermuda. We did have rain, but it was ok. I did hear that this week we are heading for another heat wave.

Thanks to Steve and Annette for hosting last month's meeting. Sounds like it was well attended. Our next meeting will be a very short meeting at our yearly picnic on August 11th.

I want to thank Lucille and Julie Anne for sending out our get well and thinking of you cards to our members. Lucille is starting to feel herself again. Joan McMillian is holding her own. As usual her will is fantastic. Lois is still having serious issues with her back. Our main concern right now is Irene Douma had a very serious back operation on July 17th. She had bone infusions, etc., it is going to be a very long recovery. She said operation was more involved then she thought. She is now at home. Our prayers are needed and being sent her way.

Now about the picnic. As of now we have 43 people attending. Hope we have good weather. It is rain or shine event. All our women, plus one man are taking care of all salads. Thank you in advance. Our cooks are ready to go, Mel, Paul, and Mark. Every other items that we need are all being taking care of by members. Once again thanks in advance.

Set up starts at 9:00. Actual picnic 11:00.

There will be plenty of games to play, trivia to play. The day is only as fun as you make it. If you have not emailed or called me yet to let me know if you are coming or not coming, please do so ASAP this is your last chance!!! Finallyak@yahoo.com or 973-900-1921.

Directions attached to newsletter.

After the picnic then we will start talking about the Christmas party. Believe it not once September comes, Christmas is around the corner. Just giving you something to think about!
See you soon Arlene

July Meeting

This meeting was held at a new venue in Oakland. It was a nice sunny day and ten members brought their birds. Very well attended and the food was very good. A surprise desert, an edible box fashioned like a TBird with delicious cupcakes inside. Thanks to Annette & Steve for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

Not a lot of business to be conducted so the business part was short.

The minutes for the last meeting were read and the treasurer's report given. Both were accepted.

Donna mentioned that she did not receive any reply to the letters she sent to the CTCI officers.

Julie-Ann reported that she and Mike Perillo are looking at a couple of places for the Fall Cruise. Any one with a suggestion get ahold of them.

50/50 won by Steve Schmidt
Next "meeting" is the picnic.

July Meeting Pics



Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Toni Sabino 15th
 Rich & Lois Martin 6th
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
 Miles & Esther Yengst 24th



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



Irene Douma



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If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport building a the terminal ?

Club Announcements

Club Picnic

The picnic is **August 11 th**. Same place, Schooley's MTN County Park. Early bird time for helpers is 9AM. Coffee, donuts, bagels available for the early Birds. We need people to set up. RSVP Arlene (including regrets) if you are coming. If you are bringing something to eat call Arlene. Family members are invited. Games are being planned. Directions attached.

September Meeting

No info on this meeting yet

October Meeting

No info on this meeting yet



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

Cars & Coffee

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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Paramus- 314 Paramus Rd Taverna
Rockaway-152 Rte 46-Red Hut Diner

Tuesday

Wayne-1560 Rte 23 North-Wendy's
Clifton-417 River Rd-Rutt's Hut
Elmwood Park-111-95 Rte 46 west-Pizza Town
River Edge 259 Johnson Ave-Prime 259

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.
Church

Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 46 North-Kohl's

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

Towaco-445 Main St-Diane's Dairy

Car Shows/Swap Meets

8/4 Rutherford-201 Rte 17 S-Care Point Health

8/10 Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd-Lowes

8/17 Montclair-233 Bloomfield Ave-
Lackawanna Plaza

8/18 Hawthorne-Grand Ave-behind library

8/29-9/1 Lead East-Parssipanny

8/29-9/1 Dead man's Curve-Somerset

9/8 Washington Twp-701 Ridgewood St-
Westwood High School

9/8 Clifton-1255 Broad St

9/8 Ridgewood-133 E. Ridgewood Ave **5PM**

9/14 Fairfield-12 Hollywood Ave-St Thomas
Moore Church



Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called the rush hour?

For Sale



1955 T-Bird

Goldenrod yellow clearcoat. 1989 Mustang H.O. , Fuel Injection, Paxton supercharger. 12 Volt. Griffin radiator. T-5 trans, Hurst shifter. Disc brakes (Lincoln Versailles), dual master. Continental Kit. Flowmaster mufflers. Traction bars. Power steering. Hard (white) and soft (black) tops. 55 Fairlane headlight rims. 56 Merc station wagon tail lights. Wire wheels and radials.

Custom Sound radio with 10 CD changer. Located in New Jersey. \$ 38,000. For additional information and pictures contact Joe Kubat 973-900-1923 900-1923

Misc. For Sale

1 – 9,000 WATT gasoline / electric & pull start portable generator

SEVERAL NOS / used parts for '55 & '56 T-Birds & Ford cars: also 6 volt head lights, bulbs (clear & amber)

1 – new Battery charger for 6 volt systems
Paul Adamoff Cell: 201-286-4781



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Gene in the 4th of July Ridgediefed Park parade

Tech Tip

Hard Starting and the Starter Solenoid

There is one, rather rare, cause of hard starting on the 56-57 Birds that is difficult to find, or even to test for when you are out somewhere. This is a poor electrical contact inside the starter solenoid. The ignition points represent a balancing act: the greater the voltage at the points, the quicker the starting, but the shorter the service life of the points. When Ford went to 12 volts in 1956, this put too much on the points and led to an unacceptably short service life. Their solution was to use a full 12 volts at the points while the starter was cranking the engine, then feed through a resistor to cut voltage back down for long life. Such changes requires switches to make them happen, and Ford's solution was too add a small terminal to the starter solenoid, which is hot only during cranking. There are two heavy terminals on the solenoid,

for the battery cables, but we are concerned with the two small terminals. One small terminal feeds voltage to the solenoid from the ignition switch while it is held in the "Start" position. The other one feeds 12 volts to the distributor at the same time. When the ignition key is released back from "Start" to "ON", both small terminals are off. Therefore, if the solenoid has a poor connection for the terminal which feeds the distributor, you will not get the extra volts for starting. The 1955 Birds do feed the points like this, as they were not 12 volt. If you have a volt meter, you can test for this by reading the voltage on the small terminal while the ignition switch is held in the "Start" position: there should be approximately 12 volts there. If you do not have a volt meter, you can make a good test by using some wire and a brake light bulb. Feed the bulb directly from the battery so you can see how bright it is under full voltage. Then feed it from the small terminal on the starter solenoid. If there is much difference in brightness, your solenoid must be checked carefully.

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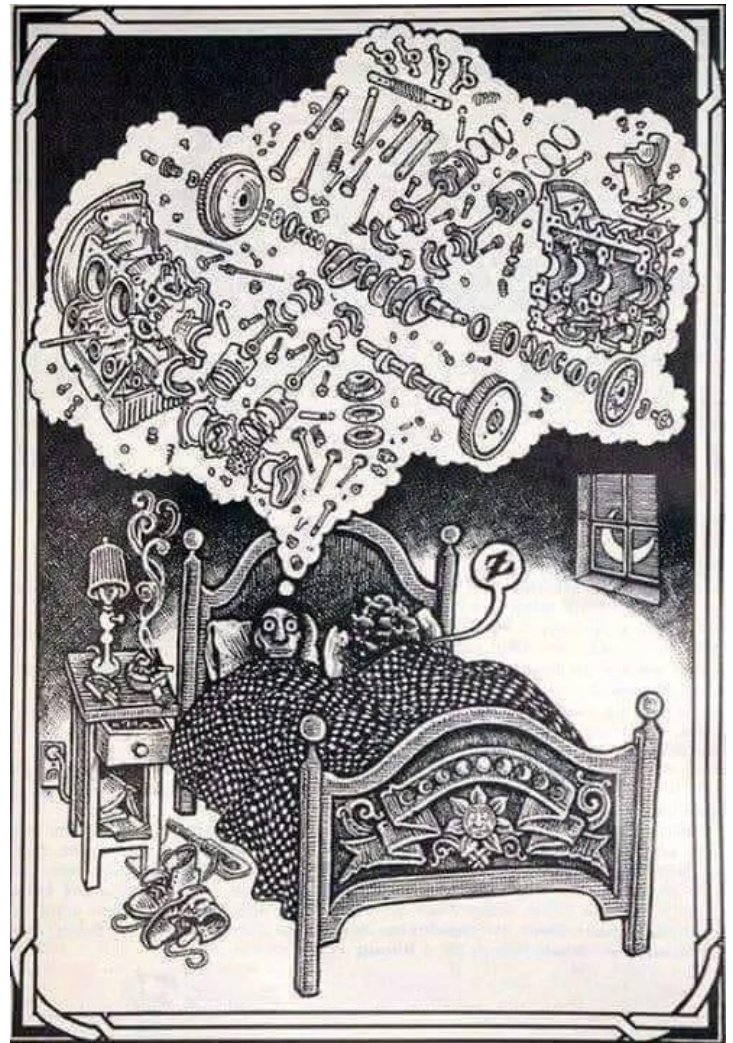
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Budd Co. engineers thrashing out the new Thunderbird



Typical late 50's Service Station



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V-J DAY

August 14th

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.)