



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

April 2014

WARM & SUNNY?

2014 Meeting Schedule

April 6	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
May 18	Bill & Donna Jessie
May 4	Spring Cruise
May 18	Tune Up Clinic
June 21	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby Fall Cruise
November	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party

The April meeting will be on the 6th at 2 PM and will be hosted by Frank Gloss/Mary Green See Page 4 for location. RSVP 845-759-2992 or fegloss@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



Ok, now I think the coldest days are behind us. No more talk about snow! It's only about a month to go before most cruise nights start up again.

Our Delizia's Pizza meetings continue to attract bigger and bigger attendance, but still looking forward to the nicer weather when we can get back to home meetings. Thank you to John and Sandy Bolger for hosting the last meeting.

Make sure you get your money in for the Spring Cruise. Joe and Arlene have arranged for a scenic ride. You can check the web site for a flyer, look under the events page. While you are there, check out the show and cruise page. Show flyers are coming in. Between the newsletter and the web page you should get them all. The web site has printable flyers.

The tune up clinic is coming in May, so get the parts you will need now - don't wait until the last minute so you will have time in case of out of stock and incorrect/faulty parts.

Stay safe and start cruis'in

Pat Le Strange



Happy Easter



A few Words From Alec

Here it is April (almost) and Winter may finally be over. I had my 57 out for some exercise last Saturday and had the clip on the gas pedal linkage come off. Luckily, I was in my condo parking lot. I could not find the clip rendering the Bird undriveable, but with help of two members of our club we were able to locate a new (weird looking) clip and they put the linkage back together.

One of the great things about being in a club like ours is that help is readily at hand. Many thanks to John P and Paul S for fixing the problem so the 57 is operable once again.

Looking forward to driving this summer.

Alec

March Meeting

Another well attended meeting was held at Delizzia's. This month's hosts were John and Sandy Bolger. Pizza, salad, garlic rolls cake and cookies were on the menu.

While it was a nice day, it was one of those BRRRRR days that we know so well so the parking lot showed only two Birds, a 57 and a retro. Many thanks to Sandy and John for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Pat reported on the CTCI meeting - That the retro bird issue was brought up again and it did not pass. Pat also mentioned that a regional convention for 2015 is being planned for Albuquerque, NM, in August. Pat also thanked Bill Downing for the article he wrote for the Early Bird.

Pat and Joanne showed off new member goody bags. All contents were on hand and was no expense to the club.

Sandy Pyrros, chair of the event, reported on the Harold's Deli outing. We had 36 members attend.

Lois Martin reported on the hotel bookings for the trip to the Springfield convention. She also mentioned that members who are attending to sign up as activities fill up fast.

Arlene reported on the Classic Car (water)Cruise.

Joe Kubat reported on the Spring Cruise slated for May 4th.

Joanne reported that are web site has had 11,000 hits since the site went up about 14 months ago.

Next meeting April 6 at Delizzia's



Vice President's Message

Hi everyone! Guess what - Spring has officially arrived and the snow is melting (not fast enough as far as I am concerned). The weather is warmer (for this week anyway) but guess what - its going to get cold again UGH!!! Good news though, we will be able to get our cars out of winter storage and back on the open road soon?

Thanks to John and Sandy Bolger for hosting our March meeting. Once again we has a great turn out of members.

Just a reminder, if going to the CTCI Int'l Convention in Springfield make your hotel reservations now to get the convention rate. Rooms are going fast. If you have not already done so and if you are plan on driving out there, please notify Paul S or Lois as they are in charge of caravanning and hotels.. They do a great job getting us to the convention and back home.

Walter went in for an operation. I hope you are feeling better.

May 4th is our Spring Cruise. We are meeting at Lafayette Village around 9:30 am (time to be confirmed at the next meeting), cruising to Sunrise MTN and back to Lafayette Village for a brunch at 12 noon. Cost, \$30.00 per person. Please let Joe Kubat know if you are attending and please send your check to Frank Chabala. Payment has to be received by April 20th. It will be a nice day to finally get our cars out for a nice spring cruise.

If you have not checked out our web page lately, please do so. All the latest stuff is on it, including Harold's. Joanne and Pat have done a fantastic job on it. Music, pictures, important info, cars and parts for sale and lots more. Thanks Joanne and Pat for doing a great job.

See you at the next meeting .

Arlene



Joyous Passover

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Judy Semmler 12th
Charles Musto 16th
Lucille Chabala 27th

Get Well Soon!

Walter Strohmaier

FOR SALE

Swedish TBird

A fellow TBirder in Sweden asked Rich Martin for some help in doing the electrical on his 55 restoration. So Rich flew out and spent a week there. He said the temperature was better there than here.



Hard at work

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Laws

Of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you don't know what your talking about.

March 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

April Meeting

This is on April 6th at Delizia's Pizza at the Wal-Mart shopping center, Wooten Street, Boonton. Remember to RSVP Frank Gloss, regrets also.

Tune Up Clinic

The Tune Up Clinic date has been reset to May 18th in conjunction with the May meeting. Sorry about the changes, but plans were made and canceled so the date has returned to the original one at the Martin's. Starts at 8:30 AM

If you plan to do or have work done to your car, be sure to notify Rich (as well if you are just want to hang). Be sure to bring any parts you will need as Rich does not have a parts store. The meeting will start at 1 PM. Be sure to RSVP Donna or Bill for the meeting part even if your attending the clinic.

Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise is May 4th. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Lafayette Village, 75 State Rte 15 near the corner of Rte 15 and Rte 94 in Lafayette, NJ. We will cruise to Sunrise Mtn and back for a 12 noon lunch buffet at Lafayette Village. The cost is 30.00 each. Contact Joe Kubat and send your money to Frank Chabala, noting that is for the cruise. Joe says notify him before April 20th or else.

Activities

If you have a good idea for a club activity, bring it up at a meeting. There is no scheduled activity for April, June or November, although there is a possible Chatterbox get together in June

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



Harold's Deli

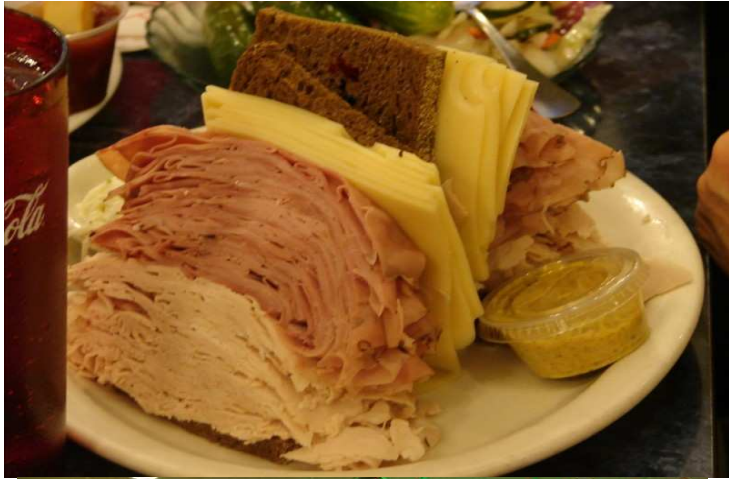
The outing to Harold's was super enjoyable as it always has been.

Super size sandwiches (the pastrami was great), super size drinks and super size desserts (right Paul A?) is the norm there as well as the great pickle bar.

Those who ordered desserts were offering portions to everyone because no one person could possibly eat it all.

We had 36 members attending and I think all of them had something to take home because they couldn't finish.

Many thanks to Sandra Pyrros for setting up this event. Since it was close to St. Patrick's Day, she even had theme napkins and green foil covered chocolate "coins" on the tables.



Tech Tips

Fire Extinguishers (Part II)

We should carry a Fire extinguisher in our old cars as well as our new cars. Here is some information gleaned from another chapter's newsletter.

Typical Extinguishers for Sale

Dry chemical extinguisher can damage engine and electronics, but the damage is less than an uncontrolled fire. Less damaging (if you believe the hype) would be Fireside 2000, Nitro Strike, Halotron or H3R. However, there are drawbacks. These require confined space, may rekindle and are not Class A, B or C. Consider using potassium bicarbonate (Class B & C extinguisher "Purple K") which is non-corrosive and cleans up with a vacuum, sweeping or a water flush. Halon is no longer sold, but is allowable if you already have one. The replacement for it is HALOTRON, but it is expensive. FYI, Amerex and Buckeye fire equipment is being counterfeited and the international brand does not have UL approval. **FIRE CHIEFS RECOMMEND A CLASS A, B, or C DRY CHEMICAL EXTINGUISHER, 5 to 10 POUNDS**

They should be stored at EXIT(S) in escape routes and in the car (NOT IN THE TRUNK).

Gas tanks do not explode most of the time. However, if it's hot and there is vapor, it will ignite.

When disposing of old or used extinguishers, take them to a local HAZMAT facility.

The Bird Word, Smokey Mtn Classic Tbird Club

CTCI International Convention 2014

This is going to be on July 1st to the 6th in Springfield Mo. The show field will be indoors. The hotel is University Plaza Hotel (417-864-7333). Mention "Classic Thunderbird Club Int'l" or Group Code CTC14 (fourteen) when making reservations. Entry forms and information on the convention can be accessed at www.ctci.org. Rooms are expected to fill up fast, so get your reservations in. Tours and other activities also fill up fast, so get your registration in.

Convention Caravan

Lois and Paul S. are setting up a caravan to go to the convention. So far there are 10 members going. Contact either Lois or Paul if you want to go with the caravan.

Car Shows-Swap Meets

4/11-13 Englishtown Show & Swap Raceway Park

4/23-27 Carlisle, PA. Spring Show & Swap

May 10 Montville -Hot Rod Farm River Road

17 Newton, NJ 7 North Park Drive Home Depot

17 Wycoff, 495 Wycoff Ave, Cornerstone Christian Church (Midland Park High Show)

18 Upper Saddle River, Lake St. Pearson Education

25 N. Haledon, 515 High Mountain Rd. Old Franklin Lakes show

31 Meadowlands, Richard Nader Show

I have flyers for most shows

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
www.newjerseycarshows.com
www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt



Trivia Quiz

What is it? He who makes it doesn't want it, he who buys it doesn't need it and he who needs it doesn't know it

Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Mike Perillo and the answer was Dodge

Signs

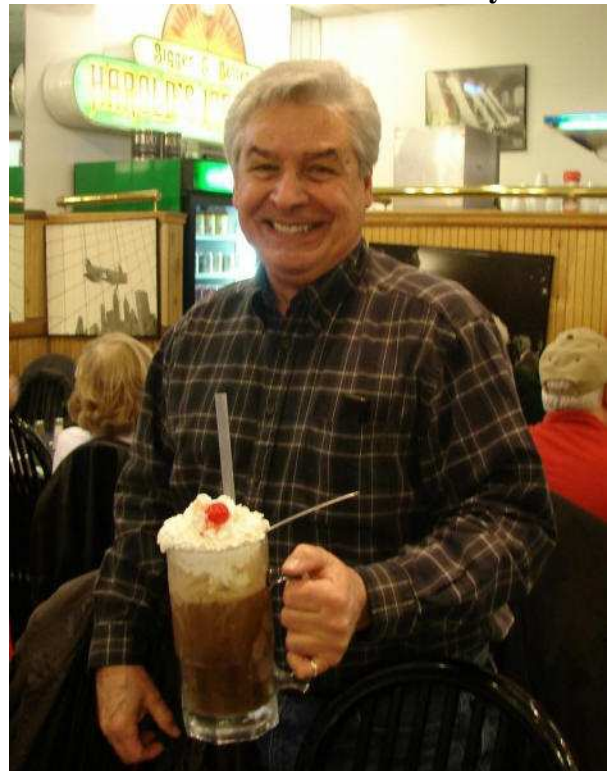
At a Podiatrist's Office
Time wounds all heels

Note from Louisville

Lois and I have exchanged some emails from Ken Herb who mentioned that he and Linda have settled in and have joined a local Tbird club. He sent some pictures along from the past and noted that when he was unpacking he ran across his NJORTC jacket which he brought to the new club's meeting. He mentioned that the new club seemed to be an eating club. Deja Vu!!!



Marlene Dietrick - 36 Caddy



The Swedish 55





NJORIC Annual Spring Cruise



Sunday May 4th, 2014 @ 10am

Meeting at Olde Lafayette Village

75 Route 15, Lafayette Township, NJ 07848



*We will depart for a cruise to Sunrise Mountain in Stokes State Forest Park, bring your camera for breath taking views at the overlook, and return to The Lafayette House for a brunch. Cost is \$30 per person due by April 20th
Please send checks made out to*

NJORIC mail to Frank Chabala 6 Brook Way, West Orange, NJ 07052

After lunch you may like to visit the shops at Olde Lafayette Village

Olde Lafayette Village is located in the heart of beautiful Sussex County at the intersection of State Routes 15 and 94 in Lafayette, New Jersey. Stroll the pathways, feed the ducks, enjoy our country atmosphere and shop our outlets and specialty shops. You'll find something for everyone -from unique gifts to family apparel, imported specialties and unique collectibles.

Please RSVP to Joe Kubat by April 20th 973-900-1923 or best # 862-221-9773 or email finallyak@yahoo.com Need # attending. This is a driving event but you do not need to be driving a T-Bird any old car will be nice. Daily drivers are welcome too if necessary.