

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Saturday April 20, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Pat LeStrange at 3:30 pm. Flag Salute by Alec Johnstone. Phil & Dorothy Guidone were thanked for hosting this meeting at Willie McBrides Restaurant in Branchburg, NJ.

Minutes of March 23, 2012 meeting were read by Sandy Pyrros and a correction was made. Arlene Kubat is not the chairman of the picnic, Bill Downing is the new chairman. Motion made to accept the minutes as corrected.

Treasurers Report

Frank Chaballa reported the **opening balance: \$6,113.01.**

Income: \$176.46 Bank Refund Expensses: \$250 Morris County Park deposit for Picnic. \$118.10 to Wendy Meehan, website. \$500 San Carlo deposit for Xmas party. \$3.00 Bank charge. \$88.11 Sweetheart Brunch. **Balance: \$5,330.26 CD: \$7,061.80**

Motion made and accepted to accept report.

Correspondence

Thank you note from Lucille (sisters' passing)

Sunshine- Lucille sent Joe Kubat a Get Well card (gallbladder removal) and also Paul Adamoff and Bob Notar.

Membership- New member attending today's meeting, Bob Heisler of Berkley Heights. Also he brought a perspective new member, Bill Mann, who was instrumental in starting the Garden State TB club in South Jersey.

CTCI Report- Pat LeStrange (Region 1 Director) reported that there is a new treasurer, Rick Miller, who everyone remembers ran the Memphis TN Convention.

General Business

Rich & Lois Martin mentioned that theTune-Up Clinic is May 19th 9AM to ? at their home. There will be a "gas gauge" seminar.

Lois Martin said that she renewed the club PO mailbox for 6 months, then we'll discuss whether to keep the box according to how much mail is received.

Arlene thanked Paul Schroll for the great newsletters he's editing, every month they're getting better. Paul asked members to submit contributions to the newsletter.

Phil is looking into "cruising" to the Barrett Jackson Auction in Scottsdale next January and asked if there was any interest in members attending and there was.

Old Business

Rich Martin said he leaving July 20th to drive cross-country to the San Jose convention, Reno NV, and Des Moines Iowa and will be back in NJ on August 27. Paul Schroll &

Walter Strohmaier are also driving.

Joanne Seiler, webmaster for our new club website is up and running and they are monitoring it and updating it. The new site, NJORTC.org (godaddy.com website) There's a public section and a for-members-only area which is password protected. Also a club Facebook page is up and running with a link to our club website. There is a "counter" on the Home Page which tells us who is looking at the site and from where. There were over 1,000 hits already. Also a "Guestbook" for people to sign. Donna Jesse suggested a new category "Wanted" for items members are looking to purchase. There is a section for list of "cruises" and car shows. Members page has pictures of members cars and you can also upload photos too. On the Facebook Club website started by Joanne are photos of the 35th Club Anniversary and she's going to be posting other club event photos.

Pat said Dominick Tucci has everything set for the Walpack Inn cruise on April 28th. Caravan leaving at 1PM, rain or shine. Please let him or John Pyrros know who's attending.

Pat is going to be setting a date for the 50's dance in late September at the same place, American Legion in Elmwood Park.

Our Picnic is on August 11, 2013 at the Schoolys Mountain park in Long Valley 10-4 PM and is going to be chaired by Bill Downing. Phil Guidone has the park permit, Arlene is in charge of the food. Pat will take care of the music & movies. Lois will get the insurance from CTCL.

New Business

The South Jersey T-Bird Club is planning a trip to Gettysburg area a weekend in October and wanted to let our club know if anyone would like to participate.

Joanne & Arlene looked into purchasing club shirts & jackets. They met with a friend of Ron Case, Class Act Embroidery Co. They've checked out prices and different shirts. Red Polo Shirt=100% Polyester, collared, button placket with club logo on left shoulder \$30-35 + \$5 extra with name embroidered. Tee Shirt=\$8 in sizes S to 5XL. Black winter jacket \$60 Small to 2XL. T-bird embroidered and name \$5 extra. Joanne has 22 of the club logo patches which will be sewn on. Sweatshirt w/zipper front, hood, embroidered logo & name \$35 S to 4XL. And sweatpants with NJORTC down the side of leg. The information will be on the website for ordering shortly.

Next meeting is Saturday, May 11th at 4 PM hosted by Dorothy & Bill Hyde at their home.
Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.
50/50 won by Bill Jesse \$60.
Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.