



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

The Thunder Heard  
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HERE COMES SUMMER



2006 Meeting Schedule	
June 11 130pm	Rodger & Debbie DePiero
July	Dominick & Eva Tucci
Aug 6	<b>** Mini-Concours **</b>
Sept.	Rich & Lois Martin
Oct.	Stan & Cindy Gersch
Nov	Bob & Christina Calvo
Dec 2	<b>** Christmas Party **</b>
2007 Meeting Schedule	
Jan / Feb	Bob & Shelley Belli
Mar	John & Sandra Bolger
Apr	John & Terry O'Brian
May	Ed & Theresa Powell
Jun	Steve Rose / Julie Levine
Jul	Charles & Isabella Costa
Aug	REGIONAL CONVENTION
Sept	Richard & Susan Titone
Oct	Frank Gloss / Mary Green
Nov	Jack & Shelia Granowitz
Dec	CHRISTMAS PARTY
<p>If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with. Please let us know as soon as you can on your details date/time/etc.</p>	



**President's Message**

Our first meeting for our show was very productive. We were able to submit our full-page ad to Wichita Classic Thunderbird Club, to be published in their program. We have pre-registration forms for our table at this National (anyone going to the National Convention, please spend some time at the table). We now have a logo for our show:

“ T-BIRD HEAVEN NEW JERSEY ‘ 07”

We will have some samples of the shirts with the logo at our next meeting for everyone to see.

If you are not on a committee yet, please get in touch with one of our committee heads and get involved, (see newsletter) remember, it's "our" club's show, so get involved!

Please, RSVP to the host of the meetings so that they may plan for the correct number of members that will be in attendance. If you are hosting a meeting, please send Pat or Alec the directions so that they may be published in the newsletter. There is a "Meeting Schedule" with the hosts listed for the 2007 year (see newsletter) Joanne Seiler has set our meeting schedule up to and including December 2008. (Thank-you Joanne)

With the good weather here and the cars coming out, don't forget to check your registration and insurance card. Make sure that they are up to date; after all, it could ruin a great day if you were stopped and didn't have the proper information.

See you down the road,  
John Kefalonitis

Rodger & Debbie De Piero will host the June meeting on June 11 at 1:30pm at The Ridgewood Diner, 35 Brooklyn-Stanhope Rd., Hopatcong, NJ. Very important! This meeting is in a restaurant and they will need an accurate head count RSVP 973-770-1912 or [bearkolector@aol.com](mailto:bearkolector@aol.com)

Please check our **CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE**. On the last page. Do not mix it up with the regular schedule. The meetings will be the first Sunday of the month at 5pm.  
Hosts are urged "Not to make the refreshments extravagant" stick with sandwiches or finger food.



### A few words from Alec

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I hope that every member is as pleased and excited as I am that our club has been sanctioned for a regional convention in Aug '07. I would like to invite everyone to consider volunteering, to take part in making this convention a big success as the past conventions that our club has hosted. Please feel free to contact myself or any officer of the club to sign up. That said, have a great time this at this years shows and events.

Happy Motoring, Alec



### Pat's Message

I am wishing all those going to Wichita, success and a safe journey. I know you will all represent our club, with pride. Talk up our convention. Also start lining up people to buy tickets for the concert.

**Thanks Pat**



**Regional IS Going to Happen.....**

Come to the meeting and find out how it is progressing and how you can help

**Get on a committee now!**

The official name for the Convention!  
**"T-Bird Heaven---NEW JERSEY '07"**

ANY ITEMS YOU WANT US TO PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER  
MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH THEY CAN BE E-  
MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME Pat LeStrange      rolodexp@aol.com.

WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?

Seems that car thieves have found yet another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all. The car thieves peer through the windshield of your car or truck, write down the VIN # from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN #. My friend didn't believe this e-mail, so she called Chrysler-Dodge and pretended she had lost her keys. They told her to just bring in the VIN #, and they would cut her one on the spot, and she could order the keyless device if she wanted.

The Car Dealer's Parts Department will make a duplicate key from the VIN #, and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car. He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and off he goes to a local Chop Shop with your vehicle. It is that easy.

To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape or medical tape) or a piece of paper across the VIN Metal Label located on the dashboard. By law, you cannot remove the VIN, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief.



**June 18**

## TUNE-UP CLINIC

Bruce & Aileen Corbett  
65 Ponderosa Pl., Hewitt, NJ  
973-728-2135

Sunday May 28 Starting at 10am

Chairman: Bruce Corbett & Rich Martin



If you have a special project call Bruce or Rich so they can be prepared.

Come one and all to our yearly tune-up clinic and picnic, held at Bruce and Aileen Corbett's. You don't need to be working on a car to enjoy a ride out in the country. Get the cobwebs off the bird or any other car and come out and have a fun day. Not only will we be doing T-Bird tune-ups but also we will have a fun picnic. Come and enjoy the company and Aileen's gardens. The mechanics can do their thing or others can just watch and learn.

For those with projects come early 9:30am.. (let Bruce know what you plan to do so he can have everything ready). Coffee will be waiting.

If you don't want to come early, come later. We plan on a picnic style lunch around noon.

Please rsvp to Aileen and Bruce.  
973-728-2135 or email

[corbett2@optonline.net](mailto:corbett2@optonline.net)

Thanks

I used this web site to buy tires for my 2002 T-Bird. They have a wide selection of tires at very good prices. I received my order the next day by UPS

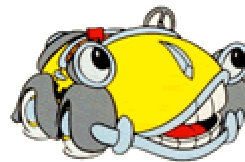
<http://www.tirerack.com/index.jsp>

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## 2006 CLUB CALENDAR

- May 6 Rusty Swartz Memorial Concert, Edison High School, and Edison, NJ  
Contact Vince DeAndrea  
732-548-6533  
8pm (I forgot to get a price)  
B. Barbella-Streets of the Bronx Band  
Andri & Cerell  
Comedy & Singing Group  
(Originally from the "Knockouts"  
Vito Picone & the Elegents (Little Star)
- May 28 Tune -Up Clinic  
Chairmen: Bruce Corbett & Rich Martin,
- May 29 Reading, NJ / Memorial Day Parade
- June 30-July 4 CTCI International Convention  
Wichita, Ka.
- ??? Drive-In Movie
- July/Aug Dinner Boat Cruise  
Chairwoman: Wendy Meehan
- Aug 6 Mini Concours  
Chairman: Mike Meehan
- Sept/Oct Mystery Cruise  
Chairman: Phil Guidone
- Nov. 19 Club fund raiser Concert  
Chairman: Vince DeAndrea
- ??? Somerville Cruise Night
- Dec 2 Christmas Party



T-Birds are Lucky  
They will be in Heave  
n  
in NJ in '07

**DIRECTIONS TO RIDGEWOOD DINER**  
From rt. 80 take exit 28  
(From e/b 80 you will have to go to the jug handle and follow signs to Hopatcong State Park)  
Continue on Landing Rd. to traffic light (lake will be in front of you)  
Left at light, Lakeside Blvd. continue to 2 more lights (just past Hopatcong State Park)  
Left onto Brooklyn-Stanhope Rd.  
Go about ¼ mile, you will see the sign on the right for the restaurant **YOU CANNOT SEE THE RESTAURANT FROM THE ROAD! ONLY THE SIGN**

# **THE SHOTGUN RULES**

The rules listed below apply to the calling of Shotgun (the passenger seat) in an automobile.

These rules are definitive and binding.

## **Section I The Basic Rules**

1. In order to call Shotgun, the caller must pronounce the word "Shotgun" in a clear voice. This call must be heard and acknowledged by the driver. The other occupants of the vehicle need not hear the call as long as the driver verifies the call.

2. Shotgun may only be called if all occupants of the vehicle are outside and on the way to said vehicle.

3. Early calls are strictly prohibited. Shotgun may only be called while walking toward the vehicle and only applies to the drive immediately forthcoming. Shotgun can never be called while inside a vehicle or still technically on the way to the first location. For example, one can not get out of a vehicle and call Shotgun for the return journey.

4. The driver has final say in all ties and disputes. The driver has the right to suspend or remove all shotgun privileges from one or more persons.

## **Section II Special Cases**

These special exceptions to the rules above should be considered in the order presented; the case listed first will take precedence over any of the cases beneath it, when applicable.

1. In the instance that the normal driver of a vehicle is drunk or otherwise unable to perform their duties as driver, then he/she is automatically given Shotgun.

2. If the instance that the person who actually owns the vehicle is not driving, then he/she is automatically given Shotgun, unless they decline.

3. In the instance the the driver's spouse, lover, partner, or date for the evening is going to accompany the group, he/she is automatically given Shotgun, unless they decline.

4. In the instance that one of the passengers may become so ill during the course of the journey that the other occupants feel he/she will toss their cookies, then the ill person should be given Shotgun to make appropriate use of the window.

5. In the instance that only one person knows how to get to a given location and this person is not the driver, then as the designated navigator for the group they automatically get Shotgun, unless they decline.

6. In the instance that one of the occupants is too wide or tall to fit comfortably in the back seat, then the driver may show mercy and award Shotgun to the genetic misfit. Alternatively, the driver and other passengers may continually taunt the poor fellow as they make a three hour trip with him crammed in the back.

## **Section III The Survival of the Fittest Rule**

1. If the driver so wishes, he/she may institute the Survival of the Fittest Rule on the process of calling Shotgun. In this case all rules, excepting **I-4**, are suspended and the passenger seat is occupied by whoever can take it by force.

2. The driver must announce the institution of the Survival of the Fittest Rule with reasonable warning to all passengers. This clause reduces the amount of blood lost by passengers and the damage done to the vehicle.

# **2006 Shows**

**June 3 8am-4pm**

**Midland Pk. Car Show**

**Christian Rodders Assoc.**

Midland Pk Christian Reformed Church

183 Godwin Ave., Midland Pk., NJ 201-376-3271

\$12DOS

**June 4 8am-3pm Rain Date 6/11**

**Twp of Washington Fire Dept**

Westwood High School 701 Ridgewood Rd.

\$12PR/\$15DOS

**June 10 9am-3pm**

**North Jersey Thunderbird Assoc.**

**" ALL THUNDERBIRD SHOW"**

60 Sunset Rd. Pompton Plains, NJ

\$12PR/ \$15 after May 27

INFO Call 732-432-6797

(Pat, Alec, John, Dennis)

**June 18 8am**

**Great Adventure**

\$15PR by 6/1

Free park admission + ½ price for all guests

Cars 1980 or older 732-309-6922

**June 18 cars must be there by 2pm**

(You must be pre-registered)

**Richard Nader Doo-Wop Show and Tailgate Party**

**Continental Arena**

**June 24 10am-4pm**

**Warwick Fire Dept**

Veterans Memorial Pk, Warwick, NY

\$10DOS (includes food & dash plaque)

www.warwickfire.com

(Joanne Seiler's daughter Tiffany)

**July 30**

**Drew University, Madison, NJ**

\$10PR/\$15DOS

**July 23 9am-3pm**

**NJ Lions Car Show**

Bergen County Court House

River St. Hackensack

\$10PR/\$15DOS

201-767-8549

**Aug. 6 8am-4pm**

**Cruisin' for Kids Benefit 2006**

North Rockland HS, Hammond Rd. Thiells, NY

\$10PR/\$15DOS

Judged Show

Susan 845-942-1030 or Grace 845-786-3777

(Donna & Bill Jessie)

**Aug. 31-Sept. 3**

**Lead East**

Parsippany, NJ

**Sept 17 9am-3pm**

**Pearl River Auto Show**

Central Ave., Pearl River, NY

\$15PR by 9/3 /\$20DOS

845-954-1803

# DETAILING TIPS FROM PAT



## Washing

Start by THOROUGHLY rinsing the car. As we said in rule #1, use lots of water and a gentle stream to avoid scratches. Excessive water pressure will cause the dirt to grind at the surface. Some detailers prefer to let the water flow freely out of the hose without the benefit of a nozzle. Use a detergent designed specifically for car washing. Don't use common dish washing detergent, as it is too strong and will remove the wax you want to keep.

There really isn't a lot to washing a car; simply mix detergent according to the manufacturers' directions, dip your sponge or mit into the bucket and have at it. There are a few guidelines to follow however:

Use generous amounts of water/detergent. On a medium sized car, five or six buckets will do the job. When the bucket gets down to about one-third fill, empty it, give it a quick rinse and refill with detergent/water.

When you wash a car, do it in sections. Start with the roof, which will make rinsing easier. Then do other sections, such as the front fender, door, rear fender and so on, rinsing thoroughly in between. Always rinse soon after applying so a soap film does not develop. Do not suds up the entire car and then rinse; some of the soap will dry and a film like substance will remain.

After washing, rinse the entire car just to be sure all the soap is cleared away. Don't forget the nooks, crannies and crevices where soap can hide.

If the car is particularly dirty, wash it twice. The first washing will take care of the majority of the dirt and the second will complete the job. Some car enthusiasts will wash twice as part of their routine. Avoid scratches by using two buckets; one will have your normal car wash detergent, the other will be just water. When you are finished sudsing up a particular area, rinse the wash mit/sponge in the plain water. This will keep scratch causing dirt particles from revisiting the surface of your car. Another approach is to rinse off with your hose the wash mit/sponge before dipping it into the car wash detergent.

## Driving Ticket fine increase in NJ:

Starting on August 15th, the price of a ticket for violation of NJ Law 39:3-29 (failure to show your driver's license, registration, or insurance card at the time you are stopped) is going from \$44.00 to \$173.00. Please make sure your vehicles have the proper documents in them. If you jump in the car to run to the store and forget your wallet with your license in it and you are stopped.... Oh well... you just spent \$173. And the fine for not having all three documents is \$519!!!

And be careful, the fine for hand held cell phone use while driving will be going up to \$180.00.

A hobo came up to the front door of the neat looking farmhouse and knocked gently on the door. When the owner answered, the hobo asked, "Please, sir, could you give me something to eat? I haven't had a good meal in several days." The owner said, "I have made a fortune in my lifetime by supplying goods for people. I never give anything away for nothing. However, if you go around the back, you will see a gallon of paint and a clean paint brush. If you will paint my porch, I will give you a good meal."

So the hobo went around back and a little later he again knocked on the door. The owner said, "Finished already? Good. Come on in. Sit down. The cook will bring your meal right in."

The hobo said, "Thank you very much, sir. But there is something that I think you should know. It's not a Porch, it's a BMW."

GOOD LUCK AND SAFE TRIP TO  
EVERYONE  
GOING TO THE WICHITA CONVENTION

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**GET WELL SOON  
WISHES**  
Mary Anne Ucci  
Pat LeStrange  
Rick Titone

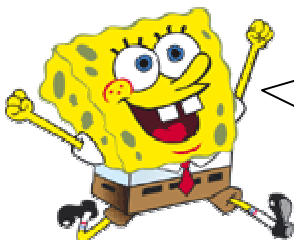


*Frank & Lucille Chabala.....2*  
*Walter & Mildred Strohmayer.....10*  
*John & Barbaranna Kefalonitis..24*

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

*June*

*Arlene Kubat.....1*  
*Bill Selby.....18*



Send us some of  
your important  
news or let us know  
what you want to  
see in this  
newsletter.

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Club Historian	Lucille Chabala
Club Photographer	Lucille Chabala
Sunshine	Lucille Chabala
Master at Arms	Bruce Corbett
Meeting Schedules & Activities Coordinator	Joanne Seiler
Webmaster	Wendy Meehan

**On the next page I have put a flyer for the Concert. At the bottom there a space to put your name, then you can make copies.**

# LIVE CONCERT



PRESENTED BY  
THE NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD  
THUNDERBIRD CLUB



STARING

**Lenny Cocco and The Chimes**

"Once In Awhile"



WITH

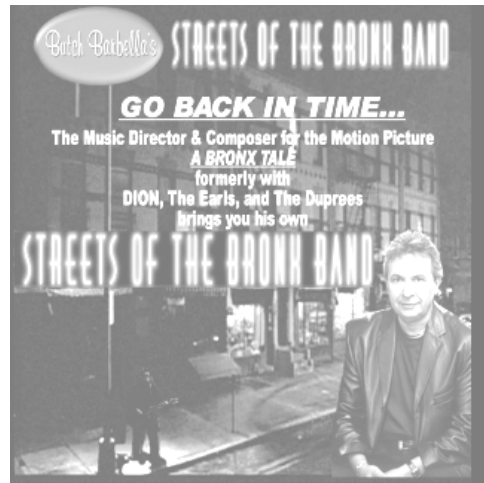
THE MUSICAL COMEDY OF

ANDRE &

CIRELL

(Darling Lorraine)

AND



Butch Barbella's Streets of the Bronx Band

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2006 AT 2PM**

**PARSIPPANY HILTON**

**ONE HILTON COURT, PARSIPPANY, NJ**

**GENERAL ADMISSION \$40 PP - TABLE SEATING**

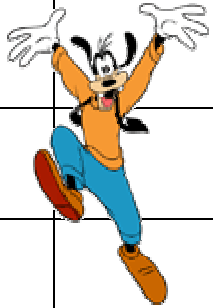
**FOR TICKETS CALL (973) 731-9133**

**(DURING REGULAR HOURS)**

Tell 'em

Told you about it!

# 2006 CRUISE NIGHTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	Wayne N.J. Wayne Auto Spa, 2122 Hamburg Turnpike, 6-9 PM	Stony Point, NY Don's Neighborhood Grill, (Starting 05/09) 6PM	Bear Mountain Inn & State Park, 5/3 to 9/27 6-9pm	Denville Stewarts 101 Bloomfield Ave 5/4	Nanuet, NY Nanuet Mall in. (starting 05/05) 6 PM	Lyndhurst, NJ Whiskey Cafe, Wall St., (May 6 to Oct 31) 6-9PM
		Succasunna, N.J McDONALD'S, ROUTE 10., 6- 9pm (5/2 Through September)	Wycoff ????	Pompton Lakes, NJ Pompton Lakes Town Square Mall, Wanaque Ave, (Starts 4//21, cars 1978 & older only)		AUGUSTA, NJ CHATTERBOX DRIVE-IN, ROUTE 15 & 206 6PM (5/6 through September)
				Secaucus Harmon Meadow Rt3 6pm CRUISIN' FOR KIDS May 11		
		Saddle Brook, NJ Bennegin's 6- 9pm, (Starting 5/2nd to 10/31)		Flanders, N.J McDonalds, Rt 206, A&P Shopping Center,		
				Landing NJ Danielle's (formerly Pit Stop Pub) 131 Lakeside Blvd, (starts 5/4) 6- 9pm		



More to come as dates and locations are confirmed

## CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 5 pm **UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

Month & Year	Date	Time	Host
JUNE 2006	June 4	5pm	Vince DeAndrea
JULY 2006	July 9	5pm	Pat LeStrange & Joanne Seiler
AUG 2006	Aug. 6	During Picnic	Mini Concours Doe Meadow Park
SEPT 2006	Sept 8 (Fri)	7pm	Mike & Wendy Meehan
OCT 2006	Oct. 1	5pm	Dominic & Eva Tucci
NOV 2006	Nov. 5	5pm	Joe & Arleen Kubat
DEC 2006	No Meeting Due to Holidays		
JAN 2007			
FEB 2007			
MAR 2007			
APR 2007	April 1	5pm	Rich & Lois Martin
MAY 2007			
JUNE 2007			
JULY 2007			John & Barbaranna Kefalonitis



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