



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## December 2018

### 2018 Meeting Schedule

Dec. 1	Holiday Party
<b>2019</b>	<b>Tentative</b>
Jan/Feb	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
March	Bill & Martha Downing
April	Gene & Diane Szura
May	Pat & Joanne
June	Jayne & Ray Braun
July	Don & Linda
September	Don Dobres
October	Paul Dorne
November	Drew Eckman

Jan-Feb meeting date has not been decided on.

December meeting is the Christmas party

**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



It's almost the end of the year, soon we will start a new one. We had a good year and did a lot of activities even though the weather caused some problems. I would like to thank all the chair people who made these events possible and to all the members who attended them to make the events successful. This is what separates us from other car clubs - we like being together and doing things as a group while showing off our beautiful Thunderbirds. Keep up the good work.

Our next big event will be our Christmas Party, one of the best attended events. We really get into the spirit and have a fun time. Hope to see everyone there.

We have had some ups and downs this year with personal struggles. We welcomed many new members. We also continue to pray for our members fighting health issues. We mourned the passing of two club members. Our good friend and secretary Sandi Pyrros and long time club member Dominick Tucci. Both will be missed and remembered forever.

For 2019 my wish is for continued health improvements to all our club members, families and friends. May the world become a safer and friendlier place.

In closing I am proud to be the president of the World's Best Car Club. I truly feel we are one big wonderful family  
*Pat Le Strange*

*An old farmers advice - Words that soak into your ears  
are whispered...not yelled*



## November Meeting

The host was Steve Schmidt. It was nice sunny day and a number of Tbirds were present. Nice to see Steve's bronze 57. Attendance was good. Steve had a nice assortment of eats and no one left hungry. Thanks to Steve for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

We had a guest, Mark Santamoro from Wycoff

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

The CTCI Annual Meeting is being held on Jan 11-12, 2019 in Missouri. Members may attend..

Pat mentioned that the donation to the Arizona club for their convention was sent.

Suzanne said the calendars will be ready for the Christmas party. Pat mentioned that he has seen the prototype and it was very nice.

Don and Linda asked about collecting items for the Serving Military and Vets. They will look into it..

Lucille noted that the Bethwood is still under construction. After discussion, it was decided to go with the Manor on February 17th. Cost will be 60.00 each

Lois mentioned that a registration packet for the Flagstaff regional has been sent out to chapters and those pre-registered.

The Maple Valley Diner in Clifton was suggested as an alternative meeting place. Pat is talking to the owner .

Paul S won the 50/50

Next "meeting" is the Christmas party.



## Vice President's Message



Winter is here and holidays near. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We are all thankful for what we have. Thank God.

Wendy is still the same, her recovery will be long. Alec is not doing good at all. Our prayers are with them both. Dot Hyde is coming along after foot surgery. Joanne is continuing with treatments. Joanne is a fighter and very strong. Prayers for her also. Prayers for Ron Cass and family on the death of his brother. I certainly hope that 2019 will be a better year.

Remember, Saturday, December 1st is our Christmas party at Bella Italia, Orange, NJ. We will have a Marine to pick up our toys for tots, please bring an unwrapped gift. We will have a visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause and if we have been good boys and girls we will get gifts:):). As you know Pat has retired as our DJ and we have hired the DJ who was at our 50's dance. If you want to bring a grab bag, it is \$25.00 gift for woman and \$25.00 for man. It's a bring a gift get a gift. We will also have other surprises. Hope all that are coming have a great time.

If anyone has any ideas on where to have our Christmas party next year, I need to know immediately because good places rebook their parties to same people every year and it's hard to find a place if we wait too long to book. Please email me information or give me info when you see me.

We are starting to work on next years' activities, i.e., Sweetheart brunch, Harold's Deli. We will need a volunteer for putting together a Spring Cruise. If any ideas for an event for Club to do, please let one of the Board members know.

If planning on going to go to Regional Convention in Flagstaff, Arizona, May 15th-19th, 2019, its time to make reservations, fill out registration form and decide if you are going to drive your Thunderbird to Arizona or fly.

Well that's all I have for this month. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. See you soon, Arlene

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

None this month

*Happy Birthday*

Bill Jessie 3rd  
Toni Sabino 4th  
Charlie Ehm 10th  
Paul Schroll 15th  
Carol Ehm 19th  
Bruce Corbett 20th  
Mike Parillo 21st  
Lois Martin 21st  
George Gayet 25th

*GET WELL SON!*

Alec Johnstone  
Wendy Meehan  
Joanne Seiler  
Dot Hyde

## Condolences

To Ron Case and his family on the passing of his brother

## Western Class Round Up

### Flagstaff Convention May 15-19

Preregistration and hotel reservations are now open. The preregistration form may be downloaded from [www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org](http://www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org). Hotel reservations may be made direct to the hotel, the Little America Hotel & Resort, 928-779-7900. Mention "Thunderbird Regional Convention". The room rate is 139.00 plus tax ( 151.22)

## Ponder this

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker

For those lucky enough to receive one, 12/27 is National Fruitcake DaY

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## November Meeting





## Club Announcements

### December Meeting

No meeting in December as we have the Christmas party

### Sweetheart Brunch

The brunch is scheduled for February 17th at the Manor, 11 Prospect Ave, West Orange 60.00 person. Time will be announced later. Contact Lucille if you are attending. Checks are to be made out to NJORTC.

### November Meeting



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



### December 7, 1941 Remember





## Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave -Cedar Hill

Thursday

Friday

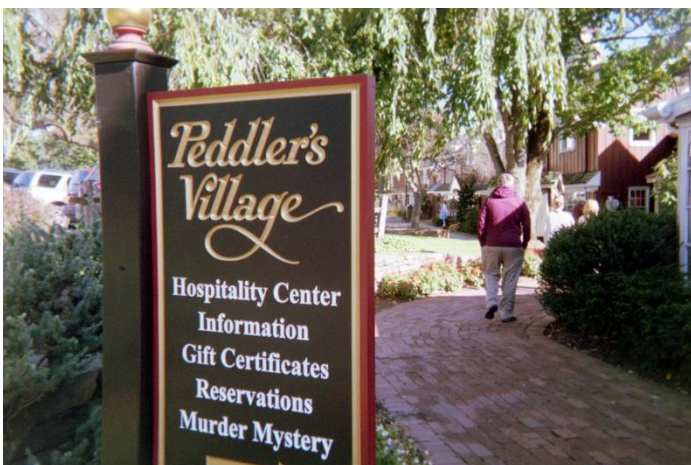
Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

## Car Shows-Swap Meets



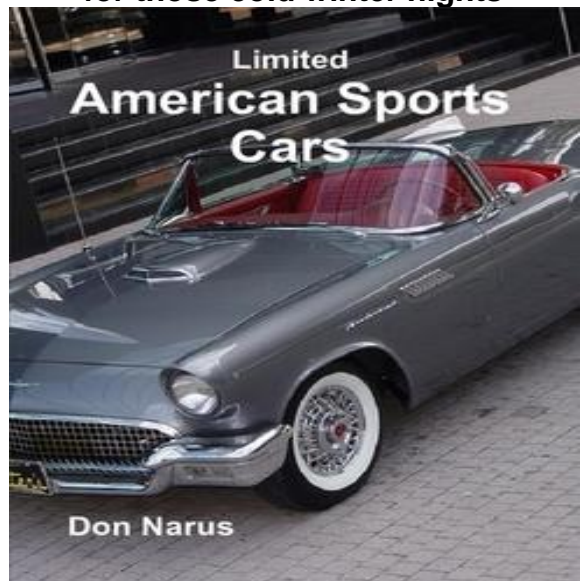
Here's two pics from the Fall Cruise







For those who want a little reading material  
for those cold winter nights



This book covers American Sports Cars built in limited numbers, over a limited number of years. They were built in an effort to rival the best of sports cars from the UK and Europe and were also for a time rivals to Americas only continuously built sports car, the Corvette

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM MIKE PETERS



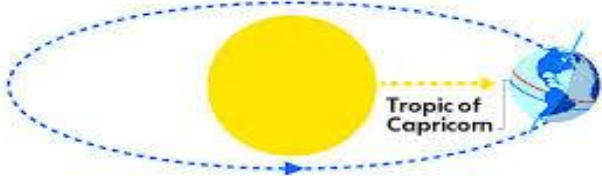
### Ford History in December

12/13/1957 - Last production day for the 57 Thunderbird

12/1/1913 - Ford introduced the continuously moving assembly line

### **WINTER SOLSTICE**

The sun shines directly on the Tropic of Capricorn in the Southern Hemisphere. The Northern Hemisphere is tilted away from the sun.



SOURCE U.S. Naval Observatory and NOAA

USA TODAY

December 21st (Days get longer)



While not a club function, Lorraine Cirinelli is co-ordinating any of the club members that wish to attend the event below. Please call Lorraine if you want to go as she is going to set up tables. She says the event sells out fast so reservations should be made now.

## ANTHONY DUKE'S SOCK HOP 2019



The Brownstone in Paterson, New Jersey

**SATURDAY: JUNE 8, 2019**

**5:30pm - 11:00pm**

**Located in The Grand Ballroom Upstairs**

Guys and Gals get your dancing shoes ready! Enjoy another evening with your family featuring live music performed by Anthony Duke Claus. There will be lots of dancing, contests, prizes, and much more! This is a family friendly event so children 5 years and older are welcomed to attend as well. Dressing the 50's time period is optional. Casual dress is also an option too.

Tickets are for sale at **\$50.00** per person. This includes the entire evening's performance, huge buffet dinner, and so much more. Seating is limited this year! So grab your tickets ASAP! Please call Arlene: Public Relations Coordinator, and Director of the event for tickets!

**Box Office: (973)-876-5923      Ticket Sale Deadline: April 15th**



### Tech Tip

## IT'S A GAS

Knowing what's in your fuel can save your old car from a painful death.

*Is it better to buy high-octane fuel with some ethanol or lower-octane fuel with none? What percentage of ethanol is too much for my old cars?—George Malone, Azalia, MI*

**ETHANOL AND OCTANE ARE SEPARATE** issues. Let's deal with ethanol first. From an automotive standpoint, there is nothing good about E10, the blend of gasoline and 10-percent ethanol sold at most pumps around the country. Ethanol is hygroscopic—it absorbs water. One could argue that the ability of gas to absorb a small amount of water is a good thing. If water is present and isn't absorbed, it sinks to the bottom of the tank, where the pickup tube sucks it into the engine. But there's a limit to the amount of water that can be absorbed before separation occurs, so when E10 sits in a humid environment, a corrosive mixture of water and ethanol can accumulate at the bottom of the tank. These problems are exacerbated in lightly driven vintage cars that often have metal fuel tanks which might be poorly

sealed due to degraded or missing emissions systems. This allows moist air into the tank, which gets absorbed by the ethanol in the gas, separates out as water, accumulates at the bottom of the tank, and causes running problems and rust in the tank. Ethanol also ruins rubber fuel lines, gaskets, and plastic and rubber fuel-system parts.

Fuel stabilizer used in vintage cars that sit for months, as I understand it, only prevents gas from going "sour." It doesn't alter ethanol's hygroscopic properties or cause water that has already formed to magically dissolve.

If you can buy ethanol-free gas at a reasonable price, do it. Availability varies state to state. Websites like Pure-Gas.org and BuyRealGas.com make it easy to find ethanol-free fuel.

Now to octane. I always use the recommended octane for the car I'm driving—no more, no less. A modern car has a digital engine-management system with a calibrated spark-advance profile for a certain amount

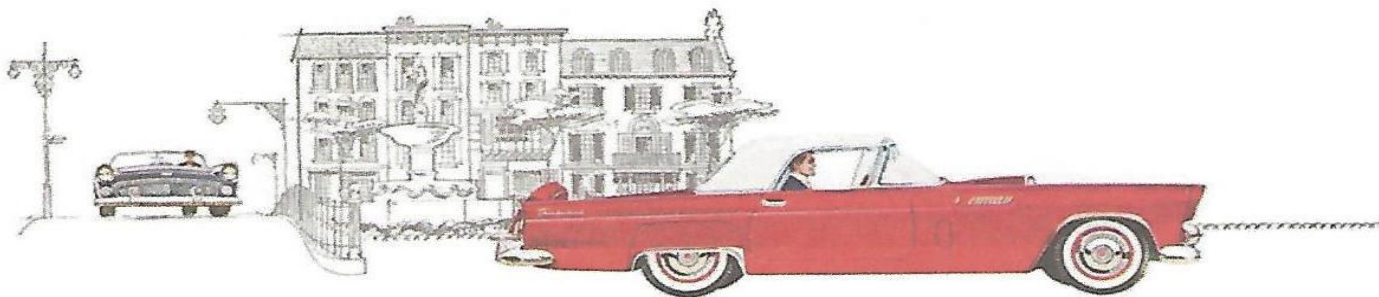
of octane in the fuel. In addition, most modern cars have a knock sensor, so if the engine is under load (low rpm, open throttle) and it begins knocking, the system should retard the ignition timing until the knocking stops.

In a vintage car without a knock sensor, especially one with a mechanically advanced distributor, regardless of what fuel is in the tank, if the car knocks under load, back off the throttle! Knocking (or pinging, as it's sometimes called) is terrible for your engine and can blow holes in the pistons in short order. Especially in a vintage performance car with high-compression pistons, running on fuel with the recommended octane, with a distributor timed perfectly to spec, it's still possible for the engine to knock under load. Try rotating the distributor to retard the timing. If it still knocks under reasonable loads, try switching to higher-octane gas, if you're not already at the max. I set up my vintage cars for a tiny amount of pinging in a load situation (for example, uphill, wide-open throttle, one gear higher than I'd normally be in) but zero pinging otherwise.

In short, buy ethanol-free gas if you can and buy gas with sufficient octane that your car doesn't knock. If you're forced to choose take the higher octane to prevent knocking. But if the car doesn't knock, go with the ethanol-free gas. ■■■

Thanks to Al Cirinelli, from his Beemer magazine

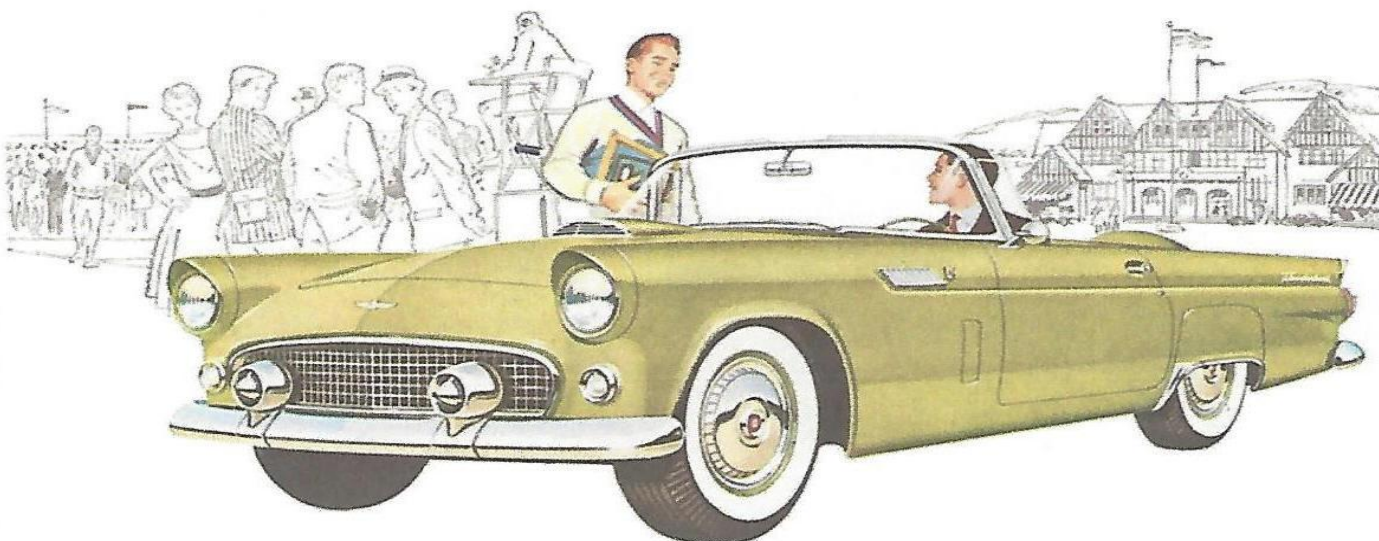




Even dreamier—even newer

## Ford THUNDERBIRD for '56

The newest version of America's most thrilling dream-car-come-true is here...



... ready and waiting to take you places as you've never gone before, in new style that will draw admiring glances wherever you go

One trial spin in the new Thunderbird is enough to quicken the pulse of even the most seasoned driver. You feel you could drive all day ... just enjoying the enormous Thunderbird Y-8 power as it responds to your slightest command! And you can have it with Fordomatic, Overdrive or Conventional Drive.

You can choose power assists to help you steer, stop, control the windows and seat. Cornering never was flatter. The ride was never better. And, depending on your whim, you can have a convertible fabric top or a removable hardtop—or *both*. You feel extra safe, too. For

you know Ford's exclusive Lifeguard Design rides with you.

You feel just a little proud when you pull up at a light. You know that your car's long, low lines are the most distinctive on the road. Interiors sparkle with new color.

And that new rear-mounted spare tire adds as much to the appearance of the car as it does to your luggage space.

*These experiences are your everyday fare when you drive a Thunderbird. Why miss them another day?*

