



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2025

2025 Meeting Schedule

October 12	Rich Iuso
October 19	Fall Cruise
Nov. 16	Bob Notar
December 7	Christmas Party

The next meeting is Oct 12th. Rich Iuso & Georgette are the hosts..
RSVP 973.632.9110 or
ricpa@optonline.net

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



Our September meeting had a very good attendance and was held at Delizia's, where we haven't held a meeting in a while. Arlene spoke about the plans for the Christmas party.

Our next event will be the Fall Cruise on 10/19. I have 1 prepaid \$65 ticket, if some wants to go, as I will not be able to use it.

I was reading reports on the CTCI convention . For it being a joint convention with VTVI, the T-Bird count was only a little over 100. Let's hope it improves in the future, as I would like to attend once again and see some old friends.

Stay safe and healthy

Patrick Le Strange
President NJORTC



Rich Iuso's 56



Vice President's Message



Weather has been absolutely beautiful. Cruise nights are coming to an end as of October 1st, but still plenty of cars shows going on. There is at least five weeks of good weather left for keeping our cars on the open road. So enjoy what time is left before we have to put them to sleep for a long winters night!!!

Health report for month. It was good to see Irene. She is doing good for all she went through. Donna getting stronger every day, Lois just trying to figure out new device in back and George hanging in there. Hang in there and I pray we all stay well.

I am not sure how many are going on the Fall Cruise, but I know it's over thirty five which is great. Thank you Mike Perillo for putting this boat cruise together, it sounds fun and hope we will have nice weather.

Our last meeting was hosted by Phil and Dorothy Guidone, which was well attended. Dorothy donated two flower center pieces and raffled them off. Julie Ann and Gerry Ingersoll won them. Thank you Dorothy.

Believe it or not it's that time of the year to talk a little about the Christmas party. Sunday, December 7th, 3:00 pm - 8:00pm. Elks Lodge, Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ (same Venue as last year). Please mark your calendars.

Suzanne Gayet is looking NOW for pictures for the calendar. It's a lot of work putting calendar together and she is starting to work on it now. She would like new pictures.

I need one favor from all of you. If you are not coming to the October meeting or the Fall Boat Cruise, I NEED YOU TO TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELVES OR INDIVIDUAL AND SEND IT TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I need these pictures for something I am working on. So please please take a picture and email it to me. Finallyak@yahoo.com or 973-900-1921 (Arlene Kubat). Please take the picture for me!!! Thank you

We want to wish all our Jewish friends a Happy Yom Kippur.

Next meeting hosted by Rich and Georgette, Sunday, October 12th. Venue elsewhere in this newsletter. Don't forget to RSVP Rich for the meeting

See you soon, Arlene

September Meeting

A very nice late spring day which brought out eight birds and many members. The food was good as well as the company. A bonus to the meeting, Dorothy made up two beautiful flower arrangements which were raffled off (Gerry and Julie Ann were the winners). Many thanks to Phil and Dorothy for hosting the meeting.

Highlights of the business meeting

The treasurer's report was made and accepted. No minutes were read as the last meeting was the picnic.

Donna mentioned a problem with rejoining CTCI and mentioned the election for Region 1 director. The voting ends on 10/28

Pat thanked Arlene for a job well done on the picnic and Arlene thanked all who contributed to its success.

Mike went over details for the fall cruise on 10/19. He did mention a small additional cost (tax). A motion was made and passed that the club would pick that up. Mike mentioned that the boat leaves promptly at 11Am so be there early.

Arlene spoke about the Christmas party. Price same as last year, \$65 per person. Attendees will get the same dues credit as in the past.

Vince Ucci mentioned the car show on 9/27 featuring TBirds.

Sue Gayet is looking for pictures for the 2026 calendar. Send your pictures to Sue.

Pete Crosta won the 50/50

Next meeting 10/12

Pics from the Meeting



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
Donna & Bill Jessie 14th
Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th
Steve & Annette Schmidt 28th

HAPPY Birthdays

Linda Klein
John Swanson
John Pyrros 18th
Bob Krebs 20th

GET WELL SON!

Lois Martin
Arlene Kubat



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Club Announcements

October Meeting

The meeting is on **October 12th. 2 PM start.** A new venue Casa Don Manual, 12 Alps Rd, Wayne. Be sure to RSVP Rich ASAP

Fall Cruise

This event is on **October 19th.** Mike has a nice event planned. He has sent out a flyer on it. If you have not received it let me (Paul) know, RSVP Mike if you are going. \$65 per person. Check to NJORTC. Check with Mike to see if there are any open slots.

November Meeting

The November meeting is scheduled for **Nov 16th.** Details next month

Christmas Party

This is scheduled for **December 7th.** Make plans now to save the date. Additional info next month

For Sale

Miscellaneous Parts

Several items NOS & used for '55, '56 T-Birds & Ford cars
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Cars & Coffee

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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne- 1140 Goffle Rd-Goffle Grill

Tuesday

Elmwood PK 95-111 Rte 46W Pizza Town

Wednesday

Wycoff 422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref. Church

Thursday

River Vale 636 Westwood Ave-Dunkin

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center 1st 2 weeks of Oct only

Saturday

Towaco-446 Main St-Diane's Dairy

Some of the above may be closed.

Car Shows/Swap Meets

10/4 West Milford-Macopin Rd-Bubbling Springs Park

10/4 Hillsdale-183 Cedar Lane-Stoneybrook Swim Club

10/5 Denville-400 E. Main St-Morris Cty School of Technology

10/5 Closter-19 Vervelen St-Closter Plaza

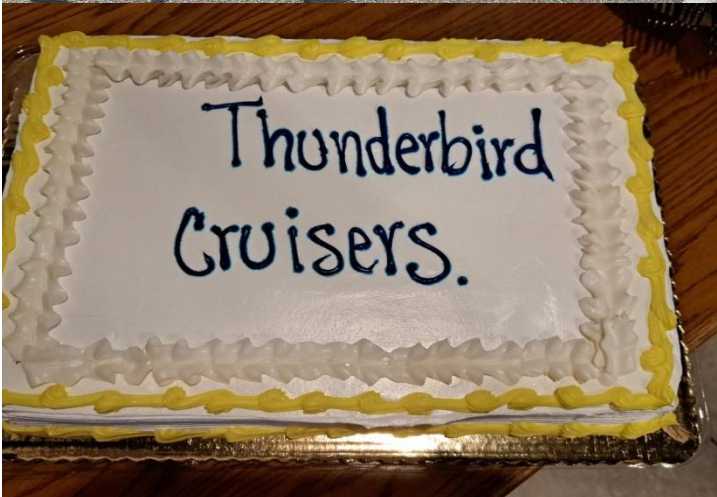
10/18 Midland Park-36 Faner Rd-Mill Gardens

10/18 Montclair-233 Bloomfield Ave-Lackawanna Plaza

10/19 Pequannock-Rte 23 & Alexander Ave-Pequannock Valley Park



October is national cookie, country ham, pizza and popcorn month. And to wet it down, apple jack month



Dessert

NJORTC at Local Shows

At the Mahwah show, three cars represented NJORTC, Paul A, Jacek and Paul S.



At the Oakland Show - Mark, Paul S, Rich M and Steve Herman. Mark & Paul won awards, Mark also getting an Oakland Rotarians special award



October 3rd is Int'l Smile Day

Speaking of awards, Pete Crosta got a first place at the Nutley Rotary Show



It's Not Too Early To Think About This
Getting Ready for Winter's Nap
Here are some tips for winter storage
From Kyle Smith - Hagerty Media

The fall colors are upon us, at least in the states where that kind of thing happens. That means the classic rides are being prepped for storage as we collectively brace for the snow to fly and the salt to hit the roads. Hagerty has covered proper winterization methods and tips for your car in a multitude of ways, but here are a few suggestions that haven't always made our lists but you should consider.

No parking brake

Opinions regarding the use of parking brakes can get oddly heated, so whether or not you should use yours regularly is a discussion for another day. The key thing here is to not set it and leave for months over the winter. If you're worried about your car rolling from its parking spot, wheel chocks are a better option because the chance that your parking brake binds or seizes up over time is too great of a risk. It's no fun finding your classic is garage-bound for an additional couple days or weeks for a brake job when all you want to do is drive in the spring.

Floor moisture

The enemy of any vintage car owner is rust, and the easiest way to keep it at bay is to keep things dry. Moisture can wreak havoc on multiple parts of a car, but it's the underside and chassis that often end up paying the price when rust takes hold. If you aren't lucky enough to have climate-controlled storage, consider laying down plastic sheeting before parking your car in its winter resting place. Whether the floor is dirt or concrete, moisture will rise up, and this plastic will help keep it from condensing on the bottom of the vehicle and take hold. The sheeting will also help keep the concrete from pulling moisture and oils from your tires, extending their life too.

UV control

Just like you want to protect the underside of your car, the top and interior need to be saved from invisible forces: UV light.

Check your anti-freeze. If more that a couple of years old, thnk about changing it.

Got a rear main seal leakage problem ? This is how one enterprising owner solved the mess (note - not on a Tbird) From Gene



Some garages have cave-like architecture, and therefore there's no concern about sun wearing on your paint or interior, but if you're parking a car in one spot for a long time, be sure to take into consideration where the sun hits it and what that might do. Faded and cracked interiors can be avoided with the right cover or some careful window blocking.

Deep clean

This one is simple. Vacuum and deep clean your interior. Don't leave any debris or dirt in the nooks and crannies and allow it to take hold and stain or rot your interior surfaces. This will not only help keep the materials soft and supple during cold winter months, but it will also keep any small things from growing into stains that might require more work to remove in the spring or will attract rodents or vermin. Did you eat in your car this year? Get that french fry out from underneath the seat. You aren't fooling anyone.

Top up

Not your fluids, but your convertible top, if you've got one. We've seen many a car with a nice cloth top that shrunk to the point that it is nearly unusable without extra hands helping to get the frame close enough to latch and risking a tear or two. Even if you live all summer with the top down, store your car with the top up. Most car covers are fitted to be used with the top up (you do have a car cover right?) and this yearly top-up time is also the perfect opportunity to lube all the pivot points before the long winter season.

Record your winter priorities

Planning to work on your ride at all over winter? Now is the time to make your to-do list and set your priorities while you can still do a last drive and any diagnostics that might require moving the car. Also think about how the car is placed into storage. Need to work on the engine but you backed into the garage, so now you have to walk around the car every time you need tools? Set yourself up for success and avoid that mistake by thinking through what you plan on doing and when.

Experts suggest you change your oil before storage regardless of mileage

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from Donna regarding CTCI elections

All CTCI members in good standing should be receiving a blast email via "Constant Contact-Blast" with Candidate Resumes on October 10, 2025. On October 16, 2025 Electronic Ballots will be distributed via "Opa-Vote"- Election Opens. On October 28, 2025 Elections close at 4 pm.

If you do not receive this information please send an email to CTCI. Please vote!

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