

The Thunder Heard

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2005 Meeting Schedule

Oct	Bob & Arlene Perruso
Nov	No Meeting
Dec 3	** Christmas Party **

2006 Meeting Schedule

Jan / Feb	Mike & Wendy Meehan
March	Arnold & Linda Dworkin
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
June	Rodger & Debbie DePiero
July or Aug	Dominick & Eva Tucci
July or Aug	** Mini-Concours **
Sept.	Rich & Lois Martin
Oct.	Henry & Esther Olszower
Nov	Bob & Christina Calvo
Dec	** Christmas Party **

2007 Meeting Schedule

THE DECEMBER MEETING

is the Holiday Party
at San Carlo
on Dec. 3.

Peace on Earth Goodwill to men

Please !! If you are scheduled to host a meeting

We need the information (Time, Place, RSVP info) before the 20th of the month before your scheduled month, so we can put it in the newsletter.

President's Message

I can't believe that I am writing the December message already! It seems like only yesterday that we were enjoying the great cruises, the "mini concourse", the Cleveland Convention, and Club day at Hilton Head.

Club day at Hilton Head was a great way to end the season. (See article) The weather was very cooperative and by Sunday the temperature reached 80 degrees on the Concourse field. Little T-Birds were well represented, and I felt that every one of the Little Birds was a winner.

We are getting closer to finalizing our search for a hotel to hold our convention in 2007. Once, we finalize the hotel, we will be moving into phase II, which will be forming our planning committees for the show and activities. Hopefully, we will be able to make a presentation at the National Convention in Wichita, Kansas in June 2006.

BarbaraAnna and myself would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

See you down the road,
John

Editor's notes,

Alec's Message

Seasons Greetings, As this year draws to a close Pat & I, as co-editors of this newsletter, would like to thank everyone that contributed their ideas, time and energy to make our club into an organization we all can take pride in.

We urge all members to attend the monthly meetings, events and functions that will occur during the new year. Broach any ideas you may have for a club function to the membership for discussion and approval.

We have a great club and hope to see everyone participating and taking part in continuing to keep our club alive and vibrant in the future

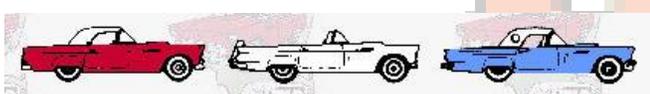
Be well and have a happy new year, Alec

Pat's Message

We would like to congratulate John Kefalonitis on his re-election as President of the New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club and Arlene Kubat on her Re-election as CTCI Leasion.

Thanks Pat

PS: We decided, at the meeting, to leave the death notices of relatives as it has been in the past.. We will consider listing notices on a request basis.



Interest in a 2007 Regional
IS
GROWING.....



Happy December Anniversary
to [hand icons]

Ken & Linda
Herb.....3

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

Bill Jessie	3
Bruce Corbett.....	20
Lois Martin.....	21

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest. --

A Speedy Recovery Wish

Linda Herb
Al Catenzaro

ANY ITEMS YOU WANT US TO PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER
MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.
THEY CAN BE E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME
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MEMBER NEWS

RECENT SHOW WINNERS

Summit Car Show

Harry Young 1st Place

American Cruiser's Whiskey Café Show

Ron Case



Harry Young sent this picture and explained he won 1st place in the 1955 to 1959 stock original at the Summit Car Show. He also stated his car is all original including the 6-volt system and that the car is getting better all the time.

Keep up the good work Harry!

Welcome New

Members

Paul and Sheryl Adams
From Ramsey, NJ
1955 Black Thunderbird



Bill and Pat Sullivan
From South
Plainfield, NJ
1956 Peacock Blue
Thunderbird



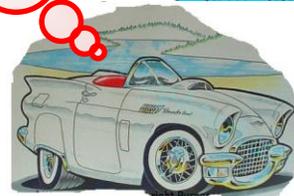
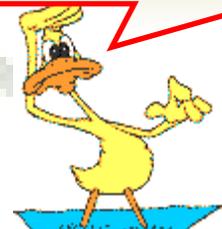
The Holiday Party will be held on Saturday Dec.3 at the San Carlo Restaurant in Lyndhurst, NJ
5pm to 6pm Cocktail Hour
6pm to 10 pm Dinner, Entertainment and Party, Party, Party

Holiday Quiz – Answers on Last Page

1.	How many reindeer does Santa Have?
2.	In Frosty the Snowman, who brought Frosty back to life?
3.	Who lost \$8,000 in It's a Wonderful Life?
4.	In How the Grinch Stole Christmas, what biological shortcoming made the Grinch so mean?
5.	Who tells you she's in town by tap, tap, tappin' at your windowpane?
6.	What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
7.	What was Scrooge's first name?
8.	What was the name of Rudolph's dogsled driving friend?
9.	Who said "God Bless Us, Every One!"?
10.	What carol contains the line "O tidings of comfort and joy"?

What are they talking about!
Shots ? Bird Flew?
Is it hunting season all ready?

I wonder if a
Thunderbird
can catch
Bird Flu?





BarbaraAnna Kefalonitis

HILTON HEAD CONCOURSE D' ELEGANCE

Why do you own a "Little Bird"? Most people when asked why they like their "Little-Bird" will tell you that the car reminded them of when they were in high school, their parents owned it, they like the "time" area, or simply because they like the car. These were the answers you would have heard at the Concourse d' Elegance.

The Concourse d' Elegance Hilton Head, South Carolina, November 3-6, 2005 had focused partly on the 50th Anniversary of the Thunderbirds. In attendance displaying their "Little-Birds" were seven (7) clubs from around the United States. As it was "Club Day", Saturday, November 5th, 2005, at 7:15 A.M., the cars began arriving and directed to their designated area on the Honey Horn Plantation field. The hospitality tent provided coffee and light refreshments; the daylong entertainment varied from youth groups to "vintage" musicians. John Samsen gave "Celebrating 50 years of the Thunderbirds" a most interesting presentation. A co-designer of the 1955 Thunderbird and a noted automotive artist, John Samsen presented his collation of the Thunderbird design concepts, photos and personal memorabilia, a very "nostalgic automobile presentation. If you are interested in learning more about the "History of the Thunderbird" you can contact John Samsen by clicking on samsen@islc.net. Did you know that at one time the T-bird design was "put into the basement" until Mr. Ford II demanded the T-Bird be put into production?

The New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club was represented by Rich and Lois Martin with their 1956 T-Bird; receiving an award for the longest driven Thunderbird. Bruce and Aileen Corbett showed their exquisite 1956 T-Bird. Their 1935 Ford Phaeton, "Sunny", accompanied President John Kefalonitis and his wife BarbaraAnna. Henry and Judy Semmler joined the festivals and extended an invitation to their home for a Sunday evening barbeque dinner. The dinner at "One Hot Momma's" Saturday evening, November 5, 2005 was a "fantastic" event, the food was good and the atmosphere of friendship was most memorable.

"Thank You!" Peter and Beth Eisenberg so very much for all you time and hard work that went into making the 50th Anniversary of the Thunderbirds at the Hilton Head Concourse d' Elegance an event to remember and an honor to be invited.

God Bless, Stay Healthy and Drive Safe,



Sweet Heart Branch X-Mas

This abbreviation for Christmas is of Greek origin. The word for Christ in Greek is *Xristos*. X is also the letter Chi which is the first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet. During the 16th century, Europeans began using the first initial of Christ's name, "X" in place of the word Christ in Christmas as a shorthand form of the word. Although the early Christians understood that X stood for Christ's name, later Christians who did not understand the Greek language mistook "Xmas" as a sign of disrespect.



THE SPELLINGS OF CHANUKAH



There seems to be some confusion surrounding the actual spelling of Chanukah. Part of the reason for this confusion may be due to the fact there is no exact English translation of the Hebrew word for Chanukah. Here are a number of the different spellings one might encounter

Chanuka	Chanukah
Chanukkah	Channukah
Hanukah	Hannukah
Hanukkah	Hanuka
Hanukka	Hanaka
Haneka	Hanika

Khanukkah

While in the United States it is most common to use the spelling "*CHANUKAH*," rest assured that they are all the same celebration



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Grill Plaques & Hats	Frank Chabala
Club Historian	Lucille Chabala
Club Photographer	Lucille Chabala
Sunshine	Lucille Chabala
Master at Arms	Bruce Corbett
Events Coordinator and Webmaster	Wendy Meehan

Stuff FOR SALE

1982 Mustang

Red, LX model, red leather like interior, glass t tops, V 8, auto, air, ps, hatch back, good tires and brakes, runs and moves, engine smokes and knocks. No time to do it over, saved it because a limited number were glass t-top. It has alum ford wheels. Hasn't been on road since around 94, has hood scoop, spoiler, road lamps and blacked lower Ford accent group. **Make me an offer**, reasonable, not for free, condition is in need of restoration, has rust and needs paint of course. Parts all there, nothing taken off or missing. Contact me at home Gene Szura 201-991-8459

1955 T-Bird

Black, black & white interior, 2 tops, 3 speed, 292 cu. in., 6v/12v system, ps, pb, pseat, radio, skirts, garage kept, same owner 23 years. **\$28,500 or best offer.** Bob & Jane Sanders (609) 774-0554, Vineland, NJ (long-time former members of the Garden State Classic T-Bird Club)



STAY SAFE!



KEEP IT TOGETHER!



Ken and Linda Herb

Our daughter-in-law Erin has just "launched" a website where you can see and buy the contemporary architectural jewelry she designs. Please check on the web address below to check out her lovely work (just in time for the holidays).

www.rinjuel.com
 Thank you,



Answers to Christmas Quiz

1.	10 ; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph, (the one with the red nose) Olive (Olive the other reindeer {all of})	2.	Santa Claus
3.	Uncle Billy	4.	His heart was two sizes too small.
5.	Suzy Snowflake	6.	"White Christmas"
7.	Ebenezer	8.	Yukon Cornelius
9.	Tiny Tim	10.	"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

FUN HOLIDAY WEB SITES

- <http://mamarocks.com/> (not just Christmas)
<http://www.theholidayspot.com/christmas/index.htm>
<http://www.northpole.com/>
<http://christmas.allrecipes.com/>

**Happy Holiday Season
Merry Christmas, Happy
Chanukah
and
A Peaceful New Year
from**

**Pat LeStrange & Alec
Johnstone**