

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



# The Thunder Heard

**January - February 2018**

**2018 Meeting Schedule**

January 21	Director's Meeting
February 3	No Host meeting
February 18	Sweetheart Brunch
March 11	Harold's
March 25	Frank Gloss
April	Donna & Bill Jessie
April	Spring Cruise
April	50/60's Dance
May	Tune Up Clinic
May	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
June	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Valerie Kriney

Note- 2018 Locations Tentative

The Jan/Feb meeting is a no host meeting. It is February 3rd (Saturday). Contact Joanne at ladytbird567@yahoo.com. See page 4 for time and location

**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



This is my first column for 2018. I'd start it off with happy news, but in the 1st 2 weeks I have lost 2 friends. Arlene Nolan from the T.O.N.Y club. Many of you know her husband, Joe and their daughter, Jaclyn. They have been to all of our Conventions as well stopping by my tents at Lead East.

The 2nd passing is so very hard to accept and she will be missed greatly is our own beloved Sandy Pyrros. She and John were very active members. Sandy was also our club Secretary. I have known Sandy since about 2002, but you only needed to know her for 10 minutes to realize what a special person she was. I could fill this whole newsletter with happy thoughts of her contributions to our club. Sandy it won't be the same without you. Rest in Peace.

As I write this column I am in Signal Hill Ca. attending the CTCI board meeting with Joanne and Rich and Lois Martin. I am sure Joanne and Rich will fill everyone in on what took place.

We will have our club board meeting when we get back and set up events for the year. At the meeting we will do an audit of the club's finances. Any one with ideas for 2018 activities let us know

I have started to revamp the picture pages on the web site, so please remain patient.

Thank you and stay safe  
 Pat LeStrange

**JANUARY**



**FEBRUARY**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## Christmas Party

Another year gone by and the Christmas party is over. We had another great year. Thank you everyone for coming and hope you all had a good time.

We went to a new place this year called Bella Italia. Food was great, service was good and owner was more than receptive. I also think the cash bar was a plus. We have booked Bella Italia for Christmas 2018. We are going to have the bigger room.

We had a Marine and his helper come to pick up our toys for tots. He led us in a flag salute and prayer also had dinner with us. He enjoyed himself and hopes he can come back next year. He added a special gift to our party. Thank Linda for getting him for us.

Thanks to Lois for putting together the lottery frame, which was won by Joan Notar. The 50/50 was a little different this year. The total amount was awarded in two pieces - it was won by Bob Heissler and Georgette Hanussak. The chocolate Santa was won by Lorrie Matrone. Lorrie, I hope your family enjoyed it. Congrats to all our winners.

Thank you Ray and Linda for letting us have a visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. It was great seeing them again this year. Santa bought us two glasses with our logo on them and flashlights. Each woman also got a Christmas cactus. Hope Santa and Mrs. Claus will come for a visit again next year.

Also want to thank Joanne for helping me with the gifts and flowers and Lucille for helping me out with finding Bella Italia. Also thanks Pat for supplying the music, great job once again.  
Arlene



## Vice President's Message

I hope every one had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

It has been a crazy winter so far. Very cold, if you go outside make sure you dress appropriately. Stay healthy cause colds and flu are going around.

On a very very sad note, as we all know by now Sandra Pyrros has passed away. She was a wonderful woman and I considered her one of my friends. I am going to miss her and our little talks. Rest In Peace Sandra. Our prayers go out to John and his family. John I hope you know that any member of our club will always be there for you.

Alex Johnstone is in rehab, I understand he fell again. Alex feel better soon.

Before you know it Valentine's Day will be here and it is time for our annual Sweetheart Brunch. Sunday, February 18th, \$50.00 per person. If you plan on going, please let Lucille Chabala know and send her your check.

Thanks

Harold's Deli is March 11th in Edison at 1:45. Carol & Charlie Ehm, will be hosting our Spring Cruise, date to be determined. Joanne and Pat will be hosting our annual 50/60's dance on April 7th, I believe. Tune up clinic place and date to be determined.

Pat, Joanne, Rich, Lois are in California at the annual CTCI Board meeting. On January 21st, Joanne and Pat our hosting our annual board meeting. If you have any ideas on an activity you would like to do with the Club let a board member know and it will be discussed at the meeting. On Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 pm is our monthly meeting. We have no one who is hosting this meeting so it will be held at Delizias in Boonton. This meeting we have to pay for our own meals. This is only because we have no one to host the Jan/Feb. meeting. Please notify Joanne if or if not you are coming to the meeting.

We have quite a few members who have become snow birds. Hope their time in Florida is fun. Enjoy the beautiful weather. Have a good and safe time.

See you soon, Arlene.

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Tom & Susan Mirro Feb. 8  
Charlie & Izebela Costa Feb 8



Steve Handy Jan 6  
Steve Schmidt Jan 16  
Joe matrone Jan 22  
Donna Jessie Jan 20  
Martha Dowling Jan 26  
Merry Case Jan 29  
Bob Heissler Jan 29  
Rich Martin Jan 30  
Bill Hyde Feb 1  
Dorothy Guidone Feb 2  
Dot Hyde Feb 5  
Paul Dorne Feb 7

GET WELL  
SON!

Alec Johnstone

## 2018 Int'l Convention Knoxville, TN

It's not too early to start planning for this. Hotel and other information is posted on Smokey Mountain Thunderbirds website [www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org](http://www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org). There is no "host hotel" but there are two hotels that have a special convention rate. All activities will take place at the convention center. NJORTC members are signing up for the Holiday Inn (the closest one). Make reservations now to insure you have a room. If circumstance are that you cannot go, they can be canceled without charge 24 hours before.

Donna Jessie is setting up travel plans for those driving. Present plans call for a one and a half day trip. Contact Donna for info. In order to get another Ford Johnson Award, we need twelve cars.

Note - the 'show field" is indoors

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## Club Announcements

### January/February Meeting

The Jan/Feb meeting is February 3rd (Saturday) at Delizia's in Boonton. Time is 2pm. This is a no host, pay your own way meeting. RSVP Joanne , including regrets

### March Meeting

The March meeting is scheduled for March 26th. The hosts are Frank Gloss & Mary Greene. Additional information to be announced later.

### Sweet Heart Brunch

Lucille is the chair for this function in February. Date is February 18. Time is 11:30 AM. at the Bethwood, 38 Lackawanna Drive, Clifton. Cost is \$50 per adult, \$26 for children 6-12. Notify Lucille if you are going and send your check to her. Bring your SO to brunch. You can bring your check at the meeting on the 3rd. Payment due by February 15th.

### Harold's Deli

Plans are being made for our annual trip to Harold's in Edison. The date is March 11th.

Tony Sabino has volunteered as chair. Another date to keep open for some of those great pastrami sandwiches. Contact Tony if you are going. Seating is at 1:45. This is a pay your own gathering

### Director's Meeting

The Directors meeting will be held on January 21st at 12 noon. Location - Pat and Joanne's home. Plans will be made for the coming year. Members can attend but voting is for the Directors only. Directors are expected to attend. If you have suggestions for activities or other matters, put them in writing and give to one of the directors so they can be discussed or attend the meeting to put forward your suggestions. Contact Pat or Joanne if you are going to attend.

### Ford History this month

Ford's 25 millionth car was driven off the Rouge assembly line on January 18, 1937  
2/15/54 - Thunderbird was selected as the name for the new sports car

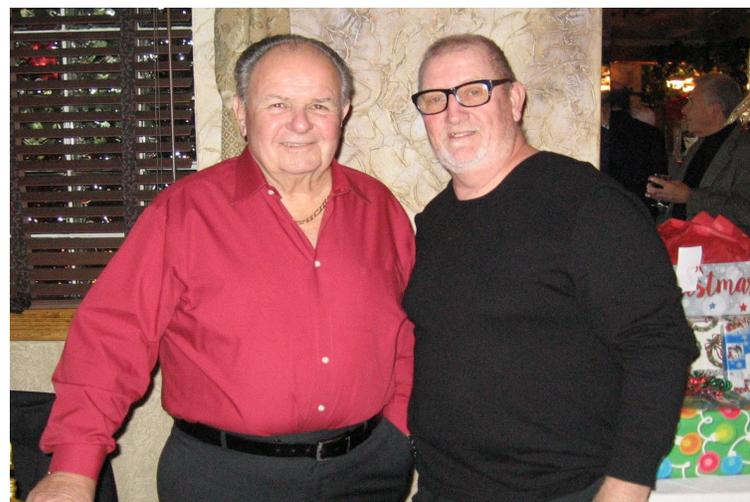
Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues

## In Memorium



Sandra Pyrros

Condolences to John Pyrros and his family in the passing of John's wife Sandra



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.

## Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

Jan 19-21 Allentown PA Allentown Fairgrds



**FOR SALE**

1957 TBIRD

312,3 speed , overdrive, white on white ,  
original dusk rose paint code, driver  
quality.....over \$ 11,000 in receipts for  
improvements in the last 2 years.....  
\$24,000 VINCE UCCI 973 980-4312



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
PRESIDENT LINCOLN





## Tech Tips

### Easier Starting for Your 57

This is an oldie that was originally given to me by our former member, Ken Herb. If you start your car during the winter layover it can help.

For 1957 Tbirds with a Holley two or four bbl carb (not the 55-56 teapot and without an electric fuel pump) here is a technique for starting the engine when your car has been idle for an extended period of time. This technique avoids having to crank the engine continuously until the fuel pump has filled the carb. Do the following:

After reconnecting the battery and cranking the engine over for 15 seconds or so to get the oil circulating, you can partially fill the carb front bowl by hand with enough fuel to start the engine. You will need a small container with a spout thin enough to fit in the carb's vent tube. I use a sewing machine oil bottle that I purchased. A thin basting tube would be another choice.

Fill the container with a couple of ounces of fuel and then put the fuel in the carb's front bowl vent tube. Then hit the gas pedal a couple of times to set the choke and to "prime" the engine and away you go. The engine should start immediately and runs long enough for the fuel pump to catch up.



Here is another type of Thunderbird I ran across. A SCI-FI vehicle

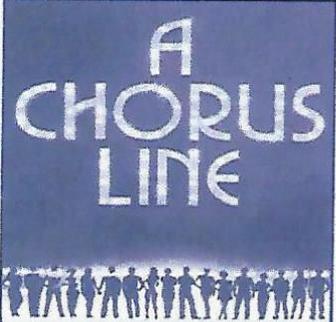
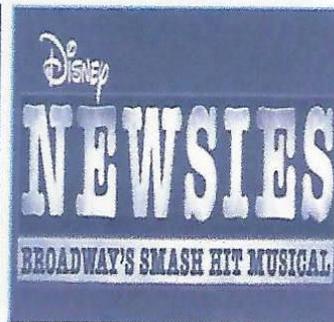
You know you are living in 2017  
Leaving your house w/o your cell phone is a cause for panic



Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it can muffle the sound

Some members at our Christmas party were asking if we could make arrangements to go to the Westchester Broadway Theater again. Attached is the line up for 2018. If you are interested in attending any of the offerings contact Donna Jessie.

THE VARIETY YOU LOVE AND THE THE VALUE YOU EXPECT... It's Only at the WBT!

 <p><b>"One Singular Sensation"</b> With a Pulitzer Prize and 9 Tony Awards including Best Musical, this is one of the true masterpieces of live theatre. A celebration and true-to-life depiction of performers and their struggle to achieve greatness on the Broadway stage. The powerful stories are touching, funny, inspiring and relatable. You will love this brilliantly complex fusion of dance, compellingly authentic drama, and memorable musical numbers.</p> <p><b>I CAN DO THAT WHAT I DID FOR LOVE ONE (SINGULAR SENSATION)</b></p> <p><b>FEB. 8 – APRIL 1, '18</b></p>	 <p><b>The Divine Musical Comedy</b> The hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva whose life takes a turn when she witnesses a murder. Hiding in a convent, disguised as a nun, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, sisterhood, and music. Original music by Tony and 8-time Oscar winner ALAN MENKEN. With dazzling dance routines and songs inspired by Motown, soul, and disco, SISTER ACT is the funniest and funkiest musical around.</p> <p><b>APRIL 5 - JULY 1, '18</b></p>	 <p><b>Cole Porter's High Seas Hit</b> One of the greatest Tap Dancing musicals of all time. A brassy nightclub singer, a starry-eyed stowaway and Public Enemy No. 13 are booked on a transatlantic luxury liner bound for romance and laughter. Cole Porter's delightful first-class score includes some of musical theatre's most memorable standards. Come aboard the tap-happy, SS American, where love is just a song away! ANYTHING GOES is a musical with staying power!</p> <p><b>I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU IT'S DELOVELY YOU'RE THE TOP</b></p> <p><b>JULY 5 - SEPT. 9, '18</b></p>	 <p><b>Stop the Presses for a NYC Hit!</b> They delivered the papers until they made the headlines! Direct from Broadway comes the smash-hit musical based on Disney's film which, in turn, was based on real events. A defiant tale of feisty kids making a difference. Orphaned, homeless, yet determined to succeed, NY's newsboys dream of a better life. In the face of rising prices and poor wages, they pull together, create strength in numbers and protest! Tony Award for Best Score and Best Choreography. A high-energy explosion of song and dance not to be missed!</p> <p><b>SEPT. 13 - NOV. 25, '18; DEC. 27, '18 - JAN. 27, '19</b></p>
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