

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



# The Thunder Heard

October 2021

## 2021 Meeting Schedule

October 10	Mike Parillo
November 5	Vince Ucci
December 4	Christmas Party

The October meeting is on Oct. 10th.  
Hosts are Mike & Teresa Parillo. RSVP  
the hosts at 973-751-8937, 973-626-3659  
or parillosr@aol.com

**If you cannot host your meeting as  
scheduled, it is your responsibility to get  
someone to switch with.**

Please let Arlene 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



We are slowly getting the club back on track. Thanks to those members who have stepped up to fill the positions left open by Joanne's passing. I am continuing to step back and let Vice President Arlene Kubat run the Club until January I have accepted the nomination to run for President again.

Our September meeting went very well, hosted by Bob and Joan Notar. Still not too much business to be discussed. The minutes and Treasurers report will be on our web site very soon.

I am wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and safe Autumn season

Pat LeStrange





## Vice President's Message



By the time we get this newsletter it will be Fall. This week started out feeling like Fall, but I think it's going to warm up again. This is the time of the year for car shows. There are plenty around. I am not sure whether cruise nights are ending September or October, but get in your car and enjoy them before they are put to sleep for the winter.

I want to thank Bob and Joan Notar for hosting our last meeting. It was a light meeting, but a good meeting. It felt good to get back in the groove of things again. They hosted their meeting at Anthony Franco's, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne. Food was very good, private room. They do not charge for the room, but you have to spend at least \$200.00 for food. If anyone is interested in hosting their meeting there call Joan Notar, she will give you more info. Cell 973-632-9522 or email [notar@optonline.net](mailto:notar@optonline.net). Better than Delizias.

George Gayett is coming along. Hopefully he will be able to attend the Christmas party.

I want to congratulate Mike and Carrie Meehan on their wedding this last Saturday. The new bride looked beautiful (saw pictures on Facebook), the weather was perfect. Also congratulations to Donna and Bill Jesse on the marriage of their daughter Vickie and her new husband Tom. Vickie was also a beautiful bride and Donna looked fantastic. Bill looked pretty good himself! For those who do not know Vickie, she is a music major and has a beautiful voice, she dedicated and sang a song to her new husband, she was awesome, he had a lot of tears in his eyes. I wish both couples best of luck and long happy marriages.

Everyone must have received their electronic voting from CTCI via email, please vote as soon as possible so that you do not forget to vote.

We have nomination of Officers in October and voting in November. Up for election is President and Secretary. Pat LaStrange is running for President and Toni Sabino is running for Secretary.

Julie Ann Morrison is going to be our new Activities Chairperson. Thank Julie Ann for stepping up. Paul Schroll will be our Club photographer.

Paul Schroll is doing an awesome job with the newsletter. He even kept it going through COVID. Please help him out and send him articles about your car on why you bought it, why you liked that year, etc. come on guys help him out!!!

Our Christmas party is December 4th, Bella Italia, Orange, NJ, 5:30. The staff at Bella Italia have all been vaccinated. DJ booked and also vaccinated. The cost of the party is \$65.00 per person. We will let you know what we are going to do about dues for 2022 at our next meeting.

Arlene

### September Meeting

The meeting was held at a new location and was well liked. Thanks to Bob and Joan for hosting

#### Highlights of the Business Meeting

No minutes from a pror meeting were read a the last meeting was the picnic. The treasurers' report was submitted and accepted.

There won't be a fall cruise this year for various reasons.

Julie Ann Morrison was named Activities Coordinator.

At the October meeting there will be nominations for Secretary and President, Pat has indicated he wants to run for President and Toni wants to run for Secretary.

Sue is doing calenders again this year. members are requested to send her pictures, email is best, snail mail ok and photos may be submitted at the October meeting.

Members were reminded that voting for CTCI Directors are going on and were urged to vote for their choice.

Arlene said the Christmas party will be \$65 per person, same price as the last one.

It was brought up that some members are concerned about coming out to meetings as some members are not vaccinated.

Mark Santimauro shared a story about TBirds Next meeting, October 10th

Toni won the 50/50

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Joe & Arlene Kubat 15th  
 Bill & Donna Jessie 14th  
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th



Linda Kline 7th  
 Pat Selby 13th  
 John Pyrros 18th  
 Don Dobres 28th

**GET WELL SON!**

George Gayet

## October Ford Trivia

- 10/4/1908 Model T was introduced
- 10/1/1913 Ford began operating the first moving assembly line
- 10/1/1915 Henry Ford Hospital was opened
- 10/10/1915 The 1 millionth Model T was made
- 10/8/1917 The first Fordson tractor was built
- 10/21/1927 The first production Model A
- 10/24/1938 Ford introduced the Mercury
- 10/17/55 The first 1956 Thunderbird was assembled
- 10/21/1955 The Lincoln Continental Mark II was introduced
- 10/3/1956 1957 Thunderbird introduced
- 10/4/1957 The first Edsel was sold
- 10/8/59 Ford Falcon went on sale
- 10/13/60 Ford Econoline was introduced
- 9/17/70 First production for the Ford Pinto
- 10/27/2006 The last Ford Taurus was built

## Thunderbird Trivia

The flat glass was made by Ford and carried the FOMOCO label. The curved glass windshield and hardtop back glass was supplied by PPG and carried the PPG logo

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**Rutherford NJ date unknown**

## Club Announcements

### October Meeting

The October meeting is **October 10th**. The Time is **2:00 PM** hosted by Theresa and Mike Parrillo. The meeting will be held at Brick Restaurant, Belleville Plaza, 371 South Franklin Ave., Belleville, NJ . Be sure to RSVP, including regrets

### November Meeting

This meeting is scheduled for **November 5th** (Friday night). Additional info to be announced

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party is scheduled for **December 4th**. Same venue, Bella Italia. Keep the date open. Info next month

### Club Calendars

Sue is doing a club calendar for 2022. She needs new pictures. Send her your pictures. Email, snail mail or bring pics to the meeting Oct 10th.



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**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.**

## Car Shows

10/2 Budd Lake-350 Clark Dr.  
10/2 Rutherford Memorial Field-Monona/Darwin Aves.  
10/2 East Rutherford-193 Park Ave  
10/3 East Hanover-175 Rte 10 -Nielsen Dodge/Chrysler  
10/3 Paramus-165 Rte 4 West-Kohl's  
10/3 Rochelle Park-33 West Passaic St  
10/9 Netcong-Main St. & Rte 46  
10/10 Paramus-400 Paramus Rd-Bergen Community College  
10/10 Woodbridge 600 Main St.  
10/10 Pompton Lakes-Wanaque Ave.  
10/17 Hasbrouck HTS 513 Veteran's Way  
10/17 Nutley-343 Franklin Ave.  
10/23 Perth Amboy-260 High Street-City Hall call Mel for info **12 Noon**  
10/24 North Haledon 515 High Mountain Rd.  
Go to: [newjerseycarshows.com](http://newjerseycarshows.com) for other shows

### Cruise Nights

#### Tuesday

Wayne-1560\_Rte 13 North- Wendy's  
Clifton-Rutt's Hut-417 River Road  
Mahwah-219 Ramapo Valley Rd-Mason Jar

#### Wednesday

Wyckoff -422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref, Church

Clifton-147 Huron Ave-Athena Vets

#### Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 23 North- Kohl's  
Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd-Lowe/Wendy's

#### Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart Shopping Center

#### Saturday

Clifton-1116 Rte 46W- Maple Valley Diner  
Towaco-446 Main Rd-Diane's Dairy

**Some, if not most, of the cruise nights above will close the last week of September**



**Happy Halloween**

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

## September Meeting



## Congratulations

To Mike Meehan and Carrie Bailey who tied the knot on the 18th of September



Mark Santamauro got his 55 on the road, won first place for Ford cars at the recent Ridgewood show



Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel



**Fun Facts On What was Happening The Years the Early Birds were in Production**  
**1956**

**AD TAGLINE:** Even dreamier - even newer Ford Thunderbird for 1956  
**NEWS EVENTS AND TRIVIA**

1956 is generally regarded a the year rock and roll music began, and the song "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley and the Comets is credited for starting it.

Elvis Presley appears on the charts for the first time with "Heartbreak Hotel".

Grace Metalious's book "Peyton Place" hits the best sellers list

The DNA molecule is photographed for the first time

The population of the United States was 168,903,031

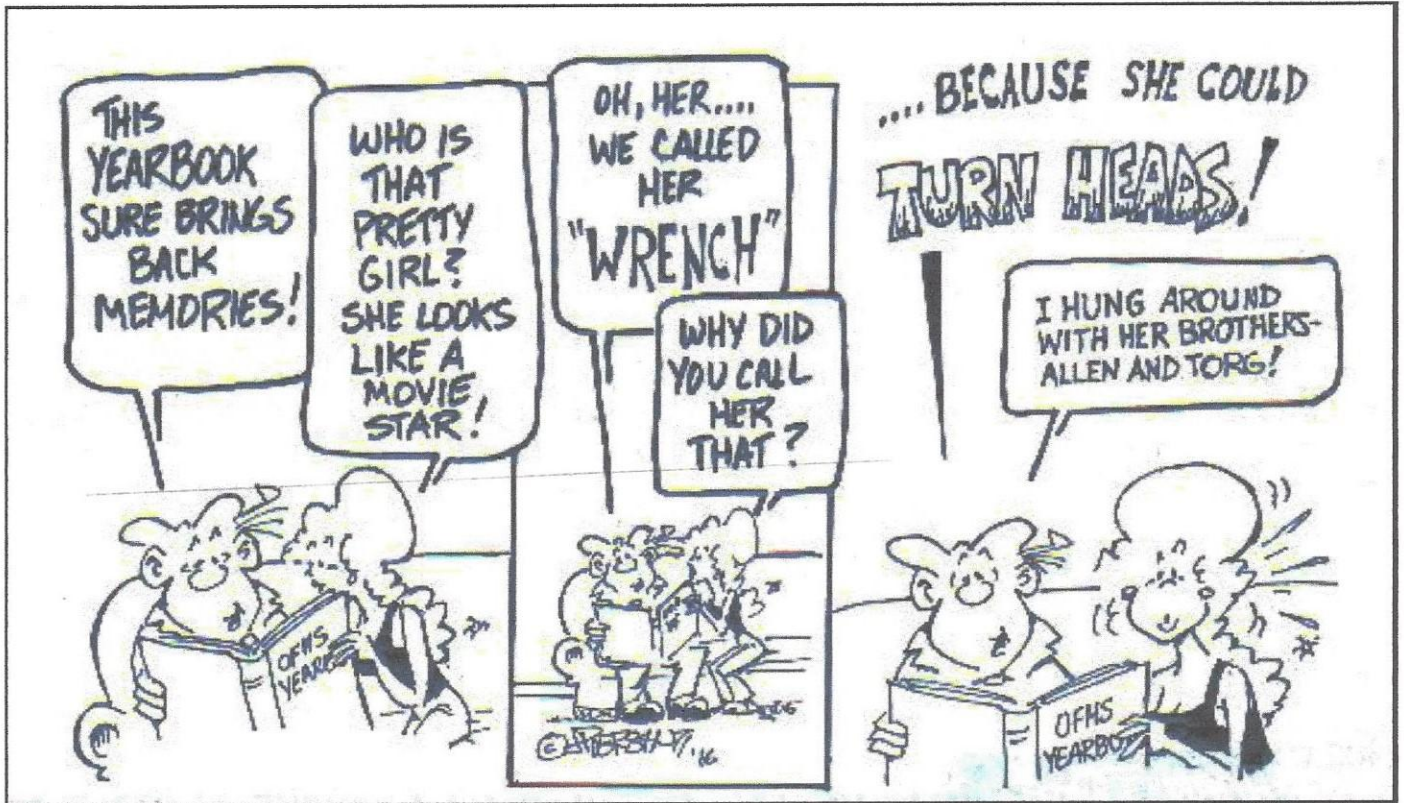
From Sal Perrotta, Thunderbirds of New York

1957 Next Month

Keep Healthy & Safe  
Use your mask

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the Delta variant. They are required in certain places. And if you're one of those people that think the vaccine is a hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect the like minded others when you come down with Covid 19. Over 97 percent of new cases (and deaths) are unvaccinated people.

**OTTO MECHANIC** By: Jay Piersanti



From Old Cars Weekly



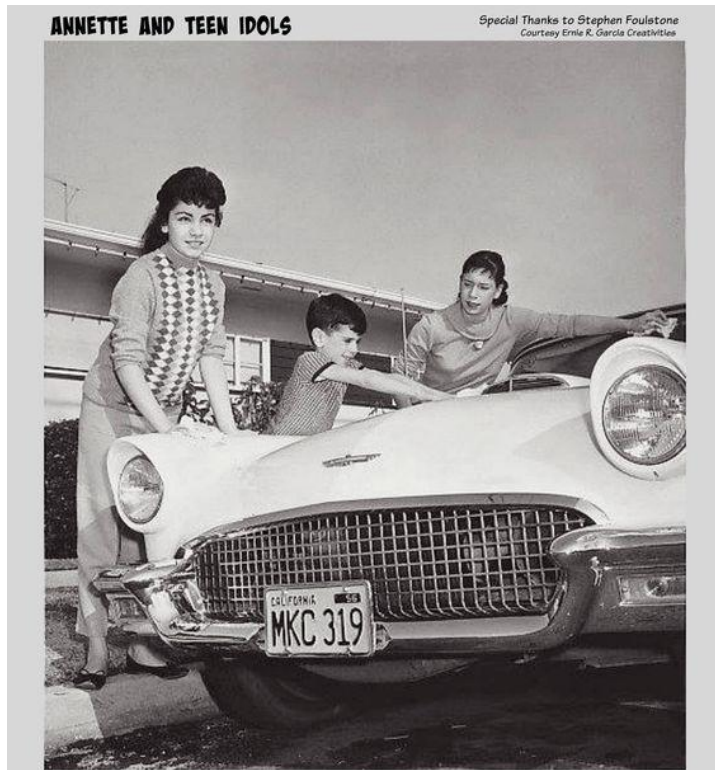
**Stars and other Notables with an Early Bird**  
**Not necessarily owned by them**  
**Part III**



**Susan Cummings**



**Annette - this car was recently sold for 150,000. Annette gave this car to her brother who eventually sold it. After a couple of owners, it went to auction. It was repainted resale red and the interior was extensively modified. Original color was white, repainted purple for her. Seems to be a lot of pictures of her with the Tbird (I still have one or two more)**



*Annette's little brother Joey assists washing her 1956 Ford T-Bird (before she had it painted purple) along with a friend.*



**Debby Reynolds**