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Alec Johnstone

2006 Meeting Schedule						
Phil & Dorothy Guidone						
Rodger & Debbie DePiero						
Dominick & Eva Tucci						
** Mini-Concours **						
Rich & Lois Martin						
Stan & Cindy Gersch						
Bob & Christina Calvo						
** Christmas Party **						
Meeting Schedule						

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

THE MAY MEETING

Will be hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone on May 7 at 2pm at their

39 Dogwood Dr., Chester, NJ RSVP 908-879-6261 or phil@pguidone.com



President's Message

I would like to take this time to remind everyone that at our May 7th meeting at Phil & Dorothy Guidone's home; we will be voting on our slogan for the 2007 Regional. If you have an idea for a slogan please write it down and bring it to the meeting. Remember it's the club's show so get involved!

A list of Board approved committee chairpersons will be published in our next newsletter. If you see a committee that you would like to be on, please talk to the chairperson and become part of our Regional. There will be enough work so that everyone will be able to participate.

I would like to wish Alec and Pat the best of luck with the newsletter contest held by CTCI. They are entered in the Conours class.

See you down the road, John Kefalonitis

Please check the **Convention meeting schedule**. Do not mix it up with the regular schedule. The meetings will be the first Sunday of the month at 5pm Hosts are urged "Not to make the refreshments extravagant" stick with sandwiches or finger food (Check last page)



A few words from Alec

One has to wonder what impact the spiraling cost of gas will have on this years car show and cruise nite season? Let's hope the government finally gets it act in gear and takes action to provide some relief.

I thought the nite at the track was a great way to spend an evening with friends, good food and fun betting a few bucks on the races. Till next month then **Happy Cruising. Alec**



Pat's Message

Car Shows and Cruise nights are starting, Some of you may have already been to some. Let's make our roads a little more beautiful this summer by getting our Birds on them. Please send me the info on any awards or good shows you have been in or at. Also let me know of the good cruise nights.

Thanks Pat



Our 2007 Regional IS Going to

Happen.....

Come to the meeting and find out how it is progressing

Get on a committee now!

The official name for the Convention!

"T-Bird Heaven---NEW JERSEY 07

ANY ITEMS YOU WANT US TO PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE 20^{TH} OF THE MONTH THEY CAN BE E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME Pat LeStrange rolodexp@aol.com.

The MAY meeting will be held by Phil & Dorothy Guideone, at their home on May 7 at 2PM

The JUNE meeting will be held by Rodger & Debbie Depiero, at the Ridgewood Diner.

May Anniversaries

Ah, Come on now, someone must have gotten married in May !!



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



Speedy Recovery

Rick Titone Julie Levine Mary Anne Ucci

Julie's Trivia Question

What historic event took place June 6, 1933 on Crescent Boulevard in Camden, New Jersey?

35 Brooklyn Stanhope Rd., Hopatcong, NJ at 1:30pm (Thanks to both for letting us know well in advance)

May is National High Blood Pressure Month

(Take care of yours; but don't give it to someone else!)



MEMBER AGUS









Everyone seemed to have a good time at the track. There were about 30 members and guests. No one went home in a limo, so I guess there weren't any big winners, but no big losers either.

A big THANK YOU to Bob & Shelly Belli for a job well done



Not paid dues yet? If you haven't please send your dues for \$36 made out to NJORTC to Frank Chabala, 6 Brook Way W. Orange, NJ 07052



If you do not wish to renew your membership let us know.



TUNE-UP CLINIC Bruce & Aileen Corbett 65 Ponderosa Pl., Hewitt, NJ 973-728-2135

Sunday May 28 Starting at 10am Chairman: Bruce Corbett & Rich Martin

If you have a special project call Bruce or Rich so they can be prepared.

June 30-July 4, 2006 - CTCI International Convention, Wichita, Kansas

Joe Nolan from the NY t/bird club (tony) is looking for anyone planning on going to the Wichita National and needs to transport a car. He does not have a trailer or access to one and wants to negotiate a deal with a recognized carrier to pick up cars in one central NJ location and transport them to the show round trip. It will be impractical for him to try to do this just for his one car and knows that taking several cars will bring the price way down. So if anyone is interested in having your car trailered to the show for you, please let Joe know, at home 516-536-0178 or cell phone at 516-356-9368.

2006 Club Calendar

May 6 Rusty Swartz Memorial Concert, Edison

High School, and Edison, NJ Contact Vince DeAndrea

732-548-6533

8pm (I forgot to get a price)

B. Barbella-Streets of the Bronx Band

Andri & Cerell

Comedy & Singing Group (Originally from the "Knockouts" Vito Picone & the Elegents (Little Star)

May 28 Tune –Up Clinic

Chairmen: Bruce Corbett & Rich Martin,

May 29 Reading, NJ / Memorial Day Parade June 30-July 4 CTCI International Convention

Wichita, Ka.

??? Drive-In Movie

July/Aug Dinner Boat Cruise

Chairwoman: Wendy Meehan

Aug 6 Mini Concours

Chairman: Mike Meehan

Sept/Oct Mystery Cruise

Chairman: Phil Guidone
Club fund raiser Concert

Nov. 19 Club fund raiser Concert Chairman: Vince DeAndrea

??? Somerville Cruise Night

Dec 2 Christmas Party

I wonder where I might find T-Bird Heaven in 2007 Maybe In New Jersey?





Looking for somewhere to take a ride to? Check out the Weird, NJ Web Site.

http://www.weirdnj.com/misc/main.asp

(click on "read stories" or the "photo galleries"). You may find a strange place to go. Such as:

NEW JERSEY'S MANY GRAVITY ROADS

One of the most common local weird curiosities to be found around our state is the existence of the phenomenon known as "Gravity Road," or "Gravity Hill." In addition to these examples of gravity defying roadways, we've also featured stories of a Gravity Hill in the town of Jackson, and a "Magnetic Hill" located in Morristown.

FRANKLIN LAKE'S GRAVITY ROAD

"The State Of New Jersey prohibits any vehicle from backing up on an off-ramp," the police officer said to us as we were attempting to try the local legend located at the Ewing Street exit off Route 208 in Franklin Lakes.

"We will ticket any vehicle trying out Gravity Road," the officer said while writing out our ticket.

The legend of Franklin Lakes' Gravity Road claims that a young woman was killed at the bottom of the exit ramp. When you stop at the stop sign, a mysterious force pushes you backward up the hill again. This is supposedly the ghost of the woman pushing your car away from the dangerous intersection where she was struck down. Rumor has it that putting flour or baby powder on your front bumper before trying this will reveal the ghostly handprints of the girl after the event.

Some claim the phenomenon is just an optical illusion, and although the road seems to sloping downward, it really isn't. The contours of the embankments appear to make it look that way, but the road actually ends on an upward pitch.

Whatever you believe though, the disorienting motion of rolling backwards uphill in real and undeniable. The officer didn't believe us when we told him we saw a ghost pushing our car, and because of this we did not deserve a ticket. We didn't try the "historians doing research" routine either. Fine: \$76 and a few points.

2006



May 21 6am-3pm

Upper Saddle River, Pearson Education, 1 Lake St, Upper Saddle River

May 28 8am-4pm

Franklin Lakes Car Show No Judging show, Pre-Registered ONLY (before 5/12)\$15PR

Info call Mrs. Bennie Cavagnaro, 908-362-5775

June 10 9am-3pm

North Jersey Thunderbird Assoc. " ALL THUNDERBIRD SHOW" 60 Sunset Rd. Pompton Plains, NJ \$12PR/ \$15 after May 27 INFO Call 732-432-6797 (Pat, Alec, John, Dennis)

June 24 10am-4pm

Warwick Fire Dept Veterans Memorial Pk, Warwick, NY \$10DOS (includes food & dash plaque) www.warwickfire.com

(Joanne Seiler's daughter Tiffany)

Aug. 6 8am-4pm

Cruisin' for Kids Benefit 2006

North Rockland HS, Hammond Rd. Thiells, NY \$10PR/\$15DOS Judged Show Susan 845-942-1030 or Grace 845-786-3777 (Donna & Bill Jessie)

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280 Interstate. Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said Herman. "It's hundreds of them!"

Don't Forget,





Detailing Tech Time

From Pat



Cleaning Automotive Windows

Many professional detailers use plain water for wiping and cleaning the windows, and dry the glass with newspaper. Unlike paper towels and most cotton towels, newspaper does not leave behind lint, and the ink acts as a glass polish. The only drawback to this method is the newsprint ink on your hands when you're done. Be sure to wash your hands before touching your upholstery

Glass cleaners in a spray bottle work fine. The only problem is overspray on the dash and upholstery, as it's difficult to direct the spray of glass cleaners. You will have the best luck spraying one side of a clean towel, wiping the glass, and then drying with the other side of the towel.

Start your window cleaning with the driver's door and front passenger's door. If your door has a window frame, lower the window approximately 1 inch to allow access to the top part of the glass. This part should be cleaned and dried first. Spray with glass cleaner and buff dry. Now roll the window back up, and clean the remainder of the window. Pay attention to the corners of the windows, as this is where you will get most smears and streaks. Don't forget your driver's side and passenger's side mirrors.

While you're sitting down in the passenger's seat, clean the inside of the windshield. It is easier to clean from the passenger's side, as your access is not obstructed by the steering wheel. Take your time around the rearview mirror, as it is only glued to your windshield. If you bump into the rearview mirror hard enough or at the right angle, you can break it loose from the glass.

The inside of the rear window is the most difficult to reach and should be done last. The best technique for cleaning your rear window is to use the back side of your hand to guide your towel down into the corners. Trying to use the palm of your hand will force you to be a contortionist and you will draw strange looks from your neighbors.

(These tips are for general use, I know our T-Bird mirrors are not glued on (9))

Phil & Dorothy Guidone 39 Dogwood Avenue Chester Township, New Jersey 908-879-6261

FROM NORTH:

287 South to Exit 39B (Dover - Route 10 West - Hilton Hotel Convention Site)

Proceed West on Route 10 approximately 8 miles.

Make right turn at exit Dover-Chester. Keep to left exiting to make Jughandle across Route 10. Continue across Route 10 which becomes 513 South. Morris County College will be on your left. Pass through 2 traffic lights. Pass small shopping center on your left - Irona Shopping Center. Gulf station on your right.

Go up small hill.

Left on Cramer.

Right on Huemer.

Left on Burnett.

Left on Cora.

Right on Dogwood.

First house on right. Yellow house with green shutters & white columns. #39 on mail box.

FROM SOUTH:

Garden State Parkway to 287 North to 206 North (exit 22B)

Continue on 206 North a good distance to Route 513 (used to be named Route 24)

You will pass shopping center on right (Burger King, Chester Diner)

At light make a right on to 513 (This is Main Street In Chester - Larison's Turkey Farm & Sunoco station will be on the left)

Follow directions from Rt. 513 below...

FROM EAST:

Route 80 West to Route 206 South (Believe exit says Sommerville) to Route 513 (used to be called Route 24). Larison's Turkey Farm on your right & Sunoco station on your right also.

Turn left at the light (Main Street Chester, Route 513)

Follow directions from Rt. 513 below.

FROM WEST:

Route 80 East to Route 206 South. (Believe exit says Summerville) to Route 513 (used to be called Route 24). Larison's Turkey Farm on your right & Sunoco station on your right also.

Turn left at the light (Main Street Chester, Route 513)

Follow directions from Rt. 513 below..

FROM Rt 513:

Continue straight through town.

At next light continue straight through light (North Road Route 513) (DO NOT GO RIGHT)

Turn right at the first street - South Road

Turn right at the second street - Dogwood

Turn right on Cora.

First street on the left is Dogwood (again) - turn left

It is the first house on the right. Yellow house with green shutters & white columns. #39 on mail box.

Julie's Trivia Answer

The first Drive-In Movie theater opened.

NOT CROSS POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE

Police station toilet stolenCops have nothing to go on.

Ten Commandments For The Car Collector

Written by Donald Peterson for the Feb. 1979 issue of Car Collector Magazine.

- 1)Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
- 2)Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
- 3)Thou shalt not store thy car out-of-doors except for the wife's Toyota.
- 4)Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when indeed thou art going out to look at another car.
- 5)Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children.
- 6)Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his '47 Plymouth.
- 7)Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.
- 8)Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition for the house and then use it to store cars.
- 9) Thou shalt not allow thy sons and daughters to get married during the car
- 10) Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas

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	2006 CRUISE NIGHTS								
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT			
	Wayne N.J. Wayne Auto Spa, 2122 Hamburg Turnpike, 6-9 PM	Stony Point, NY Don's Neighborhood Grill, (Starting 05/09) 6PM	Bear Mountain Inn & State Park, 5/3 to 9/27 6-9pm	Denville Stewarts 101 Bloomfield Ave 5/4	Nanuet, NY Nanuet Mall in. (starting 05/05) 6 PM	Lyndhurst, NJ Whiskey Cafe, Wall St., (May 6 to Oct 31) 6-9PM			
THE WAY	R	Succasunna, N.J McDONALD'S, ROUTE 10,. 6-9pm (5/2 Through September)	Wycoff ????	Pompton Lakes, NJ Pompton Lakes Town Square Mall, Wanaque Ave, (Starts 4//21, cars 1978 & older only)		AUGUSTA, NJ CHATTERBOX DRIVE-IN, ROUTE 15 & 206 6PM (5/6 through September			
				Secaucus Harmon Meadow Rt3 6pm CRUISIN' FOR KIDS May 11					
		Saddle Brook, NJ Bennegin's 6-9pm, (Starting 5/2nd to 10/31)		Flanders, N.J McDonalds, Rt 206, A&P Shopping Center,					
				Landing NJ Danielle's (formerly Pit Stop Pub) 131 Lakeside Blvd, (starts 5/4) 6-9pm					



More to come as dates and locations are confirmed



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CONVENTION MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings are on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5 pm UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Month & Year	Date	Time	Host		
MAY 06	May 7	1 pm (before regular meeting)	Phil Guidone's Home		
JUNE 06	June 4	5pm	Vince DeAndrea		
JULY 06	July 9	5pm	Pat LeStrange & Joanne Seiler		
AUG 06	Aug. 6	During Picnic	Mini Concours Doe Meadow Park		
SEPT 06	Sept 8 (Fri)	7pm	Mike & Wendy Meehan		
OCT 06	Oct. 1	5pm	Dominic & Eva Tucci		
NOV 06	Nov. 5	5pm	Joe & Arleen Kubat		
DEC 06	No Meeting Due to Holidays				
JAN 07					
FEB 07					
MAR 07					
APR 07	April 1	5pm	Rich & Lois Martin		
MAY 07					
JUNE 07					
JULY 07					