

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



# The Thunder Heard

April 2024

## 2024 Meeting Schedule

April 21	Gerry Ingersoll
April 28	Spring Cruise
May 19	Tune Up Clinic, Meeting
June	Mel Ramos
July	Steve Schmidt
August	Picnic
September	Marco Totaro
October	Charles Musto
November	Bill Downing
December	Christmas Party

The next meeting is April 21st. Gerry Ingersoll is the host.. Contact Gerry at 973-977-8729 or fecaliente2010@hotmail.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



It's April, coming up is April Fool's day, Tax day, Cherry Blossoms blooming, warmer weather and car season. I want to wish our Vice President a speedy recovery. I am sure the whole club is well aware of all the great work she does to keep our club active and fun. Several of us had a good time at Harold's on the 17th, Thanks to Toni Sabino for chairing and Paul Adamoff for sending the dessert even though he did not attend. Our March meeting was very well attended and we covered a lot of issues. This is your club , so if you don't come to the meetings and give your input it is hard to make it a better club. As an update on dues ,we only have 1 unpaid "snowbird" who I am sure will pay when they get back.

Please stay safe and pray for our members who are under the weather.

Patrick Le Strange  
President NJORTC



Gerry Ingersoll's 57





### Vice President's Message



Happy Spring everyone. A couple of weeks ago it did feel like Spring, but unfortunately that was short lived. We went right back to Winter with cold temps. I do believe the weather is going to start to warm up this week.

Sooo with that said, it's time to get our little Birds out of storage and ready to go out on the open road. Before you know it cruise nights and car shows will be starting up.

We had our monthly meeting and it was well attended. Thanks to our host. It was good to see Aileen and Bruce Corbett.

Member get well list: Joan McMillian doing good, she even went to visit Steve in Florida for a week. Prayers being sent to Don Dobres, George Gayet, Al Cirinelli, Lucille Chabala, Dorothy Guidone, Judy (Bob Heissler's significant other). On the mend, Lois Martin from back surgery, Aileen Corbett from knee surgery and, of course, me, who is recovery from some heart issues. If i missed anyone. I am sorry. As they say, "getting old is not for the weak"! Prayers for all!

Julie Ann and Lucille wanted to know if we wanted to go back to the Brownstone for our Sweetheart Brunch, all seemed satisfied, but they are going to look for other places in case they find one better. If anyone has any ideas call Julie Ann or Lucille.

I heard that Harold's Deli was good, as usual good food, good company. Unfortunately, it was not well attended, which is sad. Hope our next event is better attended. Please try to come to our club events. It is always a good time. Our next event is our Spring Cruise.

April 28th, rain or shine. Meeting at Delizias at 9:00 am.. Please let Mike Perillo know if you are going to attend.

May 19th Rich and Lois Martin will be hosting our Tune-Up Clinic . Rich asked that if anyone is having a big job done, please notify him in advance so that he has the parts on hand. Rich and Lois will also be hosting the monthly May meeting.

If anybody has any ideas about a DJ for our Christmas party, please let me know,,,

Next meeting April 21st 2:00 at Delizias. Hosted by Gerry Ingersoll. See you soon Arlene

### March Meeting

The March meeting , like the previous meeting, was a very well attended meeting. It was at Delizia's. The food was good and it seems everyone had a good time. .

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes for the last meeting were read and the treasurer's report given. Both were accepted.

Pat mentioned that all dues for 2024 have paid except for one member who is out of the country.

Donna went over the CTCI report. She mentioned that 1024 people have left CTCI because of the on-going controversies. Also noted the recent controversy over the awarding of plaques at the Florida convention

Mike Perillo reported on the upcoming Spring Cruise April 28th (see info in Club Announcements)

Rich spoke about the Tune Up clinic in May. He asked that anyone planning to work on their cars at the clinic to notify him.

Pat & Arlene reported that we are still looking for a DJ for the Christmas party. The Gup and Nick at Night are possibilities.

Julie asked for feedback on the Sweetheart brunch and asked for suggestions for next year.

Pat received the Ford Johnson Award plaque and gave it to Donna as she was instrumental in getting the award

Next meeting April 21st  
Irene won the 50/50.

### March Meeting Pics



Talk to yourself - there are times you need expert advice

**Tax Day - April 15 th. Don't forget to file**

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary



Mel Ramos 1st  
Annette Schmidt 13th  
Charles Musto 16th  
Paul Werner 24th  
Lucill Chabala 27th

GET WELL  
SON!

Dorothy Guidone  
Don Dupres George Gayette  
Al Cirinelli  
Arlene Kubat



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## Club Announcements

### April Meeting

The date is April 21st. Venue is Delizia's in Boonton. Time is **2 PM**. Be sure to Gerry Ingersoll is the host. RSVP Gerry, including regrets.

### Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise, set up by Mike Perillo, is **April 28th**. Looks like a great cruise. See last month's newsletter for info. The total cost is 17.00 for the tours and Mike requested that attendees have the correct amount when meeting up to make things go quicker. He is not an ATM or a bank. **Leave time from Delizia's is 9 AM**. This is a rain or shine event. Those who are going to meet at the first stop let Mike know. Contact Mike ASAP if you are going.

### Tune Up Clinic/Meeting

The Tune Up Clinic and meeting is scheduled for May 19th. Notify Rich if you plan to work on your car.

### Cars & Coffee

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

### Car Shows/Swap Meets

4/13 Kearny-314 Belgrove Dr-Amer. Legion  
4/21 Totowa-385 Union BLVD  
4/28 Paramus-200 Rte 17N Paramus Elks  
Mike LeStrange Memorial  
4/28 Randolph-906 Rte 10W-Performance Ford  
5/3-5 Rhinebeck-Dutchess Cty Fairgrounds  
5/4 Park Ridge-123 Colony Ave-Town Pool  
5/5 Carlstadt-350 Michele Pl.- Nam Knights  
5/5 East Hanover-175 Rte 10-Nielsen Dodge  
5/18 Sparta-385 Houses Corner Rd Sparta Ch.



**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.**

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Why are they called apartments if they are all stuck together

## Harold's Deli

We made the trip to Harold's again - for those who like pastrami it's a great place to go.. While not everyone had pastrami, every one sure went away stuffed with plenty left over to take home. Crowd was on the small size this year but 16 of us made the trip. The food was as good as ever. Paul A, who was unable to attend, nevertheless sprung for Harold's giant napoleon for dessert as it has been a tradition of his to order it. Thanks to Toni who set up the outing.





This was my take home



Napolean



Tom finally got his awards from CTCl - Excellence in Authenticity and Gold Medallion

[A Guide to the Automotive Industry: From Horseless Carriages to Modern Car Delivery | Convoy](https://www.convoycarshipping.com/a-guide-to-the-automotive-industry/)

Pat received this. It might make some interesting reading.

<https://www.convoycarshipping.com/a-guide-to-the-automotive-industry/>

Like Oldies with no commercials 89.1 FM

**Donna - CTCI Report**

The only thing I have to report for CTCI is that they want us to push the August convention. More details regarding the venue should be in the next issue of the early bird.

They are looking for volunteers to work on a recruiting committee and possibly a committee to review and revise the procedures on the website.

If interested please contact Donna Jessie (CTCI Club Rep) at [tbandmetro@aol.com](mailto:tbandmetro@aol.com)

**NJORTC Spring Cruise**  
**Sunday April 28th (Rain or Shine)**

**Note: All food is choose and pay your own.**

- 1/ 8:00 - 9:00 AM Meet at Delizia Pizza in Boonton (Have coffee + at deli)  
Collect \$17 total (\$5.00 & \$12.00) per person for both Tours.  
Please have the exact change when we meet at Delizia's.
- 2/ Leave **PROMPTLY** at 9:00
- 3/10:15 Arrive at Strauss Mansion for private guided tour (Lynne Petillo from the Historical Society).  
Strauss Mansion - 27 Prospect Circle, Atlantic Highlands, NJ  
<http://www.ahhistory.org/>
- 4/ 12:00 Leave Strauss Mansion.
- 5/ 12:15 Arrive at Twin Lighthouse for private guided tour (Nicholas Wood from the Historical Society)  
2 Lighthouse Road, Highlands NJ  
<https://www.twinlightslighthouse.org/>
- 6/ 2:00 Leave Lighthouse.
- 7/ 2:15 Arrive at Mule Barn Restaurant.  
36 Kearney Road, Highlands, NJ  
<https://www.mulebarntavern.com/>  
<https://www.mulebarntavern.com/about>

Note: You may choose to go to the **Sandy Hook Light House** which is on the way home just minutes from the Restaurant - Closes at 4:30 (You are on your own at this point).

Also: On the way home is **Mount Mitchell**, the highest peak in eastern mainland North America and the highest peak of the Appalachian Mountains. 460 Ocean Blvd, Atlantic Highlands. Closes at Dusk (8:20)  
<https://www.nps.gov/places/mount-mitchell.htm>

**Note: For those that have difficulty walking. Access the Mansion by car from the left side with very short distance to enjoy the wrap-around porch via 3 stairs, and lobby on first floor. The Twin lighthouse has two museums on the ground floor.**

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**Festival Events**

- Saturday, April 6 ~ 7am-1pm  
**Cherry Blossom Challenge Bike Race**  
Oval, Northern Division
- Saturday, April 13 ~ 10am  
**1-Mile Fun Run/Walk**  
Prudential Concert Grove, Southern Division
- Saturday, April 13 ~ 11am-3pm  
**Essex County Family Day**  
Prudential Concert Grove, Southern Division
- Sunday, April 7 ~ 10am  
**Cherry Blossom 10k Run**  
Cherry Blossom Welcome Center Fields
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Oval, Northern Division

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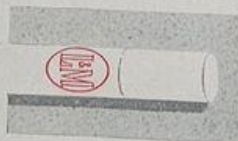
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