

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



# The Thunder Heard

**January-February 2023**

**2023 Meeting Schedule**

Jan/Feb 1/29	Charlie Costa
February 12	Sweetheart Brunch
March 12	Sue Gayet
April	Rich Martin
May	Frank Gloss
June	Jere Klein
September	Paul Dorne
October	Gene Szura
November	Jayne Braun

The next meeting is January 29th. Charlie Costa is the host. RSVP 973-478-4149 or charlie8265@optonline.net

**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**



Happy New Year, only a few more months before good weather again 😊 Holidays are over. We had a very good turnout for the Holiday party. We had a lot of great feed back on the new location, food and the live band. A big thank you to our VP Arlene and her helpers for putting it all together, great job by all. Always good to see Santa (Rich) and Mrs. Clause (Julie Ann).

Dues are due now, I'm sure everyone know by now the Holiday party incentive dues discount, If you are not sure what or if you owe, please send me an e-mail. I will be updating the roster as soon as the dues are all accounted, also let me know of any information changes

We will miss our Snowbird friends, See you soon.

Our annual Board meeting will be coming in February, If there is anything you want the Board to address let me know.

Hope to see you all at the Jan/Feb meeting  
 Stay safe and healthy

Pat LeStrange





### Vice President's Message



Happy and Healthy New Year to all. Hope everyone had a Great Holiday Season. My wish for the New Year is that we all stay healthy. Thank god so far I have not heard of any problems. Let's see how long we can keep it that way.

Well it's that time of the year that our snow bunnies take off for Florida. All of you that go to Florida hope you had a safe trip, stay safe, enjoy the weather and have a great time.

I also hope you put your baby birds to sleep for the winter. Don't worry spring will be here sooner than you think.

As of now we have a few plans for next few months. February 12th, Sweet Heart Brunch at McLoons Boathouse in East Orange. It is at 11 AM. Spring Cruise in May. Any ideas please tell Pat or Board member and, of course, we have our monthly meetings, which are informative and fun to attend.

Speaking of meetings, please let Toni Sabino or myself know two months before the meeting so we know when it is being held and where it will be. If you cannot host a meeting, please see if someone else will switch with you or try to find someone to take your meeting over. If you then have a problem let us know and we will work something out.

If you have not paid your dues for 2023 please do so it is now due.

Another year and our Christmas party is in the books. I had a lot of complements on the party this year. AIDiLa did a lot for us, the room we had was beautiful, food was very good, music excellent (although some said a little loud). We had more dancers than ever before. The owner (Dominick) kept the price down even with the way the prices of food have gone up. We had a lot of toys to give to Toys for Tots, thank you for bringing a toy in. Toni Sabino made the pretty centerpieces, one person from each table took one home. Lucille put four little lighted Christmas trees on the tables, each couple took one home. Sue Gayet won the money tree made by Lois Martin, Joe won Shop Rite gift certificate and food basket made by Joan Notar. I do not remember who won the singing snowmen, (I hope you

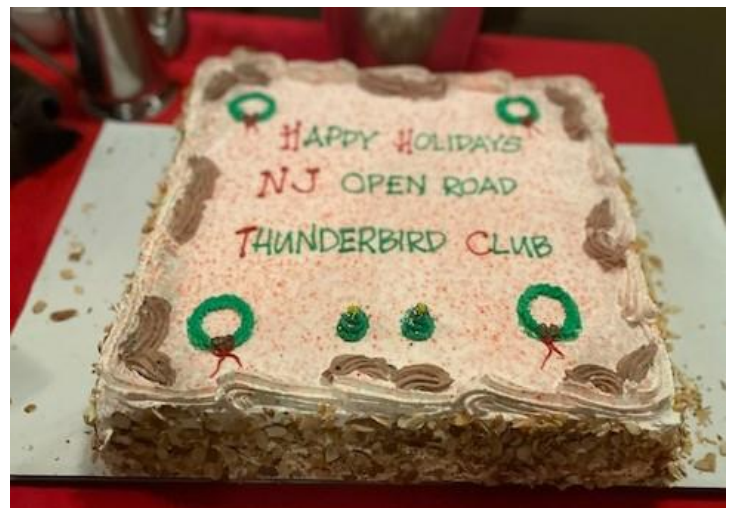
enjoyed them). Paul Adamoff had flag giveaways. Thanks to Julie Anne and Lucille for picking up the cookies and Suzanne Gayet for the great calendars and helping me order the gifts. The name of the group that performed for us, The Four Man Trio. A special thank you to Rich Iuso for being a great Santa Claus and Julie Anne for being a beautiful Mrs. Claus. One more thank you goes to my Joe for helping me do all the running around we did and delivering the toys for tots.

See you soon Arlene

### Christmas Party

**Great party !!!** There was a large turnout of members. Music was provided by a band that played a lot of oldies and were loud. A lot of members brought toys for Toys for Tots. For raffles we had a money tree made by Lois (won by Sue Gayet) and food basket made by Joan Notar (won by Joe Kubat). Paul A passed out bunch of American flags that go on car antennas (also by raffle). The tables were nicely decorated and included a ceramic tree that lighted up for each member. Our dancing couple, Lorraine and Al were on the dance floor cutting up a mean rug !!!! as well as others. Santa and Mrs. Claus dropped in to say hello and gave out NJORTC themed calendars and a nice clock. Arlene, the co-ordinator for the party, did a great job putting it together

### Christmas Party Pics



**Happy New Year**

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Bruce & Carol Hardy 2/2  
 Tom & Susan Miro 2/8  
 Charlie & Izebela Costa 2/8



Julie Ann Morrison 1/3  
 Steve Handy 1/6  
 Jackie Werner 1/13  
 Steve Schmidt 1/16  
 Donna Jessie 1/20  
 Martha Downing 1/26  
 Merry Case 1/29  
 Bob Heissler 1/29  
 Rich Martin 1/30  
 Dorothy Guidone 2/2  
 Paul Dorne 2/7  
 Sean Dillon 2/19

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Gerry Ingersoll



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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## Club Announcements

### January/February Meeting

This meeting is on **Jan. 29th**. Location is Delizia's Pizza, Wal-Mart Shopping Center, WootenSt, Boonton Time is **2 PM**. Charlie Costa is the host. Be sure to RSVP Charlie, including regrets.

### Sweetheart Brunch

The brunch is **February 12th**. Same venue as last year, McLoone's Boathouse, 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange. Time is **11 AM**. Price per person is \$50.00, same as last year. Contact Lucille by Feb. 1st. This has always been a good time with good food and lots of it.

### March Meeting

The March meeting is scheduled for **March 12th**. Suzanne and George are the hosts. Delizias, regular time, **2 PM**

### 2023 Dues

Payment is due now. For anyone who did not attend the Christmas party dues are payable. Send your check to Pat (Steve is bye bye to Florida)

### Christmas Party



### Car Shows/Swap

1/20-22 Allentown-Auto-Mania Agri.Plex-302 N. 17th St

1/28-2/5 Philadelphia - Convention Center

### Cruise Nights

### Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month - Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads Church 10/8 through winter weather permitting. BS sessions inside on bad weather days. 8 AM til ???



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From Paul A

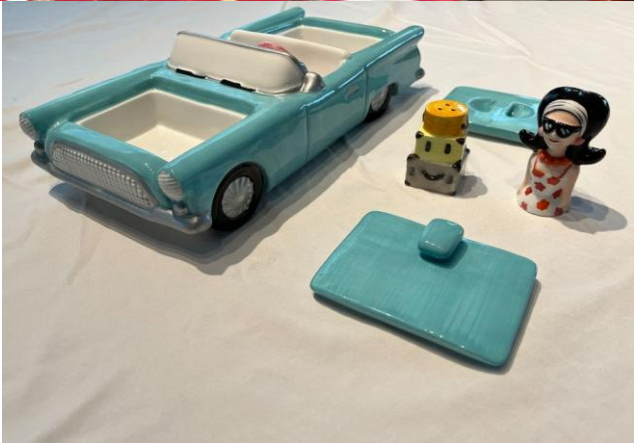


Toys for Tots



More Toys for tots





## T-BIRD - EXPERIMENTAL

I'm sure many of the Baby Bird owners have heard about the Budd company (the manufacturer of the Thunderbird steel body). In the early 60's the only two seater American made car was the Corvette. Budd officials promised to investigate the use of the dies that they still had. Since this is a cost saving project the Thunderbird might not be dead as a two seater sports car.

XT-BIRD - labeled by the Budd Company. In anticipation of this planning, Both Ford and Budd companies felt it would be worth it. Pleased with the results of the combined firms Lee Iacocca carefully considered the whole idea. The Falcon body was removed by Budd engineers portions of it were cut off. to accommodate the new body style. Here's a photo of the XT-Bird You have to ask yourself ,What if Lee Iacocca had not had the vision of the Mustang ?



*This once-proud 1956 Ford Thunderbird convertible came with a 292-cid V-8 as standard, but many carried the optional 312-cid V-8 engine. It is difficult for any Thunderbird enthusiast to look at a 'Bird in this condition, and making it worse is fact that the car was only one day old. The driver bought the car that morning, then raced down the highway late that night, lost control and flew into a heavily wooded area, buckling and twisting the rear end almost beyond recognition. The hardtop is lying in the back seat.*

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Sent in by Bill Jessie





*Sweet Heart BRUNCH,  
SUNDAY February 12 2023*

*11:00 AM - 2:00 PM*

*McLooN'S Boathouse*

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*West Orange NJ*

*\$ 50.00 Per Person*

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