

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



The Thunder Heard

March 2014

MARCH = SPRING

2014 Meeting Schedule

March 16	John & Sandra Bolger
March 9	Harold's Deli
April 6	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
May 18	Bill & Donna Jessie
May 4	Spring Cruise
June	Charles & Lisa Musto
June 1	Tune Up Clinic
July	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby
	Fall Cruise
November	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party

The March meeting will be on the 16th at 2 PM and will be hosted by John & Sany Bolger. See Page 4 for location. RSVP 201-967-0917, 551-486-5769 or sandibeach1001@aol.com

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



February is just a memory (and a bad dream-ed.) - didn't we all have a lot of fun in the snow!! And how about that snowplow driver - don't you love him - after you get your driveway clear he comes by and fills it back in again. I hope by the time this newsletter comes out most of the snow is gone. I am down to about a foot as of this writing.

In January Phil Guidone arranged a great trip to Scottsdale for the Barrett-Jackson Auction. Weather was warm and sunny and we all had a great time. There were about 15 of us.

In February I went to CTCI headquarters in CA for the Board Meeting. I wrote a summary of the Board Meeting and had Joanne send everyone a copy in an e-mail. If you did not get it let me know.

As of now, we are in 1st Place for the Ford-Johnson Award. That is the award CTCI gives to the club with the highest miles driven to conventions in a two year period. I have to thank Rich Martin, Paul Schroll and Walter Strohmaier for their trips to the Regional Conventions in 2013. Now if we have enough TBirds driving to Springfield, MO. we have a good chance to win. It has never been won by an East Coast club.

Thank you to Lucille Chabala and Joanne Seiler for the Sweetheart Brunch. It was very well attended by 36 members and families. Lots of good food. Thank you all for attending - that's what it makes it all worthwhile.

We are looking to our Harold's Deli trip. As of this writing there are 35 members signed up. Contact Sandra Pyrros if you haven't signed up.

If you have not been to the web site lately pictures from Scottsdale and the brunch are now posted. If you have forgotten the password to the member's area let me know. Also check out the Facebook page.

It won't be long now before we are back on the road in the Birds, so hang in there.

Pat Le Strange
 President of the Best Thunderbird Club





A few Words From Alec

As I am writing this I am looking out the window at the mounds of snow that are still around from the last storms and also looking at the forecast for 6-12" more. This is truly the winter that won't quit. However, a sure sign of spring is the fliers coming in for car shows. Also, all the snow birds are planning to come home from Fla.

The last winter that I can remember as bad as this was 1996-97 with 18 or 19 ice and snow storms.

Anyway, stay warm and pray for an early spring

Alec

Jan/Feb Meeting

This meeting was reported on last issue

Sweetheart Brunch

We had about 25 members and friends attending. With all the snow, it's a wonder that they weren't snowed in. Bill and Dot Hyde had the biggest trouble getting there!!!

I guess cabin fever got every one out.

As usual, The Bethwood had a great array of food and drink and everyone should have had their fill.. I noticed that Joe got to the ice cream station with no problems.

Lucille set everything up . Thank you.



Vice President's Message

Weather: Sunny, hot, breezy, skies so blue, water calm and blue with a touch of green, so clean and ,of course, 88 degrees, oh yeah we just got back from a Caribbean cruise and realize I was dreaming, because this weather is none of the above.

Cold,dirty snow and more snow and colder yet. I am going to St. Thomas, call me when this winter is over!!!

Four Thunderbird couples (Martins, Kubats, Ehms and Cases) went on Celebrity cruise ship, the Reflection. The third annual classic car cruise. There were 63 people from all over the country who were involved with the classic car cruise. We sailed from Miami, Florida to San Juan PR, St. Thomas and St. Maartins. We also sailed with four other couples that we met at a Friday cruise night in Boonton, we all became friends and went on this cruise. We had a fantastic time. We have had no complaints at all. Weather couldn't have been better. We all had a great, great time. We had silent auctions and regular auctions (all car related). These auctions were to benefit the Americas Vet Dog. These dogs help save many of our vets. We met a man who had his vet dog with him. This dog works 24 hours a day to save his life. It was a very interesting story. All I can say is thank god for these dogs. At the next meeting we will tell you about the auction winners (ask Rich) and awards that were received (again ask Rich) enough about our Cruise, please think about joining us next year, because we all rebooked. One more thing lots and lots of good food. Guess who ate sooo much ice cream. Yup, you got it, Joe.

On February 15th we had our annual Sweetheart Brunch. We had over 20 members and guests. Once again we had a great turn out of members. Food was plentiful and delicious. Thank you Lucille for putting this event together. Pat gave all the woman and young girls a huge candy kiss and a long stem chocolate rose. The men received lottery tickets. Unfortunately no big winner. Better luck next time.

Our next event is Harold's Deli chaired by Sandra. If you plan on going please email Sandra so she can make reservations. (cont'd on Page 8)

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bill & Pat Selby 12th
 John & Sandra Bolger 23rd
 Bruce & Aileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st
 Joanne Seiler 5th
 Susan Gaeta 9th

Get Well Soon!

All seem to be well

FOR SALE

55 & 56 Parts

6 volt battery, stainless moldings (new and used),
 heater box (new) & other parts
 Paul A, 201-286-4781 (days) or 201-760-8727 (eve's)

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time starts March 9th (Harold's Deli). Remember - spring ahead, fall back. Set your clock one hour earlier. Don't be late for Harold's

Must be Spring

Spring starts March 20th (Vernal Equinox)
 I got the first Car Show flyer in the mail



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

Sweetheart Brunch



I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me.
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Club Events

Dues

For those members who did not attend the Holiday party, or did solo, dues must be paid. Get your dues into Frank Chabala. Amount is \$50, \$25 for those who attended the party solo.

Harolds

Harold's Deli is on March 9th. This is a pay as you go get together. Great pastrami, corned beef or whatever your delight is. Great pickles too. Notify Sandra Pyrros if you are going as she has to give Harold's a count. Arrival time is 12:50 (for 1PM seating). Address is 1173 King Georges Post Road, Edison,, NJ 08837

March Meeting

This is on March 16 at Delizia's Pizza at the Wal-Mart shopping center, Wooten Street, Boonton. Remember to RSVP John or Sandy Bolger.

Tune Up Clinic

Please note the change of date for this event. It is now scheduled for June 1st. The meeting will be held on the 18th

Activities

If you have a good idea for a club activity, bring it up at a meeting. There is no scheduled activity for April, June or November, although there is a possible Chatterbox get together in June

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



Cupid?

Congratulation to Joe Matrone who reached the big 6-0. He celebrated it with his whole family in Puerto Rico

Barrett-Jackson Trip

It was an early and dark morning when 13 of us met at the airport (Bill & Dot had left a few days early to tour the area). Anticipation built as we all gathered, ate breakfast and boarded the plane for the flight to Phoenix. There was excitement on the plane as some of our members met other people they knew who also were traveling to the auction. You could hear the guys talking about cars to other passengers....maybe half the plane were folks going to Barrett-Jackson!

With Phil at the helm, we made our way to the Westin Kierland Resort. Right away after lunch many of us went to the Bonham's Auction that was on the hotel premises. All high dollar cars. At dinner time, we all had a special dinner at the hotel arranged by Phil and Andrew George, a friend of Phil's, who also got us the great deals at the hotel.

Friday morning the men went to the Russo & Steele Auction for the day. The four ladies decided to enjoy the warm sunny day by visiting the Desert Botanical Gardens. Besides the beautiful desert gardens with plants from the world's deserts, they were hosting a world famous "Dale Chihuly in the Garden" magnificent hand blown glass display. *Who knew*.....until this time I was unfamiliar with his work. He is known for his many architectural collections, installed in series of exhibitions with botanical settings around the world and in over 200 museums. What a treat for us to see.

That evening Lois & Rich met Kathy and Frank Stubbs from Oregon and most of us went to the Cheesecake Factory in the nearby mall .

The next day, off to Barrett-Jackson. Since being at the auction two years ago, we rented golf carts to get around since it was acres and acres of cars to oooh and aaah over! We broke off into groups and checked it all out. There were many other attractions, a Ford sponsored "Ride & Drive", all sorts of vendors and food and also some bull riding in the corral; but we didn't get to see that since it was at night. Shhhh, don't tell their wives, but Bill, Phil and John Bolger were spotted taking photos with the "5 & Diner" centerfold girls! We watched some of the auctioneering going on, seeing a few cars that sold for 2.3 million and 3.6 million, whew. *Who knew* keeping your old car for many years would command such a high price! Also heard the day before that an Amos Minter 1957 E-Bird sold for \$300,000. (Cont'd on Page 7)



Heavily modified Bird

Tech Tips Fire Extinguishers

We should carry a Fire extinguisher in our old cars as well as our new cars. Here is some information gleaned from another chapter's newsletter.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TYPES

TYPE A is used for wood, paper, some plastics and textiles.

TYPE B is used for liquid and gas fires (oil, gasoline).

TYPE C is used for electrical equipment that requires nonconduc-tive agents.

TYPE D is used for combustible metals, such as magnesium, titani-um, sodium.

Fire extinguishers are good for 6 to 8 years. Inspect the gauge for adequate pressure and check the expiration date. To prevent compaction, shake or bump it about once a month.

HOW TO USE EXTINGUISHERS

PASS TECHNIQUE

Pull the pin.

Pointing away from you, release the locking mechanism.

Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side. After the fire is out, stop using the extinguisher. Stand back and wait. You may have the fire rekindle and need to use the fire extinguisher twice.

The Bird Word, Smokey Mtn Classic Tbird Club

CTCI International Convention 2014

This is going to be on July 1st to the 6th in Springfield Mo. The show field will be indoors. The hotel is University Plaza Hotel (417-864-7333). Mention "Classic Thunderbird Club Int'l" or Group Code CTC14 (fourteen) when making reservations. Entry forms and information on the convention can be accessed at www.ctci.org. Rooms are expected to fill up fast, so get your reservations in.

Convention Caravan

Lois and Paul S. are setting up a caravan to go to the convention. So far there are 10 members going. Contact either Lois or Paul if you want to go with the caravan.

Car Shows-Swap Meets

2/28-3/2 Atlantic City Car Auction

4/11-13 Englishtown Show & Swap Raceway Park

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
www.newjerseycarshows.com
www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt



Trivia Quiz

What automaker's logo incorporated the Star of David?

Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Mike Perillo and the answer was Cecil Kimber's dining room table

Signs

At propane filling station:
Thank heaven for little grills

Barrett-Jackson (Cont')

That evening, while sitting in the lobby waiting for everyone to gather for dinner, Phil was approached by a young Texan holding his wine glass. He wanted to compliment Phil on his beautiful head of hair....because of the lack of his! He was accompanied by a friend, attending the convention in the hotel. Talking to us all, bobbing and weaving, he was very funny and entertained us for a short while.

That evening most of us went to the "5 & Diner" to eat dinner. A bonus to that was across the street was a very large car cruise which we looked at.

Sunday morning the first group left for NJ. The others visited friends and relatives living near by and came home later. John and I came home Wednesday for a smooth ride home from a sunny 77 degrees to a frigid 10 degrees - ugh.

I had a very hard time leaving that beautiful resort!

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our trip. We'll not forget the good times, laughs and friendship we shared as we toured and viewed cars and more cars to the guy's contentment!

Sandy Pyrros (with John's input)



Thanks to Sandy Pyrros for the Barret-Jackson pictures, Joanne for the Brunch pictures and Carol for the boat cruise pictures



The hotel's pet rattlesnake

Vice President's Message (cont'd)

This has been a very, very long winter. We are all itching to get our Tbirds out. They have been asleep way to long. We are planning a spring cruise April 6th. Hope the snow is gone by then:)

Pat went to the yearly CTCI board meeting in California. Pat will tell us all about it at our next meeting.

Top of the morning to you, Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all.

Arlene



Duck Tour



The (Ocean) Cruise

In February, the Martins, Kubats, Cases, and Ehms, along with four other NJ couples, were part of a group of 63 classic car people who set sail from Miami on the Celebrity Reflection in route to San Juan, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. But a trip to Miami isn't complete without taking a Duck Tour of South Miami! In addition to beautiful weather, smooth seas, excellent entertainment, delicious food, and unlimited alcohol, we had a wonderful time meeting others with the same love of classic cars. On sea days, we enjoyed presentations by Tim Strange, who hosted "Search and Restore" on Powerblock TV. Kent Phyfe, an Air Force veteran, who was a guest of the group, introduced us to Iris, his America's Vet (Service) Dog. Thanks to a silent auction and some live auction items, we raised over \$6,100 for America's Vet Dogs.

While we couldn't take our actual cars on the cruise, those interested entered a virtual car show, submitting pictures of the exteriors, interiors, and engines. Congratulations to Rich Martin, who walked away with Best in Class, Best Interior, Best Engine, and Best in Show! By the way...Rich also won the trivia contest, which required general car knowledge, as well as knowledge of muscle cars and concept cars.

Next year, the Classic Car Cruise is February 21 to February 28, sailing out of Tampa. If you would like a flyer on next year's event, please contact Arlene or Carol.

Carol Ehm

Note- see future issues for more info on the 2015 cruise editor



When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty one, I was astonished at how much he had learned

Mark Twain



Who wants to eat???

We're going to



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Sunday March 9, 2014 arrive by 12:50 pm for 1 pm seating

Please contact Sandy Pyrros sandypy@optimum.net

201-487-2943 and let her know if you are coming by March 2 nd



Reservations required. No advance payment we pay as we go



The holidays are over, it's time to eat again, wont you join us for a winter get together, we're going to our NJORTC Annual Harold's Lunch guaranteed to fill you up.

