

## **NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes    Sunday, May 20, 2012**

Meeting called to order by Pat LeStrange. Pres. at 2:05 p.m. Flag salute by Bruce Corbett.

Thanks were given to Lois & Rich Martin for hosting this meeting and the Tune-Up Clinic and to Aileen Corbett for providing all the delicious desserts.

**Treasurer report** was reported by Arlene Kubat in the absence of Frank Chabala

Starting balance                      \$2,213.51

Income \$4.00 Badge fines, \$15 Grill Plaque, \$50 50/50.

Expenses \$103.65 Flowers/Martha Downing, \$54 Fruit basket/Szura, \$20.03 Bank Charges, \$48 P.O Box Hewitt P.O., \$90 Certificate of Incorporation, \$20 Lottery Tickets for T-Birds at meetings.

Current Ck Book BALANCE    \$2,000.83              CD \$12,043.33

Minutes of last meeting on 4/15 read by Sandra Pyrros and accepted as read.

### **Sunshine Report –Arlene Kubat**

Cards sent to Phil Guidone & Joanne Seiler. Fruit basket sent to Gene Szura for his back operation. Martha Downing, flowers on her hip replacement. Lucille had triple bypass on May 15<sup>th</sup>, she's doing OK. Frank is having his 2<sup>nd</sup> hip replacement on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Eva Tucci feeling better & nice to see her at the Walpack Inn. Martha Downing said she's feeling great and should have had hip surgery sooner! Wendy's Dad not doing well and is in assisted living. Joanne's Mom has been ill too.

### **Correspondence**

Lois had an email from CTCI that they'll be a delay in getting the Roster sent.

### **Membership – Paul Adamoff**

Reported that he attended the All-Ford show on Rt. 23 –in the rain—and handed out 3 membership forms to little bird owners—in the rain!

### **Old Business**

Pat & Lois, re the Memphis Convention, said that busses will transport 540 people to Graceland for dinner. Rick Miller said there are 180 cars registered.

Pat LeStrange, as CTCI Region rep said so far no one is having a regional convention in 2013. He sent an email out inviting any club in the Region to consider sponsoring a regional and he & Rich Martin would run the "car" part, and they can do the food with help from our members. Though there are not too many active clubs in our region, but perhaps CT. Rich & Pat might visit with some clubs in our Region & speak with them.

Regarding the 50's dance, there has been a change --Saddle Brook VFW hall will not give us the same deal Sheryl mentioned since we're not a non-profit. They would charge \$800 for the hall rental, not \$400. Pat checked out the American Legion in Saddle Brook, it has a large parking lot too. It's \$800 for the hall rental, but will give us back \$400. \$125 a barrel of beer, cash bar, soda \$3 a pitcher, wine carafes. They are working on a package price. Also they have Friday night car cruises there at the

American Legion hall lot with a food stand outside and a bar inside. Joanne is still searching for gum ball machines from the Dollar Tree Store if members can ask their local store. The Legion wants us to use long tables and can accommodate 200 people without a problem and perhaps 225 or so. Date will be October 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday night. 5 hours – 7pm to 12 midnight. DJ booked for 4 hours. We can be there the night before to decorate. Members to help clean up after the dance. The Herbs have volunteered to give swing-dance lessons.

Mike Meehan mentioned that the club picnic July 29, 2012, is under control. South Jersey club bringing a number of cars. Pat will provide the music. Phil Guidone & John Pyrros will man the grill. Joanne suggested perhaps we can have dance lessons at the picnic since we don't have a movie this year. Mike will get Dunkin Donuts for coffee in the morning. Wendy will have the permit and insurance certificate from CTCl. It'll be called a "T-Bird Picnic" (not show) and Mike will alter the directional signs to reflect that change.

Paul Schroll sent email to club members regarding caravanning to the Memphis Convention. Please refer to the instructions he gave and note hotels Shelly Belli arranged (better hotel at a cheaper price). Rooms booked in her name. Also arranged is a hospitality room at each hotel so that you can get together instead of sitting in a lobby or bar. Please remit a check to her for your rooms by August 1<sup>st</sup>. She will not cash the checks until we return from the trip. If extra rooms needed, they can be arranged.

### **General Business**

Pat mention if anyone doesn't get an Early Bird magazine, he gets two now and anyone can have one. Suggestion was made he can pass it out if he sees a prospective new member at a cruise night. Paul Adamoff has an article published in the magazine with pictures of two '78 record album covers with T-Birds on them.

### **New Business**

Lois Martin will email CTCl with the fact that our club celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recently. We are entitled to a certificate noting this milestone.

Pat asked Wendy if she would take questions from members regarding the content of our club website. She asked for some photos from our 2007 Regional to post and Joanne can email them to her. Sandra noted that there is a 2010 Club calendar posted, perhaps we can update that for 2012, Joanne can email that also. Wendy can add content to the site in about a 2-week time period. Members can access the "members only" portion of the site by typing: User name: NJORTC and password: Chapter41.

The next club meeting will take place on June 16th at "The Fireplace" restaurant on Rt. 17 North in Paramus, NJ. Joanne will call them to arrange the time and she'll send an email to the membership to notify everyone.

Badge fines collected by Bruce Corbet

50/50 was \$40 won by Joe Kubat.

President Pat LeStrange collected all the money (\$40 + \$5 badge fines) and put it in his notebook so that he can deposit to the checking account.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 3:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.