



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

September 2025

2025 Meeting Schedule

Sept 14	Phil Guidone
October 12	Rich Iuso
October 19	Fall Cruise
November	Bob Notar
December 7	Christmas Party

The next meeting is Sept. 14th. Phil & Dorothy Guidone are the hosts..
RSVP 908-879-6261 or
pguidone@blountlawoffice.com

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

Please let Arlene and Toni 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



Our last big event of the summer was our picnic in August on Schooly's Mtn. It was attended by about 50 people and 13 T birds. Everyone had a very good time. Thank you Arlene, her crew and everyone who made dishes and for working so hard to make it a wonderful event. Please go to the web site to see all the pictures. While you are on the photo page, check out the updated Members Memorial Video.

We did not have an official meeting in August because of the picnic.

To everyone going (or went) to either Lead East or Dead Man's Curve, have a great time. We are lucky to have these two great music and car events in north Jersey.

I have just about completed all the changes to the roster and will be posting it very soon.

Don't forget to get in on our next great event in October, our fall cruise. Please contact Mike Parrillo for reservations.

Have a safe Labor day weekend

Patrick Le Strange
President NJORTC



Phil Guidone's 57

SEPTEMBER



Vice President's Message



This is last unofficial week of summer. Good news, we still have a couple of months left to keep our little birds on the road. There are still a lot of car shows left. Most cruise nights end the end of September.

This weekend (Labor Day weekend) there are two major car shows. Lead East in Parsippany, and Dead Man's Curve, Somerset, NJ. Both shows are 3 or 4 days long. They feature beautiful classic cars, oldies music, plenty of food trucks and plenty of entertainment all day long. Plus good friends. In other words they are big party weekends.

Donna Jesse, feeling better, healing slowly. Both Ron Case and Pat had procedures done. George Gayet is doing a little better. Praying for all to feel good and heal soon. [Ron called me and said he is doing well-Editor]

I think we had a very successful picnic this year. We had a perfect weather day, could not have asked for a better one. We had fifty people attend this year. I believe the most ever. I want to thank everyone who made all the delicious salads, Mac and cheese, chili, plus the deserts and Steve for the highlight of the picnic, ice cream! Thank you for all who came to set up and bring coffee, donuts, bagels and crumb cake. Thanks for the ice and water. Now very important we have to thank our chefs, Mel, Paul A. Ron and Mark.

Also thank you for my clean up crew. A couple of these ladies worked hard all day. So appreciated. A big thank you to Bill Downing's brother, Michael and his wife Maryetta for making the beautiful flower arrangements. They looked so pretty on the tables. Our ladies took them home at end of the picnic. Bill and Martha are giving up doing the trivia after doing it for many years. Thank you for doing it, it was sooo much fun. Diane Szura is taking the trivia over with the help of Toni Sabino. Thank you Joe and Steve for going shopping with me. Thanks again everyone for all you did.

I hope whoever is going on the Fall cruise (cruising up on the Hudson, looks like a beautiful boat), paid Mike Perillo. And I hope

you got your money in, cause I do not know how many spots are left on the boat.

Before you know it we will be talking about the Christmas party. All I know this has been one fast year.

See you at next meeting, Arlene

August Meeting

Because of the picnic there was no formal meeting. .

Our Picnic

A great time. Weather was just about perfect.. Thirteen Tbirds attended along with 50 or so members and guests. The early risers got coffee, donuts, bagels and crumb cake that was about 90 % crumb and about 10 % cake.

For other eats, lots of different salads and other delicious edibles. The dogs and burgers were nicely cooked buy our panel of "chefs". And lots of desserts, including ice cream bars and ice cream cones. And the last trivia contest by Bill and Martha. Sorry to see it go. The ladies won. Thanks to Arlene for putting this together and to all the others who helped.

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6 a.m. THUNDERBIRD time

Director, Lawyer, Merchant, Chief—men who you are— you'll find yourself getting up early when your garage is home to a Thunderbird. For here is a truly delightful package of steel pleasure—all the way from its "let's go" look to the "let's go" performance of its Thunderbird Special V-8.

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70th Anniversary for the '55

Membership News



Bill & Martha Downing 9th
Mike & Carrie Meehan 18th



Vanessa Musto 10th
Mike Meehan 11th
Ron Case 17th
Carmen Ramos 17th
Lynda Burns 18th
Georgette Hanussak 21st
Jerry Conway 25th
Walter Strohmaier 29th



Donna Jessie

Welcome - New Members



Peter Crosta & Barri Lucero
They live in Nutley and own a Starmist Blue 57



Congratulations

To Phil and Dorothy Guidone who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month

Vince wants to know how many of us will be attending his show. Respond directly to Vince.

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Club Announcements

September Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for **Sept. 14th**.
Venue is Delizia's Pizza in Boonton ,
time is **2 PM**. Be sure to RSVP Phil. See
page one.

October Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for **October
12th**. Additional details in next
newsletter

Fall Cruise

This event is on **October 19th**. Mike has
a nice event planned. He has sent out a
flyer on it. If you have not received it let
me (Paul) know, RSVP Mike if you are
going. \$65 per person. Check to
NJORTC. Check with Mike to see if
there are any open slots.

For Sale

Steering Wheel

15" Steering wheel for 56 or 57 Thunderbird
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WANTED

Peacock Blue 1956. Top dollar paid.
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PEOPLE WANTED

Vince Ucci is looking for two people to judge
Thunderbirds at the show on 9/27. Contact
Vince at 973-980-4312

Autumn is Here

Sept. 22nd is the Autumanal Equinox - equal
day and night and marks the beginning of
Autumn

Cars & Coffee

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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne- 1140 Goffle Rd-Goffle Grill

Tuesday

Wayne -Wendy's-Plaza Sq. Shopping CTR-637
Hamburg TPKE (**New Location**)

Elmwood PK 95-111 Rte 46W Pizza Town(4/1)

Wednesday

Wycoff 422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.
Church (4/16)

Thursday

Wayne-1800 RTE 23N-Kohl's
River Vale 636 Westwood Ave-Dunkin

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

Saturday

Towaco-446 Main St-Diane's Dairy

Car Shows/Swap Meets

9/5 Ridgewood-E. Ridgewood Ave 6-9 PM

**9/6 Parsippany-50 Parsippany Rd. -IBEW Local
102 (Rich's union show)**

9/6 Midland Park-183 Godwin Ave

9/6 Montclair-233 Bloomfield Ave-Lackawanna
Plaza lot

9/7 Saddle Brook-55 Mayhill St-Municipal
Complex

9/7 Washington TWSP-701 Ridgewood Road-
Westwood High School

9/13 Park Ridge-123 Colony Ave-town pool

9/14 Wayne-475 ValleyRd-Municiple BLDG

9/14 Clifton-1255 Brod St-

9/14 Rockaway-White Meadow Lake

9/21 Oakland-350 Ramapo Valley Rd-
Coppertree Plaza

9/21 Nutley-Franklin Ave.

9/21 Clifton-639 Van Houten Ave Shook Funeral
Home

**9/27 Fairfield-12 Hollywood Ave-St Thomas
Moore Church (Vince's car show)**

9/27 West Milford-Macopin Rd-Bubbling Springs
Park

9/27-28 Chester-290 W. Main St.

9/28 Westwood-50 Madison Ave-Veteren's
Memorial Park

9/28 Pompton Lakes-1 Perrin Ave-Elks Hall

9/28 Teaneck-55 Hillside Ave

10/4 West Milford-Macopin Rd-Bubbling Springs
Park (note - different sponsors tthan above)

**10/5 Denville-400 E. Main St-Morris Cty School
of Technology**

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Treasurer's job is never done.



Constitution Day

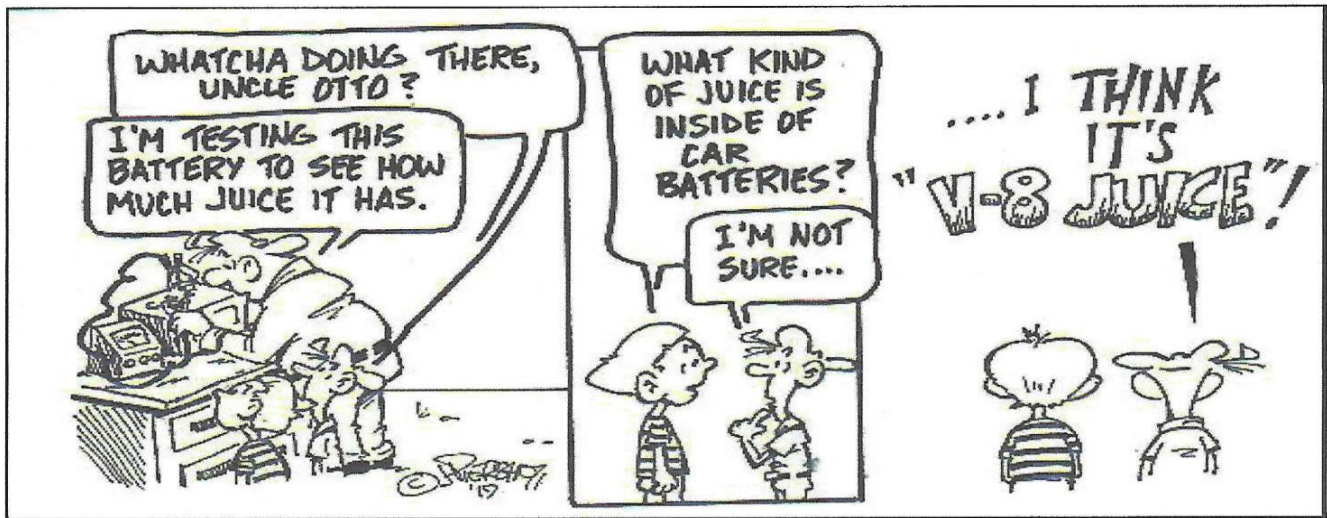
On this day in 1787, The U.S Constitution was signed.



Two of the arrangements donated by our guests Michael & Marietta Downing. Michael runs the Netcong Village Florist flower shop



A complete set of picnic pictures are on the web site.



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Tech Tip Starting Problems

If you are having problems because your engine doesn't always crank over properly when you hit the starter, the problem may be due to a poor ground connection between the engine block and the firewall or battery ground cable. It's nice to have lots of shiny paint on the engine block and firewall but remember paint won't conduct electricity and the bolt itself isn't enough surface contact to do the job. Be sure to scrape away the paint on the engine block where the engine ground strap attaches and, for 55 and 56's, where the battery ground cable is bolted. Do the same at the firewall and you will be assured of a good electrical connection From CASCO

Mark Santimauro vacationed in Alaska and sent these native Alaskan renditions of thunderbirds



1983 NJTA Paramus (Oldie From Gene)

