

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes: Sunday February 21, 2016

Meeting called to order by Pat LeStrange at 2:07 pm. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alec Johnstone. Pat thanked Paul Dorne for hosting the meeting at Delia's.

Arlene announced birthdays and anniversaries and get well wishes to Bob Belli and Bob Notar. Toni Sabino read the minutes, corrections mentioned, it was the Mercedes Club not the Cadillac Club, minutes were accepted as read. Arlene read the treasurers report, balance is \$4,064.93, CD is \$5,720.39.

Sunshine: Lucille said she will send card to Bob Notar.

CTCI: Joanne Seiler spoke about the CTCI meeting in January, invoice sale will continue and will generate money for CTCI—Pat explained the meaning of invoice—entering retro birds were rejected by CTCI. Roster will be on line from CTCI.

Newsletter: Paul Schroll stated news letter will put to press so if anybody has something they would like in it please let Paul know soon. Vince Ucci will be doing a story on his car.

Webpage: Joanne Seiler said we have 35,000 hits and treasurer report is on members page.

Pat welcomed everyone back

Executive Board Meeting: Discussed: Christmas party: dinner price will be separate from member dues, dues might be lowered for 2017— Donna Jesse asked to keep dues the same, Pat said dues will be discussed at a latter date. Sunshine rules: for death of member/spouse \$50 will be donated to a charity of the families choice or St Jude if no charity is mentioned, sympathy card for family member, no fruit or flowers, get well cards will be made up for club—rules are on member page. Lottery tickets: will be given to only 55, 56, 57 T birds.

Events: March 13th Harolds deli, Sandy and John Pyros is chairing, April 23rd 50/60 dance at the American Legion hall in Elmwood Park Joanne Seiler and Pat LeStrange are chairing, June will be the tune up clinic date to be announced hosted by Rich and Lois Martin, Spring Cruise date to be announced hosted by Joe and Arlene Kubat and Barrett Jackson on June 25th hosted by Joe Kubat. July will be Pittsberg, September 13th to 18th is the convention in San Diego, October 16th is the fall cruise hosted by Phil and Dorothy Guidone, December 3rd is the christmas party hosted by Arlene Kubat.

Arlene recapped the Christmas party, 60 people attended. Dorothy, Carol, Diane, Sandy, Sheryl and Lorraine all did a great job with their version of Christmas characters, Ray Braun was santa and this year mrs santa clause played by Linda Antenucci joined us. Bob Heissler won a giant chocolate santa and stated he just finished it and also gained 12 lbs, Pat said to check the web site for pictures.

Lucille reported on the sweet heart brunch, 48 people attended largest group to date, Pat gave out roses to the ladies they also received a box of candy and a valentine scarf, the men received scratch off lottery tickets, Pat stated the Mercedes club enjoyed themselves and wants to join in more activities.

Dues four people still owe, we have 47 members.

San Diego convention— reserve the hotel and register soon, Bill Jesse asked if anyone will be driving out it will take a total of three weeks, hotel still have rooms available.

Guests Jim Messersmith and Nancy Evans-Bennett joined the meeting, they have a 55 T bird, Pat welcomed them.

Joe spoke about Barrett Jackson, June 25th, he is looking into buses, will have info next meeting.

Sandy Pyros needs to know by March 6th if anyone is going to Harolds deli on March 13th.

50/60 dance hall is booked and will be at the American Legion Hall in Elmwood park, DJ is hired, going back to meatloaf and macaroni and cheese, Joanne has tickets \$45 per person. See Joanne for flyers.

Power portal sent flyers for people to sign up their cars for movies, pictures etc.

Donna Jesse spoke about 3 shows that are playing at the Westchester Dinner Theater, \$82.50 a ticket it includes dinner/lunch and the show.

Atlantic city auction is in February.

T bird quilt tickets were discussed, 5 tickets left but Joanne can get more, they are \$5 dollars a ticket.

Terrible towel the club has it until July then Martha Downing keeps it!

Break for Lunch 3:02pm

Meeting Continued 3:51pm

Raffle won by Alec Johnstone

2017 Convention discussed, Pat explained what a convention is and what it will entail to host one. Pat stated that CTCI is having a difficult time finding a club to host the convention and would like us to do it. The survey that was emailed to everyone came back with 15 voting yes, 11 voting no and 8 unsure. The last time the club hosted a convention (2007) we made \$15,707.91. Reasons for not having a convention was also

discussed. Pat stated a contract was worked out already and brought to CTCl, they agreed to it. Joanne made a motion to vote, Pat handed out yes/no ballots for a secret vote only to the members, the results were 13 yes, 10 no.

Bob Sabino made a motion to adjourn and Joanne second.

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