

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



The Thunder Heard

April 2012

SHOW AND CRUISE TIME

2012 Meeting Schedule

April 22	Walpack Inn
April 15	Ken & Linda Herb
May 20	Lois & Rich Martin
May 20	Tune UP Clinic
June	Wendy & Mike Meehan
July	Aileen & Bruce Corbett
August	Picnic
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October	Fall Cruise
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December 1	Holiday Party

The April meeting will be on April 15th at 2:00 PM and will be hosted by Ken & Linda Herb at 5 Rockledge Rd, Randolph, NJ 07869 RSVP 973-328-7567 or k.herb@att.net

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



Happy Spring. Sorry I missed the last meeting, but I know Arlene did a great job. I was told the turnout was big. Thanks Judy and Henry. I wanted to fill every one in on the California trip to CTCl, I guess that will have to wait until the next meeting. I heard that Joanne and I were drafted into running the 50's dance. We will be happy to do it. It does seem that when I am not at a meeting I get picked to do something-I believe that is how I became Vice President and look where I am now. I will never miss another meeting. Just kidding, I enjoy everything about the club.

Harold's Deli was a lot of fun and we had a good turnout. Thanks Mike and thanks to Paul Adamoff for the club signs. Now i am looking forward to the Walpack Inn Spring Fling

With all the cruise nights and shows getting ready to start up we will have a busy season. Keep Paul Schroll updated with show and cruise night info. I would also like to be notified of these. I run a web site for Deb's Auto Parts where I work part time and am trying to include this info on it. Go to debsautoparts.com if you want to see the ones I have listed so far. Look for car show and cruises in the green tab bar. You can also look up parts there. We do not carry a lot of old parts, but you can get info from it. Also check out the video on the home page . We are selling a lot of this Sea Foam spray and getting good feedback.

I see Paul is working on the convoy for Memphis, so give him as much input as you can so everyone can enjoy the trip. Joanne is flying back from Memphis - if you are too let her know. She is not happy about flying about in the small planes flying out of Memphis and does not want to fly alone.

Get well to all our under the weather members.

See you all soon. Pay LeStrange.



New Date for Walpack Inn - April 29th



A few words from Alec

In a few weeks our season will be in full swing. One reason is the show flyers arriving in the mail urging me to pre-register. After the winter that wasn't it looks like we will be on the road early this season.

Our club continues to have a great turnout for our monthly meeting based on the last few meetings.

Looking forward to a great season and seeing everybody at club meetings.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

March Meeting

The day was overcast, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. The attendance was very good and two Birds made the scene. Judy and Henry Semmler were the hosts at our unofficial meeting place. They had lots a excellent food and drink and the meeting, presided over by Arlene, went very well. Thanks to Henry and Judy for hosting.

Highlights of the Business meeting

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were made and accepted.

Sheryl Adamoff suggested the Saddle Brook VFW hall for the 50's dance and that we could also have a "cruise night" as it has a large parking lot. Dates of 9/22 or 9/29 were suggested and Sheryl is going to check the dates out. A band or DJ was discussed. Arlene suggested Pat and Joanne as chairs. The rest of the committee are Sheryl & Paul A., the Pyros's, the Kubat's, te Jesse's and the Cirinilli's.

Dominick reported on the Cruise to the Walpack Inn. (See page 4 for info)

A 50's dance was suggested. Pat & Joanne are looking for a venue. Some were suggested.

Paul S. discussed the email he sent to members regarding the caravan to Memphis. Rich Martin is also having a "caravan" to Memphis which will leave earlier than Paul's. The following plan to go to Memphis:

The Martins, Walter, Frank Gloss and the Meehans.

The second group-the Schrolls, the Hydes, Henry Semmler, the Downings, Pat & Joanne and Joe Matrone.

Mike mentioned that the picnic is July 29th.

Lucille reported on the Sweetheart Brunch.

Next meeting 4/15 at the Herb's.



Vice President's Message

Weather - It has been absolutely beautiful. I wish it would stay as beautiful as last week, but already it is back to being cool and damp. I know we need some rain, but it was so warm and nice. One good thing it means we will be getting our cars out and before you know it we will be going to cruise nights and car shows. Fliers are already coming in the mail for car shows. I hope this summer is better than last summer when we just had too much rain. Time will tell.

On a sad note, Lois Martin's mom passed away. Our prayers are with you and your family.

A few of our members have been in the hospital within the past few weeks - Eva, Joanne and Phil Guidone - hope you are feeling better. Also Gene Szura (back operation) and Martha Downing (hip replacement). I know it will take time to get back into the swing of things, hope you will be feeling better real soon. Frank Chabala is still waiting to get a hip replacement, but he has some other health issues that have to be taken care of first.

Enough bad news. On April 29th we are going on a spring cruise with our little birds. Dominick is putting together a cruise to the Walpack Inn. Id you are going to the cruise, call Dominick and let him know.

Our tune Up Clinic is May 20th. Please let Rich Martin know if you are having work done on your car so he can be prepared. Rich and Lois are also hosting our May meeting on the same day.

At our meeting we discussed having a 50's dance. We all agreed and set a date for September 22nd. Sheryl Adamoff is going to get the VFW hall in Saddle Brook. In the back of the hall they have a big parking lot so we are thinking of bringing our TBirds or old cars to the dance. Once we have the hall booked we will continue our plans. Pat & Joanne are going to be the Chairs for the dance. I made them the Chairs without asking first, but I knew with all their experience they would be more than happy to do it. They do a great job when they run their dance. They were more than happy to accept. Thank You. (Joanne and Pat, I know you just love me!!)

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Membership News



Judy Semmler 12th
Charles Musto 16th
Lucille Chabala 27th

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala
Gene Szura
Martha Downing
Phil Guidone
Joanne Seiler

FOR SALE

1956 TBird

Fully restored. YBlock 4 BB1, auto, power steering, brakes and windows. Fiesta red, wire wheels, AM-FM radio. Texas car. Asking \$31,500. contact 972-618-4832 or Glenna@gcplano.com (I have pics to send - editor)

Milestones

Condolences to Lois Martin on the passing of her mother

Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.

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March Meeting



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

Tune Up Clinic

The Tune Up Clinic (also including the May meeting, will be held on May 20th at the Martins. If you want to do work on your car, please call Rich and let him know. Good opportunity to get the car ready for Memphis if you are going. Be sure to get the parts you need prior to the clinic.

Walpack Inn Cruise-New Date

This is scheduled for April 29th. Address is 7 Rte 615, Walpack Center (Branchville) NJ. We are meeting at Lafayette Village in Lafayette at 1:00 pm (Rte 15 & 94). and leave there at 1:30 to cruise to the Walpack Inn. Be sure to notify Dominick if you are going. Special parking will be had for the TBirds. If it rains, it may be canceled to a later date.

Preliminary 2012 Schedule

May 20 - Tune Up Clinic
June - Chatterbox (& drive in movie?)
July 29 - Picnic - Schooley's Mtn
August - Memphis Convention
Sept - Warwick, NJ Drive In movie ?
Sept 22 -50's dance (tentative)
October - Fall cruise
December 1 - Holiday party

Vice President's Message (cont'd)

Whoever is driving (or trailering) to Memphis, please let Rich Martin or Paul Schroll know if you want to join them (They are leaving on separate days) . Before you know it, August and Memphis will be here, so it is time to start planning.

See you soon, Arlene

Back to the Routine

They say "timing is everything". Well, in this case it was great timing that we were driving north, returning from our Florida vacation, on the NJ Tpk approaching Exit 10 at the same time that the NJORTC club members were gathering for lunch at Harold's. Along with the fact that we were both hungry, it made for a perfect storm! Watch out pastrami, here we come! It was good seeing our fellow club members and catching up on news and of course enjoying a wonderful lunch with good friends. As you might guess, no one went away hungry, most everyone had (see Back, page 6)

Cruise Nights

Tuesday Clifton, Ruts Hut
Wed: Wycoff-Greenwood Ave
Thursday E. Rutherford-Cheeburger/Cheeburger
Rte 17 So. April 19th

Only open cruise nights I know of so far

Bill and Donna Jessie went on vacation to Myrtle Beach where they attended a large (3,000) car show. They sent these pics of a custom TBird



TBird Van-Real or photoshop?

Car Shows Swap Meets

4/22-Butler, Rte 23 Automall, 1301 Rte 23 (Fords only) F
5/5 Midland Park, High School, 250 Prospect St. F
5/4-5/6 Englishtown Show and Swap
5/4-5/6 Rhinebeck NY Show and Swap, Dutchess Cty Fair
Grounds
5/12-Montvale (Hot Rod Farm) 65 River Rd
5/20-Upper Saddle River, Pearson Education, 1 Lake
Street F
5/27-Franklin Lakes, 813 Franklin Lakes Rd. TBirds are
the featured cars . F
6/9-Pompton Plains, 60 Sunset Rd - All TBird show F
I have flyers on some of these (F)

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>



CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A schedule and registration forms are available online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your plans now and get your Bird ready.

NOTE

The special rate rooms at the host hotel have all been booked. There are additional rooms available but at a higher rate. There are rooms available at other hotels which are close by at the original rate. An email was sent out with the contact information. If you do not have this information please contact the editor of the newsletter.

NOTE

There has been a significant number of registrations already. It is advisable to get your registration in early as space for the tours and other events may be limited - so if you want to go to these register now.

March Meeting



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

Back (from Page 4) a doggie bag filled with leftovers. We also had a chance to wish Joanne a Happy Birthday which was the following day. John and I had a really nice few weeks vacationing, visiting friends and family along the way. We made an overnight stop on the way down at Amelia Island and spent the day sightseeing. We'd never been there and wanted to see the island, tasting some of the islands famous local shrimp. Too bad we weren't going to be there 3 weeks later for their Concours d'Elegance. Its that "timing" thing again! John did attend the Boca Raton Concours again this year so he totally didn't have to have car withdrawal.

Although its great vacationing, it's always good to get home and into our regular routine. John jumped right in to his schedule and also fit in a couple of lunches right away with the ROMEOS They're all talking about Spring when they can take their Birds out for a ride. Already the flyers are arriving with dates of shows and cruise nights.

Sandra Pyrros

Harold's



Harold's Deli

It's always nice to go to Harold's Deli in Edison and this year was no exception. Harold's is the home of monstrous sandwiches and even bigger desserts. The pickle bar is always a hit. About 20 members attended with Bill Hyde bringing out his TBird. While I thought the pastrami left a little to be desired, it and the rest of the sandwiches were more than anyone could eat and everyone went home with a "doggy" bag.

Joanne's birthday was the next day, so Pat ordered up an éclair with a birthday candle which served almost the whole table. I understand that the restaurant gave it no charge.



Remember April 16th



Race Thunderbirds

I have been gathering racing Tbirds that I have seen on the internet. Here is a few



There is a picture that is out of place - can you guess which one it is? Not necessarily on this page. Winner gets a free subscription to the newsletter



Factory Car? See 57 Ford push car

