

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



The Thunder Heard

AUGUST 2010

MINI CONCOURS - AUG 8

2010 Meeting Schedule

August 8	Mini-Concours
September	Donna & Bill Jessie
October	John & Sandra Bolger
November	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December 5	Holiday Party-Brownstone

The August meeting will be the Mini-Concours

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



The summer has been really hot. Most cruise nights and shows have been light in attendance because of it. Hopefully, temperatures will drop some so we can all get out and enjoy out TBirds.

The July meeting was, again, very well attended. It was hosted by Susan and Tony Gaeta at the Pheasants Inn- food was great. Susan and Tony provided two door prizes, metal wall signs, of which I won one. They also gave everyone a Thunderbird car favor filled with goodies. The meeting covered mostly the Mini Concours. Joanne showed a slide show on her laptop of Schooly's Mountain Park. I was happy to hear several members took a ride to Schooly's Mtn. They all said the directions I handed out at the last meeting were perfect and they thought the accommodations were wonderful.

Please let this be an open invitation to our sister chapters to join us for this annual event. It is our club picnic with TBird judging by peer ballots, no pressure. Give us a call or email to Arlene Kubat (finallyak@yahoo.com) 862-221-9773 or me (rolodexp@aol.com) so we know how much food to buy. The date is Sunday, August 8th. The directions are in this newsletter.

Hope everyone stays healthy and I'll see you at the Mini Concours.

Pat Le Strange





A few words from Alec

I had almost forgotten what really hot weather is like-but after the 1st half of this summer I remember only too well the heat and humidity of being stationed in Louisiana-my last year in the U.S. Air Force. No fun driving a 50 plus year old car that has a tendency to overheating to begin with.

Here's hoping that the rest of the summer is cooler and more enjoyable. Winter will be here before we know it and we will be wishing it was summer again.

Happy Motoring – Alec

River Edge Show

This was a great show. There was a good turnout of cars as well as TBirds. We had 10 Birds there. The show had mostly 50/60/70's cars, looks like the real oldies are not coming out of their garages. The newest car in our group made its debut and it wasn't a TBird. Joe Matrone was the big winner as he won a trophy in the 1950's class. One of the best parts was the breakfast that we all went out to. Next year some one has to bring the side cutters for the PA system though.



Vice President's Message

Weather report – HOT HOT HOT!!!

Sorry I could not make the last meeting. I heard everything was good. Thank you for all your calls to see how I was. I am starting to feel better.

I hope every one is enjoying the summer and getting out the little Birds. August 8th, as you know, is our Mini-Concours. Let us pray for good weather – we do not want to get rained on again!!! The park is beautiful so please come with your Thunderbird. I know there will be plenty of pictures to take – bring your camera. I think it looks great when all our cars are together. I have a list from our members who are bringing food so we will have plenty of food and desserts.

Joe, myself and my son's family just came back from our vacation. The best vacation ever. We sailed on the biggest ship, Oasis of the Seas. The ship was soooo big and beautiful. We did not even feel the ship move. It was so unbelievable. They had a boardwalk with rides and stores.

There was Central Park with many trees, benches and some resturants. State rooms were overlooking Central Park. The ship didn't miss anything. All I said all week was WOW!!! I think my grandson and Joe were having a race to see how much ice cream they could eat. There were four ice cream machines by the kid's pool. All I saw was Joe and our grandson with ice cream in their hands. It was quite funny.

The weather has been hot, but get the little Birds out to car shows and cruise nights or maybe just a ride. Before you know it we will be putting them away, so enjoy them.

See you at the Mini-Concours

Arlene

OOPS Department

I forgot one of our members' birthday last month, so belated birthday wishes to Gail Chirico

Membership News



Rich & Lois Martin 6th
 Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
 Henry & Judy Semler 11th



Sheryl Adamoff 1st
 Dennis Chirico 9th
 Al Cirinelli 13th
 Joan Notar 15th
 Wendy Meehan 18th
 Shelly Belli 18th
 Joe Kubat 22nd
 Bob Belli 27th
 Diane Marsiglio 27th
 Mara Madden 30th

**GET WELL
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Arlene Kubat



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Idiot Sighting

I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to cross anymore". Kingman, KS.



July Meeting

I thought last month's meeting was a hot, humid day, but this month's seemed worse. I drove my TBird the approx. 50 miles and I'm happy to say that the engine temp in the car stayed good despite the 90+ degree day.

The meeting was hosted by Susan and Anthony Gaeta. Despite the weather, we had a very good turnout and Susan and Anthony provided an excellent meeting place with good food and drink. Everybody had a good time and left with full stomachs. Sue even had party favors for every couple. Many thanks to Susan and Anthony for the good time and the hosting of this meeting.



Our hosts – in the middle



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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll ptschroll@aol.com



CLUB EVENTS

Mini Concours

Keep in mind our Mini-Concours that is scheduled for **August 8th**. If you are attending contact Mike Meehan or Pat. It is in a new location this year, maybe we can get a break in the weather and actually enjoy our desserts in the outdoors. It is Schooley's Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ. Start time is 10AM, there will be coffee and doughnuts for any early birds (pun intended) that come to help set things up. I'm sure Mike would appreciate the help. It's always been a fun time, even when the weather didn't co-operate. See attached for directions.

Fall Cruise

Keep October 17 open. This is the tentative date for the fall cruise. Additional details will be provided.

July Meeting



MMMMM-Good



**Next year – Richmond Virginia, June 15-19.
and Omaha Nebraska August 24-28
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW.**



More Dayton Convention



Deep Discussions



Last night - relaxing



Some minor carb work

Strange Facts

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time television were Fred and Wilma Flintstone



TECH TIPS

Soft Top Stowage Instructions

1. Clean the window inside and out (every time you put it down)
2. Loosen all clamps
3. Make sure the rear clamp handles are turned back to their "locked" position parallel to the window.
4. Lift the back of the top up slightly from the rear deck.
5. Spread a large beach towel (or similar) out on the rear deck and under the rear bow of the top.
6. Unzip the window and lay it down on the towel.
7. Fold the towel up over the window so it covers it completely
8. Lift the front of the top from the windshield header and start lowering it.
9. Pull all the material from the pinch points as the top folds down (really work at this, no material in the pinch points).
10. Release the over the center braces just above the side clamps.
11. Continue to fold the top down and continue to pull ALL material out of the pinch points.
12. Again inspect all pinch points and clear the material from them.
13. Lift the entire top assembly from the rear deck and swing it down behind the seat.
14. If you have drop curtain you will have to move it out of the way for step 13.
15. Carefully work the top behind the seat, it will drag on the windlaces so it takes a little maneuvering to make it fit.

Take your time and do it right. Cleaning the window gets any dust off of it so it won't get scratched. Unzipping it allows it to hang straight down without a fold. All of these are critical to keep from damaging the window and not allowing the material to get caught in the folding mechanism. John Sailors, Hillsboro, OR



Al reading the directions



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

August 8 Whippany, Birchwood Manor, NO. Jefferson Rd

This is our Mini-Concours date

August 15 Park Ridge-Mill Pond Assisted Living, 124 Noyes Drive

Aug 15-Warwick, NY 900 Kings Hwy (Mid Orange Correctional Facility)

Sept 1 Montville – Deadman’s Curve Show 12 Noon

Sept 12 Franklin Lakes, Franklin Lakes Ave & Pulis Ave.

Sept 12 Ridgefield Park, Spruce Ave & Cedar St. Elks Lodge

Sept 12 Wayne-Wayne Town Hall, 475 Valley Road

Sept 12 Hackettstown-Great Meadows – Ol’ Daze Drags Car Show (and races)

Sept 18-Show and Movies- to be announced

Sept 19 Teaneck-Teaneck Armory, Teaneck Rd & Liberty Rd.

Sept 19 Pearl River Central Ave Field

Sept 26 Wayne-45 Barbour Rd (Maquet Cardiovascular)

Sept 26 West Caldwell-950 Bloomfield (Konner Chev)

I have hand outs for most of the above shows. I can email a copy to you if interested.



2002 Pace Shadow 22 ft Enclosed Trailer.

Diamond plate ramp and inside ramp. 2 doors. Checkered tile floor, walls factory vinyl. \$9,500 or offer.

Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

Trailer Fenders

Brand new Galvanized trailer fenders for 15 inch tires. Contact Al Cirinelli



CRUISE NIGHTS

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, Goffle Road
Carlstadt-Grasshopper’s 645 Washington Ave

Tuesday

Mahwah-The Mason Jar, Rte 202 (Ramapo Valley Rd)
Wayne – Wendy’s-Rte 23 NO.

Elmwood Park-River View East-455 River Dr.

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Wayne-Cheeseburger in Paradise-Rte 46 East
Moonachie-Burger King

Thursday

Riverdale Armory-Newark/Pompton Tpke

Warwick, NY-Rte 94 &Warwick Tpke (Pennings farm)

Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart-Wooten Street

Midland Park-Center St. Train Station

Saturday

Chatterbox, Rtes 15&206, Augusta

Lyndhurst-Whiskey Café-1050 Wall St

If any one has info on shows and swap meets please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



River Edge Show-debut car on far left

Island Dragway

For those into racing, here is their schedule:

Family Night – BBQ, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month(except 9/15) Spectators \$15, food included. Racing-street and muffled cars \$15, others \$25.

East Coast Nostalgia 4/18 & 8/22

Nostalgia Nationals 6/27

Nostalgia Show & Go with Don Garlits 8/14

With Anniversary race with Don 8/15

Old Daze Drags 9/12

For more info www.islanddragway.com



More Dayton



Pat being judged



Alec working hard



Donna's car waiting for the judges



August is national eye exam month. Have those peepers checked



July Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Susan and Anthony Gaeta. It was a bright and sunny day but because of the heat most opted to bring their air-conditioned cars. Only the die hards brought their TBirds. Many attended. Thanks to Susan and Anthony

Some highlights of the meeting:

The minutes of last meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was given. Both were accepted. Lucille reported that Eva had a stay in the hospital but is fine now (she was in attendance) and that Arlene was ill.

Pat mentioned that he had put together a DVD of the Dayton Convention and will be shown at the Mini-Concours

Mike Meehan reported on the plans for the Mini-Concours and his trip to the site. Wendy posted a flyer on our club website with info and directions. Dominick reported that he has the trophies almost ready.

Club shirts were discussed. Joanne will look into them with Alex Marsiglio's wife who has her own business with shirts and embroidery personalization.

Bill Selby mentioned that Marvin Hill (Hill's Restorations) has a photo on his website of our club members with their awards from the Dayton show.

Vince D'Andrea mentioned that Rich Barbella will be performing at the Whiskey Café on July 25th.

Frank Chabala won the 50/50.

Next meeting – The Mini-Concours will be our next meeting





Fette Ford Show

Another show which we had a good turnout of members. This was an all Ford show only and we had 6 members/cars there. While predominately Mustangs, there was a nice selection of other cars. I especially like the 34/34 pickup shown below. This show was held right after our July club meeting.



Van Dyke Assisted Living

Four of our members brought our cars to this facility as a mini show for the benefit of the residents. Some of the other cars that came.



You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do (Henry Ford)



New Jersey
Open Road Thunderbird Club
2010 Mini Concours
Club Picnic

Schooley's Mountain



Nestled among the hills of western Morris County, Schooley's Mountain Park offers visitors 797 acres of active and passive recreation facilities. The active recreational facilities of the park include a ballfield, fishing, and a play area near the lake picnic grove. A 470 foot floating bridge, is one of the most unique aspects of the park system, which provides access to the lake from the newly renovated Lodge. The natural amphitheater is the site of concerts during the Summerfest, and the group shelter is filled to capacity with weekend picnickers from May through September.

Directions:

From Rt.80 west-----Go to Exit 2b, "BUDD LAKE/HACKETTSTOWN"

Continue West on Rt. 4b for **7 Traffic Lights** *approx 5 miles*

- Light # 1. International Dr. *.4 miles*
- Light # 2. Village Way (Trading Post on left/Home Goods on right) *.2 miles*
- Light # 3. Woodland Rd. (Delta Gas/ Budd Lake Diner) *.5 miles*
- Light # 4. Mt. Olive Rd. (Lucky Garden on left) *.7 miles*
- Light # 5. Sand Shore Rd. (Budd Lake on right) *.3 miles*
- Light # 6. Smithtown Rd. *1.1 miles*
- Light # 7. Naughtright Rd. (Johnson Dodge on far left corner) *1.3 miles*

As you approach the 7th light be in the left turn lane

Then:

Turn **LEFT** onto Naughtright Rd. go *3.3 miles*

Turn **RIGHT** onto East Springtown Rd. go *.4 mile*

Turn **LEFT** into Park straight to the end of the road

(Handicap: after entering park turn right at sign "Family Picnic Site/Boat House" etc. Go to end, "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign, turn left go up hill to Handicap parking, next to restrooms and to the right of the Pavilion.)

If you get lost call us 201-920-7226 Pat & Joanne