

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



# The Thunder Heard

**May 2018**

**2018 Meeting Schedule**

May 6	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
May 20	Tune Up Clinic
June 3	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Valerie Kriney
August 5	Picnic
September	Bill & Pat Selby
October	Steve & Annette Schmidt
November	Charlie & Izebela Costa
December 1	Holiday Party

The May meeting is on the 6th. Al & Lorraine Cirinelli are the hosts.  
 RSVP 973-625-1001 or  
 cirinelli@qualitywarehouse.com See page 4 for time and location

**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



Spring has sprung - haven't seen snow in a week! On Sunday April 22 we had our regular meeting, attended by about 34 people with a new prospective member. The biggest item on the agenda was a vote on whether to change the voting by-laws. This was due to the reason over the past year I had several inquiries as to why all members and spouses are treated equally in club functions, expect when it came to voting on important issues. With that in mind, I told the membership, we are a club and if a rule or anything else is causing a problem or we are just not happy about it, we have to right and obligation to change and fix it. So we voted (under the current rules) to change the voting rules. The wording on the ballot read: *Shall the NJORTC By-Law Article III Section 4 be changed to allow spouses/significant others to have the same voting rights as a member ( as defined in Article III Sec 1 (a) (1) ) Circle YES or NO.* 24 Members voted and were counted by Sergeant at Arms Bob Sabino and compiled by Toni Sabino and Bob Heissler. The count was 7 Yes / 16 No / 1 abstention. The rules will stay the same.

In April we enjoyed a very nice Spring cruise to the Ringwood Manor, although the weather was crummy, we had 2 T Birds show up, Rich Iuso and Gene Szura. Thank you Carol and Charlie Ehm for chairing the event.

We are still finalizing our Knoxville trip to the Smokey Mtn. Convention. See Donna Jessie or Lois Martin if you have any questions

Don't forget May meeting is May 6 and the Tune up clinic is May 20

Pat LeStrange



## March Meeting

Our host was Donna and Bill Jessie. It was a nice spring day and a flock of Birds came out. As always, the food was good and we had a good crowd. Thanks to Bill and Donna for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The prior meeting's minutes were unavailable. Treasurer's report was made and accepted .

We had a visitor, John Tripi

Rich Martin reported that 2019 convention might be in Flag Staff, Arizona.

The Spring Cruise was recapped and Pat thanked Carol and Charlie, who were away.

Rich Martin discussed the Tune Up Clinic coming up on May 20th - see page 4 for details.

Pat posed the possibility of other meeting places with the same set up as Delizia's.

Discussion was held and a vote taken on the issue of spouses and SO's voting as regular members. The results of the vote are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

Various items relating to Knoxville was discussed, including our donation. Donna mentioned that there are nine cars going at this time. She also mentioned the different caravans going down to Knoxville

For more details on the meeting go to the members section of the website.

Henry won the 50/50

Next meeting June 3rd



Ringwood Manor



## Vice President's Message

I think Spring is here. The last few days have been beautiful. Trees are starting to bloom, flowers are springing up, these are all good signs. Hope everyone has looked at their TBird, checked them to see if they survived the long, long winter. It's time to get them out on the road and enjoy. Drive safe. Cruise nights will be starting the beginning of May.

Once again our prayers for Alec Johnstone. He has been having ups and downs. He is still in rehab. Please send him cards, call him on phone or go see him, he would be happy to hear from you.

I understand that our Spring Cruise was well attended and all had a great time. Thank you Carol and Charlie for chairing the event.

At our monthly meeting we discussed and voted by secret ballot as to allow spouses or SO's to have the right to vote. We had 24 voting members at the meeting and it was voted to keep bylaws the same as they are. If a spouse /significant other wants to vote they will have to pay the yearly dues which is \$50.00. The vote was 7 yes, 16 no and 1 abstention.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Lorraine and Al Cirinelli on May 6th time 2:00 at Bruno's Italian Bistro, Powder Mill Plaza West, 2900 Route 10 West, Morris Plains. Please RSVP, incl. regrets. It only takes a minute to let our hosts know if you are coming or not coming to our meetings. Bring your TBird - special parking in front

On Sunday, May 20th at 8:30 am, Rich and Lois Martin will be hosting our annual Tuneup Clinic. If you intend to do any work on your TBird, please tell Rich so that you and Rich can have the right parts on hand. Lois also invited all ladies to come to sit and chat. There will be bagels, etc. in the morning and a hot dogs, etc. later in afternoon. Please let Lois know if you are coming.

If you are planning to go to Knoxville, Tenn. please make your reservations as soon as possible. First hotel already full.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms. Have a great day.

See you soon, Arlene

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

**Bob & Joan Notar**

*Happy Birthday*

**Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd**

**Tom Mirro 3rd**

**Pat Le Strange 7th**

**Jayne Braun 7th**

**Lisa Musto 8th**

**Gene Szura 13th**

**Bob Sabino 2nd**

**Theresa Perillo 22nd**

**Linda Antenucci 30th**

*GET WELL SON!*

**Alec Johnstone**

**Bill Jessie**

**Dot Hyde**

## 2018 Int'l Convention

### Knoxville, TN

It's not too early to start planning for this. Hotel and other information is posted on Smokey Mountain Thunderbirds website [www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org](http://www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org) There is no "host hotel" but there are two hotels that have a special convention rate. All activities will take place at the convention center. NJORTC members are signing up for the Holiday Inn (the closest one). Make reservations now to insure you have a room. If circumstance are that you cannot go, they can be canceled without charge 24 hours before.

Donna Jessie is setting up travel plans for those driving. Present plans call for a one and a half day trip. Contact Donna for info. In order to get another Ford Johnson Award, we need twelve cars.

Note - the 'show field" is indoors

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*Happy  
Mother's Day!*

May 13th

**I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible.**

**Email is best, snail mail ok.**

## Club Announcements

### May Meeting

The May meeting is scheduled for May 6th. The hosts are Al & Lorraine Cirinelli. The meeting will be at Bruno's Italian Bistro, Powder Mill Plaza West, 2900 Rte 10 West, Morris Plains, starting at 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP Al or Lorraine, including regrets. See Page 1 for more info

### June Meeting

The June meeting is on June 3rd (date change) and is hosted by Charles & Lisa Musto. Additional information forthcoming

### Tune Up Clinic

May 20th . This also is Thunderbird Appreciation Day. If you are planning to have any work done on your car, make sure you tell Rich. In addition, remember to bring any parts, oil, etc that you will need. There will be coffee and for the early birds. Everybody is welcome . Come and chit-chat. Notify Lois if you are coming to commiserate. Start time is 8:30

### April Meeting



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May 19th



May 28th

## Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wayne-Wendy's 1560 Rte 23 N

Teterboro-80 Green St Sal's Good Eats 5/8

Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave -Cedar Hill Christian  
Ref. Church

Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's 1800 Rte 23 N

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

The above starts 1st week of May unless noted

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

5/4--Rheinbeck NY-Dutchess Cty Fairgrounds

5/5 Park Ridge 115 Colony Ave Town Pool

5/6 Paterson-JKK High 61-127 Preakness Ave

5/6 Morristown AACA show, MennonArena,  
161 E. Hanover Ave

5/12-Montville-Hot Rod Farm

5/19 Ramsey-Ramsey High School

5/19 Midland Park-250 Prospect MP High Sch

5/19 Ringwood 139 Skyline Dr-Maggies

5/20 Paramus-400 Paramus Rd-Bergen Comm.  
College

5/27-North Haledon-515 High Mountain Rd.

5/27-Demarest-Demarest High School

5/28 -Englewood- Depot Sq.

6/1-3-Carlisle PA All Ford Show

6/2-Warwick NY- 5 Warwick Tpke-Warwick  
Drive In

6/3-Waldwick-4 Hewson Ave (Train Station)

6/8-9-Rheinbeck-Goodguys Car show  
Dutchess Cty Fairgrounds

6/9 Pompton Plains-60 Sunset Rd-All Tbird



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One of our members is looking for a Willow  
Green 57. Contact the editor

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



**Spring Cruise**

All week the weatherman was predicting a cold and rainy day for the Spring Cruise, and he was partially right. It was cold and heavily overcast, but the did rain hold off. Never the less, about thirty members braved the weather but only two brave souls, Rich I and Gene brought their Tbirds. Despite the weather, we all had a good time - the Ringwood Manor was very interesting and the food at Berta's Chateau was very good. Thanks to Carol and Charlie for putting together a nice outing. The following by Rich Iuso tells it all

**Spring Cruise**

Spring cruise, calling the birds out to play  
 However most still in hibernation that day  
 Chilly, cloudy and rain, was the forecast  
 Lovely warm and sunny, hours earlier past  
 Selected, a pleasant route for our drive  
 Destination Ringwood Manor to arrive  
 Information and history both time and place  
 Lived how the families, splendor and grace  
 Up and down the house and stately grounds  
 Imagination, almost hear their sounds  
 A nice time, with the club, participating  
 Off to Berta's Chateau, lunch was waiting  
 A varied and diverse selection, tasty fare  
 Members surely satisfied they were there  
 Another NJORTC event in the annals of time  
 More good memories of yours and mine  
 Thank you Charlie & Carol

**Stuff You Didn't know you didn't know**

Though not the most northern major U.S. city,  
 Detroit is the only city in the 48 contiguous  
 states where one can gaze south toward  
 Canada

**Spring Cruise**



cold?



**Mortar in the background is from the Civil War. The estate, located near the ironworks, was owned by the people that owned the iron works which cast the stanchion. The mortar was given to the owners at the end of the Civil War. The iron works was founded prior to the Revolutionary War and supplied items to both the rebels and the Brits. They became very wealthy. For more information, go to <http://www.ringwoodmanor.org/>**



Its better to walk alone than with a crowd going the wrong direction





**April Meeting**



**Y Block - Too Much Boost**



**Take yours for a drive and show it off**



# TUNE-UP CLINIC



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SUNDAY May 20th 2018

AT 8:30 AM

RICH & LOIS MARTIN'S HOME



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SPRING TUNE UP'S, BRAKES,  
OIL CHANGES, ECT



**\*BIG PROJECTS CALL RICH AHEAD OF TIME**



LOIS WILL HAVE BAGLES & COFFEE IN THE MORNING

LADIES ARE WELCOME TO COME HANG OUT CHAT AND WATCH THE GUYS WORK. PLEASE JUST LET LOIS KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING

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