

NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club Minutes Saturday March 23, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Pat LeStrange at 4:30 pm. Flag Salute by Alec Johnstone. Todd Salamon & Mara Madden were thanked for hosting this meeting.

Minutes of Jan. 27, 2012 meeting were read by Sandy Pyrros. Motion made to accept the minutes as read.

Frank Chaballa was not in attendance, but said that the club Treasury balance remained the same. **Closing Balance \$6,113.01.**

Pat mentioned that the \$10 pp to be given to host of meetings that was voted on at our last meeting will be revisited again at that 3rd meeting. Joanne Seiler inquired at DeLizza Pizza in Boonton on holding club meetings in their back room. The owner welcomes it on a Sunday at 2 PM. N/C for the room, BYO and only pay for food and drinks. It is a suggestion as an alternative meeting place for folks who cannot accommodate the meeting in their own homes. Many members agreed. Ken Herb said that the "Bylaws" say refreshments, not full meals required, please keep it simple.

Also mentioned was the "Cruisin' Diner" on Rt. 10 in Whippany.

Correspondence-None

Sunshine- Arlene Kubat sent a sympathy card to Lucille Chaballa on the passing of her sister. Paul Adamoff is recuperating well from his back surgery.

Membership- Prospective new member attending today's meeting, Bob Heisler of Berkley Heights. He is looking to purchase a T-Bird.

CTCI Report-Pat LeStrange

We will not be participating in holding a convention in 2014. The decision was made by the board. Not enough time to organize and the hotel we were trying to work with could not come up with a workable contract. Pat mentioned that our club had held conventions in '91, '99, '02 and '07.

CTCI wants to raise awareness about Thunderbirds. Perhaps if opportunity arises where members can go with a few cars to various events please let Pat know. Anyone with ideas please call him. Pat has rec'd many emails and flyers for car shows, please forward to Paul Schroll if you have any events you want to put in our newsletter. Paul Schroll mentioned that a few cars get together every year and go for a few hours to a mental health residence in Ridgewood for the residents to see and talk about the cars.

General Business

Rich & Lois Martin mentioned that the Tune-Up Clinic is May 19th 9AM to ? at their home.

Lois Martin said the \$54 yearly fee for the club mailbox is due. Discussion on whether to keep the box and it was determined that she will monitor the box to see what actually

comes in and if it's worth renewing each year.

Ken and Linda Herb are moving to Louisville Ky (pronounced Lou-A-Ville). They are long time club members and Lois presented him with a small gift, an apron with the T-Bird Logo for him and Linda to wear (Linda makes the best soups). He contacted Doug Wilson of the Louisville KY club and will become a member there. He said if anyone is in the area, please stop by to visit with them.

Old Business

Rich Martin said he leaving July 20th to drive cross-country to the San Jose convention, Reno NV, and Des Moines Iowa and will be back in NJ on August 27. Paul & Walter are also going on this 39 day journey.

Pat & Joanne said our old website is up and running and they are monitoring it and updating it. The new (godaddy.com) website that was established is more user friendly. It has photos, the Bylaws, newsletters and updated info on it. There's a public section and a for-members-only area which is password protected. Also a club Facebook page is up and running with a link to our club website. Business cards will eventually be made so that members can pass along to prospective new members instead of handing out "packets" of info--everything is on the website. Site address and password will be sent to all members so that they can access. Cost is \$200 for 3 years for the new website.

New Business

Paul Schroll congratulated and gave a prize to Sandra Pyrros for answering correctly the newsletter Trivia question.

Spring Cruise at the Walpak Inn, Route 615, Wallpack Center, NJ on April 28th. Meet at 1 PM at Olde Lafayette Village on Rt. 15 in Lafayette, NJ. If you want to shop there, please go earlier so that you are ready to leave at 1 PM for cruise all together to the Inn. Dominick Tucci, who was not at the meeting, spoke with John Pyrros prior and a sign up sheet was passed around so that Dominic knows how many people to reserve for. Please let him or John know if you are going and did not sign sheet.

Our Picnic is on August 11, 2013 at the park in Long Valley is going to be chaired by Arlene Kubat.

Next meeting is Sunday, April 21st at 3 PM in a restaurant Willie McBrides in Branchburg hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sandra Pyrros.