

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



The Thunder Heard

July 2014

On to Springfield

2014 Meeting Schedule

July 26	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August 17	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby Fall Cruise
November	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party

The July meeting will be on the 26th at 4PM and will be hosted Paul & Sheryl Adfamoff. **RSVP Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or 201-760-8727

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



A couple of things to mention this month. First, what a great turnout for the trip to Pennsylvania for the Musto meeting. Charles and Lisa did a great job. It was good to meet the whole family. I am sure other columns in this newsletter will talk a lot about the trip and meeting, so I'll say we were very impressed and felt very welcome. Lisa did an incredible job leading us to the meeting place. Thanks, Charles and Lisa.

The second most important thing is Missouri. Everyone is looking forward to another good time. For those who are not going, Joanne will keep you posted on the NJORTC Facebook page. If you don't know where it is, check out the website for the link.

I am wishing everyone attending the Missouri convention a very safe trip. I am sure most of you have your Tbirds in good working condition. We will see everyone when we get back at the next meeting at the Adamoff's home.

Route 66 here we come.

Pat Le Strange



Have a "Bang Up" 4th





A few Words From Alec

Everything worked in our clubs favor for our trip to the Musto's meeting on the 21st. His 25 + TBirds either restored or awaiting restoration include some "F" Birds. Beautiful restorations.

The weather was perfect and there was light traffic coming and going. All in all, a perfect day topped off with a buffet .

Charles was the perfect host along with his wife Lisa and various members of his family

Alec.

June Meeting

Attendance was outstanding for the meeting held at the Musto's. The weather was excellent. There were seven Birds that made the 120 mile drive to his shop to see his collection (see page 5) and to the restaurant where the meeting was held. Some even drove the entire trip with their tops down. Many thanks to Lisa and Charles for the tour and for hosting the meeting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

We had two guests, Valery Kriney and Leslie Herman. They had submitted applications to join so we welcomed them into the NJORTC

Bill Downing reported on the status of the picnic in August. He is asking for high school pics of the members for a game and home baked cookies for the contest.

Lois reported that a CTCL board meeting and a general membership meeting will be held in Springfield that all CTCL members could attend.

Pat mentioned that the club was very close to winning the Ford-Johnson mileage award for attending CTCL events. The turnout at Springfield will determine the winners.

Pat mentioned that the Chatterbox cruise will be put off for a decision at the July meeting.

Next meeting July 26 at the Adamoff's.

New member Leslie won the 50/50.

Congratulations

We have heard that Paul L (LoPiccolo) won his 1st award (1st prize) for his 57



Vice President's Message

Weather: Absolutely beautiful, finally!!! Summer is officially here. It seems like it took forever. Get your little Bird out to cruise nights, car shows or just cruising around. The summer goes by too fast.

Looks like weather for Springfield is 79-81 degrees, sounds good to me. Next Sunday we will be starting our trip to Missouri.

Speaking of going to MO., there are 10 TBirds and 29 people going. I hope everyone who is attending, traveling either by plane or car, has a safe trip. I am sure we will have a good time.

On Saturday, we went to PA for our monthly meeting. It was hosted by Charles & Linda Musto. We toured his garages with all his TBirds. One had all his show cars, I don't know how many. They were all beautiful. Then we went to the second garage where he had all TBirds that were either going to be restored or purchased for parts. Up on the second floor there were all TBird parts-never saw so many parts. Whatever you need he has and plenty of it. I must say I was quite amazed. Thank you Lisa and Charles for sharing your amazing collection.

Before you know it our family picnic will be here. August 17th. Bill Downing is working hard to make it a filled day. If you have any ideas, give Bill a call. I will be sending around a sign up sheet at next months meeting to let us know what you will be making, such as salads, etc.

Congratulations to Ron and Merry Case. Ronnie decided it was time to bite the bullet and marry Merry on Thursday June 19th. Seriously I want to wish the happy couple years and years of happiness. See you soon

Arlene



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Frank Gloss/Mary Green 1st
Gene and Diane Szura 2nd
Mike & Theresa Perillo 27th



Julie Andriolo 11th
Frank Gloss 12th
Bob Notar 12th
Sandra Pyrros 16th
Paul Adamoff 16th
Pauline Schroll 17th
Charlie Costa 18th
Lorri Matrone 19th
Diane Szura 21st
Alec Johnstone 24th
Bill Downing 31st

Get Well Soon!

FOR SALE

1957 Tbird

"D" Bird, Maroon, 3 speed hardtop only
Call 973-831-7541. I have some
pics and can email them to you.

1957 TBird

No real info on this one , color is black. Call Gene
Szura for info

Congratulations

To Merry and Ron Case on their recent wedding

Always borrow money from a pessimist - he won't
expect it back

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**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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Tune Up Clinic

This day had everything going for it. It was bright with great sun, only a few clouds and mild temperatures. Rich had everything prepared so members could work or get work done on their cars. Five or six members took the opportunity to do so, some doing work in preparation for the trip to the CTCI Convention.

There were a lot of members who came to the clinic just to help out (Steve Handy helped me greatly in changing the carb and distributor on my 56). The help was greatly appreciated. In total, about 19 Early Birds came as well as a square and a retro bird. Rich's driveway was filled with them (see pic last month's newsletter. Lois had coffee and others brought bagels and other goodies for everyone to start the day. Lois and Rich have hosted the clinic for quite a few years and our gratitude goes out to them for doing so.



Club Events

July Meeting

This will be held at the Adamoff's home on Saturday, July 26th. As usual, RVSP them if you are going to attend or if not attending

Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for August 17 at Schooley's Mountain, 91 East Springfield Rd, Long Valley, NJ. 10 Am to 4 PM. This has always been a great time with a large turnout so don't miss it. Mark it down now so you don't forget. I'm sure Bill Downing will have some surprises for us. Bill has already asked for pictures of yourself around the time you graduated high school. Rumor has it he wants to set up a dart board, but that is just a rumor. And if you have a favorite recipe for cookies, get it out. There will be a cookie tasting contest. No wacky cookies please.

Bill says to bring the family as there will be activities for old and young.

New Members

At the June meeting we welcomed two new members



Valery Kriney-Valery lives in Wycoff and is the owner of a colonial white 56 Bird which she inherited from her Uncle who owned it for a long time. She also has a 2004 retro bird.



Leslie Herman - Leslie lives in Jersey City and is the proud owner of a 2002 yellow retro bird.

June Meeting



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

Car Shows-Swap Meets

July 2-5 CTCI Convention Springfield, MO.

July 13 River Edge-Continental Ave. at Memorial Pk.

July 13 Pompton Lakes 1 Perrin Ave, Elks Lodge 1895

Aug. 3 Whippany- 111 No. Jefferson Rd - Birchwood Manor (Two Kids Foundation)

Aug. 9 Budd Lake Vasa Park, Wolfe Rd.

I have flyers for most shows

For more shows go to

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, 140 Goffle Road

Wharton-Canal House 47 Kossuth Ave

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Fairfield-Taylor's Tap & Grille 335 Fairfield Rd.

Saddle Brook-Bennigan's 405 N. Midland Ave

Wednesday

Wycoff - Greenwood Ave

Clifton-The Hearth, 1146 Rte 46W

Thursday

Emerson-Kinderkermack Rd (Emer Shop Ctr)

Wayne-Kohl's, Rte 23 North

Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's & Wendy's)

Friday

Boonton-Wal-Mart Shopping Center Wooten

Saturday

Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St (Whiskey Cafe)

June Meeting Tour

As mentioned above, as part of the June meeting at the Musto's, we were given a tour of Charles' collection of early Birds. This collection consisted of a number of fully restored E and F Birds, at least two being 300 point cars with the others closely behind that magical number.

In addition, there were a number of rust free 57 Birds waiting restoration and a vast number of parts and parts cars, including a NOS 57 body still on its shipping skid.

The collection was almost unbelievable and you had to see it.

Thanks Charles for opening up your collection for us and spending the time to go over it.

For security reasons, we are unable to show any pictures.

Tech Tips

Flexible Brake Hoses

Another oldie, but I thought it might be worth repeating.

Flex hoses on our TBirds are made of two layer of rubber with internal braided cord between the layers for strength. The following is a list of conditions to determine if flex brake hose replacement is necessary

1. Cracks in the exterior covering
 2. Abrasions or cuts in the covering from rubbing against other components.
 3. When there is a clean area around the portion of the hose as it enters the fittings at either end. This usually caused by the weight of a component being suspended by the hose.
 4. If the hose is brittle and does not flex easily
 5. If the hose restricts flow in either direction.
 6. The lettering on the hose should be in a straight line. If twisted, the hose may have internal damage that is not readily noticeable (ply separation).
 7. Dampness or leaking of fluid around fittings.
 8. Swelling or blistering of the hose from fluid pressure.
 9. A broken outer cover that exposes braid to road debris and moisture. This usually occurs near and end fitting or mounting bracket.
- Some experts suggest replacing hoses every 3 to 5 years. Whenever an axle has more than one hose, both should be replaced at the same time if one has to be replaced because of internal damage.

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What you have to do to fit an AOD

Thanks to Wendy and Harriet for their contribution

Tune Up Clinic



The birds at the Tune Up Clinic included this Hummingbird looking for eats. Photo by Wendy



So a Rabbi, Priest and a Minister go into.....



Trivia Quiz

What car was first fitted with an alternator, rather than a generator?

The correct answer to last months trivia was 49 Chrysler and the winner was Joe Saville