

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



# The Thunder Heard

**January - February 2011**

**THE NEW YEAR IS HERE**

**2010/11 Meeting Schedule**

March 13	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
April	Alec Johnstone
May	Bill Pat Selby
June	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff

The March meeting will be on **March 13** at 2:00 PM and will be hosted by Lorraine and Al Cirinelli, 47 Lenox Rd, Rockaway, NJ 07866. RSVP 973-625-1001 or [cirinelli@qualitywarehouse.com](mailto:cirinelli@qualitywarehouse.com)

**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



I now have more mileage on my snow blower than on my TBird. Well, just think how great the Spring is going to feel, and believe it or not it is coming.

Our trip to Harold's was a real fun time. Walter did it again, he brought his 57 TBird. He said he will just do a body off cleaning when he gets home. Thanks to Vince for setting up the outing. I was sorry he was not able to attend but Kathy was there to make sure everything went well. Some people were amazed at the size of the portions. The desserts were really funny due to the size of them. I think we all took several days to finish our doggy bags.

We held the Annual Board Meeting, hosted by John and Sandra Pyrras. We went over several minor revisions for the by-laws. These will be refined and then brought to the membership for a vote. We also set up the 2011 activities schedule. As you know, we try to do something with the club each month. These will also be published in the newsletter. Some of them do not have a chairperson yet, so if anyone would like to take on the job, contact Joanne to see what ones are open. We defined the yearly awards requirements. Only the chairperson of functions will be eligible for the awards. Our finances were audited and all monies were accounted for.

We are also looking for new options for the Holiday party.

Please attend as many functions as you can as we always have a good time.

Don't forget the Sweetheart Brunch is in a few weeks. Call Lucille if you are coming to it. Friends and family are welcome to come too. It is a pay your own way event.

Thanks, Pat

PS: Cross your fingers that the ground hog does not see his shadow.





### A few words from Alec

In a recent article I wrote for our newsletter I complained about last winter and said we should pray for a milder winter this winter. Alas, our prayers have not been answered.

In the words of a life long Dodger fan (until they moved to la la land) "wait till next year". May as well relax and enjoy the snow!! Yeah, right. At this rate my little Bird won't be out of the garage till May. Happy shoveling.

Alec

### Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was a huge success. We had almost 100% attendance which was the best attended party ever. We want to thank everyone for coming and sincerely hope you all had a good time.

Please thank Arlene Kubat for all her hard work in bringing this party and us together. Job well done!! The food at the Brownstone was great, nice assortment, great hors d'oeuvres. My personal favorite was the mini sliders...yyyyuuuummm! Thank you Lois for putting together the lottery ticket frame. I hope Henry had some winners in there-congratulations to Henry Semmler for winning that nice prize. We can't forget our favorite DJ-Pat LeStrange....nice job, good music.

Because of the crowd, there wasn't a lot of room for dancing this year except for our president's and vice president's famous Chicken Dance....what a good time!

And we cannot forget our visit from everyone's favorite guy - Santa! Santa posed for pictures with all the ladies and the guys as he passed out gifts. Great idea on the luggage tags, they will come in handy. The calendars are beautiful-everyone's cars being shown throughout the year. Very nicely done. Thanks to Wendy and Mike for the hard work and for helping Santa out. Frank Chalaba, good work as always.

Its very nice to see the club coming together and enjoying each other's company, interests and friendship. I truly hope we continue to see this many people attending the meetings and functions through the coming year.

Stay well, stay warm, see you soon.

Joanne Seiler



### The Vice President's Message

It's a new year and the weather has been totally horrible. Too much SNOW!! Too COLD!! All I can say is ugh.

It seems like Christmas was so long ago, but I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

On a sad note, I want to express my sympathy to Lucille Chalaba on her loss of her sister, Bruce Corbett on the loss of his brother and Bob Notar on the loss of his father. I am truly sorry.

Dominick had knee surgery and I hear everything went well and is home recovering. Eva will take good care of him. I hope he is up and around soon. I hope Vince DeAndrea is feeling better soon.

Lucille and Franks Chabala's granddaughter (Jackie) was married in December. I wish the bride and groom good luck, health and happiness.

Now about our Christmas party -it was great. Food was excellent, our DJ was excellent (as always) and everyone seemed to have a good time. I sure hope so. The only problem we had was we did not have enough room. This was the first time we had 60 people at our party. We usually have 40-42 and that is what we reserved the room for. So I am sorry if any one was uncomfortable. I am so happy that we had such a great turnout. I hope it is like that every year. I was glad to see some of our older members (meaning years in the club) come out. I guess we are doing something right (it must be the chicken dance). Thanks to Eva for the beautiful center pieces and to Santa Claus (he just loves the women sitting on his lap). Thanks to Pat for the music and Joanne for helping with this years gift. Joanne and Pat designed the logo on the tags and Joanne also did the lollipops. I hope all enjoyed them. Thanks to Lois for putting together the lottery frame and to Paul A for the extra gifts and suggesting the Brownstone. Thanks to Wendy and Mike for putting together the 2011 calendar. I hope I remembered everyone.

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**Don't forget your club dues if you didn't go to the Holiday Party.**

# Membership News



Charlie & Izebela Costa Feb 8



Todd Salamon Jan 4  
 Joe Matrone Jan 22  
 Donna Jessie Jan 20  
 Merry Case Jan 29  
 Rich Martin Jan 30  
 Dorothy Guidone Feb 1  
 Eva Tucci Feb 6  
 Vince DeAndrea Feb 16



Dominick Tucci  
 Vince DeAndrea

**FOR SALE**

1957 and 2003 Tbirds. Both gunmetal gray. Will trade for Ford Edge, Escape or Expedition. Sherman or Abrams tank also a possibility. Mother/father forces trade. Call Alec

### Milestones

Condolences to Lucille Chalaba on the passing of her sister  
 Condolences to Bruce Corbett on the passing of his brother

Next Year - Richmond, Va, June 15-19 and Omaha, Nebraska August 24-28. It has been mentioned that rooms for Richmond, like in Dayton, are going to be tight, so make your reservation now. They can always be canceled if you decide not to go at a later date.

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## Holiday Party



The two chickens and their offspring?



**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 [pts1231@aol.com](mailto:pts1231@aol.com)**



## Club events

### Sweetheart Brunch

Our annual Sweetheart Brunch is scheduled for February 13th at the Bethwood, 37 Lackawanna Ave, Totowa. 11:30 seating. The cost is 37.50 per person, all inclusive. Get your check (payable to NJORTC) into Frank Chabala ASAP or by Feb. 4 so we can plan the seating. We always have a good time, and the mimosa's are very good. Take your sweetheart out to brunch.

### The Vice President's Message (Continued)

Joe and I went to see Pat's Christmas show of lights. It was fantastic. If you didn't drive past his house, you missed a great music and light show. Santa also walking back and forth and eating cookies in his front window. GREAT job Pat.

I was glad to see so many of you at the meeting and at Harold's Deli. Soooo much food. It was good to get out and talk to a great bunch of people.

See you at the Sweetheart Brunch February 13th at 11:30.

Arlene







## More Holiday Party



Six more weeks of winter?

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.



## Cruise Nights

### CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Feb – Atlantic City Auction

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



February is Nat'l Chocolate Month - so enjoy



## Still More Holiday Party



## Tech Tips

### Power Steering Fluid

The power steering systems for the early TBirds were designed to run on Type A transmission fluid. Since Type A is no longer available, some TBird owners and their mechanics have used power steering fluids in their TBird steering system. Power steering fluid will work, but by using regular power steering fluid your system is subject to developing leaks. This is due to the fact that power steering fluid is "thinner" than Type A trans fluid. The "thinner" fluid is able to leak out of the seals, central valve and cylinder. The solution to this problem is to once again use trans fluid in the steering system. Type F or FA trans fluid is available and is an acceptable substitute.

What should be done if an owner has been using standard power steering fluid? To insure the power steering system has not been damaged or compromised, the system should be drained completely, inspected and refilled using the above recommended trans fluids. Since draining the system completely introduces air into the system which can render your system inoperable if not removed completely, this complete change in fluid should only be done by a qualified mechanic. This is not a job for the typical do-it-yourselfer. Make sure you know your own mechanical limitations.

As an alternative to complete replacement, the less preferable option is to start using the recommended fluids as you need them. Remove as much of the power steering fluid as possible from the reservoir and replace it with the appropriate trans fluid. As you run low on fluid, continue to add trans fluid. Power steering fluid can be mixed with trans fluid. Eventually you will wind up with just trans fluid which may stop any leaks caused by the power steering fluid. The fluid change over will not fix any leaks caused from old, hard seals, worn out pumps and other problems associated with an aging system. If your TBird has a new power steering system, yet you have leaks, this tip may solve your problems.

Adapted from the EARLY BIRD, March April 1998



February is also Nat'l Grapefruit Month—drink healthy





## Still More Holiday Party



Should it be "Will talk to anyone????"



Lottery Board - any winners Henry?

Some people are like "Slinkies" - not really good for anything, but you can't help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.



## January/February Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Nick and Adrienne Malanga with Sue Gaeta. It was a great day for the meeting, but the 15 degree day was pretty brutal. Even though it was cold, Walter brought out his 57 (TBirds have heaters, don't you know?) The food and company was excellent. Sue sponsored a "hostess prize" which was raffled off. The winner was Mr. Lucky, Alec. Thanks to Nick, Adrienne and Sue for the great time.

### Highlights of the Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the treasurer's report.

Pat reminded the officers and directors that the annual meeting for the board members and trustees is to be held January 30- at the Pyrros' home.

Pat thanked Dorothy and Phil Guidone for organizing the fall cruise. Phil asked if we would like to organize one for this year. The members unanimously agreed to have Phil do it again this year.

The Holiday party was discussed and all agreed it was great. Thanks were given to those who contributed to its success. Discussion were held regarding the 2011 party, especially finding a location that had a larger room. A number of locations were mentioned.

Rich Martin reminded the group to get there reservations in for Virginia and Omaha.. The San Diego convention previously discussed is not going to happen.

John P passed out the yearly awards and the membership pins.

Joanne mentioned she is organizing a bowling event to raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Relay for Life. Details will be announced at a later date. Venue will be the Rockaway Lanes.

The Sweetheart Brunch is scheduled for 2/13. 37.50 per person. Contact Lucille by 2/4.

The next meeting is being hosted by the Cirinillis. Date and time to be announced later (now 3/13-ed).



Remember - February 14th



## From the Past

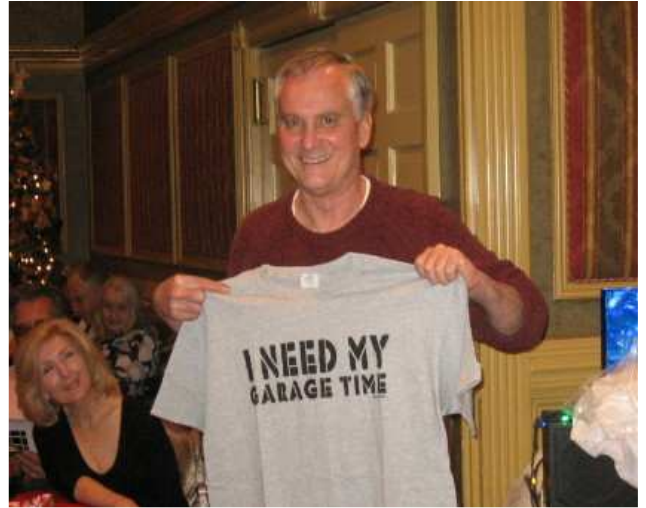


**2003- CTCI Regional "Cruzin the Catskills".**  
 While hosted by the local TBird club, NJORTC ran the Concours. Vince was the Concours Chairman, Rich the Chief Judge and Wendy and Lois worked the score room. NJORTC had about 15 member families attending. As shown in the photos, NJORTC did very well in the awards department. The convention had a couple of great driving tours.

The hotel was the Friar Tuck Inn, a very old all inclusive resort and the rooms showed it's age.  
 Lois Martin, story, Lucille Chabala pictures

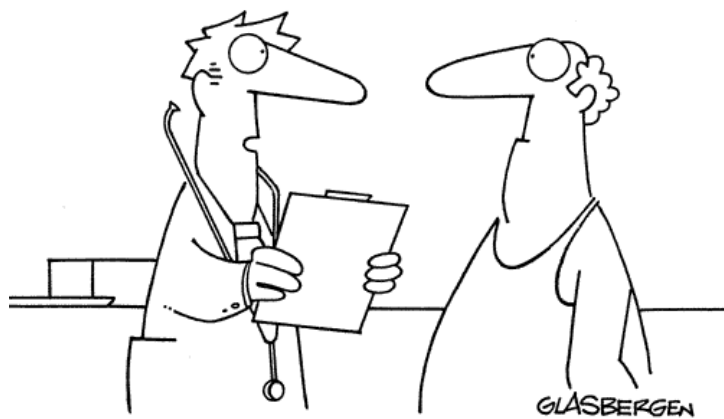


Presidents Day, Feb 21st



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**“The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine.”**