

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

November 2012

Happy Thanksgiving

2012/2013 Meeting Schedule

November 17	Mike & Wendy Meehan
December 1	Holiday Party
Jan/Feb	Bob & Shelly Belli
March	Frank & Lucille Chabala
April	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
May	Bill & Dot Hyde
June	Bob & Joan Notar
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
August	Picnic
September	Joe & Lori Matrone
October	Todd & Mara Solamon
November	Walter Strohmaier
December	Holiday party

The November meeting will be on Nov. 17th at 6PM and will be hosted by Wendy & Mike Meehan 48 Mackenzie Rd, Convent Station, NJ 07961. RSVP 973-267-2958 or wendymeehan@verizon.net See "Club Events" for meeting 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



We are closing in on the last meetings of the year. Keep up the good attendance, we are getting good turnouts to all our events. Thank you.

The dance seemed to go over incredibility well. I tried to see and talk to everyone who was there and they all were having a great time. We have already received inquiries about doing it again next year. We had 161 paid admissions, a little short of what we were shooting for, but still a lot of people. We had help from all members in many different ways. We didn't make a million dollars but we did ok. Most of all we were there for an evening of fun and I'm sure we did that. By the way, you all looked good in your fifties outfits, you set the tone for the night.

I was told the Fall Colors Cruise went very good too. Sorry Joanne and I could not attend as Joanne had a death in her family. I had stopped at the starting point and saw a lot of TBirds. Phil told me there were 38 members there. Thank You again Dorothy and Phil for a great job.

Now we will be getting ready for the Holiday party. Please let Arlene know about your plans to attend.

See you at the next meeting..

Pat LeStrange.

November



THANKSGIVING



A few Words From Alec

Let me start off by saying I hope everyone came thru the hurricane (Sandy). I was in Fla. visiting my son where I went thru the storm when it hit Fla. - not as bad where my son lives as it was up here.

I was delayed getting home as the flights out of Fla. to NJ were canceled. The power came back on where I live a couple of hours before I got home on Thursday evening, so I was in on the beginning and end of Sandy.

By the time you read this I hope everything is back to normal.

Happy Motoring

Alec

October Meeting

The Oct. meeting was hosted by Gene & Diane Suzura. A gray, cloudy day prior to Hurricane Sandy brought out only 2 Birds, but the meeting itself was very well attended. It was held at an Italian restaurant and the food was delicious. Thanks to Gene and Diane for hosting.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Joanne reported on the 50's Dance. A small profit was made. We received a lot of positive comments, very few negative. Excess food was donated to Eva's Food pantry.

The October meeting is for any election of officers. This year the offices of Treasurer and Vice President were up for election. Frank Chabala and Arlene Kubat, respectively, were in nomination. Since they were unopposed, the Secretary, Sandra Pyrros, was authorized to cast the vote for election of both. The vote was cast.

The Holiday party was discussed. After many comments, it was decided to forego the ladies presents, hold the grab bag gifts to \$25 max and to charge members \$50 each for the dinner, with credit toward dues per prior years.

Lois reported that the Des Moines, Iowa convention has been sanctioned. Date is 8/21-25.

Pat thanked Dorothy, Phil and their daughters for very successful Fall Cruise.

Next meeting is Nov 17th. See page 1 for time and location.



Vice President's Message

Weather: The days that are rainy, which have been many this Fall, have been real nasty. The other days of Fall have been real nice, sunny, beautiful. The trees are turning beautiful Fall colors. Now with that said keep your TBirds on the road until the weather turns for the worst - Winter, UGH!!!!

Frank had the surgery on his hip and is doing ok. We wish him a speedy recovery. Eva is still having a rough time of things, but as we all know Eva is a fighter. Keep up the fight. She came to the 50's dance and the Fall cruise and enjoyed both. We are always glad to see her.

Our prayers are with Joanne and her daughter, Tiffany, for the loss of Joanne's ex husband and Tiffany's Dad.

I want to say thank you to Joanne and Pat for running the 50's Dance. You guys did a GREAT job. They thought of everything. I also want to thank all our club members who helped decorate, work the kitchen, serve the food and made the root beer floats. When we have a job to be done, we all pitch in to help. Also thank you Tiffany for all your help. I hope we can make this a yearly event. Joe (Elvis?) and I had a great time. I have to admit that my favorite 50's outfits were Don & Dorothy Dobres'. Dorothy came in her original prom dress (yes I said original and it fit her perfectly like I am sure it did on her prom night) and Don had a white tux jacket with black slacks. You guys looked great.

On October 14th we went on our Fall Cruise. Once again Dorothy and Phil did an outstanding job. I do not know how they find these places, but they do. We got a little lost getting to the restaurant in Kinnelon, but we made it through. On our way we stopped at a pumpkin farm. Some of us bought pumpkins, apple cider, apple pies and plants. I think we had about 19 cars on the cruise. We were getting thumbs up on all the beautiful TBirds and some other antique cars on the cruise. Thanks Phil, Dorothy and your two daughters for doing a great job. We also had a visit from Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf. The wolf kept running after Little Red Riding Hood, but could not catch her!!!

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Membership News

Anniversary

Al & Lorriane Cirinelli 2nd
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th
 Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th
 Charles & Linda Musto 16th
 Dominick & Eva Tucci 20th



Linda Herb 1st
 Phil Guidone 4th
 Izabela Costa 14th
 Aileen Corbett 23rd



Frank Chabala
 Eva Tucci

FOR SALE

Console

For Tbird, red vinyl. Holds 2 drinks and has storage. Contact editor for pic. Fits on seat. Contact Al Cirinelli

Misc TBird Parts

Many used and some new TBird parts. Body trim and weather stripping, heater box (new), heater radiator, 6 volt battery. Contact Paul Adamoff

Wanted

1956 or 57 soft top. . Have port hole hardtop for trade. Ralph Voorhees 732-266-4541

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Condolences

To Frank Chabala on the passing of his brother

SANDY

I hope everyone made it through the storm ok with no or minimal damage. We had no power for 4 days and it got cold.

October Meeting



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. ptschroll@aol.com

Club Events

November Meeting

Please note that the November meeting, hosted by the Meehans, is on a Saturday at 6PM

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party is on December 1st. Location is the San Carlo Catering, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ. Start time is 5PM. Price is \$50 per person. As in the past, one half of the amount will be a credit toward dues (\$25 per single, \$50 per couple). Contact Arlene if you are going and send your money to Frank Chabala. See Arlene's column for additional details. This has always been a fun time so lets see you there. Lets see if the chicken can still do his dance.

Boo-boo

In last months newsletter, I neglected to mention that our new member Carol Ehm also owned a 67 Camaro



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

Some of these may have closed for the season

Tuesday

Clifton, Ruts Hut

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Saturday

Clifton - The Hearth Restaurant-1116 Rte 46 West
11:30 Am

Like Cruising? How about an ocean cruise? In February '13 there is an ocean cruise with old cars as the theme. It's the Classic Car Cruise. See info at <http://www.classiccarcruise.com>

50's Dance

The 50's dance was a great success. There was about 160 people. The DJ was very good and played the right kind of music at a level that you could even talk with others. The Market Basket, who catered the dance, provided delicious food, and plenty of it. We had so much left over that we donated it to a local food pantry.

Pat and Joanne had all the right stuff - including hoola hoops, bubble gum. Our own Lucille blew the biggest bubble in that contest while Merry Case was runner up in the Hula Hoop contest.

One of the highlights was the hand made root beer floats, truly a 50's drink. Talk about calories - whew!!

Many came dressed in 50's garb - however the best was the Dobres - Don came in a white jacket and Dorothy in her original senior prom gown. And Pat in his white and black outfit. Elvis was there, only he took on the persona of Joe Kubat.

Many of the members contributed their time and talents in setting up and removing the decorations, (many of which Pat supplied) as well as putting out and serving the food. Truly an event that many of the members participated in.



Bubble Gum Contest

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

Car Shows-Swap Meets

I don't know of any shows/swap meets scheduled.

For more shows go to

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
www.newjerseycarshows.com (reactivated)



How's that for an amateur?

Vice President's Message (cont'd)

Now that the dance and cruise are over, it's time to get ready for our Christmas party, December 1st (Saturday) at 5PM at the San Carlo Catering Hall, Lyndhurst, NJ. The cost per person/couple will remain the same as it has been in the past. It is \$100 per couple - half that amount (\$50) will pay for 2015 dues. Per person (\$50) half that amount (\$25) will go toward the 2013 dues. Payment should be made to Frank Chabala by Nov. 17th, which is also our last meeting before the Christmas party. If you plan to attend, please let me know. There will be a grab bag, \$25 max per gift. Bring a gift, get a gift. The club decided that club calendars will be the gift from the club this year for both men and ladies. It was decided that ladies gifts are not necessary (sorry ladies). I hope we have as good a turn out of members as we have had the last two years. To our new members, I hope you decide to come as it is a lot of fun.

We had our monthly meeting and to our surprise Frank Chabala was able to attend. He had his second hip replacement 4 weeks ago. He looks great. We were all glad to see him. Keep up the good work

Arlene

I want to thank Sheryl and Paul Adamoff, Bob Notar and Sandra Pyrros for contributing pictures for this issue
Editor.

Fall Cruise

Phil & Dorothy, with their daughters Kim and Jennifer, put together another great cruise. It started out at Schooley's Mountain and ended in Kinnelon at a very nice restaurant. In between, the cars traveled the back roads of NJ going through some of the quaint towns located off the beaten track.

A stop mid cruise at a local farm gave a chance to peruse and buy various fall products including pumpkins and apple cider as well as a chance for a hay ride. It even had a small petting zoo. The Smoke Rise Inn was very nice and served very delicious food.

No witches this year, but Little Red Riding Hood rushed in followed by the Big Bad Wolf. After a brief chase, she was saved by the friendly woodsman (Dominick). NJORTC to the rescue. Phil had drawings for gifts and a special gift was given to Rich and Lois Martin for all their hard work with CTCI and NJORTC.

39 Club members attended and 13 TBirds drove the colorful countryside on a sunny Sunday. It was great to see the line of TBirds traveling down the road.

The nice sunny day started out a little on the crisp side, but by the time we stopped to eat the weather was super. Ron Case made the whole trip with his top down.

Many thanks to Phil, Dorothy and their daughters for a great time.



Mini Car Show

Some NJORTC members, with members of the Meadowlands St. Rods and others, put on a mini car show for the benefit of the clients of the West Bergen Mental Healthcare facility. This is the fourth year NJORTC members participated in putting this on. The clients enjoyed the show.



50's Dance



50/50 Drawing



Another Elvis sighting

Trivia Quiz

Besides Paul, what other Beatle was left handed?

First person with the correct answer wins a prize.

Last month's trivia quiz was answered correctly by
Lorri Matrone



What's better than a 50's car at a 50's dance



November 6th



November 11th

At 57 miles per hour a lightning bug that is splattered on a windshield after dark will continue to glow for 4.3 miles



Tech Tips Miscellany

Do you have some tight screws? Before you screw up the threads, put some valve grinding compound on the tip of the screwdriver. This will help the screwdriver to hold that tight screw and will not slip out of the slot. This will work well for either straight or Phillips screws.

Have an awful time with silicone sealant tubes getting plugged up? Next time you are through with the tube, squeeze some out so that it sticks up. Then put on the tapered top (use a spare one that does not have the end cut off. Then, when you need the silicone again, take off the top and there will be some sticking up. Simply pull this out of the tube, and the soft silicone is available to squeeze out.

Pretty messy are we? When pouring liquids from jugs such as an anti-freeze bottle, do it "bass-ackward". Have the spout at the top (highest point) as you tilt the jug over the hole. This gives you much more control over the liquid as it comes out of the jug. It will not "glug-glug" and splash everywhere, as air can get in to replace the liquid coming out. It is much easier to aim and get every drop into the fill hole.

From the Early Bird



Mini Show



Oct Meeting