



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

December 2017

2017/18 Meeting Schedule

December 2	Holiday Party
Jan-Feb	
February 18	Sweetheart Brunch
March 18	Harold's
March	Frank Gloss
April	Donna & Bill Jessie
April	Spring Cruise
April	50/60's Dance
May	Tune Up Clinic
May	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
June	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Valerie Kriney

Note- 2018 Locations Tentative

No December meeting. The holiday party is instead

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



Joanne and I wish everyone a healthy and happy Holiday season. I hope everyone has had a good thanksgiving. The year is flying by and the Christmas season will be in full swing.

If this newsletter is out before the Holiday Party, it will be a lot of fun and full of surprises. It is in a new location in Orange at Bella Italia.

I am not sure if my 40000 light display will be completed as the weather and some personal issues have slowed me down, but I am shooting for 39999. I am looking forward to seeing most of you over the holidays.

Congratulations go out to Joanne Seiler for her election to her 2nd term as CTCI Region 1 Director., Good work Joanne.

2017 was quite a year. We hit the highs with the convention and some sad lows with the passing of friend and member John Bolger as well as the loss of several member's family loved ones.

2018 is looking like and exciting year with a lot of events planned, and it should be a little more relaxed as the Convention is behind us. Looking forward to the Knoxville Convention hosted by our friend in the Smoky Mountain Club

I'll keep this short as I know everyone needs to get out shopping.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all
God Bless

Pat Le Strange



October Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Bill and Dot Hyde.

Dot was recuperating, so Martha was her surrogate. It was a nice Autumn day and three birds made the flight- it appears that the rest were all snuggled in their nests for a long winter's nap. Perhaps dreaming of a new camshaft or upholstery. The meeting was well attended. We did have two guests, Jere and Rocco, one of which joined the club. The food was good and the company better. Thanks to Dot (Martha) and Bill for hosting. .

Highlights of the Business meeting

The prior meetings minutes were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

We had two guests, Jere Klein and Rocco Notarfrancesco. Jere joined NJORTC.

Joanne made note of the CTCI board meeting in CA on 1/12/18. Any items you would like Joanne to bring up should be submitted to her before that. She also mentioned that CTCI is now in charge of the dealers invoices for the 55-57 Birds. Paul S mentioned that 55's are scarce but 56's and 57's are mostly available.

Arlene updated us on the Christmas party.

New club jackets were brought up. Joanne said she is working in getting estimates.

Pat asked for a volunteer to write articles for the Early Bird magazine now that Bill has retired.

The 50's/60's dance, scheduled for April, was discussed.

Lucille and Sandra volunteered to chair the Sweetheart Brunch and Harold's respectively. Carol volunteered to chair the Spring Cruise. See the meeting schedule above for the dates for the brunch and Harold's.

Pat & Joanne invited the club members to the Christmas light display at their home. Date 12/8 and 12/9.

Joanne asked for confirmation by the hosts for their dates for their meetings.

Date of next meeting still to be determined.



Vice President's Message

Well it's time to write another article for our monthly newsletter , I swear these months go by so quickly.

It was good seeing Alex Johnstone attend our last meeting. He is feeling better. Keep up the good work Alex. Dot Hyde is home from the hospital. She is feeling better everyday. Glad all went well with her. Rich Martin broke a bone in his hand when he had an accident a few weeks back racing his car at the track. He totaled his car. He could have gotten seriously injured. Thank god he did not.

On a good note, Ray and Jayne Braun welcomed a new grandchild, a beautiful baby boy-Raymond John III. He came into this world weighing 8lbs. 3oz. 20 inches long. He is doing good and so is the new mommy. Congratulations to the Braun family.

Now it's time to talk about the Christmas Party to be held Saturday, December 2nd at 5:30 at the Bella Italia Resturant, 535 Central Avenue, Orange, NJ. This is a new place for us this year. As of now we have 64 people attending, one of our biggest parties. Price is \$32.50 each. Plus we are paying dues for 2018 for members in good standing. Any new members who joined our club after the convention will have to pay \$50.00 for dues for 2018. We will be having a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. The word from the North Pole is that they are very excited to come to our party. Music from our own DJ Pat. As in the past years we will have a grab bag \$25.00 gift for a lady and \$25.00 for a man. Bring a gift get a gift. Please bring an unwrapped gift for toys for tots. If it works out, we will have a Marine pick up the gifts. As usual we pray for good food and we already know good people.

By the time the newsletter comes out Thanksgiving will be over. I hope that everyone had plenty of turkey, trimmings and desserts. Let us all be Thankful for what we have. Hope everyone had a great day.

Now the holiday season is here. See you at the Christmas party.

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

No anniversaries in December



Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Sabino 4th
Charlie Ehm 10th
Paul Schroll 15th
Carol Ehm 19th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Parillo 21st
Lois Martin 21st

GET WELL
SON!

Dot Hyde

Ray Braun

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

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 Hanukkah



Begins December 12th

Club Announcements

December Meeting

The Christmas party is the December meeting.

Holiday Party

The date is December 2nd (Saturday) at the Bella Italia, 535 Central Ave. Orange. Arlene is the chair, so contact her if you are going and send the check to her. Cost is 32.50 per person. There will be a Toys for Tots collection. Toys should not be wrapped. Meal includes beer, wine and soda. There will be a cash bar. It's late, but maybe Arlene can get you in.

Pat & Joanne's Christmas Light Display

Pat & Joanne had invited the club to their light display, being held on Dec 8th and 9th.

January/February Meeting

Date, time and place have not been finalized

Sweet Heart Brunch

Lucille is the chair for this function in February. Date is 2/18. Keep this date open for another great brunch at the Bethwood

Harold's Deli

Plans are being made for our annual trip to Harold's in Edison. The date is March 18TH
Sandy Pyrros has volunteered as chair.
Another date to keep open for some of those great pastrami sandwiches.

Director's Meeting

In January the Directors have their meeting to discuss and set events and other matters for the coming year. Members can attend but voting is for the Directors only. If you have suggestions for activities or other matters, put them in writing and give to one of the directors so they can be discussed or attend the meeting to put forward your suggestions. Additional information when it is scheduled.

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

New Member



Jere Klein

Jere and wife Linda hail from Greenville, NY. They have a buckskin tan 56. Welcome Jere and Linda

November Meeting



Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Clifton- Hearth Rest, Rte 23 11AM

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

Convention Pics



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.

FOR SALE

1957 TBIRD

292 with 4 bbl carb. 3 speed. Hardtop only. Maroon with black interior. Original color red with red interior. Has bucket seats, factory seat also included. Rust free. Located in northern New Jersey. Asking \$25,500 Call Jeanette Pegg, 973-831-7541

1969 Ford Galaxie

Convertible. 302 2V, automatic. New fuel tank and pump. Needs restoration. 70's mileage. Asking \$5,100. Call Jeanette Pegg, 973-831-7541

1957 Thunderbird

E Model. power steering, brakes, windows and seats (dial-o-matic). Engine rebuilt 2 yrs ago. New wheel and master cylinders. Data plated inca gold, color is a yellow variation. Black hard top, black & white interior. Asking \$32,500. Call Frank Stubbs, 425-228-1012 (I have pictures - editor)

Tires

4 Pirelli run flats, 200 miles P245/40R18. \$500. Off a Caddy. Call Don, 201-522-4702

2003 Thunderbird

Black exterior and interior. 5 speed automatic. 28,000 miles . Hard and soft top. \$ 15,000 contact Valerie at email: ofcadm@aol.com (note - this is not Valerie Kriney's TBird-I have pictures-editor)

1955-56 Ignition Parts

Three caps, two points sets and a condenser for sale for a 55 and 56. All new. All for 32.00 Two sets of inner and outer wheel bearings for a 55-57 Thunderbird. All new 35.00 Gas filler door hinge 55-56- very good condition, OEM piece with springs 30.00 Make offer Paul, 201-652-7027

Stuff that You Didn't Know You Didn't Know

Men can read smaller print than woman;
woman can hear better

November Meeting



Tech Tips

Storage Tips

Here are two things for you to consider during the winter or long term storage

Breathable Barrier

You can quickly fashion a simple barrier to allow the top two inches of your windows to remain open for restricted ventilation yet provide reasonably effective protection for your car.

Simply roll up a length of rabbit wire into a tube shape, approximately two to three inches in diameter. Curl back any sharp barbs on one end. Then measure and cut the other end to fit snugly across the top of your windows.

A bit of "bending the wire fabric to fit" will be required-you don't want to crimp the windlace on your top. Do NOT roll your windows up too snugly. Be sure all wire barbs have been bent back with needle nosed pliers to avoid damaging cloth and bright metal surfaces.

No place some clean rags or old socks around each end to further prevent scratching. Then roll some old towels or other cloth around the wire tubes. Some additional towel material can be used to close any space remaining open at the back edge of the window.

Now roll the window up against the breathable tube shaped barriers. This "quick fix" is effective for both soft and hard tops and is very inexpensive/ You can even insert a few moth balls or dryer sheets inside the wire tubes for extra protection.

Steering Column Collar

An item you may want to add to your list in prepping your Tbird for winter storage is to make sure to fully loosen the steering adjusting collar. Spray a bit of oil around the collar and slide the column several times. Be sure to lay some plastic on the floor to catch any drips.

As a lot of us know, these collars and columns seize from lack of use and they can be tough to loosen if they do.

You know you are living in 2017

You get up in the morning go online before getting your coffee



REMEMBER

Pearl Harbor Day December 7, 1941



December is the Winter Solstice
The days start getting longer. Winter starts



NJORTC Annual

Christmas Holiday Party

Saturday December 2, 2017

Cocktails 5:30PM Dinner 6:30PM

Bella Italia Ristorante

535 Central Ave; Orange, NJ 07050

www.bellaitaliarestaurantnj.com

\$65 per couple / \$32.50 per person

Music & dancing with our own DJ ~ Pat LeStrange

IF you wish to participate...

1} Bring a \$25 wrapped gift marked MALE, or FEMALE,
for our bring a gift ~ get a gift ~exchange.

2} Bring an *UNWRAPPED* gift for *TOY'S FOR TOTS*.
A US Marine will be joining us for dinner

