



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

November 2013

Happy Thanksgiving

2013/14 Meeting Schedule

November 10	Walter Strohmaier
December 7	Holiday party
Jan /Feb	Ron & Merry case
March	John & Sandra Bolger
April	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
May	Bill & Donna Jessie
June	Charles & Lisa Musto
July	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
August	Picnic
September	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
October	Bill & Pat Selby
November	Alec Johnstone
December	Holiday party

The November meeting will be on the 10th at 3 PM and will be hosted by Walter Strohmaier. See Page 4 for location.

RSVP 973-887-7726 or
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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



Fall is in full swing and members are still getting the Birds out. We have had several great, well attended events.

Our 50's dance was a big hit again. Food, music and fun were in abundance. Everyone really had a blast returning to the Fabulous 50's. Thanks to all who helped.

Then we had the Memphis Movie Drive In at my house. The movie was our trip to the Memphis convention last year and was a little over two hours long. I was pleased to hear several members say it went too fast and could not believe it was that long. Thank you to all who attended and brought goodies. I hope we can make this an annual event with regular movies.

Next was our October meeting, again very well attended. Thank you Frank and Lucille for hosting.

We finished out October events with an incredible Fall Color Cruise to Millrace Pond Inn, put together by Phil and Dorothy with the help of their daughter Kim. About 20 vehicles, mostly little Birds with over 40 members.

If you want to see the fun we had, go to the web site's members only page and click on the pictures to see a slide show with music playing in the background.

I have made copies of the "Memphis Movie" on DVD which I am selling for \$10 each to offset the expenses. I am not making any profit from the sales and once I cover the initial cost I will donate the extra monies back to the club.

I would like to thank the members for reelecting me (actually unapposed) to the great honor of being the club's President. Congratulations to Lois Martin on her reelection as CTCI Representative.

I hope to see you all at the November meeting and Christmas party in December

I love this club

Pat LeStrange.

P.S The LeStrange Ford Rd. Christmas Spectacular is coming together. make plans to stop by between Thanksgiving and New Years and our open house party around the second week in December. Watch your email for Joanne's invitation





A few Words From Alec

Well, its here, time to put the Bird away for the Winter (hopefully a mild one) and dream of the coming of Spring and warm days cruising with the top down.

We had a great time in San Jose at the convention and then going to Hot August Nights in Reno. That's one event that everybody that enjoys old cars should attend at least once.

Another 2 events were a high point of the past summer were our club picnic and our Fall Color Cruise and brunch. Looking forward to next years events

Till then, stay Well, Alec

October Meeting

Frank & Lucille Chabala were the hosts for the June meeting. A nice sunny day brought out a large number of members and cars. Many thanks to Lucille and Frank for hosting a great meeting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were given and accepted.

Joanne reported on the 50's dance. There were 107 tickets sold. We made a profit on the dance. Arlene thanked Pat and Joanne for running the dance. We had leftover supplies that can be used next year. Joanne opined that maybe we should make next year's dance in January rather than in Sept. to increase ticket sales.

Arlene reported on the Holiday party

Joanne mentioned that club tee shirts are available in many colors. She mentioned that we are out of patches. The club voted to order new ones.

The October meeting is the month that elections are to take place. The offices of President and CTCI Rep were up. Since Pat and Lois ran without opposition, the Secretary cast her vote to elect both of them per the bylaws.

Tony reported on the club calendars. The price was set by vote at \$12 each if purchased (each member gets one free copy).

Next meeting was set for Nov 10th at Delizia's.



Vice President's Message

Well, its that time of year where the weather is changing and its time to put the heat on and get ready for the long winter. On a good note, the weather has been nice enough so far that we do not have to put our little Birds to sleep yet so while you can get out do so and enjoy your ride.

DO NOT FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK THIS WEEKEND.

As a club we have had a busy fall. First the 50's dance which was great and then we went to Pat and Joanne's for the Memphis Drive in movie. Pat did a great job putting the movie together with great pictures and perfect music. Joanne took over a thousand pictures. Watching the movie brought back great memories of the Memphis trip. Thank you for serving good food, drinks, cracker jacks (we had plenty of them) and especially delicious popcorn. Our final event was the Fall Cruise - first meeting at Schooley's Mtn. What a fantastic sight watching our caravan go down the road. We went to Donaldson's Farm where we had special parking. Many people came to look at the cars. I never saw so many huge pumpkins. Once again, Joanne was taking a lot of pictures which she put on our website and facebook. After we bought pies, pumpkins and cider we drove off to The INN at Millrace Pond in Hope, NJ. The restaurant was very nice, great food and of course entertainment by Jiminy Cricket and the Blue Fairy from Pinocchio aka Phil and Dorothy. They were great. Thank you Dorothy, Phil and their daughter Kim.

Time for me to get stated on the Christmas party. See Club Events and Page 10 for particulars. Also collecting Toys For Tots (unwrapped gift).

To Henry Semmler who just had shoulder surgery - I hope all went well and here's to a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Frank & Lucille on the wedding of their second granddaughter which was held in Nashville last weekend.

See you on Nov 10th at our meeting. Hope everyone had a fun filled Halloween
Arlene

I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

Membership News

Anniversary

Al & Lorriane Cirinelli 2nd

Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th

Paul & Sheryl Adamoff

Charles & Lisa Musto 16th

Carol & Charles Ehm 8th

Jan & Joe Seville 26th



Phil Guidone 4th

Izabela Costa 14th

Henry Semmler 19th

Aileen Corbett 23rd



Henry Semmler

FOR SALE

1983Thunderbird

Heritage model. 5.0. One owner, 52k, digital dash,
PS, PB,PW PDL Grey interior Always garage kept.
\$2,500 or offer. Call Dave, 201-248-9896



Veteran's day Nov 11th

CTCI Int'l Convention 2014

All the convention info is now on the CTCI web site
(www.ctci.org). Registration and room
reservations can be made through the site. Limited
rooms, so register early

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Starts Nov 27th

October Meeting



Doesn't he ever stop?



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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Club Events

November Meeting

Walter Strohmaier will be our host. Date 11/10. Location will be at Delizia's Pizza Kitchen in Boonton, NJ, 308 Wootten Street in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center. 3 PM, remember to RSVP Walter either way.

Holiday Party

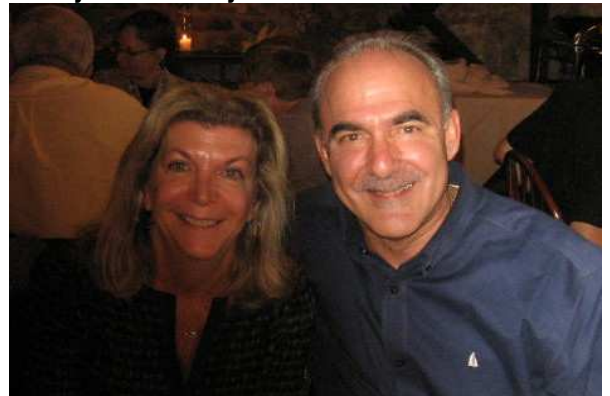
December 7th. San Carlo Catering, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst. Price is \$50 per person. Start time 5PM. As in the past, one half of the amount will be credited toward your next years dues (\$25 per single, \$50 per couple). Contact Arlene if you are going. Frank gets the check although Arlene will be collecting at the November meeting. The chicken man has mentioned that he may not be there, but I bet his ego will not let that happen. Santa, grab bag, lottery ticket raffle and other gifts. For the grab bag, \$25 gift, buy a gift, get a gift. Also collecting toys for Toys for Tots.

Memphis Movie

The movie of the Memphis Convention has been completed by Pat. The DVD is available from Pat.

January Meeting

As you know, the next (December) meeting is actually the Holiday party. The meeting after that will be in either January or February as we allow for bad weather. .



Our newest members, Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo. They live in Brooklyn, NY . Paul has a 57, Gun Metal gray.



Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Saturday

Clifton-The Hearth, Rte 46. 11AM to 3 PM. Till
third week in December

Fall Foliage Cruise



Coffee and Cider - Nice way to start



Trivia Quiz

What car was reportedly designed on the back of a
Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and released on
April Fool's Day, 1970

Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Lorri
Matrone, answer was Packard.

Car Shows-Swap Meets

11/3 Riegelsville,PA Swap & Show

For more shows go to

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

www.newjerseycarshows.com

www.njortc.org

Fall Foliage Cruise



Doughnuts too



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

Fall Foliage Cruise

This has to be one of the best and biggest. We had 46 attending and 16 Tbirds. Dominick came in his boat of a Cadillac. The day was sunny with a mild breeze and a cool temperature - a nice brisk Autumn day.

Phil, Dorothy and daughter Kim had coffee and doughnuts ready. We met at Schooley Mtn where we have our picnic.

Promptly at eleven we all lined up to start the cruise. We went through some of the back roads of New Jersey - a long line of early and later Tbirds. It seemed that most places we went the other motorists stopped and let us go by.

Our first stop was at Donaldson Farms. There we could avail ourselves of hay rides, the petting zoo, a horse ride, corn field maze, flowers and a great store of many goodies - pies, doughnuts, fruits, etc. I just could not pass up the strawberry rhubarb pie and the apple crumb pie as well as some cider doughnuts. Then I bought a pumpkin to carve. I saw many others with bags of goods.

We went on the road again to view more scenery and ended up at the Inn at Millrace Pond in Hope. The inn was an old grist mill which was built in 1769-70 and probably supplied the colonials in their fight for freedom.

The food was excellent and plentiful and everyone had their fill.

Dorothy and Phil always surprise us with something unusual and this year was no exception. In a trivia guessing game based on a fairy tale, they dressed up as characters in a fairy tale and we were supposed to guess who they were and what was the fairy tale. Dorothy was dressed as a fairy princess and Phil dressed in some old fashioned clothes. The theme song for this was the song Wish Upon A Star. After members submitted their choices, Donna and Bill Jessie were the first to guess that Phil was Jiminy Cricket and Dorothy was the fairy godmother. The tale was Pinocchio.

It was a great outing and Dorothy, Kim and Phil did a great job setting up the outing. Many thanks to them.





Chow Time



To everyone, a great Thanksgiving



Jiminy Cricket aka Phil



Fairy God Mother aka Dorothy

A reminder now that we are getting into rain and snow season

While driving during rain or snow, never use your car's Cruise control as it could cause hydroplaning, leaving you with an uncontrollable vehicle.

Memphis Drive In Movie



Tech Tips

Flexible Brake Hoses

Flex hoses on out TBirds are made of two layers of rubber with internal braided cording between the layers for strength. The following is a list of conditions to determine if 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 fitting at either end. This is 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 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 an 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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Cruise - On Water

Want to go on a different type of old car cruise? Go to www.classiccarcruise.com for a 7 night ocean cruise with a classic car theme, cruising the Caribbean. February 8 -15, 2014. We have no connection with the operators of this cruise, just a heads up for a possible winter vacation. Two of our members went last year and had a very good time

50's Dance

The 50's dance was a huge success, not only because the entire show was great but monetarily also. We had over a 100 people, the food catered by the Market Basket was good and plentiful and the DJ did a good job spinning discs. Many members pitched in and help set up and run the dance.



Thanks to Paul A, Joanne for their contributions to this newsletter



NJORTC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY



Saturday December 7 2013

Cocktails 5PM Dinner 6:30

San Carlo Restaurant



620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

\$50 per person and 1/2 of your dues for 2014 paid

\$100 per Couple and your dues paid in full for 2014

Music / dancing with our own DJ ~ Pat LeStrange

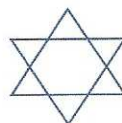
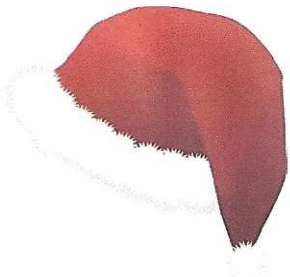
Bring a \$25 wrapped gift marked MALE, FEMALE, or ANYONE for our

bring a gift ~ get a gift ~exchange. IF you wish to participate.

Bring an UNWRAPPED gift for TOY'S FOR TOTS.

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RSVP with payment by November 10



Happy Hanukkah!