

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2011

Fall Cruise Coming Up

2011/12 Meeting Schedule

October 16	Fall cruise
November	John & Sandra Pyrros
December 3	Holiday party
2012	
Jan/Feb	Diane & Al Marsiglio
March	Judy & Henry Semmler
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Lois & Rich Martin
May	Tune Up Clinic
June	Wendy & Mike Meehan
July	Aileen & Bruce Corbett
August	Picnic
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll

The October business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall Cruise

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 would like to thank everybody for their support in both the NJORTC Presidency and the Region 1 Director positions. Both were unopposed. I will do my best to keep our chapter active and a great club. In the Region 1 Director position, I hope to learn a lot from CTCI and pass my knowledge on to our club as well as all the other Chapters in the region.

I know I can count on the members for help in doing so.

Joanne's and my meeting went well and had a good turnout. Unfortunately the Drive In Movie was not as successful. Between the rain Friday and the predicted rain for Saturday most members came in their regular cars. When we did get to the movies the mosquitos got the best of us and we returned to the house. But everyone still had a nice time.

Our next meeting will be short as it will be part of the Fall Colors Cruise. If you haven't sent your money in or let Phil Guidone know you are going you need to do that as soon as possible. The Cruise has always been fun and it looks like the leaves will be turning early this year so it should be a beautiful ride. Bring your cameras.

Thanks to all who came out to support the Street Legends Car Show fund raiser.

We wish all our under the weather members speedy recoveries. Also any anyone affected by the floods please ask for help if you need it - you are all family. I just learned Walter was hit hard.

Thanks again and don't miss that last chance to get the Birds out.

See you all soon.
Pat





A few words from Alec

First off, congrats to our club President Pat for becoming the new Region 1

Director for CTCI.

On a lesser note it's hard to believe that the summer (what there was of it) is over! After a bad winter followed by a very rainy summer lets hope that nature makes up for it with a pleasant fall and mild winter.

Two bright spots of the summer was the two regionals that were well attended by our club members. (always a great time is to be had at these events).

Happy Motoring,
Alec

September Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Pat and Joanne

Highlights of the business meeting:

The treasurer's report was made and accepted as was the minutes from the last meeting (July).

A new member, Bill Downing was accepted. We also received applications from two others. Pat mentioned that to become a member the applicant must attend at least one meeting for acceptance.

Arlene reported that Frank has serious back problems and will have surgery for it. He also is going to have a hernia operation.

Joanne had reached out to the club in VA to express NJORTC's concern for the effect of the hurricane damage there. The VA club expressed their gratitude and reported all was well.

Thank yous went out to Pat and Paul A. for their work for the Legends car show. Pat reported they raised \$3500 for the Elk's charities.

Nominations were made for the expiring positions - President and CTCI Rep. Pat was nominated for President and Lois Martin for CTCI rep. Elections are at next month's meeting.

Arlene reported that the Holiday party will be at the San Carlo. Details to be forthcoming.

Joanne suggested that the Oct meeting be combined with the Fall Cruise. Arlene will check with Phil.

The 50/50 was won by Eva.



The Vice President's Message

All I have to say about the weather is that it is crazy - cool, humid, hot and RAIN, too much RAIN!!! It has been a horrible month for my family. My son's house got flooded during the hurricane and the whole bottom level had to be gutted to the studs. My son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren are living with Joe and I. Needless to say it has been very hectic here. I know Walter's house also flooded while he was away at the convention and is now living in a hotel. It is really a hard thing to go through. This hurricane did so much damage. I hope everyone gets back to normal living real soon.

Frank Chabala has been having a real rough time. He just had a hernia operation on Tuesday. He is doing ok. Now he is being scheduled for a back operation in the next week or so. As you all know he has trouble walking - the pains in his legs are so bad he decided he needs to have this operation. Frank, we are praying for you.

Alec gave us a little scare. While having a stress test he had problems with his heart and had to be rushed to the hospital. Thank God he is ok. I think this is all the bad news for now.

We had a light turnout for Pat and Joanne's meeting, but everything was good-food and members. The only problem was we did not have the drive in movie because there was so many bugs and it was so damp outside. With the threat of rain we only had Pat's two Tbirds and the Hyde's 57. What fun is it to go to a drive in movie without your Tbird!!!

Phil and Dorothy have planned a nice fall cruise on Oct. 16th. Joe and I will not be able to come and I just know it is going to be a great trip. For all of you going have a great time.

It looks like we are going to have a new Region 1 Director, our own Pat . CONGRATULATIONS!!! In addition, Pat accepted the nomination for another term as club President as well as Lois Martin for CTCI rep. You two guys have done a great job in both your positions. Keep up the good work.

Pretty soon the cold weather will be upon us and our little Birds will have to go to sleep for the winter. If there are any nice days get out your cars and go for a ride. See you soon.

Arlene

Membership News



Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
 Susan & Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Bill & Donna Jessie 14th
 Todd Salamon & Mara Madden
 17th
 Bob & Shelly Belli 25th
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th



Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Dominick Tucci 12th
 Pat Selby 13th
 John Pyrros 18th

Get Well Soon!
 Frank Chabala

FOR SALE

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.

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New Members

A welcome to Bill & Martha Downing. They reside in Mt Tabor, NJ. Bill owns a 55 Tbird (red I believe) that is just coming out of the restoration shop. Glad to have you aboard Bill & Martha.

September Meeting

Pat and Joanne hosted the September meeting. Because of the threatening weather, there were only two classics and two retros. Unfortunately, because of the weather, the movie was canceled. Using the theme for Memphis, it was an Elvis Presley movie. However, Pat & Joanne had a top notch meeting. After the business meeting, Pat cooked burgers and dogs on the grill and they were delicious, as was the rest of the food. They had my favorite desserts, coconut custard pie and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Thanks to Pat & Joanne .



Happy Halloween

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
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Club Events

October Meeting

The October meeting will be held as part of the Fall cruise. Another reason for you to make the cruise.

Fall Cruise

Don't forget - this is scheduled for Oct 16th. It's always a great get together no matter what the weather. Even if your car is not ready, get the grocery getter out and enjoy fine dining, a nice cruise in the back woods of NJ, and maybe a pumpkin patch. I understand Phil is setting up a mystery stop before we eat. No telling what Phil and Dorothy have planned for us besides the eats. Call Phil NOW to get your seat at the table. Its 35.00 per person. The meeting place will be Schooley's Mtn.

Nomination of Officers

As you were previously notified, nomination for the expiring officers' positions were to be made by the September meeting. The two expiring positions were President and CTCI Representative.

Pat LeStrange was nominated for President and Lois Martin was nominated for CTCI Representative.

Voting is to be held at the October meeting



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

9/28-10/2 Carlisle PA -Fall Carlisle

10/1 Allendale-West Allendale Ave (NJ Transit Parking)
10/1 Sparkill, NY-St Thomas Aquinas Col. 125 Rte 340(F)

Oct 5-8 Hershey PA- Swap Meet and Auction

Oct 8 West Milford-Pinecliff Lake 1577 Union Valley Rd.(f)
Oct 8 Lincoln Park 60 Chapel Hill Rd

Oct 9 Ridgefield-Ridgefield Memorial High Sch.
Grand&Linden Aves. (f)

Oct 9 Wantage-145 Sherman Ridge Rd-Woodbourne
Memorial park (f)

Oct 9 Mahwah-Lincoln Tech. School

Oct 16 Pompton Lakes-Wanaque Ave. (f)

Oct 23 Paramus-Berkeley College-64 Midland Ave

Oct 30 West Nyack, NY-360 West Nyack Rd (United
Water) (f)

Oct 30 Hawthorne-Hawthorne Farmers Mkt, Grand Ave(f)
(f)-I have flyer

For additional listings, go to www.njcarshows.com



The real thing or a photo-shop?



Have a joyous Yom Kippur

CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Monday

Saddle Brook-427 Market St (Advanced Auto)
Hawthorne-Goffle Road (Goffle Grill) (end 10/3)
Stoney Point, NY- Gennaros Rest, 146 Rte 9W

Tuesday

Tappan, NY-51 Rte 303 (Liberty's American Grill)
East Rutherford-49 Rte 17S (Cheeburger-Cheeburger)

Wednesday

East Rutherford-Rte 17N (Lowe's/Chili's)
Wycoff - Greenwood Ave

Thursday

Moonachie-195 Moonachie Rd (Burger King)
Norwood-Livingston St. (Dunkin Donuts)

Friday

Boonton-Wooten St (Wal Mart shopping center)
Midland Park - Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)

Saturday

Chatterbox, Rtes 15 & 206, Augusta

Note - some of these cruise spots may have closed for the season. If you know about any closings, please let me know.



Oct is Nat'l Cookie month

CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A schedule and registration forms are available online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your plans now and get your Bird ready.

Lead East

A number of our members attended Lead East, some with their cars, some without. It was a great show with a mixture of cars - customs, hot rods and stockers (including TBirds) - and some great concerts. Maybe you can't relive your youth, but its a good show to try. Some pics.



Mini Spare Tires

In order to save space, or in the case of 56 TBirds, to carry a spare in the trunk instead of fighting with the continental kit, some owners of 55 and 56 TBirds have gone to using temporal (mini) spares. It isn't as important issue with the 57's because of the way the spare fits in the trunk plus the trunk is physically larger, but it would work just as well.

Mini spares used are usually gotten from Lincolns, but Crown Victoria or Mercury Marquis spares may work as well.

These tires have limits, both for mileage and speed. Owners manuals spell out these limits. For instance, an 1988 Lincoln Mark VII manual states: "Warning-The temporal (mini) spare is provided only for temporary, emergency use. Do not use as a regular tire. Repair and replace the regular tire as soon as possible. Do not exceed 50 mph (80km/h) under any circumstances". There are more limitations stated, all in bold type. If you plan to use one of these tires, consult an owners manual for the model used so you know the precise limitations.

Since the mini spare is considerably smaller in circumference, it must rotate faster than the other tires. If the mini spare is on the rear, the spider gears in the differential will have to turn to make up for the difference in the two tire sizes. This will not cause any difficulty with a good rear filled with proper lubricant.

If the mini spare is used on the front, there will be a tendency for the car to pull to one side. After all, the front end wasn't aligned with the mini spare.

In either case, the mini spare will get you to a location where you can repair or replace your bad tire. Buy a serviceable used tire if you must, but get off that mini spare as soon as you can.

The last paragraph of the Lincoln manual states: "Any continuous road use of this tire or failure to follow any of the precautions may result in tire failure, loss of vehicle control and possible injury to vehicle occupants.

The mini spare is a good idea - just remember it is a temporary tire and use prudent judgment

From the Early Bird, Dick Stern

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

More Omaha Regional



Walter and his 57



Nice shirts - John doesn't like yellow?



Elvis promoting Memphis 2012



Sightseeing Tour

Photos courtesy of Mr. Jessie



SAC Museum Tour



Happy Columbus day

Legends Car Show

This was a great car show. It was packed as far as cars go. There was a very nice salute to the first responders of 9/11 which included a bagpiper. American flags were given to all entrants. There were plenty of tricky tray items and a raffle for a nice flat screen television set. The NJORTC members were out in force with their cars. One of our members, John Bolger, was the winner of the TV. I offered to take it home as I had plenty of room in my car, but he found room in his TBird. Proceeds went to the Elk's charities.



Chief Pontiac with sunglasses



A Studiebird or Thunderbaker??

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas.



The mystery TBird from NY



Nice 37



nice 57

Hello everyone! I am posting the new meeting schedule and just a brief overview of what is expected as a host since we do have several newer members this year. Hopefully you have had a chance to join us at one or some of our meetings since you have joined. Here is the meeting schedule for **2012**. Please take a look to see if you are on the list. **IF** anyone has a problem with hosting their month please contact someone else on this list and switch with them. Every member hosts a meeting; they come around about once every 3 years. We usually have 20 - 30 people show up, the host does serve something to eat, and we ask it to be kept simple. Meetings last 3-4 hours and are usually held on at 2pm on a Sunday afternoon. This can be adjusted with enough notice. Not every member has the room in their home to hold a meeting but they have accommodated us at a club house, warehouse, boat, even restaurants. Members attending the meeting are asked to kindly **RSVP** to the host **prior** to the week of their meeting, so they have a count of attending and can prepare. I am the meeting coordinator for the club and I would appreciate the date time and place of the meeting you are hosting 2 months in advance e-mailed to me. This gives us time to notify everyone in the club and get the info into the newsletter, and make any changes if necessary. Meetings are fun and they give us a chance to get together and share our T-Bird stories and discuss upcoming functions. If anyone has any questions please e-mail me ...

Joanne Seiler at ladybird567@yahoo.com my cell phone # is 551-404-3646. We are looking forward to another great year and seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

FYI There are only **9** meetings held a year. January / February are held as one due to bad weather, the host may choose any date during these 2 months to host their meeting. August is usually our club & family picnic and a very short and brief meeting is held then and December is our holiday party and no meeting is held, just a fun time.

JAN/FEB Diane & Al Marsiglio **JULY** Aileen & Bruce Corbett

MARCH Judy & Henry Semmler **SEPT** Pauline & Paul Schroll

APRIL Ken & Linda Herb **OCT** Diane & Gene Szura

MAY Lois & Rich Martin **NOV** Lucille & Frank Chabala

JUNE Wendy & Mike Meehan

I thank you for your cooperation in advance and please contact me any time. If you need help or suggestions I am happy to help however I can.