



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2016

2016 Meeting Schedule

October 9	Jan & Joe Saville
Oct. 16	Fall Cruise
Nov. 13	Steve Handy
December 3	Christmas Party

The October meeting is hosted by Joe & Jan Saville RSVP 973-506-4378 or joesaville45@gmail.com. See page 4 for location and time

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 the air. but there is still plenty of Thunderbird and old car activities left before we put the cars away. We have the fall colors cruise coming up on Oct 16. The Garden State Thunderbird club is having a 2 day waterfall cruise on Oct. 22 & 23, mostly in northwest NJ and Pa. Joanne has more info on that and will pass it on at the Oct 9th meeting

Our convention plans are moving along. Our next big item is to nail down the events. As always if you can, please volunteer on a committee, it can be as little as a couple of hours during the convention. We spoke to a lot of people at the San Diego convention and have gotten a lot of interest and early registrations, as well as we sold quite a few T Shirts.

Speaking of the San Diego convention, we all had a great time. Joanne, Joe & Arlene Kubat and I stayed a few days after and did some sightseeing in the LA area. A big thank you to the NJORTC 21 members who attended especially the 4 T Bird Drivers and Co-pilots Rich Martin, Paul Schroll, Bill and Donna Jessie, John Bolger, Walt Strohmer and Maryanne Denning, driving 8 days going and 8 days on the return trip, Amazing job

At the September meeting, nominations were taken for the Vice President and the Treasurers' positions. Arlene Kubat was nominated unopposed for VP and Steve Handy was unopposed for Treasurer. There will be a formal vote at the next meeting. I would like to thank Carol Ehm for the great job she did as Treasurer

See you all at the next meeting

Pat Le Strange



September Meeting

There was a good turnout for the meeting and 5 TBirds flew in. The food was good and Henry and Judy had a special cake for dessert. Thanks to Henry and Judy for hosting

Highlights of the business meeting

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

Nominations were opened for Treasurer and Vice President. Arleen was nominated for Vice President and Steve Handy was nominated for Treasurer. No other nominations were made.

Lois reported on the San Diego Convention. 21 members attended. Pat made a speech at the Awards Dinner regarding our convention. A table was set up at the convention for pre-registrations and convention T Shirts. 28 pre-registrations were made. Sold 18 T's. Donna also reported on the San Diego convention.

Wendy reported that we now have 44 pre-registrations.

Arleen mentioned the Fall Cruise, Oct 16th. Cost \$40 per person. Send check to Carol

Paul A introduced a guest, Ron Rollieson from Englewood Cliffs. He has 55 and 56 Birds. Ron joined the club.

Next meeting October 9th



Vice President's Message



Fall has arrived, weather getting cooler and nights getting longer. We still have some good weather left before we have to put our TBirds to rest for the winter. There are still car shows, (Carol and Charlie Ehms car show is Saturday, October 1st at Reformed Church, Lincoln Park) so get those cars out and enjoy. **(Now postponed to Oct 15th)**

We were glad to see Alec Johnstone at our last meeting, he is feeling better, but it's a slow recovery. Lucille Chabala had a fall a few weeks ago, broke her wrist and cracked a couple of ribs and bruised her face. She did come to our meeting, but looked very uncomfortable. Lucille feel better soon. Phil Guidone is home recovering from pneumonia. Hope he feels better soon. Have not heard anything about Bob Belli, hope he is doing ok.

On September 13th 21 members of our Club attended the CTCI International Convention. We had four cars that drove to San Diego, Rich Martin (Paul Schroll rode with Rich), Walter Strohmaier and Marianne, Donna and Bill Jessie and John Bolger. The convention was very good, we toured the USS Midway, ate at the Corvette Dinner, took a trolley to Coronado Beach, Old Town, New Town and Little Italy. Their Welcome party was very entertaining, hospitality room was very good and a good Banquet. All four of our cars won awards, plus Paul and Alec won a gold award for newsletter and Donna and Bill Jesse won an award for longest driven car. Congratulations to all. On September 26th all our cars returned home from San Diego. They had a few minor problems, nothing serious. Glad all made it home safely. Look for Convention pictures on our website. Registration form is also on line. The hotel is now taking reservations. We can make them through our website.

One more thing about San Diego is that we toured all around with Joanne Seiler and Pat LeStrange. After the four of us left San Diego we went to visit CTCI Office. Very interesting and then we travelled to Los Angeles and toured all over. We had a great time with Pat and Joanne as our tour guides. Thanks Pat and Joanne.

At our meeting we had nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Thanks to all of you I was nominated for Vice President and Steve Handy was nominated for Treasurer. There were no more nominations. (cont'd on page 4)



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arklene Kubat 5th
 Susan & Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Bill & Donna Jessie 14th
 Bob & Shelly Belli 25th
 Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th



Sandra Bolger 1st
 Ronald Rollieson 6th
 Anthony Gaeta 7th
 Harriet LoPiccolo 9th
 Pat Selby 13th
 John Pyrros 18th
 Drew Eckman 20th
 Don Dobres 28th

GET WELL SON!

Bob Belli
 Alec Johnstone

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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. email ptschroll@verizon.net

The 2017 Convention

Pre-Registrations are officially open. The Pre-Registration form is posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page). Events and excursions are being finalized. We now have 44 pre-registrations. There was a lot of interest at the San Diego convention.

CTCI San Diego Convention

The trip out, the convention itself and the trip back was terrific in my opinion.

The trip out was not without some problems, but they did not stop us. Walter was experiencing some fuel injections problems and John Bolger had some convertible top problems but neither impeded our progress across the US. On the way we visited two Rte 66 sites and even slept in two Rte 66 motels - the Motel Safari (where the lady manager gave all of us a free Tshirt) and the Wigwam Village (warning-nice to visit, but not to stay overnight). Once we got to Oklahoma, the weather was hot hot hot - over 100 degrees in some places. Two of us had air, but two didn't. In Gila Bend, AZ, when we got up the temp was already over 80 degrees. Other stops on the way out included the Oklahoma City Federal Building Memorial, a great little ice cream shop in Tenn., the Big Texan Restaurant (72 ounce steak) in Amarillo, TX, the first Phillips 66 gas station in McLean, TX, and a private car collection in Bard, Tx. Getting into CA was a little hassle, they have two checkpoints before they let you continue, something like going to a third world country. Except for a few sprinkles, the whole trip was dry. All the time Walter was experiencing some problems with the fuel injection system but it didn't cause a stop. To preclude any problem on the way home, a carb was ordered enroute and Bill had a fuel pump.

In San Diego, the weather was perfect. Sunny, mild temps, clear. The rest of the group flew in. The hosts had some nice trips planned. The Midway carrier, Trolley Tour, the Touring drive to Botanic Gardens. The trolley tour was especially nice, as it stopped at various points in and around San Diego where you could get off and on all day long to visit those parts you wanted to spend more time at.

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Events

October Meeting

The October meeting, hosted by Jan & Joe Saville on October 9th. Location is the Butler VFW Post 8096, 69 Carey Ave, Butler, NJ.. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP, including regrets. See Page 1 for email/telephone #.

Fall Cruise

Phil and Dorothy have set this up for October 16th and we will end up at the Landmark Inn in Warwick, NY. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Get your money to Carol by Oct 1st and notify Phil. If the date has passed, get it in ASAP. We are meeting at Schooley's Mtn at 9:15 AM. This is always a great event. See attached flyer

Elections

Nominations were made for Vice President (Arlene Kubat) and Treasurer (Steve Handy). Voting will be at the October meeting.

Christmas Party

The party is December 3rd. Keep the date open. Costs went up last year, so it's \$65 per person.

Waterfall Cruise

The Garden State TBird Club is sponsoring a two day waterfall cruise (10/22 and 10/23 Details at the Oct meeting. Joanne has sent out info, so look at her email.

November Meeting

Scheduled for Nov 13th-keep the date open

Vice President's Message (cont'd)

At our next meeting we will be voted on. Thanks again, just love you guys.

Remember the Fall Cruise is October 16th ending at the Landmark Restaurant, Warwick, NY. Please let Phil Guidone know if you are going by October 1st. Cost is \$40.00 per person.

Next meeting we will be discussing our Christmas party, yes it is almost that time of the year again.

Our 2017 Regional CTCI Convention is being advertised in the Early Bird magazine. Also thanks to Bill Downing for another great article.

See you at the next meeting on October 9th. Arlene

Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 10/8 Wayne-Wayne PAL 1 Pal Drive
10/9 Pompton Lakes. Wanaque Ave
10/9 Lyndhurst Whiskey Cafe 1050 Wall St.
10/15 Lincoln Park Ist Reformed Church 60
Chapel Hill Rd. Rain Date
10/23 Park Ridge Atrium Sr Living 124 Noyes Drive
10/23 Riverdale POR 15 Show 3 South Corporate Drive
10/29 Wayne Passiac Cty Tech. Inst. 45 Reinhardt Rd
10/30 Saddle Brook Bennigans Midland Ave 10AM-2PM
10/30 Englishtown Raceway Park Drags and Show
10/30 Pilesgrove-AACA Cowtown Swap Meet 780 Rte 40

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Cruise Nights

Note - some of these may be closed as of the first week of October

Monday

Saddle Brook- Advanced Auto, Market Street
Wayne-Tilted Kilt 334 Rte 46 1st and 3rd Mon.

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Saddle Brook-Bennigan's N. Midland Ave

Wednesday

Wycoff-Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church Cedar Hill Ave

Clifton-Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46 West

Dover-Wendy's, Rte 46

Carlstadt-Prime Time, 645 Washington Ave

Thursday

Friday

Midland Park-Wendy's , Godwin Ave.

Boonton-Wooten St Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr.

Saturday

Hawthorne-this is a inside get together for any car person. Car optional. Free coffee and munchies. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



Stuff you didn't know you didn't know

Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace

San Diego (Continued)

They had a real nice Welcome party with entertainment and a cruise to a brand X restaurant (actually the Corvette Diner) but none of the brand X cars showed.

John B found a woodie car show in Encinitas that was on the same day as the Botanic Gardens (also in Encinitas) so a few of us went to the show which had a bout 200 wooden bodied cars of all makes. It was at a beautiful local beach, which made the show even nicer.

The convention had about 150 cars, about 1/3 Concours, the rest Touring and display. Bill, John P and I judged.

The Award Banquet was very nice - Donna got a gold and John B got a silver (both Concours) and Rich and Walter got awards in Touring. Our newsletter got a gold award. Pat made a presentation on the 2017 Convention.

All told, we had 21 members that attended. A pleasant surprise was when we found out that Al and Lorriane Cirinelli came as we did not expect them.

While the convention was going on, the carb arrived and with Bill's fuel pump, Rich, Walter and Bill replaced the errant fuel injection with a carb and Bill's fuel pump. John B was able to find an upholsterer to fix his top so the cars were ready for the show and the trip home.

Rich had a tooth that was bothering him bad enough that he had to find a dentist. One root canal later and he was okay.

Sunday, after the convention, Walter and Bill went to Vegas while Rich and Lois, John B Pauline and I stayed an extra day in San Diego. Rich, Lois, Pauline and I visited the San Diego Zoo (great!!) while Pat, Joanne, Joe and Arlene did LA (Rodeo Drive - a new pocketbook?) and CTCI headquarters). Lois and Pauline flew back Monday and Rich, John B and I left Monday to meet Bill and Walter in Vegas. While in Vegas we visited the Shelby facility and drooled over the GT's and Mustangs . John and Sandy Pyrros drove to Arizona to visit relatives.

Tuesday we headed home. Different route this time and the weather was milder, but the trip was not John Bolger's best. In Colorado, just after a short photo session, John's car busted a pushrod and rocker arm adjuster in the motel lot. Ever try to find engine parts for a 60 year old car? To the rescue came a

knight in shining armor (actually in a retro Bird) whose name was Ed Rossi. John had met him in San Diego and was able to contact him. He lived almost 2 hours away. Luckily, he had the parts and was attending a meeting nearby. He volunteered to leave his meeting, drive to his home, get the parts and return, almost a four hour trip. Definitely a white knight. With the parts the car was fixed in 15 minutes and we were on the road.

The next day, John busted a fan belt . Again fortune presented itself as we were near a gas stop and Bill had a spare belt, so the fix was made there instead of the highway.

The trip through Utah and Colorado was spectacular. The mountains and rock formations are awesome. The road through a gorge in Colorado was breathtaking. In Colorado the Aspens had turned bright yellow and were a sight not to be missed - something all you flyers missed by not driving.

One stop in Colorado was beside the Colorado River. The adventuresome Mr. Martin took off his shoes and waded into the river. I think it took about two hours before his feet thawed out.

The rest of the trip was uneventful and we made it home without further incident. We only got a little rain on the way back.

All in all, it was a great trip with great people .
Paul



Cruise to the Corvette Diner (1/2 of the cars)





Bugs anyone?



72 ounce steak place



TRIVIA

The San Francisco cable cars carry a particular distinction - what is that?
 Nobody got this last month



Daylight Savings Times end Nov. 5th. Change your clock - fall back

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This is the picture we took just before the push rod went south



This is how you pack a TBird trunk



Joe's part time job



Columbus Day Oct. 10th

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NJ OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB 2016 ANNUAL FALL CRUISE OCTOBER 16, 2016

This year our fall cruise will take us to the Landmark Inn in Warwick, New York, where a delicious full course buffet lunch will await our arrival prepared by owner Michael DiMartino, an honors graduate of the Culinary Institute of America with over 25 years of experience in the restaurant industry. Chef DiMartino has appeared in several top culinary magazines and on the Food Network's "In Food Today."

We hope you that you will join us as we cruise through the countryside with a stop along the way at a farm stand for you to pick up some goodies to enjoy at home is also on the "menu". We will need a minimum of forty (40) people to attend. With the size of our club, this should be easily met. The price is \$40.00 per person, all inclusive, including soft drinks, and a cash bar will be available. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2016. We will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C. and sent to Carol Ehm, 24 Pleasant Avenue, Lincoln Park, New Jersey 07035. (Please do not send to us).

There will of course, be some prizes and games. At the present time, we are planning our route so stay tuned! Our expected time of arrival at the Landmark Inn is 1:00 p.m.

We will meet at SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN PARK (same location as our picnic) at 9:15 a.m. Please note the earlier time. The address is East Springtown Road, Long Valley, NJ. Coffee, donuts, etc will be provided. Please note that this is a rain or shine event. Hopefully shine, so let's get those T-Birds out! We are a showstopper every year with our multi-colored T-Birds all lined up! Of course other vehicles are welcome if you can't provide the Thunderbird.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. A spectacular drive through the fall foliage, along with good food and good friends promises a memorable day!

Any questions, please call or email Phil and Dorothy Guidone

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