

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2010

NJORTC Fall Car Cruise Month

2010 Meeting Schedule

October 17	Fall Cruise
October 16	John & Sandra Bolger
November 7	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December 5	Holiday Party-Brownstone

The October meeting will be on the 16 th at 2 PM and will be hosted by John & Sandra Bolger, 17 3rd Street, Emerson 07630
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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 here and the cars shows are in full swing. The weather has been terrific for cruising. Enjoy the Birds and weather while you can. Then it will be time to start your winter projects or storage.

Thanks for the big turnout at the Jessie's. There were 14 Thunderbirds there. I saw several of their neighbors slow down and look at the Birds. Bill and Donna - I am sure you will be the talk of the neighborhood. Thanks again for hosting a great meeting.

On the way home from the meeting the Birds looked great traveling down the highway together and got a lot of smiles and thumbs up.

Congratulations to Alene Kubat for her unopposed nomination for Vice President and to Frank Chabala for doing the same for Treasurer. We will have the election at the November meeting.

The meeting went well and covered several different subjects. We now have some working funds in the treasury. Dominick will bring a sample of the Years of Service pins to the next meeting. We will use Schooley's Mountain again next year as everyone loved the place. I have asked for copies of the BY-Laws so everyone can read them. Wendy has volunteered to put them in the member section of the web site. Joanne has issued an email listing the meeting roster for 2011. Check it out to see if you have a problem and need to change or swap.

If you have an activity in mind for next year, let us know at the next meeting.

Sorry about the problems with the DVD's, I will try to straighten it out and make more. Let me know if you had trouble with yours.

See you all soon

Pat Le Strange





A few words from Alec

The club had a great monthly meeting on 9/26 hosted by Bill and Donna Jessie and Vicky - we had a total of 15 Early Birds in attendance including the host's Bird in the garage.

There was a brief flurry of activity at the end as the weather started to turn and a few sprinkles came down. It was good to see so many Birds show up. Lets hope the weather is kind enough so we can keep driving our Little Birds for a while yet.

Happy Motoring – Alec

Street Legends Car Show

A number of members attended this show, which was put on by the Street Legends Car Club which some of our members are also members. Because of a weeks rain delay, attendance was down a bit but it was a good show nevertheless. Some pics:



yeah, sure, sure, yeah (baloney??)



Looking good



Vice President's Message

Time for the monthly weather report: Weather has been beautiful. No air conditioner and windows open and very refreshing. Fall is here now, so that means cruise nights are ending, most by the end of September, but there are still car shows. Soooo get those little Birds out there and show them.

Unfortunately, with fall being here it means winter is around the corner and it will be time to put the cars to sleep. So enjoy them now while the weather is nice.

Being fall, it brings to mind our fall cruise on October 17th. It sounds like it is going to be a great cruise, as usual, thanks to Phil and Dorothy. Please email or call Phil to let him know if you are going. We need to have at least 25 people, so let's all try to come.

I am working on finalizing the Christmas party, which is on Sunday, December 5th at 5:30 in the Brownstone. I will have all the details at the next meeting. Do not forget to mark your calendars so we can have a record breaking party. New place, good food, good music, good time.

We had a great meeting and great food at Bill & Donna's house. Vicky (their daughter) came home from college this weekend to see us all. Thanks Vicky, it was good seeing you. I think we had 10 TBirds (actually 14-ed) come to the meeting. All the Birds looked good in the Jessie's driveway which was a little crowded, but they looked awesome.

Hope to see you at the next meeting at John and Sandy Bolger's house, Saturday, October 16th at 2 PM.

See you soon.

Arlene



Joe's new look (transplant, rug?)

Membership News



Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
Susan & Anthony Gaeta 7th
Dennis & Gail Chirico 10th
Donna & Bill 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
SON!**

I hope every one is well

Next year – Richmond Virginia, June 15-19.
and Omaha Nebraska August 24-28. It has been mentioned that rooms for Richmond, like in Dayton, are going to be tight, so make your reservations now.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW.

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Happy Halloween

September Meeting

This meeting was hosted by Donna and Bill Jessie. Even though it was a so-so day weather-wise, there was enough sunshine to bring out 14 of our 'Birds' along with over 30 members. The Bergen CTY gang got together and made a 6 car caravan (7 when Henry joined us) to get to the Jessie's home. The driveway was crammed with TBirds. Vicky, our favorite runner, singer and daughter of Bill and Donna, took a break from school and attended. After our usual business meeting, there was plenty of delicious food and drink and a desert 'table' that included apple pie, rhubarb pie and a great filled coffee cake among other items. There was plenty of time to commiserate, swap stories and have a good time. Many thanks to the Jessie's for hosting the 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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll ptschroll@aol.com

Club Events

Fall Cruise

The fall cruise is October 17. Phil has scheduled it at the Olde Mill Inn, 225 Route 22, Basking Ridge, NJ.

Point of departure will be at Schooley's Mountain Park (same location as our picnic) at 10:30 PM. If you need directions to Schooley's please contact Paul S at ptschroll@aol.com

Make sure to contact Phil by 10/1 to let him know you are going and send him a check. See Page 9 for full information

Holiday Party

Remember the Holiday Party December 5th. New location -The Brownstone , 351 West Broadway, Paterson 07522

2011 TBird Calendar

Mike Meehan is starting on the 2011 calendar with our TBird pictures. Get those pictures to him via email ASAP (but no later than 10/15) to get your car featured. New pics please

2011 Events

Sweetheart Brunch

If you would like a new location for the Sweetheart Brunch in February bring your suggestions (as well as menus and costs) to the next meeting at the Bolger's.





Teterboro Airplane/Car Show

This was the first or second year of the car part of the show, but it had a very nice turnout of cars most all which were older cars (50's), including a very nice 41 Caddy sedan. The planes, for the most part, were WWII vintage and included a C-47, and a B-17. The planes were great, and I took a ride in the B-17 over the lower Hudson, which was terrific. I only wish there was enough room in the newsletter to include the 30 some pictures I took while in the air. Talk about car collectors, of the planes in the show three of the smaller WWII aircraft were owned by the same person.



Why do those TBird guys always open their hoods



B-17-Made July 1945



C-47, D-Day survivor



B-25 (Doolittle type aircraft)



Tech Tips

Hard Starting and the Starter Solenoid

There is one, rather rare, cause of hard starting on the 56-57 Birds that is difficult to find, or even to test for when you are out somewhere. This is a poor electrical contact inside the starter solenoid.

The ignition points represent a balancing act: the greater the voltage at the points, the quicker the starting, but the shorter the service life of the points. When Ford went to 12 volts in 1956, this put too much on the points and led to an unacceptably short service life. Their solution was to use a full 12 volts at the points while the starter was cranking the engine, then feed through a resistor to cut voltage back down for long life. Such changes requires switches to make them happen, and Ford's solution was too add a small terminal to the starter solenoid, which is hot only during cranking.

There are two heavy terminals on the solenoid, for the battery cables, but we are concerned with the two small terminals.

One small terminal feeds voltage to the solenoid from the ignition switch while it is held in the "Start" position. The other one feeds 12 volts to the distributor at the same time. When the ignition key is released back from "Start" to "ON" , both small terminals are off.

Therefore, if the solenoid has a poor connection for the terminal which feeds the distributor, you will not get the extra volts for starting. The 1955 Birds do feed the points like this, as they were not 12 volt.

If you have a volt meter, you can test for this by reading the voltage on the small terminal while the ignition switch is held in the "Start" position: there should be approximately 12 volts there. If you do not have a volt meter, you can make a good test by using some wire and a brake light bulb. Feed the bulb directly from the battery so you can see how bright it is under full voltage. Then feed it from the small terminal on the starter solenoid. If there is much difference in brightness, your solenoid must be checked carefully.

From the Jan-Feb 98 Early Bird and the Tulsa Classic Thunderbird Club "Smoke Signals"



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

- Oct 2 Allendale-W. Allendale Ave-Show & festival
- Oct 3-Wayne-33 Pompton Road
- Oct 9 Elmwood Park-1 Legion Place (Am. Legion Post 147) Free breakfast for early birds 8:30-9:30
- Oct 6-9 Hershey, PA
- Oct 10-Ridgefield-725 Slocum Ave. (Ridgefield Comm. Ctr)
- Oct 10-Hawthorne - Goffle Road/Goffle Hill Road
- Oct 10-Mahwah-Lincoln Tech, 70 McKee DR.
- Oct 10-Palisades, NY-Rte 9W (DOLCE Resort & Hotel) Concorso d'Eleganza
- Oct 15-Ridgefield Park Spruce & Cedar Street (Ridgefield Park Elks) Drive in movie, walk ins ok 8PM
- Oct 16-Oakland-97 Yawpo Ave (Indian Hills High School)
- Oct 17 NJORTC Fall Cruise
- Oct 17 Pompton Lakes, Wanaque Ave.
- Oct 17-Paramus-Garden State Plaza (GM only)
- Oct 24- Wayne-1 Wayne Town Center
- Oct 24-Paramus-Berkeley College 64 Midland Ave

I have hand outs for most of the above shows. I can email a copy to you if interested.



Happy Columbus Day



FOR SALE



Cruise Nights

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, Goffle Road
Carlstadt-Grasshopper's 645 Washington Ave

Tuesday

Mahwah-The Mason Jar, Rte 202 (Ramapo Valley Rd)
Elmwood Park-River View East-455 River Dr.

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave
Wayne-Cheeseburger in Paradise-Rte 46 East
Moonachie-Burger King

Thursday

Warwick, NY-Rte 94 & Warwick Tpke (Pennings Farm)

Friday

Saturday

Little Falls-Great Notch Inn, Rte 46W 11:30-3:00
Chatterbox, Rtes 15&206, Augusta
Lyndhurst-Whiskey Café-1050 Wall St

Some of these cruise spots may have closed 10/1

Performance Ford Show



Performance Ford Car Show

This was a car show with a twist - a drive in movie. And the movie? , CARS, of course. An inflatable screen was set up for viewing and we got the front row. It was a nice show-the show was co-sponsored by The Garden State Region Mustang Club. Even though a rather small show, we had a good time and there were a number of different cars. I loved the movie, never saw it before.



Before



After



A nice Model A at the show

October is National Cookie Month Yum-Yum

September Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Donna and Bill Jessie. Many members and cars attended. See Page 4 for pics and story on meeting. Thanks to Bill and Donna for hosting.

Some highlights of the business meeting

The minutes of the last business meeting were read and the Treasure's report was given. Both were accepted.

Pat completed the copies of the DVD of the Dayton Convention and passed them out.

Year of service pins - Dominick said he will have a sample at the next meeting.

Nominations were made for the offices that will expire at the end of the year, Treasurer and Vice President. Arlene Kubat was nominated for VP and Frank Chalaba for Treasure. No other nominations were made. Voting will be at the Nov 7 meeting.

Mike Meehan said he is gearing up for the 2011 calendars, to be distributed at the Holiday Party. He requested that members get their pictures in by Oct 15th for inclusion. Email a digital picture.

Joanne mentioned that she has sent out an email with the persons responsible for hosting next years meetings with expected months assigned. She said if there are any changes (month swaps, etc) to notify her so the schedule can be firmed up.

Some of next years planned activities were discussed, the Sweetheart Brunch and a trip to Harold's Deli. Further info is to be gathered. Anyone who has suggestions for a new location for the Sweetheart Brunch should get prices and menus.

Members who plan to attend the Richmond Convention in 2011 are advised to make hotel reservation early as the hotel has limited rooms.

A reminder was made that the Fall Cruise is Oct. 17th and members should contact Phil by 10/1 if they are going. Money is due the same date.

Pat commented on the success of the Mini-Concours and members agreed that it should be held at the same location in 2011. Thanks were given to Phil and Joanne regarding the location.

Pat is going to review the BY-Laws with Vince to see if they need updating since the last update was 5 years ago

Next meeting at the Bolger's, 10/16, Nov's 11/7



Teterboro



From NY-55 with Supercharger



P-40 Flying Tigers



B-17 over NYC

Strange Facts

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments



Street Legends Show



Are having fun yet?



A nice Merc

Idiot Sighting

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was 4.25, so I also handed her a quarter.

She said "you just gave me too much money". I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back'. She sighed and went to get the manager, who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter and said 'We're sorry but we could not do that kind of thing'. The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change

**NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB
ANNUAL FALL CRUISE**

October 17, 2010

Come one, come all, as we journey to Basking Ridge, New Jersey for our annual Fall Cruise.

We will be dining at the Olde Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where a wonderful buffet brunch will await your arrival. The menu is attached, which we hope will satisfy your appetite.

The Grain House, of which the Inn is a part, has a long history dating back to 1768. Today's, Grain House, its setting steeped in a gracious era long past, continues to be a local favorite.

We will travel to the Inn through Chester where we will stop at Hacklebarney Farm where you can purchase fresh picked apples, delicious home made pies and other goodies for your enjoyment. From there, we will head to the Inn with an approximate 12:30 P.M. arrival.

We will need a minimum of twenty-five (25) people to attend. Hopefully we will exceed the minimum.

The price is \$38.00 per person, all inclusive. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2010, and we will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C., sent to our address. There will be some prizes and games.

Point of departure will be Schooley's Mountain Park (same location as our picnic), East Springtown Road, Long Valley, at 10:30 A.M. Please note this will be a rain or shine event, so let's get the T-Bird out.

Come join us as we enjoy the fall foliage, fine dining and most importantly, good friendship.

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