

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club  
Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

June 2015

Finally, Summer is Here

**2015 Meeting Schedule**

June 7	Tune Up Clinic
June 7	Bill & Martha Downing
July 26	Carol & Charlie Ehm
August 16	Picnic
Sept	Mike & Wendy Meehan
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October	Fall Cruise
November	Charlie & Izabella Costa
December	Christmas Party

The June meeting will be hosted by Bill & Martha Downing on June 7th, 1 PM..  
RSVP Bill or Martha at 973-627-1384 or  
wdowning@optonline.net. See page 4 for  
location

**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**



We are moving right into the summer. Our May meeting was held at Paquito & Brenda D'Rivera's on May 23rd.. We had about 10 T Birds there. Their home overlooks the NY skyline and the Hudson River which gave great views. Paquito played his Trumpet as Brenda sang the National Anthem. He also had a couple of his band members as guests. Good food and good company, we all had a very nice time. We had 2 surprises. Former club members Ken and Linda Herb as well as Al Catinzaro stopped by to say hello. It was nice to see them.

Many issues were covered during the meeting, our club functions, the Pittsburgh trip, the club picnic and the New Mexico convention to name a few. Our treasury was reported to be in good shape too

As the Summer gets here I know the meetings will get smaller attendance due to vacations. Please keep up by reading the newsletter and checking our web site and Face book page. Have a great Summer and see you at the next meeting or the picnic.

Pat LeStrange



June 21st





### A few Words From Alec

Now that the weather has finally taken a turn for the better it is time to really get out and put some miles on our early

Birds. Just attended the Motorama (formerly Franklin Lakes) show with fellow club members and we were blessed with a perfect day.

I also escorted a "slightly" disabled customized 56 Ford to a safe destination to await repairs - loudest big bang backfires I have ever heard

Happy motoring, Alec

### May Meeting

Paquito and Brenda hosted this meeting. It was a beautiful day and we had a bout 10 Birds and other old cars. Beside great Cuban food, we were surprised by a horn rendition by Paquito and a great rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Brenda who is also a multiple Emmy winner. Their home was situated very nicely, showing a nice view of the NYC skyline. The meeting was well attended.

Many thanks to Brenda and Paquito

### Highlights of the Business meeting

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

Joanne updated us on the web site and Facebook page.

Paul S reported that the plaque supplier he was working with could not make a satisfactory unit and that using another supplier would raise the total amount by \$10 or a total of \$40. Any further action was tabled.

Pat reported that CTCI has contacted him about NJORTC being the host for a Region 1 convention under their auspices. He also mentioned that Joanne has become a member of CTCI and will be running for Region 1 Director.

Ken and Linda Herb, Al Catanzaro and his daughter Ashley dropped by. They are former members .

It was reported that all the paper work or the picnic has been received.

### Travel Plans

I have been to many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with some one.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.



### Vice President's Message

Hot, hot, hot. Get those Tbirds on the road and enjoy, drive safe, have fun.

Goods news, seems everyone is doing ok. That's all we ask for.

Boy, we certainly have a lot of activity in the Early Bird magazine. Paul Schroll had an item on page 21, all the CTCI members who were on the Classic Car Cruise that a few of us went on in February, also on page 21 and, of course, Bill Downing's article on page 42 and 43. I enjoy reading the articles.

We had a fantastic meeting on Saturday, hosted by Paquito and Brenda Food was good and plentiful, plus our meeting kept being put on hold, because we had old time members who came to visit, Linda & Ken Herb, now loving living in Kentucky and Al Catanzaro and his daughter Ashley. It was so nice seeing all you guys. Brenda is an opera singer, which I did not know. She sang National Anthem, so good that it brought tears to my eyes. Paquito played his horn. They were both fantastic . Thank you Pequito and Brenda for your entertainment and hospitality.

Memorial Day weekend was great. Hope you all had fun. Thank you to all our service men then and now.

Our next event is tune-up clinic hosted by Rich and Lois Martin and the monthly meeting hosted by Bill and Martha Downing being held the same at the Martin's house. Make sure you notify both couples to let them know you are coming.

Happy Father's Day to all you men who are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and godfather. Enjoy. See you soon

Arlene



Summer Soltice - June 21st.  
Longest day of the year.

# Membership News

**Happy Anniversary**

Joe & Lorrie Matrone 22nd  
Don & Dorothy Dobres 27th  
Bill & Dot Hyde 29th



Arlene Kubat 1st  
Paquito D'Rivera 4th  
Brenda Feliciano 13th  
Bill Selby 18th  
Dorothy Dobres 22nd  
Carl Grady 28th

**Get Well Soon!**

I hope everyone is well

**FOR SALE**

1955 TBird

Torch red with 55 Fairlane side trim. Continental rear wheel, wire wheels, WWW's. Call Paquito 201-295-3176



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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.**  
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## May Meeting



Ken & Linda Herb dropped by for a visit



## Events

### Tune Up Clinic

Time to tune up for the new season. This is on June 7th at the Martin's. Notify Rich if you are going to do or have any work done on your car. Be sure to bring any parts you will need, including oil and filter if changing. Come (with your Bird) even if you have no work to do on your car and enjoy the day BS-ing and to help out. 9AM Start. Ladies invited to socialize. Let Lois know if you are coming. See below for the June meeting

### June Meeting

The June meeting will be held in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic on June 7th. Bill and Martha Downing will be the hosts. 1 PM. Even if you are attending the Tune Up Clinic, notify Bill or Martha that you are attending the meeting.

### July Meeting

Keep July 26 open for the July meeting hosted by the Ehm's. Details in next month's newsletter

### CTCI Convention

#### Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 26 - 30

If you plan to attend, get your hotel reservations in now. It will be held at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. The hotel is fully booked, but there are others for the same price. For reservations call 800-325-3535 or 505-830-5781(direct). Ask for the Pajarito Thunderbird Club rate (\$99 single, \$109 double). Additional details can be found at the CTCI website or [www.thunderbirdsnm.com](http://www.thunderbirdsnm.com)



Paquito's garage

Did you know the June 2nd is [National Rocky Road Day](#), the 7th is [National Chocolate Ice Cream Day](#) and 20th is [Ice Cream Soda Day](#). So ice cream lovers can celebrate. And to top everything off, the 22nd is [National Chocolate Eclair Day](#).



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 5/31 Demerest-162 Knickerbocker-Northern Valley High School  
6/5-7 York PA NSRA Nat's East-York Fairgrounds  
6/5-7 Carlisle, PA All Ford Nationals  
6/6-7 Mahwah-Concours- Ramapo College  
6/6 Newark -Rich Nader Concert Prudential Ctr  
6/6 West Orange Main Street  
6/7 Paramus-165 Rte 4 West-Kohl's Shopping CTR  
6/7 Waldwick-7 Hewson Dr. Waldwick Train STA.  
6/13 Pompton Plains-60 Sunset Rd-Pompton Valley Church - TBird Show  
6/14 Wayne-475 Valley Rd-Wayne Municipal Parking Lot  
6/14 Washington TWSP-701 Ridgewood Rd. Westwood High School  
6/18 Fairlawn 13-51 River Rd Chase Bank 5PM Concert & car show  
6/20/21-Teterboro-Air/Car Show Airport  
6/23 Fairfield - Wallington Plumbing 21 Passiac Ave  
6/24 Edison-80 Parsonage Rd Anthony's Pizza  
6/27 Newton 7 North Park Drive, Home Depot  
6/28 Rochelle Pk Amer. Legion # 170- 33 W. Passiac  
7/12 Hawthorne 344 Wagaraw Rd MGM Auto Body Supplies  
7/12 River Edge Continental Ave @ Memorial Pk

For more shows go to  
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>  
[www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Fair Lawn-14-26 Plaza Rd. Railroad Tavern

### Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wayne, 1560 Rte 23 N Wendy's

Saddle Brook-405 N.Midland Ave-Bennigans)

### Wednesday

Wycoff- Greenwood Ave

Paterson-Pep Boys Speed 261 McLean Blvd

Clifton - 1116 RTE 46W-The Hearth

### Thursday

Wayne - 1800 Rte 23 N Kohl's

Hackettstown Mountain Rd Wendy's

### Friday

Boonton-Wooten St, Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr.\

Midland Park, Godwin Ave, Wendy's

### Saturday

Lyndhurst -1050 Wall St (Formerly Whiskey Cafe)

## May Meeting



## My TBird - Betsy

A few days before Labor Day 2010 as I was recovering from back surgery, Don came home excited by a car he saw in Paramus. It was parked in front of a driveway with a FOR SALE sign and it caught his eye. He circled around the block to take a closer look and fell in love. He spoke to the owner, who collects Corvettes. He had the TBird which he didn't really use much and felt it was time to sell. It was in good condition and didn't need a lot of work.

The owner told him about the former owners and that it was a cover feature on the Early Bird magazine in Nov/Dec 2000. The next few days all Don would talk about was the red car. Don's dream car was always a Corvettes so this was a surprising change of events. On Saturday, with our son, we went to look at the car and take it for a drive. I couldn't get in it so Don and Kevin took it for a drive. When they came back I saw the excitement on their faces and I said BUY IT.

Now for the name. When I was a little girl, I had a beloved doll which I called Betsy. It was tattered and worn, but I still loved her. My great Aunt from Kentucky visited and saw the doll and told Mother to throw it away and she would buy me a new doll. Well, I hid with Betsy and wouldn't go near Aunt Beck for fear she would take Betsy and throw her away. I didn't throw her away and kept her for many years until she fell apart. Getting back to the car, the first Christmas we owned her we were in the Westwood Christmas parade with one of our granddaughters and she was talking about naming the car. Going over many name, nothing seemed to fit. When I told her the story about my beloved doll we settled on Betsy.

We love Betsy, she brings a smile to our faces and many others when they see her. We treasure the experience we have had with her and the many friends we have made after joining NJORTC and we look forward to having many more. Betsy will get a new upholstered seat soon and we will love driving her even more.

Dorothy & Don Dobres

## TRIVIA

What company has offered drive thru service the longest?

No one got the answer last month so I am rerunning it.



## Pittsburgh TBird Anniversary Show

July 16-19

The Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club, in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, is hosting a 60th anniversary celebration of the TBird. The TBird display will be the centerpiece of the car show. You can drive your TBird on the road race track on Sunday (2.3 miles). Activities include a tour to the Flight 93 Memorial, tours of the pit and paddock areas of the race track and the parade lap. Some dinners and lunches are provided. For full information, hotel accommodations and a schedule of events go to [www.pittbirds.org](http://www.pittbirds.org). Click on PVGP. Registration fee is \$100 plus 50.00 for the Flight 93 Tour and Banquet. The host hotel is the Comfort Inn at RIDC Park 412-963-0600. There is a special rate of \$109 plus tax. Let Paul S. know if you are interested in going. Currently we have 7 cars going

