

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



The Thunder Heard

January/February 2012

IT'S A NEW YEAR

2012 Meeting Schedule

Jan 29	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
October	Gene & Diane Szura
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December	Holiday Party

The January/February meeting, hosted by Diane & Alex Marsiglio, will be held Jan 29th at 3 PM. RSVP 201-327-1481. See "Club Events" for meeting 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



Holidays are over, I hope everyone's was good. Now looking forward to the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Spring? Thanks to all who stopped by to see our Christmas Light Show. If you missed it, here is a link to take you where I posted it on the internet. It is about 28 minutes long but you can fast forward it to where you like. <http://vimeo.com/34353671>

I am now officially your Region 1 Director. I will be traveling to California Feb. 2nd for the CTCI Board Meeting. I'm sure I will come back with some more insight into the working of CTCI. I am confident our Vice President will hold the reins whenever CTCI business conflicts with our club's functions

Speaking of functions, please email Joanne with any 2012 activities before the next meeting (Jan 29th). We will be conducting our Board Meeting before the regular meeting and will be setting up the activity schedule for the coming year. We will be giving the results of the Board Meeting as soon as we can.

Please, everyone stay healthy or get better if you are not up to par. My year has gotten off to a very rough start, although Joanne's and my health is good.

Get your reservations and Thunderbirds ready for Memphis, it will be here before you know it. Also to those going to Barrett-Jackson have fun and tell us about it when you get back.

See you all at the next meeting.

Pat Le Strange





A few words from Alec

The suspense is making me crazy-past two weekends I have had my 57 out of mothballs and driving around like its springtime. This time last year it looked like the North Pole around here.

Anyway, in a couple of months we will be getting ready for another season of enjoying our little Birds and any X brand cars that we have.

I hope to see everybody at our next club meeting. If the weather is still good try to bring your Tbird.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was a great success. Pat did his impersonation of a chicken with Arlene joining in. Even Ken (the dancer) wanted in and did his own impersonation. I hope this is not contagious as the NIH will have a hard time coming up with a vaccine.

Eva made the centerpieces which were beautiful and she made gifts to all the ladies which Santa passed out.

Frank C was able to join us and it was good to see him up and about after his two procedures.

The food was excellent and there was plenty of it. The hors d'oeuvres were very tasty.

The joie de vivre (pardon my french) at the party was the best. It seems that everyone had a good time. Mike and Wendy passed out the 2012 calendars that featured club member's cars. I think they may have some extras if you didn't get one.

See Arlene's column for more about the party.



The Vice President's Message

Happy and Healthy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Weather - The weather has been great. NO SNOW-NO ICE. As far as I am concerned it can stay like this all winter, but we know that's not going to happen!

I want to send a speedy recovery to Dominick Tucci. He suffered heart failure and had to have a defibrillator put in. He is home from the hospital and doing good, but is a little upset that he gets tired fast. Dominick, I am sure you will be back to your old self real soon. You are a fighter!!!

Frank Chabala is healing, but is still in a lot of pain with his legs. Frank, I hope you feel better real soon.

I hope that everyone had a great time at the Holiday Party, I know Joe and I did. It seems like it was a long time ago. I want to thank Eva , once again, for making the beautiful centerpieces and also making the beautiful Christmas ornaments for all of the ladies. I love mine. Eva, you do great, great work. Thank you also goes to Lois and Aileen for putting the lottery frame together. This years' winner was Walter Strohmaier. Unfortunately, he only won a couple of dollars, but I am sure he had fun scratching off . Thank you to Lucille for getting the cookies, Mike and Wendy for the calendars (great job-I like the extra pictures of our cars in the calendar), Pat for being a great DJ and Joanne for helping and lastly, the visit from Santa Claus. I just loved the way Santa came dancing into the room with his walker. Frank, you always do a good job. All of us ladies love you. This year we had an added chicken dancer. Ken, you did a good job and made me laugh - now you are as crazy as me and Pat (we may be crazy, but we have lots of fun). We also had a few wind up toys out on the dance floor, they were all cute!! If I forgot someone, I am sorry. One more thing, the room was great and the food was good and plenty of it. (cont'd on Page 4)

Membership News



Charlie & Izebela Costa Feb 8



Todd Salamon Jan 4

Joe Matrone Jan 22

Donna Jesse Jan 20

Martha Downing Jan 26

Merry Case Jan 29

Rich Martin Jan 30

Dorothy Guidone Feb 1

Eva Tucci Feb 6

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala

Dominick Tucci

FOR SALE

Battery

6 Volt battery for a TBird or other car. Fully charged. Good condition. contact Paul Adamoff, padamoff@airtrontech.com or 201-286-4781

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

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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.

Holiday Party



Lottery Board Winner - Walter

**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

Jan/Feb Meeting Location

The January/February meeting will be held Paddington Square Club House (Chad's Barn Court), Airmont Road to Masonicus Road Mahwah, NJ. Remember to RSVP Alex and Diane Marsiglio at 201-327-1481

Sweetheart Brunch

Lucille has set up this years Sweetheart Brunch. Date is Feb 19th. It's at the Bethwood, 37 Lackawanna Ave, Totowa. 11:30 seating. The cost is 37.50 (same as last year) per person, all inclusive.

Phone or email Lucille by Feb. 15th. and get your check (made out to NJORTC) to Lucille or Frank. The food has always been great and plenty. Better yet, bring a check to the meeting for your reservation.



Bill Jessie's Birthday-same day as party

Arlene (cont'd)

Now is time for a new year, new activities, etc. If any one has any suggestion on anything you would like to see the club do, please let us know.

The Sweetheart Brunch is scheduled for Feb 19th.

I hope that everyone going to Memphis in August for the CTCI National Convention have made their room reservations and registration.

On January 18th we have some members going to Scottsdale for the Barrett Jackson Auction. Joe is going (one this on his bucket list?) also Phil, John and Sandy and Rich and Lois. I hope you all have a safe and fun trip.

Pat, our Region 1 Director, will be going to CA for the CTCI meeting. Have a safe trip.

See you all soon, Arlene

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CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Jan 20-22 Allentown PA. Swap Meet, car corral.
Allentown Fairgrounds 302 N 17th St.

Holiday Party



Everyone loves Santa



CRUISE NIGHTS

Everything is shut down



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.

NOTE

The special rate rooms at the host hotel have all been booked. There are additional rooms available but at a higher rate. There are rooms available at other hotels which are close by at the original rate. An email was sent out with the contact information.

If you do not have this information please contact the editor of the newsletter.

NOTE

There has been a significant number of registrations already. It is advisable to get your registration in early as space for the tours and other events may be limited - so if you want to go to these register now.



Harvest Bounty



Grab bag



Happy Valentines Day



Tech Tips Preventing Fires

The biggest causes of fires are electrical malfunctions or leaking fuel lines spraying gas on a hot engine. Using correct amperage fuses and properly insulated connections are vital to preventing overheated wiring or sparks.

If you smell gas, find the reason and make repairs immediately. Periodically check fuel lines, especially rubber hoses. Look for cracking, splitting, softness rubbing and general deterioration. Replace old hose with new rubber materials that are compatible with today's fuels Gas with ethanol can deteriorate old hoses.

Batteries are another source of car fires. Hydrogen gas leaking from a battery can explode if ignited by a spark when jump starting or from a lighted cigarette. Hook up jumper cables properly. First connect positive post of both batteries. Then attach the negative cable to the donor battery. Complete the circuit by attaching the other negative clamp to the generator bracket or an unpainted part far away from the battery.

There is added incentive in preventing and being prepared for car fires. Car fires often result in a total loss. For this reason, avoid cars, even for restoration projects, that have been in a fire . Rewiring can be a nightmare. Car fires can get hot enough to "heat treat" the metal and reduce its strength. Buckled body panels are almost impossible to repair.

Fire extinguishers can minimize car-fire damage. They should be carried inside the car so you can get to them fast. Mount one between or under the front seats or on the panel under the dash next to the door. The key word here is "mount". You might not be able to find a loose extinguisher that has been rolling around. Carrying one in the trunk is not the

best idea. By the time you open the trunk and remove the extinguisher, it could be too late. In a TBird, putting it between the seat and the step place is a handy position.

Check the extinguisher routinely for state of charge and operating condition.

From the Early Bird

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



Beer Anyone?



YMCA?





sorry about the fuzzy picture



Life is a hot cup of coffee, a fresh newspaper and a warm toilet seat