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Happy St. Patricks Day



2008 Meeting Schedule	
March 30	Alec Johnstone
April	Charlie & Izabela Costa
May	Dennis & Gail Chirico
June	Al & Ellen Catanzaro
July	Pat LeStrange & Joanne Seiler
August 10	MINI CONCOURS
September	John & Sandy Pyrros
October	Vince DeAndrea
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December	Holiday Party
The Mar. 30 Meeting will be hosted by Alec Johnstone At 2pm RSVP: 201-934-4058 Paddington Sq. Club House. Mahwah Directions last page	
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

With the Car Show season fast approaching, I hope everyone's "Birds" will be ready. I am encouraging everyone to try to bring a T Bird or Classic car to the meetings and events. We really would like to see them, after all "this is a car club!"

I have been talking to John Pestrichelli, President of the Garden State Region Mustang Club. He is inviting us to some of their shows and events. Paul will have the shows listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We will do the same for them. If you remember he had told John Pyrros about the Lerner Home Show that we were paid \$3,500 for.

The Sweetheart brunch was a good time. Thank you Lucille.

Please let Bob Belli know about the Meadowlands Race Track and get your money in.

Please get your dues (\$50) to Frank Chabala

Be sure to RSVP Alec for his meeting. It is March 30th at 2 PM.

Pat LeStrange

Night at the track – see Page 2 for information



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RSVP MEETING HOSTS NO LATER THEN 1 WEEK BEFORE A MEETING, YES or NO



A few words from Alec

On a recent Saturday, several members took a trip to the Scranton, PA area to pick up some parts for 56 Bird being restored by Charlie Costa. (another one).

Upon our arrival the owner invited us to tour the two large buildings on his property. When is the last time you have seen 8 57 "E" Birds and 2 57 "F" Birds in one room? And all in excellent condition! Additionally, he had some 56's and "D" Model 57's. What a collection!!

He also has tons of parts and reasonable prices. The facility is located about a two hour ride from North Jersey. It was a trip to remember. The owner, Adrian, can be contacted at birdland567@wmconnect.com He also sells on the internet. Tel 570-709-0823

Happy Motoring
Alec

My TBird – Charlie Costa



Upcoming Events

Night at the Track

This is slated for April 17th. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Post time for racing is 7.00PM

Price is \$50.00 per person . Come and have a great dinner and watch the ponies run. Who knows, you could be the big winner for the night on a \$2 bet.. Make out the check to NJORTC (due now) and mail to:
Bob Belli
57 Longview Drive
Emerson, NJ 07630

My TBird (Cont'd)

The 1956 TBird was purchased by my parents in 1961. The car was their daily driver until the late 60's when it was retired and put in the garage. The car sat in the garage until 1982, when my father decided to get it on the road again. The motor was rebuilt by a local Ford remanufacturing plant and the car was used again as a daily driver by my mom. That summer, the car developed vapor lock problems on hot days, which we were unable to resolve. The car went back into the garage until I inherited it in 2002.

I wanted to restore this car, however I knew nothing about them so I decided to join CTCL. Some time after that I was at a car show and met some members of the NJORTC. Seeing their cars gave me the inspiration I needed to work on mine. I started the frame off restoration, and with the help of some of my friends from the NJORTC, it was completed in about two and a half years.



Happy Easter

Membership News

March
ANNIVERSARIES
Bill & Pat Selby 12
Bruce & Aileen Corbett 30



Vince Ucci 1
Joanne Seiler 5
Mildred Strohmaier 8
Susan Gaeta 9
Bob Calvo 20
Bob Perruso 28



Sandy Pyrros

FOR SALE

Two door access panels – fiberglass – fits all years. Drilled for 55,56 and early 57 window stops. \$ 25.00 Call Paul Schroll 201-652-7027

Any items you want us to publish in the newsletter must be received before the 10th of the month they can be e-mailed directly to me Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com

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Club Photographer	Lucille Chabala
Sunshine	Lucille Chabala
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NEW GRANDPARENTS

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli
Dorian Giovanni Cirinelli 2/29/08
6 lbs, 11 oz Born to Brent & Sofie Cirinelli

CAR SHOWS

April 23 – 27 Spring Carlisle

April 27 Rte 23 Automall, Butler

May 4 Short Hills (I have entry form) Benefit Valerie Fund

May 18 Upper Saddle River Car Show/Swap Meet

June 6-8 All Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA

June 7 All Thunderbird Show, Pompton Plains

July 12 Concert/Car Show Meadowlands Paddock Contact John Pestrichelli (201-265-8550) for details

July 17 Car Show Trebour Ford, 906 Rte 10, Randolph

Tech Tip

Need a fuel pump in a hurry or want to carry a less expensive spare? Ford FE (332,352,360,390, 410,427) fuel pumps are direct bolt ins for your 292 or 312. You will need some flexible fuel hose and fittings to connect to your stock lines.



Directions to Alec Johnstone's for March club meeting

Chads Barn in Paddington Square Mahwah

Call 201-788-1671 or 201-934-4058
2:00 PM

Be sure to call if you are attending

From Rte 17 North

Continue past Lake St/E. Crescent Ave. exit and shopping center. Slow down, get in right lane. Just after Macaroni grill and before Dunk'in Donuts make a sharp right on to Airmont Avenue.

At first light, turn left into Paddington Square and continue around almost to end. Make a left on Chads Barn Court.

From Route 17 South

Take Rte 287 to Rte 17 South Continue to Spring Street exit (just after NJ Transit rail station). Make two lefts continuing over Rte 17. Continue past light at Franklin Turnpike (road changes to Hilltop Rd). Continue to end and make left onto Airmont Ave. At first light turn left into Paddington Square and continue almost to the end. Make a left onto Chads Barn Court.

Kids in the front seat cause accidents

Accidents in the back seat cause kids



SWEETHEART BRUNCH

Our Sweethear Bruch was held at the Bethwood on SundayFeb. 17th. We had a group of 16. Roses and favors were presented to the ladies by President Pat Lastrange. The food was plentiful, delicious. We all had a wonderful time. From Lucille Chabala



ATLANTIC CITY AUCTION

A group of us (John P., Alec J, Al C., Dennis C., Pat L., Joe K. and Paul S with guest John Pestrichelli) ventured down to AC to view the auction action and the swap meet. While there we met Dominick Tucci and Vince Ucci. The swap meet was excellent if you liked ladies purses and foreign tools, although Pat found something of interest for his Merc..

The cars for sale, in my view, were down from last year. Early Birds were represented by only three entries. Without passes, it was next to impossible to witness the auction as the free seats were all filled up. A couple of pics, the meatball sandwiches were very good.
(editor)

A couple of pics

