

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

December 2012

Happy Holidays

2013 Meeting Schedule

Jan 27	Bob & Shelly Belli
Feb 17	Sweetheart Brunch
March 3	Harold's Deli
March	Todd & Mara Solamon
April	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
May	Bill & Dot Hyde
June	Bob & Joan Notar
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
August	Picnic
September	Joe & Lori Matrone
October	Fran & Lucille Chabala
November	Walter Strohmaier
December	Holiday party

The Jan/Feb meeting will be on Jan. 27th at 2PM and will be hosted by Shelley and Bob Belli, 57 Longview Dr., Emerson, NJ 07630 RSVP 201-265-2393 or bellibmwbob@aol.com

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



I start this column with a sad heart. The passing of our very loved Eva Tucci has broken everyone's hearts. She was a special person who did so many amazing things for our club there are too many to number. Every Christmas party she hand made all the center pieces, just to name one. Along with Dominick their membership has been a great asset to the club. She will be missed dearly. Hopefully, Dominick will remain active in the club not only because of the good work he does but also as a reminder of Eva's contribution to us.

Our last meeting was held at Mike & Wendy's and had a very large turnout. We welcomed back Paul Dorne and Julia Andriolo. Paul has rejoined the club after a ten year hiatus. We discussed the upcoming Holiday party. Everyone is looking forward to the "Chicken Dance". I fell off a ladder after putting up Christmas decorations. I am a little sore but should be able to flap my wings. It looks like it will be another big turnout.

On Sunday 11/25/12 Joanne, me, Rich and Lois Martin took a ride to attend the Garden State Thunderbird Club meeting in Cherry Hill. We were welcomed warmly. Their club is about half the size of ours. They were curious about how we did things differently then they do in running the clubs. The hosting for meetings was the most different. They schedule meetings on a volunteer basis. Everyone attending pays \$7.50 to cover the cost of food. We have planned to try to do some things together next year.

Joanne has sent out e-mail invitations for our open house weekend to celebrate the Holiday season and to see our "Holiday Light Spectacular". We hope to see all of you.

Happy Holidays, See you at the party.

Pat LeStrange.





A few Words From Alec

Well, here it is, the end of the year already. Time for our Christmas party.

It will be a time to remember all the good times our club enjoyed over the past year and also a sad time remember loved ones that have passed.

Eva Tucci will be greatly missed for the many good things she did for the club and just for being a wonderful person.

One can hope that the new year will be good and healthy for all our members.

Happy Motoring

Alec

November Meeting

The Nov. meeting was hosted by Mike and Wendy Meehan. While an early evening meeting, attendance was very good and overflowed Mike and Wendy's house. Never the less, everyone had a good time and the food was excellent. Thanks to Mike and Wendy for hosting.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Paul Dorne and Julie Andriolo were guests. Paul submitted an application to join and was welcomed to the club. Paul was a member some time ago.

The action about women's gift last month was reversed.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the newsletter trivia questions. Lori Matrone and Sandy Pyrros were the winners for separate months.

The Sweetheart Brunch was brought up and the members wanted to continue it. Lucille is the contact and it was decided to have it Feb. 17th.

Pat mentioned that the Board Meeting will be held just prior to the regular Jan/Feb meeting, which will be on Jan 27th at the Belli's home. Activities for next year will be discussed. Anyone having an idea for an activity should contact Pat or Joanne.

Mike Meehan agreed to handle Harold's Deli and he accepted. It is scheduled for March 3rd.

Lois asked Mike to contact Phil regarding the permits for the August picnic.

Arlene reported on the Holiday party scheduled for 12/1. Lois Martin reported an various CTCI matters.

Next meeting Jan 27th hosted by Bob & Shelly Belli



Vice President's Message

Weather: This will be my last weather report - it is time to move on to another subject. It has been a scary Fall, nice days, warm days for this time of year. Thanksgiving was a beautiful day, but, of course, we cannot forget about Super Storm Sandy. The amount of damage is just so unbelievable. People lost so much. It is time to rebuild, especially the Jersey Shore. I know a lot of my childhood memories were wiped out, as well as many of yours. We were without lights for 10 days - ugh!!! The best is that we all survived

Unfortunately, we had very sad news. Our club member and a dear friend passed away last week. Eva Tucci. She was one of the strongest women I knew. She had been fighting with different health issues for many years, but always stayed so strong. I am so honored that she was a friend. She was a very talented woman and also a very hard worker. I know and I am sure the everyone who knew her will miss her. May she rest in peace.

It's that time of year again, our Christmas party which is this Saturday, Dec 1st. at 5PM, San Carlo Catering, Lyndhurst. As of now we have 58 members attending (which I think is great). I am looking forward to another great year.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Now that it is over, it is time to get ready for Christmas. Joe and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also pray that everyone has a happy and healthy New Year. For those of you who had a rough year I pray that 2013 will be a much healthier one.

See you at the party

Arlene



Membership News

Anniversary

Ken & Linda Herb 3rd



Bill Jessie 3rd
Paul Schroll 15th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Lois Martin 21st

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala

In Memoriam



Eva Tucci

Condolences to Dominick and his family

FOR SALE

1937 Cadillac

4 door sedan, Supposedly owned by gangsters. New wiring harness included, but not installed. Body in great shape. Currently registered in NJ. Call Rich, 201-262-3333

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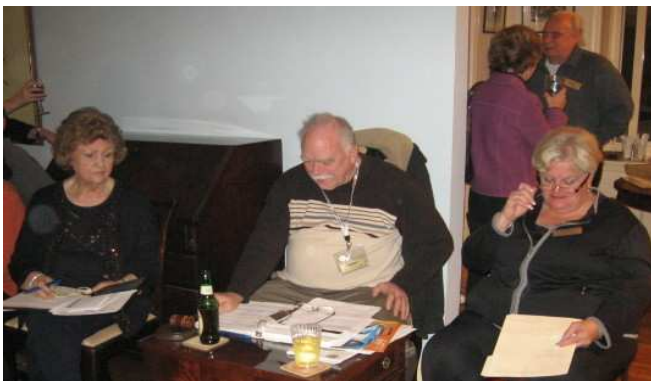
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Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter.

November 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.
ptschroll@aol.com

Club Events

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party is on December 1st. If you haven't signed up, it may be too late. Contact Arlene to see if she can get you in.

Sweetheart Brunch

Again this year we are going to the Bethwood for the Sweetheart Brunch. Great food and a great get together. Lucille is in charge and it is scheduled for Feb. 17th. Cost to be announced. Call Lucille if you are going.

Harold's Deli

How about some nice pastrami or corned beef sandwich, maybe a pickle or two or anything else that meets your fancy. We are planning a get together at Harold's Deli in Edison. Tentative date is March 3rd. Mike Meehan is making the arrangements. Call him if you plan to attend.

New members



A welcome to our new members, Paul Dorne and Julie Andriolo. They hail from Morristown and have a 55 Bird, Red

For all your crazy friends, Dec 27 is National Fruitcake Day. Wish them well. (oops-sorry, that's the edible kind)



Merry Christmas

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Ruts Hut

Saturday

Clifton - The Hearth Restaurant-1116 Rte 46 West
11:30 Am

Like Cruising? How about an ocean cruise? In February '13 there is an ocean cruise with old cars as the theme. It's the Classic Car Cruise. See info at <http://www.classiccarcruise.com>

November Meeting



Winter Cometh - Dec 21st

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

Car Shows-Swap Meets

Atlantic City March 1-3 Car Auction and Swap Meet

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
www.newjerseycarshows.com (reactivated)



Trivia Quiz

What English word, which is singular, but if you add an "s" becomes plural, but if you add another "s" becomes singular again?

First correct answer receives a prize

Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Sandy Pyrros and the answer was Ringo Starr. C'mon guys, the ladies always get these. I have car type prizes too!



Happy Chanukah

Photos From the Past Year



Tune Up Clinic-wall to wall Tbirds



Picnic - remember this John, Rich and Pat?



Wadda mean I can't handle this?

December 13th is [National Ice Cream Day](#). So Joe and Rich, go indulge yourself. And for you chocolate lovers, Dec 16th is [National Chocolate Covered Anything Day](#). So feel free to celebrate. Also, Dec 24 is [National Chocolate Day](#) so you are doubly blessed this month



Fall Cruise



All Tbird Show



The Dance - tickets please

I always take life with a grain of salt, plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila



