

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



The Thunder Heard

November 2014

Happy Thanksgiving

2014 Meeting Schedule

November 23	Alec Johnstone
December 6	Holiday party
	2015
Jan 25	Harold's Deli
March 28	50's Dance



President's Message



What a great day we had for the Fall Colors cruise. 47 members and 17 Thunderbirds. Phil and Dorothy did an excellent job on the route and stops. The restaurant was very nice too. Joanne took a lot of pictures which you can see on the members page of the web site.

The pictures of the picnic are also on the website. Sign the guest book while you are there.

I have asked Joanne to send out an email to see if anyone had any thing they want to see on the meeting agenda. So if you do, get back to me or her. Also, if you have not seen them, the meeting minutes are on the Member's Page in case you want to refresh your memory before the meeting.

Pretty soon it will be Christmas party time. See Arlene for "tickets". Attached to this newsletter is a "keep the date open" flyer for the 50's dance. Tickets for the dance will be ready in December (they make great Christmas and Hanukkah gifts).

Pat Le Strange

The November meeting will be hosted by Alec Johnstone on November 23rd. RSVP 201-934-4058 or 201-788-1671. No email

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.





A few Words From Alec

Well, another summer has come and gone and our club has continued to grow in membership.

I bought my first Tbird in 1957 upon my discharge from the Air Force and bought my latest in 2008. It is great to see so many people that still appreciate cars like these.

One of the best things that I have done was to join this club - our picnic, and color cruise were their usual great events. The weather was not cooperative for the fall cruise , but it didn't rain

Happy Motoring , Alec

October Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Pat & Bill Selby. It was a nice Fall afternoon with plenty of sunshine. The theme was breast Cancer Awareness and many members wore pink. I guess the Birds have been put away for the winter as only 5 were present. The meeting was well attended, in fact one of the biggest. Thanks to Bill and Pat.

Highlights of the business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurers report.

Arlene reported that the Christmas party is all set. Same price as last year. Checks should be in to Frank by 11/22.

Toni brought up the calendars and it was decided to have the same vendor as last year do this years. Cost \$13 each. One will be given to each male member/spouse. If additional calendars are wanted, contact Toni. Toni needs the photos by 11/7.

Joanne reported that all arrangements have been made for the dance in March.

Since there were no opposing nominees for Vice President and Treasurer, after a motion the Secretary was authorized to cast a ballot for both offices. This was done and Carol Ehm was elected Treasurer and Arlene Kubat was elected Vice President.

Pat said their Christmas open house will be on 12/12 and 12/13. All are invited.

Sandra P said Harold's Deli trip is going to be on January 25.

A discussion was held on the length of the club meetings and what could be done to shorten them. No immediate action was taken.



Vice President's Message

Right now we are having a bad rain and wind storm - glad it's not snow. After tonight the weather is supposed to be sunny and in the 60's. Sooo, get your cars out for a nice ride and whatever car shows are left.

I hope all you guys that have been under the weather are back on the road to recovery.

On the 19th, Carol & Charlie Ehm hosted a car show at their church. We once again had a great turn out of our members, some of whom won trophies. There was also a small tricky tray with nice prizes - but of course I won nothing as usual. Paul A brought a cup cake and put a candle in it and we sang Happy Birthday to John Pyrros whose birthday was that day.

On the 19th was our Fall Cruise hosted by Phil and Dorothy. Although we were unable to attend, I heard it was another great cruise. There was a great turnout of members, TBirds and other old cars. How can we not have a good time with the great Club that we have.

Before you know it, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here. Pat has already started to do his Christmas decorations. Our plans are moving right along for the Christmas party Dec. 6, 5:00PM at the San Carlo, Lyndhurst. The cost of the party is \$100 per couple, which will pay your annual dues of \$50 or \$50 per person which will pay 1/2 of your dues if you go solo. Send your check to Frank Chabala by 11/22. Let's make this the best attended Christmas party. Guaranteed a great time .

Don't forget to turn the clocks back Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Spring ahead, fall back so the saying goes.

If anyone is interested in a black winter scarf with NJORTC embroidered on it (Christmas gift last year) we are selling the leftovers for \$15.00 each. They are real nice and warm. Please let me know. Arlene

Minutes Cont'd

Donna suggested club outing at the Westchester Theater spring show (West Side Story?) in the springs. Cost 80-95 per.

50/50 won by Steve Handy

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th
 Paul & Sheryl QAdamoff 16th
 Charles & Lisa Musto 16th
 Carol & Charlie Ehm 8th
 Jan & Joe Seville 26th



Phil Guidone 4th
 Izabela Costa 14th
 Henry Semmler 19th
 Aileen Corbett 23rd

Get Well Soon!

Henry Semmler

FOR SALE

1957 Thunderbirds (2)

Gene Szura has information on two 57's that are for sale. For info, contact Gene 201-991-8459

From Carol & Charlie Ehm

We would like to thank those who supported our 4th car/truck show at the First Reformed Church of Lincoln Park. It was a great success. We hope to see you next year.

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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October Meeting



Pretty in pink



Events

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on the 23rd at Delizias Pizza Wooten St, Boonton at 2PM Make sure you RSVP the host either way. See Page 1 for info.

Holiday Party

Now its getting close so don't forget our Holiday party. It's December 6th so mark this down so you reserve the date. As usual if you buy two "tickets" your next years dues are paid for. One "ticket" and 1/2 of your dues are paid for. Price is \$50.00 per person. There will be a Toys for Tots collection (unwrapped only), grab bag (bring a gift, get a gift), raffle and prizes. Send your check to Frank. The party is at the San Carlo, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ

Harold's Deli

Now scheduled for January 25. Sit down time is 1 PM, come early so we can get together. This has always been a great gathering with good food and better company. This is a pay your own event. Harold's is located at 1173 King Georges Post Rd, Edison, NJ. Sandy Pyrros is the chair, notify her if you are going.

December Meeting

The December meeting is the Holiday party. There will not be a formal meeting.



Nov 4th

Fall Colors Cruise

It was a great day to go cruising. Sunny, hardly a cloud in the sky. But cold and windy in the morning. Surely not top down cruising. We sure appreciated the hot coffee and donuts that Phil and Dorothy had for us but it was so windy that we had to move everything into the pavilion to get out of the wind. There were 18 old cars, 17 Tbirds of different years. 47 people total attended, including Henry Semmler who just under went an operation and who joined us at the restaurant.

Phil had everything set to go-we started on a one hour cruise looking at the scenery. 17 Birds in a row going down the road - what a sight. The other drivers seem impressed and let us pass even though they had the right of way. We stopped at a roadside stand where there were pumpkins, pies, homemade bread, a petting zoo and hay rides among the attractions. After spending our money, it was on the road again and after another hour we stopped at the Harvest Moon Inn in Ringos. After enjoying a delicious meal, Phil and Dorothy had drawings for prizes.

Then Dorothy and Phil dressed up as movie characters and we were supposed to guess who they were. While most people couldn't figure who they were, 6 did. It turns out they were posing as Willy Wonka and Verruca Salt of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory (see pictures)



Some of the locals at Schooley's Mtn.

Car Shows-Swap Meets

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

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Saturday

Elmwood Park 375 Market St - Elmwood Park
Diner

Clifton Rte 46 West, Hearth Restaurant



On the cool side



Guess where he will be on Nov 27th



Everybody was agape at the TBirds



Signs
On a Maternity Room door
Push. Push. Push.

TRIVIA
How can you put your left hand in your right hand pants pocket and then put your right hand in your left had pants pocket at the same time?
Mike Perillo was last month's winner. The answer was Madam X

Tech Tips Handy Tool

Another repeat, but one I think is worth mentioning again

Although primarily used in surgery, A Rochester Pean forceps can be one of the most useful tools for working on cars. It's made of stainless steel and it locks so it can be used as a fine clamp, especially in places too distant for a regular gripping tool.

It can also be used to clamp two small pieces together for soldering and is useful in picking up small parts such as nuts or screws in hard to reach locations.

This clamp is available from any surgical supply house and its cost, depending on quality, runs about \$25 - \$35.

Edward Verville MD, Early Bird Sept-Oct 1995



Verucca Salt & Willy Wonka AKA Dorothy & Phil



mmmmmm Good

FYI

I opened a Hemmings Motor News Newsletter to find that the Sam Pack Museum, in Dallas Texas, is liquidating inventory. Wow, what a shame for all of us that love wandering through time in an automotive museum. I had planned to go there this summer after attending a work related convention, but as fate would have it I fell sick and canceled.

The good news is that if you are in the market to purchase a museum quality car then this may be a good opportunity. RM Auctions is handling the affair if you are interested go to

<http://rmauctions.com/auctions/event.cfm?SaleCode=SP14>. You have to look over the catalog. The offerings are awesome. There are several 55-57 T Birds among the lots for sale. Not the least of which is a "F" Bird, and "E" Bird. Sounds like a great field trip.

Who is Sam Pack? Surf his museum website to find out.

(<http://www.packautomotivemuseum.com/sampack.html>) :

Mike Parrillo

Daylight Saving Time Over

Don't forget - Standard time starts Nov 2nd. Set your clock 1 hour back on Saturday night or else you will be early for your Sunday appointments.

Remember - Spring ahead, Fall back

Entertainment

Need something to while away those long winter hours? Here is a collection of old car movies and ads that I think you will enjoy.

<http://www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm#movie>



Nov 11th

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



Diorama at the farm



What's Halloween without a hay ride to the pumpkin patch



Harvest Moon Inn

Thanks to Joanne and Mike Perillo for their contributions