

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



# The Thunder Heard

**January/February 2025**

**2025 Meeting Schedule**

Jan/Feb 26	Mike Perillo
February 16	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Bruce Corbett
April	Bob Sabino
April 27	Spring Cruise
May	Tom Mirro
June	Pat LeStrange
July	Steve Handy
September	Phil Guidone
October	Rich Iuso
November	Don Dobres

The next meeting is Jan 26th.  
 Mike & Theresa Parillo are the hosts.  
 RSVP 973-751-8937 or parillosr@aol.com

**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**  
 Please let Arlene and Toni know at least **2 months** before your scheduled month that **YOU WILL BE HOSTING** the meeting and give the date/time/etc.

**JANUARY**  
**FEBRUARY**



**President's Message**



2025 is here I am wishing everyone and your families a healthy and happy year.

I would like to thank Arlene and all who helped her put on our fabulous Christmas party, from the location, to the food, DJ, calendars, and the raffles. I'm sure everyone had a great time. It was the largest turnout that we have had in several years.

I would also like to mention, due to the large turnout at the Christmas party and several members sending in their dues already, we only have 2 members we are waiting on.

It looks like Mike Parrillo has put together a very good Spring cruise. I'm looking forward to it and Spring itself. I will be setting the Annual Board meeting in February, so if you have any concerns or issues you would like the Board to look in to, please let me know at the January meeting.

**Patrick Le Strange    President NJORTC**



**Mike Parillo's 57 E Bird**



### Vice President's Message



Hope everyone had a happy Holiday.  
Hope all are doing well.

Another Christmas party in the books. I must say it was a very successful. Everyone who said they were coming came, that never happened before. I was so happy. Thanks to Pat and Bob Sabino for getting us the Elks Lodge for our party. The ladies from the Elks did a fabulous job taking care of us. The hall was nicely decorated and center pieces were very nice decorated Christmas trees. Thanks Toni Sabino for all your hard work. Thanks Lois Martin for making the money tree, which was won by Carman Ramos, the 50/50 was won by John Pyrros. Bogo bag was won by Sheryl Adamoff, Traveling Shaving kit was won by Steve Schmidt, ladies gift basket made by Joan Notar, was won by Bob Heissler. Thank you ladies for making your items. Of course, thanks to our money man Steve Handy for taking care of our money and paying our bills, he was a very busy man that night writing out checks. The food was good and more than enough, as usual. Thanks to Debbie, outside Chef from Elks. Also thanks to Toni for getting cake and cookies and Steve for ice cream. Thank you Sheryl for recommending the DJ, he was very good and also very nice. Thank you Donna and Bill Jesse for delivering the toys for tots, which were delivered to families in need by teacher (I believe) that Donna's daughter-in-law knows. A thank you to Joe for all he did to help me with the party. If I forgot anyone I am sorry. It was a great great party.

Next meeting January 26th 2025 hosted by Mike & Theresa Perillo at Delizias in Boonton at 2:00 pm. Please notify them whether or not you are going or not.

If you plan on attending the Sweetheart brunch, please send Julie Anne your check asap. More info about the brunch elsewhere in the newsletter.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all. If you are going out New Years Eve have fun and be safe. See you all in 2025.

Arlene

### December Meeting

There was no official meeting as the Christmas party was our December get together.

### Christmas Party

See Arlene's column for highlights of the party. Here are pictures. Go to the web site for a complete set of pictures.



# Membership News



Tom & Susan Mirro 2/8  
Charlie & Izebela 2/8



Julie Ann Morrison 1/3  
Steve Handy 1/6  
Jackie Werner 1/13  
Steve Schmidt 1/16  
Donna Jessie 1/20  
Miles Yengst 1/23  
Kinga Kosmala 1/24  
Martha Downing 1/26  
Merry Case 1/29  
Bob Heissler 1/29  
Rich Martin 1/30  
Dorothy Guidone 2/2  
Paul Dorne 2/7  
Sean Dillon 2/19



Irene Douma\

## Welcome - New Members



Jacek & Kinga Kosmala

They live in Elmwood Park. Jacek has a white  
57 Bird



John Swanson and Donna Diebner  
They live in River Vale

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Things my Mother Taught Me  
Behavior Modification- Stop acting like your  
father

## Club Announcements

### January/February Meeting

This meeting is on January 26th. Venue is Delizia's, 308 Wooton St, Boonton (Wal- Mart shopping center ). Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP Mike Perillo

### Sweetheart Brunch

The brunch is on February 16th at Stone Water, Lake Hopatcong. Space is limited. See last page for flyer and information..



Toys for Tots



More Toys for Tots

Thanks to Donna for contributing pictures

## Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month - Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads Church

### Car Shows/Swap Meets

1/17-19 Allentown, PA 302 N. 17th St Swap Meet



## For Sale

### TBird Parts

NOS / used items for a '55 and '56 T-Bird or standard Ford and a 6 Volt battery charger.

Also have a 9,000 Watt portable gasoline generator with electric (new battery) & pull start, \$1,600.00, used only 5 hours

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Feb. 2 - Six more weeks of Winter ?



And the winner is .....



ok Tom - it's in



February 17th

Tech Tips  
Power Steering Fluid

The power steering systems for the early Thirds were designed to operate on Type A transmission fluid. Since Type A is no longer available, some owners and their mechanics have used power steering fluids. Power steering fluids will work, but by using regular power steering fluid your system is subject to developing leaks. This is due to the fact that power steering fluid is "thinner" than Type A trans fluid. The thinner fluid is able to leak out of the seals, control valve and cylinder. The solution is to go back to transmission fluid. Type F or FA trans fluid is available and is an acceptable substitute

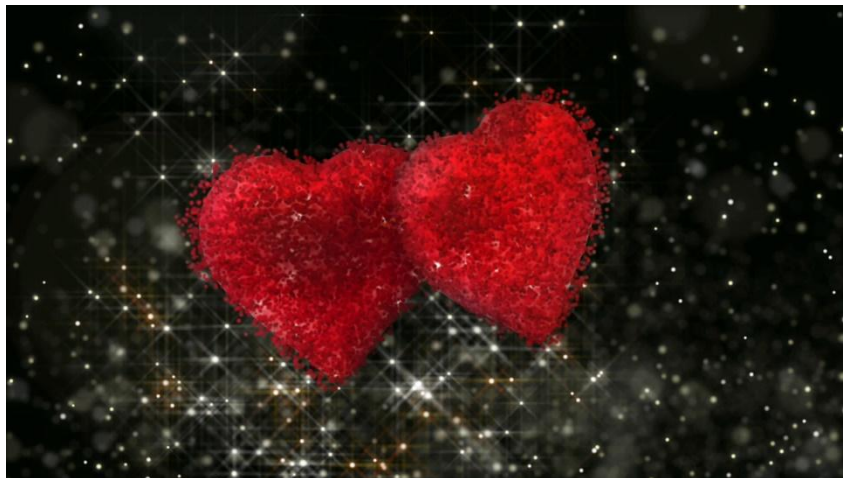
If standard power steering fluid was used the solution is to completely drain the system. Completely draining the system may introduce air into the system so care must be taken to eliminate this. The alternative is to remove as much as the power steering fluid as possible from the reservoir and replace it with trans fluid. As you run low, continue to add trans fluid.. Power steering can be mixed with trans fluid. Eventually all the power steering fluid will be replaced if there are leaks. The fluid change will not fix any leaks caused by old, hard seals, worn out pumps and other problems associated with an old system. If your Third has a new power steering system, yet you have leaks, this tip may solve your problems.

Adapted from the Early Bird

Our yearly reminder from Paul Adamhoff - Do not use your cruise /speed control in the rain or snow.  
Loss of control may result



Happy New Year



**NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB  
ANNUAL SWEETHEART BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**11:00AM-?**

**STONE WATER (AT THREE PEAKS MARINA)**

**125 STATE RTE 181**

**LAKE HOPATCONG, NJ**

**SEATING IS LIMITED SO RESERVE EARLY**

**THE COST IS 50.00/PERSON  
PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO NJORTC**

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