



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

May 2021

2021 Meeting Schedule

Tentative

May 23	Bob Sabino
May 23	Tune Up Clinic
June	Lucille Chabala
July	Paul Werner
August	Picnic
September	Bob Notar
October	Mike Parillo
November	Vince Ucci
December	Christmas Party

For tune up clinic/meeting is on May 23rd. Hosts are Mike Meehan and Carrie Bailey.

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for time and 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



Ok everyone, let's get ready. The month of May should be the start to car show season, most Cruise nights start and several shows too. Get out and hopefully everyone has had their shots and will wear their masks. We need to see old friends and be outside.

NJORTC will have their Tune Up Clinic and meeting in a new location this year on May 23 at Mike Meehan's new home in Blairstown. Directions and RSVP will be sent out soon.

Club dues are mostly in with only a few hold outs. If you haven't yet send yours in now. Send them to my home.

As for Joanne's and my health updates. Joanne has had some complications but is still kicking Cancer's ass. I have completed my Radiation treatments on my vocal cords. It will still be several weeks before my voice returns to "normal".. Thanks for all your support on Face Book , it was an incredible amount of friends, also thanks for the many cards. Don't worry Joanne and I will be back on our feet with the club before you know it.

Wishing everyone good health and happiness

Pat Le Strange





Vice President's Message



As they say, April Showers bring May flowers, well this is true, but when you have freezing temps, it does not do those May flowers justice!!! Spring is here which means cruise nights are starting. First week of May opens up Wendy's on Tuesday nights and Kohl's on Thursday nights on Route 23 in Wayne, NJ. On Friday, May 7th Walmart Shopping, Boonton, NJ. Those are the three I know about. It is time to get our Thunderbirds out of storage and on the open road. Have fun, drive safe.

Marianne Denning is coming along slowly. Pat is finished with radiation and hopefully we will be able to hear him talk again. Joanne is having issues with her stomach. She is not eating too much and not feeling too good. Hopefully when this thing gets under control she will feel better. As we all know she is a fighter and will keep fighting. Let's keep praying for her. Our prayers always help. Our prayers also for Lucille, she fell down her outside concrete cellar stairs on her back. Thank god she did not break anything, but she has a concussion and a slight bleed on the brain (she is getting medication for that and being watched). She badly hurt her right side especially her arm and shoulder. She has a long recovery ahead of her.

We want to wish Sheryl Adamoff's MOM a very Happy 100th Birthday on May 1st. We have met her a couple of times at Paul and Sheryl's meetings and Sheryl writes a weekly story about her on Facebook on Sundays after Sheryl has Sunday dinner with her. She tells stories of years ago and all her beliefs. Quiet the read! Funny.

Some good news for a change, Governor Murphy announced outside gathering opening up to 500 and inside opening to 250. Which means we will be able to have our picnic and Christmas party. Hope it stays that way and people do not get sick again.

Happy Mother's Day to all you great Moms and Grandmoms.

Hope to see you all at Mike's Tune up clinic at 8am. If you are having a big job on your car, please call Mike or Rich to let them know so they have proper tools and parts. At 12 pm Toni and Bob Sabino will be hosting lunch and meeting to follow at 1 pm. Please notify Mike if you are coming to the tuneup clinic and Toni for lunch.

See you soon - Arlene



Ford dealer Bloomfield Ave Montclair



Membership News



Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorriane Cirinelli 2nd

Tom Mirro 3rd

Pat Le Strange 7h

Jayne Braun 7th

Lisa Musto 8th

Gene Szura 13th

Bob Sabino 22nd

Therese Perillo 22nd

Mark Santamauro 30th



Joanne

Lucille

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

Keep Healthy & Safe Use your mask

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, you do not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier. Just because you may be vaccinated doesn't mean you should let your guard down

Old Farmer's Advice

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty

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May 9th

Club Announcements

Tune Up Clinic-May Meeting

A combination Tune Up Clinic and May meeting will be on **May 23rd**. Great chance to get together again. Hosts for the Tune Up Clinic are Mike and Carrie. Hosts for the meeting are the Sabinos. RSVP Mike if you are going to attend either or both of the meetings.

Bring your chairs. Location:

6 Alice Court, Blairstown. Start time 8 AM, lunch at noon, meeting following lunch

If you are going to do any work to your car be sure to mention it. Also contact Rich if you are going to work on your car and if it is a big project as Rich is coordinating these

Don't forget your parts and bring your tools.

Covid rules apply - mask required

May Ford Trivia

5/1/15 Ford began using identity car and engine numbers

5/17/1920 The Ford Rouge plant formally opened

5/3/1945 Ford built its 31 millionth vehicle



FOR SALE

For SALE 1955-1957 memorabilia

model cars, books, trucks, etc. plus other year memorabilia. Please call Joe Kubat at 973-900-1923 anytime. Joe & Arlene are downsizing and have a lot of stuff to sell.

T-5 5 Speeds For Sale

(2) One from a 87 Mustang, the other from a 83 Mustang GT. \$300 each.

Call Paul A 201-286-4781

Hardtop For Sale

55, non-porthole, fully restored with rack. Has been wrapped since restoration. \$1,000

Contact Susan Stehle skstehle@yahoo.com



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Car Shows

4/25 Totowa-515 Union St Wells Fargo Bank

5/1 Sparta-385 Houses Corner Rd Veritas Academy

5/1 Park Ridge-123 Colony Ave Park Ridge Municipal Lot

5/16 East Hanover-175 Rte 10 Neilsen Dodge

Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Wayne-1560-Rte 13 North- Wendy's
Clifton-Rutt's Hut-417 River Road

Wednesday

Wycoff ??

Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 23 North- Kohl's
Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd-Lowe/Wendy's

Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart Shopping Center

Saturday

Oakland-Lenape Valley Grill-176 Ramapo Valley Rd (RTE 202)

Please let me know if you have information on other cruise nights or car shows

If you remember, last month's Ford trivia mentioned the introduction of Ford Tomato Juice. Here is a picture of the bottle



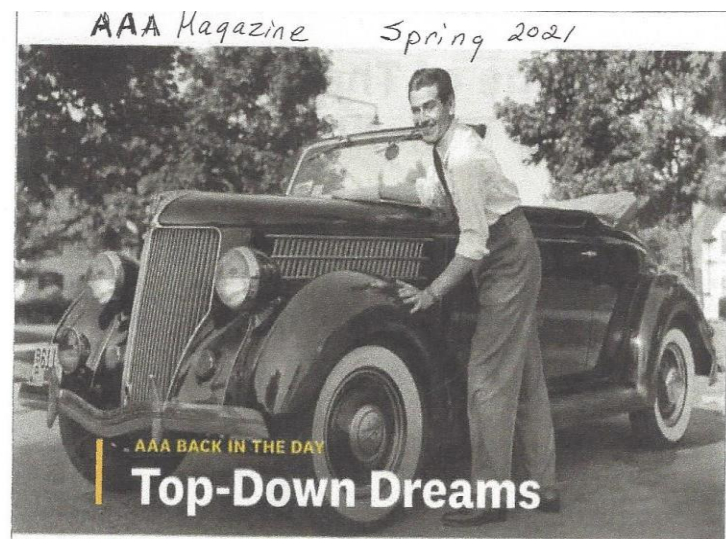
Mike Parillo got his dream car, a 57 Thunderbird. I understand it is a E code but presently has a single 4BBI on it but he has the E code setup. Good luck with your new car Mike
Itching to take it out, he and Theresa cruised to Branch Brook Park to view the cherry blossoms and sent these pictures



Keeping busy during the shutdown? Got those home projects done yet? Some have - Vince and Sandra have got theirs finished and sent over some pics. Should have put his Tbird there



May 15th



CONVERTIBLES HAVE A funny way of romanticizing wind-blown hair and sunburned cheeks. There's something about open-air driving that seems so carefree and exhilarating.

In the early years of automobiles, roofless was the only way to roll, with motorists exposed to the elements. In 1910, Cadillac set the standard for a fully enclosed model, made more affordable through mass production in the 1920s.

Over the years, celebrities have popularized convertibles (in our imaginations if not in our driveways). Actors Errol Flynn and Clark Gable famously drove their

Howard Darrin-designed Packards with the tops down in the 1930s. Flynn's custom-made 1941 Peach Packard was legendary for its time.

The 1970s and 80s gave us movies like "Smokey and the Bandit," which glorified T-tops on modern cars, and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," which made a 1961 Ferrari a classic symbol of teen rebellion in 1986.

They have always been somewhat impractical for the everyday driver, though they continue to evoke a sense of longing for the open road and still have a way of turning heads. These days, however, most carbuyers opt for a sunroof instead.

From Donna

More Ford Products - Old Henry didn't waste a thing so the story goes. He had his own forest for the wood bodies that Ford manufactured and in the process of making the bodies there were lots of scraps. So he went into the charcoal business



The Fifth Annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day is May 16th, 2021

Its been too long! No car shows, no swap meets, bad weather, no get-togethers with friends...

...but now it is time for just a little fun!

People around the world, who own Thunderbirds, are asked to spread their wings to celebrate their "Unique In All The World" cars!

It doesn't need to be anything grand. Take your car to church, to the grocery store, or meet up with another T-Birder at a park for a picnic. Use your Thunderbirds like folks did when their cars were brand new.

...and let everyone see why we love our cars!



V-E Day May 8th



I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. Email is best, snail mail ok.



May, 1901 - 119 years ago

The world's first postage stamp featuring an automobile was issued in Buffalo, New York by the United States Post Office Department as part of the Pan-American commemorative series - the vignette of the 4c stamp is unidentifiable, but is widely thought to be a "Columbia Electric".

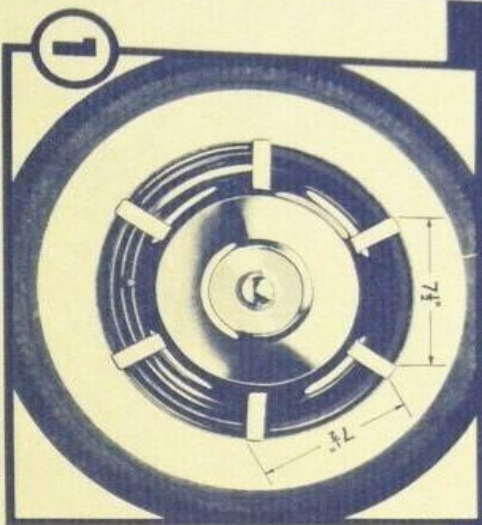


From: Thunderbirds of New York

ILLUSTRATION

1955-1956 THUNDERBIRD SIMULATED WIRE WHEEL COVER

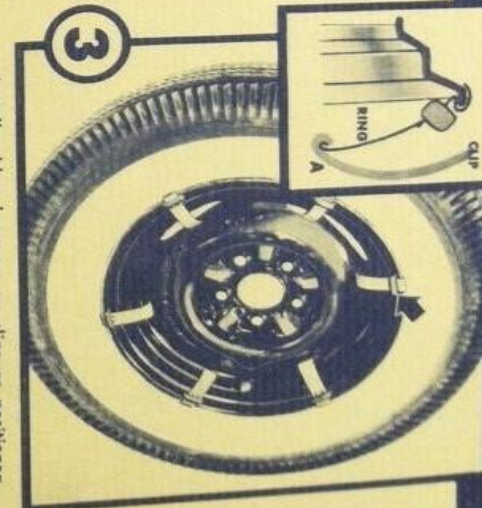
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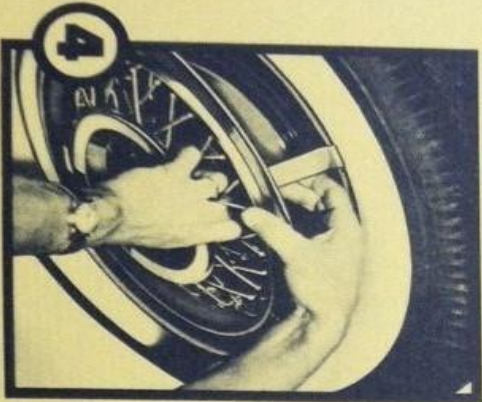
Clips should be evenly spaced with the valve positioned between two clips. If balance weights interfere, rearrange spacing positions by placing clips not less than one-half inch from balance weights. (Note: Do not place clip over valve stem.)



To fasten clips, press each clip firmly against lip of rim as shown and hit extreme top of clip with hammer until clip snaps securely over lip of rim.



Install rubber bumpers on clips as positioned above—pushing rubber bumper beyond locking dimples to secure it in position. See inset illustration.



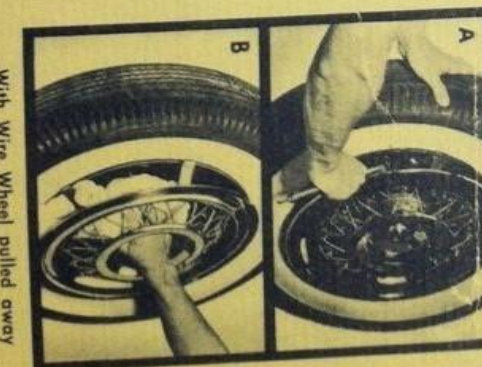
To attach clips to Wire Wheel, pull free end of clip back away from wheel and hook to inner flange of Wire Wheel as shown above. (Note: Start operation from top of wheel.) Attach remaining five clips to Wire Wheel in same manner.



Make certain all clips are locked to inner flange of Wire Wheel and then, using both hands, push Wire Wheel onto wheel until it snaps into position.



When Wire Wheel is to be removed or pulled away from rim, place hands on collar and spokes and pull out.



With Wire Wheel pulled away from rim, checking air pressure or cleaning hub cap is an easy job. A clean hub cap will insure maximum reflection of the wire spokes.

CLIP KIT PART NUMBERS ARE - FORD - B5A - 1150-A OR JEEP - 943973