

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



The Thunder Heard

December 2015

2015/16 Meeting Schedule	
December 5	Christmas Party
	2016
Feb 21	Paul Dorne
Feb	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Paul & Pauline Schroll
March 13	Harold's Deli
April	Bob & Toni Sabino
April	50's Dance
May	Vince Ucci & Julia
June	Bruce & Eileen Corbett
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
Sept	Henry & Judy Semmler
The Jan/Feb meeting will be hosted by Paul Dorne on February 21st at 2PM. RSVP 973-769-6256 or pdorne@aol.com See Page 4 for details	
<p>If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.</p> <p>Please let Joanne Seiler know at least <u>2 months</u> before your scheduled month that <u>YOU WILL BE HOSTING</u> the meeting and give the date/time/etc.</p>	



President's Message



Thanksgiving has come and gone and I hope everyone enjoyed their feasts and family. Now December is here, but the temperatures are mild. I am working like crazy to finish my Christmas display, 20,000 more lights to get up and about a mile of extension cords to go. I am running behind due to some construction next to my house. Everyone will be invited to the grand open house weekend. Joanne will be sending out the invites soon.

Our last meeting had a very big turn out, hosted by Charlie, Isabel and Zack Costa. There were several little Birds there too. During the meeting Bruce Corbett stepped down after many years as Sergeant at Arms and Alex Johnstone was moved to 1st Sergeant at Arms and Bob Sabino to 2nd. We voted to send \$500 to the Early Birds of Southern California to help with their convention. We have several members going to San Diego and I hear the main hotel is full already. Please get in touch with Bill Jessie if you would like to join the driving caravan. It was decided that the 50's dance be made a 50/60 dance, the date will be announced soon.

Big congratulations to Rich Martin for winning the CTCI election position of Director at Large and to Joanne Seiler for her unopposed election for Region 1 Director. We are now "Jersey Strong" in CTCI. I know they will both do a great job.

Christmas party will be here soon, Arlene's column will have more detail. Dues are due in January.

Our annual Board meeting will be in January. This is typically for Board members only. Please check with John and Sandy Pyrras if you want to attend as it will be at their home and cannot accommodate a big crowd.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. See you at the party.

Pat LeStrange

Expose' - see Page 7





A few Words From Alec

Well another holiday is in the memory ban and now looking forward to Christmas .

I hope that this weather we have been having lately (remember last winter) will stay. We are due a mild winter.

Good to ear they John PY is getting around after his recent surgery.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New year. Se you at out famous Christmas party

Happy motoring, Alec

November Meeting

Charlie and Izabela Costa were our hosts. It was a nice sunny Autumn day and we had 12 Birds attending as well as a very big turnout. The food was great . Many thanks to Izabela and Charlie for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the treasurer's report.

Lois reported on CTCI office staff changes and the San Diego convention.

Joanne said the web site has had 30,000 hits and the photo section 500 since it went public last month.

Alec Johnstone was named Sergeant At Arms after Bruce Corbett "retired". Bob Sabino was named Asst. Sergeant At Arms

Arlene stated that the Christmas party was all set. There was a discussion on the grab bag .

The yearly Board meeting has been set up for January. John & Sandy offered their home for it.

Chair Sandy Pyrros said Harold's Deli is set up for March 13th.

Joe Kubat and Phil & Dorothy Guidone have accepted the chairing of the respective Spring and Fall cruises. Lucille is setting up the Sweetheart Brunch.

A motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the hosts of the San Diego convention as we have done in the past for the international conventions. It was passed.

Next meeting February 21st

The Computer Generation

Tech Support: How may I help you?

User" I'm writing my first email

Tech Support: Ok, and what seems to be the problem?

User: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?



Vice President's Message

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We should be thankful for all we have. Also I hope you all enjoyed your turkey, ham and all the trimmings, and of course you cannot forget all the delicious desserts. Our weather has been awesome.

Thanksgiving was a beautiful day. If you had any Black Friday shopping to do, you didn't even need a jacket to carry through the stores. If you did go shopping hope you were able to get some good deals. As far as I am concerned the weather could stay like this all winter long!!!

As of now things look pretty good in the health department for a change.. Judy Semmler is feeling better, so is Bob Belli (he is still going through treatments) and John Pyrros is doing as good as expected with his knee surgery.

Now we are in the Christmas time of year. Many things to do before Christmas. Before we get into the full hectic season, we have our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 5th, at the San Carlo Catering hall in Lyndhurst. Time is 5:00-6:30 cocktails, buffet dinner to follow, then dessert. Our music is being played by our own DJ, Pat. We will then have a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, (Santa decided to bring her this year to help him out). We also have some surprises. I am sure we are going to have a great party.

After the first of the year, we will be having our Sweetheart Brunch and then a trip to Harold's Deli. These are just two of events we have planned for 2016. Hopefully we will have an event once a month for the year. If anyone has any ideas, please let a Board member know so we can bring it up at our yearly Board meeting in January.

Congratulation to Rich Martin for being voted in as CTCI Director at Large. Joanne Seiler, Region 1 Director and Rich Martin will be traveling to California for the annual CTCI Board meeting in February.

Joe and I want to wish you and your families a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. In this busy time of year let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. Also we wish you Happy and healthy New Year. 2016 wow!!! Hope your Holidays are fun and safe.

See you soon

Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Norman & Sheila Klein 15th



Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Sabino 4th
Charlie Ehm 10th
Norman Klein 12th
Paul Schroll 15th
Carol Ehm 19th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Parillo 21st
Lois Martin 21st

Get Well Soon!

Bob Heissler
Judy Semmler
Bob Belli
John Pyrros

John Pyrros

Sandra reports that the operation went well and John is home. Still sore and getting PT, he is up and about, graduating from a walker to a cane.

Bob Belli

I spoke to Shelley and Bob Belli. Bob is doing better.

Going for PT for his leg muscles using a cane and starting to get around.

He is still doing weekly chemo and they are awaiting news if surgery is an option.

He wanted me to pass on his wishes to everyone in the club for a Happy, Healthy

Thanksgiving

and he said to please stay in touch.

Donna

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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. email ptschroll@verizon.net

November Meeting



If brains were wire, some couldn't short circuit a fire fly.

Events

Jan/Feb 2106 Meeting

The host for the November meeting is Paul Dorne, for February 21st at Delizia's Pizza in Boonton. Time is 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP (see page 1 for info) including regrets.

December Meeting

There will be no December meeting

CTCI Director at Large

We are happy to report that Rich Martin has been elected Director at large for CTCI

Holiday Party

December is just around the corner and so is the Holiday Party. It is December 5th. If you haven't signed up it may be too late. Contact Arlene and maybe she get you in. Sweet talk her. Price is \$65.00 per person. Great way to pay next year's dues.

New Members



Don Terhune and Linda Antenucci. They live in Union City and Don has a 65 Ford LTD conv. and is looking for a TBird

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird alone is worth the dues. And for the latest info, go to ctci.org



Car Shows-Swap Meets

1/9 & 10/16 Somerset NJ Car show, swap meet.
Garden State Exhibition Ctr

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>
www.njortc.org

FOR SALE

1969/1970 Ford LTD Parts

Hood, hidden headlight parts, front fender extension, AM/FM and AM radios and misc other parts. Country Squire wood grain rails. Call Gene Szura 201-991-8459

1956 Tbird

Peacock blue with white hardtop. Fully restored. Located in Budd Lake. Asking \$40,000. Contact Bob Olsen 201-825-9759 (I have pictures - ED)

November Meeting



Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Clifton - The Hearth Restaurant. Rte 46 West
11AM-3PM



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My 1956 Thunderbird

My fascination started when I was a young girl about ten years old. A handsome young guy would always pass my house with the radio blasting. His parents owned a popular pizza restaurant located in my home town in Clifton called Mario's. I immediately fell in love with this beautiful red car and would sit on the front steps of my parent's home. It was a big event when he drove by.

As the years quickly passed by, the T-Bird still catches my eye and will always steal my heart. My husband has, and will always be a collector of cars, but it was extremely rare for a woman to have one until recently.

After hurricane Sandy, we moved temporarily to Mountainside while the process of rebuilding our home in Mantoloking took place. My husband and I started going to the Boonton car show with all the baby birds in my view. I looked at my husband and said if I was to get a classic car, it would be an "early T-Bird". I laughed and shared my story with him and the love that I had for the car after all these years.

He listened, and started to find a car for me. He did find a "barn find" a 1957 which has been off the road since 1971. We have all of the parts but a whole restoration was definitely ahead of us. I was very happy with his find, but the wait would be long. He knew I wanted to enjoy the car now, we certainly would have enough rebuilding ahead of us with our home. Ray looked and looked and he finally was able to locate a 1956 slightly modified black T-Bird in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The mission was on, he drove to Cape Cod and back in one day. He was determined to keep an element of surprise for me. A surprise it was, with in a few days, the longest car truck hauler I have ever seen pulled in front of the house. We all know what I thought, another car for Ray, "to my surprise this wonderful car is for me" an amazing anniversary gift to celebrate 45 years...

On the road she went and we are enjoying every ride with this amazing car along with all of our new friends in the T-Bird club... Thank you all for the best wishes with our home and more great memories
Jane Braun

Jayne's 56



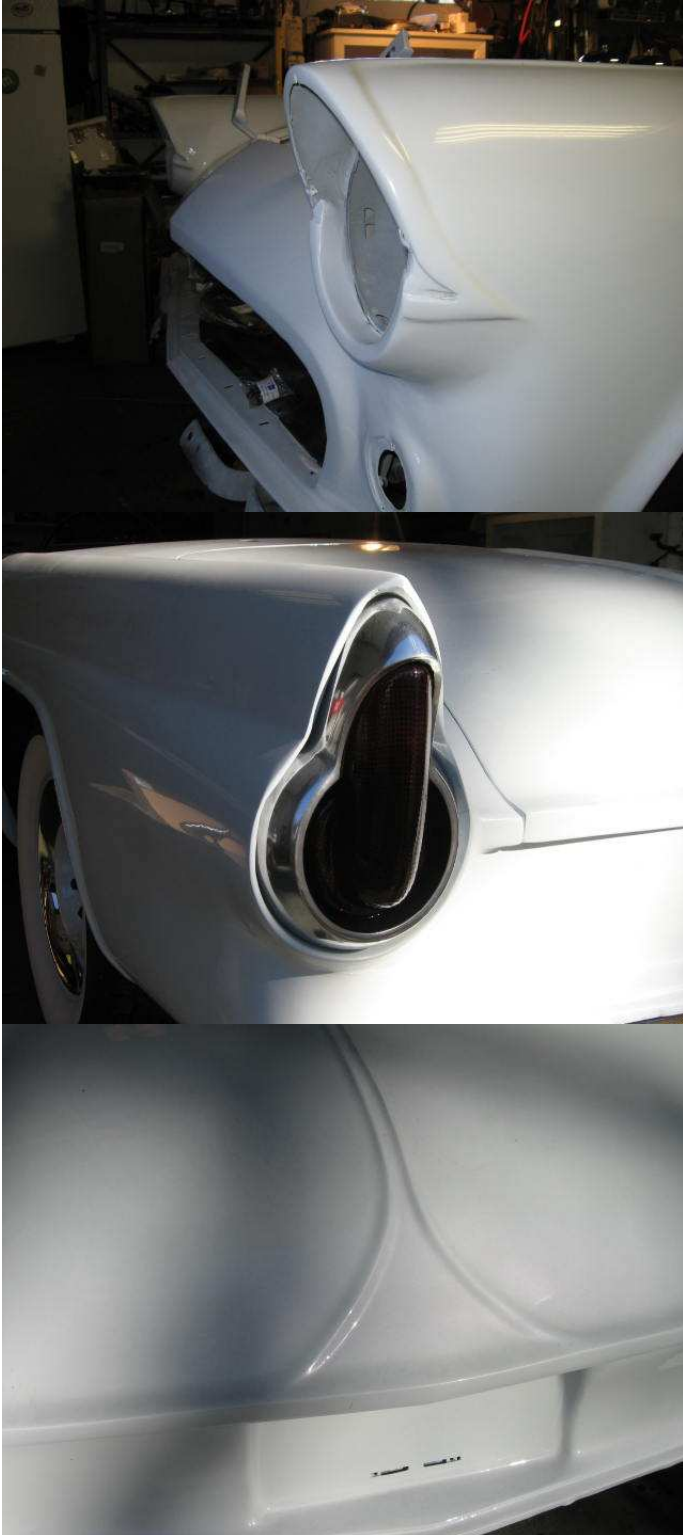
Winter Solstice

The 22nd is the Winter Solstice. The shortest day of the year.

Now the days start getting longer and Spring is just around the corner (Yeah sure)

Exclusive Pictures - John's 55

This reporter was let into John Bolgers super secret garage to see his latest project.



CTCI San Diego Convention

The hotel is now booking rooms and registration forms are available . Book early. The date is Sept. 13-18. See ctci.org for forms and contact info.

Tech Tip

Drain Valve (Petcock)

I was looking for a better water drain valve and ran across this at a boat supply store. All brass, two piece. No more rusty butterfly petcock or a broken butterfly. All you need is a socket or a box end wrench to open or close. And easy to remove



TRIVIA

What is this used for? No one got this last month. It was used by NYS in their car inspections, but for what purpose?



Thanks to Gene Szura

December 27th

This is National Fruitcake Day. Time to send someone you know this delicious treat

Mini Car Show

Some NJORTC members, in conjunction with the Meadowlands Street Rod and some others put on a mini car show for the benefit of clients of the West Bergen Mental Healthcare facility at their facility. There were cars of all years and makes including a AMC Marlin. Henry Semmler, Bill Downing, Paul S. and Bill and Dot Hyde brought their cars.

