

# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## December 2023

### 2023 Meeting Schedule

December 9	Christmas Party
<b>2024</b>	<b>Tentative Sch</b>
Jan/Feb	Ron Case
Feb 11	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Sean Dillon
April	Bruce Hardy
May	Rich Martin
June	Mel Ramos
July	Steve Schmidt
August	Picnic
September	Marco Totaro
October	Charles Musto

The next meeting is the Christmas Party.  
Payment is due. Contact Arlene Kubat

**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**

Please let Arlene 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](#)

Happy Holiday Season to all my Thunderbird club friends.

As you know the November meeting was the last for the year, so there won't be any business conducted until after the new year

My trip to the Florida convention went very well. It was nice to see a lot of people that I hadn't seen in a few years. Congratulations to Bill and Donna Jessie and Tom and Sue Mirro on their awards.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party  
*Pat LeStrange*





### Vice President's Message



By the time you get the newsletter Thanksgiving will be over. Hope everyone had a great holiday. I am sure not one of us left the dinner table hungry. I am also sure everyone indulged in plenty of delicious deserts! Now on to Christmas and Hanukkah. The most busiest time of the year. Joe and myself want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy Hanukkah. Also a very happy and healthy New Year.

For all of us that have had a rough year with illness, back and knee surgeries, hope that 2024 brings you all better health. Joan you have had a real rough year, but your will and attitude is unbelievable. Your prayers, our prayers and all other prayers are working. Hope you continue to as good as you are now.

We are looking forward to our yearly Christmas party on December 9th. Our attendance is down this year. It's unfortunate that quite a few of our members do not come. We always have a good time.

Julie Anne and Lucille are trying to find a new place for our Sweetheart brunch. We do have a date set, February 11th, 2024 so mark your calendars.

Our Board will be meeting in January. Our next meeting to be announced.

Happy Holidays to all, see you soon  
Arlene



### November Meeting

We had a well attended meeting. It was a nice Autumn day. The Business meeting was short and sweet. Beside the great tasting food Joyce made home baked cupcakes, cookies and brownies. Thanks to Mark and Joyce for hosting

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report Pat reported on the Florida CTCL convention. He spoke about the fall cruise and Mike's great job in setting it up.

Julie Ann said she is working on the Sweetheart Brunch, which is scheduled for 2/11. Because of venue problems for 2024, she is looking at other venues

Arlene discussed the Christmas party scheduled for 12/9.

Pat mentioned that he received an email from a lady that ran a library for youth services (age 14 and older) at that they enjoyed old cars and looking at our website.

We received calendars from Hill's and they were passed out.

Theresa won the 50/50

Next meeting (event) Christmas Party 12/9

### November Meeting Pics





# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th  
 Charles & Lisa Musto 16th



Susan Mirro 3rd  
 Phil Guidone 4th  
 Mary Green 11th  
 Izabela Costa 14th  
 Ailene Corbett 23rd

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

## New Members



**Rob & Lynda Burns**

They live in Piermont NY. Rob has a Fiesta red  
 56



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## Club Announcements

### Christmas Party

As noted the Christmas party is **December 9th**. Location is the same, Al-DI-LA, 1 Hoboken Rd, East Rutherford. Time is **5 PM**. Cost is the same as last year, 65.00 per person. Same deal on credit for dues for next year. We will have a Toys for Tots collection so bring a toy. Send check (made out to NJORTC) to Arlene or Steve Handy. Not much time left. Let Arlene know you are coming.

### January-February Meeting

Ron Case is host. No date set

### March Meeting

Sean Dillon is the host - no date set

### Sweetheart Brunch

Save the date. It is scheduled for February 11th. Time and place to be announced later



**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.**

## Cruise Nights

No cruises open to my knowledge

## Cars & Coffee

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

## Car Shows/Swap Meets

12/3 Wayne-475 Valley Road -Wayne Town Hall





# For Sale



## 1955 T-Bird

Black, Auto, p/s, p/w, B/W interior, TC radio, continental kit, many mechanical upgrades. White porthole hardtop \$29,995. Call Vince, 201-973-980-4312

## 1957 T-Bird

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## Parts For Sale

Brand new 5 bow set for a hard top headliner at half price. Bruce Hardy, 551-427-6281

## Parts For Sale

Set of skirts for a 55-57 Tbird. Gerry Ingersol 973-977-8729

## Parts for Sale

NOS & used parts for the '55 & '56 T-Birds. Including ignition parts, skirt stone guards, brake booster assembly, 2 NEW wheel brake cylinders, used front sway bar, stainless window trims, complete front brakes / drums, etc.

Also, a two year old 9,000 Watt portable gasoline generator on wheels, with both battery and pull start, \$1,600.00 ran for only 3 hours.

Paul Adamoff Cell: 201-286-4781

CLIMATE CONTROLLED VEHICLE STORAGE

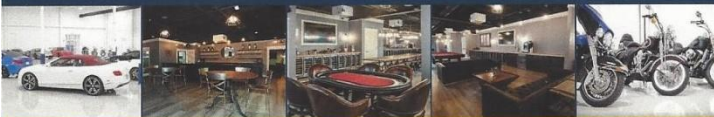


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## Florida CTCI Convention

NJORTC had two cars entered. Tom Mirro's 56 and Donna Jessie's 56. Tom got two awards, Gold Medallion and Excellence in Authenticity while Donna got Long Distance and Senior Touring class. Donna also got the Ford-Johnson Award for miles driven



During the summer on a trip to Cape Cod, Mark Santimauro ran across this picture



Also attending the show were Al & Lorraine and Vince & Sandra

**12.7.1941**



**PEARL HARBOR**

REMEMBRANCE DAY



December 21- shortest day of the year  
Days start getting longer



For Halloween, a couple of our more adventurous members



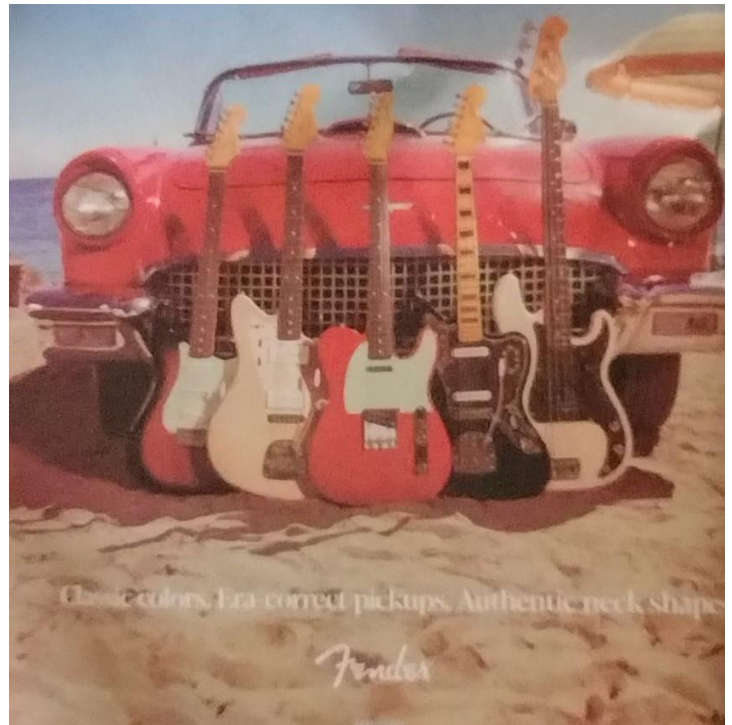
Either Neptune or Posidon on the right and a lovely mermaid on the left



In case you are interested, 2/27 is National Fruit Cake Day



Engineers of the Budd Co. manufacturers of the 55-57 TBird bodies, going over prototypes.,



Fender guitar Ad

**Tech Tip**

Having fuel delivery problems, especially at higher speeds. Check the hose from the steel line to the pump



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