New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International

The Thunder Heard

December 2025

2025 Meeting Schedule	
December 7	Christmas Party
2026	Meetings
No info yet	
Feb 8	Sweetheart Brunch

No information on the next meeting.

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.

President's Message

How is everyone doing ? As i have been in the Hospital and rehab for more than 6 weeks, I do not have a lot of club stuff to talk about.

Thank you Donna Jessie for your effort to run for Region 1 Director - they don't know what a great director they missed out on.

Another gigantic thank you to Arlene and all her helpers for putting together the Christmas party. It looking like one of our biggest yet. Don't miss it

As for me I am coming along great. Every day I pass a new threshold. On Monday Nov. 3 they removed the trach and I was able to speak, then as of Nov. 20th (after 36 days of nothing by mouth) I am now able to eat and drink. So it won't be long now until I am back in full swing and joining in on all the club activities

Patrick Le Strange
President NJORTC

Vice President's Message

The weather has been pretty good. Sometimes a little chilly, but not too bad yet. Our little birds should be put to sleep pretty soon.

Our last meeting, hosted by Joan and Bob Notar was a full house. We had 43 people attend. Members we have not seen for a while where there, it was great seeing them.

I have great news. Pat is doing fantastic and hope he keeps it up. He went for his last test which he passed. Thank god he went to the right doctor in New York. This Doctor actually saved Pats life. Our prayers are still with you and so happy for you. As you celebrate Thanksgiving this year you certainly have a lot to be thankful for.

Hope everyone else is doing well.

Julie Anne is still working on finalizing the Sweetheart brunch in February.

As we all know our Christmas party is Sunday, December 7th, 3:00pm - 8:00pm. Held at Elks Lodge, 201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, N.J. Come hungry, cocktail hour starts at 3:00. I still have a few people that have checks in the mail, when I get them we should have 63 people attending the party. That's the most we have had in many years. I am so excited. We will have a great DJ, great food, great raffles and most important great people. Sooo with that said all is good!

Joe and myself want to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving. Let's all be thankful for all we have. If this newsletter comes after Thanksgiving, hope everyone had a great day and had plenty of turkey and desserts. Also we want to wish all our Jewish friends a happy Hanukkah and all others a very Merry Christmas and everybody a happy and healthy New Year.

See you at the Christmas party or next year
Arlene

The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas

November Meeting

A very nice fall day but only 4 birds flew out (maybe an early hibernating season?) but there was a full house. Pat was still recovering so Arlene headed the meeting. A good get together with good food. Thanks to Bob and Joan for hosting the meeting. .

Highlights of the business meeting

The treasurer's report was made and the minutes from the last meeting were read and both accepted

No minutes from the meeting received

Some pics of the Nov. Meeting

Membership News

Rich & Lynda Burns 24th

Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Sabino 4th
Robert Strauss 8th
Paul Schroll 15th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Parillo 21st
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Activities Coordinator	Julie Ann Morrison
Webmaster	Pat LeStrange

Dec. 21st. Winter starts. Shortest day of the year. Days start geting longer

Club Announcements

Christmas Party

This is on December 7th. Location is the Elks Lodge, 210 Howard St, Mount Arlington. (Not No. Arlington). Same venue as last year. Time is 3 PM to 8PM. Cost is the same as last year, $65.00 per person. There will be a Toys For Tots collection. No grab bag. Same dues credit as last year. Contact Arlene if you are going. Only a week to go. Payment due now.

Sweetheart Brunch

This is scheduled for February 8, 2026. See the attached flyer for full information

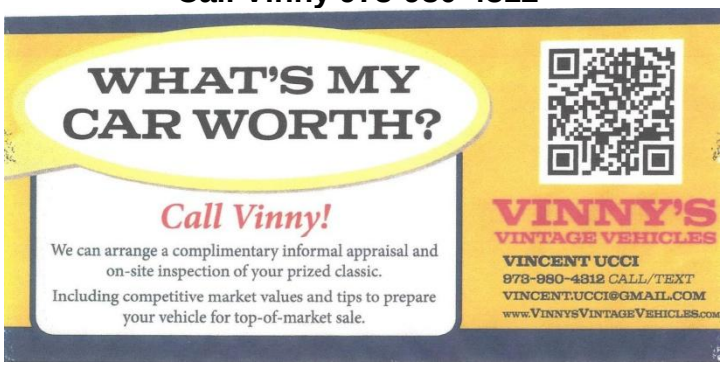
January/February Meeting

No info on this yet, no host noted yet.

For Sale

WANTED

Peacock Blue 1956. Top dollar paid.
Call Vinny 973-980-4312



Cars & Coffee

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

Cruise Nights

Car Shows/Swap Meets

Nothing in north Jersey that I can see

November Meeting Pics (cont'd)

For all you fruit cake aficionados, Dec. 27th is National Fruitcake Day. Eat Up

Tech Tip

Adjusting Valves

Thunderbird - Baby Birds 55 56 ...

Charles Visconage · 6h ·

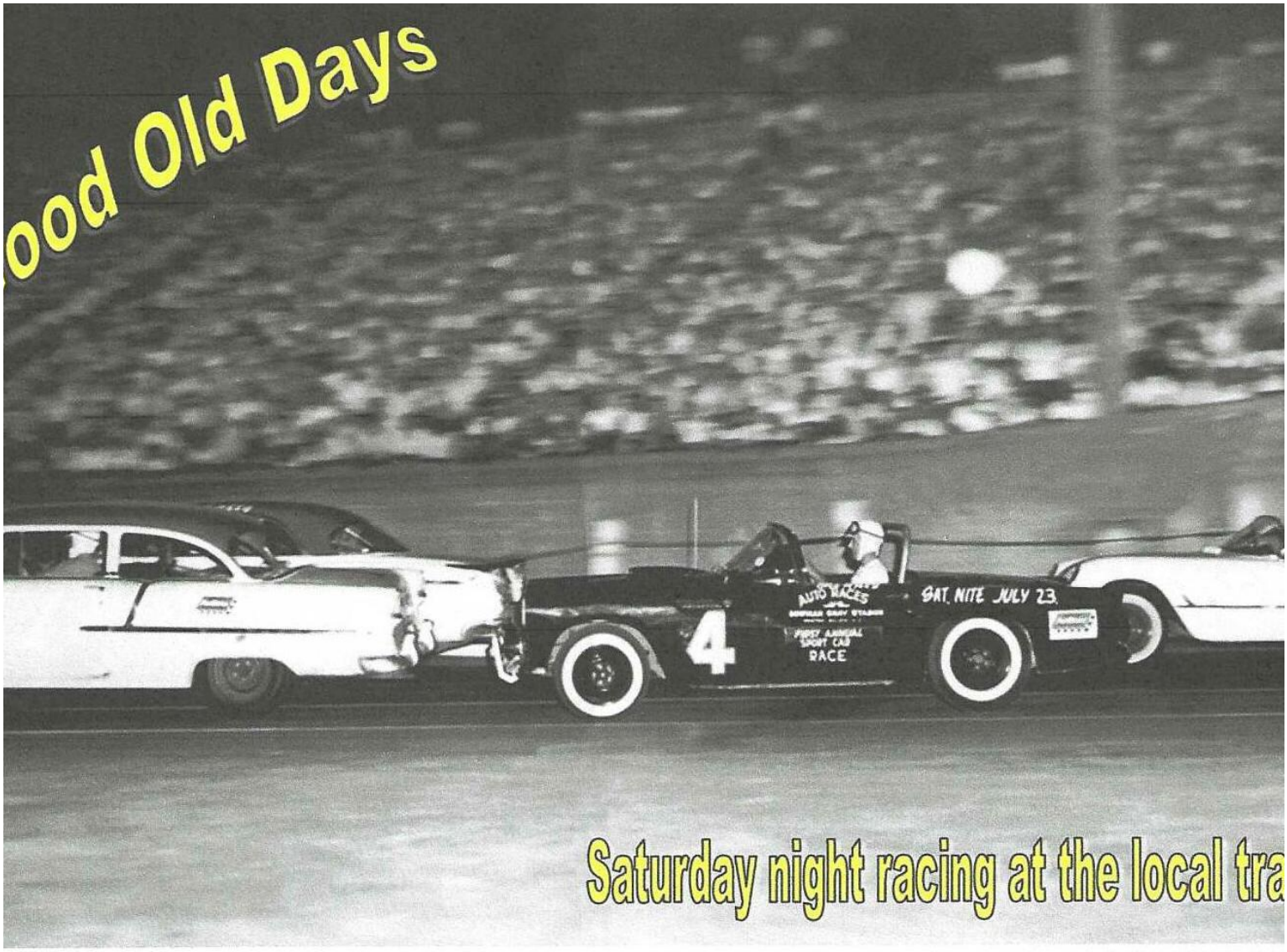
Last evening I adjusted my valves, first time since my ownership a few years ago. Got a great tip passed on to me by John Harding. Take an old distributor cap and cut the top off, number it with the firing order. Then spin the engine with a remote starter until your rotor is pointing directly to a cylinder and adjust both intake and exhaust at the same time. Worked like a charm! My valves were very tight, practically no lash. Set to .019 cold.

Thanks to Donna

Pete Crosta and Gene were in the Bloomfield Santa Parade

Ok - it is getting near winter. Here is a shot of the first snow of the season on my roof

Every time we try to eat healthy, along comes Christmas, Easter, summer, Friday or Tuesday and ruins it for us.



Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with

Please join us for our Sweetheart Brunch

Sunday, February 8, 2026

11:00AM

Stone Water

125 NJ-181 and N Alpine Drive

Lake Hopatcong NJ 07849

Cost: 65.00/person includes tax and gratuity (Checks to NJORTC)

alcohol will NOT be covered by the club.You are responsible for your own bar tab.

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