



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

March 2023

2023 Meeting Schedule

March 12	Sue Gayet
April 16	Harold's Deli
April 23	Frank Gloss
May	Rich Martin
June	Jere Klein
September	Paul Dorne
October	Gene Szura
November	Jayne Braun

The next meeting is March 12. Suzanne Gayet is the host. RSVP 973-316-8371 or art4ind@optonline.net

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



I would like to thank, Lucille and Julie Ann for hosting another great Sweetheart Brunch. It was very well attended with about 34 people, roses and trivet plates were given out to the ladies and lottery tickets to the men. Thanks to Rich and Georgette for supplying and handing out chocolate candies. I have put 40 pictures on the web site photo page and Paul has put 10 of them on our Face book page.

By time you read this news letter, the Board will have held the annual meeting and audit. A recap will be explained at the next meeting..

Please try to stay healthy and send some prayers to our members and friends who are sick or going through tuff times. We are all a T-Bird family
Don't forget our visit to Harold's deli will be on April 16. and we will be taking a boat cruise on Lake Hopatcong for the Spring cruise (date to be announced).

Pat LeStrange



Paul Dorne's 55

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Vice President's Message



Well weather has been pretty good. Almost feels like it will be real soon that we can get our little birds out of hibernation. I still have this crazy feeling that we are going to get a snow storm. Sure hope I am wrong!!!

Our Club is getting bad news on some of our members. Don Dobris had a double bypass surgery. He is doing good. Marianne Denning had a heart attack in December and then followed by two strokes. She is in a Nursing Home, not doing good. Eileen Corbett had a stroke, was in hospital seven days and did not remember anything. She is doing better, no serious problems. She is home hopefully feeling better. Lois Martin had to cut her Florida stay short and come home cause she is suffering from a pinched nerve in her back. She is in a lot of pain. Joan McMillian did not go to Florida with Steve Handy, cause she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She will be starting chemo on Wednesday. Her spirits are good. Please give these members extra prayers.

Thank you Lucille and Julie Ann for hosting our Sweetheart Brunch at McLoone's Boat House in West Orange. We had a group of 35 attend. All had a great time as usual. The ladies were given roses (Thanks Julie Ann for buying beautiful roses). The men received lottery tickets (did not hear of any winners though) and Julie Ann made very pretty hot plates as our little gift. Julie Ann thanks for all the time you put into making these gifts. We really appreciate them.

Coming events, meeting hosted by Suzanne and George Gayet to be held in Delizias on Sunday, March 12th at 2:00. Please let Sue know if you are coming or not. Harold's Deli, Sunday, April 13th. Further information to follow. Sometime in June we will be doing a boat cruise around Lake Hopatcong. It will be a Brunch and consider our Spring cruise. Our Club picnic will be Sunday, August 13th at Schooly's Mountain, same park as in previous years. Our Christmas party will be Saturday, December 9th at AIDiLa, same venue as last year.

We are having our Board meeting on Sunday, February 26th, hosted by Toni and Bob Sabino. If anyone has anything they want discussed, please notify Pat or a Board member. Being that Lois is not feeling good she is trading her meeting in April to Frank and Mary Gloss. Hopefully Lois and Rich will host their meeting in May. Time will tell.

Please remember to notify Toni Sabino or myself two months before you host a meeting so we can inform the Club date, time and place.

Have a good month. Please remember to send extra prayers to our ailing members. Thank you.

See you soon Arlene

January/February Meeting

There was a good turnout of members. All the birds were tucked away in their nests though.

Thanks to Charlie and Izebela for hosting
Highlights of the Business Meeting

It was short business meeting as there few issues pending.

The reading of the minutes for the last meeting (Nov) was waived.

There was no Treasurer's report

Lucille reported on the upcoming Sweetheart Brunch

A vote was taken on the location of next years Christmas Party and band. The vote was yes for keeping the same as last year's.

Arlene spoke about the August picnic.

Toni stated that Harold's Deli is on for this year. Date is April 16th.

Lake Hopatcong ??????

Pat won the 50/50

Next meeting March 12.

Jan/Feb Meeting Pics



Thanks to Mark Santimauro for the meeting pics

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bruce & Aileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st

Bruce Dailey 8th

Joyce Santimauro 29th

**GET WELL
SON!**

Lois Martin

Aileen Corbett

Don Dobres



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.

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Cruise Control

Cruise control was invented by Ralph Teeter in 1945. It was first named Speedostat. His family owned Perfect Circle Corp. Ralph was blind.

Club Announcements

March Meeting

The March meeting is on **March 12th**. Suzanne and George are the hosts. Venue is Delizias in Boonton. Start time is **2 PM**. Be sure to RSVP Sue, including regrets

Harold's Deli

Back to Harold's for the monster sandwiches and the great hot pastrami. Date is **April 16**, time is 1 PM Toni is the co-ordinator so be sure to notify Toni if you are going.

April Meeting

The April meeting will be on **April 23**. Frank Gloss is the host. Meeting will be at Delizia's in Boonton. Time is **2 PM**.



Car Shows/Swap Meets

4/1 West Milford 67 Highlander Dr. **2 PM**
Food Truck show 10 AM

Cruise Nights

Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month - Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads Church 10/8 through winter weather permitting. BS sessions inside on bad weather days. 8 AM til ???

If anyone has any info on Cruise nights, car shows, etc please let me know.

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March

20th



Starts March 12th

Sweetheart Brunch

McLoone's Boathouse was the venue - they had a delicious array of goodies to eat at most made "the most" of it. We had over thirty attending, including some guests. Roses and trivets were given to the ladies and lottery tickets for the men. Rich Iuso brought chocolate hearts. It was good to get out and always good when we get together. Thanks to Lucille and Julie Ann for co-ordinating the brunch





The first person to get a speeding ticket was going 8 MPH





Racecar spelled backwards is Racecar



March 20th is the first day of Spring. That means taking off the cover and getting it set for this coming summer's outings

Spring start-up: Tips for getting your Thunderbird back on the road

You may have grumbled when Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, even though you realize a startled groundhog really can't predict an extended winter. You will wait up all night on Feb. 28, just to see if March would come in like a lion or a lamb. For classic car owners in northern states, the long wait for spring can be excruciating. The good news is, it's almost here. Take advantage of the time you have left by prepping your car before its first drive. You'll both be better for it.

Start with your battery. If it's been on a trickle charger all winter, disconnect it from the charger and reconnect the battery. If you simply removed the battery and stored it in a warmer spot for the winter, time to charge it up.

Check your fluids. Start with a walk-around and examine the floor beneath the car. Drips are common and expected; puddles are not. A fresh oil change is recommended since water or other fluids may have found their way in your crankcase. While you're at it, replace the oil filter. Also check your other fluids — brakes, coolant, transmission, windshield washer. Do they look dirty? Are they at the recommended level? Smell your transmission fluid. If it smells burnt, change it. Generally speaking, if you can't remember the last time you drained and flushed any particular fluid, it's probably time to do it again.

As for gasoline, you should be good to go if you put Stabil in the tank before storing your car. If not, you might consider adding a water absorbing product or — if you're really worried about it — just drain the tank.

Check your belts and hoses for cracks and decay. Since rubber breaks down over time, examine the condition of your tires, too. Make sure they're inflated to the correct air pressure. And don't forget the spare.

Water can not only damage your engine, but it can cause brake problems, as well. If your car has been sitting for a while, consider bleeding your brakes. They should feel firm when you push the pedal.

By this point, you should already know if any mice spent a comfortable winter in or around your engine. Also check inside the passenger compartment, especially under the seats and in the glove box.

And one last thing — check the headlights, turn signals and brake lights, which may require the help of a friend. It's finally time to start your car. If you're just testing the engine, make sure an exit door is open enough to allow exhaust to escape. If the weather allows for a drive, make that first one fairly short — after a warm-up, a half hour or so should put the car through its proper paces. And before you take drive No. 2, do the ol' walk-around again. No major leaks? Tires look good? Let 'er rip, and enjoy a safe driving season

By: Jeff Peek – Hagerty.com and the Pitt Birds



Another sad picture of a Third