

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



# The Thunder Heard

JUNE 2010

## CAR SHOWS in FULL SWING

### 2010 Meeting Schedule

June 27	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
July	Susan & Anthony Gaeta
August 8	Mini-Concours
September	Donna & Bill Jessie
October	John & Sandra Bolger
November	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December 5	Holiday Party-Brownstone

The June meeting will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM and will be hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone  
39 Dogwood Dr. Chester, NJ  
RSVP 908-879-6261 or phil@guidone.com

**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



Summer is here. I hope you get out to some car shows. I know a few members have their cars ready for Ohio and they are saving them for that. I am sure when we get back they will be at the local shows too.

I am really looking forward to Ohio. It looks like we will make a good showing and I wish everyone's hard work pays off. I am sure it will. Last count is around 12 cars with 9 driving. It will make a great sight going out Rte 80.

Last months meeting at Dominick and Eva Tucci's was very well attended. There were 13 Little Birds. Ron, Dom and Eva's son, gave a trophy to the nicest car. He made the only possible safe choice and picked Frank Chabala's '89 560SL Mercedes.

There was a lot of discussion for the Ohio trip. I gave out new rosters. Dominick is fronting the money for the years of membership pins until out CD matures.

Again, I wish everyone a safe and successful Convention trip. Also a great summer.

See you soon

Pat LeStrange

June



### A few words from Alec

Well – it’s here – time to go to Ohio and enjoy what promises to be a great time to mix with other TBirders from around the country.

From what I’ve heard, the hotel is sold out and the overflow hotel is booked solid.

Also, there is a very large amount of early Bird registered – some say over 200.

Anyway, we will find out in two weeks.

Happy Motoring - Alec

### Tune Up Clinic

The Tune Up Clinic, hosted by Rich & Lois Martin was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a beautiful spring day. About ten Birds attended. Most had some work done, ranging from minor items to heavier stuff and most were working on their car in preparation to the Dayton trip. We hope that this will give us a trouble free ride to Dayton.

After all the work was done, we feasted on scrumptious food prepared by Lois and the other ladies who attended. Our thanks to Lois and Rich for hosting this event.



### Vice President’s Message

The weather has been a little crazy, but one thing I can say that the weather was great for our monthly meeting at the Tucci’s. We had a great turn out of members plus at least thirteen little birds all parked in Dominick’s beautifully landscaped back yard. All the cars looked great!!!

A lot of the little birds that were there will be going to Ohio for the (CTCI) convention. I hope you all are going to have a safe trip and a fun time. I hope you guys, and ladies too, win a lot of rewards. Good luck to all!!!

As I am sure you all know that on May 29<sup>th</sup> our daughter is getting married. We are excited and pray for good weather and a beautiful day. I will be sharing pictures of the wedding with you all.

I also want to congratulate Dominick and Eva on their granddaughter Amy’s graduating college with honors and Frank and Lucille’s granddaughter, Jackie, for graduating college and getting engaged to be married sometime in 2011. Best of luck to both of you girls in the future.

Please drive safe and have a good time n Ohio.

See you soon

Arlene



Flag Day – June 14

# Membership News



Frank & Jucille Chabala 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Alex and Diane Marsiglio 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Joe & Lorrie Matrone 22<sup>nd</sup>



Alex Marsiglio 14th  
 Arlene Kubat 1st  
 Nick Malanga 6th  
 Bill Selby 18th

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Vince DeAndrea

## May Meeting



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## IDIOT SIGHTING

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on. (A clerk with a county sheriff's office, no less)



## May Meeting

We had a great turnout on one of the best days of the year so far. Dominick, Eva and their son did a great job with the food and hospitality. All our Birds were arranged in Dominick's back yard and it looked like a car show (of which about 5 of the cars came directly from) on a beautifully manicured lawn. Dominick had indicated a "surprise" if a lot of the Birds attended. The surprise was a trophy, the car to be selected by Dominick's son. Since all the Birds were nice, he had a hard time selecting, but maybe wisely he selected Frank and Lucille's 89 560SL. Thanks to Eva and Dominick. See Page 7 for highlights of the business meeting.



**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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com**

## CLUB EVENTS

### Mini Concours

Keep in mind our Mini-Concours that is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. It is in a new location this year, maybe we can get a break in the weather and actually enjoy our desserts in the outdoors. It is Schooley's Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ. It's not too early to put on your schedule. It's always been a fun time, even when the weather didn't cooperate.

### Dayton Convention

All plans are made for leaving on June 15. Nothing has changed since the notice previously sent to those going. The motel for the way out has been taken care of. Make sure you phone them for a reservation. We have a total of 14 cars going, eleven being driven.

For the return trip, again the motel has been taken care of but you must call them and make a reservation. Departure will be Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Notices were sent out for both motels with telephone numbers and other info. Let Paul Schroll know if you have not received this information.



Upper Saddle River Show – 7 cars attended

# FOR SALE

### WW Radial Tires

These are not wide whites. Like new 215 75SR 14. Even has the little "nubbies". Will fit a 57 Bird (or a 56 with 14 inch wheels) without skirts. \$99.00. Call Rich, 973-728-8652

## May Meeting



Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter. I would like to continue the “MY TBIRD” column so how about it – send me the story and pics of your TBird.

## TECH TIPS

### Temperature Accuracy

The following was a tip from Walt Nuckels, updated for the new part number.

Profiling the accuracy of a temperature gauge on any kind of car is a simple procedure anyone can do at very low cost. There is a neat thermometer available from Grainger ([www.grainger.com](http://www.grainger.com)) for about \$29.00. It is fully electronic with a digital readout and is very well suited just for this application.

The Grainger part number is 5XL18. This thermometer has a sensor lead of 10 feet with a small sensor on the end of it.

Remove the upper radiator hose at the thermostat housing and position the sensor into the thermostat housing outlet and then reinstall the hose allowing the sensor to remain inside. The sensor's lead is very small so there will not be much trouble with coolant leakage. One might apply a dab of RTV around the lead wire for a better seal. Since the thermostat's lead wire is very long you can place the display on top of the dash or lay it on the seat of the car for observation while you are driving the car. By comparing the questionable temperature gauge with to the very accurate digital thermometer you will be able to profile the car's temperature gauge and better understand what it is indicating.

This procedure doesn't require much effort, the thermometer does not cost much and can be used for other purposes later.

I have checked the Grainger web site and the item is a current item and is listed for \$28.55. It uses an AAA battery for power (Editor)

Happy  
Father's  
Day

A blue pen is shown writing the words "Happy Father's Day" in a cursive, blue font.



## CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

May 30-Franklin Lakes-813 Franklin Lakes Rd.

June 4/5/6-Carlisle, PA All Ford Show

June 5 – Emerson-422 Old Hook Road (PNC Bank)

June 5-Lincoln Prk- Sock Hop Dance, Am. Legion Post  
279, 133 Main Street.

June 5 Lincoln Prk – same address as above- car show

June 5-Wycoff-475 Lafayette Ave.

June 6-Waldwick-Hewson Ave (Train Station) Rain 6/13

June 6-Princeton Forrestal Village, Rte 1 SO.

June 12-Pompton Plains-All TBird Show 60 Sunset Road

June 12-Oakland-Indian Hill HS 97 Yawpo Ave

June 13-Totowa-Bethwood Rest. 37 Lackawanna Dr.

June 13- Washington Twp-701 Ridgewood Rd (Emerson  
HS)

June 15-20-Dayton. OH CTCI TBird Show

June 19-Ridgewood 100 W Ridgewood Ave.

June 20-Horseshoe Lake, Eyland Ave-NJSRA Rod Run

June 27-West Milford-Pal Bldg. Pal Drive

July 4-Livingston-Livingston HS, So. Livingston Ave.

July 11-River Edge-Continental Ave.

July 17-Wayne-1111 Preakness Ave – Calvary Temple  
Int'l Assembly

July 18-Hawthorne-Goffle Road/Goffle Hill Rd.

July 24-Clifton-Fette Ford, Rte 46 5-9PM All Ford

**I have hand outs for most of the above shows. I can  
email a copy to you if interested.**

## CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, Goffle Road

Tuesday

Wayne – Wendy's-Rte 23 NO. (5/4)

Elmwood Park-River View East-455 River Dr.

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Wayne-Cheeseburger in Paradise-Rte 46 East

Moonachie-Burger King

Thursday

Riverdale Armory-Newark/Pompton Tpke (5/6)

Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart-Wooten Street (Start 4/23)

Midland Park-Center St Train Station (4/30)

Saturday

Chatterbox, Rtes 15&206, Augusta (Start 4/24?)

Clifton-Falls Grill, Rte 3W 12noon

Lyndhurst-Whiskey Café-1050 Wall St (5/1)

If any one has info on shows and swap meets and please  
let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



Upper Saddle River Show

### Island Dragway

For those into racing, here is their schedule:  
Family Night – BBQ, 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the  
month(except 9/15) Spectators \$15, food included.  
Racing-street and muffled cars \$15, others \$25.

East Coast Nostalgia 4/18 & 8/22

Nostalgia Nationals 6/27

Nostalgia Show & Go with Don Garlits 8/14

With Anniversary race with Don 8/15

Old Daze Drags 9/12

For more info [www.islanddragway.com](http://www.islanddragway.com)

## More Tune Up



## May Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Eva and Dominick Tucci. It was a bright and sunny day which brought out 13 of our TBirds. Dominick had them all displayed on his well manicured lawn. Thanks to Eva and Dominick

### Some highlights of the meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted and the Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Dominick reported on the year pins and a motion was made and passed to order them. He also requested monies for the Mini-Concours trophies.

Rich Martin reported that the tune up clinic was well attended and a lot of the member's cars were worked on.

Paul Schroll reported on the latest developments on the Dayton trip plans.

Phil Guidone asked about club shirts and asked if Joanne could check on prices etc..

Updated club rosters were passed out. Any changes to the information should go to Pat.

Rich Martin reported on the latest developments at Dayton.

Various upcoming car shows were mentioned.

Next meeting at the Guidones, June 27



**May 15th**

**Did you ever notice how often a narrow mind and a wide mouth go together?**



More Tune Up



West Milford Car/Plane Show

Five of us went to this show, which featured antique airplanes and old cars. A few picks



A genuine D-Day C-47



Soviet Jet Trainer

More Tune Up

