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The Thunder Heard

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Happy Halloween

2008 Meeting Schedule

October 19	Fall Cruise
October 26	Vince DeAndrea
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December 7	Holiday Party

The October Meeting will be hosted by

Vince DeAndrea
At 2 PM, Oct. 26th
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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



Fall is here and with the exception of a few cruise nights, shows and fall cruises the car season is over for 2008. Put the StaBil in you gas, change the oil and check the antifreeze before you put the TBird into hibernation. Boy, this season went fast! I will be getting some things fixed on my cars during the winter.

We had a good and well attended meeting at John & Sandy's home. There were 7 little Birds in the driveway.

Please get in touch with Phil Guidone for the Fall Color Cruise on Oct. 19th. He need your money now too, \$32.50 per person.

Joanne will be taking part in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on Oct 4 & 5 in NYC. Thanks to all who sent donations and I know everyone will wish her well and cheer her on, on the walk. It's a two day 39 mile walk with an overnight stay in a tent on Randells Island. She will be walking with her daughter Tiffany and my sister-in-law Linda

See you at the next meeting at Vince DeAndrea's home. That is scheduled to be an election meeting although both offices are unopposed. Arlene Kubat for Vice President and Frank Chabala for Treasurer

Thanks and Happy T Birding.
Pat LeStrange



RSVP MEETING HOSTS NO LATER THEN 1 WEEK BEFORE A MEETING, YES or NO



A few words from Alec

No – it's not your imagination, the days are getting shorter and the season for cruising and car shows is drawing to a close.

This should not prevent all of us club members from keeping in touch with each other through out the winter. Attend the club meetings is a good way to keep in touch.

I am looking forward to getting through the winter and that all our members and friends that have been ill get better.

Keep in touch

Happy Motoring
Alec

My TBird – Ken Herb



I always wanted a 1956 TBird. The car I purchased came from a little old lady in NC. It was a 4-owner car. The black paint was thick and the soft top was white vinyl. Not a bad color combination, but not really what I was looking for.

After enjoying the car for a couple of years, I decided it was time to do a restoration. I meticulously removed each part and then bagging and tagging it for future use. The car was then taken to my local body and paint shop where it stayed for the next two years. It was finally flat bedded home and the reassembly began.

Many new parts were purchased, chrome was re-done and the engine came out, was detailed and went back in.

Now I decided it was time to research the car's history. I purchased the factory invoice and found



Vice President's Message

On Saturday, Sept 20th Joe and I went to Wildwood, NJ for their antique car show (a must go at least once). The cars were stretched out for 2 miles on the boardwalk. It was such a beautiful day that boardwalk was very crowded.

With all the cars that were there, there were only two 1957 TBirds on the whole boardwalk.

The best part of the day was when the cars were leaving the boardwalk. I was a parade of real nice cars. It was awesome. We really had a nice time, the weather was fantastic, the ice cream was delicious and the company I was with (Joe) was great too!!!

Arlene



that my car originally was sold to Earl Troynek Ford in Middleburg, VA on May 31, 1956. Inquiries to the VA DOT turned up nothing as records that far back were not kept. Hoping for a better answer from NC, they sent me a wealth of information. It appears that my car actually had 11 owners during the 25 years it was in NC (1962-87). It's anyone's guess how many owners there were from 1956 to 1961. I've had the car for 20 years and intend to be the last owner.

When you are one step ahead of the crowd you are a genius. When you are two steps ahead, you are a crackpot.

Membership News

ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Arlene Kubat-Oct 5
 Susan & Anthony Gaeta Oct 7
 Dennis & Gail Chirico Oct 10
 Bill & Donna Jessie Oct 14
 Arnold & Linda Dworkin Oct 16
 Bob & Shelly Belli Oct 25
 Paul & Pauline Schroll Oct 26



Anthony Gaeta Oct 7
 Dominick Tucci Oct 12
 Frank Chabala Sept 25
 Pat Selby Oct 13
 Christina Calvo Oct 15
 John Pyrros Oct 18
 Ellen Catanzaro Oct 26

GET WELL SOON



Eva Tucci
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 Vince DeAndrea

FOR SALE

Holy Yom Kippur

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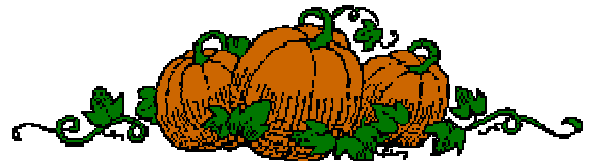
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Name Badges	John Pyrros
Jackets	Joe Kubat
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Club Historian	Lucille Chabala
Club Photographer	Lucille Chabala
Sunshine	Lucille Chabala
Master at Arms	Bruce Corbett
Meeting Schedules & Activities Coordinator	Joanne Seiler
Webmaster	Wendy Meehan

Happy Columbus Day





PORTLAND SHOW

Some more pictures



How about those hats – the formal judge’s attire



Some of the entries



Any items you want us to publish in the newsletter must be received before the 1st of the month. They can be e-mailed directly to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Color Cruise

On October 19th. Phil Guidone has planned a great cruise. See Page 8 for all the information. Call and send your check to Phil ASAP.

Holiday Party

This is scheduled for Dev 7th at Dolce Vita in Moonachie. Cost to be announced. Keep this date open for a great party.



Herb’s TBird before the restoration

OK another goof

In one of the articles in last month’s newsletter, I mistakenly identified Wendy Meehan as Sandy Meehan. Sorry Wendy.

Go Joanne!!





SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was held at John & Sandy Pyrros home on Sept 21st.

Highlights of the business meeting:

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

A sample of the work done by a plaque vendor was shown – no action taken on new plaques

Membership – we received a check from a prospective new member. Since he has not attended a meeting, no action was taken until he attends.

The Fall Cruise was set for October 19th (Date change)

Lois Martin reminded us of the election for CTCI Director at Large. She also mentioned the two regionals set for 2009 – Tulsa, OK (July 3-6) and Vancouver, BC (Aug 8-20) Rooms for Vancouver must be booked by Mar 1st for preferential rate. Additionally there is word of a not yet sanctioned CTCI International convention for 2010 in Dayton, OH. Tentative date June 15-20.

Nominations were made for the two positions up for election for 2009/10 – Vice President and Treasurer.

The Holiday party has been scheduled for Dec 7th at Dolce Vita. Price to be determined.

Dash Removal (continued)

12. Disconnect the heater controls from the plenum and the windshield wiper control from the wiper motor.
13. Unbolt the two brackets on the bottom of the dash on either side. Leave the brackets in place to hold the dash up when loose.
14. Unscrew the screws from around the top of the dash.

You now should be able to wiggle it out.

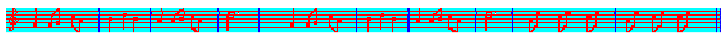


TECH TIPS

Dash Removal

Taking out your dash? Here is a comprehensive list of steps to take. You can leave all the wire and gauges in the dash. Take out the radio as it is heavy, but this is not required

1. Remove the steering column – 4 screws beyond the adjusting nut, two under the dash, the bolt at the steering box, the horn wire and the turn signal wires
2. Remove the inside trim around the windshield
3. Disconnect the vent controls on each side of the engine compartment so the cables are free.
4. Disconnect or remove the battery
5. Disconnect all the wiring in the engine compartment – the leads to the generator, od solenoid (if applicable) distributor, regulator, water temp and oil pressure sending units, lights and the horns at the wiring blocks on each side of the car.
6. Take off the cover and grommet off at the firewall where the main harness passes through.
7. Take the harness out of the clips along the engine compartment. If you are rewiring, you can cut the wires where they pass through the firewall to make things easier.
8. Disconnect the power seat and window harnesses from the main harness at each side of the dash-you will have to remove the kick panels to get access.
9. Disconnect the door light switches at each door and pull the wires back inside the car. You do this by pulling out the door switches and pulling out the wires at the back.
10. Pull back the carpet and disconnect the rear harness and shifter. These connections are made before the seat although if not you will have to pull the seat and carpet out.
11. Disconnect the tach and speedo controls from the back of each. These are threaded on.



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Oct 4 Morris Plains-Community Park, Jim Fear Drive 12 noon to 4 PM (flyer)

Oct 5 Lodi-Main Street (K-Mart) (flyer)

Oct 5 Teaneck-Armory (flyer)

Oct 12 – Paramus-Berkeley College, East Midland Ave. (flyer)

Oct 18 – Jackson, NJ “Scrapfest” Show and Swap, Music. At AMVETS, Rte 571. (Flyer)

Oct 19 – Pompton Lakes –Downtown on Wanaque Ave. (Flyer)

Nov 2 - Reigelsville PA – Show and Swap

Nov 8 - Egg Harbor Township Pumpkin Run Show 353 Zion Road CTY Rd 615

RT# 23 AUTOMALL SHOW

NJORTC was well represented as we had seven cars entered. Tom Trotto took first place in the new TBird class while Charley, John P. Alec and Paul got second and third places. In addition, Joe Kubat got a third place in the Modified Cars class. Below is the NJORTC crew swapping lies and waiting for the trophy presentations.



CRUISE SPOTS

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grill – Goffle Road
Stoney Point, NY – Gennaro’s Rest., 146 Rte 9W
(Prev. Annies, new loc is about 1 mile north)

Tuesday

Clifton-Rutts Hut
Elmwood Park-River View East, 455 River Dr.
Old Tappan-BY-State Plaza, Old Tappan Road

Wednesday

Wycoff-DMV Parking lot-Greenwood Ave.
Moonachie-Burger King-Moonachie Rd
Keansburg-Keansburgh Amusement Park

Thursday

Paramus-Panera’s Rest. (Behind Kohl’s) Rte 4 West 7PM

Friday

Midland Park-Center St & Greenwood Ave (train station)
Boonton-Boonton Plaza (Wal-Mart) Wooten Street
Sayreville-Peter Pank Diner-Rte 9 North

Saturday

Clifton-The Falls View Grill, Rte 3 West
11:30 – 3:00 10/4 – 12/6

Chatterbox-Rtes 15&206, Augusta
Whiskey Café-Wall St, Lyndhurst

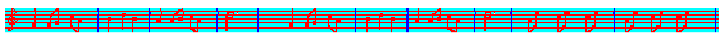
Cruises start 6-7 pm unless otherwise noted

Some of the above cruise spots may be closed for the season. I have eliminated the ones I know for sure.

2009 SCHEDULE

July 3-6 CTCI Regional – Tulsa, OK

August 18-20 CTCI Regional – Vancouver, BC



KUDOS

To Bruce and Aileen on winning first place at the prestigious Buckingham Auto Show/Concours D'Elegance in the Post War Category for their 1956 TBird.

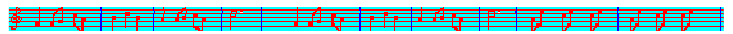
The trophy will be inscribed with their names and they will keep it for one year and then is returned, to be awarded to the 2009 winner. At the 2009 event, their car will join the winners circle along with previous winners. A previous winner was Bill Selby, also with a 1956 TBird. Shown below are Bruce and Aileen with the trophy.



June TBird Show



This was a pic made at the show that I did not have room for. It shows the whole NJORTC gang that entered cars in the show.



THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



Pat's car was also here, but my batteries went south

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NEW JERSEY OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB ANNUAL FALL CRUISE

New Date - October 19, 2008

Come one, come all, as we journey to New Hope, Pennsylvania for our annual Fall Cruise.

We will be dining at the Centre Bridge Inn, 2998 River Road, New Hope, Pennsylvania, just over the New Jersey border. A wonderful buffet menu has been planned which will include a choice of two salads, pasta, two entrée's, dessert and coffee or tea.

We will need a minimum of fifteen people to attend. Hopefully we will exceed the minimum as we have in the past. The Inn has a long history dating back to 1705 and I'm advised that we'll have ample food to satisfy your appetites after the cruise.

The price per person is \$32.00, all-inclusive. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2008 and we will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C., sent to our address. There will be some prizes and games. (Please keep a record of your driving distance, T-Birds only)

Point of departure will be Lewis Morris Park (same location as our picnic), Morristown, at 10:30 a.m. Please note this will be a rain or shine event.

Come join us as we enjoy the fall foliage, fine dining and most importantly, good friendship.

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