

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



The Thunder Heard

May 2017

2017 Meeting Schedule

May 7	Convention meeting
May 21	Mike Perillo
May 21	Tune Up Clinic
June	Phil Guidone
July	Bob & Joan Notar
August 2-6	Convention
September	Lucille Chabala
October	Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo
Nov	Bill & Dot Hyde
December	Holiday party

The May meeting is on May 21 in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic and is being hosted by Mike & Theresa Parillo.

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



First, I want to express our sadness at the passing of a friend and club member. John Bolger was an active member and will be missed. Condolences go out to his wife Sandy and family. Thank you to the 14 members who brought their Thunderbirds and parked them in front of the Funeral home for the Memorial Service. A special thank you to John P, Paul S. and Bill J. for getting John's Thunderbird cleaned and ready for the day, plus showing Sean (John Bolger's son) how to work everything so he could drive it to the funeral home.

All I can say is, the dance was a great success. Compliments are steadily coming in. It looked like everyone was having a fun time. The DJ Jean Marie made everyone get up and dance, and join in the contests. A giant thank you to all the club members, who helped, with the decorations, serving the food, selling tickets, working the door , taking down the decorations and cleaning the hall. It was a true team effort. I only hope I will have it all put away by time you read this.

By now the Spring cruise will be another enjoyable club memory. Carol and Charlie Ehm, chaired the event.

We now have less than 100 days to the convention and it's looking to be a gigantic event. Convention registrations should be coming in at a fast rate now. Things are really moving and everything is falling into place.

Don't forget the upcoming Tune up clinic and note that will be National Thunderbird Day May 21. so even if you are not at the clinic try to get a T Bird out for a ride.

Wishing all a good car show season

Pat LeStrange



April Meeting

A great, warm, sunny Spring day brought out six TBirds and many members. Bob Heissler was the host. Delizia's served up their usual good food and it was a great meeting. Thanks to Bob Heissler for hosting.

Highlights of the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer's report was made. Both were accepted.

Pat reported that the website has been updated with the latest convention information, new pictures and music. The treasurers and minutes section were also updated.

Joanne reported on the upcoming 50's/60's dance. She also mentioned that our Facebook page has been getting a lot of hits from overseas.

Sandra reported on the Harold's trip. We had 32 attending.

Carol updated us on the Spring Cruise on 4/30. Everything a go.

The Tune Up Clinic, along with the concurrent May meeting was discussed.

The convention was discussed. Phil went over the contents of the program booklet and the need for sponsors and ads.. Arlene said she has a good response for volunteers but more may be needed so contact her.

Next meeting May 21st and Linda won the 50/50



May 14th

May 8, 1945 was VE Day



Vice President's Message

All I have to say is too much rain!!! One good thing is cruise season will be starting in a couple of weeks. Hopefully the rain will be gone and we can get our Thunderbirds on the open road.

Our Club suffered another loss, John Bolger. He will be missed. Our sympathies go out to Sandy and family. Joe and myself attended the Memorial Service his family had for John. The family requested that our club bring our Thunderbirds to the funeral home. I am proud to say we had 14 cars. I know his family appreciated it. Rest In Peace John.

Ron Case was in the hospital having stent put in for the heart. He is doing good.

Saturday night, April 22nd, we had our annual 50/60's dance. Plenty of decorations on walls and tables, even had a talking Elvis bust. Food was good and as usual plenty of it. DJ was really fantastic. The dance floor was always full. Most important the people were the best. Thank you for all attended. Hope all had a great time. I know I did. A big thank you goes out to Pat and Joanne for making our dance a success. They put a lot of work into it.

On Sunday, April 30th, Carol and Charlie Ehm are running our spring cruise. It's a rain or shine cruise. They have worked hard to make this an enjoyable day. Meeting at Delizias parking lot in Boonton. Traveling to Space Farms and then to the Lamp Post Resturant. Joe and I will not be able to attend, really going to miss the day. Hope weather is great and all have fun.

On Sunday, May 7th is our convention meeting hosted by Rich and Lois Martin at their home at 12:00. I believe the convention is less than 100 days away. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. We are moving along and already have a lot done. Thanks goes to Wendy for all the hard work with setting up registration, boy what a lot to do and she has mastered it. All our committee heads are getting their jobs done. Once again I am asking for anyone who wants to volunteer, please let me know what days and time you

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Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd

Tom Mirro 3rd

Pat Le Strange 7th

Jayne Braun 7th

Lisa Musto 8th

Gene Szura 13th

Bob Sabino 22

Theresa Perillo 22nd

Linda Antenucci 30th

GET WELL SON!

In Memoriam



John Bolger

Cars Wanted - Mini Car Show

Once a year, in conjunction with the Meadowlands Street Rods, we put in a mini car show for the clients of the West Bergen Mental Healthcare facility in Ridgewood, NJ. It is scheduled for May 18, in the morning, possible rain date on the 19th. It will start around 10AM and be over by 12 noon. If anyone is interested in participating, please let me know. Paul S.

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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. email ptschroll@verizon.net



Remember - May 29th

The 2017 Convention

Registration forms are posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page) as well as hotel information. Registrations continue to come in. Security has been booked. Another block of special rate rooms were opened but are going fast. Others may be available at regular rates. There are overflow hotels at the special rate. Events and excursions are finalized. All information is on the web site. Planning meetings are continuing and members are invited to attend. Members who are attending are advised to get your registration forms in ASAP so we can finalize transportation.

Tricky Tray Donations & Suggestions

Club members - I would appreciate anyone interested in donating items to contact me.

The sooner the better. It is getting closer and closer to the convention. They can be brought to meetings preferably. I am currently making baskets and need items to fill them. Below are some of the themed baskets I am planning

Coffee/tea
Auto car products
Beauty care (spa)
Wine
Cooking
Baking
Kitchen

I am open to suggestions on additional baskets

Diane Szura



Club Announcements

May Meeting

May meeting is May 21st at Rich Martin's in conjunction with the Tune-Up Clinic. Time is 1 PM. Mike and Theresa Parillo are the hosts. Be sure to RSVP Mike or Theresa. Info on Page 1.

Convention Committee Meeting

The next convention committee meeting is scheduled for May 7th at 12 PM at Rich and Lois Martin's house. Members can attend and any suggestions are welcomed. Notify the host if you are attending.

Tune Up Clinic

Tune Up Clinic May 21st at Rich Martin's. If you want to do any service or repair of your TBird notify Rich. Be sure you bring any parts you may need. The May business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic. Ladies are invited to come early and chat and to hear Lois tell all about how warm Florida was. Lois says to bring a chair

June meeting

The June meeting will be on June 11th. Dorothy and Phil Guidone are the hosts. Location: Delizia's

July Meeting

The July meeting will be on July 16th. Hosts are Bob and Joan Notar. Details will follow

April Meeting



Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird magazine alone is worth the dues

Car Shows-Swap Meets

5/5-7 Rhinebeck, NY Rhinebeck Fair Grounds
5/6 Park Ridge-Park Ridge Pool-115ColonyAve
5/6 Washington-Warren Hill High School. 41 Jackson Rd.
5/7 Morristown-AACA Spring Meet Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Rd
5/7 Paramus-Garden State Plaza, Rte 4 & 17
5/7 Paterson-JFK High School-61-127 Preakness Ave (1PM Start)
5/13 Montville Hot Rod Farm 65 River Road
5/20 Midland Park-High Sch. 250 Prospect ST
5/20 Cliffside park 397 Palisade Ave
5/20 Ramsey-High Sch-256 East Main St.
5/20 Ringwood 139 Skyline Dr.
5/21 Paramus-Bergen Comm. High Sch 400 Paramus Rd
5/28 No. Haledon 515 High Mountain Rd.
5/28 Hackettstown-Mars Chocolate-Rte 517
5/29 Englewood-I Depot Sq.
6/2-4 Carlisle, PA-Ford Nat'ls Carlisle Fair Grounds
6/2-4 York, PA York Fair Grounds Street Rod Nationals East
6/4 Pequannock-Street festival-Newark-Pompton Tpke and Jackson Ave
6/7 Fairfield-WallingtonPlumbing21PassiacAve
6/10-11 West Milford-Car and Air Show Greenwood Lake Airport 125 Airport Rd.
6/10 Pompton Plains-TBird Show-60 Sunset Rd
6/10 Paterson-80 Hamilton Plaza Court Yard

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>

www.njortc.org

April Meeting



Don Dobres debuted his 57, rebuilt after the fire.

Armed Forces Day
May 20th

Cruise Nights

Monday

Tilted Kilt-334 Rte 46

Tuesday

Wayne-Wendy's-1560 Rte 23 N

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Wednesday

Wycoff-Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church-Cedar Hill Ave.

Clifton-Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46 West

Thursday

Wayne-Khols-1800 Rte 23 N

Friday

Midland Park-Wendy's 31 Godwin Ave

Boonton-Wooten St.-Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



oh. what a night

Let me see if I can come up with the words to describe
Elation and enjoyment, the amount of, I feel inside.

An exceptional event so fortunate to be a part
Stored in memory, felt in the heart

Thank you does not feel, enough I can say
Woke up feeling great all the next day

Deserve thanks, too many to mention
Afforded this dance special, added dimension

We nor our friends, a 50/60's Sock-hop,
attended before
Charlie and carol's warm welcome, walked in the door

A charming MC, white with a pink carnation
All welcome, visiting each and every station

Then that doll of a waitress, know who I mean
Served up a Sock-hop well done, tasted like a real live dream

Immensely enjoyed by both member and guest
So well executed, no other, than a smashing success

Chapter 41 full of members very thoughtful and kind
Caring, active members, a successful club defined

Rich Iuso



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50's/60 Dance

This was probably the best to date. We had about 116 attendees. The Market Basket again provided excellent food and plenty of it. No reason for any one to go hungry. Carol made some of her delicious crumb cake and for those whose sweet tooth had a craving the Hostess chocolate cupcakes would satisfy any ones craving.

The DJ was in top form and had a number of activities for the attendees. Some attendees were dressed fully, including the inevitable Elvis get up. Rich luso came dressed as a 60 hippie and the costume was great. Another came dressed as Johnny Cash, all dressed in black. A couple came dressed as 50's drive in car hops, complete with trays.

Another staple was the root beer floats and they were as good as always.

The hall was decked out in 50's posters and other decoration, all of which came from Pat. Pat and Joanne organized the whole thing, and they did an excellent job

Sorry no pictures - had a bad case of CRS and left my camera home

May Auto Happenings

The Buick Motor Co. was incorporated in 1903 by David Dunbar Buick



Do you think he cried!!!!

May 14th is Dance Like a Chicken Day
Just thought I would let you know

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)
can volunteer. Email me at

Sunday, May 21st is our Tune-up clinic at 9:00 once again hosted by Rich and Lois. Please let Rich know if you need work on your Tbird. Thanks Rich and Lois for hosting the tune up clinic every year. The Parrillos will be hosting our monthly meeting, which will be held the same day as tune up at the Martin's house. Meeting at 1:00

Hope to see you at cruise nights.

To all moms and grandmoms have a happy Mothers Day.

Also, hard to believe, it will soon be Memorial Day. Have a great day and most important remember our Vets and all our current troops

See you soon, Arlene

Stuff you didn't know you didn't know

There are more collect calls on Father's Day than any other day of the year.



How about a cold one?





TUNE-UP CLINIC



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SUNDAY May 21st 2017 AT 8:30 AM

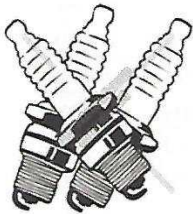


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RICH MARTIN'S HOME

SPRING TUNE UP'S, BRAKES, OIL CHANGES, ECT

BIG PROJECTS CALL RICH AHEAD OF TIME



Mike & Theresa Parillo will host meeting at 1PM

LOIS WILL HAVE BAGLES & COFFEE IN THE MORNING

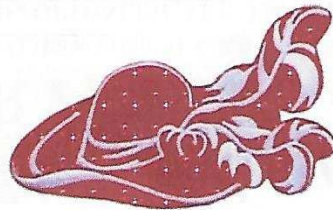
LADIES ARE WELCOME TO COME HANG OUT CHAT AND WATCH THE GUYS WORK. PLEASE JUST LET LOIS KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING



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Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day



May 21st, 2017



Your Thunderbird is "Unique in all the world" and it's time to show it to the world!

On May 21st, 2017 Thunderbirders around the world will take their Thunderbirds into the public for others to enjoy. To work or church, a diner or coffee shop, on a family picnic, to the movies, it doesn't matter. Use your car like it was used when it was brand new! Let others see it, ask questions about it, hey, maybe even let them drive it!

Then post your pictures and stories about the day on the on the CTCI Facebook page.

It's all about the Thunderbird on May 21st!