

The Thunder Heard

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2005 Meeting Schedule

June 26	Dennis & Gail Chirico (Note change of Hosts)
July 17	** Mini-Concours **
Aug	Bob & Arlene Perruso
Sept	Bruce & Aileen Corbett
Oct	Ron Rauschart
Nov	Stan & Cindy Gersch
Dec	** Christmas Party **

2006 Meeting Schedule

Jan / Feb	Mike & Wendy Meehan
March	Arnold & Linda Dworkin
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
June	Rodger & Debbie DePiero
July or Aug	Dominick & Eva Tucci
Sept.	Rich & Lois Martin
Oct.	?

The May meeting was hosted by Alec Johnstone at Chad's Barn in Paddington Square in Mahwah. About 30 members were in attendance. The last meeting's minutes and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. We discussed the upcoming shows and conventions. May 29 was set for the tune up clinic at the Corbett's house. There were 5 Birds in the parking lot 2 '57's, 1 '02 and 2 '03's. Food was good and plentiful. Alec's daughter and twin grand daughters brought the great desserts, Thanks Alec

President's Corner

The mini-concourse is just a couple of months away (July 17, 2005) at Doe Meadow Park, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown. It looks to be a great time, with peer judging and lots of good food. Mark your calendar for this date and bring your little bird and enjoy the day with your fellow club members.

Please don't forget to mark your calendar for the Cruise-In to the Middletown Plaza right off route 35. The Movin on Cruisers has extended us a special invitation, and has given us a dedicated area for our Little Birds to park in. There will also be a donation to the Rusty Schwatz Fund.

Please remember to inform Alec or Pat as to the time and date of the meeting that you are hosting at least a month in advance, so it can be put into the "Thunder Heard". This will help you to get a count as to how many members will be attending. Your month is printed in the newsletter.

THE JUNE MEETING is scheduled to be hosted by Dennis & Gail Chirico on Sunday June 26 at 2 PM at their house 289 Wierimus La. Hillsdale, NJ
RSVP Dennis or Gail by June 22 if planning to attend
Call 201-664-7982 or E-Mail minttb@optonline.net

NOTE: In with this newsletter you will find your info from the new roster (on a long strip of paper). Please examine it. E-mail me any correction ASAP so we can get the roster out.

Pat

See you down the road, John

Editor's Ramblings

Greetings to all,

Some more comments about the ongoing poor weather we have been subject to. In Southwestern American Indian mythology the Thunderbird was a large bird, that when it flew, the flapping of it's wings caused thunder, lighting and rain. It would seem the Thunderbird has migrated to the Northeast this spring and is constantly flying around washing out cruise nights and car shows.

Once again let's hope the weather improves and all the little birds can come out of their nests.

My personal thanks to all the members that helped out at the May meeting that I hosted.

Regards, Alec

We Need updates of E Mail address

I know this may fill my mailbox, but if everyone will please send me an E-Mail I will be able to get your address. Put E-Mail + your name as the subject, no need for anything in the body of the letter and E-Mail to rolodexp@aol.com

Happy Anniversary to.....

Frank & Lucille Chabala	June 2
Walt & Mildred Strohmaier	June 10
Frank & Renee Salvatore	June 20
John & Barbaranna Kefalonitis	June 24
Pat LeStrange & Joanne Seiler(1 st date)	June 27



Arlene Kubat

GET WELL SOON

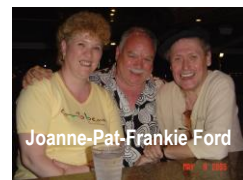


A Speedy Recovery Wish To

Glad to say at this time, as far as we know everyone seems to be fine

MEMBER NEWS

Joanne and Pat went on the Richard Nader 8 day Doo Wop Cruise to San Juan, St Thomas and Tortola. We rubbed elbows with the stars of the show, Kenny Vance and the Planotones, Cleveland Stills and the Dubs, Frankie Ford, and Barbara Harris of the Toys. We did the groupie thing, autographs and pictures. They had sock hops and great shows. We also did some bar time with Frankie Ford.



Pat LeStrange

Al and Lorraine Cirinelli announced the marriage of their son on Sat. May 14. The newlyweds Brent & Sofie Ciinelli were married at the Church of St. James in Basking Ridge, NJ. The reception was held at the Bethwood in Totowa, NJ. They will honeymoon for two weeks in Hawaii. Then they will be residing in her townhouse in Basking Ridge until their new house in Branchburg, is completed.



Last Months Events

The Upper Saddle River Car Show

Several members attended the USR Show on May 15. 5 members brought their '57 birds (where were the '55's & '56's ?) Vince Ucci brought his 1960 Chevy 🚗 and won an award🏆. Tom Trotto also won an award with his red '57 Bird.

Submitted by
Pat LeStrange



Just a picture of my Pride and Joy



Memorial Day

Support Our Troops

JULIE'S TRIVIA QUESTION

When did the last "little Bird" roll off the assembly line?

ANY ITEMS YOU WANT US TO PUBLISH IN THE NEWSLETTER
MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.
THEY CAN BE E-MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME
Pat LeStrange rolodexp@aol.com

Region # 2 Regional Convention
Classic Thunderbird Club of Northern Ohio

"Still Nifty at Fifty"
Convention Web Site
WWW.ctcno.com

Please Let Us Know
If you have a Change of Address, Name or
Anything Else

Proud to beDriving an American Icon



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Frank Chabala, 6 Brook Way, West Orange, NJ 07052

This Months Show Winners

As Reported
E-Mail Alec or Pat (address on front page)
If you have won or know of a member who has won
any awards

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Tom Trotto

Upper Saddle River Show 5/15
USRFD Memorial Award

①

Vince Ucci

Upper Saddle River Show 5/15
Paul Hess Memorial Award

①

Pat LeStrange

Kearny BK Cruise Night 5/16

①

Dominic Tucci

Harmon Plaza Cruise Night 5/19



Basic Rules for Driving in New Jersey

- A right lane construction closure is just a game to see how many people can cut in line by passing you on the right as you sit in the left lane waiting for the same jerks to squeeze their way back in before hitting the construction barrels.
- Turn signals are just clues as to your next move in road battle so never use them.
- Under no circumstances should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you no matter how fast you're going. If you do, the space will be filled in by somebody else putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
- The faster you drive through a red light, the smaller the chance you have of getting hit.
- Never get in the way of a car that needs extensive body work.
- Braking is to be done as hard and late as possible to insure that your antilock braking system kicks in to give you a nice relaxing foot massage as the brake pedal pulsates.
- Construction signs tell you about road closures immediately after you pass the exit but before the traffic begins to back up.
- The electronic traffic warning system signs are not there to provide useful information; they're just to make the Turnpike look progressive.
- Never pass on the left when you can pass on the right. It's a good way to scare people entering the highway.
- Speed limits are arbitrary figures to make NJ look as if it conforms with other state policies; these are given only as suggestions and are readily enforceable.
- Just because you're in the left lane and have no room to speed up or move over doesn't mean that the driver flashing his high beams behind you doesn't think he can go faster in your spot.
- Always slow down and rubberneck when you see an accident or even a person changing a tire. If you're lucky, you may see the unwitting breakdown victim get mugged.
- Learn to swerve abruptly. NJ is the home of the high-speed slalom driving thanks to NJDOT, who put potholes in key locations to test drivers' reflexes and keep them on their toes.
- It is traditional in NJ to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes. The state is founded upon such traditions.
- Seeking eye contact with another driver revokes your right of way.
- All unmarked exits on the Parkway lead to downtown Newark.

Contributed by Julie Levine

JULIE'S TRIVIA ANSWER

December 13, 1957

2005 Shows

May 29 9AM – 3PM



Tune-Up Clinic

Aileen and Bruce Corbett

65 Ponderosa Place, Hewitt

RSVP at corbett2@optonline.net or phone 973-728-2135

If you are planning any major work, please let Bruce know in advance.

June 3-5

ALL FORDS NATIONALS



50th Anniversary Thunderbird Evolution Display

June 5 12 –6PM

Greenwood Lake Fire Dept.

A Day of Nascar Racing

At the

American Legion , Greenwood Lk.,NY

Tickets \$10

Contact GLFD 845-477-2236

June 5 9–4PM

Automatic Switch

50 Hanover Rd. Florham Pk. NJ

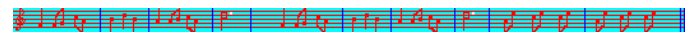
\$20 Req.

June 11 Sat. 9am-3pm

North Jersey Thunderbird Assoc.

All Thunderbird Show

Sunset Rd., Pompton Plains, NJ



June 18 Sat. Tailgate Party 3pm to 6:30pm Doo-Wop Show 7pm

Richard Nader Doo Wop

Concert, Car Show & Tailgate Party

The Meadowlands Arena Rutherford, NJ

(Duprees, Johnny Maestro & Brooklyn Bridge,

Kenny Vance & Planotones, Speedo & Cadillacs

Henny Welsh, Willie Windfield & H

& Johnny of Santo & Johnny)
Bring your Classic Car and get 2 free tickets to the show

or Classic Car and get 2 free tickets!
(you must register at www.hitevents.com)

(you must preregister at website)
<http://www.richardnader.com/index.html>



June 25 Sat **Warwick Fire Dept.**
Memorial Field, Warwick, NY
\$5 registration includes Food & Dash plaque
Fireworks and Carnival
 Contact: Capt. Joe Smith 845-986-3356 for flyer or info

July 2 Sat. 6-9Pm **Movin on Cruisers**
Middletown Plaza RT 35S & Kings Hwy., Middletown, NJ
 Special Invitation to Thunderbirds In a dedicated area
 Donation to the Rusty Schwartz Fund
RSVP Julie 973-731-5524

July 7-10



Region 5 Convention, Heartland Flight
 Omaha, Nebraska

July 17 Sun. 9AM-8PM



Mini Poncours
 Doe Meadow Park
 Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ



Aug. 7 Sun. / RD Aug. 14 Sun. **Cruisin' for Kids**
 North Rockland High School (This is a Judged Show)
 The proceeds go to three needy children in North Rockland with extraordinary medical needs. Watch for forthcoming flyers
 Contact: Bill Jessie

August 13-14 NJ **4th Annual NMRA Ford Nationals** **Atco, NJ**
<http://www.southjerseymustangclub.com>

August 25-28



"Still Nifty at Fifty"

ClassicThunderbird Club of Northern Ohio
Region 2 Convention
 Beachwood (Cleveland), Ohio
www.ctcno.com

August???



Warwick, NY

August ???

Somerville Cruise Nite



Sept. 2-5



Sept.. 11 Sun.

Elk's Lodge
 Ridgefield Park, NJ
 Street Legends Car Show
 (This show is run by several NJORTC members)
 Proceeds to Elk's Handicapped Children

September 23-25 NJ **Englishtown Fall Swap Meet & Auto Shows**
 Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ 732-446-7800 <http://www.racewaypark.com>

Sept. 28-Oct. 2 **FALL CARLISLE**



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Cool Web Sites

New Jersey Free Concerts in the Park

<http://www.laguardiaonline.com/concerts2005.htm>

You may have had problems with the old link

NJ Car Shows

<http://home.att.net/~chevy57/carshow.html>

Fun Site

<http://www.superlaughecards.com/1/flashmindreader.htm>

YOGISM OF THE MONTH

"I really didn't say everything I said"

Cruise Nites

2005

MORE NITES WILL BE ADDED WHEN THEY ARE "CONFIRMED"

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lynhurst Whiskey Café 2pm to ? Classic Cars & Acappella Groups Starts 5/15	Wayne Anthony Waynes Rt 46 W 6-9p	Brick Lone Star Steak House 6:30-10p	Wycoff Brick Pizza 6-9p	Hackensack Dunk'in Donuts Passiac St. 6-9p	Somerset Amwell Rd Rutgers Plaza 6:30-9p	Lynhurst Whiskey Café Wall St. 6-9p Starting 5/7
Bergenfield Wendy's, 150 North Washington Ave. 6-9 pm	Union Galloping Hill Inn Starts 5/9 –10/24	Clifton 417 River Rd. Rutt's Hutt 6-9:30p	Bloomfield Bloomfield Center 6-9PM Starts 6/1 to 8/31	Mahwah Dunk'in Donuts MacArthur Blvd	Somerville Main Street, Somerville, NJ. 908- 725 1274	Pottstown, PA Vintage Rides Every 2 nd Sat. Except Aug.
	Kearny Burger King River Rd. 7pm	Tappan,NY Rt303 Tappan Shopping Plaza 6:30-9p	Moonachie Burger King 7pm Moonachie Rd	Pompton Lakes Town Square Mall Wanaque Ave, Pompton Lakes, NJ (Starts 4//21, cars 1978 & older only)	Nanuet, N.Y Nanuet Mall Rt 59 6pm-9	AUGUSTA, NJ CHATTERBOX DRIVE-IN, ROUTE 15 & 206 6PM (5/7 through September) mailto:HOOFBAT@OPTONLINE.NET
	Stony Point Annie's Resturant Rt9W 50's Sytle Drive-Up	Paramus Hooters Rt 17S 6PM	Maple Shade Hooters Rt.38 5-9 PM	Secaucus Harmon Meadow, Rte.3 and Harmon Meadow Boulevard, NJ 6pm mailto:marilyn.mangan@hartzmountain.com	Wayne PAL Building PAL Drive 6-9PM	
		Wayne Wendy's & Goodyear Rt 23 N Just before DMV 6pm-9pm 1972 & Older		Wanaque, NJ Crown Liquors 207 Ringwood Ave 7- 10pm		
				Denville Denville Stewarts 101 Bloomfield Ave 6- 9pm		

DIRECTIONS TO DENNIS AND GAIL'S HOUSE 289 WIERIMUS LANE 201-664-7982

FROM THE PARKWAY COMING NORTH:

Exit #168-Westwood, Washington Township. Make Left onto Washington Avenue go to blinker make right onto Van Emburgh Avenue, which turns, into Wierimus ROAD. Go through next light (Hillsdale Avenue) past Demarest Farm on your right. Take the next right turn, which is the overpass over the parkway. Make a quick Right onto Wierimus LANE. 2nd house on Right (Yellow with Green shutters #289).

FROM ROUTE 17 NORTH.

Take Route 17 North past Paramus Park, past Lord and Taylor. When you see Metropolitan Plant Exchange on the Right do not take the first turn off, rather **take the 2nd** that is just before the overpass. This is the **Van Emburgh Exit** to Washington Township. Go past Immaculate Heart Academy School on the Left - through the next blinker (Washington Avenue). Go through next light (Hillsdale Avenue) past Demarest Farm on your right. Take the next right turn, which is the overpass over the parkway. Make a quick **Right onto Wierimus LANE**. 2nd house on Right (Yellow with Green shutters #289).

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A WIERIMUS ROAD AND A WIERIMUS LANE 2 DIFFERENT STREETS