

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



The Thunder Heard

December 2014

Happy Holidays

2014/15 Meeting Schedule

	2014
Dec 6	Holiday Party
	2015
Jan 25	Harold's Deli
March 28	50's Dance
Jan/Feb	Sue & Anthony Gaeta
February	Sweetheart Brunch
March	John & Sandra Pyrros
April	Don & Dorothy Dubres
May	Paquito D'Rivera
June	Bill & Martha Downing

The Decemberg meeting will be the Holiday party. There will be no formal meeting

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



Happy Holidays Everyone

Our last meeting at Delizia's Pizza was the biggest we have had in a while. It was also the last official meeting of the year. We had started having meetings there due to the lack of room at most of our homes. This meeting was full to capacity. I think we may have to start looking for a another venue.

We wil have over 60 people at our Christmas party. Another good turnout..

I would like to welcome a new member Steve Schmidt. Steve is a long time member of the North Jersey Thunderbird Association. I am sure he will be a great addition to our club.

A large thank you to Frank and Lucille Chabala for there many years as our Treasurer and Best Wishes to Carol Ehm as our new Treasurer. There will be several new policies on how requests for money will be handled. So before you spend any money for an event check with her first.

Be safe and happy for the Holidays and if you see a glow in the western sky you will know I have turned on my Christmas lights. And I hope to see you at one of our Christmas Light parties.

Pat Le Strange



Merry CHRISTMAS



A few Words From Alec

Well, here it is Holiday time already. The year has flown by. I just had the pleasure of hosting my 4th meeting since I joined this great club, one of the best (and smartest) things that I have done.

I also have enjoyed watching the club grow over the years and the good time I have at all of CTCI's conventions that I have attended. Everyone of the conventions is special to me. Traveling with friends and seeing so many different parts of our great country

Happy Motoring , Alec

PS: Cheer up - spring and summer will be here before we know it.

October Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Alec Johnstone on another nice Fall afternoon with plenty of sunshine and mild temps. 11 Birds were in attendance as well as over 40 members, one of the largest meetings yet. With the snow coming, probably the last outing this year for the Birds. Lots of good food and company and productive business meeting. Thanks to Alec.

Highlights of the business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurers report.

Arlene reported that the Christmas party is all set. Toni said the calendars are now in the works for delivery prior to the holiday party.

Lucille asked about the date for the Sweetheart Brunch. Members decided on Feb.15th. Alternate locations were discussed. Members will be notified about these locations and costs to see if a different location is desired.

Donna updated the club on the Westchester Theater (Westside Story) . April or May date. An email to members will be sent out regarding prices, etc.

Rich suggested using member's other cars on the next calendars.

Lois mentioned that a January date must be set for the Board meeting.

Paul S mentioned that NJORTC was mentioned in five or six different areas of the latest Early Bird, including Bill Downing's article

Bill (Dot?) Hyde was the 50/50 winner.

Detailed minutes are on the web site.



Vice President's Message

Weather in Albuquerque, NM - high 50's, low 60's during the day and high 30's low 40's during the night sooooo I thought the weather would be much warmer there then here, but being that I am giving New Mexico weather, you should make your hotel reservations for the 2015 Convention in August.

Dorothy Dubres has had a serious operation. I have talked to Don and everyday Dorothy is getting better. The doctors are very pleased on how good she is doing. Our prayers are with her. We know you are a strong lady.

Just found out that Marianne Dennig, (Walter Strohmaier's SO) fell off a roof and fractured a few bones in her back. Hope and pray she is doing ok..

Once again thank you Bill Downing for writing another great article for the Early Bird magazine, also a great article on Tech Support written by Paul Schroll. Keep up the good work guys, your the best.

Congratulations to Joe & Lorri Matrone on the birth of their 10th grandchild. The baby is a girl.

I would like to pay my respects to Aileen Corbett on the death of her mother. Very sad news. Our prayers are with Aileen and her family.

By the time we get the newsletter Thanksgiving will be over. I hope everyone had a great day.

Now is the time for Christmas. Decorating, shopping, what fun. I love the Holiday season. Hope everyone has a safe, healthy and happy holiday. Happy Hanakkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Don't forget our annual Christmas party on December 6th, 5PM, San Carlo, Lyndhurst.

Before you know it, the first of the new year will be here. We already have events planned such as Harold's Deli in Edison, Sweetheart Brunch (we are checking out new places-further info to follow) and our 50's dance. If anyone has any ideas for a club activity, please notify an officer or bring it up at a meeting. We are always looking for places to go.

See you all soon, Arlene



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Norman & Sheila Klein 15th



Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Ragosta 4th
Charles Ehm 10th
Paul Schroll 15th
Carol Ehm 19th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Parillo 21st
Lois Martin 21st

Get Well Soon!

Dorothy Dubres

FOR SALE

1957 Thunderbirds (2)

Gene Szura has information on two 57's that are for sale. For info, contact Gene 201-991-8459

Condolences

To Aileen Corbett and her family on the passing of her mother.

Congratulations

To Joe & Lorri Matrone on the birth of their 10th grandchild.

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.

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November Meeting



Events

Holiday Party

It's here. It's December 6th, 5 PM. If you haven't signed up it may be too late but try Arlene. If your extra nice she will get you in. The ice cream bar they had last year was great, just ask Rich and Joe (I hope they have it again this year). Price is \$50.00 per person. Dues credit if you attend. There will be a Toys for Tots collection (unwrapped only \$10), grab bag (bring a gift, get a gift \$25), raffle and prizes. The party is at the San Carlo, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ

Harold's Deli

Now scheduled for January 25. Sit down time is 1 PM, come early (12:45) so we can get together. This has always been a great gathering with good food and better company. This is a pay your own event. Harold's is located at 1173 King Georges Post Rd, Edison, NJ. Sandy Pyrros is the chair, notify her if you are going.

Sweetheart Brunch

Scheduled for February 15th. Mark the date. Watch for particulars as we may change location.

Welcome



Our newest member, Steve Schmidt. Steve lives in Wycoff with his wife Annette and has a 57 Bronze Bird and a 57 Ford Ranchero. He is into all things 57 Ford and has a nice collection of 50's Ford items



Last Show of the Season

Pretty much the last show of the season around this area was the show organized by Carol and Charlie Ehm at the First Reformed Church of Lincoln Park which many of our members attended (10 cars but not all Tbirds). They had tricky trays and door prizes besides the trophies. It was a very well organized show with a lot of cars despite having the original date rained out.



Sitting in the right spot



Car Shows-Swap Meets

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjersecarshows.com/>
www.njortc.org

Cruise Nights

Tuesday
Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Saturday
Elmwood Park 375 Market St - Elmwood Park
Diner

Clifton Rte 46 West, Hearth Restaurant



The day of the show was also John's birthday



TRIVIA

What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel and what other innovation did it have? You got to get both for the prize

Charlie Ehm was last month's winner. The answer was putting your pants on backwards

Oldies



2002-Mini Show with Mercedes Club
Who is that cute guy with the white shirt in back?



Tune Up Clinic 2003ish
Both pictures from Ken Herb

Car Show

Another late fall show in Wycoff. Small, but nice.



Joe Saville's "XKE" Jag

Thanks to Joanne for some of the pics in this month's newsletter



48, Flathead powered



So passe



Not a Model A, it's a brand X -but nice



Kids had fun too

Tech Tips

Winter Battery Care

If you are like us in Ohio you will probably put your "baby" away for the winter. We all know that we should change the oil before we put it up but often we forget the battery until next spring when we find that it's junk. Since we don't have heated storage for our cars we remove the batteries and bring them into a heated garage area. If your storage is heated then just removing one of the cables will do. Once you've cleaned the battery and greased the posts all you need is to fill with drinkable water to 1/8 inch above the cell plates and keep it charged.

As a rule of thumb the water level should be checked and the battery brought to a full charge about every 60 days. We keep track of this by putting a tag or a piece of masking tape on the battery on which we write the date of the last check and charge. Before charging, loosed the caps and then trickle charge at 4 to 6 amps using a small utility home charger for 24 hours. A worthwhile investment is small "floating balls" type of hydrometer to keep track of the condition of each of the cells. Keep in mind that the fluid in a dead battery can freeze and crack the case. This seldom happens with a fully charged battery.

Battery Cautions to Remember

1. Never smoke around a battery. Explosive hydrogen gas is produced when charging.
2. Always wear gloves and goggles when working with batteries to guard against acid burns.
3. Always slow charge you battery. Fast charging can cause battery damage.
4. Never add acid to an activated battery-only drinkable (or distilled) water.

From CASCO, Thunderenlightening Newsletter Nov 14

Add'l Photos from the Year's activities

Some pics I have but not used in the newsletter



Entertainment

Need something to while away those long winter hours? Here is a collection of old car movies and ads that I think you will enjoy.

<http://www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm#movie>

Nov 11th

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



November Car Trivia from Carol Ehm

In 1895, George B. Selden received the first U.S. patent for an automobile. He sold the rights for \$200,000 four years later.

In 1939, at the 40th National Automobile Show the first air-conditioned car was put on display.

