

# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## Jan/Feb 2013

### Now It's 2013

#### 2013 Meeting Schedule

Jan 27	Bob & Shelly Belli
Feb 17	Sweetheart Brunch
March 3	Harold's Deli
March	Todd & Mara Solamon
April	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
May	Bill & Dot Hyde
June	Bob & Joan Notar
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
August	Picnic
September	Joe & Lori Matrone
October	Fran & Lucille Chabala
November	Walter Strohmaier
December	Holiday party

The Jan/Feb meeting will be on Jan. 27th at 2PM and will be hosted by Shelley and Bob Belli

**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



OK, winter is here. We have had about 6 inches of snow on the ground since about Christmas. My decorations and extension cords are frozen to the ground. But I have patience, I will wait for the January thaw. Thanks to everyone who stopped by during the holidays to see the light show. I hope you enjoyed it. Didn't Joanne look nice in her elf suit? The party was for two days with almost 70 guests between both days.

The Christmas party was great. A very large turnout. Anyone who missed it - I am sure you had something important or a prior commitment - missed a wonderful time. There is always next year. It is one of the highlights of our club's year. Thank you to Arlene and her committees. Jobs well done.

Joanne and I will leave for California Feb 7th for the CTCI board meeting. I will fill you in when we get back. We will take a couple of extra days for sight seeing.

It looks like we are heading to host another Convention for 2014. We will talk more about it at the next meeting. Start thinking about some activities such as tours and such.

The January meeting will have a lot of ground to cover so try not to miss this one.

2012 was a good year with a lot of well attended events. I hope that in 2013 we will do as well. We went to Graceland. We traveled back to the 50's. We had a club picnic without rain. Went on a very nice Fall Colors Cruise. Went to Harold's Deli for a sandwich. There were some things we did not get to but maybe next year. We have had a few operations, illnesses and injuries and even the storm of the century but all in all we accomplished a lot, did a lot and traveled a lot.

However, the passing of Eva Tucci was a sad time for us and she will never be forgotten.

As your President and Region 1 Director, I could not be more proud and happy with this club and everyone in it. Thanks to everyone who helped make it that way.

Pat LeStrange. President, NJORTC; Region 1 Director; Chicken Dancing Guy; Christmas light guy





A few Words From Alec  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Well, here it is - the new year cold and snowy. I just came back from 11 days in Florida visiting my son. Good to be back home.

Looking forward to our club meeting on Jan 27th at Bob and Shelley's in Emerson. I hope to see you there.

There is lots to talk about and to discuss club activities for the new year.

Looking forward to warmer weather

Alec

December Meeting

There was no official business meeting in December.

Holiday Party

This years Holiday Party was one of the best. There was a very large turn out of members

The food and service were excellent, from the multitude of hors d'oeuvres right down to the dessert, which was ice cream with a lot of different fixings. Rich and Joe made sure that none of the ice cream melted.

It was good to see Dominick , who came with his son, there.

Pat did his usual great job spinning the discs and providing the right music for the members to get out on the dance floor. And keeping with tradition he performed his famous chicken dance with Arlene joining in. What a sight!!!

Mike and Wendy had the new calendars with club members cars which were passed out.

And not to be forgotten, Santa (Frank) made his usual stop and passed out gifts to the ladies.

Lois made up the board with lottery tickets which was raffled off. Frank Gloss won it, but I haven't heard if the winning 1 million \$ ticket was there.

The 50/50, which was split in two was won by Mary Greene and Steve Handy.



Vice President's Message

Happy and Healthy New Years to all. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I hope everyone was able to go see Pat & Joanne's Christmas display. It was fantastic. Their hospitality was also great, plenty of food and drink. We had a lot of fun. Thanks to the both of you.

I have to book a place for next years' Christmas party. Once again if anyone has any ideas, please bring to the next meeting a menu, prices and whatever info you can get. If no one comes up with another place, I will go back to the San Carlo. Other than a few little problems, I think the San Carlo treats us right. They provide anything we want. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

We have two events coming up in the next couple of months - our yearly Sweetheart Brunch at the Bethwood and of course, Harold's Deli . Both have good food and as usual good friends and a good time.

See you at the next meeting.

Arlene



# Membership News

## Anniversary

Charlie & Izebela 2/8



Todd Salamon 1/4  
 Joe Matrone 1/22  
 Donna Jessie 1/20  
 Martha Downing 1/26  
 Merry Case 1/29  
 Rich Martin 1/30  
 Dorothy Guidone 2/1  
 Paul Dorne 2/7

## Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala  
 Paul Adamoff

**FOR SALE**



Law of Public Speaking  
 A closed mouth gathers no feet

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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.



## Holiday Party



**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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## Club Events

### Director's meeting

The annual Director's meeting will be held on the same day (1/27) as the regular meeting, but will start at 12 Noon.

### Sweetheart Brunch

Things are up in the air on this. You will receive notice on what is decided.

### Harold's Deli

How about some nice pastrami or corned beef sandwich, maybe a pickle or two or anything else that meets your fancy. We are getting together at Harold's Deli in Edison. Date is March 3rd. Call Mike Meehan if you plan to attend. Time is 2PM. Everyone must be there by 1:45PM or they will not seat us. Address is 1173 King Georges Post Rd, Edison, NJ 08837

### February Meeting

There will be no February meeting. As per prior years, January and February are combined into one meeting because of possible weather problems. The member hosting this meeting has the choice of either January or February. Bob and Shelly are having it in January.

### March Meeting

The March meeting will be hosted by Todd Salamon & Mara Madden. The date is March 23 at 4PM. Place and RSVP addresses will be announced in the next newsletter.



## Cruise Nights

Tuesday  
Clifton, Ruts Hut

### More Holiday Party



Sign on a Plumber's Truck  
We repair what your husband fixed

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

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

Jan 18-20-Allentown PA Swap Meet Agric. Hall  
March 1-3 Atlantic City Car Auction and Swap Meet

For more shows go to  
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
[www.newjerseycarshows.com](http://www.newjerseycarshows.com) (reactivated)



### Trivia Quiz

What very popular 18th century beverage was named after a village in Germany, and is still popular today?

First correct answer receives a prize  
Winner of last month's Trivia Quiz was Carol Ehm and the answer was Prince. C'mon guys, the ladies always get these. I have car type prizes too!

Thanks to Joanne for the pictures





Again for you chocolate lovers, Jan 27th is Chocolate Cake Day while Feb. 20th is Cherry Pie Day.



February 18th



Happy Valentines Day

