

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



The Thunder Heard

May 2011

Cruises and Shows Start

2011 Meeting Schedule

May 1	Bill & Pat Selby
May 22	Tune UP Clinic
June	Paul & Sheryl Adamoff
July 16	Chatterbox/Drive In
	Above is Tentative
July	Dennis & Gail Chirico
August 14	Mini Concours/Picnic
September	Charlie & Iabella Costa
October	Pat LeStrange, Joanne Seiler
October	Fall Cruise
November	John & Sandra Pyrros
Dec 3	Holiday party

The May meeting will be on May 1st at 2:00 PM and will be hosted by Bill & Pat Selby, 14 Brick Road So. Plainfield, NJ
 RSVP 907-769-0539 or que53@comcast.com

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



Get ready, car show season is here!!! So dust those Birds off and get them out. Mine is a little under the weather but we'll get her going soon.

Don't forget the Tune Up Clinic at the Martins on May 22nd. PLEASE let Rich or Lois know if you plan to go and what you will be doing to your car.

I would like to thank everyone for the great turnouts we've been getting at our club meetings. It looks like we will also have a big contingent driving to Virginia and I'm sure it will be a lot of fun.

At our last meeting the new changes to the By-Laws were approved. You will be able to read them on the web site. Left over club posters and dash plaques from the 2002 Convention were offered to members.

Changes will be made for the Mini Concours. Judging will be eliminated and it will be focused more on a club picnic.

July 16th is the date for the Chatterbox night and we will caravan from there to the Warwick Drive In movie.

See you all soon

Pat





A few words from Alec

As I write this I am wondering what happened to Spring - this is the longest, harshest winter that I can recall.

On a lighter note, my meeting was well attended and was held in the club house on my condo complex. Despite threatening weather we had 6 early Birds and a retro Bird attending.

The convention in VA is one month closer and it looks like our club will be well represented as it was last year in Dayton. It looks like we will have quite a few driving there plus a few trailering. See you soon.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

April Meeting

The April meeting was hosted by Alec Johnstone. We met in his condo's club house which has a nice cozy atmosphere. Al cooked up some very good eats. Although sort of an iffy, overcast day, 6 members brought their TBirds, a sure sign of spring (who needs a robin as a omen of spring?). Attendance was very good. Thanks to Alec for a very good time.



The Vice President's Message

Spring has sprung!!! April showers bring May flowers!!! With all the rain we have had, we are certainly going to have beautiful flowers in May. It is still a little chilly out but it is getting warmer. It is time to get out TBirds on the road. Cruise nights and car shows are starting the end of April.

On a sad note, I would like to pay my respects to Sandy Pyrros on the loss of her Aunt. My prayers are with you and your family.

Our last meeting was hosted by Alec Johnstone. We had a good turn out of members and good food (the sandwich was delicious). I wore a lot of hats at the meeting. I was VP, Treasurer, Sunshine chair, discussed the cookbook and read the minutes from the last meeting. I was a very busy lady. Thank you Donna Jesse for taking the minutes in Sandy's absence.

Joanne is working on putting together a cook book for our club. We think this would be a good fundraiser for us. We need at least five recipes from each lady. I know you guys are not interested in this, but if any of you have a special recipe that you like we would like you to share it with us. Joanne has a lot of good ideas, which she will bring up at our next meeting.

Pat is putting together a trip to the Chatterbox and then to the Drive In movies on July 16th. It will be cool to see our TBirds lined up at the Drive In movies.

Before you now it the Regional Convention will be here. I am looking forward to it - good people and great cars - it will be fun. The dates of the convention are June 15th thru June 19th. Most of us that are going will be driving their TBirds. We going to meet and travel to Virginia in a caravan, further details to follow. So on that note, if any one needs work done to their car, please bring it to the Tune Up Clinic on May 22nd.

Joe and I want to wish you a Happy Easter and Passover

See you soon

Arlene.

Membership News



Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd

Arlene Perruso 5th

Pat LeStrange 7th

Gene Szura 13th

Sandy Montanino 24th



Lorraine Cirinelli

Congratulations

To Joe & Lorrie Matrone for their new grandson Ryan (#7) 6lbs, 15oz

Congratulations

To Henry Semmler on the recent marriage of his son Brian

Condolences

To Sandy Pyrros on the passing of her Aunt.

FOR SALE



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Whenever I fill out an applicaton, in the part that says "In an emergency, notify: " I write "DOCTOR"

April Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Alec Johnstone at his condo's clubhouse. Although it was an overcast day, some of the Birds awoke from their long winters' nap and made it to the meeting. The meeting was well attended.

Highlights of the meeting:

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

Lois and Rich reported that they went through what has been stored at the Corbett's. Items included old newsletters, dash plaques (2007) posters (2002) pictures and paper products that can be used at the picnic. The posters and plaques are available to any member that wants one. Wendy is to post a picture on the website.

Joe Kubat made a suggestion that the Mini-Concourse (Club Picnic) do away with the judging (peer judging) . Dash plaques would continue. The idea was unanimously accepted for trial this year.

Lois Martin read the revisions to the by-laws. A vote was taken to accept the revisions. All were in favor. The update will be posted on the club website.

Vince DeAndrea's family gave the club some memorabilia that Vince has collected.

Lois mentioned that we have 25 people going to Richmond and that banquet tables have been reserved.

Bill Jessie brought up possibility of TShirts for the club members to celebrate our 35th anniversary. Pat said something is in the works.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30



coming events??

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.

Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll

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Club Events

Tune Up Clinic

This years Tune Up Clinic is scheduled for May 22 at the Martins and is co-hosted by the Corbetts. Please let Lois or Rich know if you are attending. For those driving to Richmond, it a good chance to get your TBird tuned up and do any mechanical work that you have been putting off.

Mini Concours

The Mini-concours has been scheduled for August 14th at Schooley's Mountain. Reserve this date now so you won't forget. Additional info will be posted

Chatterbox/Drive In

A tentative date of July 16th has been set for a cruise to the Chatterbox for the car show and then cruising to the Waldwick, NY drive in. The No. Jersey Thunderbird Assoc. (big birds) has expressed interest in joining us. Keep this date open -it should be a really good time.



April Meeting



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

May 1 Butler, NJ, Rte 23 All Ford Show, Rte 23 Automall
May 1 Florham Park-50 So. Hanover Road-American
Switch Co. (F)

May 5-8th Wildwood Boardwalk Show

May 7 Bridgewater, NJ Info 908-526-4016 (Rich)

5/14 Old Bridge-Rte 18-All American Ford (F)
5/14 Montville 65 River Dr. (Hot Rod Farm) (F)

5/15 Upper Saddle River-Lake St.-Pearson Education(F)
5/15 Maplewood-Springfield Ave.-Festival (F)

5/21 Ramsey - Main Street -Ramsey High School

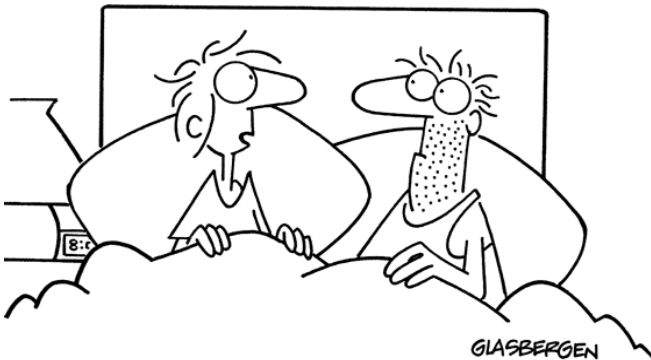
5/22 Elmwood Park-180 Broadway-K-mart
5/22 Chester, NJ 25 main St.
5/22 Pearl River, NY-401 N. Middletown RD (Pfizer)(F)

5/29 Franklin Lakes-Franklin Lake Road(F)

6/5 Upper Saddle River-Lake St and E.Saddle River Road-
Hopper-Goetschius House Museum (F)
(F)=I have flyer

For additional listings, go to www.njcarshows.com

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"I was going to wake up early to go jogging,
but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."

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.

CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Jackson-2010 W. County Line Rd (Clifmar Diner) 3rd
Sunday of the month

Monday

Saddle Brook-427 Market St (Advanced Auto
Hawthorne-Goffle Road (Goffle Grill)

Tuesday

Carlstadt-645 Washington Ave (The Grasshopper)
Elmwood Park-455 River Drive (River View East) 5/3

Wednesday

East Rutherford-Rte 17N (Lowe's/Chili's)
Wycoff ???????

Thursday

Moonachie-195 Moonachie Rd (Burger King)
East Rutherford-49 Rte 17S (Cheeburger-Cheeburger
Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's Shopping Ctr)

Friday

Boonton-Wooten St (Wal Mart shopping center)



CTCI Conventions

This Year - Richmond, Va, June 15-19 and Omaha,
Nebraska August 24-28. It has been mentioned that
rooms for Richmond, like in Dayton, are going to be
tight, so make your reservation now. They can
always be canceled if you decide not to go at a later
date.

More April Meeting



Tech Tips Coil Resistor

For those out there who own a 56 or 57 Thunderbird, this tip is for you. The coil resistor is a small and often overlooked component of your cars ignition system. The resistor receives voltage from the battery and converts it to a level acceptable to your coil (around 7.5 volts). The 55's were equipped with a 6 volt electrical system and this lower voltage was allowed to flow directly to the coil so a resistor was not needed.

If your resistor is not functioning, you will know it! Your car will not start or it will stop running. As this part is often left on the car until it fails, you may have a resistor that is pushing 55. If so, a little "preventive maintenance" should be in order. An OEM type replacement resistor can be purchased for about \$25 from most of the TBird parts suppliers.

The resistor is a rectangular part measuring approximately one inch in width by about three inches in length. The center of the resistor is made up of a porcelain type material and is surrounded by a metal shield. It is mounted next to the coil. It mounts to the bottom of the coil bracket which is attached to the top of the intake manifold and stands straight up. Some non-OEM style resistors do not have a metal shield and they mount lengthwise.

There are two wires which attach to the resistor terminals. The top terminal of the resistor is connected to the wire coming from the ignition switch. The wire will be coming out of the main wiring harness. The bottom terminal of the resistor is connected to the wire which goes to the battery side of the coil.

If you put new resistor on, the first time you operate the car the new resistor will smoke and become very hot. This is normal for the first few times the car is driven. After any coatings are burned off, the resistor will stop smoking.

From the EARLY BIRD



