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2009 Meeting Schedule

May 16	Tune Up Clinic
May 16	Bruce & Aileen Corbett
June 14	Rich & Lois Martin
June 27	Chatterbox Cruise
July	Ken & Linda Herb
July 11	Race Track Show
August 2	MINI CONCOURS
September	Vince & Mary Ann Ucci
October 19	Fall Cruise
October	Henry & Judy Semmler
November	Joe & Arlene Kubat
December 5	HOLIDAY PARTY

The May Meeting will be on the 16th and will be hosted by:

Bruce & Aileen Corbett
65 Ponderosa Place
Hewitt, NJ 07421
1 PM (following the Tune Up Clinic)
 RSVP 973-728-2135 or corbett2@optonline.net

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



I guess as you read this Joanne and I are on vacation in Las Vegas, so I will keep it short and sweet.

The car season is now here, so let's get out. When you go to a show or cruise night be sure to pump up the club to any T Bird owners you see.

Please let me know who is going to the Chatterbox on June 27th so I can make sure we have enough spaces set aside.

Let Paul know of any good shows or cruises that you hear about for inclusion in the newsletter.

I hoped that the sickness and injuries were left in 2008, but we have had a few members having some problems already. Vince DeAndrea broke his leg and will be in the hospital for a while. Alec Johnstone had some more kidney troubles (Hey Alec – your name is Johnstone, not kidneystone!!). Walt Strohmier is recovering . I know we have some others too. Please keep healthy, we need everyone of you to make this club special.

OK for now, See you when we get back.

Happy T Birding
 Pat LeStrange

For those who are looking for those hard to find car items, go to www.kalecoauto.com



A few words from Alec

After a few days of summertime weather- as I write this we are back to our crummy springtime conditions. While the 90 degree days lasted it was great to be able to enjoy putting the top down on my two Birds. It's beginning to feel like we have two season climate conditions.

I am feeling better after my latest hospital stay and follow up procedures.

Hope to see everybody at the upcoming meetings and shows and I am looking forward to the CTCI regionals in Tulsa and British Columbia.

Happy Motoring
Alec

My TBird – Bruce & Aileen Corbett



Dad (Clarence Corbett) purchased our Bird in 1958, it being a local doctor's car used for house calls. Mom (Martha Corbett) was the main driver. It was purchased for \$2,695, a bargain considering we are still enjoying this beautiful car today, 51 years later.

In 1966, ownership was transferred to Bruce. The car was 'R' dating car and transportation while Bruce was in the Navy Seabees stationed in Rhode Island. In 1968, it was put in storage while we raised our family.

Restoration began early in 1996 and still continues today. As all Bird owners know, it is a never ending process and a labor of love. The off frame restoration started with the dipping of the Peacock Blue body into a large open vat, stripped clean . We loaded the body and freshly (continued on Page 5)



. Vice President's Message

Hi everyone – well I think spring has finally sprung, but not really sure if it is really summer!!!! A lot of cruise nights begin this week so let's get those little Birds on the road and go to a cruise night of your choice. Sunday, April 26th was the first car show of the season (Rte 23 Automall). There was a good turnout of T Birds even though it was hosted by the Garden State Region Mustang Club.

I want to congratulate Charlie & Izabela Costa on the birth of there first child, Zachary Charles. The baby was born six weeks early and he is still in the hospital but gaining weight every day. Baby and mother are doing fine and hope he comes home soon. I also hope he enjoys cars like his dad.

Alex Johnstone has been a little under the weather so I hope he is now doing better. I also hope Vince DeAndrea is doing better. Vince fell broke a leg and is having some problems so I ask all our club members to send him a get well card. I think he needs a lot of cheering up. Please send the cards to his home. Vince, our prayers are with you.

Just think ladies, with the nice weather coming and our husbands or significant others going to cruise nights we do not have to cook. If you choose to go with them you just might get a free meal. Don't you just love it!!!

Enjoy the weather and cruising.

Arlene

MEMORIAL DAY



Remember Our Service People, Past and Present

Membership News

ANNIVERSARIES



Lorraine Cirinelli May 2
 Arlene Perruso May 5
 Pat LeStrange May 7
 Gene Szura May 13
 Sandy Montanino May 24
 Arnold Dworkin May 29

7th day says
 get well!



Walter Strohmaier
 Vince DeAndrea
 Alec Johnstone

FOR SALE

2003 TBird, red with red/black interior. Neiman Marcus wheels and original wheels. Custom mats. 2,800 miles –Call Henry, 201-280-0193



New TBirder

Congratulations to Charlie & Izabella Costa on the April 7 birth of Zachary Charles. The little fella came a little early, but both mother and baby are doing fine. Both are home. Will Charlie get his #2 car done in time for him to drive it?

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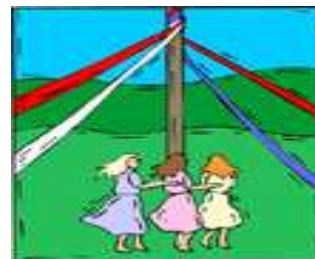
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CLUB EVENTS

April Meeting

Our hosts were Wendy & Mike Meehan. Great food and nice company – a few pics.



TBird Day at the Chatterbox

We are planning for a TBird Day at the Chatterbox Restaurant cruise on June 27th. A special area will be set aside for us. The Chatterbox is a 50's type facility which hosts a cruise every Saturday. Please contact Pat if you are going as we need a count for the space they will set aside. Meeting time and place to cruise there will be announced later. See Page 6 for location.

Any items you want us to publish in the newsletter must be received before the 1st of the month. They can be e-mailed directly to me. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com



Tune Up Clinic-May 15th

Bruce and Aileen Corbett are hosting a Tune Up Clinic at their home starting at 9 AM on 5/16. Address is 65 Ponderosa Place, Hewitt, NJ 07421. It's a good time to get that TBird ready for the new season. Please call Bruce or Aileen if you are going to attend. Let them know if you have a project so they can be prepared. The May meeting will follow the clinic (1 PM).

TBirds at the Meadowlands

We have been invited to the WMTR Meadowlands Race Track Show by John Pestrighelli, of the Garden State Mustang Club (Ponies and Birds??) This will be on July 11th, and held in the Paddock area. We must get a count as space may be limited. If you are interested in taking your TBird to this show, please contact Pat as soon as possible.

Mini Concours

As noted in the 2009 meeting schedule, this will take place August 2nd, so please keep this in mind. Location will be the same, At the Doe Meadow grounds.

Rte 23 Auto Mall Car Show

This was a great show. There were about 200 cars entered. It was a beautiful day and six members of NJORTC were there – John P, Alec J, Alex Marsiglio, Rich M, Joe K and Paul S. One car that I really liked was a 37 Ford (Street Rod) with a 4.6 liter dual overhead cam Lincoln engine in it. A beautiful, well constructed car.

While the majority of cars were Mustangs, there was plenty of other very nice Fords (it is an all Ford show) from a Model A to later models. Trucks were also well represented

NJORTC walked away with one two three places (John P, Alec J and Paul S respectively) in the TBird class. Rich, since he was a member of the Mustang Club that put on the show, was not eligible for judging. He brought his TBird. Joe won a first in his class. Unfortunately, Alex M had fuel delivery problems right before he got to the show grounds and was stranded on Rte 23. We made an attempt to get him going, but could not solve the problem there. Rich went all the way back home, got a tow vehicle and a trailer and brought Alex's car back to his place. It was fixed Monday, a bad fuel line to pump hose.



My TBird – continued



1st place at the Buckingham Concours D'Elegance

stripped frame onto our trailer and made a mad dash to have primer on the body and powder coating on the frame before rust would set in. The restoration process was long and largely dictated by “available funds”. We completed the restoration in 1998.

Our car holds many fond memories of picnics, drives and dates. We show it at as many car shows as time allows.

WE have met so many wonderful people over the years and made many friends because of this little blue dream.

Some (More) Good Questions

If a deaf person goes to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you ‘in’ a movie, but you’re ‘on’ TV?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change?
They’re going to see you naked anyway.

Why is ‘bra’ singular and ‘panties’ plural?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

If the professor on Gilligan’s Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can’t he fix a hole in the boat?



TECH TIPS

Body/ Frame

This month’s tip is a sort of tongue in cheek pictorial of how to put that body on the frame. Photos by Alec, the other warm? body.



First, get some warm bodies that don’t ask too many questions.



Roll the body out



**Remove from rotisserie
(See Page 8 for more)**



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

May 3 Florem Park (AACCA meet) 50 Hanover Rd – Automatic Switch Co.

May 17 Pearl River-401 N. Middletown Rd (Wyeth Pharm)

May 17 Upper Saddle River (Pearson Education)

May 17 Millburn-Millburn Ave.

May 24 Franklin Lakes

May 24 Hackettstown 800 High St (Mars Co.)

May 29-31 E. Durham, NY Contact Joe Kubat(info)

May 31–Upper Saddle River-corner of Lake St & E. Saddle River Road (Hopper-Goetshius House Museum)

June 5-7 Carlisle, PA - All Ford Meet

June 7 Waldwick-Hewson Ave (train station) (flyer)

June 13 Pompton Plains – No. Jersey TBird Show(flyer)

June 14 Canterbury, NH-put on by the New England Vintage TBird Club (I have contact info)

June 26-28 Rhinebeck, NY – Goodguy’s

July 3-6 CTCI Regional – Tulsa, OK



May is Older American’s Month – be kind to a Senior Citizen



CRUISE NIGHTS

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grill, Goffle Road

Tuesday

Elmwood Park-River View East, 455 River Dr

Succasunna- McDonald’s, Rte 10

Wayne-Wendy’s-Rte 23 NO. May 5

Wednesday

Bear Mountain, NY Start May 6

Wycoff – Greenwood Ave

West Caldwell-Taco Bell 900 Bloomfield Ave

Denville-Wendy’s-Rte 46

Thursday

Hackettstown-Lowes-Mountain Ave

Riverdale Armory-Newark Pompton Tpke 5/7

E. Rutherford-Lowe’s, Rte 17 N 5/7

Friday

Midland Park-Center St. Train Station

Boonton-Walmart-Wooten Street

Saturday

Chatterbox-Rtes 15&206, Augusta

Montgomery, NY McDonald’s Rte 208

Island Dragway Family Night

Again this year Island Dragway is having it’s Food-Fun-Racing night on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting May 6 and ending Oct 21st. For the entry fee of \$15 you can come to watch or race and enjoy a barbeque. For additional info, go to

www.islanddragway.com

If you are interested to going to one of these as a club activity, please contact me. Please have in mind what dates you would prefer. If you decide to go racing, you will need a helmet (available at the track for a rental fee), an overflow can for the radiator (easy fix) and seat belts. If you prefer, you can just sit in the stands and watch me beat the britches off Rich Martin and the rest of the TBirds.



Happy Mothers Day



April Meeting-Some more pics



April Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Wendy & Mike Meehan. Wendy cooked up some of her special food and it was good. Thanks Mike and Wendy. The weather was ideal and the Birds came out. In the absence of Pat, Arlene chaired the meeting.

Some highlights of the meeting:

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The Secretaries minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Lucille reported that Vince DeAndrea had an accident and has a compound fracture of one leg. He is now recuperating. Alec Johnstone had some surgery and is also recuperating.

Pat LeStrange needs the names of those who are going to the Chatterbox .

Arlene Kubat mentioned they are going on an overnight 'Cruise to Nowhere' and it might be a good club event.

Dominick suggested the club award anniversary pins to members. He will look into options, samples and prices.

Reminder that next meeting is at the Corbetts following the Tune Up Clinic – 1 PM



You can't stay young forever, but you can be immature for the rest of your life.



Tech Tip (cont'd)



Roll the chassis out



Make the chassis fully moveable-on casters

Since all hands were required to keep the body steady while in the air, there are no pictures showing this



The last inch in the air



The chassis and body together



Don't forget to clean up your mess

Grill Plaques

New grille plaques are now available. These are lighter, made out of aluminum. Same size, without brass anodizing. Cost is \$30.00, but for first time plaque buyers the club is subsidizing 1/2 or ~\$15.00. Contact Paul Schroll. Will deliver at a club meeting or make other arrangements.

