



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

December 2021

2021 Meeting Schedule

December 4	Christmas Party
	<u>2022 Tentative</u>
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
Feb 13	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Lucille Chabala
April	Joe Kubat
May	Bruce Corbett
May	Tune-Up Clinic
June	Donna Jessie
July	Al Cirinelli
August	Picnic
September	John Pyrros
No meeting in December - We have our Christmas Party No date has been set for the January/February meeting	
If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with. Please let Arlene know at least <u>2</u> months before your scheduled month that <u>YOU WILL BE HOSTING</u> the meeting and give the date/time/etc.	



President's Message



I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was good. Weather is starting to get cold and I would think all the Birds are tucked away.

Our last meeting was well attended and the location was really great, thanks Vince and Sandra.
Our Christmas party is coming up on Dec. 4th, I hope everyone has gotten their money in.

Next year looks like a busy year with Harold's , then Sweetheart brunch and several more. Most dates and chairpeople will be worked out at our NJORTC Board meeting early 2022.. CTCI has announced the 2022 Convention will be in Texas in September

Condolances to Rich Iuso and Georgette on the passing of Rich's Father.

God Bless everyone and your families through the Holiday season
Pat LeStrange





Vice President's Message



We had snow, ugh!!! I guess winter is here unofficially. Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Thank you Vince Ucci and Sandra for hosting our November meeting. We had a great turn out of members. The meeting was held at The Car Lofts in Fairfield, which displays beautiful classic cars. All members enjoyed looking at the cars.

We want to pay our respects to Rich Iuso on the loss of his dad. Aileen Corbett had a knee replacement. She is home, but in pain. Aileen hope you feel better soon.

Our next event is our Christmas party, which is this Saturday night. Julie Ann Morrison and Lucille Chabala have booked the Sweetheart Brunch for February 13, 2022 at McLoone's Boathouse, West Orange. If interested in going it is \$100.00 per couple, \$50.00 single. Please mail check to Lucille. Julie Ann will also be working with Toni Sabino on Harold's Deli in April. If anyone has any ideas as to any activity, please notify a Board member. It's time to get back into the swing of things.

Our meeting schedule is out for 2022, (which is posted elsewhere in the newsletter) if you are hosting a meeting you have to notify Toni Sabino two months before your meeting to tell her the date, time and place you are hosting the meeting. Joe and Lorrie Matrone to host January/ February meeting.

My reign of acting President is over. We welcome back Pat at our January/February meeting.

Next month article about their car is to be written by Bob Heissler.

Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas to all. See you soon

Arlene

November Meeting

The meeting, hosted by Vince Ucci and Sandra, was held at a car storage facility which had an upstairs meeting place. Lots of nice (collector) cars at the facility. There was an owner working on his Model A but he seemed to be a little stiff. Food was good, lots of members attending. Thanks to Vince and Sandra for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

A discussion was held on donating to various charities. Some were mentioned. Members should contact the Board if they have any suggestions.

Arlene noted that the Christmas party is all set for 12/4.

The Sweetheart Brunch is all set for 2/13 (See Club Announcements for info). In addition, we are looking at going to Harold's Deli and making plans for it.. Possibly an April get together.

Vince and an owner of the Carloft gave us the background of the facility

Next event is Dec. 4th. (Christmas Party)

Sandra won the 50/50



Membership News

Happy Anniversary



Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Sabino 4th
Tom Brevia 11th
Paul Schroll 15th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Parillo 21st
Lois Martin 21st
George Gayet 25th

**GET WELL
SON!**

Aileen Corbett

Condolences

To Rich Iuso and family on the passing
of Rich's father

December Ford Trivia

12/1/1913 Ford introduced the continuous
moving assembly line

12/13/57 The last 1957 Thunderbird was
produced

Thunderbird Trivia

A crest emblem was used on each side of the
1955 hardtop and a round emblem was used
on the non-porthole 57 hardtops. No emblems
were used on the 1956 tops or any porthole
top



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Vickie Jessie on her 9/18 wedding

Club Announcements

Christmas Party

It's almost that time of year even though the weather says differently. The Christmas party is on **December 4th**. Same venue, Bella Italia Restaurant, 535 Central Ave, Orange NJ. **Time is 5:30 PM**. Cost is 65.00 per person. As in the past, attendees will get credit for next years' dues - A couple full credit, single half credit. Arlene is the host, call her if you are coming. Make checks out to NJORTC. There will be a grab bag (\$25) and collection of toys for Toys For Tots.

Sweetheart Brunch

Julie and Lucille have gotten a head start on this. Scheduled for **February 13**. Venue is McLoone's Boathouse, from **11:00 to 2:00**. 9 Cherry Lane, West Orange



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I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. Email is best, snail mail ok.

The first official White House car was 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft

Car Shows/Swap

1/14-16 2022 Allentown PA Swap Meet
1/28-29 2022 Carlisle PA Swap Meet

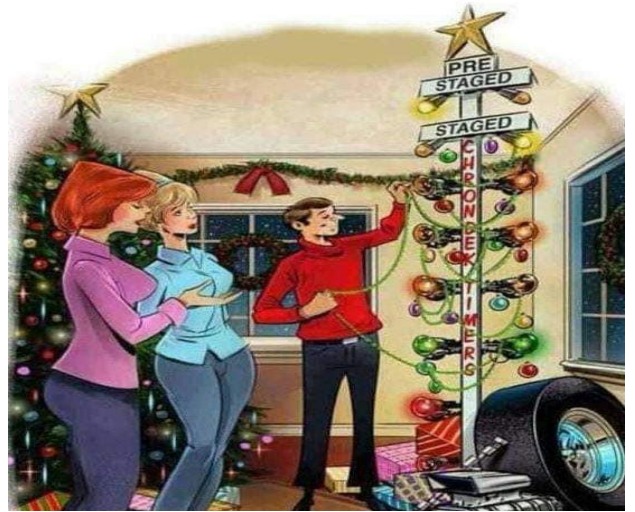
November Meeting



Classified Ad

Wedding Dress for Sale
Worn once by mistake
Call Stephanie

November Meeting



Rich's Christmas tree



The Story of Wheee! - My 57 Thunderbird
Sue Gayet

In 2018, I unloaded a small house I rented for quite a few years in Denville. Let's just say I'm a bad landlord, unless you are renting from me, then I am a good one. To make a long story short I ended up having to sell the house. I ended up with the original deposit I had put down more than 16 years earlier. I said to myself, I guess it time to get an antique car again. (My first car was my grandmothers 56 Chevy convertible. I drove it through High School, College and beyond.)

I always admired the T-birds that I saw at the Friday cruise nights in Boonton. I said to myself "I wouldn't mind one of those!" I approached this nice baby blue T-bird, which I know now as Starmist Blue, and ask the woman (Joanne), where I can possibly find a T-Bird for sale. She said come to one of our meetings. So the THE HUNT BEGAN!

I really don't remember the time progression, but I was really intent on finding myself a baby bird. I thought I wanted a white or a red. I know I tried a red 3 speed in Livingston, had money-pit written all over it. I asked the guy why he was selling it, he insinuated that he couldn't fit into it anymore. Good Reason. Obviously I passed. I was told about one for sale in New Hope PA. I went out and looked at that 3 speed, Starmist blue. I always had manual cars, but decided I didn't like the 3-speed on the T-birds. I also had gone to Carlisle and Hersey to see what was for sale in their "corrals". At some point Rich had given me pictures of a 57 out in Washington State. Azure blue, automatic, looked really nice. I called the guy. He was trying to sell it for a man who had bought it from him many years ago. Looked awfully nice. But price was out of my reach. All I know is months went by and figured I guess I will have to wait until the spring for more shows etc. Then the seller called me back to see if I was still interested, and I said yes, but by the time I paid transport, register it, and sales tax, it was way beyond my spending limit. So he said this guy wanted to make a deal....so a deal we did make! Fly East Baby Bird! Fly East!!!!

December 19th, 2018. It arrives! I'm all excited. I'm standing at the end of the trailer waiting for it to come off. I can't see it, there seems to be dark and a lot of smoke! OMG, my car is smoking!!! They pull it out. I can see small flames shooting out under the hood near the windshield! I scream to the guy to shut it off! I'm thinking to myself, calm down, I'm sure something minor (right?!), I'm looking at it saying she is a beaut, even with the flames! Things can only get better from here I told myself. We ended up pushing it into my driveway. Luckily no fire damage, a little smoke under hood that was easily cleaned up. I called Rich, I said my car arrived today...smoking! I need your help. He said get it up here and he would look at it. I had it towed it up to Rich's house. Rich saved the day and my car, he ended up building me a new electrical harness! I guess after taking pictures of the engine with cover off, when they put it back on, there was a wire caught somehow under the cover. I guess it was slowly shorting out the wiring harness.

And I was right, when I said "things have to get better from here", because they did. Over the last few years I have totally enjoyed my car. Bringing to meetings, going to car shows, weekly cruise nights, and some of our club adventures. I found myself saying "Wheee!" when I'm driving it. I also enjoyed a lot of local drives around the "hood" with my favorite sidekick Cam, one of my Boston Terriers, sorry George. He put smiles on many people's faces where ever we went. I miss you Cam! Hope you're driving around heaven with my grandma in her/my 56 Chevy! I have also met the nicest group of people - NJORTC! Always willing to help you and answer questions or make suggestions and just to chat with. Thank you so much! I also enjoy our "dinner meetings", like someone told me when I first joined, this is really an eating club that happens to have T-Birds. LOL. I'm looking forward to more memories to be made with my car and this club.

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

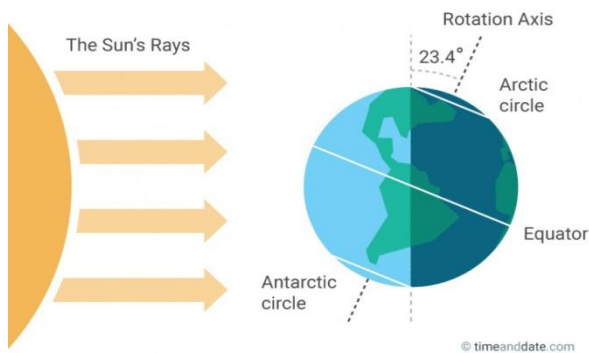


Delivery Day



Keep Healthy & Safe
Use your mask

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the Delta variant. They are required in certain places. And if you're one of those people that think the vaccine is a hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect the like minded others when you come down with Covid 19. Over 97 percent of new cases (and deaths) are unvaccinated people.



**Winter Soltice - shortest day of the year
Dec. 21. Days start getting longer**





From Old Cars Weekly



Woman don't understand that men can stand around like this for hours and be happy



Sweetheart Brunch
Sunday February 13, 2022
11:00 AM- 2:00 PM
McLoone's Boathouse
9 Cherry Lane
West Orange, NJ
\$100.00/couple

Please mail money and reservation to:

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