

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



The Thunder Heard

MAY 2010

CRUISING STARTS THIS MONTH

2010 Meeting Schedule

May 2	Tune Up Clinic
May 16	Dominick & Eva Tucci
June	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
July	Susan & Anthony Gaeta
August 8	Mini-Concours
September	Donna & Bill Jessie
October	John & Sandra Bolger
November	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December 5	Holiday Party-Brownstone

The May meeting will be on the 16th at 2 PM and will be hosted by Dominick & Eva Tucci
37 Joseph St. Moonachie 07074
RSVP 201-641-9529

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



It looks like good weather is just around the corner. Car show season is here, although the 1st one (Blue Over over Butler) was a rain out, let's hope it is not a trend for the summer.

Our April meeting was very well attended. Thank you to the host Bob and Shelly Belli for a nice time. It seemed like no one wanted to leave. We had a lot of talk about the Dayton Convention. Plans seem to be all set. It looks like about 12 cars are going, most are being driven. I am really looking forward to the trip.

Hopefully the weather will hold out for the Tune Up Clinic at the Martin's on the 2nd. I need some help with my brake adjustments

Our trip to the Edison mansion and Lab was very interesting. We had a nice surprise, in that it was free due to National Park Week. We went to a diner for lunch afterward.

I encourage all members to attend as many club functions as you can. We always have a good time, and the more people the more fun.

I hope to see you at the next meeting and please RSVP the Tucci's. Dominick is hoping for a lot of little Birds to be in his driveway. He mentioned something about a surprise if there are.

See you soon

Pat LeStrange





A few words from Alec

It's almost here! The CTCI Convention in Dayton, Ohio.

Our club's caravan plans are almost set up – a couple of final tweaks to take care of and we will be on our way June 15th. It's not too late for anyone who is undecided to join in.

My 14th is the cut off date to register with the Ohio club running the convention.

Think about it.

Happy Motoring
Alec

Edison Tour

On Sunday, April 18th, a beautiful sunny day some 20 NJORTC members went on a tour of the Thomas Edison Site in West Orange, consisting of the Edison House and Edison Lab. This was followed by a luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

The Lab, administered by the National Park Service, had only recently reopened. The house, called Glenmont, is located in Llewellyn Park.

Glenmont, a Queen Anne style mansion built in 1880, became the home of Mr. Edison and his second wife, Mina Miller on their return from their honeymoon in 1886. The house was Mina's wedding gift.

Our tour, lead by a ranger guide, started in the conservatory, filled with plants and flowers from the estate's greenhouse. We continued to a paneled reception room near the main entrance, another living room, a large dining room, a music room, the kitchen and servants' dining room on the first floor. We took the main stairs to the family bedrooms and other family rooms on the second floor. Mr Edison lived in the house until he died in 1931, Mina until she died in 1947. Both are buried on the grounds.

From the house tour, we went to Edison's Lab/Manufacturing area which was just down from the estate. The tour here was made on your own. The Park Service provided a walkie-talkie device in which you pressed a button at each stop. The lab/manufacturing areas consisted of a lavish library, a machine shop, stockroom with all sorts of exotic materials, various **(Continued on Page 6)**



Vice President's Message

The weather has been beautiful (except for today, our monthly meeting-rain). I hope everyone is getting their Little Birds on the road and whoever is going to Ohio for the CTCI Convention is checking out all their cars.

Remember the Tune Up Clinic next Sunday, May 2nd at the Martins. If you need any work done on your car, now is the time to do it.

Cruise nights are starting up. I hope to see some of you guys at the cruise nights. Remember ladies, when the guys go to a cruise night we do not have to cook and they will pay for our dinner where ever the cruise night is held.

We had a great turn out of members at our April meeting. It is always good to see every one. We always have good meetings (thanks Pat, you are great), good food and good talk.

This is going to be a very busy month for our family. As most of you know our daughter is getting married this month (May 29th). Pray for good weather and a great day. We are very excited.

I will not be able to make the Tune Up Clinic, but hope to see you all at Dominick and Eva's meeting on May 16th.

One last thing – Happy Mother's Day to all of us wonderful mothers.

See you soon

Arlene

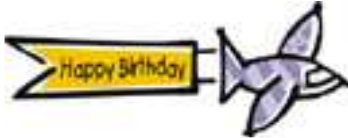


Remember – Memorial Day

Membership News



Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd
 Arlene Perruso 5th
 Pat LeStrange 7th
 Gene Suzura 13th
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**GET WELL
 SON!**

Vince DeAndrea

More Edison Tour



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Roster Update

Please submit any changes for the club roster (after you have paid your dues (if still owing). New telephone numbers (cell and land line), spouse, address, email. Send to Pat.

April Meeting

We had a great turnout which made the rainy day that much better. Our hosts, Bob & Shelly Belli, did a great job making sure every one was taken care of. The eats were great and the meeting was the same. Thanks Bob and Shelly. See Page 7 for highlights of the business meeting.



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 pts1231@aol.com

CLUB EVENTS

Tune Up Clinic

This is scheduled for May 2 at Rich Martin's house. Come and join us even if you do not need any repairs. Please RSVP Rich and Lois

Mini Concours

Keep in mind our Mini-Concours that is scheduled for August 8th. It is in a new location this year, maybe we can get a break in the weather and actually enjoy our desserts in the outdoors. It is Schooley's Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ. It's not too early to put on your schedule. It's always been a fun time, even when the weather didn't cooperate.

Spare Parts for the Dayton Trip

If any of you have some spare parts for an early Bird that you don't anticipate using right away, the guys going to Dayton would appreciate it if you can let them borrow the parts. If used, they will be replaced or purchased. Please call Paul Schroll, John Pyrros or Alec Johnstone. They would appreciate it if you could bring them to either the Tune Up Clinic or the May meeting.



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April Meeting



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. I would like to continue the “MY TBIRD” column so how about it – send me the story and pics of your TBird.

TECH TIPS

Engine Knock

The following was a tip from the Early Bird of Nov-Dec 1976. While old, it is still timely as I have heard of this problem lately with both Birds and sedans. The original author was Lloyd Van De Bogart.

I would like to pass along a tip on a solved problem with my 55 Bird with an automatic transmission. The engine started knocking, which I believed to be a bearing going out. I rebuilt the engine completely and after installation I started it up and much to my chagrin there was the old familiar knock.

A few listens at several garages finally brought the answer from an old time Ford mechanic. “Check the drive plate which connects the transmission to the flywheel”. The original drive plate connected to the flywheel at two places. These eventually work loose on the rivets and rock back and forth making a noise identical to a bearing knock.

I removed the engine a second time and sure enough the attach plates were loose. The replacement plate is attached at four places. The parting words of the old mechanic were “There were sure a lot of engines overhauled because of those early drive plates”.



Island Dragway

For those into racing, here is their schedule:
Family Night – BBQ, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month(except 9/15) Spectators \$15, food included.
Racing-street and mufflered cars \$15, others \$25.
East Coast Nostalgia 4/18 & 8/22
Nostalgia Nationals 6/27
Nostalgia Show & Go with Don Garlits 8/14
With Anniversary race with Don 8/15
Old Daze Drags 9/12
For more info www.islanddragway.com

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

May 1 & 2 Rhinebeck, NY (AACAA show)

May 15-Montville-Conklin's farm(Radir Wheels) Free with old car, SwapMeet

May 16-Upper Saddle River Lake St.(Pearson Ed.)
May 16-Millburn NJ

May 22-Haskell-973 Ringwood Ave (Haskell Elem Sch)

May 22/23-West Milford-Car and Aircraft show. Greenwood Lake Airport (www.greenwoodlakeairport.com)

May 30-Franklin Lakes-813 Franklin Lakes Rd.

June 4/5/6-Carlisle, PA All Ford Show

June 5 – Emerson-422 Old Hook Road (PNC Bank)

June 6-Waldwick-Hewson Ave (Train Station) Rain 6/13

June 12-Pompton Plains-All TBird Show 60 Sunset Road

June 15-20-Dayton. OH CTCI TBird Show

June 26-Clifton-Fette Ford (all Ford)-1137 Rte 46-5PM

Edison Tour



CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, Goffle Road

Tuesday

Wayne – Wendy's-Rte 23 NO. (5/4)

Elmwood Park-River View East-455 River Dr.

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Wayne-Cheeseburger in Paradise-Rte 46 East

Moonachie-Burger King

Thursday

Riverdale Armory-Newark/Pompton Tpke (5/6)

Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart-Wooten Street (Start 4/23)

Midland Park-Center St Train Station (4/30)

Saturday

Chatterbox, Rtes 15&206, Augusta (Start 4/24?)

Clifton-Falls Grill, Rte 3W 12noon

Lyndhurst-Whiskey Café-1050 Wall St (5/1)

If any one has info on shows and swap meets and please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.

Edison Tour (cont'd)

other rooms for research and development and a manufacturing area that under today's standard OSHA would love. Also included in the lab/manufacturing area was the famous turntable studio (called the black maria) which turned to catch the sun at all times of day. The tour stations were well explained through the hand held units and written material at the stations. A vast display of Edison's inventions and products was one of the last stops on the tour. Edison was a pioneer in motion pictures and he even tried to develop a process to make rubber from local plants. He and his staff opened the first electric light company in Manhattan in 1882 near Fulton & William Streets. They developed a complete system to generate and distribute electricity as well as household wiring, switches and lighting fixtures.

Thomas Edison pioneered and helped make the 20th century what people labeled "The American Century"

A good and enlightened day was had by all

Lucille

April Meeting

More Edison



The meeting was hosted by Shelly and Bob Belli. While it was a wet and dismal day, it was made much brighter by the company and the Belli's hospitality, including some great food. Thanks to Bob and Shelly.

Some highlights of the meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted and the Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Pat reported on the Edison Museum and Lab tour. 17 people attended. It was decided to schedule it again for next year for those who were unable to make it this time.

Paul and Alec and others discussed the trip to Dayton for the CTCI national meet. There are 12 cars driving out. Paul S is coordinating the plans. Further info will go out to the members going out together. Lois is securing info on the overnight stop. Donna reminded everyone that registration forms must be in by May 14th.

Lois Martin reported that the new CTCI website is up and running. She reported that the link to our website needs to be updated.

Arlene reported that the Holiday party will be held at the Brownstone in Paterson on Sunday, Dec. 5th at 5:50PM.

Shelly asked about having a "Cruise to Nowhere" for a weekend getaway in Jan or Feb.

Lois reported on the Island Dragway night Family BBQ on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays during the summer. Racing optional, you will need a helmet (available rental at the track). Contact Rich for info.

Next meeting at the Tucci's, May 16th

Paul Adamoff won the 50/50



May 15th

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