

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



The Thunder Heard

April 2017

2017 Meeting Schedule

April 2	Bob Heissler
April 9	Convention Meeting
April 22	50/60's Dance
April 30	Spring Cruise
May 21	Mike Perillo
May 21	Tune Up Clinic
June	Phil Guidone
July	Bob & Joan Notar
August 2-6	Convention
September	Lucille Chabala
October	Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo
Nov	Bill & Dot Hyde



President's Message



Here comes the Spring ! A few more degrees warmer and it will be time to polish and shine up the Birds. Get the oil changed and check out all the vitals.

April 22 is our fund raising 50/60 dance. **PLEASE,PLEASE PLEASE** sell some tickets, we are way behind. We have always made money with this dance. Money has already been spent in preparation and with out more ticket sales we will lose money.

April 30 will be our 1st driving tour of the year our Spring Cruise to Space Farms and the Lamp Post Restaurant, come on out and bring the Birds.

The Convention registrations are coming in at a good pace. On line registrations will be up soon. Keep checking the website for the most up to date information you can also go to the members page and see the convention minutes and treasurer's reports by clicking on "convention updates" Members page is password protected. The convention meetings are ramping up and as we get closer they will increase. I strongly advise Committee chairs to start your own meetings with your committees and be prepared to give reports at the regular convention meetings. If you need help with anything, let me know or see Arlene who has a list of volunteers ready to help. We must have everything in place very soon, only a little over 4 months to go. You can look at the website and see our countdown clock-we do not have a lot of time now. Thank you to all who have stepped up for these important jobs.

May 21 is the tune up clinic and club meeting, always a great turn out.

A new fun page has been added to the web site call "the Jersey Page" check it out. Let me know if you have anything to add to it.

Lastly please keep John Bolger in your prayers.

Pat LeStrange

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.



March Meeting

A super late winter day brought out one of the biggest attendance ever. Walter and Marianne were the hosts. The date also was Joanne's birthday. The food was very good and the company better. Thanks to Walter and Marianne.

Highlights of the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were waived. The treasurer's report was done by Joanne who is covering for Steve Handy who is down in sunny Florida.

We had two guests, one being Tom Mirro (56) who has joined the club and the other Mike Lentini (57) who is interested.

Wendy Meehan reported on the convention. Wendy and Phil asked the members to look for people that might want to donate items or buy ads.

Lucille reported on the Sweetheart Brunch. There were 38 people that attended.

Joanne reminded members about the 50's dance and the need for ticket sales

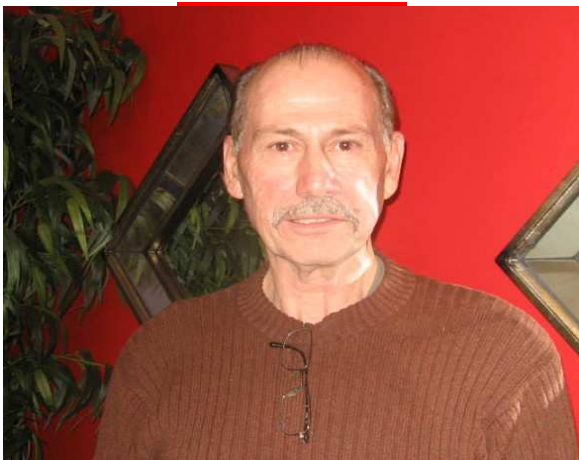
Carol Ehm reported on the upcoming Spring Cruise (see attached flyer).

The Tune Up Clinic, along with the concurrent May meeting was discussed.

Walter mentioned that there is going to be a road trip (with theTBirds) through the Canadian provinces following the convention. See him for information if interested.

Next meeting April 2nd and the birthday girl won the 50/50

New Member



Tom Mirro

Tom, and his wife Susan, hail from Tennent NJ. Tom has a 56 with a "S" code paint
Welcome Tom and Susan
See story on page 5



Vice President's Message

Welcome Spring, although in my eyes, I have not seen spring yet. It is time. Was not a bad winter, but it was long. It's almost time to get our TBirds out of hibernation and on the open road.

Our sympathy goes out to Lucille Chabala on the death of her sister, Irene from Pennsylvania on Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 also on the same day she put her other sister, Jay in hospice. Our prayers go out to Lucille and her family. Also let's say prayers for John Bolger, he is going through a rough process with his cancer. Some good news though is that Steve Handy will become a first time Grandpa any day now. Good luck to Karen (Steve's daughter) and her husband.

Looks like most of our snowbirds are back from Florida. Only ones that are not home yet are Rich and Lois Martin. They all seemed to have had a good winter in the sunny and hot Florida. Welcome home.

Some of our members went to Harold's Deli in Edison on Sunday, March 19th. We had good company and plenty plenty of food and desserts. I would like to know if anybody has ever eaten a whole sandwich at one time. We shared an ice cream Sunday with Linda and Don. The sundae had four very very large scoops of ice cream, hot fudge, whip cream, four small ice cream cones and of course four cherries. It was delicious, but could you imagine Joe could not even finish it.

We had a convention meeting on Saturday, March 18th. The meeting was very well attended. We are moving along quite quickly. Registration forms are on line. It seems like all our members are on board to run a very successful convention. Remember if anyone wants to volunteer for a committee, please let me know so I could put you on my list. If there is a special committee you want to volunteer for, please tell me. It's a lot of work, but it is also a good time.

Barrett Jackson car auction is going to be held at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut on June 22nd through June 25th. If anyone is interested in going you should get tickets now because they sell out fast. All the info is on line.

April 22nd is our 50/60's dance held at the American Legion hall in Elmwood Park. Please sell your tickets, (you can get them from Joanne or Pat).
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Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo 8th



Judy Semmler 12th
Charles Musto 16th
Lucille Chabala 27th

GET WELL SON!

John Bolger
Jan Saville
Joe Saville

Condolences

To Lucille Chalaba on the passing of her sister

March Meeting



Special Days In April

- 1 April Fools Day (watch out)
- 2 Nat'l Peanut & Jelly Day
- 15 Husband Appreciation Day
- 22 Nat'l Jelly Bean Day
- 24 Pig in a Blanket Day

You know you are living in 2017
You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years

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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. email ptschroll@verizon.net



dreamstime.com

The 2017 Convention

Registration forms are posted on the club website (on the 2017 Convention page) as well as hotel information. Get the forms in soon. We have received 50 final registrations plus a lot more pre-registrations. Another block of special rate rooms were opened but are going fast. Others may be available at regular rates. There are overflow hotels at the special rate.

Events and excursions are finalized. All information is on the web site. Planning meetings are continuing and members are invited to attend

Tricky Tray Donations & Suggestions

Club members - I would appreciate anyone interested in donating items to contact me. email dianes@napconet.com, cell 201-803-0094 or home 201-991-8459

The sooner the better. It is getting closer and closer to the convention. They can be brought to meetings preferably. I am currently making baskets and need items to fill them. Below are some of the themed baskets I am planning

Coffee/tea

Auto car products

Beauty care (spa)

Wine

Cooking

Baking

Kitchen

I am open to suggestions on additional baskets

Diane Szura



Club Announcements

April Meeting

The April meeting is on the **2nd at 2 PM**. Location is Delizia's Pizza in Boonton (Walmart Shopping Center). RSVP Bob Heissler, including regrets. See page 1

Convention Committee Meeting

The next convention committee meeting is scheduled for **April 9th at 2 PM** at Delizia's Pizza. Host is Paul Schroll. Members can attend and any suggestions are welcomed. Notify the host if you are attending.

50/60's Dance April 22nd. See flyer attached. Tell your friends and sell them tickets. Set up a table for them. Get your tickets from Pat or Joanne. Volunteers wanted on Saturday morning for set up. Additional details at April meeting

Spring Cruise April 30th See flyer attached. It looks like a real interesting outing. Old cars, a zoo and then a nice dinner at the Lamp Post in Vernon. Carol is the chair for the cruise this spring. \$45.00. Notify and send checks (made out to NJORTC) to Carol who is coordinating the event.

Coming Events

May meeting is May 21st at Rich Martin's in conjunction with the Tune-Up Clinic. Mike and Theresa Parillo are the hosts

Tune Up Clinic May 21st at Rich Martin's If you want to do any service or repair of your TBird notify Rich. Be sure you bring any parts you may need. The May business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic. Ladies are invited to come early and chat and to hear Lois tell all about how warm Florida was.

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

Stuff You didn't know You didn't know

Men can read smaller print than women can;
women can hear better

Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 4/1 Medford NJ Flying W Airport, 60 Fostertown RD
- 4/19 Spring Carlisle
- 4/28-30 Englishtown Show/Swap
- 4/30 Sussex - Magarino Ford 375 Rte 23 No.
- 4/30 Whippany, VFW Post 5351, 750 Rte 10W
- 5/5-7 Rhinebeck, NY Rhinebeck Fair Grounds
- 5/7 Morristown-AACA Spring meet Mennen Arena, 161 E. Hanover Rd
- 5/13 Montville Hot Rod Farm 65 River Road

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>

www.njortc.org

March Meeting



Taxes Due April 18th this year

Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-this is a inside get together for any car person. Car optional. Free coffee and munchies. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

My Thunderbird

I bought the TBird in the mid 70's and I am the second owner. After about 6 years I managed to save enough money to restore the Bird myself in my garage. I joined CTCI and tried to restore the Bird using CTCI's specifications. That is when I discovered that the Bird had a very rare paint code (S Code, non-factory color). It also has the rare factory fog lights, 312, dress up kit, 3 speed O/D and safety package interior with power windows. My wife and I started to show the car a few times and won some awards, among them the AACA First junior in 1987. We then started driving the car and enjoyed it for about 30 years.

About 4 years ago I decided to restore the car for the second time. Again, following all CTCI rules, I did the complete restoration in my own garage with the help of my wife and son. I even fabricated my own body rotator and spray booth. The project did take me around 2 1/2 years to complete. Once the car was completed my wife and I decided not to drive the car. We purchased a closed trailer and decided to just show the car for a few years. We have done very well with showing the car in 2016 - 2016 AACA First Place Grand National, 2016 PA TBird Convention Gold, 2016 Monmouth Cty Concours First Place and First Place in the All TBird Show in Pompton Plains and several AACA award for Preservation

My wife and I are looking forward to being a part of NJORTC

Thanks, Tom and Susan Mirro

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Tom & Susan Mirro's 56



March Meeting



Harold's Deli

Most of what to say about Harold's has already been said, but as usual the food was great. The pastrami melted in your mouth and as usual the portions were so big that everybody had something to take home. Joe got this humongous ice cream sundae, Paul an equally large napoleon and Pat a strudel piece that would feed a platoon. Joanne's grandson had a pancake about the size of a car tire. We had about 30 attending. The NJORTC Eating Club had a good time and left full.



FOR SALE

1955-57 Radiator

Griffin radiator without trans cooler for sale.
Used. \$300 obo. Contact Mike Meehan

1957 Thunderbird

312, 3 speed, triple white (original dusk rose paint code), 48K miles, hard top, nice driver
\$ 28,500

1990 Corvette

6 Speed, 95K , red exterior, black interior.
Very good.....\$5,500

1955 Thunderbird

Automatic, 54K original miles, new black show quality paint, black & white interior, both tops, excellent condition.....\$35,500
Call Cousin Vinny..... 973-980-4312

Technical

Battery Post Cleaner Solves Light Problems

Having trouble with the lights on your car? If they are not sufficiently grounded (intermittent lighting) the cause could be corrosion in the socket or the lamp base. A good cleaning can solve your problem. A good way to do this is to use a battery terminal wire brush cleaner. Insert the male end into the lamp socket and give it a few turns. Then stick the lamp base in the female end of the battery post cleaner and twist the bulb a couple of times. Works every time



April 22nd and 28th are Arbor Day and Earth Day respectively
Go plant a tree and save the planet

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

As you all know it is a great night, so please come out and enjoy the fun and if your lucky you will get to see me and Paul Adamoff do the hula hoop

Next meeting is April 2nd at Delizias in Boonton, hosted by Bob Heissler at 2:00. Please let Bob know if you are or are not attending. Next convention meeting held at Delizias, Boonton at 2:00 on April 9th, hosted by Paul and Pauline.

Happy Spring, Happy Easter and Passover.

See you soon, Arlene



March Meeting





Yes - big enough



Ice Cream complete with cones



Pancake-big enough to feed the whole table



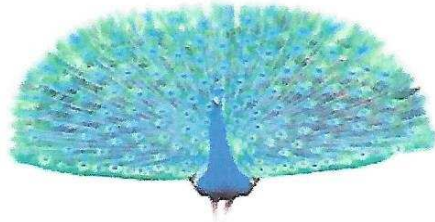
Junior Version



Super size omelet



And what would be a deli w/o cheese cake



**NJ OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB
JOIN US FOR THE 2017 SPRING CRUISE**



*Sunday
April 30, 2017*



MEET AT DELIZIA'S 9am (BOONTON)

CRUISE TO SPACE FARMS ZOO & MUSEUM IN SUSSEX, NJ

In addition to the many zoo animals, Space Farms also has an Auto Museum, which is home to over 50 antique cars and motorcycles. From the 1906 Buick Model G to the 1954 Kaiser Daren, the antique car display will amaze car buffs. Walk down the Antique car museum and imagine gangsters hopping out of the 1930's depression era automobiles. Imagine the whimsical wispy hats on the ladies and goggles on the gents in the open air touring cars. Or feel the cool air that mysteriously surrounds the Ford 1922 Model T Snowmobile.

CRUISE TO THE LAMP POST

Buffet including antipasto, tossed salad, chicken francese, shaved sirloin, penne vodka, roasted red potatoes, vegetables, apple crisp w/ice cream, coffee/tea/soda. (cash bar available)



\$45/person

(Includes admission to Space Farms and Buffet & tip)

RSVP BY Saturday April 15th

Make checks payable to NJORTC and mail to:

Chairperson: Carol Ehm 24 Pleasant Avenue ; Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

Questions email Carol cehm1219@optonline.net

OUR 5TH

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

50/60 DINNER & SOCK HOP

American Legion Post 147
1 Legion Place
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

April 22, 2017
Saturday

DOORS OPEN at 7:00PM
7:30PM to 11:30PM

Tickets \$45

Includes

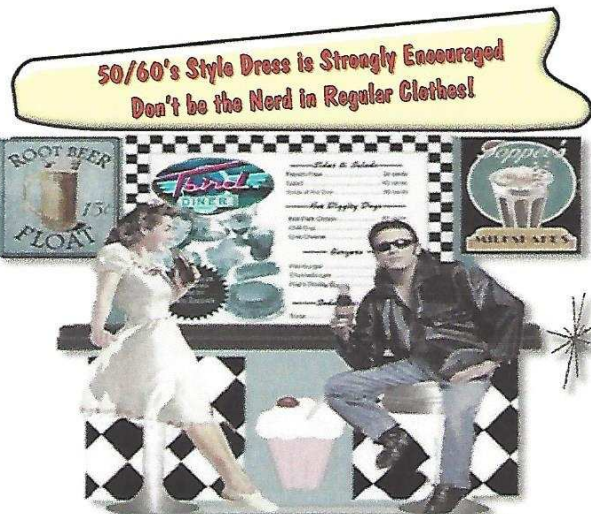

50's Style Dinner
Beer, Wine & Soda
Also Cash Bar for Liquor

For Tickets See Any Member of the
NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club
Or Call Pat 201-920-7226
E-Mail: njortcdance@njortc.org

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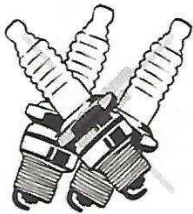


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RICH MARTIN'S HOME

SPRING TUNE UP'S, BRAKES, OIL CHANGES, ECT

BIG PROJECTS CALL RICH AHEAD OF TIME



Mike & Theresa Parillo will host meeting at 1PM

Mike: parillosr@aol.com

RSVP by May 14th

LOIS WILL HAVE BAGLES & COFFEE IN THE MORNING

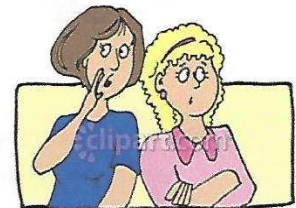
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Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day



May 21st, 2017



Your Thunderbird is "Unique in all the world" and it's time to show it to the world!

On May 21st, 2017 Thunderbirders around the world will take their Thunderbirds into the public for others to enjoy. To work or church, a diner or coffee shop, on a family picnic, to the movies, it doesn't matter. Use your car like it was used when it was brand new! Let others see it, ask questions about it, hey, maybe even let them drive it!

Then post your pictures and stories about the day on the on the CTCI Facebook page.

It's all about the Thunderbird on May 21st!