

# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## October 2017

### 2017/18 Meeting Schedule

October 15	Fall Colors Cruise
October 22	Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo
Nov	Bill & Dot Hyde
December 3	Holiday Party
Jan-Feb	
March	Frank Gloss
April	Donna & Bill Jessie
April	Spring Cruise
May	Tune Up Clinic
May	Al & Lorraine Cirinelli

Note- 2018 Locations Tentative

The October meeting is on Oct. 22nd.  
The hosts are Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo.

**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



As I said in last month's newsletter, I am very proud of our club. The Convention was a great success, but all of our activities are run in this manner. Keep up the good work. We will now be moving to our Fall events. I am looking forward to the Fall Colors cruise hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone. I also think this is the best time of year for car shows .

In our last club meeting we accepted nominations for President and CTCI Representative. Both positions only received 1 nomination each I want to thank the membership for my nomination, this will be my 10th year and will stay as long as you want me to. However it may be in the best interest of the club to try someone else one of these years. Toni Sabino received the nomination for CTCI rep., I wish her well, I am sure she will do a great job. Thank you to Lois Martin for her prior years of service in that position.

Thank you to Bill Downing, who is stepping down from his position for the "Early Bird". Bill has done an outstanding job submitting articles about our activities to the magazine for several years. We will be looking for a replacement for his job, so if you are interested please let me know. It is time to start reserving rooms for the 2019 Knoxville, Tenn. Convention, so don't wait too long or you will be left out.

Have a safe Fall (oxymoron?)  
Pat Le Strange



## September Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Lucille with help from her daughter Julie. The day was nice and sunny and this brought out a number of little Birds. The meeting was well attended. The food was good and the company better.

Thanks to Lucille for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business meeting

Reading of the prior meeting minutes was waived. The treasurers report was made and accepted.

Two offices were up for election this year - President and CTCI Rep. Nominations for both offices were opened and Pat was nominated for President and Toni Sabino was nominated for CTCI Rep ( Lois decided not to run). Both accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. The formal vote is to be taken at the next (October) meeting.

Pat reported on the convention results and read a letter received from one of the registrants which very complimentary. Other feedback has been very positive. Arlene thanked all those who volunteered and Paul S gave a financial report

The upcoming 2018 convention in Knoxville was discussed (for some in depth info on this, see page 3).

Arlene reported on the upcoming Christmas party. See Club Announcements.

The Fall Cruise was mentioned. Contact Phil.

As we have done in the past, it was decided to make a cash donation to the Tennessee club for their convention.

Don suggested looking into club jackets. Joanne will look into this.

Website - Pat reported that some of the convention pictures have been posted.

Sandy Pyrros won the 50/50

Next meeting October 22 at Delizia's.



Happy Halloween



## Vice President's Message

Welcome Fall. There are plenty of car shows in the month of October, so get your car out before the weather turns and we have to put cars to sleep for the winter. Carol and Charlie Ehm are hosting a car show for their church in Lincoln Park on Saturday, September 30th.

Hope that Alex Johnstone is starting to feel better.

On October 15th Phil and Dorothy Guidone will be running our fall cruise. This year we will be going Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge for a luncheon buffet. On our way there we will be stopping at Wightman's Farm for usual apple pie and pumpkins. We will be meeting at Schooleys Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ at 9:45 am.

Believe it or not our Christmas party is around the corner. This year we are going to a new venue. Bella Italia, 535 Central Ave., Orange, NJ. Sunday, December 3rd at 5:30. This year the cost of party will be \$65.00 a couple or \$32.50 for one.

The Board also voted on paying for our Club dues for 2018. Once again I am going to say we have the best club ever..

Next year the convention will be an International hosted by Smokey Mountain T-Bird Club, Knoxville, Tenn., August 14th to August 19th, 2018. There is no hotel hosting the convention. All convention activities will be held in the convention center. All show cars will be inside the convention center. One hotel is the Worlds Fair Holiday Inn ( also called Holiday Inn Knoxville Downtown) which is cross the street from the convention center or the Crown Plaza, which is a block away.

One last thing, Bill Downing is resigning from doing the articles for the Early Bird magazine. Bill did a fantastic job with his articles. Thank you Bill for a great job. If anyone else is interested in doing the articles for the magazine please let Pat know.

Next meeting October 22nd hosted by Harriett and Paul LoPiccolo. Please let them know if you will be attending or not.

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween.

See you soon, Arlene.

# Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat - 5th  
Bill & Donna Jessie 14th  
Paul & Pauline Schroll 26th



Ron Rollieson 6th  
Harriet LoPiccolo 9th  
Pat Selby 13th  
John Pyrros 18th  
Drew Eckman 20th  
Don Dobres 28th

GET WELL SON!

Alec Johnstone  
Toni Sabino

## 2018 Int'l Convention Knoxville, TN

It's not too early to start planning for this. Hotel and other information is posted on Smokey Mountain Thunderbirds website [www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org](http://www.SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org) There is no "host hotel" but there are two hotels that have a special convention rate. All activities will take place at the convention center. NJORTC members are signing up for the Holiday Inn (the closest one). Make reservations now to insure you have a room. If circumstance are that you cannot go, they can be canceled without charge 24 hours before.

Donna Jessie is setting up travel plans for those driving. Present plans call for a one and a half day trip. Contact Donna for info. In order to get another Ford Johnson Award, we need twelve cars.

Note - the 'show field" is indoors

## 2017 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

### President

Pat LeStrange

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### Vice President

Arlene Kubat

### Treasurer

Steve Handy

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Club Photographer	Joanne Seiler
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Master at Arms	Rob Sabino
Meeting Schedules & Activities Coordinator	Joanne Seiler
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## Convention Pictures

Some convention pictures are now up on our website.

On 10-17-55 the first 1956 Thunderbird was assembled at the Dearborn plant

On 10-13-1960 the Ford Econoline trucks were introduced for sale to the public

## Club Announcements

### October Meeting

This meeting is hosted by Paul & Harriet LoPiccolo and, will be held on October 22nd. at Delizia's . 2 PM. Be sure to RSVP them including regrets.

### November Meeting

Bill and Dot Hyde will be the hosts. Details to follow

### Fall Colors Cruise

This is October 15th. Lunch will be at the Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge. See the attached flyer for full details. Be sure to contact Phil if you are going. Send checks to Steve Handy.

### Holiday Party

The date is December 3rd (yes a Sunday) at the Bella Italia, 535 Central Ave. Orange. Arlene is the chair, so contact her if you are going and send the check to her. Cost is 32.50 per person. There will be a Toys for Tots collection. Meal includes beer, wine and soda. There will be a cash bar.

### Director's Meeting

In January the Directors have their meeting to discuss and set events and other matters for the coming year. Members can attend but voting is for the Directors only. If you have suggestions for activities or other matters, put them in writing and give to one of the directors so they can be discussed or attend the meeting

### September Meeting



Our Hosts

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



## Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 9/30-Lincoln Park-60 Chapel Hill Rd. 1st  
Reformed Church of Lincoln Park
- 10/1-Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St (Whiskey Cafe)
- 10/1-Wayne-Wayne Township Municipal BLDG  
Valley Road
- 10/1-Wayne-Willowbrook Mall, Rte 46 (OPEN)
- 10/7-Clifton Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46W (OPEN)
- 10/8 Pompton Lakes - Wanaque Ave
- 10/8-Fort Lee Ross Dock, Palisades Int. Park
- 10/15-Park Ridge-Atrium Park Ridge-124  
Noyes Drive
- 10/29-Englishtown-Raceway park 230 Pension  
Rd. Drags and show
- 10/31-East Rutherford 1 Racetrack Rd 5PM
- 11/4-Montville, Hot Rod Farm 65 River Rd.  
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>  
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>  
[www.njortc.org](http://www.njortc.org)



Tom Mirro - placed 2nd in the 1945 to 1965 class at the Hemmings Concours

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.

## Cruise Nights

- Monday  
Tilted Kilt-334 Rte 46
- Tuesday  
Clifton - Rutts Hut
- Wednesday  
Wycoff-Cedar Hill Christian Ref. Church-Cedar Hill Ave.  
Clifton-Hearth Rest. 1116 Rte 46 West
- Thursday
- Friday  
Midland Park-Wendy's 31 Godwin Ave  
Boonton-Wooten St.-Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr
- Saturday  
Lyndhurst-1050 Wall St. (Old Whiskey Cafe)  
Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto  
Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd



**FOR SALE**

### ENCLOSED TRAILER

2010, 8'5" X 20' V nose, 5200 lb spring axles. 2 5/16 hitch, escape door. Electric jack, sway bar, spare tire. 9,000 lb winch. Weight distribution bars, tie down straps \$5,000  
Call Bill, 845-304-1257

### 1957 TBIRD

312, white, 3 speed O/D. Two tops. Rare dusk rose paint code. Nice driver. Call Vince, 973-980-4312



Bill & Donna Jessie stopped here on their trip to Michigan with their 56 Merc. Their car is in the upper right corner of the photo

# September Meeting



**You know you are living in 2017 when...**  
**You text the person who works next to you**

## Wings & Wheels Show

Three members (Paul A, Vince and Paul S) attended an antique airplane and car show. A few pictures.



B-17 taking off-\$475 a ride



P51 Mustang

Stuff you didn't know you didn't know  
The only two days of the year in which there are no pro sports games are the day before and the day after the major league all stars game



Japanese WWII



An Olds I liked



1954 Kaiser Darrin





## NJ OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB 2017 ANNUAL FALL CRUISE OCTOBER 15, 2017

This year our fall cruise will take us to the Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, where a delicious full course luncheon buffet will await our arrival overlooking 258 private acres with panoramic views of the manicured fairways and beautiful Somerset Hills,

We hope you that you will join us as we cruise through the countryside with a stop along the way at Wightman's Farm for you to pick up some goodies to enjoy at home is also on the "menu". We will need a minimum of forty (40) people to attend. With the size of our club, this should be easily met. The price is \$43.00 per person, all inclusive, including soft drinks, and a cash bar will be available. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2017. We will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C. and sent to Steve Handy, P.O. Box 105, Oakland, New Jersey 07436. (Please do not send to us).

There will of course, be some prizes and games. At the present time, we are planning our route so stay tuned! Our expected time of arrival at the Basking Ridge Country Club is 1:00 p.m.

We will meet at SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN PARK (same location as our picnic) at 9:45 a.m. The address is East Springtown Road, Long Valley, NJ. Coffee, donuts, etc will be provided. Please note that this is a rain or shine event. Hopefully shine, so let's get those T-Birds out! We are a showstopper every year with our multi-colored T-Birds all lined up! Of course other vehicles are welcome if you can't provide the Thunderbird.

We hope to see as many of you as possible. A spectacular drive through the fall foliage, along with good food and good friends promises a memorable day!

Any questions, please call or email Phil and Dorothy Guidone

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