



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## November 2020

### 2020 Meeting Schedule

November	Canceled
December 5	Canceled
<u>2021</u>	<u>Schedule (Tentative)</u>
Jan/Feb	Joe Matrone
March	Bruce Corbett
April	Joe Kubat
May	Bob Sabino
June	Lucille Chabala
July	Paul Werner
September	Bob Notar
October	
November	
December	

No meeting for November

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



October was a good month for NJORTC. We have had two successful events and on both days we had beautiful weather. First on Oct. 22 and we had our monthly meeting at the Fairfield Airport at the Sunset Grill. It was out doors under a big tent and was well attended, around 43 people and about 15 Thunderbirds. Thank you Rich and Georgette for hosting. I had to bring an amplifier and microphone as my voice is still not back to normal, but it all worked out. We welcomed two new members, Al and Diane Clark. Welcome to the club

The following week on Oct. 17 we held our Fall Colors Cruise. Again a great turn out with about 40 members and around 17 Thunderbirds a 54 Ford and a Corvette. We started out on Rt. 15 in Sparta at a bagel place (who did not treat us very well). Then we stopped for a photo op at the Chatterbox. It was sad to see, as they closed 2 years ago and it was over grown with weeds and looking run down. Look for Joanne's pictures and Donna Jessie's short video, on the web site or Face book, thanks to both. Then we headed to North West Jersey to Sunset overlook. The trees were all in full fall colors. After that we headed to Packanack Lake Country club for some lunch. Thank you Rich Martin and Rich Iuso. We also met a new member Thomas Brievea. Welcome Tom. I have to say the cruise did have a couple of hiccups. My T bird was running very badly and Gene Szura's battery shorted out and he had to buy a new one. Thanks to Bill Jessie for taking his battery out of his car and putting it in Gene's to get him started. That did not solve the problem so Mike Meehan drove Gene to an Auto parts store

I would also like to announce another new member Vanessa Musto, Charles and Lisa Musto's daughter. She has been around Thunderbirds since she was a child and drives a '57 stick shift Dusk Rose. Vanessa will be our youngest member, we are so happy to welcome her.

Well that will be our last club get together until around March. so have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay safe and healthy

See you all soon, Pat Le Strange

## October Meeting

Rich Iuso and Georgette hosted the October meeting. We were under a open tent. The venue was an eatery at the Lincoln Park Airport and we could see the planes (and a helicopter) fly in and out. Being a nice day, a number of members put some mileage on their Birds (17 came). The food was good and it was good getting together. Theme was Breast Cancer Month, lots wore pink. Thanks to Georgette and Rich for a good time.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The reading of the prior minutes was waived and the Treasurers report was made and accepted.

We had four guests, two of which were Albert and Diane Clark. They have a red 57. Later, they joined the club.

Lois mentioned that the CTCI Convention slated for Florida next year has been canceled.

The October meeting is the meeting where we elect whatever office is up. Since Steve and Arlene, nominees for Treasurer and Vice President respectively, were unopposed, they were voted in by acclamation.

Suzanne is working in new calendars so send her car pics and any earlier pic's of yourselves.

Rich Iuso updated us on the fall cruise.

Pat recapped the past years' events that we were able to have.

Pat said he updated the website

Joanne won the 50/50

## October Meeting



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



## Vice President's Message

Boy these months are flying by. I feel like I just wrote an article for the newsletter.

Weather has been pretty good so far so we can still get our thirds out for a drive and look at all the pretty foliage, maybe stop at a farm for apple pie, etc. some beautiful mums or a big pumpkin. Last week our Club enjoyed our annual Fall Cruise, which was chaired by Rich Iuso and Rich Martin. I didn't get to go on the cruise. I do not know the amount of cars that went, but we had a good turn out. They stopped at the old Chatterbox, Sparta, NJ for a photo shot and then travelled up to Stokes State Park and then down Rte 23 to Packanack Lake Golf Club, Wayne, NJ for a lunch buffet, which is where I met the Club. The buffet was very good. As usual a fun day was had by all. Thanks to the two Rich's for a very interesting day.

We had our last meeting in October at the Sunset Grill, Lincoln Park Airport, Lincoln Park, NJ, hosted by Rich Iuso and Georgette. We had a quick meeting, then lunch, which was good, listened to some music and enjoyed watching the planes coming in and going out. It was a fun day. Thanks Rich and Georgette.

It was a busy month for us, but now I think we are done for a while. Since we are still fighting against Covid 19 we cannot hold anymore meetings outside, too cold, and still cannot hold indoor meetings yet. Our Christmas party is cancelled. Hopefully 2021 will be better and we can start having meetings and back to events.

Last month we had a good health report. Not a good report this month though. Joanne having some problems, but she is doing ok. Our prayers are certainly working. Pat is going in the hospital on October 30th to have his arteries blown out, good luck. Mel Ramos was in hospital on October 21st for a heart procedure, Maryann Denning is finishing up chemo and rehab. Toni and Bob Sabino had a small car accident, they were hit in the rear, Toni had back and neck injury and Bob hurt his arm. They are doing ok. Gene Szura had surgery and is doing fine. George Gayett passed out while helping Suzanne put the top on her third, he refused to go to hospital, said he felt ok. I know we are all having some kind of medical issues.

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# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th  
Charles & Lisa Musto 16th



Susan Mirro 3rd  
Phil Guidone 4th  
Ray Braun 4th  
Mary Green 11th  
Izabela Costa 14th  
Ailene Corbett 23rd

**GET WELL SON!**

Mel Ramos

**New Members**



Albert & Diane Clark  
The Clarks live in Wayne and have a red 57 Thunderbird



I need to practice social distance from the refrigerator

## 2020 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

### President

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## Club Announcements

### Remaining Meetings

The November meeting and the Christmas party have been canceled due to the virus.

### New Member



Vanessa Musto

Vanessa is the daughter of Charles and Lisa. She has a 57 Dusk Rose which she uses as a daily driver

### New Members

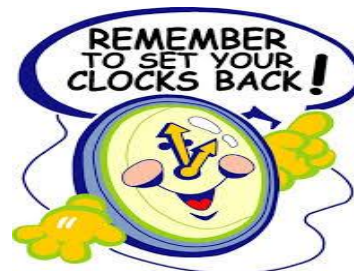


Tom and Patricia Brieva. They are from Manalapan and have this black 57 plus a white 57 which was Tom's father's car



### Other November Trivia

George B. Seldon of NY received the first US patent for an automobile known as the "Road Engine"



November 1st





# FOR SALE

## Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camaro, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K  
\$13,000

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,000.  
Deck lid lock cylinder with keys Pad - deck lid  
lock cylinder 55/56

Set 4 orig. 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips B/O  
Bird white tonneau cover B/O

1993 Corvette 40th Anniv., conv 38k \$15,000  
Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

## 1947 Pontiac

Convertible - Recent restoration. Original  
owner car. Contact Gene Szura for  
information and pictures 201-991-8459

## 1957 Cylinder Heads

"G" cylinder heads (2) . Seems to be uncut,  
with valves and springs. Probably needs to be  
refurbished. Fits all Y blocks, best of all Y  
Block heads. \$275 for the pair. Call 201-652-  
7027 Paul

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.

## Ford History In November

11/25/1925 Model T Production day record -  
9,109 built

11/9/55 Introduction Day for 56 Thunderbird

11/13/59 Last Edsel rolled off the assembly line

11/18/2003 Production of the 300 millionth  
vehicle - a red 2004 Mustang



November 11th  
Also called Armistice Day



## Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutts Hut??

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd????

**Not sure what is open**

## Car Shows-Swap Meets



### Keep Healthy & Safe

#### Use your mask

Some groups think they lose their personal freedom or can lose their masculinity by wearing a mask in public. They are self centered persons who have no respect for others or don't care about their personal health in these times. Or they think they may look silly. In a hospital, with a tube down your throat, you do not look any better. Mask wearing is smart. This virus is not over - people in NJ are still getting infected and dying on a daily basis. Even if you have no symptoms, you can be a carrier.



### Vice Presidents Message (Cont"d)

Hang in there it's all about getting older. As they say getting old is not for the weak-boy is that true!!!

Congratulations to Mike Meehan on the purchase of your new home and 10 acre horse farm in Blairstown. We wish you all the best as you start a new chapter in your life.

Rich Martin has completed his new race car. The car is now ready for the track. Good luck Rich and most important be safe.

Happy and safe Halloween to all.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Covid 19 is on the rise again. Please stay safe, wear your mask, practice social distancing. Get your flu shot!!! Do not forget to VOTE!!!

Hope to see you soon, be safe, be smart  
Arlene





## Tech Tips Winter Storage Tip

### I ran this before, but still worth mentioning

While we hate to admit it, winter storage season will soon be here (even though car use may have been curtailed this year).

An item you may want to add to your list in preparing your little TBird for winter storage is to make sure to fully loosen the steering column adjusting collar. Spray a bit of oil around the collar and slide the column several times. Be sure to lay some plastic on the floor to catch any drips.

As a lot of us know, these collars and columns seize from lack of use and they can be tough to loosen if they do. If yours is too tight to turn by hand, use a strap wrench so you don't mar the chrome



Happy  
Sadie  
Hawkins  
Day!



November 13th - Watch out you single guys





**VOTE**

November 3rd



From Donna

**Next Month - Fall Cruise**