

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



# The Thunder Heard

**May 2022**

**2022 Meeting Schedule**

May 15	Bruce Corbett
May 15	Tune-Up Clinic
May 22	Spring Cruise ?
June 12	Donna Jessie
July	Al Cirinelli
August 14	Picnic
September	John Pyrros
October	Phil Guidone
November	Bob Heissler
December	Christmas Party

The meeting & Clinic are on May 15th. Hosts are Mike and Carrie Meehan and Bruce and Aileen Corbet. See page 4 for RSVP info

**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**

Please let Arlene 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**



Happy Spring. I was happy to see several T Birds come out to our meeting on the 24th. The meeting was well attended and we accomplished a lot of business. We spoke about some of our upcoming events. A decision was made to change the destination of the spring cruise to the Walpack Inn. We have been there before, but not lately, I am sure you will enjoy it. If you would like to chair an event please let Julie Ann Morrison know.

Dues are mostly all in with 2 or 3 members dropping out. I will be working on an updated roster very soon.

It looks like only about 7 members are planning to attend the San Antonio Convention in late October, with only the Jessie's driving. I am hoping for good weather and safe travels for all.

Don't forget our May 15 meeting will be our Tune-up clinic At the Meehan's home in Blairstown. Please let Rich Martin know if you are planning any big jobs. The Corbetts will be hosting the meeting. Let them know if you are going or not.

Stay safe and healthy  
**Pat LeStrange**





### Vice President's Message



I think Spring is finally on its way, it sure is taking its time!!! Cruise nights will be opening up soon (first week of May) so it's time to get the baby birds out of hibernation and on the open road!

Hope that Walter is starting to feel better. If you send him an email he will eventually answer you. Let's keep him in our prayers for a little faster recovery. We miss you Walter! For the rest of us who are suffering with aches and pains or just not feeling well. Feel better soon.

On Sunday Joe and myself hosted our monthly meeting. Meeting was well attended, had a good meeting, food was also good. Thank you all for attending.

On Sunday May 15th, Mike and Carrie Mehan will be hosting the Tune-up Clinic at their house. Starting time 9:00. Bagels, etc. will be served. Please let Mike know if attending, also let Rich Martin know if you plan on having work done on your car so he can tell you what you need to get and what he needs to bring. Aileen and Bruce Corbett will be hosting the May meeting. Please let Aileen know if you are attending or not attending the meeting. Address, email address and cell phone numbers elsewhere in newsletter. Please notify both couples one way or another if or if not coming. Thank you!

We cancelled our cruise to Grounds for Sculpture on May 22nd due to lack of participation. We are now planning to cruise to the Walpack Inn. It seems the Club would just like to take a scenic cruise with the Thunderbirds and go to a nice place to eat. More details to the Walpack Inn will follow. Thank you Sue Gayet for all your work on trying to put together the cruise to Grounds for Sculpture.

On June 11th there will be a Car Show at the Ridgfield Park Elks Club in honor of Mike LaStrange, Pats brother. Hope we can get a good showing of our members and Tbirds to honor Mike. More details to follow.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms, Grandmoms, etc. have a wonderful happy day.  
Arlene

### April Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Joe & Arlene Kubat at Anthony Franco's. We had a very good turnout. Great food and enjoyable company. As an added surprise, the meeting date was Paul Werner's birthday and Jackie brought in a delicious chocolate cake. Some of the little Birds came out of their nests.

Thanks to Arlene and Joe

#### Highlights of the business meeting

The reading of the minutes and Treasurer's report were accepted.

Pat noted that all members owing dues had paid except one..

Sue reported that the cruise to the Grounds for Sculpture has been canceled and cruise to the Walpack Inn in Wallpack Center NJ is being set up.

Arlene mentioned that Walter is still at his daughter's home and greeting should be sent there.

Toni said she had received from CTCl the top most questions with answers asked about the convention.

Pat is updating the roster. Three members dropped out.

The picnic was discussed. We have received the Proof of Insurance from CTCl.

Sue mentioned that the planned cruise to Grounds for Sculpture has been canceled. New cruise to Walpack Inn is being set up. Julie Ann, event planner started a discussion about the kind of events the club wanted.

Lorraine won the 50/50

Next meeting - June 12

### April Meeting





# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Bob & Joan Notar



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Tom Mirro 3rg  
 Pat LaStrange 7th  
 Jayne Braun 7th  
 Lisa Musto 8th  
 Joan NacMillan 8th  
 Gene Szura 13th  
 Bod Sabino 22nd  
 Theresa Perillo 22nd  
 Mark Santimauro 30th

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Walter Strohmaier

## April Meeting



**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**

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## Club Announcements

### Spring Cruise

The cruise to Grounds for Sculpture has been canceled. Another cruise to XXXX is being planned. Information will be sent out in a email.

### May Meeting/Tune Up Clinic

A two in one get-together. Mike and Carrie are the hosts for the clinic, the Corbetts for the meeting. **May 15.** The address is 6 Alice Court, Blairstown, NJ. The Tune Up Clinic starts at 9 A.M. Lunch at 12 P.M. Meeting starts at 2 P.M. Mike says coffee and donuts for the early Birders. Be sure to RSVP both Mike and Bruce if you are attending. Mike at 973-570-6993, mike\_meehan@verizon.net; Bruce at 973-728-2135, corbett2@optonline.net. Rich Martin is overseeing the Tune Up clinic so if you are planning to work on your car please notify him. And be sure to bring any parts that you will need.

### June Meeting

The June meeting will be on June 12. Donna and Bill are the hosts. Add'l info next month



# FOR SALE

### Cars For Sale

- 1959 TBIRD, CONVERTIBLE, BLUE/BLUE, 390 ENGINE, BEAUTIFUL....\$ CALL  
1973 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, GREEN/TAN, AUTO, VERY NICE CONDITION....\$ CALL  
1964 CORVETTE, CONVERTIBLE, POWERGLIDE, PS, RED/RED, WHITE TOP, MATCHING NUMBERS, EXCELLENT CONDITION....\$ 57,995  
1987 CORVETTE, CONVERTIBLE, AUTO, PS, PB, PW, RED/RED, WHITE TOP, MATCHING NUMBERS, NICE DRIVER CONDITION....\$ 8,995  
1955 CHEVY NOMAD, 396, 4 SPEED, BLUE/BLUE, GREAT CONDITION...\$ 74,995  
1935 CHEVY STANDARD COACH, MANUAL TRANS, GREEN/BLK, SAME OWNER 40 YEARS....\$ 19,995  
Call Vince, 973-980-4312

### Parts For Sale

- JVC 12 Disc CD Changer with remote control, for 12 volt car \$125.00  
Kenwood AM / FM stereo with a CD port car radio \$50.00  
4 Wire wheel hub caps with clips & 4 center Ford hub caps \$250.00 for any '55 - '56 Ford  
2 - T5 used transmissions, one out of a '87 Mustang \$300..00 each  
Call Paul A 201-286-4781



HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY

May 8th



## Car Shows

- 5/1-Clifton 1116 Rte 46W Maple Valley Diner  
5/1 Carlstadt-197 Washington Ave-Nam  
Knights  
5/6-8 Rhinebeck NY, Dutchess CTY  
Fairgrounds  
5/7 Park Ridge-123 Colony Drive  
5/14 Chester Main Street show  
5/15 East Hanover 175 Rte 10-Nielson Dodge  
5/21 West Milford 1792 Union Valley Rd-Camp  
Hope  
5/22 Hackensack-390 Hackensack Ave  
5/22 Boonton Boonton Main St.  
5/29 N. Haledon Show & Swap 515 High  
Mountain Rd-High MTN School  
6/4 West Orange-Charles St & Ashland Ave  
(161 Main St)  
6/5 Fair Lawn 2-46 Ave. of Heros  
6/11 Ridgfield Park-Spruce & Cedar Sts  
Ridgfield Park Elks  
6/12 Paterson 61-27 Preakness Ave **11 AM**  
6/12 Demarest-162 Knickerbocker Rd

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

### Tuesday

Wayne-1560 Rte 23 North-Wendy's

### Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref.  
Church

### Thursday

Wayne-1800 Rte 23 North - Kohl's  
Fairlawn-13-38 River Rd Empress Diner  
Hackettstown-219 Mountain Ave-Lowes

### Friday

Boonton-Wal-Mart Shopping Center

### Saturday

### Sunday

**Please let me know about any other Cruises**

### Keep Healthy & Safe - Use Your Mask

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the new BA-2 variant which is highly transmissible. And if you're one of those people who think covid and vaccines are a hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect others when you come down with Covid. Over 97 percent of new cases (and deaths) are unvaccinated people.







BW O/D Trans Parts Spread



May 21

May 8th



Rich's Saturday car



Some Oldies



1982 CLUB PICNIC & TUNE UP CLINIC



Ken Herb's



SUMMER PICNIC '83  
RANDOLPH, N.J.



Both from Gene



## Tech Tip Battery Safety

Let me relate something that happened to a friend of mine, a dentist by trade who likes to work on his sports car occasionally. In preparation for some other work, he elected to remove the battery from the car, using a box wrench to loosen the battery clamps. The wrench made contact with his wedding ring (he's lefthanded), and the ring in turn made contact with the battery holddown. A massive short circuit welded his ring to the holddown and to the wrench, which in turn was welded to the positive terminal.



Car batteries store an enormous amount of energy, and they're optimized to deliver it in a very short period of time. A shorted car battery can easily deliver several hundred amps -- more than an arc-welding machine. Within a second, my friend's wedding ring was almost red-hot, and only a fast reaction with his other hand to break the connection by hitting the wrench prevented it from remaining connected long enough to melt. The ring had to be sawed off his finger at the emergency room, and it was more than a month before the burn specialist was sure he wouldn't lose the finger altogether.

Two lessons here. First, remove all jewelry when working with tools, even something as simple as a box wrench. That's fairly obvious, eh?

Second, *always* remove the battery's ground clamp before loosening the positive. If you remove the negative clamp and inadvertently complete a circuit to ground, there will be no current flow because the ground clamp is already grounded. Subsequent shorting of the positive terminal to ground will then produce no current flow because the current has no return path to the negative post. And, of course, always reconnect the ground *last*.

By *Mike Allen* Popular Mechanics

### From Trail Bird News

#### Otto Mechanic by Jay Piersanti





