

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



# The Thunder Heard

**July 2019**

**2019 Meeting Schedule**

July 21	Don & Linda
August 11	Picnic
September	Don Dobres
October	Paul Dorne
November	Drew Eckman
December	Christmas Party

The July meeting is on July 21st.

**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**



Summer is here, now if it stops raining, we can get the T-Birds out. Our last meeting had a very good turn out, and the food was great. Thanks Ray and Jayne . Joanne and Sue showed the new club clothing items. This are available on line until July 7. Then the link will come down until the Fall. So if you want to order something do it soon. There are always several other club items there for free or what we paid for them. Just go to the members section on the web site, put in the password and click on club store. Speaking of the web site, on the picture page, if you see a picture you would like to have I can temporarily put a download button. We must remove the button when you are done to protect the club member's pictures.

Before the meeting we held another Special Board meeting to deal with a complaint of a club member concerning the conduct of another member. This was a very unpleasant task, knowing there was no easy solution. The Board was forced to make what we believed as fair compromise. Because of this several By-Law changes will have to be refined or changed. Please be aware in the future, any complaints concerning another member's conduct, must be brought to the Board as soon as possible.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern about my recent health scare. I am doing fine after an adjustment to some of my medications after my 40 lb. weight loss.

Please stay Healthy and enjoy the Summer. Don't forget to plan to attend our Annual club picnic in August.

Pat LeStrange



## June Meeting

Jayne and Ray Braun were the hosts for this meeting. It was a nice sunny day and a number of little Birds flew out. The meeting was well attended and the eats were delicious. Many thanks to Ray and Jayne for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as well as the treasurers report.

Lucille said she sent cards to members that had recent health issues.

Joanne reported on the Retro Bird vote, which was not approved because the issue did not get the requisite number of votes.

Paul Adamoff mentioned that he gave three membership applications at car shows..

Joanne reported that the web site was updated and the Arizona pictures were put up.

Pat spoke about the board meetings that were held over the last few months - what was discussed and what the board had decided to do.

Joanne and Suzanne brought samples of different clothing items for the club. Suzanne worked on the logos. Orders are to be made over the internet. Joanne sent out an email on how to order. Orders must be in by July 7th.

Bill reported on the ongoing plans for the picnic in August. He asked for any suggestions. Arlene sent around a sign up sheet for food. Contact her if you are going to bring something.

Pat reported on the Arizona CTCI convention.

Members were advised to make their hotel reservation if planning to attend the Sarasota convention.

Through an email to Joanne, Donna mentioned a dinner theater event on Dec 19th, a Buddy Holly Christmas show. Interested members should contact Donna.

Joanne said CTCI is looking to change conventions to Regional Conventions in 2021. Pat mentioned that he thinks CTCI will be taking a bigger role in conventions

Pat said he is going to run for Regional Director. Joanne cannot run again.

Next meeting 7/21



### Vice President's Message



Thank you Jayne and Ray Braun for hosting our meeting. Great food, meeting, hosts and best club members.

Summer is officially here. Cruise nights and car shows are in full force. Get your TBirds out to these cruise nights and car shows and enjoy.

Hope Wendy is doing better. Joanne had a little heart procedure done and is doing well. Still doing chemo and is a champ. Keep up the good work Joanne. Pat gave us a big scare a couple of weeks ago. At his Granddaughters 8th grade celebration at her school he passed out twice. We were afraid he had a heart attack, stroke, etc., but after many tests losing a lot of weight his medicine had to be adjusted. He is still under Doctors care who is still checking him out. Pat, praying no serious issues. No more scares like that!!! Lois Martin is having her left hand operated on Wednesday, June 26th for carpal tunnel. Good luck, prayers going your way.

Votes are in on Retro birds joining CTCI. Even though the vote was for the retro bird to be in CTCI, there was not 2/3rds of members voting so as of now there will be no change in CTCI only our little birds will count.

Pat reported on the Flagstaff Arizona CTCI Convention. It was a great show and as always New Jersey had a great time. Pat, Joanne, Joe and myself toured all around. I loved Sedona. I was impressed with all the rock formations. Mountains and mountains of rocks. Joanne even picked up some fallen rocks to bring home. She wanted to pick up some lava from a volcano, but if caught there is a fine. The weather was something to be desired. Cold, rain, sleet, fog on the day we went to see the Grand Canyon. Leaving Flagstaff on our way back to Phoenix we had SNOW, yes I said SNOW!!! Who goes to Arizona for snow??? All in all we had a great time. Joanne took about 1200 pictures of our excursions. They are all on our website. (Cont'd Page 8)

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

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Frank Gloss/Mary Green 1st  
 Gene & Diane Szura 2nd  
 Rich & Lois Martin 6th  
 Bob & Toni Sabino 15th  
 Mike & Theresa Parillo 27th  
 George and Suzanne Gayet 27th

*Happy Birthday*

Suzanne Gayet 2nd  
 Frank Gloss 12th  
 Bob Notar 12  
 Paul Adamoff 16th  
 Pauline Schroll 17th  
 Charlie Costa 18th  
 Lorrie Matrone 19th  
 Diane Szura 21st  
 Jere Klein 22nd  
 Bill Downing 31st

**GET WELL SON!**

Wendy Meehan  
 Joanne Seiler

• Lois (Lane) Martin

VCTI National Meet 2019

This is being held in Princeton, NJ on August 8-11

CTCI International Convention 2020

The 2020 convention will be held in Sarasota FL on May 4 - 9 . Hotel is the Hyatt Regency. Now taking reservations. Direct telephone # 941-953-1234. Make your reservations early Our snow birds, Rich and Lois, have already got the #1 registration



## 2019 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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## Club Announcements

### July Meeting

The July meeting will be on the **21st** at Mancino's, 490 East Main Street, Denville, NJ Start time is **2 PM**. Hosts are Don Terhune and Linda Antenucci. Be sure to RSVP Don and Linda, including regrets.

### August Meeting

There is no formal August meeting as we have the picnic.

### Picnic

As noted, the picnic is on **8/11**. Bill Downing is in charge and he always does a great job. **8 AM** is the start time for the early birds (pun intended) to help set up.. Arlene is in charge of food-club is supplying the meats and members everything else. Bring your favorite recipes for all of us to try. Notify Arlene what you are bringing. It is at the usual place, Schooley's Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ. Let Bill know if you are coming. By acclimation, another trivia game is in the works.

### September Meeting

No information yet

### June Meeting



### Ford History In June

7/3/45 1st postwar Ford came off the assembly line - was given to President Truman  
7/15/55 1st production day - Mahwah assembly plant

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Wayne - Hooters 25 Rte 23 South

### Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut

Wayne - Wendy's 1560 Rte 23 North

### Wednesday

Wycoff-422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref. Church

Clifton-Maple Valley Diner 1116 Rte 46 W

### Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's 1800 Rte 23 North

### Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

### Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

### Sunday

West Caldwell-Franco's Pizza 407 Bloomfield Ave





## Car Shows-Swap Meets

7/4 Livingston Livingston High Sch 30  
Robert Harp Dr.

7/7 Paramus Kohl's 165 Rte 4 West

7/14 Pompton Lakes Elks Lodge 1 Perrin Ave

7/17 Fairfield Wallington Plumbing 21 Passaic  
Ave **5:30 PM**

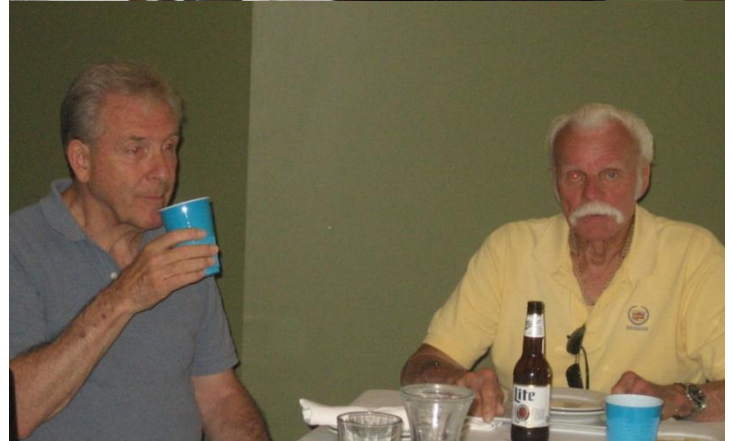
7/20 Parsippany IBEW Local 102 50  
Parsippany Rd.

7/20 Dumont West Shore Ave

7/21 Paterson 2 East Drive

7/25 Saddle Brook Wallington Plumbing 545  
No. Midland Ave **5:30 PM**

8/1 Bogota Sahara Club 24 River Rd.



### Did You Know?

July 5th is National Bikini Day

July 17 is National Hot Dog Day

## **Off to Flagstaff and Back**

### **(Approximately 4,700 miles round trip):**

Started out on May 8<sup>th</sup> unfortunately Walter and Maryanne got a late start and followed a day or so later. Weather was great, morning commuter traffic on 287 (oh, well). Had dinner in Roanoke, Va. at Harbor Inn (great seafood)! Next day was cloudy. We stopped in to have lunch with the Ehms' which was great. Unfortunately, hit rain in Harrison and bumper to bumper traffic. Wiper blade went south (good thing for the rain-x). Stopped in Lebanon, TN for a good night's rest. Called our Master Mechanic Rich Martin who packed an extra set of wiper blades in his luggage for our trip home.

Next morning Bill switched out our wiper blade so the driver's side was operational. Onto Nashville, TN with a stop off at the Belle Meade Plantation which we missed on last year's road trip. Great place-all the Kentucky Derby horses can trace their lineage to Bonnie Scotland who was bred at this location in the 1800's by Bob Green (a slave of the family and their trainer/breeder). Fascinating history on slavery/indentured servants as well. Also, great homemade fudge shop as a bonus! Stopped for lunch at the "Log Cabin" over 100 years old which has been operating as a restaurant since 1966. In rain on and off the rest of the day, finally ended our travels in Lonoke, Arkansas.

Heavy, heavy rain the next day ended our day in Elk City, OK (great Route 66 Museum if you have a few hours to spare with the largest Route 66 sign out front). Found a fabulous Mexican restaurant Lupa's (had a Fresh Jalapeno Margarita).

Mother's Day- finally Blue Skies across TX with lots of cattle and a stop at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo for a wonderful brunch, and mothers were half price! Open spaces and a lot of empty road with roaming cattle till we arrived in Roswell, NM. Found another fabulous restaurant, the Cattle Baron.

Spent about three hours at the UFO Museum the next morning which was founded by two people that were involved with the original 1947 encounter? Started our drive north to Gallup, NM under a beautiful blue sky, saw cattle pens, no cars for about 100 miles

stopped for lunch in the town of Vaughn with three open buildings (Penny's Diner-really cute place). Continued to Gallup again no cars, no gas just some cattle. Had dinner at a local place called Earl's and stopped at an O'Reilly's and purchased a cigarette lighter plug-in compressor and a can of fix flat just in case. Gallup is known for over 100 Indian trading posts unfortunately we didn't have time to visit them all. Moved on to Flagstaff under beautiful azure skies-again no cars only cattle till we got back on Route 40W onto Flagstaff, AZ. As we were pulling onto the exit ramp off of 40 we had no brakes and luckily coasted into "Little America". Arrived by lunch time and enjoyed the company of the Schrolls, Steve Handy and Joan.

Paul Schroll will be covering the convention. All I have to say is the convention was fabulous from the Hotel "Little America" to the planned trips and entertainment.

We signed up for the Grand Canyon tour so we left Flagstaff on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> under cloudy skies, fog and rain. The Grey Ghost and the Golden Eagle were on their way home. Arlene Kubat called to find out how we were making out since they had been in snow and ice heading down towards Phoenix. About five minutes later we were in snow and ice for about 100 miles- not fun. Stopped for lunch outside Albuquerque, continued onto Tucumcari, NM (If you've never been stop in there are some interesting museums and national registered hotels right on Route 66). We stayed at the Blue Swallow-all period rooms, some with their own garage. Ate at Del's a local place from the '50s (with a fantastic lemon meringue pie).

Next day was extremely cold with high winds. Our cars were going sideways more than forward. Drove to Adrian, TX and stopped at the Midway Café which is the half way point on Route 66 where we had some Texas size Pancakes. Yummy! Skies were blue all day. Walter was starting to have some acceleration issues with his car again; obviously Billy did not when a Texas Sheriff in Wheeler County pulled us over. I believe my car got him out of the ticket.

Stopped at a spot in Weatherford, OK called Lucille's really cute luncheonette and old gas station from the 50s. We did see all the affects

of the flooding and we did have to take a 20 mile detour since one road was closed. Coming into Tulsa we saw shredded siding flapping in breeze from the tornadoes that had hit the day before.

Leaving Tulsa on May 22<sup>nd</sup> they were expecting additional tornadoes that day. As we were going through Kansas we saw crops under water, as well as a house that looked like Dorothy's after it landed on the Wicked Witch.

Stopped on East 70 to discuss Walter's acceleration issues. In Missouri crossing into Illinois we saw houses under water with only their roofs visible (just horrible) from the flooding of the Mississippi River. Hit horrible traffic on Route 70 (car almost threw up)! We ended up with the back end of the bad weather-no tornadoes in Illinois; horrible lightning and thunderstorm at 2:00 am and power was out in the motel units till 6:30 am.

Watching the news the next morning we found out we just missed a tornado in Jefferson City outside St. Louis the day before.

Heading to Ohio we were almost in an accident on I-74 thankfully both of our cars went onto the shoulder. However, the road was completely closed and there was about a 10 mile back-up when we got up there we couldn't tell from the remaining parts on the flatbed what type of vehicles were involved. Walter was having major issues with the acceleration on his car (very nerve raking for him).

We were meeting the Brown's in Ohio to pick-up some ordered parts and have a relaxing dinner together. Betsy and Jim had us meet at an adorable Ice Cream Shop, "Tom's Ice Cream Bowl". Delicious! Quoting Walter, "He needs to Show them what a Banana Split should look like." – but the taste was there!

Finally, last day Walter and Billy changed out the carburetor and fuel pump on Walter's car (fortunately, Walter planned ahead and had a carburetor and fuel pump in his trunk) to a mechanical system before we left Baker's Motel in Norwich, Oh. We left about 10:30 am and decided to stop for gas and lunch around 1:00 pm since there was a 4 mile back-up on the turnpike with no movement. When we got back on still no movement for about another

15 minutes. Walter had no more issues with the car! Saw the Clinton Diner almost home! We decided to stop at the car show in Boonton and meet up with everyone at Delizia's they were nice enough to stay awhile longer! G.G. set her tired tires on our driveway at about 10:00 pm! What a good girl!

Submitted by Donna Jessie

Pics from Donna, Bill and Walter's Trip



Hitch Hiker, says Donna





Bye Bye Fuel Injection



Betsy & Bill Brown



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

An Old Farmer's Advice

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you

**FOR SALE**

**1957 TBird**

312, 3 speed overdrive. White on white, originally dusk rose paint code. Driver quality. Over \$11,000 in receipts for improvements in the last two years. Price reduced Vince Ucci, 973-980-4312

**Parts For Sale**

4 wire wheel covers for a 56. Good shape. 4 stock wheel covers for a 56 Call Vince 973-980-4312

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

Before you know it our annual picnic will be here. Bill Downing has it all under control. He has a few surprises up his sleeve. Please let him know if you will be attending. I have also sent around a sign up sheet for who is bringing salad, fruit, cheese & crackers, etc. I will send the sheet around next meeting. Date of picnic is Sunday, August 11th at Schooley's Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ.

CTCI Convention will be in Sarasota, Florida, May 4th to May 9th 2020. Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, rooms going fast. Hyatt Regency Sarasota.

We now have NJORTC Apparel on line. Order deadline July 7th. More about this in another section of newsletter.

Next meeting hosted by Linda Antenucci and Don Terhune on Sunday, July 21st, at 2:00 Mancinos.

Happy and safe 4th of July. Arlene

See you soon Arlene





## Flagstaff - the Convention

The convention seemed to be well planned and seemed to go very smoothly. The weather varied from nice to snowy (day we left) with some moderate winds. Not a convention for shorts. There were approximately 90 cars, mostly Touring and display. Wednesday was the bus trip to Sedona (everybody went gaga over this- I didn't go) and time for working on the cars. Bill fixed his brakes while I did some heavy looking on to make sure he did it right. Thursday was judges training and clean up (a detailer was available) and there was a welcome party that was nice but didn't have enough chairs (soon remedied).

Friday was Concours Day and judging seemed to go very smoothly. Judges had cowboy hats. At night there was a BBQ that was very nice.

Saturday was a driving tour to Sunset Crater Park (home to two dormant volcanos) and the Wupatki pueblo ruins. A very interesting trip.

Saturday night was the award banquet (nice piece of salmon). Donna got 2nd place in Sr. Touring and Long Distance award. Our newsletter got a gold award.

Like our convention, there was a special tour on Sunday - the Grand Canyon. While we were experiencing the grandour of it, the weather, which started out as very nice, turned bad. Rain, sleet, hail and fog blanketed the Grand Canyon so we missed some of it, but what we saw was spectacular.

The hotel itself was very nice and the employees very helpful. All in all, a very nice trip.

Note - Flying 1st Class is great



## NJTA TBird Show

## A few shots from the show.



## Flagstaff





**For those not old enough to remember, Sunset Crater first erupted in 1064 AD**

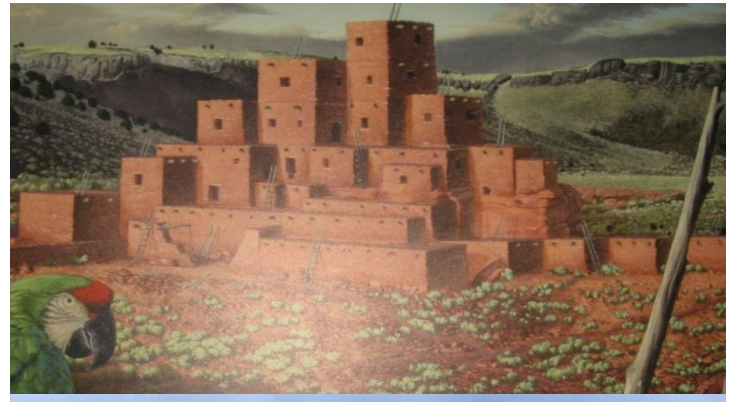


**Thanks to Donna, Joanne, Pat and Martha for pictures**



**Grand Canyon National Park**  
**Entrance Fees**  
**Credit / Debit Cards Preferred**

PRIVATE VEHICLE	1-7 DAY	\$35.00
MOTORCYCLE	1-7 DAY	\$30.00
BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN	1-7 DAY	\$20.00
AGENCY PASS	1-YEAR	\$80.00
GRAND CANYON PASS	1-YEAR	\$70.00
AGENCY SENIOR PASS	Lifetime	\$80.00
AGENCY SENIOR PASS	1-YEAR	\$20.00
ACTIVE U.S. MILITARY PASS	1-YEAR	FREE



I took a lot of Grand Canyon pictures, but pictures don't do it justice

### Some Cars I Especially Liked





Yes - that is SNOW



One of the locals came out to greet us



"Bird's Nest" aftermarket accessory



Tower at Grand Canyon



### Tech Tip

#### How to Find a Gas Gauge Problem

The fuel gauge suddenly doesn't read when the tank is filled, it jumps around, it drops to 1/2 full when it's full.

There is a few simple things to do that will give you the answer as to why

- \* Inspect the wire going to the tank for a grounding problem (frayed wire can happen)> A jumpy gauge is usually a grounding problem
  - \*Make sure the connections on the gauge and sending unit are tight
  - \*If you disconnect the "Sender" wire, the gauge should go to Full
  - \*If the gauge still jumps around or doesn't go to Full, the gauge is the problem
  - \*If you reconnect the sender wire (it went to Full but still doesn't register correctly, ground the other end of the sender wire. It should drop to zero. If it doesn't, there's a break in the wire.
  - \*Easiest solution to a bad wire: Run a new wire
- From TBird Owners Of NY