

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



The Thunder Heard

August 2019

2019 Meeting Schedule

August 11	Picnic
September	Don Dobres
October	Paul Dorne
November	Drew Eckman
December	Christmas Party

No August meeting because of the picnic

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



Dog days of August are here, but the heat is still better than the cold. We are looking forward to our August picnic on the 11th. This is a family event, make sure you let Bill Downing know how many people you are bringing. This is a big event for us so bring the T Bird too. Also to our friends in the other nearby CTCI chapters you are welcome too, just let us know.

We had a good response to our club clothing sale. Sorry if you missed it, it only stays open for 2 weeks at a time. It will be open again in the fall. All clothing will be handed out in a couple of weeks by Joanne. Thanks you Susan and Joanne for you hard work putting this altogether.

It's official, I sent my resume to CTCI for the Region 1 Director. I hope I can count on your support. I would like to thank Joanne again for her 4 years as Director. CTCI has a lot of changes coming and with a NJORTC we have a more powerful input into what goes on. As you may know we have had NJORTC members on the CTCI board for many years and hope to keep it that way. I served prior to Joanne for 4 years and before me, we had Wendy Meehan and Vince De Andrea. Also Rich Martin served as Director at Large.

See you at the picnic

Please stay healthy and safe and keep our members who are going though serious health issues in your prayers

Pat LeStrange



June Meeting

Don and Linda were the hosts for this meeting. It was HOT sunny day and a number of little Birds flew out. Don and Linda had a very nice menu. The room was full and all had a good time. Many thanks to Linda and Don for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

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

Joanne reported that CTCI has many back issues of the Early Bird for those who are looking.

Pat mentioned that he has posted a new Roster on the website.

Bill Downing went over preparations for the picnic. Arlene went over the food and asked that anyone bringing anything contact her if they haven't already.

Joanne reported that 20 orders for club clothing were placed and she should have them by the picnic. Time for ordering again will be in September.

As is our custom, the club voted to make a cash contribution to the Sarasota club for their convention. Steve mentioned that the itinerary for the convention has not been set yet.

The next meeting, September, maybe held in Lakewood (Don Dobres hosting). Members seemed to be okay with this.

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

50/50 was won by Linda

Next meeting 8/11 - the picnic.

The lowest priced mass produced American car was the 1925 Model T Runabout. Cost \$260.

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



Vice President's Message



Hope you all are surviving this heat. This has been some crazy weather. Try and stay cool.

I have not heard anything about how Wendy is doing. Still prayers going her way. Pat is doing good. His medications had to be adjusted because of loss of weight. Joanne is having a few issues. The cancer is spreading, they found some more small tumors, so they changed her chemo drug last week which made her heart race again, so this week they did not give her the new chemo treatment, will try another one next week. Her pet scans and blood work are good. She will continue to fight this new issue. She is a very strong person. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Lois had carpal tunnel on her left hand operated on, she has some numbness in her fingers, otherwise doing good.

Hope that everybody visited our clothes on our website. Orders had to be in by July 7th. If you did not get a chance to view the website, we will be putting it up again in September.

Our next big event is our Club picnic on Sunday, August 11th. Those who are helping set up try to be there by 8:00. Picnic starts at 10:00. Please let Bill know if you are coming. He has been working on putting on a great picnic for us as usual. I sent a food sign up sheet around at last meeting to see who is making what dish. If you did not sign up for anything yet, please call or text me and let me know what famous dish you would like to make. Thank you in advance.

If anybody has any thoughts on where to go for our Fall Cruise, please let a board member know. We are looking for someone to Chair this event.

Now it's time to get your cars out on the open road. Take them to a cruise night, car shows or just out for a drive. Drive safe and have fun.

See you soon Arlene

Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Phil & Dorothy Guidone 7th
 Bill & Martha Downing 9th
 Jayne and Ray Braun 22nd

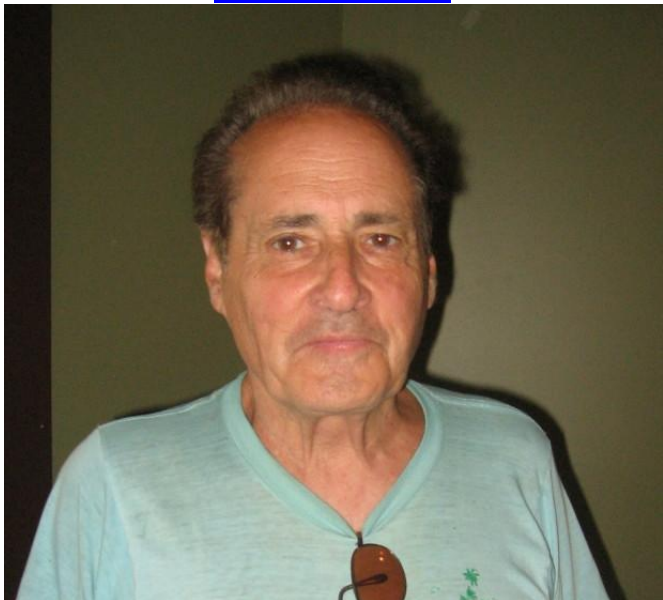
Happy Birthday

Sheryl Adamofff 1st
 Al Cirinelli 13th
 Joan Notar 15th
 Wendy Meehan 18th
 Shelly Belli 18th
 Joe Kubat 22nd

GET WELL SON!

Wendy Meehan
 Joanne Seiler
 Mike Meehan

New Member



Andrew "Drew" Fotta
 Drew lives in Long Valley NJ. He has a 57 Bird
 Welcome to NJORTC Drew

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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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

Club Announcements

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

July Meeting



Fall Cruise

Looking for suggestions and someone to get it going? What do you say AI?

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
Bloomfield-55 Washington St.

Thursday

Wayne-Kohl's 1800 Rte 23 North
Hackettstown-219 Mountain Ave.

Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center
Midland Park-Wendy's 31 Godwin Ave

Saturday

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

Clifton-Maple Valley Diner 1116 Rte 46 W

Sunday

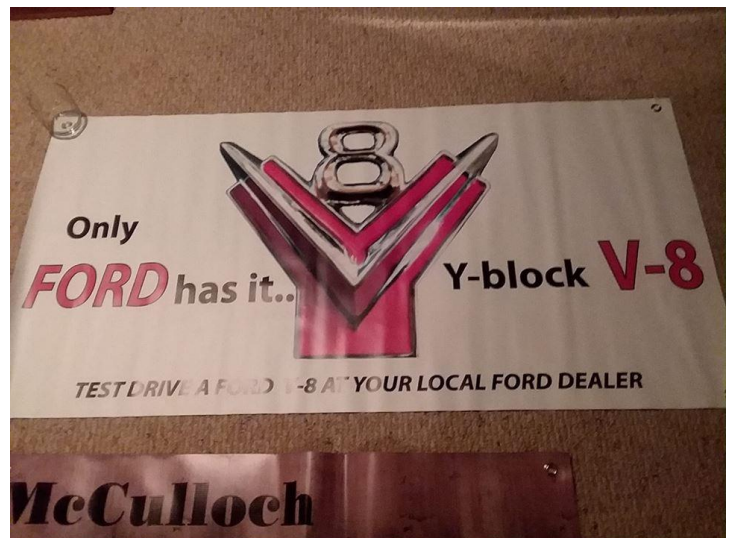
West Caldwell-Franco's Pizza 407 Bloomfield Ave





Car Shows-Swap Meets

- 8/2-4 Macungie PA 50 N. Poplar St
- 8/9 Wycoff-301 Sicomac Ave-Christian Health CTR
- 8/11 Bogota 24 River Rd Sahara Club
- 8/14 Wayne 1111Preakness Ave - Community Fun Day
- 8/17 Hackettstown 219 Mountain Ave-Lowes Shopping Plaza
- 8/18 Hawthorne -Grand Ave (behind library)
- 8/28-9/1 Lead East-Parsippany Hilton
- 8/29-9/1 Mahwah-Dead Man's Curve Sheraton
- 9/4 Nutly-Franklin Ave
- 9/6 Ridgewood 133 Franklin Ave **5 PM**
- 9/8 Clifton-2 Brighton Rd Allwood Atrium
- 9/14 Maywood-135 East Passaic St Amer. Legion Post 142
- 9/15 Wayne-475 Valley Rd.
- 9/15 West Caldwell 950 Bloomfield Ave Ott/Miller Chev.
- 9/15 Sussex-375 Rte 23 N- Nielson Ford
- 9/15 Pearl River NY Central Ave field



An Old Farmer's Advice
 You cannot unsay a cruel word

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

Go Cart

3 HP gas engine. Asking \$800. Contact Paul Adamoff 201-286-4781



Jere's detailer

Ford History In August

8/25/56 Last production day for the 1956 Thunderbird - 15,631 were built



Cam Gayet enjoying a ride on the 4th of July

August Holidays

As we all know, August is the only month that doesn't have a national holiday. To make up for that, here are some interesting August special days.

- 2nd-Int'l Beer Day
- 3rd - National Watermelon Day
- 10-National S'mores day
- 4th-U.S. Coast Guard Day
(one for you Steve)
- 21 Senior Citizen's Day



A picture from yesteryear

ITC Convention

This is being held in West Lake, Ohio
8/6 - 8/11

VCTI National Meet 2019

This is being held in Princeton, NJ on 8/11

Tech Tip
Starting Problems

If you are having problems because your engine doesn't always crank over properly when you hit the starter, the problem may be due to a poor ground connection between the engine block and the firewall or battery ground cable. It's nice to have lots of shiny paint on the engine block and firewall but remember paint won't conduct electricity and the bolt itself isn't enough surface contact to do the job. Be sure to scrape away the paint on the engine block where the engine ground strap attaches and, for 55 and 56's, where the battery ground cable is bolted. Do the same at the firewall and you will be assured of a good electrical connection From CASCO



Life isn't about arriving at the end in a pristine, well preserved body, it's about sliding in sideways, all clapped out, yelling "What a ride!!"

OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



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WHAT EXIT?

By Steven P. Greenberg

Back
home toward
the south side of the sandy
seashores, we don't sell seashells.

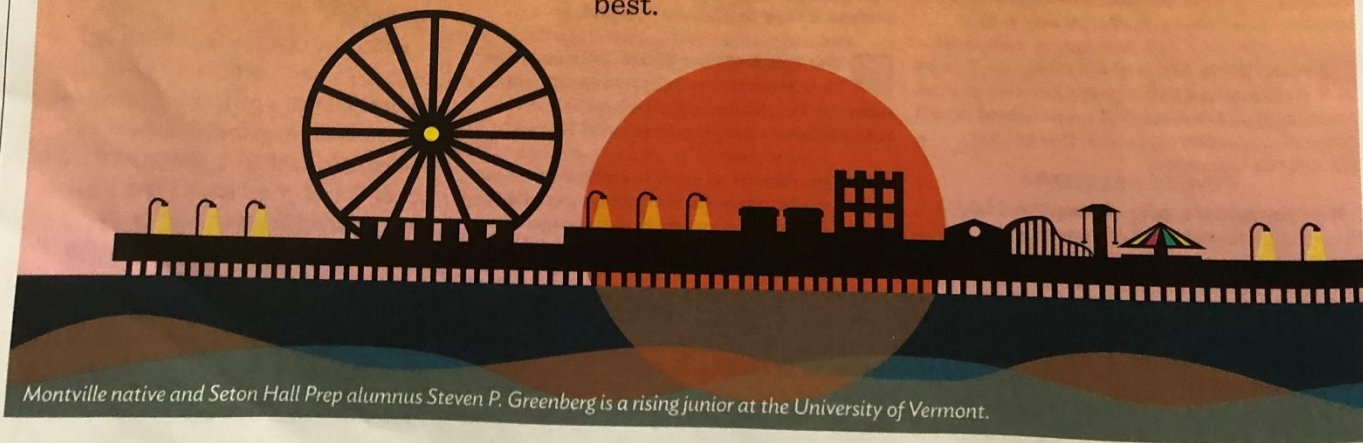
We sell the strong smell of
taylor-ham-egg-n-cheese-on-a-roll-
salt-pepper-ketchup, because—
The haze of grease wafting from
across the cooktop
reminds us of the sunrise.

Sunrise from behind the ocean
that we only think to look at
three months out of twelve.

We sell the strong smell of a
Marlboro burning
like the sunsets of the pier,
because the tar clinging to our lungs
reminds us of the humid air that sticks
to our skin all through July and August.

We sell the strong smell of a boardwalk
pizza with melted cheese dripping against the sidewalk of
the Sunburst Motel, because the wilting crust is our
only reminder to wake up and smell the rose mallow along
Barnegat Bay. We sell the strong smell of sea salt
mixed with rubber on asphalt, because we had *Fun, Fun Fun,*
till Sandy swept the T-Bird away.

We sell the strong smell of
black coffee and eggs
at eleven at night
because diners
always
know us
best.



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From Lorraine