

# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## March 2025

### 2025 Meeting Schedule

March 16	Bruce Corbett
March 30	Harolds
April 13	Bob Sabino
April 27	Spring Cruise
May	Tom Mirro
June	Pat LeStrange
July	Steve Handy
August	Picnic
September	Phil Guidone
October	Rich Iuso
November	Don Dobres
December	Christmas Party

The next meeting is March 16  
Bruce & Aileen Corbett are the hosts.  
RSVP 973-728-2135 or  
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**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**

Please let Arlene and Toni 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



Welcome 2025 hopefully it will be a great year although we started off with some sad news with 2 Members passing, Paul Werner on Jan. 6 and Don Dubres on Jan. 12. Please keep them in your prayers. Arlene Kubat also lost her brother in Feb.

Our club is doing very well and gaining new members, 4 since November They are: Jerry & Peggy Conway, Bob Krebs, John Swanson & Donna Diebner and Jacek & Kinga Kosmala

The Sweetheart brunch was well attended at a new location, the Stone Water in Lake Hopatcong (the town not the lake 😊). Beautiful location on the lake and a very good variety of food. Thank you Julie Anne and Lucille for your hard work putting it together. The pictures are posted on our web site on the picture page.

We held the NJORTC Board meeting on Jan 26, no big changes. The audit was accepted with no corrections needed.

I have made a few changes to the web site. An upcoming events column, St. Patrick's day background, up dated minutes. Also even though it's been on for a long time, the take a look at the "The history of the Thunderbird" in the lower right hand corner of the home page.

Stay happy and safe

Patrick Le Strange  
President NJORTC



Bruce Corbett's 56



### Vice President's Message



Weather has been sooo cold, but happily to report that this week we are finally going to hit 50 and over. It is getting closer to Spring and getting our cars on the road. I know we still have another month, hopefully it will go fast.

Sunday, March 9th is day light savings time, which means we turn our clocks ahead a hour, so it will be lighter out longer, yeah!!!

Want to pay our condolences to Paul and Sheryl Adamoff on the loss of Sheryl's mom.

This beautiful lady lived to be the age of 103.

We are so sorry for your loss. 2025 has not started out to be a good year. On February 22nd I lost my brother. I am so very sad cause I loved my brother very much. He was 74 years old and always liked to make people laugh and always had a lot of friends. He leaves a wife and two daughters and four grandchildren, who will miss him dearly. For our members who are not feeling good or any recent surgery (that I do not know about) hope you are starting to feel better.

On February 16th we went to Stone Water Restaurant in Lake Hopatcong for our Sweet Heart Brunch. A very nice Restaurant, nice atmosphere, a good selection of breakfast and lunch and most important food was very good.

All of us who attended enjoyed everything and want to go back next year. Thank you Julie Anne and Lucille for hosting the event. Great job , as usual.

Our next outing will be Sunday, March 30th at Harold's Deli in Edison, NJ. If you have never been there, it is worth going. They have the biggest sandwiches that you will ever see and probably the best tasting. You will definitely have left overs to take home. They also have a very good pickle bar. You won't want to miss it. It's a pay on your own, you just have to let our host of the event, Toni Sabino, know if you are going, so she can make reservations.

On Sunday, April 27th, we will have our next outing to The Armour Steiner Octagon House, Irvington, New York. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Be safe!

See you soon, Arlene

### Jan/Feb Meeting

The meeting was very well attended, almost SRO. We had three possible members attending and two of them joined. Birds were still snuggled in their nests because of the salted roads. Plus the BRRRRR weather. The food was good , almost as good as the company. Thanks to Mike & Teresa for hosting.

### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The reading the November meeting minutes was waived, Pat gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

A moment of silence was held for the members we lost in January, Don Dobres and Paul Werner.

We had four guests, two of which joined the club - Jerry Conway and Bob Krebs.

Donna gave a report on the CTCI Board meeting.

Mike Parillo updated the club on the Spring Cruise

Toni updated the club on Harold's

Pat mentioned that the NJORTC board meeting was coming up

Mention was made of two shows coming up, the big bird show June 21st and the Mike Lestrangle Memorial show May 18th

John Pyrros won the 50/50

Next meeting March 16th



Thanks to Sue Gayet for the remake of the Harold's flyer

Words of wisdom

Growing old is mandatory but growing up is optional

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Bruce & Aileen Corbett 30th

*HAPPY Birthdays*

Vince Ucci 1st  
Bruce Dailey 8th  
Esther Yengst 18th  
Joyce Santimauro 29th

**GET WELL SON!**

## Welcome - New Members



**Jerry (wife Peggy) Conway**

They live in River Vale. Jerry has a yellow 55



**Bob Krebs (Tbird Bob)**

He lives in Holmdel. He has 65 Tbird Conv.

## *Condolences.*

To Sheryl & Paul Adamoff on the passing of Sheryl's mother

To Jackie Werner and her family on the passing of Paul

To John Pyrros in the passing of his sister

To Arlene & Joe Kubat on the passing of Arlene's brother.

To Sandra Ucci, whose sister passed away

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IN MEMORIAM

**Paul Werner  
Don Dobres**

## Club Announcements

### March Meeting

This meeting is on **March 16th**. Venue is Anthony Francos, 1176 Hamburg TPK, Wayne. Time is **2 PM**. Be sure to RSVP Bruce or Aileen

### Harold's Deli

Harold's is scheduled for **March 30**. Meet at the deli at 1:45 for **2 PM** sitdown. (we hope) See the flyer attached for information

### Spring Cruise

The Spring Cruise is on **April 27** (rain or Shine). People have to sign up early, so check with Mike Parillo. The cruise is to the Armour-Stiner Octagon House , 45 West Clinton Ave, Irvington, NY. Followed by lunch at the Hudson Social Resturant, 11 Station Plaza, Dobbs Ferry NY (NOTE-change in location). We are meeting at Delizia's and will leave promptly at **8:45**. The tour starts at **10 AM** Price for the tour is \$29.

### April Meeting

The April meeting is scheduled for **April 13th at 1 PM**. Additional info next month.



### A note from Darlene Anderson, sister of Don Dobres

The family of Donald Dobres, and especially me, wish to thank everyone for the heartfelt wishes of sympathy, the mass cards, and the beautiful flowers.

Don enjoyed the club so much and my heart is full of cherished memories, warmth and fun.

You are truly a group of special people.

## Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month - Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads Church

### Car Shows/Swap Meets

4/27 Randolph-Performance Ford, 906 Rte 10 W



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**St. Patrick's**  
DAY

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**March Meeting Pics**



**Daylight Savings time starts March 9th. Set your clocks one hour ahead**  
**Remember - Spring ahead, Fall back**

## Sweetheart Brunch

See Arlene's column for the Sweetheart Brunch. She forgot the free mimosas, champagne and another drink that I do not remember the name of. The ladies got their traditional rose and the men got a TBird magnetic doohickey. Here are some pictures:

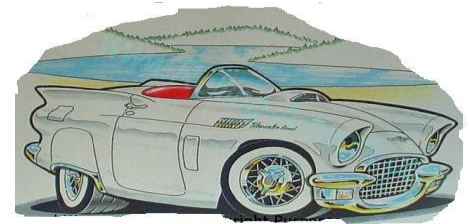


## Dave Van Winkle

Dave Van Winkle, from the Oregon club, passed away recently. He was a long time friend of a lot of our members



3/20 is earth day - plant a tree



**3/20 is the Vernal Equinox - equal day and night  
Also the beginning of SPRING**



**March 20th is the first day of Spring. That means taking off the cover and getting your Thunderbird set for this coming summer's outings**

### **Spring start-up: Tips for getting your Thunderbird back on the road**

You may have grumbled when Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, even though you realize a startled groundhog really can't predict an extended winter. You will wait up all night on Feb. 28, just to see if March would come in like a lion or a lamb. For classic car owners in northern states, the long wait for spring can be excruciating. The good news is, it's almost here. Take advantage of the time you have left by prepping your car before its first drive. You'll both be better for it.

**Start with your battery.** If it's been on a trickle charger all winter, disconnect it from the charger and reconnect the battery. If you simply removed the battery and stored it in a warmer spot for the winter, time to charge it up.

**Check your fluids.** Start with a walk-around and examine the floor beneath the car. Drips are common and expected; puddles are not. A fresh oil change is recommended since water or other fluids may have found their way in your crankcase. While you're at it, replace the oil filter. Also check your other fluids — brakes, coolant, transmission, windshield washer. Do they look dirty? Are they at the recommended level? Smell your transmission fluid. If it smells burnt, change it. Generally speaking, if you can't remember the last time you drained and flushed any particular fluid, it's probably time to do it again.

**As for gasoline,** you should be good to go if you put Stabil in the tank before storing your car. If not, you might consider adding a water absorbing product or — if you're really worried about it — just drain the tank.

**Check your belts and hoses for cracks and decay.** Since rubber breaks down over time, examine the condition of your tires, too. Make sure they're inflated to the correct air pressure. And don't forget the spare.

**Water can not only damage your engine,** but it can cause brake problems, as well. If your car has been sitting for a while, consider bleeding your brakes. They should feel firm when you push the pedal.

**By this point, you should already know if any mice spent a comfortable winter in or around your engine.** Also check inside the passenger compartment, especially under the seats and in the glove box.

**And one last thing — check the headlights, turn signals and brake lights,** which may require the help of a friend. It's finally time to start your car. If you're just testing the engine, make sure an exit door is open enough to allow exhaust to escape. If the weather allows for a drive, make that first one fairly short — after a warm-up, a half hour or so should put the car through its proper paces. And before you take drive No. 2, do the ol' walk-around again. No major leaks? Tires look good? Let 'er rip, and enjoy a safe driving season

**By: Jeff Peek – Hagerty.com and the Pitt Birds**

#### **Things My Mother Taught Me**

**How to become an adult - If you don't eat your veggies, you'll never grow up**



#### **A reminder from Paul A**

**Check that fire extinguisher. Most have a 10 year expiration. Check the expiration date, usually stamped in the bottom.. Replace if necessary**

**(Editor- I checked mine and they all expired. Went and bought new ones)**



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guaranteed to fill you up!

**Sunday March 30, 2025 Arrive at 1:45  
for 2 PM seating**

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