

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



# The Thunder Heard

November 2019

## 2019 Meeting Schedule

Nov 17	John Pyrros
Dec. 7	Christmas Party
<b>2020 Schedule (Tentative)</b>	
Jan/Feb Jan 26	Paul Schroll
March	Joe Matrone
April	Vince Ucci
May	Bruce Corbett
June	Joe Kubat
July	Jim Messersmith
Sept	Steve Handy
October	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino

The November meeting is on 11/17.  
John Pyrros is the host

**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](#)

It looks like we are done for another car season. It was pretty good for the most part. Looking forward to spring.

I would like to thank everyone for your support on my 2 recent elections. First for our club's President (6th term, 12 years) and second for CTCI Region 1 Director. I will do my best for both jobs.

We had a great Fall colors cruise along with 3 other Thunderbird Clubs to Lambertville. A special thanks the NJTA members Dwight & Marsha Dixon for inviting us and to Joanne Seiler for putting together our portion of the cruise and the goodie bags she gave to everyone in the 4 clubs that were there. We had had 28 members. Even though rain was predicted we had 9 vehicles including 5 baby birds.

We will be gearing up for our Christmas party on December 7th, so mark your calendars.

I hope you did not miss the Fall Club Clothing sale. We will open it again in the spring.

If you have not seen the video of a live TV report in California of the reporter damaging 3 T Birds plus a new Explorer you can see it on our web site under Thunderbird Videos (about 1/2 way down the page) It was very upsetting.

Stay Safe and pray for our members who are struggling with health and other issues

Pat LeStrange

Hello  
November

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

## October Meeting

The host for this meeting was Paul Dorne. The weather was rainy and the birds stayed home. The turnout was very big. Good food and great people. Thanks to Paul for hosting  
Highlights of the Business Meeting

. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as was the treasurer's report.

As there only one nomination each for President and CTCI Rep., the Secretary cast a vote for President and since the Secretary was also the nominee for CTCI Rep. the VP cast the vote for the CTCI Rep as provided in the by-laws.

A guest was introduced, Michael, who may be interested in the club. He has a 55 Bird

It was mentioned the Pat was elected CTCI Director for Region1

Pat reported on the Fall cruise

Arlene went over plans for the Christmas party. We will need a Mrs. Claus (anyone?)

Donna reported on plans for the caravan to the Sarasota convention. Two separate groups are going, lead by Donna and Rich. Those going should contact them for details.

We have been invited by the Mercedes club to go on tour with them of the Thomas Edison home and laboratory on Nov. 23rd. Cost is 15.00. Meeting at Llwellyn Park in West Orange at 9 AM. Contact Lucille for details

Joanne has not heard from the person that is supposed to be hosting the November meeting so alternate plans are being made - it will be a pay your own way meeting. (Note - John Pyrros later volunteered to host)

Lucille won the 50/50

Next meeting November 17th



## Vice President's Message



Today we had our monthly meeting, we had a great turn out of members even though the weather was very heavy rain. Thanks Paul Dorne and Julie for hosting.

As far as we know Wendy is holding her own, Joanne is not feeling that great, but staying strong as always. Dorothy Guidone had a serious fall in her home and fractured her tail bone and pelvis. She is rehab for the next 4 to 6 weeks. If you would like to send her a card send it to her home and Phil will bring them to her. Please say prayers for a speedy recovery. Also Bob Heissler's lady friend, Judy is not doing good health wise, please keep her in your prayers. A long time member of CTCI, who most of us know, CL Hood suffered a very serious stroke on Friday, his whole right side is paralyzed. His wife, Sandra has been by his side. We will also keep him in our prayers.

On November 23th, the Mercedes Club has invited us to join them in touring the Edison House and Lab in West Orange. If interested, please let Lucille Chabala know as soon as possible.

We had an excellent time on our Fall Cruise. Weather was rainy, but we drove to Lambertville, NJ. We had a nice drive and a great brunch. There were three other Thunderbird Clubs at the brunch. Thanks Joanne and Pat for putting the route together.

Our next meeting is November 17th. Meeting at Delizia's at 2 PM. John Pyrros is hosting after a member who is supposed to host meeting has not returned calls to Joanne after he said he would host the meeting.

Time for our Christmas party. Saturday, December 7th, 5:00 pm at Bella Italia in Orange, NJ (same as the last two years). \$130.00 per couple (yearly dues paid), \$65.00 individual (half year dues paid). \$25.00 grab gift each for lady and \$25.00 for man. Bring a gift get a gift. We also ask you bring a gift for toys for tots unwrapped. Please mail me your check by November 25th. I will not be at the next meeting, so you can also give your money to Joanne. (Cont'd on Page 4)

# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th  
 Paul & Sheryl Adamhoff 16th  
 Charles & Lisa Musto 16th

*Happy Birthday*

Susan Mirro 3rd  
 Phil Guidone 4th  
 Ray Braun 4th  
 Mary Green 11th  
 Izabela Costa 14th  
 Don Terhune 22nd  
 Aileen Corbett 23rd

**GET WELL  
 SON!**

Wendy Meehan  
 Joanne Seiler  
 Dorothy Guidone

## Condolences

To Joe Matrone & family on the passing of his mother.

## October Meeting



Ponder this

How did the first man who made the first clock know what time it was?

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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.  
Registration form is ready

## General Election Nov 5th

Exercise your rights - do your civic duty

## Club Announcements

### November Meeting

The November meeting is on **Nov 17** at 2 PM. It is being held at Delizia's. John Pyrras is the host, standing in for a member who did not meet his commitment. Joanne is handling the meeting. Be sure to RSVP John including regrets.

### December Meeting

There is no official December meeting as we have the Christmas Party

### Christmas Party

Time flies and December is almost upon us. The Christmas party is **12/7** at the Bella Italia Restaurant, 535 Central Ave, Orange, NJ . As we have done in the past, those attending will have their dues forgiven, 1/2 for a single, full for a couple. Toys for Tots collection (unwrapped) and a grab bag (\$25), both optional. Cost is **65.00** per person. Let Arlene know if you are coming by **11/25**. Time is 5 PM. Make checks out to NJORTC.

### January/Februaru Meeting

This meeting will be on January 26th, hosted by Paul & Pauline Schroll. Save the date. Additional info will be in next newsletter

### Fall Cruise 2020

We need a volunteer for this function - you have a year to set it up. Step up and help the club.

**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 October

11/9/55 Introduction day for the 56 Tbird  
11/18/2003 - Production of the 300 Millionth vehicle, a 2004 Mustang



## Cruise Nights

### Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut

### Saturday

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

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

11/2 Egg Harbor Pumpkin Run 353 Zion Rd  
(Rte NJ 615) Flemington Auto Parts  
(not sure this is still on -was listed but not now listed anywhere)



## Vice President's Message (cont'd)

For those of you who are planning to drive to Florida's convention, Donna Jesse and Rich Martin will be Wagon Masters. Both groups will be leaving on May 1st. They are in the process of working on hours to be driven in a day and hotels to book on route. More details to follow. We are looking to get back the Ford Johnson Trophy, the more tbirds we have going to the convention, the more points we get.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Some of us wore pink today for Joanne. See you soon. Arlene

## Standard Time Starts

Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov. 2nd. Set your clock back one hour  
Remember "Spring ahead, Fall back"

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

# FOR SALE

## Parts For Sale

4 original wire wheel covers for a 56. Includes clips, outer rings and center covers. Good shape. \$325. Paul 201-286-4781

## Portable Generator

Powermate portable 3250/4050 Watts. Wheels. Used only 48 hours. Paul 201-286-4781

## Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1957 TBird, white, O/D \$21,000 Orig Dusk Rose

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car

1983 Mercedes 380 SL Conv Silver

1965 Corvette Red Conv.

Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

## 1956 TBird

3 owner car. White with white hardtop. Has had tune up, radiator recored, new brakes, battery., Generator, voltage regulator and fuel system checked out. Runs nice, idles nice, brakes and steers nice. Could use new tires Power steering, tonneau cover and padded dash. Good solid car., asking \$25,000.00. Car is in Washington Call Frank Stubbs 425-228-1012

## Early Bird and Ford Times Mags

Gene Szura has a friend that has Early Birds from 1963-2001 and Ford Times to 1969. Call Gene for information 201-991-8459



## Only in This Stupid World

...do they have drive up ATM's with Braille lettering



## Fall Cruise

Despite the looming chance of rain we had a good sized group attending along with 5 early birds, two retros and a bird precursor. Joanne and Pat set up the route which was prettymuch direct as we had to meet others at the brunch site. The group meeting at the brunch site, besides NJORTC, was the NJTA (which initially set up the outing) and two other TBird clubs from the local area. The Lambertville location was nice, which overlooked the Delaware River. The food and the service were very good. We had a total of 28 members attending. And the skies did open up later.





Thanks to Joanne for some of the pictures

## NJORTC Club Plaques

I have two club plaques that I want to give away. One is an older one and one is a newer one. The only fair way I know to pass them off with be a drawing. For those who do not have a plaque and has a Tbird and wants one please send me your name. I will have a drawing at the next club meeting. Attendance not required Paul S.



Frank Lloyd Wright designed Gas Station  
Colquet, Minnesota



There's a touch of Thunderbird in every Ford . . . You can see it . . . You can feel it!

## Rarin' to go

Not only does Ford look like the Thunderbird,  
it behaves like it, too, with Trigger-Torque performance!