



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

October 2015

2015/16 Meeting Schedule

October 25	Gene & Diane Szura
October 18	Fall Cruise
November 15	Charlie & Izabella Costa
December 5	Christmas Party
	2016
Jan/Feb	Paul Dorne
March	Paul & Pauline Schroll
April	Bob & Toni Sabino
May	Vince Ucci & Julia
June	Bruce & Eileen Corbett
July	Joe & Arlene Kubat
Sept	Henry & Judy Semmler

The October meeting will be hosted by Gene & Diane Szura On October 25th at 2PM. RSVP 201-991-8459 or mauiszura@verizon.net See Page 4 for details

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's time to get ready for the late year activities. We have the Fall Colors cruise coming up Sun Oct. 18. We need 40 members, so please let Phil Guidone know if you are going and get your money in. If you have ever been on one of Phil & Dot's cruises, you know they are fun and full of surprises. There are a lot of shows in October too, sadly most cruise nights are starting to close for the season.

Our club meeting at Wendy & Mike Meehan's home attracted around 35 members. It was good to see some faces we have not seen in a while and to welcome new members Ray and Jayne Braun. During the meeting we accepted nominations (or tried to) for Club President and CTCI representative. No one seemed to want to replace the people in those positions so the only nominations were for Lois Martin for CTCI Rep. and me for President. At the November meeting the Secretary, Sandy Pyrros will cast 1 vote for each to make it official.

A lot of the meeting was recapping the busy summer our club had; The Pittsburgh trip, the Albuquerque NM Convention and Lead East & Dead Mans Curve Shows. We also acknowledged Walter Strohmaier, Marianne Denning and Bill & Donna Jessie for driving to Albuquerque. Also that Bill & Donna received a Gold award and a furthest distance traveled award there. Paul Schroll and Alex Johnstone were presented their Gold Newsletter award at the meeting as they were not in Albuquerque to receive them there.

The CTCI ballots were in your Early Bird magazine. Please be sure to send them back as soon as you get them. Of course I would like to see our votes for Director at Large go to Rich Martin. I truly feel he is the man for the job, not just because he is a club member, but because of his many years in CTCI and his knowledge of all the policies and procedures. In addition Congratulations to Joanne Seiler for her unopposed run for Region 1 Director.

Thanks for another great Summer of TBird fun

Pat LeStrange





A few Words From Alec

Wow-I can't believe that the Summer is gone and it's the Fall already. I had a very nice weekend - first went to Mike and Wendy's for their meeting on Saturday. A very nice meeting, well attended and the food was great.

On Sunday I went to a car show in Oakland which also was well attended by members with their TBirds.

I hope the Fall is as nice as this past weekend of 9/27 & 28. Looking forward to the Fall Color Cruise.

Hope to see you there.

Happy motoring, Alec

September Meeting

Mike and Wendy were hosts. There was a very good turnout of members but not many TBirds even though it was a nice evening. The food was great especially the spinach casserole. Many thanks to

Wendy and Mike for a great meeting.

Highlights of the Business meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (July) were read and accepted (with correction) as was the treasurer's report.

New members Jayne & Ray Braun were introduced.

Nominations were opened for the offices of President and CTCI Representative. Pat was nominated for President and Lois was nominated for CTCI Rep. No other nominations were put forward.

Walter and Donna talked about their trip to Albuquerque.

Joanne mentioned that she has sent out an email regarding hosts for the 2016 meetings. Anyone who has a conflict should contact her.

Bill Downing did a recap of the picnic. Over 80 attendees, 17 Birds.

Pat mentions future CTCI conventions. San Diego in 2016, possible Tennessee in 2018 He said CTCI has contacted him about a possible convention on the east coast. There is a quilt (Tbird themed) raffle as part of the San Diego convention. Members voted to buy some tickets.

Various car shows and dates were mentioned.

Lois reported that the San Diego convention material was now on the CTCI website including events and registration materials.

An Albuquerque recap was made by Pat. 10 members attended. He mentioned the Gold Award for the NJORTC newsletter.

Next meeting Oct. 25th



Vice President's Message

Boy, another month just flew by. Fall is now here and soon cruise nights will come to an end. There is still going to be some car shows, so keep those birds out on the road. Remember on Saturday, October 3rd is Carol and Charlie Ehms car show. It will be at the First Reformed Church in Lincoln Park. Time, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please come out and support their show. Rain date Saturday, October 17th.

Please continuing praying for Dorothy Dobres, Bob Belli and Judy Semmler. There are all fighting a battle and need our prayers.

Everyone has now received their copy of Early Bird. Please all take out the ballot and vote for Rich Martin as Director at Large. There are two other men running against him, so please give him your support. Joanne has been appointed Region 1 Director, she was running unopposed. Congratulation Joanne, I know you will do a great job.

Joe, me, Carol and Charlie, (we also saw Vince and Julia there) attended the Classic Car Show on the Boardwalk in Wildwood, NJ. this weekend. The Boardwalk was lined up with all different classic cars from one end to the other end. There had to be over 300 cars on the Boardwalk. It was amazing, but unfortunately I only saw one Thunderbird. The weather was very windy and chilly, but fun.

October 18th is our annual Fall Cruise, chaired by Phil and Dorothy Guidone. I am not sure where we are going, but I am sure there is more info in this newsletter. Sorry.

Once again I want to congratulate Paul and Alex for winning a Gold award this year. We have a great newsletter. Thanks guys.

Bill Downing once again wrote a great article in the Early Bird. Thanks Bill for making our activities and Club events known.

It is that time of the year when we have to discuss the Christmas party. The party is Saturday, December 5th at 5:00 San Carlo Catering Hall, Lyndhurst. This year the cost has gone up do to the fact that the San Carlo has raised their prices. The cost is \$130.00 per couple, \$65.00 per person. It will be same way with dues. Dues paid in full (\$50.00) if paying for couple. Half dues paid (\$25.00) if paying for one. We will also collect toys for tots, grab bag,

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Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Arlene Kubat 5th
Susan & Anthony Gaeta 7th
Donna & Bill Jessie
Bob & Shelley Belli 25th



Sandra Bolger 1st
Anthony Gaeta 7th
Dominick Tuccl 12th
Pat Selby 13th
John Pyrros 18th
Drew Eckmann 20th
Don Dobres 28th

Get Well Soon!

Bob Heissler
Judy Semmler
Dorothy Dubres
Bob Belli
Dorothy Guidone

Best Wishes

To Lois Martin who is going to have a back operation on Oct 7th

FOR SALE

Chrome Outer tube for 56/57 steering column.
Driver condition, minimum surface rust (at lower end). \$250.00 Paul, 201-652-7027



Happy Halloween

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I want your input. Please send any items to be included by the middle of the month if possible. They can be e-mailed or snail mailed to me. email ptschroll@verizon.net

Join CTCI now if you haven't yet. The Early Bird alone is worth the dues. And for the latest info, go to ctci.org

September Meeting



Jayne and Ray's 56



Events

October Meeting

The hosts for the September meeting are Gene & Diane Szura, Oct. 25th at Delizia's Pizza. Time is 2PM. Be sure to RSVP (see page 1 for info) including regrets.

November Meeting

The November meeting will be on Nov. 15th. See next month's newsletter for info.

October Fall Car Cruise

This is scheduled for October 18th. Phil has picked the Hawk Pointe Golf Club (must be nice, they have an "e" after point) in Washington, NJ. Always a great time with a stop at the pumpkin patch. Notify Phil and send your check to Carol. Make sure your Tbird is ready. See the flyer on page 10.

CTCI Director at Large

As you all know, Rich Martin is running for CTCI Director at Large. A ballot is in the new Early Bird you just received. I'm sure Rich would appreciate your vote so send in your ballot now.

Holiday Party

I know summer has just ended but we have to plan ahead. The Holiday Party is going to be on December 5th so mark it down on your calendar.

New Members



Jayne and Ray Braun are our newest members. They have a 56 and a 57, along with some other cars. They live in Mountainside after Hurricane Sandy damaged their house on the Jersey shore

Vice President's Message (Cont'd)

bring one get one \$25.00 per gift, one for woman one for man. Please mark your calendars, plus payment should be made by November 18th.

Sorry I missed our meeting, see you all at the next meeting.
Arlene

Car Shows-Swap Meets

10/2 Fall Carlisle

10/10 Fall Hershey

10/3 Lincoln Park First Reformed Church
60 Chapel Hill Rd

10/3 Closter St Mary's Church 20 LegionPlace

10/3 Holmdel Hop Brook Farm

10/3 Allendale Festival & Car Show

10/11 Pompton Lakes. Main Street

10/16-18 East Orange-Llewellyn Park

10/18 Clifton-The Hearth 1116 Rt.46W

10/17 Park Ridge-Atrium Sr. Living, 124 Noyes Drive

10/25 Riverdale-3 So. Corporate Drive Show and Swap. POR 15 Show

10/25 Pilesgrove-Cowtown Swap 780 Rte 40

10/31 Oakland-Oakland Public Library-Kids Show. Pre Register req'd. Morning only, 2 Municipal Plaza

For more shows go to
<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>
<http://www.newjerseycarshows.com/>
www.njortc.org

More Sept. Meeting



Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Clifton, Rutt's Hutt

Wednesday

Wycoff- Greenwood Ave

Paterson-Pep Boys Speed 261 McLean Blvd

Clifton - 1116 RTE 46W-The Hearth

Dover - Applebees, Rte 46

Thursday

Hackettstown Mountain Rd Wendy's

Friday

Boonton-Wooten St, Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr.\

Midland Park, Godwin Ave, Wendy's

Saturday

Lyndhurst -1050 Wall St (Formerly Whiskey Cafe)

Some of the above may be shut down for the season

Road Rally

Interested in trying your Tbird in a Road Rally?
There is one scheduled for 10/11 put on by two local sports car clubs. It's a tour of the Highlands. Info:
www.highlandsroadralley.eventbrite.com

Concours d'Elegance

The first Edison Concours d' Elegance will be held Oct 16-18 at Glenmont in the Llewellyn Nat'l Park in East Orange. Contact Lucille for any information.



The Hosts

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Adventure to Albuquerque

We (Walter, Marianne, Bill and I) met up on Rte 78 at the Clinton Diner. The auspices were not good as the 56 developed an exhaust leak before meeting. Our Rte included the PA Turnpike and it was fun driving through the tunnels. Sights along the way included lots of corn, barns and wind turbines.

Our first stop was at Zainesville, OH where we had a great dinner at the Muddy Miser tavern and we found a great ice cream spot (Tom's Ice Cream Bowl). The next day we met John Duncan's son Steven at a rest area. Steven worked with Amos Minter (small world).

The next day we stopped at Carlinville, IL. Then we continued on, hitting rain through St. Louis and then a downpour about 78 miles outside of Springfield, MO. The trick from the Early Bird with the plastic bags worked great for catching the rain. We stopped at a town called Miami on Rte 66 where we happened upon a cruise night where the locals really made us feel welcome. We continued on to Tulsa, OK where we stopped (it was 9:30 PM - long day).

The next day (Sunday the 23rd) we got up early as Walter and Bill were planning to work on the exhaust (we bought gaskets earlier in the trip) but it was thundering with pouring rain. I did laundry instead and we left around 10:30. We stopped in Clinton, OK to see the Rte 66 Museum (GREAT) which shows the history of Rte 66 through each decade up to the 80's when the Rte was decommissioned. We made a stop in Elk City, OK where they moved buildings to create an Old Towne with authentic items showing life in western OK. We continued on to the Cactus Inn in McLean, TX (FYI- do not plan to eat in this part of Texas on a Sunday as nothing is open). We had dinner in a gas station (surprisingly not bad) and had breakfast there the next day.

Monday was warm with blue skies and started the repair but the problem wasn't as we thought. We did a photo shoot with the cars at the first Phillips station in Texas where we met a man whose wife's grandfather ran the station in the 40's. On to Amarillo where we found the Old Santa Fe Railroad station and saw the Old Towne and shops. We also saw the Cadillac ranch. We refueled at

Russell's Travel center where there was an incredible car and collectible museum. We stayed at the Blue Swallow Inn in Tucumcari which is a period motel - definitely worth the stop.

The next day Walter & Marianne stayed in Tucumcari while we continued on to Albuquerque.

We stopped in Santa Rosa and saw some more old gas stations. Continuing on, we drove about 20 miles of old Rte 66 toward Albuquerque. We met a bunch of travelers along the way exploring Rte 66 - definitely a wonderful experience.

Outside of the exhaust situation, everything went well with no other problems. Onto San Diego next year - anyone else in? Donna Jessie



Congratulations to Donna and Bill in getting a Gold

Adventure to Albuquerque



Good Wishes



Tech Tip

Tissue Issue

When cleaning instrument panels, most of us use a window cleaner and a rag. The use of these materials results in scratched plastic lenses, obscuring your instruments. When cleaning your lenses, use a soft eyeglass tissue, which is available at most drug stores.

Use this tissue in conjunction with the cleaning solution available for plastic eyeglass lenses and your instrument lenses will clean up with scratching. from: The Smoke Signal

The Computer Generation

Customer: Hi, Good afternoon. This is Susan. I can't print. Every time I try it says "Can't find printer" I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...

TRIVIA

What year did Ford first offer an oil filter?
Henry Semmler got the correct answer for last month's - Are You Asleep?

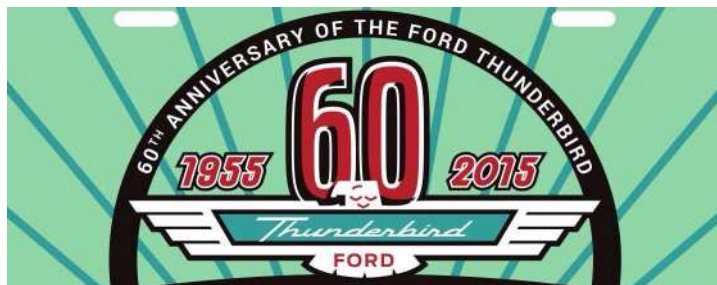
Paquito Sighting

Sandra and John were out and about recently and sent me this:

We were at the Snack Shack on the Hudson River Englewood Boat Basin. There was a musical group, The Howie Tavin Trio playing on Sunday afternoon and guest musician, our club member Paquito played with them. Their music was great, a combo of swing/jazz/bassanova but with Paquito d'Rivera playing his clarinet....so very wonderful! What a treat! We had great conversation with Paquito and Brenda. There was an enthusiastic crowd for the warm and sunny afternoon of classic music overlooking the picturesque Palisades and Hudson River!



Extra Picnic Shots



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9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
(RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2015)**



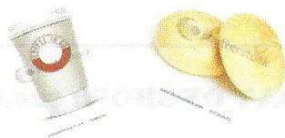
**WHERE: 60 CHAPEL HILL ROAD
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\$20 DAY OF SHOW**

TROPHIES



Coffee, Tea, Breakfast Items



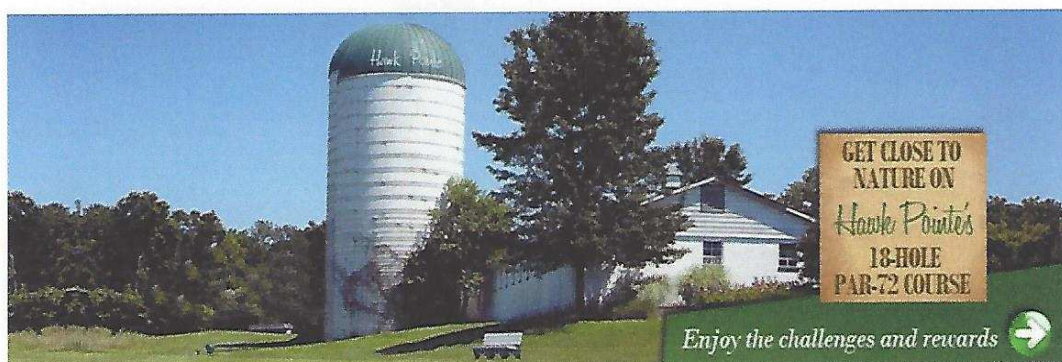
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NJ OPEN ROAD THUNDERBIRD CLUB 2015 ANNUAL FALL CRUISE SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015

This year our fall cruise will take us to Hawk Pointe Golf Club in Washington, N.J., where a delicious full course buffet lunch will await our arrival.

We hope you that you will join us as we cruise through the countryside. A stop along the way at a farm stand for you to pick up some goodies to enjoy at home is also on the "menu". We will need a minimum of forty (40) people to attend. With the size of our club, this should be easily met. The price is \$42.25 per person, all inclusive, including soft drinks, and a cash bar will be available. We need to know if you plan to attend by October 1, 2015. We will need your check at that time as well, payable to N.J.O.R.T.C. and sent to Carol Ehm, 24 Pleasant Avenue, Lincoln Park, New Jersey 07035.

There will of course, be some prizes and games. At the present time, we are planning our route so stay tuned! Our expected time of arrival at the country club is 1:00 p.m.

We will meet at SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN PARK (same location as our picnic) at 10:00 a.m. The address is 91 East Springtown Road, Long Valley, NJ. Coffee, donuts, etc will be provided. Please note that this is a rain or shine event. Hopefully shine, so let's get those T-Birds out! We are a showstopper every year with our multi-colored T-Birds all lined up!

We hope to see as many of you as possible. A spectacular drive through the fall foliage, along with good food and good friends promises a memorable day!

Any questions, please call or email Phil and Dorothy Guidone
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