

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



The Thunder Heard

NOVEMBER 2009

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

2009/2010 Meeting Schedule

November 15	Joe & Arlene Kubat
December 5	HOLIDAY PARTY
Jan/Feb	Ron & Merry Case
March	Walter Strohmaier
April	Bob & Shelly Belli
May	Dominick & Eva Tucci
June	Phil & Dorothy Guidone
July	Susan & Anthony Gaeta
August	Mini-Concours
September	Donna & Bill Jessie
October	John & Sandra Bolger
November	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December	Holiday Party

The November meeting will be on the 15th at 3 PM and will be hosted by Arlene & Joe Kubat At the Ridgefield Park Rescue Squad 52 Main St., Ridgefield Park RSVP 973-956-5729 or finallyyak@yahoo.com Directions on page 5

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 October, I saw some Halloween stuff in the stores for about a week, now it's all Christmas stuff. I guess there won't be any Thanksgiving stuff!!

But anyway Doe Meadow didn't let us down. For the fall colors cruise it rained again. Why doesn't that park like us? If you missed the cruise you missed a great time. A big "Thank You" to Phil and Dorothy. Although it rained, most of the two hour scenic ride was dry. The Sergeantville Inn was very nice and the food was good. The waiter had told Ken and Linda Herb a story about the place being haunted and that he had actually seen a ghost the icehouse next to the inn.

Our October meeting was well attended. Thanks to Henry and Judy (I knew we would all fit in your house) the food and accommodations were wonderful.

At the meeting our secretary cast the official vote keeping me as President and Lois Martin as CTCI representative as the offices were unopposed.

We spoke about the upcoming Convention in Dayton and everybody attending was urged to get their reservations in as soon as possible as there may be a room shortage. Walter Strohmaier spoke about his incredible 3 month journey across the USA and up to Canada and then on to Alaska, all in his 57 TBird. He also showed some pictures from the trip

The Christmas party was discussed. Please have your money in by the November meeting. The price is \$50 per person with the club picking up the difference. Also as we have done in the past, if you pay for one person then 1/2 of your \$50 annual dues will be covered. If you pay for two people, your full annual dues will be covered. So why not join us for the party. You will get a chance to see me and Arlene doing the chicken dance. That alone is worth the price of admission.

See you at the November meeting

Pat LeStrange





A few words from Alec

It's here!! Time to clean our little Birds and put them away in their nests until the return of spring and maybe a less rainy summer such as the one just passed.

It's also that time to check and make sure your dues are up to date.

Congratulations are in order for our club members who were elected for another term.

Let's all keep in touch with one another over the winter and hope for n early spring. Till then,
Happy Motoring
Alec

From the Past

On Oct 26, 2003, the club had an outing to Bear Mtn. in NY. I remember it was a cold, overcast day, but we had a good turnout of TBirds and everyone had a good time.

After the meal, some of us trekked up to what appears to be a lighthouse which had a view of the Hudson River (I think). During this event, Alec's bronze TBird developed fuel pump trouble. When ever he idled for a while on an incline, the car would stall. Apparently the pump had enough suction to work properly while the car was on a level surface, but not enough when the engine was higher than the gas tank.

The reason I remember this is because Pat and I siphoned gas from someone's tank using a hose (and our mouths-not a great idea but okay in a pinch) to get gas into a small container so we could pour it into the reservoir of Alec's carb. The siphoning worked but one of us did get a mouthful of gas. I think it was me. Anyway, I believe Alec drove his car to the Jessie's house and the next day a replacement fuel pump was installed and all was well with the world (again). **Ken Herb**



Vice President's Message

Well it that time of the month for our monthly newsletter-boy time does fly when you are having fun!!!

Weather report-some days are real beautiful fall days then the next few days rain, rain, rain. We enjoyed our fall cruise, even though most of us did not take out TBirds because, of course, you guessed it, it rained. We met at Lewis Morris Park, had a small continental breakfast (thanks Phil and Dorothy, it was good) under a tent and then left on our cruise to Sergeantville, NJ (I would like to know how Phil finds these interesting places). We had a beautiful cruise. We ate in the Sergeantville Inn, which was old and real charming and the food was great. I am sure we all had a great time. Thanks Phil and Dorothy.

Congrats to Pat on the marriage of his daughter. The bride was beautiful and her dad looked great too!!!

On Dec 5th is out Christmas party at the San Carlo, Lyndhurst NJ at 5 pm (Saturday night). I must know if you are attending by our November meeting. It is \$50 per person. I hope we will have a great turn out. We have a lot of fun, so please everyone try to come. If you paid and do not come there are no refunds, unless it is something serious.

Joe and I are hosting the November meeting on the 15th at 3pm (Sunday). Please RSVP.

It is almost time to put our cars to sleep for the winter
Hope to see you all soon.

Arlene



Membership News



Al & Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd
 Mike & Wendy Meehan 10th
 Nick & Adrienne Malanga 11th
 Paul & Sheryl Adamoff 16th
 Dominick & Eva Tucci 20th



Izabela Costa 14th
 Linda Herb 1st
 Aileen Corbett 23rd

Teddy says
 get well!



Vince DeAndrea

FOR SALE

For Sale: XL Mustang coat. Brand new in a bag. Ford sells this coat for \$150. I will sell for \$100. I picked it up for someone who now does not want it and I cannot return it. 201-920-7226,

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Remember

Mini Car Show

In conjunction with the Meadowlands Street Rods (who arranged the show), Alec, John and Paul S. and four cars from the Meadowlands staged a mini car show for the clients of the West Bergen Mental Healthcare Center. The clients seemed to enjoy the show, asking various questions about the cars and the years they were made. The center provided refreshments and the cars and drivers were rewarded with a standing ovation as they left. Each owner was also given a gift card to Dunkin Donuts and a nice written "Thank You".



Mini-show Participants



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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll
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CLUB EVENTS

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party is scheduled for December 5th at the San Carlo Restaurant, 620 Stuyvesant Ave., in Lyndhurst. Mark this on your calendar. Cost is \$50.00 per person. If you go to the party, 1/2 of dues will be forgiven. If a couple goes, the total amount of dues will be forgiven. Get your check (payable to NJORTC) into Frank Chabala ASAP. It should be in by the November meeting.

The will be a grab bag (\$25 maximum, bring one-get one) for those who want to participate.

At the party, we will be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. If you would like to donate, please bring an unwrapped toy for a child (approx. cost \$10.00). As you know, this is a very worthy program. Donna Jessie is the contact person for this.



Is this the tire of tomorrow? This is an experimental tire from one of the major tire companies. Talk about riding on air!!!!

Int'l Convention

This is being held in June 15-20, 2010 at the Wright-Paterson AFB. Make your plans now for attending.

Already we have about 7 cars that are going. Book rooms early as there may be a shortage.

Mill Pond Assisted Living Show

This was one of those few perfect show days. The temperature was just right, the sun shone brightly and we had shade trees all around.. The music was good, the live singer was good and the other facilities were good. Alec and Paul A took the prizes in their class.



TECH TIPS

Battery Tray Liner

Want to keep that battery tray pristine but have something easily removable for that Concours judging? Also good for that driver. Below is an article from the November 09 issue of Auto Restorer.

In the past I always had a problem with the durability of battery trays. In fact, mine always used to rust out pretty quickly; no matter how carefully they were painted. Then I found a great source of tough, acid-resistant liners.

Ironically, the product I discovered is not a high tech, leading edge component developed for this purpose. It's much more common than that-I used the bottom of one of those handy storage boxes that you can find in any of the major discount retail stores.

One word of caution-avoid clear plastic ones as they are acrylic and a bit brittle for the weight of a battery. My favorites are the ones marked with that "5 in a triangle" recycling symbol. They are probably polypropylene and a bit translucent.

These boxes come in a variety of shapes and sizes so make a note of your tray's inside dimensions as well as the battery's outside largest dimensions. Then go shopping.

One you have found the right box, set it in the tray, mark it for the desired height and cut it with heavy duty snips. Be careful going around the box's corners so as not to split the plastic from too much stress and be sure you don't leave any sharp edges.

Yes, there is a visible liner below the battery but it's very subdued.. From Bob Swartz (article edited for newsletter)

Congratulations to Phil Guidone – his car was show cased in the November issue of Cars & Parts Magazine

Got any stories about the past regarding a NJORTC event, preferably with pictures, that you would like to tell us about? Write them up and send it to me along with the pictures and we will use it in the newsletter. See Ken's story on Pg 2

FALL COLORS CRUISE

As Pat outlined in his remarks, the cruise was plagued by bad weather. It was raining in the morning, but a little way into the cruise the rain let up and most of the ride was dry. The rain came back as we left.

We had a very good showing of members, but because of the weather we only had 3 little Birds and 2 retro birds. Walter was there with his 57 – I guess after his transcontinental ride nothing will faze him as far as weather is concerned. Phil and Pat had their Birds.

Phil & Dorothy set up coffee and snacks prior to us leaving and then we set out for a pleasant ride to Sergeantsville. One surprise during the ride was a deer that ran in front of Paul A – fortunately there was plenty of space and no problems.

The food was excellent and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to Phil and Dorothy for a well planned cruise.



CRUISE NIGHTS

Friday

Boonton-Walmart-Wooten Street (not sure this is still going on).

Saturday

Clifton-Falls View Grill, Rte 3 West 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Till it snows!!!!

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

Jan 16 – Allentown Fairgrounds-swap meet

Jan 30-Ridgefield Park Elks-50's Dance put on by Pat and Joanne

Feb – Atlantic City Auction

If any one has info on shows and swap meets in Dec and forward please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



The fall foliage



More fall foliage

October Meeting



Directions for Nov 15 Meeting

Rte 46 East from Little Ferry over Hackensack River Bridge-at end of bridge make right under bridge –stay to right on Main Street-50 feet make right into parking lot.

Rte 46 West from NJ Tpke stay in right lane, make right on Main St (between gas stations) make left into parking lot

Rescue at bottom of driveway. You can drop off but **NO PARKING** in driveway. Plenty of parking on top in parking lot.



October Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Henry & Judy Semmler. While another rainy day, it was made much nicer by the hospitality of Henry and Judy, including the delicious food and great company.

Highlights of the meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurers report was read and accepted.

Lucille is still following up on the membership pins.

Members – It was reported that Vince is progressing and Dominick's surgery has been successful.

The Holiday party is on Dec 5th. There will be a grab bag (bring one/get one). The club is subsidizing the cost over \$50.

Lois reported that there may be a CTCI International Convention in Memphis, TN in 2012.

The status of the club website was brought up (who pays, who has access, etc). Motion was made to either update or delete the current one and start or new one as the current one has not been updated for some time.

Joanne passed around information that could possibly be used for membership packets for proposed new members.

Members voted and elected the nominees for the new term of President and CTCI Representative (Pat and Lois). Pat also reappointed Mike Meehan, John Pyrros and Vince D'Andrea as board members as well as reappointing Sandy Pyrros as Secretary.

Joanne and Pat said that their 50's party will be Jan 30th at the Ridgefield Park Elks Club.

Pat noted that Joanne walked a total of 26 miles in the 2 day event for Breast Cancer Research and that she raised over \$1,800

Phil Guidone showed an article printed in Cars & Parts Magazine that showcased his TBird.

Walter, back from his 3 month trip across the US and Canada, reported on the trip and his experiences in the Alaska leg. He logged more than 11,000 miles in his TBird.

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Lite for \$14.95. Instead she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream

And that's when the fight started.....

More Fall Cruise





Bear Mountain – see page 2

*Hello, happy fall everyone! I am posting the new meeting schedule and just a brief overview of what is expected as a host since we do have several newer members hosting this year. Hopefully you have had a chance to join us at one or some of our meetings since you have joined. Here is the meeting schedule for **2009**. Please take a look to see if you are on the list. **IF** anyone has a problem with hosting their month please contact someone else on this list and switch with them. Every member hosts a meeting, they come around about once every 3 years. We usually have 20 - 30 people show up, the host does serve something to eat, and we ask it to be kept simple. Meetings last 3-4 hours and are usually held on at 2pm on a Sunday afternoon. This can be adjusted with enough notice. Not every member has the room in their home to hold a meeting but they have accommodated us at a club house, warehouse, boat, even restaurants. Members attending the meeting are asked to kindly RSVP to the host with a weeks notice so you have a count of attending and can prepare. I am the meeting coordinator for the club and I would appreciate the date time and place of the meeting you are hosting 2 months in advance e-mailed to me. This gives us time to notify everyone in the club and get the info into the newsletter, and make any changes if necessary. Meetings are fun and they give us a chance to get together and share our T-Bird stories and discuss upcoming functions. If anyone has any questions please e-mail me ...*

Joanne Seiler at purplerose714@optonline.net my cell phone # is 551-404-3646. We are looking forward to another great year and seeing old friends and meeting new friends.

FYI *There are only 9 meetings held a year. January / February are held as one due to bad weather, the host may choose any date during these 2 months to host their meeting. August is usually our mini concourse and a very short and brief meeting is held then and December is our holiday party and no meeting is held just a fun time.*

<i>JAN/FEB</i>	<i>Ron & Merry Case</i>	<i>JULY</i>	<i>Susan & Anthony Gaeta</i>
<i>MARCH</i>	<i>Walter Strohmaier</i>	<i>SEPT</i>	<i>Donna & Bill Jessie</i>
<i>APRIL</i>	<i>Bob & Shelley Belli</i>	<i>OCT</i>	<i>John & Sandra Bolger</i>
<i>MAY</i>	<i>Eva & Dominic Tucci</i>	<i>NOV</i>	<i>Frank Gloss & Mary Green</i>
<i>JUNE</i>	<i>Dorothy & Phil Guidone</i>		

I thank you for your cooperation in advance and please contact me any time. If you need help or suggestions I am happy to help how ever I can.

