

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



# The Thunder Heard

**June 2020**

**2020 Meeting Schedule**

June	Bruce Corbett
July	Tom Mirro
August 16	Picnic
September	Steve Handy
October	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December 5	Christmas Party

No meetings are scheduled at this time

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**



Hope all is well with everyone. I am missing you all a lot. I did a drive with several other club members in NY state to St. Luke's Hospital and a nursing home with a lot of other cars. It was nice but we wished we knew where we were going, it was a long day. The on May 8 we did a thank you drive to Hackensack Medical Center, The Children's Hospital and the John Theurer Cancer Center (pictures are on the web site or the NJORTC Face book page) Thank you to Donna Jessie for putting it together and special thanks to all who attended (in the rain). The healthcare workers really appreciated it.

Joanne and I did a pizza run on May 20. I had to use my 56 Ford, as the clutch went on my T Bird a couple of days before. Lugi's Pizza in Ledgewood send 100 pizzas to Morristown Memorial Hospital. Us and a few other cars actually put the pizzas in our cars. There were also about 30 other cars came along for support. A video can be found here <https://youtu.be/wNwTHMfk4Hc> Also about 114 pictures on my Face book <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10216919583561727&set=a.10216919572721456&type=3&theater>

CTCI is still working on many changes. Hopefully they with make CTCI a better club. There is a lot of mixed feelings about the changes but we have to give it time, Status quo was not working. Please pay attention to any of the E-Mails and let your options known.

Stay safe, social distance and wear a mask in public

Pat LeStrange



## Club Announcements

### ALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE ARE CANCELED

#### NJORTC'S THANK YOU TO ALL THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS!

*Since basically all our car cruises, activities were shut down and club members needed a distraction it seemed like a good idea to do something positive. As you may all know our own Joanne Seiler is very familiar with the Hackensack University Medical Staff and I decided to contact them and see if we could do a "Drive Up Thank You" to the Medical Staff. Mary in the Public Relations Department was thrilled! She said it would definitely give the staff an "uplift" which with their situation was much needed. So on May 8<sup>th</sup> we arrived at 3:00 pm with a drive through the Hackensack University Medical Center, the Children's Hospital and the John Theurer Cancer Center.*

*Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with rainy skies. Our homemade signs may have been slightly limp but, our spirits were high. The hospital staff came out in full force with their phones clicking to capture over cars, big smiles, applause and cheers. We couldn't get physically close however, there was more closeness and appreciation on both sides.*

*An enormous thank you to our participants:*

*Bill and Donna Jessie, Joanne Seiler and Pat LeStrange, Susan and George Gayet, Rich and Lois Martin, Mel Ramos, Paul Schroll, Walter Strohmaier and Gene and Diane Szura*

*In closing, Mary in PR sent me a very nice thank you text message and advised we may want to try again later in the warmer and hopefully, not rainy weather! Donna*



#### Vice President's Message



Hope everybody is doing well. The weather has been decent. We should be out with our Tbirds at car cruises or car shows, but unfortunately, it's not going to happen this year do to the coronavirus. But on a good note a few of our members have been doing driving events past hospitals to show our support for health care essential workers. We can still enjoy our cars by just taking out on the open road.

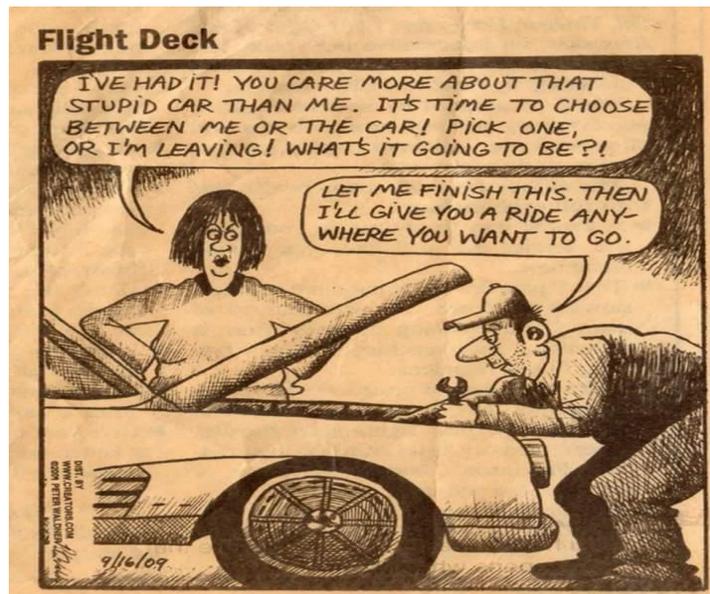
Thank god I have not heard of any health or injury problems, which is great news. Let's keep it up.

Thanks again Bill Downing for doing the picnic trivia. Joe and myself enjoy guessing the song and singer of the day, even though we are not the greatest at it.

Sorry I have no activities to report on or upcoming meetings. I hope soon we will meet again.

Happy Father's Day to all you fathers and grandfathers.

Hope to see you all soon and stay safe and healthy. Arlene



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Joe & Lorrie Mantrone 22nd  
Mrk & Joyce Santimauro 7th  
Jere & Linda Klein 22nd

*Happy Birthday*

Joyous Arlene Kubat 1st  
Bill Selby 18th  
Drew Fotta 25th

*GET WELL SON!*

Joanne Seiler

**FOR SALE**

### Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car 29K  
\$13,000

2002 Avalance, 203K Z71 PKG, loaded \$5,000.  
Deck lid lock cylinder with keys  
Pad - deck lid lock cylinder 55/56  
Set 4 orig. 55/56 wire hubcaps with clips B/O  
Bird white tonneau cover B/O  
Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

### Parts for Sale

4 orig. wire wheel covers for a 56. Includes clips, outer rings, and center covers. Call Paul 201-289-4781

### Portable Generator

Powermate portable 3250/4040 watts. Wheels. Call Paul 201-286-4781

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

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June 21st

# Hospital Drive Up



Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician

## Cruise Nights

Tuesday

Clifton - Rutt's Hut ???

Thursday

Hackettstown-219 Mountain Rd (Lowes)???

Saturday

Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto

Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd ??

## Car Shows-Swap Meets

These car shows are listed on njcarshows.com

- see listing for contact info to find out if still going to be held

6/28 Wayne-475 Valley Rd-Wayne-Municiple parking lot

6/28 Demarest-162 Knickerbocker Rd



June 20th. Longest day of the year

## Ford History in June

6/4/1896 Hnry Ford made a successful test run of his horseless carriage that he called a Quadracycle

6/20/1925 Ford built its 20 millionth car, just 381 days from the 10th million

## Other June History

6/14/1777 The Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag

6/6/1944 The D-Day invasion of France began

6/11/1776 The Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from England

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



## Mark Santimauro sent some pictures of his 55 Thunderbird blue undergoing restoration



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

## Instruction for Pilots

Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs

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## Five overlooked maintenance items you really shouldn't ignore

*Kurt Ernst – Hemmings Classic Car*



Riding a motorcycle teaches one many lessons, the first and foremost of which is never overlook maintenance. In my three-plus decades spent in the saddle, a pre-ride inspection was as routine as donning a helmet, gloves and riding gear, and (I'd like to think) it saved me from more than one far-from-home surprise. I'm equally diligent with four-wheeled vehicles now, particularly when planning a road trip of any distance. Here are the five things that many classic car owners often ignore – but really shouldn't.

**Tires** – Tires are among the most important components, and perhaps the single-most-important component, on any car. Tires determine traction, and with that, cornering ability and braking distance, and the advances in tire technology over the past decade are staggering. Who, if given the choice, would want poorer handling, increased braking distances, or worse fuel economy? Tires also age, in some cases degrading internally long before the sidewalls show dry rot or the treads show wear. A blowout at speed can have serious consequences, and I'm religious about changing tires once they get beyond six years in age (though honestly, I tend to wear them out long before this milestone). New tires aren't inexpensive, but an accident involving other motorists—and potentially hospital or medical bills—is a far costlier matter. Always check tire pressure before a road trip, but be sure you're checking it cold (first thing in the morning, before the sun has warmed the tires, is the ideal time). Set the tires to the manufacturer's recommended pressure (typically found in the driver's door jamb, fuel filler door, or in the owner's manual), and not to the maximum pressure on the tire's sidewall. Do a cursory inspection of the tire, looking for cuts, punctures, sidewall cracking or any uneven wear, and pay attention to the measured tire pressures. If one tire shows significantly less pressure than the others, this could be a sign of a puncture, leaking valve stem, or other issue sure to manifest far from home.

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**From Pitt Birds**



**Bill - one of these could be yours**