



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

April 2025

2025 Meeting Schedule

April 13	Bob Sabino
April 27	Spring Cruise
May 18	Tom Mirro -MTG
May 18	Tom Mirro-Tune Up
June	Pat LeStrange
July	Steve Handy
August	Picnic
September	Phil Guidone
October	Rich Iuso
November	Don Dobres
December	Christmas Party

The next meeting is April 13th
Bob & Toni Sabinao are the hosts.
RSVP 973-618-8085 or
tonisabino@yahoo.com

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



It's Spring get the Birds ready. Harold's trip will have been taken place by time you read this newsletter. Toni has told me the turn out seems on the light side , I hope more members do show up.

I know most of you have heard of the passing of Joan MacMillan on Feb. 28th she fought her Cancer bravely. Also Mel Ramo's brother also passed in March. Condolences go out to both families.

Route 80 will still remain a mess for the next few months, so stay away, we know how our birds are when stuck in traffic.

I have sent a check to the Morris county park commission to reserve our spot for our picnic in August.

It Looks like more meeting hosts are using Anthony Franco's in Wayne and that is working put very well..

Stay Safe and healthy

Patrick Le Strange
President NJORTC



Bob Sabino's 62





Vice President's Message



Spring is on its way, really it is!!! We have had some nice days, but the wind is what is keeping it cold. Just think in one more month cruise nights will start. Sooo with that said, it's time to get our cars out of hibernation and get them ready for the cruising season.

Some more sad news, Mel Ramos lost his brother last week. Our condolences are with Mel and his family. Also sending our prayers. This is all we are hearing since the first of the year. We have to start hearing some good news!!!

Tom and Sue Mirro's grandson was in a serious snowmobile accident. He was in very serious condition. I am happy to report that he was sent home from hospital doing better, but still recovering. So glad he is doing better.

I was not at the last meeting, but heard there was sooo much good food. Thanks Aileen and Bruce for hosting.

The Sweetheart Brunch was very good. The restaurant was nice, the buffet was very good and, of course, the company was great. Also thank you Julie for making the Thunderbird magnets, they are great. I think we all had a good time and more than enough to eat. Thank you Lucille and Julieanne for chairing the event. We all decided to go back to the Stone Water next year.

On Sunday, April 27th our Club is cruising to The Armour Steiner Octagon House and then out to eat. There is more info about this cruise in this newsletter. Thank you Mike Perillo for chairing this event.

Happy Passover, Orthodox Easter and Easter to all.

Always be safe, see you soon, Arlene



March Meeting

The meeting was well attended. Like the company, the food was good. Thanks to Bruce and Aileen for hosting.

Highlights of the Business Meeting

The reading of the minutes from the last meeting waived, the treasurer's report was by Pat.

Pat mentioned he has updated the website roster and asked the members to check their info.

Toni spoke about the upcoming Harold's trip.

Mike went over the spring cruise to the Armour-Stiner Octagon House

Next meeting April 13



Membership News

Happy Anniversary



Mel Ramos 1st
Annette Schmidt 13th
Charles Musto 16th
Lucille Chabala 27th

GET WELL
SON!

Condolences.

To Steve Handy on the passing of Joan McMillan

To Mel Ramos on the passing of his brother

A message from Walter

I want to wish everyone a great spring and summer season and many pleasant miles in the Birds!!!!

A message from Tom & Sue Mirro

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for our grandson T J. After weeks in the hospital, he is finally home. There will be a two-three month recovery at home.



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IN MEMORIAM

Joan McMillan

Thanks to Donna and Diane for the Harold's pictures

Club Announcements

April Meeting

The April meeting is scheduled for **April 13th at 1 PM**. Venue is Anthony Franco's, 1176 Hamburg TPKE, Wayne. Be sure to RSVP Toni Sabino

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.

May Meeting/Tune Up Clinic

This combo is on May 18th. Tom & Sue Mirro are hosts for both. Let Tom know in advance if you plan on doing any work to your car. Additional info next month



Cars & Coffee

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

Cruise Nights

Monday

Tuesday

Elmwood PK 95-111 Rte 46W Pizza Town(4/1)

Wednesday

Wycoff 422 Cedar Hill Ave-Christian Ref. Church (4/16)

Thursday

River Vale 636 Westwood Ave-Dunkin

Friday

Saturday

Car Shows/Swap Meets

4/6 Wayne-46 Rte 46 Northeast Customs

4/13 Totowa-537 Totowa Rd (rear)

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

4/27 Morristown-2 Whippany Rd (Governor Morris Hotel)

4/27 Boonton-Main St.

5/3 Park Ridge-123 Colony Ave-Town pool

5/4 Elmwood Park-300 Market St-St Leo's Sch

5/4 Carlstadt-350 Michele Pl.-Nam Knights

5/4 Morristown-170 Ridgedale Ave-Nielson Ford

If you have info on other cruise nights or shows please email me.



April 22 - plant a tree

For Sale

1961 TBird



1961 Thunderbird one owner (although now titled in my name) Rebuilt 390, rebuilt; Radiator, exhaust, brakes, rear leaf springs, battery and battery tray, hood pad, trunk mat set, carpet and front seats, ps, pb, pw. Car is garaged and located in Butler, NJ 13k or best offer. Contact Steve Schmidt 1524


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Things My Mother Taught me
Foresight-Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident

Ever Wonder Why ?
Noses run while feet smell

Harold's Deli

We made our yearly trip to Harold's Deli to get that delicious pastrami and other good food.

A very nice surprise was to see that Walter had come. It was great to see him. I understand that Paul A picked him up - kudos to him. We had 22 attending. And the trip was not wasted as the pastrami and other food was just as good as ever. As usual, everybody left with leftovers to savor another day. And Joe didn't disappoint us - he had his usual ice cream sunday with two cones sticking out. The only downer ? was Paul A was not able to get his napoleon because the baker was out. Maybe next year. A very nice get together and thanks to Toni for putting the event together.



April 15th





Tech Tips Miscellaneous

Do you have some tight screws? Before you screw up the threads, put some valve grinding compound on the tip of the screwdriver. This will help the screwdriver to hold that tight screw and will not slip out of the slot. This will work for either straight or phillips screws.

Have an awful time with silicone sealant tubes getting plugged up? Next time you are through with the tube, squeeze some out so that it sticks up. Then put the tapered top (use a spare one that does not have the end cut off). Then, when you need the silicone again, take off the top and there will be some sticking up. Simply pull this out of the tube and the soft silicone is available to squeeze out.

Pretty messy are we? When pouring liquids from jugs such as an anti-freeze bottle, do it "bass-ackward". Have the spout at the top (highest point) as you tilt the bottle over the hole. This gives you much more control over the liquid as it comes out. It will not "glug, glug" and splash everywhere, as air can get in to replace the liquid coming out. It is easier to aim and get every drop in the fill hole.



THE SATURDAY EVENING POST 49

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March 23, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,



My name is Michael Schroll, and I am a Life Scout with Troop 159 in Hewitt, NJ. I've been involved in Scouting since the first grade, and I'm currently working towards earning my Eagle Scout rank. As part of this journey, I'm undertaking a service project that aims to give back to our community, and I'm reaching out to you for your support.

The Eagle Scout project is a significant undertaking that requires planning, leadership, and execution to benefit a local organization. I've chosen the West Milford First Aid Squad (WMFAS) on Ridge Road as the beneficiary of my project. As you know, WMFAS provides invaluable 24/7 emergency services to our community, and I wanted to support their efforts.

The current patio at their Ridge Road location is inadequate for their needs. My project involves removing, rebuilding, and expanding this patio to create a functional space where they can host community events, fundraisers, and provide a gathering place for their dedicated volunteers and their families. This new patio will significantly enhance their ability to serve our community.

My Eagle Scout project has now entered the fundraising phase, and I am seeking donations to help make this vision a reality. Any contribution, no matter the size, will be greatly appreciated and will directly support the West Milford First Aid Squad.

I would be happy to meet you in person if you desire. Please let me know what date, time and location will work for you.

For your convenience, you can contribute through my GoFundMe campaign at <https://gofund.me/3a691257>. If you prefer to donate via check or other means, please contact me to arrange.

Thank you for considering my request and for your commitment to our community. I believe that together, we can make a positive impact on the West Milford First Aid Squad and the people they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Schroll".

Michael Schroll
Life Scout, Troop 159, Hewitt, NJ - OLQP





Free Event

ACCESS FOR ALL FAIR

for People with Different Abilities

JUNE 1, 2025 - 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

Fair Lawn Memorial Park

Games, Rides, Face Painting, DJ, Food & Much More!!

Offered by the NJ Metro Rotary Club and the Fair Lawn Sunrise Rotary Club