



New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

December 2024

2024/2025 Meeting Schedule

December 8	Christmas Party
Proposed	2025 Schedule
Jan/Feb	Mike Perillo
February	Sweetheart Brunch
March	Bruce Corbett
April	Bob Sabino
May	Tom Mirro
June	Pat LeStrange
July	Steve Handy
September	Phil Guidone
October	Rich Iuso
November	Don Dobres

The Christmas party is the December "meeting" No other meeting is scheduled.

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



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all our members and families. May you all have a safe, happy and healthy Holiday season.

Looks like Winter is here after a long stretch of dry weather, then on 11/21 we had a day of heavy rain and for many of us the next day snow. I was not expecting the 6" of heavy snow and so I did not get the tops off my 2 gazebos and they both collapsed. 1 maybe repairable but the other is a complete loss.

I'm sure all our T-Birds were tucked away and ready for their long Winter's nap.

I am very Happy to see the large response to our Holiday party at a new location, The Lake Hopatcong Elk's lodge #782. 201 Howard Blvd. (exit 30 off Rt. 80) Mount Arlington, NJ. Take it from me you won't be disappointed. A big shout out to Arlene Kubat and her helpers, Toni Sabino and Steve Handy for putting it all together.

Patrick Le Strange President NJORTC





Vice President's Message



What a strange week of weather, first no rain, water shortage problem then finally a little rain, then more rain and then a snow storm, we cannot make this up!!! Now it is time to put our little Tbirds to sleep for a long winters night.

To all our members who are still not feeling well, please hang in there, we all pray you feel better soon. Our prayers do work.

I want to thank Valerie and Bruce for hosting our November meeting. It was a great meeting. Plenty of good food, a lot of Valarie's homemade desserts, which were also very good. It seems like everyone who attended the meeting were relaxed and in a good mood.

If this newsletter doesn't get out before Thanksgiving, Happy Thanksgiving to all. If it comes out after Thanksgiving, hope you all had a great day and remembered what we are all thankful for and ate plenty of good food and whole lot of desserts.

Julie Ann is still looking for restaurants to have our Sweet Heart Brunch. If anyone has any ideas please notify Julie Ann or Lucille.

Listed elsewhere in this newsletter is who are hosting meetings in 2025. Please notify Toni two months before your meeting with a date and if possible the name and address of where you are going to host your meeting. As you all know it is mandatory to host a meeting. If you cannot host the meeting you are slated for you have to try and switch with someone else. If not successful then notify Toni for help. (Editor's note - failure to hold your meeting can mean dismissal from the club)

Thank you for nominating and voting for me as your Vice President and Steve Handy for Treasurer once again. We are more than happy to keep our position.

December 8th is our Christmas party. Thank you everyone who are coming, we have a total of 59 people attending this year. The most we have had in many years. Thank you to most of you who also let me know that you could not attend. As usual we have had some that never answered one way or the other! I hope this year we all have a Wonderful Time. Good food, good music, good raffles and most important

the best Club. Cannot wait for our annual visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Please enjoy the Holidays and most important stay safe.

Happy and Healthy to all .Love Arlene and Joe

November Meeting

A very nice Fall day brought out our members so it was well attended meeting. While not a lot of business to to attend to, all enjoyed getting together. Arlene presided. Some members' cars are still on the road, we had 5 little birds attending as well as Steve Schmidt's big bird, a recent acquisition.. We also had a guest, Jacek Kosmala, who later joined the club. Good food too (liked the fruit cake). Thanks to Valerie and Bruce for hosting- they stepped up when the original host bowed out.

Highlight of the business meeting

The treasure's report was made an accepted. There was no secretary's report.

Nominations were requested for the offices of Treasurer and Vice Presiden't. Only Steve and Arlene, respectively, were nominated.. Since they were the only nominations, the Secretary cast the vote for both as per the by-laws.

Julie Ann is still looking for a venue for the Sweetheart brunch. Suggestions were welcome.

Arlene went over the plans for the Christmas party.

50/50 won by Rosemarie Ingersoll

Next meeting - the Christmas party 12/8

November Meeting Pics



Membership News

Happy Anniversary

Rob & Linda Burns 24th

HAPPY Birthdays

Bill Jessie 3rd
Toni Sabino 4th
Paul Schroll 15th
Bruce Corbett 20th
Mike Perillo 21st
Lois Martin 21st
George Gayett 25th

GET WELL SON!

Irene Douma\



Winter Soltice 12/21 Shortest day of the year

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Club Announcements

Christmas Party

The Christmas party is on **December 8** (Sunday) Location is the Elks Lodge, 210 Howard St, **Mount Arlington** (not to be confused with No. Arlington). Time is **3 PM** to 8 PM.. Cost is the same as last year, \$65.00 per person. Attendees get the usual dues credit. There will be a Toys For Tots collection. No grab bag. Contact Arlene if you are going.

January/February Meeting

No information on this yet.



Cars & Coffee

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



For Sale

1955 T-Bird

Goldenrod yellow clearcoat. 1989 Mustang H.O. , Fuel Injection, Paxton supercharger. 12 Volt. Griffin radiator. T-5 trans, Hurst shifter. Disc brakes (Lincoln Versailles), dual master. Continental Kit. Flowmaster mufflers. Traction bars. Power steering. Hard (white) and soft (black) tops. 55 Fairlane headlight rims. 56 Merc station wagon tail lights. Wire wheels and radials. Custom Sound radio with 10 CD changer. Located in New Jersey. \$ 38,000. For additional information and pictures contact Joe Kubat 973-900-1923


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October 'Meeting'

As was stated in last month's newsletter, there was not a formal meeting because there was not a quorum of members. However, our host, Charles Musto, had all his cars prepped and on display for those attending. He still is collecting the Dual Gias which are Dodge hemi powered as well as his 57 'F' birds.. New to his collection are some 57 'F' Skyliners as well as few Mustangs, one a 65 race only Mustang from back in the day and a Boss 429 .

His TBird collection has gotten larger and includes the complete set (5) of dusk rose "F" Birds that were built. He mentioned he is expanding his buildings for more cars. He had great stories to go along with the cars he has.

The tour was followed by a nice lunch at a local eatery. Many thanks to Charles for hosting the event. See the web site for all the pics, here are a few





NOS body at the left, frame at back



Remember Pearl harbor - Dec. 7, 1941



Parts anyone? Just a small sample



Things My Mother Taught Me
Logic - Because I said so, that's why

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes
that could have been wine

FLASHBACK



The only problem in posing this picture was getting the two Fords to stand still.

Seven good reasons for two FORDS

To free their family from one-car captivity the Bremers got two Fords: a Country Sedan and a Thunderbird—the car that inspired the styling and performance of all '56 Fords.

“We saw the need for a second car even before our first youngster arrived. If you’re married you know why. The five children just made two Fords *more* necessary. I need a car for business. My wife needs one for ferrying the family.

“Why are they Fords? In the first place, you can’t beat Ford’s looks at *twice* the price. You get extra zip in a Ford V-8, too. That’s why it’s the world’s best seller! It’s a good investment, too. Nothing at the price keeps its value like a Ford. And, of course, you don’t need children to appreciate the extra safety of Ford Lifeguard Design,” says Mr. Bremer.

SEE YOUR LOCAL FORD DEALER



The Country Sedan, one of six Ford do-it-alls, has 4-doors, lots of room. And its 202-h.p. V-8 is the most powerful standard “8” in its field.

The Ford Thunderbird inspired the styling for *all* Fords. And you can have its own 225-h.p. Special V-8 in most of them.

Join the 300,000 **TWO FORD** families!