



# New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

## Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



# The Thunder Heard

## June 2025

### 2025 Meeting Schedule

June 22	Pat LeStrange
July 13	Steve Handy
August 10	Picnic
September	Phil Guidone
October	Rich Iuso
November	
December 7	Christmas Party

The next meeting is June 22nd  
Pat LeStrange is the host. RSVP  
rolodexp@aol.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

Our May meeting was very well attended, hosted by Tom and Sue Mirro. We had a special guest speaker, who enlightened us to a lot of Thunderbird issues. The tune up clinic went great with about 8 Thunderbirds present and 5 having work done. The pictures are posted on the web site's photo page as well as the Spring cruise. I am looking forward to all the events this summer, so try to participate in as many as you can.

I received an e mail from Mara Madden(former member). Her and Todd had their T Bird in a shop that closed suddenly, leaving their T Bird's dashboard disassembled. They are in need of some one to put it back together, mostly wiring. If you know of a place that can do it please let them know at maramadden@yahoo.com

The June meeting will be hosted by me on the 22nd at Anthony Franco's in Wayne at 2 pm. Please let me know if you are coming at rolodexp@aol.com.

I have submitted all the necessary paperwork for the August 10th picnic

Stay safe  
Patrick Le Strange  
President NJORTC



Pat LeStrange's 57



### Vice President's Message



All I can say is that the grass, trees and flowers are growing with all these showers. I also feel we are back in early March and not the end of May where it should be much warmer!!! Cruise nights are having a hard time starting, only a couple had a fairly decent night, but rest have rained or too cold.

Some good news two lanes have opened up going east on Rte. 80 after being closed for months due to under ground mines. Hope more lanes keep opening up on both sides of Rte. 80. Traffic has been horrible all over cause of this problem!!!

Thank you Sue and Tom Mirro for hosting the Tune-up clinic and our May meeting. Even though the turnout was light, the tune-up clinic went well and meeting was good. We had a guest at our meeting, Dave Berkey, an At Large Director from CTCI. We had a lot of questions for him and he gave us a lot of information.

Lois Martin had a procedure for her back. Let's hope it works. Donna Jesse and Paul Adamoff are also having bad back issues and are working on the problems. George Gayet has been in and out of the hospital and having a whole lot of health issues going on. Not looking good for him. Keep him in your prayers. Like I always say our prayers help.

It's that time of the year that I like to recognize and congratulate all our Children or Grandchildren for graduating from Kindergarten through College. At the meeting I was able to get a few names of graduates, but I need to hear from the rest of you guys please. I need their name, what school they graduated from and what school they will be attending.

Congratulations to:  
Rich and Lois on Erica Martin - graduating from College - Montclair State College , Evan Martin - Masters - Delaware - Mechanical Engineering and Joseph Martin - Discharge from Air Force - Thanks Joseph for serving our Country.

Bill and Donna Jessie on Madison Jessie - North Rockland High School, will be attending Wentworth College to study Engineering  
Al and Lorraine Cirinelli - Mazzy Cirinelli - graduated in three years from Drew University

and will attend Staten Island University for her Masters and Layne Cirinelli - Boonton High School, will be attending Kean University in the Fall

Julie Anne Morrison (Son) Lucille Chabala (Grandson) on Kyle Morrison - Penn State University

Congratulations to all our students. May all your dreams come true. NJORTC are proud of you all.

Hope you all had a good Memorial Day.

All you dads and granddads have a great Father's Day

See you soon, Arlene

### May Meeting

A great day to get out. The sun was shining and the temps were good. We had a good numbers of members attending, along with 8 Tbirds. We had a guest, the local CTCI At Large Director Dave Berkey with whom we discussed various matters concerning the club and CTCI. The food and hospitality were excellent. Many thanks for Tom and Susan for hosting the event.

#### Highlights of the Business Meeting

The reading of the minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted, as well as the the treasurer's report.

Donna went over various matters relating to CTCI.

Arlene asked for names of member's children who are graduating school for recognition in the newsletter.

Mike went over the spring cruise and said he has ideas for next year.

Arlene asked for ideas for the picnic in August.

50/50 was won by Lois

Pauline was the winner of a TBird electrical manual donated by Dave Berkey.

Next meeting June 22nd.



JUNE 15TH



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Mark & Joyce Santimauro 7th  
Ron & Merry Case 19th  
Jere & Linda Klein 22nd

*HAPPY Birthdays*

Arlene Kubat 1st  
Jacek Kosmala 7th  
Carrie Meehan-Moore 18th  
Valerie Kriney 20th

*GET WELL SON!*

## May Meeting Pics



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June 14th.

## Club Announcements

### June Meeting

The June meeting is **June 22nd** at **2 PM**  
**(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**. Venue is  
Anthony Franco's, 1176 Hamburg TPKE,  
Wayne Be sure to RSVP Pat.

### July Meeting

The July meeting is scheduled for **July**  
**13th**. Additional info next month.



## Cars & Coffee

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

### Cruise Nights

#### Monday

Hawthorne- 1140 Goffle Rd-Goffle Grill

#### Tuesday

Wayne -Wendy's-Plaza Sq. Shopping CTR-637  
Hamburg TPKE (**New Location**)

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

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

Wayne-1800 RTE 23N-Kohl's  
River Vale 636 Westwood Ave-Dunkin

#### Friday

Boonton-Walmart Shopping Center

#### Saturday

### Car Shows/Swap Meets

6/1 Waldwick-4 Hewson Ave-Train Station

6/7 Midland Park-183 GodwinAve-Christian  
Reformed Church

6/7 Oradel-800 Kinderkamack Rd.

6/7 Clifton-426 Rte 3W Pizzeria Uno & Grill

6/8 Paramus-165 Rte 4W-Panera Bread

**6/21 Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave-Cross  
Roads Church-NJTA All TBIRD show**

6/22 Wayne-475 Valley Rd-Wayne town Hall

6/22 Basking Ridge-101 S. Finley Ave-Gallaway  
& Crane Funeral Home

6/22 Paterson-61-27Preakness Ave-JFK Educ.  
Complex

6/29 Bergenfield-80 S. Prospect Ave-  
Bergenfield High School

7/6 Bogota-24 River Rd-Sahara Club

7/13 River Edge-Kinderkamack & Grande  
Ave-Train Station

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





**For Sale**  
**1955 Tbird**



I'm putting my 55 up for sale after enjoying it for the past 40+ years. Less than 25k miles since a complete body off restoration, PH HT, skirts, 2x CTCI gold, 3sp OD, pwr seat, 312, 12volt, replica AM/FM radio with mp3 adapter, electronic ignition, AC, front disk brakes, upgraded suspension..., Diamondback radials installed 2022. The car has always been maintained and is in excellent condition with I believe every safety and reliability upgrade there is. Details, photos on request, everything documented asking \$26,000. Frank Gloss 845-642-8484

**Tires For Sale**

4 tires thin W/W 205/75R15 new in 2013 about 10-12000 miles on them good for local driving no highway \$100 for all four  
Bill 845 304-1257


**WANTED**

Peacock Blue 1956. Top dollar paid.  
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**PEOPLE WANTED**

Vince Ucci is looking for two people to judge Thunderbirds at the show on 9/27. Contact Vince at 973-980-4312

The trick of life is to get the sports car before you have to grunt getting in and out of it.

**Tune Up Clinic**

Of the eight cars attending, four owners wanted to have their cars looked it. It ranged from a simple oil change to more complicated items. Tom, our host, took it all in stride and with his nicely equipped garage made short work of all. And while the cars were being worked on, Sue entertained the ladies and provided the gents with coffee, bagels/donuts/ and other goodies. Many thanks to Tom and Sue for hosting this event



We never grow up - we only learn how to act in public







**Soft Top Stowage Instructions**  
**Summer is here and time to lower the top.**

**Recommend that you move the seat forward as far as it will go.**

1. Clean the window inside and out (every time you put it down)
2. Loosen all clamps. Make sure the rear clamp handles are turned back to their “locked” position parallel to the window.
3. Lift the back of the top up slightly from the rear deck.
4. Spread a large beach towel (or similar) out on the rear deck and under the rear bow of the top.
5. Unzip the window and lay it down on the towel.
6. Fold the towel up over the window so it covers it completely
7. Lift the front of the top from the windshield header and start lowering it.
8. Pull all the material from the pinch points as the top folds down (really work at this, no material in the pinch points).
9. Release the over the center braces just above the side clamps.
10. Continue to fold the top down and continue to pull ALL material out of the pinch points.
11. Again inspect all pinch points and clear the material from them
12. Lift the entire top assembly from the rear deck and swing it down behind the seat.
13. If you have drop curtain you will have to move it out of the way for step 13.
14. Carefully work the top behind the seat, it will drag on the windlances so it takes a little maneuvering to make it fit.

Take your time and do it right. Cleaning the window gets any dust off of it so it won't get scratched. Unzipping it allows it to hang straight down without a fold. All of these are critical to keep from damaging the window and not allowing the material to get caught in the folding mechanism. John Sailors, Hillsboro, OR

<b>Note - Get a helper for this - makes it a lot easier</b>
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June is a dieter's bane - it is Nat'l beer month, Nat'l Chocolate Ice Cream month, Nat'l Iced Tea Month, Nat'l Rocky Road Day (2), Nat'l Ice Cream Soda Day (20) and to top it off Nat'l Chocolate Eclair Day (22). Also it is Nat'l Rose month - so get your SO a rose.



**A step back in time - July 2014- Springfield, Mo. CTCI Convention**



**June 20th is the Summer solstice - longest day of the year**



**Like is a hot cup of coffee, a fresh newspaper and a warm toilet seat**