

New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International



The Thunder Heard

June 2012

Car Shows in Full Swing

2012 Meeting Schedule

June 16	Fireplace Restaurant
July 15	Aileen & Bruce Corbett
August	Picnic
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll
October	Gene & Diane Szura
October 6	50's Dance
October	Fall Cruise
November	Frank & Lucille Chabala
December 1	Holiday Party

The June meeting will be on June 16th at 2 PM and will be at the Fireplace Restaurant, 718 Rte 17 No. , Paramus (at Ridgewood Ave exit)

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



Our last meeting was at the Martin's home. It also was our Tune Up Clinic. There were a lot of little Birds there inside and out. If you have been to the Martin's you know what a great "basement" they have. A lot of work was done on several of the Birds. It was all in all a terrific day. Around 1 o'clock we held out regular meeting then went back to work on the cars. many thanks to the Martin's for hosting the clinic and meeting.

Show season is here. I went to my first of the year at Franklin Lakes. They spotlighted T-Birds and model T's. There were over 200 cars and plenty of vendors. Alec, Paul A and me and Joanne were the last to leave and got rained on a little but by the time we left Paul & Alec put their tops back down.

Keep checking on your emails as we are trying to confirm the next meeting. We are scheduled for the Fireplace in Paramus (see left for preliminary time-ed).

Best wishes and speedy recovery for our "Under the Weather" members Eve, Frank, Lucille and Gene.

Don't forget our picnic is in July this year. We are expecting a large group from the South Jersey club.

Enjoy the TBirds, the season is here.

See you all soon. Pat LeStrange.





A few words from Alec

The weather this weekend was what every car collector dreams of two perfect days.

A big show each day and the annual Tune Up Clinic and club meeting at the Martin's with 15 TBirds in attendance. The Tune Up Clinic went from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM, probably a record time wise.

On Saturday several club members won awards and the show on Sunday packed the huge lot in Upper Saddle River by 10AM. A great way to kick off the cruise and show season in our area.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

May Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Lois and Rich Martin on a perfect spring day and was in conjunction with the Tune Up Clinic (see page 4) . The sun was bright and the temperature just right, making the meeting one of the best attended. Lois put out a great spread and Aileen Corbett brought some delicious desserts. Thanks to Rich & Lois for hosting.

Highlights of the Business meeting

The Secretary's report was made and accepted. The Treasurer's report was made by Arlene and accepted.

Rich Martin and Pat reported on the Memphis convention. 180 cars are registered.

CTCI notified Lois that there was a problem with the CTCI Roster so it will be mailed out late.

Pat reported that there are no regional conventions slated for 2013 at the present and that he has sent an email to the region's clubs to see if they want to do one with our help.

The 50's dance was discussed. Date set for Oct 6th.

Mike reported that the picnic plans are going forward - Date 7/29. Paul S. reported on Memphis caravan plans .

There was a discussion on updating the web site.

Because there was a problem with the June meeting, it was decided to have it at the Fireplace restaurant on Rte 17 No. in Paramus. Time to be announced.



Flag day -June 14th



Vice President's Message

Weather - as of writing this for the newsletter, the last nice day we had was when we had the Tune Up Clinic. Since then it has been hot, humid and rain, rain, rain. I know it will get better.

As for the TUC, we had a good number of cars and plenty of work to be done. I think all the guys were in their glory!!! We also had our monthly meeting with a great turnout. I believe it was the longest TUC and meeting we had. The weather was so beautiful that no one wanted to go home. Some of us were there for almost 12 hours. Thank you Lois and Rich for a great day. Fantastic weather, beautiful cars, great people and delicious food - what more can we ask for?

It was the first day Joe had his TBird out. On our way to Rich and Lois' I asked Joe to put on some music. He said no, all the music he want to hear is the great sound of his mufflers!!!

As you all know, Lucille had triple bypass heart surgery. As of right now she is still in the hospital. She has had a couple of set backs, but will be home soon. Lucille, our prayers are with you. Franks is scheduled for a hip replacement June 1st-we wish him well. also.

I also hope Dorothy Guidone is feeling better. My prayers are also with Joanne's mom and Wendy's dad, who are both sick.

I hope everyone gets their cars on the road and go to plenty of cruise nights and car shows. The little Birds are so much fun and the season will go fast so enjoy, enjoy enjoy!!!

Our club picnic is almost here. I hope all our members come. We always have plenty of food and a great time (bring your TBirds).

Before you know it we will be going to Memphis for the CTCI Convention. Paul S. and Shelley have made all connections going to and returning from Memphis. Thanks Shelly and Paul for your hard work. Hope everyone who is driving their TBirds have a safe trip

See you soon, Arlene.

Membership News

Anniversary

Frank & Lucille Chabala 2nd
 Alex & Diane Marsiglio 7th
 Joe & Lorrie Matrone 22nd
 Don & Dorothy Dobres 27th



Alex Marsiglio 14th
 Arlene Kubat 1st
 Paquito D'Rivera 4th
 Nick Malanga 6th
 Brenda Feliciano 13th
 Bill Selby 18th
 Dorothy Dobres 22nd

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala
 Eva Tucci
 Lucille Chabala
 Gene Szura
 Dorothy Guidone

FOR SALE

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.

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1500's

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled good? by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence, the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

May Meeting & Tune Up



Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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.
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Club Events

Club Picnic

Keep July 29th open. This is the date for the picnic at Schooley's Mountain (same location as last year - remember last year with all the liquid sunshine?) Additional details will be forthcoming - we will be discussing the details at the next two meetings. If you have any suggestions please bring them to the next meetings. If you need directions email me (Paul).

Preliminary 2012 Schedule

June - Chatterbox (& drive in movie?)?
July 29 - Picnic - Schooley's Mtn
August - Memphis Convention
Sept - Warwick, NJ Drive In movie ?
October - Fall cruise
October 6 - 50's dance
December 1 - Holiday party

Tune Up Clinic Great Success

This was held in conjunction with the May meeting, and as noted on page 2 it was a beautiful spring day.

There were 16 Tbirds were present, about 4 that had come for some type of repair/maintenance. Paul A changed his fuel pump, Pat did some brake work, Al checked had a gas leak checked out and repaired a bad window regulator. The biggest job of all was Mike installing an air conditioning system in his 56 in preparation of the trip to Memphis. He and Wendy are really going to be "cool" folks. This was actually a culmination of a number of items Mike did to his car, which he brought up earlier in the week and did a flex plate replacement. Do you know that you can remove the engine of a early Bird without removing the hood? Rich seems to have it all down pat when working on the early Birds.

Besides the work done on the cars, the ladies and those members who just came up to visit had good time kibbitzing. Martha Dowling had a great story to tell about going to a bookstore looking for some risqué book.

Lois said that the clinic/meeting probably has sent some kind of record for length - the first one came at 8:30 AM and the last person left at 8:30PM. Many thanks to Rich Martin in providing the space, tools and knowledge so the work could be done to our cars.

Cruise Nights

Monday

Rochelle Park 375 West Passiac St (Mr Cupcakes)
1st Monday of the month

Saddlebrook-427 market St. (Advance Auto)

Tuesday

Mahwah-Ramapo Valley Rd (RT 202) Creamery
Snack Bar

Wayne-Wendy's-Rte 23 North

Carlsadt-645 Washington (The Grasshopper)

Clifton, Ruts Hut

North Bergen-2849 Kennedy Rd. (Sonic Drive IN)

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Englewood-412 South Van Brunt St (4 West Diner)

Wayne - Rte 23 West (Wendy's)

Thursday

E. Rutherford-Chebberger/Chebberger Rte 17 SO

Emerson-Emerson Shopping Center,
Kinderkermack Rd.

Hackettstown-Mountain Ave (Lowe's and Wendy's
Shopping Ctr.

Wayne- Rte 23 West (Kohl's)

Friday

Midland Park Greenwood Ave (Hot Dog Caboose)

Elmwood Park-Legion Place (Am. Legion Post 147)

Boonton-Wooten St. (Wal-Mart shopping Ctr)

Saturday

Lynhurst-1050 Wall St. (Whiskey Cafe)

Local Show Pics



Car Shows-Swap Meets

6/1-6/3- Carlisle PA Ford Nationals

6/3-Waldwick 7 Hewson Ave.

-Elmwood Park 180 Broadway (K-Mart)

-Edison 855 Grove St John Stevens High Sch

6/9-Pompton Plains,60 Sunset Rd- All Tbird show F

6/10-Demarest-162 Knickerbocker Rd (No. Valley High
School

-Washington Township-701 Ridgewood Ave
Westwood High School

6/16-6/17 Teterboro-Teterboro Airport-Wings & Wheels

6/27 Wayne 475 Valley Road-Tri Cty Cruisers.

6/30-Oakland-97 Yawpo Ave-Indian Hill High School F

I have flyers on some of these (F)

For more shows go to

<http://holtononline.com/carshows.html>

www.newjerseycarshows.com (reactivated)

CTCI Convention-Birds at Beale

For 2012 - the Memphis National Convention. A
schedule and registration forms are available
online.

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

Elvis fans should certainly plan to attend and the
list of events includes plans for a riverboat cruise on
the mighty Mississippi and a Memphis Music Tour
to name a few. Plus the show is inside. Make your
plans now and get your Bird ready.

NOTES

The special rate rooms at the host hotel have all
been booked. There are additional rooms available
but at a higher rate. There are rooms available at
other hotels which are close by at the original rate.
An email was sent out with the contact information.

If you do not have this information please contact
the editor of the newsletter.

There has been a significant number of registrations
already. It is advisable to get your registration in
early as space for the tours and other events may be
limited - so if you want to go to these register now.



May Meeting & Tune Up



Caravans To Memphis and Return

Planning is completed except for the meeting spot of the Sunday group. (suggestions?). The stops both on the way down and way back have been determined and the hotels booked. Because of Shelley's contacts in the travel field, we will be able to obtain better motels at medium price rates.

The stops on the way down will be in Salem, VA and Dickson, TN. On the way back the stops will be in Knoxville, TN and Winchester, VA (these two have been changed from earlier points) .

Complete information on the rooms and route have been sent to all parties. If you haven't gotten this, please email Paul S. Everybody will have a 24 cancellation period if there is an emergency and cannot attend. Shelley is getting the rooms under her name (needed for the discount) and those using the rooms will pay Shelley. Payment to Shelly should be by August 1st. She will hold your check until the trip is over in case there are any last minute cancellations. This is applicable for both groups.



More Local Show Pics



NJORTC at Franklin Lakes (not shown Pat's 57 and Charlies 56)



Ramsey



Ramsey



Midland Park

Tech Tips

Radiator Hose Replacement Tips

Radiator hoses should be inspected every time your cars cooling system is flushed and the coolant replaced. Also inspect the hoses whenever the radiator, water pump or thermostat are serviced. Hoses showing wear, damage or deterioration should be replaced immediately. It is recommended that hoses over 4 years old be replaced due to age.

If hoses are swollen, soft or sticky, expect oil damage caused by an oil leak. Repair the leak before replacing hoses. Sometimes oil come from excessive oil in the coolant, which is usually indicated by milky-like oil slick in the coolant.

Try to loosen by twisting the hose. If this does not work, use a sharp knife to slit the hose and peel off. Be careful with the knife so you don't cut the radiator spout.

Check the coolant in the drain pan for any type of contamination. Leaks can occur if you have a blown head gasket, cracked cylinder hear or block or a leak in the automatic trans cooler at the bottom of the radiator.

After years of use, with repeated changes in temperature, hoses can "bond" to the metal spouts. Be care full in removing the hoses to prevent damaging the spouts or worse break the weld or braze on the radiator. Slitting the hose as mentioned above will make it easier to remove.

Clean any corrosion from the spout for better sealing of the new hose. From the Early Bird



Jean Harlow 34? Caddy

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

Walpack Inn Cruise



If you are spelling out numbers,(one, two, three etc.)
when would you first use the letter "a"
(Prize question - last months trivia question was not
fully answered.)



Thanks to Joanne for the pics.

SIGNS
On an electrician's truck
"Let Us Remove Your Shorts"