

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



# The Thunder Heard

March 2022

**2022 Meeting Schedule**

March 20	Lucille Chabala
April 24	Joe Kubat
May 15	Bruce Corbett
May 15	Tune-Up Clinic
June	Donna Jessie
July	Al Cirinelli
August	Picnic
September	John Pyrros

No meeting in for January/February.  
The March meeting is on March 20th.  
Hosts are Julie Ann & Lucille. RSVP  
Lucille at 973-731-9133

**If you cannot host your meeting as scheduled, it is your responsibility to get someone to switch with.**

Please let Arlene 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](#)



We are getting through the Winter without too much trouble, and that is good..

We had our Board Meeting on Feb 12. The books looked good you can read the in the members area on the web site. we discussed the 2022 activities, and hope fully we will be able to do them all. We still have a few dues hold outs, they will be given a final notice. The 3 trustees have all accepted to stay on. We have also made some changes to our condolence gifts.

We have picked a new location for our holiday party. We will cover these item in more depth at the March meeting. Glad to say our Sweetheart Brunch was very well attended. Every one had a good time. The pictures are up on the web site in the picture page.

As always stay healthy and pray for our members and their families who are under the weather or just going through difficult times

*Pat LeStrange*





### Vice President's Message



We keep getting a tease on our weather, one day we think Spring is in the air and then the next day snow and cold!!! One thing we can look forward to is that in a few weeks (Sunday, March 13th) we turn our clocks ahead, sooo we we will have more daylight, yeah!!! Anyway let's get our little birds out of hibernation and start cleaning them up for Spring ahead.

Walter Strohmaier is still having serious back issues. Hope he feels better soon. Hopefully everyone else is staying healthy.

Last week we had our annual Board meeting at Delizias. Very successful. We did an audit on the Treasurers books. Motion was made to accept the books motions made and all approved. We discussed other matters that will be discussed at our next monthly meeting. I am happy to report that Pat is back after taking a leave for a while after Joanne's death. We welcome him back with open arms

Suzanne Gayet and Julie Anne will be working on our Spring Cruise. Looking for someone to host Fall Cruise. Because of COVID we are putting Harold's Deli on hold until September or October. I have booked a new venue for our Christmas party. The name is AIDiLa in East Rutherford , Saturday, December 3rd. The name of the venue is named after one of the first songs Connie Francis sang. Please save the date.

Our next meeting is March 20th 2:00, Anthony Franco's, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ. Please let Lucille Chabala know if you are attending or not attending.

[Luluchab@aol.com](mailto:Luluchab@aol.com) or 973-731-9133. Joe and myself are hosting Aprils meeting on Sunday, April 24th. 2:00 pm, Anthony Franco's, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ.

[Finallyak@yahoo.com](mailto:Finallyak@yahoo.com) or 973-900-1921. Tune-up Clinic hosted by Mike and Karrie Meehan and May meeting hosted by Aileen and Bruce Corbett will be Sunday, May 15th both held at Mike and Karrie's house. More details to follow.

Happy St. Patrick's Day. May the luck of the Irish be with you!  
Arlene

## Sweetheart Brunch

We had our Sweetheart Brunch on February 13th at McLoons Boat House in West Orange. We had 36 people attend. Food was good, roses were beautiful, ladies received heart shaped soap, men received lottery tickets. Tables had red heart confetti on them, (very pretty). Julieanne Morrison and Lucille Chabala did an excellent job chairing and hosting the Brunch. Thank you. Also thank you to Rich Iuso and Georgette for bringing heart and lip chocolate candies to spread on the tables. Of course, we had our couples pictures taken and group pictures taken with Pat with our beautiful ladies and me with our handsome men. As usual a great time by all.

Arlene



Daylight Savings Time  
March 13 - Set your clocks ahead  
Spring Forward, Fall Back



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Bill & Pat Selby 12th  
Bruce & Eileen Corbett 30th



Vince Ucci 1st  
Bruce Dailey 8th  
Joyce Santimauro 29th

**GET WELL  
SON!**

Walter Strohmaier



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.

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## Club Announcements

### March Meeting.

The March meeting is **March 20th**. Time is **2 PM**. Julie Ann and Lucille are hosts. The meeting will be held at Anthony Francos Ristorante, 1176 Hamburg Tpke, Wayne. Be sure to RSVP Lucille, including regrets

### April Meeting

The April meeting is scheduled for **April 24th**. Joe & Arlene are the hosts. Additional info next month

### May Meeting/Tune Up Clinic

A two in one get together. Mike and Carrie are the hosts. **May 15**. Details to follow



**FOR SALE**

### 55-56 Wheel Covers

Set of wire wheel covers with hub caps & clips for a '55 or '56 T-Bird or Ford sedan. Asking \$300.00

Contact Paul Adamoff 201-286-4781

### Misc Parts

Steel outer ring tire cover for Continental Kit Asking \$160.00

2 used T5 manual transmissions

Asking \$350.00 each

1 used T5 Shifter

Asking \$60.00

Contact Paul Adamoff 201-286-4781



### Betcha Didn't Know

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks

## Sweetheart Brunch

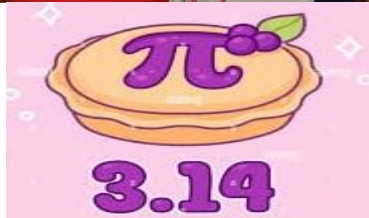


Thanks to Julie Anne, Valerie and Donna for submitting pictures









Happy PI day





## Car Shows

5/6-8 Rhinebeck NY, Dutchess CTY  
Fairgrounds

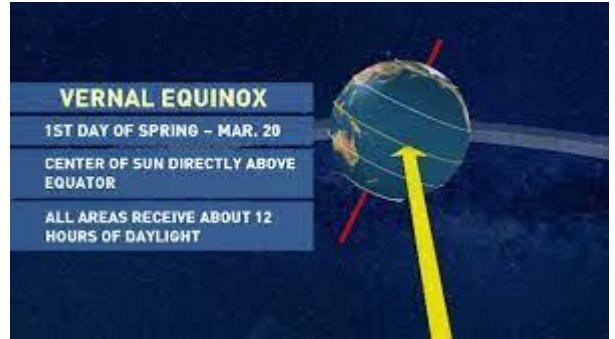


Guess who - trying to make us jealous

### Keep Healthy & Safe

#### Use your mask

While mask mandates are somewhat relaxed, they are not all gone because of the Delta and Omicron variants. They are required in certain places. And if you're one of those people that think the vaccine is a hoax, then you should still wear a mask so you won't infect the like minded others when you come down with Covid 19. Over 97 percent of new cases (and deaths) are unvaccinated people



I got tools for Valentines Day

If my body was a car, I would be trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps, dents, scratches & my headlights are out of focus. My gearbox is seizing up & it takes me hours to reach maximum speed. I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!



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## A Thunderbird Saga

My first sighting of a baby Thunderbird was in 1964  
A wondrous sight, I wanted to see more  
Just a small boy visiting grandparent's summer home  
Peddling my red fire engine, driveway alone  
A horn toot my mom's younger brother appeared  
Out of the way quickly a parking area cleared  
Looked up to my young uncle he was always fun  
Now here he was unexpected and what had he done  
Purchased a 1957 Ford Thunderbird, it was Starmist Blue  
It sparkled and shined and I just loved the hue  
A car of this color and shape I had not seen before  
It was magnificent, even better when he opened the door  
The car was so colorful and the body so sleek  
I asked to get inside to take a bird's eye peek  
Interior, a two tone lovely shade of blue and white  
Wow this car was special, a magnificent sight  
My Uncle Sonny always had nice toys, this was one  
Where did you get this, he teased a prize he had won  
Where is grandma, think she will go for a ride  
In a flash I'll see, ran to the house, looked inside  
Grandma was working in the vegetable garden out back  
Please take a rest now, continue later, back on track  
Come see, Uncle Sonny's here, look what he brought  
Quickly to see her son nary a second thought  
For a ride in this two seater, but we were three  
I was small enough please make room for me  
Loved the T-Bird and so much fun I never forgot  
Took me a while to get my own, older a- lot  
My Uncle restored many T-birds & Mustangs did collect  
My first experience with a T-bird had a lifelong affect  
July 2015 NJ Forked River for lunch docked my boat  
Parking lot, chrome gleaming 1955 T-Bird, Torch Red coat  
Visiting Hamptons, Uncle Sonny's daughter Jo-Ann, later a week or two  
Caught my eye, a lovely baby bird, 1955 Thunderbird Blue  
Thought to myself I would really like to have one of these  
Started to look for, now had a strong desire to appease  
How to go about it; buy one of these cars, no real knowledge  
To avoid pitfalls without another degree from college  
My uncle's son Guy, now curator of my uncle's car collection  
Provided me with ideas and common sense suggestion  
Join a club where you can get help and sound advice  
They know how to get a good solid running car, fair price  
NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club what fabulous luck  
Lovely people all, so kind and helpful I was awestruck  
At once I knew a member I would like to become  
Turned out to be a blast, Georgette and I have so much fun  
A member, Vince, took me to see a 1956 Buckskin Tan  
Very pretty, from then on I had confidence and a plan  
I liked what I saw, scoured the Internet, months many  
Lots of baby birds for sale all colors, selection a plenty  
I liked the Buckskin Tan with a porthole white hardtop  
Found one for sale in Beverly Hills Fla., came to a stop  
Contacted the owners Larry Mauk and Dotti Long  
Larry stated the car was in nice condition, it ran strong



Went for vacation to Clearwater Beach and to see the car  
A couple hour drive from our hotel, not too far  
Checked the car as I was told by Rich Martin our club's master mechanic  
I was alone with Georgette however I felt no trepidation, panic  
Checked for rust, none on the body or frame  
Put it up on a lift to make certain of the same  
Ran very well and was lovingly cared for  
Some issues with the paint, lead leaks, ready to walk out the door  
Georgette said no, this is a nice car, worried you won't be  
It is reasonably priced and it will be fun to drive you will see  
Honest & truthful owners, concerned to find a good home for their bird  
I assured Larry and Dotti we would, my message they heard.  
We have had this Buckskin Tan beauty now for two years plus  
Much joy and fun with NJORTC it has brought to us  
This is how the ownership of our T-bird came to be  
Many people have had a hand in its procurement not only me

Richard Iuso NJ Open Road Thunderbird Club





## Board Meeting

On Feb 12 we had a Board meeting to discuss 2022 events and other matters. In attendance were Pat LeStrange,, Arlene Kubat, Toni Sabino, Phil Guidone, John Pyrros, and Paul Schroll.

### The following business was conducted:

The annual report of the Treasurer was reviewed . The I report showed a small loss for the year. After the review the report was approved.

A discussion was held regarding contributions to various outside charities. The Board decided not to do any contributions to outside charities for the time being.

Dues : A discussion on dues was held. It was decided that dues will remain the same and members in arrears will be notified by letter and non-payment will mean cancellation of membership

Meetings: If a meeting is canceled, the host for that month will be placed for the following year. If a member is supposed to hold a meeting and either refuses or does not acknowledge his responsibility to Arlene Kubat or Toni Sabino they will automatically be expelled from the club.

Trustees: The three trustees, Paul Schroll, John Pyrros and Phil Guidone , will continue in their positions.

### Activities:

Sweetheart Brunch is being hosted by Lucille and Julie Ann.

Harold's - It was decided to cancel Harold's for this year due to the pandemic and that it will be looked into for November.

Spring Cruise - Sue and George Gayette are the host

Tune Up Clinic - Mike and Carrie are the hosts

Fall Cruise - Looking for host

Christmas Party - Arlene is the host. She mentioned that the party will be held in a new venue, will be family style, butler style cocktail hour. Price will be kept the same.

Newsletter - .Paul Schroll will stay on as editor

Condolence Gifts - After a discussion, it was decided to change the amount of the gift to \$100.00 for club members and spouses, \$75.00 for children.

Other Business - Old Papers and Files - Arlene, Toni and Pat will go through them.

Left over Merchandise and Supplies - merchandise will be brought to meetings , supplies to be used for other events or disposed of.