

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



The Thunder Heard

JULY 2010

Full Dayton Reporting

2010 Meeting Schedule

July 24	Susan & Anthony Gaeta
August 8	Mini-Concours
September	Donna & Bill Jessie
October	John & Sandra Bolger
November	Frank Gloss/Mary Green
December 5	Holiday Party-Brownstone

The July meeting will be on the 24th at 1 PM and will be hosted by Susan & Anthony Gaeta at the Pheasants Landing Rest. 311 Amwell Rd, Hillsborough
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Directions on page 10

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



I am sure everyone who went to Ohio have plenty of good stories to tell. It was a great time and everyone got there and back home safe. We had 21 club members with 9 driven cars and 3 trailered.

As President and friend, I am very proud of all the awards our group received. I am sure elsewhere in this newsletter they are listed. Everyone got there ok, with only a couple of minor problems. On the way home, Joanne & I and Henry Semmler drove straight through (about 11 hours). I believe everyone else took an overnight stay. Alex M had car trouble in PA and had to have his car towed the rest of the way home. All in all, it was a very nice convention and the side trips were interesting and enjoyable. Thanks to Alec for the very informative explanation of everything in the Air Force Museum. He knew every plane, battle and details on every display. Alex Marsiglio also was very helpful with information.

Our last meeting at Phil and Dorothy Guidone's was overflowing with club members. The food and hospitality were terrific. Special thanks to their daughter Kim for all her help. There were a lot of TBirds too. It was good to see Vince and Kathy, both recovering well from their health problems.

We welcomed out newest member from Summit, NJ, Todd Salamon and Mara Madden. They have a 1956 Navaho Gray. They said they enjoyed the meeting and received a lot of information on our future activities as well as for their TBird.

Mike Meehan has the plans coming together for the Mini-Concours/Picnic on Schooleys Mtn. This will be a fun day, so mark your calendar. And to our Thunderbird friends in the area, get in touch with us and join us.

I forgot to mention in the June newsletter-congratulations to Joe & Arlene Kubat in the marriage of their daughter Kim.

Have a safe summer and get those Birds out to a show, cruise night or just for a nice summer evening ride.

See you soon

Pat Le Strange





A few words from Alec

Well the big event we all were waiting & preparing for has come and gone and we start getting ready for next year when there will be two regionals. Our club had a great representation with 12 birds.

Pat and Paul S were awarded Senior Judge Plaques for judging at 5 events and John P was awarded his Master Judge Plaque (10 events).

Everybody (well almost everybody) that entered a Bird in judging won an award. We had 21 members attending. All in all, a nice showing by our club. So let's start preparing for next year and see if we can surpass ourselves in Birds and member in Virginia.

Happy Motoring - Alec

Dayton CTCI Convention

This was a great show. Over 200 Thunderbirds, with probably 185-190 or so Early Birds. Birds of all colors. The display area even had two under construction cars, the owners opting to bring their finished chassis and engine for the showing. In the Concours section there were 4 F Birds and they were all lined up in a row and all in black. Quite a sight to see.

At the final count, we had 12 cars at the convention and 21 members. Our members made out very well – all of them save one got awards including gold (Donna), silver (Bruce, John Bolger, John Pyrros), bronze (Alec) in various Concours' divisions. Even one of our cars entered in Touring got first place (Pat) as well as many second and third places. In addition, Pat and Paul S. were given Sr. Judge recognition and Lois was given Sr. Score Keeping recognition. John P got his master judge award. Our newsletter won a silver award.

Even the swap meet was a success as many of the items we brought were sold. Unfortunately, Walter could not make it as his car was not ready for the trip. We wish he had made it.

Even the weather cooperated. Except for rain Saturday morning for about 2 1/2 hours, the weather, both for the show and the trips to and back, was dry. Hot though

The host club, the Ohio Valley Early Birds, sure put on a great convention. The hospitality room was great, but we suffered from a sugar overdose with all the glazed doughnuts. The tours included the USAF museum which was nothing (Cont'd Pg 4)



Vice President's Message

Well. What can I say about the weather but HOT, HOT, HOT!!!!!!

I am glad to hear that everyone who attended the Ohio Convention had a good time and everyone won some kind of an award.

Our daughter's wedding is over and I had a great time. Thank God it was a great day. Now Joe and I are broke for sure!!! For a Christmas present my sons' family Gave Joe and I a cruise. We are leaving July 10th and going on a new ship, Oasis of the Seas. My son, his wife and two children are also going. We are really looking forward to it.

I hope everyone is getting out to the cruise nights and car shows now that the convention is over. You can now enjoy the cars and not have o worry to much about getting them dirty.

Our Mini-Concourse is in August and I am sure we will have nice weather because we have protection from bad weather. I am looking forward to the new park. Please let me know who is bringing what to eat. Yup – once again I am in charge of food. I am happy to hear that Frank and Phil will be our chefs once again this year. They do a great job.

I was also glad to hear that Vince and Cathy were at the meeting.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe 4th of July

See you soon

Arlene



Happy Birthday America

Membership News



Gene & Diane Szura 2nd



Frank Gloss 12th
 Bob Notar 12th
 Sandy Pyrros 16th
 Paul Adamoff 16th
 Pauline Schroll 17th
 Charlie Costa 18th
 Lorrie Matrone 19th
 Diane Szura 21st
 Alec Johnstone 24th

**GET WELL
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It's good to see all our members are well or way on the road to recovery

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Birds & Planes – the Show Slogan





June Meeting

Even though it was a hot, humid day, the sun was shining brightly and it was a good day for the meeting and to bring out the “Birds”. And out they came. The meeting was attended by many. Dorothy and Phil hosted the meeting and they provided delicious eats and drinks. The afterward BS session lasted quite a long time. We welcomed two new members, Mara Maddey and Todd Salamon. They have a 56 gray Bird which originally belonged to Mara’s grandmother. Welcome to both. Also in attendance after a long bout with illness was Vince DeAndrea and Kathy. It was good to see Vince back on his feet. Thanks to Dorothy and Phil for the excellent eats and accommodations.



Maddey & Todd – our new members



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. Pictures, articles, tech, etc. Paul Schroll pts1231@aol.com



CLUB EVENTS

Mini Concours

Keep in mind our Mini-Concours that is scheduled for **August 8th**. It is in a new location this year, maybe we can get a break in the weather and actually enjoy our desserts in the outdoors. It is Schooley’s Mountain Park, Long Valley, NJ. Start time is 10AM, there will be coffee and doughnuts for any early birds (pun intended) that come to help set things up. I’m sure Mike would appreciate the help. It’s always been a fun time, even when the weather didn’t co-operate. See attached for directions.

Dayton Convention (Cont’d)

but spectacular with planes, paraphernalia and stories and mementos on the planes and the people who flew them, ranging from the Wright Brothers to the F22 Raptor, the latest USAF fighter. It looks like every plane that ever flew under the US Armed Forces banner was represented, as well as Russian, Japanese, Italian and German planes. It must have been especially nice for Alec, Alex and John B, who are USAF veterans. On the other tour we went to the fields where the Wright Bros. tested and flew their later models and then toured a reconstructed village which showcased Dayton’s past, including a replica of the Wright’s bicycle shop, a full scale model of the Wright’s 1909 air- plane, a covered bridge and various transportation vehicles including locomotives, trolley cars and early “golf carts” as well as automobiles.

The car judging was intense, with many of our members helping out.

The caravan, which took months planning, went very well. The trip to Dayton was uneventful and we made good time getting there. At the stop we made on the way out we went to a small Italian restaurant. The food was very good and plentiful and the owner gave us free hors d’s and dessert. The trip back was not as uneventful, as Alex had some type of engine trouble and required a flatbed home. Word is that it is not serious although we don’t actually know what went wrong at the time of writing this.

Next year – Richmond Virginia, June 15-19.
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW.



Dayton Convention



The awards



A small part of the cars attending



What to show when your car is not finished

Don't worry what people may think, they don't do it very often



TECH TIPS

Halogen Headlights

Even though you have halogen headlights are you having trouble seeing at night? Do cars cut you off when they cut in after passing you? Even if your headlights are working and seem white, not yellow, they may not be okay.

Check the bulbs. There is the possibility that the silver reflective paint on the inside of the bulb has disintegrated so the bulbs are not projecting like they used to. From Mike Sipple, Early Bird Mag.

Automatic Shifter Repair

Does your shifter have a lot of play and you have to wriggle it around or pull up on the shifter in order to get the car to start?

The problem may not be the neutral start switch but parts within the shifter. There are two pieces that can help this situation. Replacing part # 7A133, a bushing and part # 7241, a pin, will tighten up the assembly. Both parts are available.

So if you have any play in your shifter this is a good place to start and is not an expensive repair. And it can be done without getting under the car. However, you will need to pull up the carpet to get at everything. Lew Bachman, classicbirds, Yahoo groups



BSing – last night on the road. The motel owner blocked off the area where we were so no other cars could enter.



CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

July 4-Livingston-Livingston HS, So. Livingston Ave.

July 10-Saugerties,NY 1087 Kings Hwy

July 11-River Edge-Continental Ave.

July 11-Hillsdale-244 Werimus Rd (Demarest Farm)

July 17-Wayne-1111 Preakness Ave – Calvary Temple Int'l Assembly

July 18-Hawthorne-Goffle Road/Goffle Hill Rd.

July 24-Clifton-Fette Ford, Rte 46 5-9PM All Ford

July 25-Pompton Lakes-1 Perrin Ave (Elks Lodge)

July 25-Hackensack-River St.-Bergen County Court House parking Lot

July 31-Theills,NY-North Rockland High School, Hammond Rd. (Donna's Show)

August 8-Whippany-North Jefferson Rd (Birchwood Manor) **Don't forget this is our Mini-Concours date**

I have hand outs for most of the above shows. I can email a copy to you if interested.



Swap meet – business was good-very little left

FOR SALE

WW Radial Tires. These are not wide whites. Like new 215 75SR 14. Will fit a 57 Bird (or a 56 with 14 inch wheels)without skirts. \$99.00. Call Rich, 973-728-8652



CRUISE NIGHTS

Sunday

Monday

Hawthorne-Goffle Grille, Goffle Road

Tuesday

Mahwah-The Mason Jar, Rte 202 (Ramapo Valley Rd)

Wayne – Wendy's-Rte 23 NO.

Elmwood Park-River View East-455 River Dr.

Wednesday

Wycoff-Greenwood Ave

Wayne-Cheeseburger in Paradise-Rte 46 East

Moonachie-Burger King

Thursday

Riverdale Armory-Newark/Pompton Tpk

Friday

Boonton-Wal Mart-Wooten Street

Midland Park-Center St. Train Station

Saturday

Chatterbox, Rtes 15&206, Augusta

Lyndhurst-Whiskey Café-1050 Wall St

If any one has info on shows and swap meets please let me have the particulars for the newsletter.



Here come the Judge(s) Wendy with her team

Island Dragway

For those into racing, here is their schedule:

Family Night – BBQ, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month(except 9/15) Spectators \$15, food included. Racing-street and mufflered cars \$15, others \$25.

East Coast Nostalgia 4/18 & 8/22

Nostalgia Nationals 6/27

Nostalgia Show & Go with Don Garlits 8/14

With Anniversary race with Don 8/15

Old Daze Drags 9/12

For more info www.islanddragway.com

Dayton



4 "F" Birds in a row – count the bonnets



The banquet, with our Boston Red Sox friends



Rich and Paul S waiting for the judges



John B's car getting judged- got silver, 3 points from gold

June Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Phil & Dorothy Guidone. It was a bright and sunny day which brought out 80 of our TBirds. Many attended Thanks to Phil & Dorothy

Some highlights of the meeting:

Due to the absence of the Secretary, the minutes were not read. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

The Dayton Convention was reported on and discussed.

Lois reported on the CTCI Conventions for 2011 and 2012. In 2011 there are two regional's, Richmond VA and Omaha Nebraska. In 2012, the National Convention is being held in Memphis, TN (indoors).

Mike Meehan reported on the plans for the Mini-Concours and his trip to the site. A sign up sheet was passed around for those wanting to contribute something to eat. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert.

Donna Jessie mentioned the benefit car show being held in Theil, NY on July 31st (I have a flyer for those interested-ed).

Club shirts for members was brought up. Joe Kubat is supposed to be the contact person.

Grille plaques are still available-see Paul S.

Next meeting – Sue and Anthony Gaeta are hosts – July 24th (see page one for location and Page 10 for directions.

SUMMER – You can be certain its summertime – among the July commemoratives is Blueberry, Hot Dog, Ice Cream and Peach month, as well as salad week. Catfish month also got in there.

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?



Dayton



Old beer truck at village tour



Wright Bros bicycle shop replication



TBird Ice Sculpture



1st Golf Cart? – Village Tour



Covered bridge – Village Tour



1st night out



New Jersey
Open Road Thunderbird Club
2010 Mini Concours
Club Picnic

Schooley's Mountain



Nestled among the hills of western Morris County, Schooley's Mountain Park offers visitors 797 acres of active and passive recreation facilities. The active recreational facilities of the park include a ballfield, fishing, and a play area near the lake picnic grove. A 470 foot floating bridge, is one of the most unique aspects of the park system, which provides access to the lake from the newly renovated Lodge. The natural amphitheater is the site of concerts during the Summerfest, and the group shelter is filled to capacity with weekend picnickers from May through September.

Directions:

From Rt.80 west-----Go to Exit 2b, "BUDD LAKE/HACKETTSTOWN"

Continue West on Rt. 4b for **7 Traffic Lights** *approx 5 miles*

- Light # 1. International Dr. *.4 miles*
- Light # 2. Village Way (Trading Post on left/Home Goods on right) *.2 miles*
- Light # 3. Woodland Rd. (Delta Gas/ Budd Lake Diner) *.5 miles*
- Light # 4. Mt. Olive Rd. (Lucky Garden on left) *.7 miles*
- Light # 5. Sand Shore Rd. (Budd Lake on right) *.3 miles*
- Light # 6. Smithtown Rd. *1.1 miles*
- Light # 7. Naughtright Rd. (Johnson Dodge on far left corner) *1.3 miles*

As you approach the 7th light be in the left turn lane

Then:

Turn **LEFT** onto Naughtright Rd. go *3.3 miles*

Turn **RIGHT** onto East Springtown Rd. go *.4 mile*

Turn **LEFT** into Park straight to the end of the road

(Handicap: after entering park turn right at sign "Family Picnic Site/Boat House" etc. Go to end, "Authorized Vehicles Only" sign, turn left go up hill to Handicap parking, next to restrooms and to the right of the Pavilion.)

If you get lost call us 201-920-7226 Pat & Joanne

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From Somerville

Route 206 South to Hillsborough.

Make a left on Amwell Road.

At the third traffic light (1.5 miles) make a left into Pheasants Landing Property.

The building on the right is the Restaurant

From Princeton

Route 206 North to Hillsborough, about 12 miles.

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From North or South Jersey

Route 287 to Exit 12 (Weston Canal-Manville Exit).

At the bottom of the ramp, make a left onto Weston Canal Road.

Follow the canal (on your right) for about 3.2 miles to third traffic light.

Make a left onto Route 533 (S. Main St.),

Go to second traffic light and make a right onto Route 514 (Amwell Rd.).

Go to second traffic light and make a right into Pheasants Landing Property.

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From Route 22

Take Finderen Avenue (Route 533) south through Manville.

Continue past the airport to the traffic light at the T-intersection,

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