New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club

Chapter 41 - Classic Thunderbird Club International

The Thunder Heard

January-February 2020

2020 Meeting Schedule	
Jan 26	Paul Schroll
March	Joe Matrone
April	Vince Ucci
May	Bruce Corbett
June	Joe Kubat
July	Jim Messersmith
Sept	Steve Handy
October	Rich Iuso
November	Bob Sabino
December	Christmas Party

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

Can you believe the roaring twenties are back. Let's make this the best, happiest, healthiest and most active year. 2019 has been quite a year. We have been to many club events, all proudly well attended. To recap these go to our photo page on the web site or njortc.smugmug.com. There are 8 albums of our 2019 events plus 8 additional albums of the Flagstaff convention. While you are at it you may want to look at some of the 141 albums of events from 1986 to 2019.

Big thank you for a great Christmas party. Arlene Kubat did a great job hosting, special thanks to Joanne Seiler hiring DJ, table centerpieces, Ray Braun-Santa, Lucille Chabala arranging for the hall, and Julie Ann Morrison-Mrs. Claus. Sorry if I left anyone out. We had 60+ members in attendance.

2019 brought us some 3 new members as well as we had to say goodbye to a few others. Mostly the membership stayed about even. We offered new club clothing for sale. In Oct. we joined NJTA and 2 other clubs on a fall colors cruise, something we never did before. I would like to thank Rich Iuso for his work all year on our Early Bird articles and to all who have stepped up the chair events. In closing we cannot forget, Alec Johnstone, whom we lost in January. Some member's family members also passed in 2019. There are several members with serious illnesses. Please pray they have a better year in 2020

As you all know I will be starting my CTCI Region 1 director position. There are a lot of issues to be addressed, small, big and very big. I will do my best and keep everyone advised on the progress.

Happy New Year to everyone and your families
Take care of yourselves

Pat LeStrange

December Meeting

Because of the Christmas Party, there was no formal meeting

Christmas Party

We had our Christmas party on Saturday, December 7th at Bella Italia, Orange.

We had 58 people attend. In my opinion it was one of our best parties. The food was excellent, plenty to drink and deserts were good. The owner of Bella Italia could not do enough for us. He is such a pleasure to work with. Our DJ was good, she played some fun games and played good music.

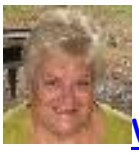
I want to thank our special guests Santa Claus (Ray Braun) and Mrs. Claus (Julie Anne Morrison), who looked awesome). They did a great job. They also gave the Club their annual Christmas gifts, of which I hoped everyone liked and a yearly calendar. Thank you Suzanne Gayet for making the calendar for us. Fantastic job. We also had a grab bag. My gift this year was a huge Santa bag and in it was a gingerbread girl and boy. They are sooo cute. Thank you all for bringing a toy for tots. Joe delivered the toys.

Joanne took all the pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. She also took a picture of all of us standing on the staircase. Thanks Joanne.

We also had a 50/50. The winner was Mark Santamauro. Congratulations. We had a raffle on a money tree (100.00) (made by Joanne) won by Rich Iuso. We also had a free raffle, a dancing Mr. and Mrs. Claus (only one of a kind made) won by Paul Schroll. (Pauline was so happy he won it). Joanne made the center pieces on the tables and whoever's birthday was next won it. Everybody also had candy canes filled with M &M's on the tables.

Thank you everyone who came to the party and like I said I hope you all had a great time.

Arlene



Vice President's Message

Happy New Year to all. I hope this will be a healthy and happy year for you.

Hoping Wendy is doing better and praying she has a better year. Joanne is staying strong and also praying she has a better year. Dorothy Guidone is getting stronger everyday. She is using a walker more and more and less in wheel chair. Pretty soon she will be back to hiking in Vermont. Melvin Ramos had another stent and doing fine. Bill Jesse had a hip replacement and is doing good. Paul Adamoff was in the hospital with pneumonia. He is home from hospital and doing better. If I missed anyone I am sorry.

There is an article elsewhere in the newsletter about our Christmas party. I hope everyone had a great Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas.

I want to congratulate Pat on starting his new term as CTCI Region 1 Director. Have a great two years. We will all be behind you. Joanne your term has come to an end as Region 1 Director and boy did you do an awesome job. Thanks Joanne for all your hard work with CTCI AND ALSO FOR OUR CLUB.

Our Board will be meeting on January 18th to go over yearly business. If you have any ideas as to any activities you would like our Club to do, please let one of the Board members know so we can discuss it at the meeting. Also any other concerns, please let one of us know.

To all our Snowbirds have a great time in Florida.. be safe and glad you will be warm!!!

I know we will be doing our Sweetheart brunch again. There is more info to follow on that.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Paul and Pauline Schroll on Sunday, January 26 th, 2:00 to be held at Delizias in Boonton.

See you soon, Arlene

Membership News

Tom & Susan Mirro Feb 8
Charlie & Izebela Costa Feb 8

Steve Handy Jan 6
Steve Schmidt Jan 16
Joe Matrone Jan 22
Donna Jessie Jan 20
Martha Downing Jan 26
Marry Case Jan 29
Bob Heisler Jan 29
Rich Martin Jan 30
Dorothy Guidone Feb 2
Paul Dorne Feb 7
Sean Dillon Feb 19

Wendy Meehan
Joanne Seiler
Dorothy Guidone
Mel Ramos
Paul Adamoff

Americanism

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves

William Vaughan (from Donna)

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CTCI International Convention 2020

The 2020 convention will be held in Sarasota FL on May 4 - 9 . Hotel is the Hyatt Regency. Now taking reservations. Direct telphone # 941-953-1234. Make your reservations early.

Registration form is ready. Submit your registrations now as events are being filled up.

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

Club Announcements

January/February Meeting

This meeting will be on January 26th, hosted by Paul & Pauline Schroll. It will be at Delizia's at 2 P.M. Be sure to RSVP, including regrets.

Directors Meeting

The annual Directors meeting is on January 18th at the Kubat's. Time is 1 PM. If you have any matter you wish to be discussed please submit to a board member. Members can attend. We are looking for hosts for the various activities. If you have an activity suggestion (things to do, places to go) , please submit it. If you plan to attend, notify Arlene.

Sweetheart Brunch

The Sweetheart Brunch is on February 9th at McLoone's Boat House in West Orange. 11 AM. Cost is $50 per person. Contact Lucille and send your payment (made out to NJORTC) to her. See the attached flyer

March Meeting

Joe and Lori Matrone are the hosts. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Dues

For those who did not attend the Christmas Party, the $50 dues are payable by January 20th. May be paid at the Jan/Feb meeting

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

Ford History In Janary & February

1/18/1937 The 25 millionth Ford was produced
1/30/1942 Auto production was ended for the duration of the war
2/15/1954 Thunderbird was selected as the name for new sports car.

Groundhog Day-February 2nd

Cruise Nights

Tuesday
Clifton - Rutt's Hut
Saturday
Hawthorne-. 8 AM to 1 PM-MGM Auto Body Supplies, 344 Wagaraw Rd

Car Shows-Swap Meets

1/17-19 Allentown, PA Swap Meet

Christmas Party

Thanks to Joanne for all the pictures

Parts For Sale

4 original wire wheel covers for a 56. Includes clips, outer rings and center covers. Good shape. $325. Paul 201-286-4781

Portable Generator

Powermate portable 3250/4050 Watts. Wheels. Used only 48 hours. Paul 201-286-4781

Vinny's Vintage Vehicles

1993 Camero, Black/Silver Pace Car
1983 Mercedes 380 SL Conv Silver
1965 Corvette Red Conv.
Call Vince, 973-227-4001 or 973-980-4312

February 17

Also called Bachelor's Day - single guys beware

Edison Tour

The following was not received for last month's newsletter

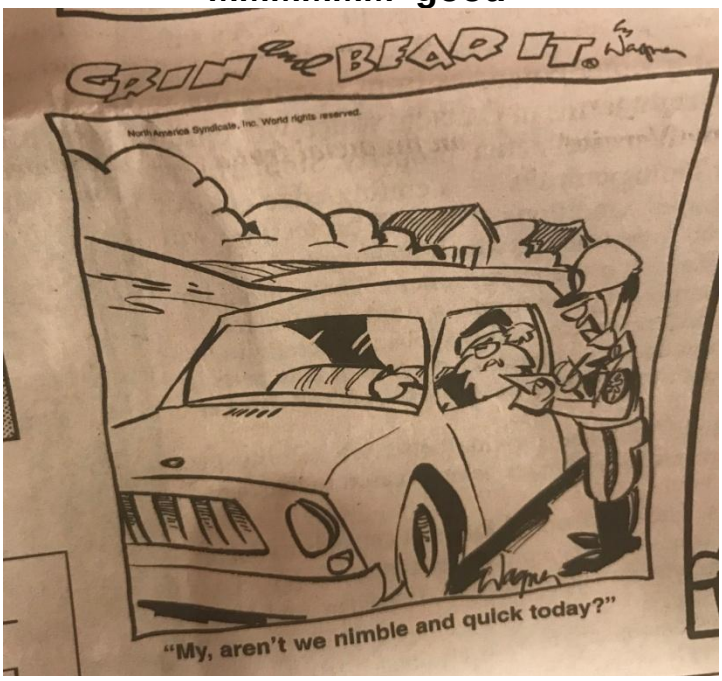
It is the place where modern America was invented and we got the opportunity to see this gem up close and personal. On November 23, 2019, the Mercedes Club invited us to join them in their venture to tour the Edison Museum, part of the National Historical Park system in West Orange. The tour started at Glenmont, the prestigious home of the Edison Family in Llewellyn Park. The 29 room Queen Ann Victorian mansion was decked out in all its Christmas trimmings. The majestic 10 ft Christmas tree was lit and presents were ready for the children as if they were about to run down the staircase and unwrap them. Fine china adorned the dining room table ready to greet guests for a an elegant dinner. Holiday cards that the family received were also on display for all to read. The tour continued to the outbuildings of the mansion's grounds which included a barn, a greenhouse and a Gardner's cottage. The focal point of the outer buildings was certainly the garage. Once inside you were able to view the 1922 Model T ford, two Detroit Electrics and a 1902 Locomobile which Edison adapted to run on his own storage battery. The garage also housed a car wash, a gas pump, an air compressor, a battery charger and a turntable for parking cars. Truly a highlight for all car enthusiasts! To end the tour, one can head out to the quiet garden and visit the graves of Thomas and Mina Edison who are buried there. To continue on to the second part of our tour, one was able to scour the lab where Edison worked for over 40 years. Here the first motion picture camera came alive, followed by the improvement in phonographs, sound recordings, and the nickel-iron alkaline electric storage battery. Silent and sound movies were perfected in the first theater called the Black Maria on its turntable. His desk is housed in the library which sits as he left it on the very last day that he went to work. . It is a wonderful tribute to a scientist who helped to frame America and bring it to life! He truly is one of the most beloved pioneers of our country. It was a day well spent.

Lucille and Julie-Ann

ToysFor Tots

Grab Bag

MMMMMM good



Santa on his way to Florida

Don't let the bad weather of life get you down
Learn to dance in the rain

Happy New Year

Sun February 9th

11 AM Seating

McLOONE'S BOATHOUSE

$50 pp / $100 couple

9 Cherry Lane; West Orange, NJ 07052

Sunday Brunch Menu

Happy Valentine's Day

Assorted Juices

Fresh Fruit Display

International Cheese Display

Fresh Baked Breads, Bagels, Croissants & Muffins

Assortment of Chef's Salads Raw Bar Shrimp, Clams & Oysters

Omelet & Waffle Station

Carving Station

Chef's Selection of Hot Entrees

Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries &

Gourmet French Toast

Dessert Display featuring a variety of Homemade Desserts and pastries

Contact Lucille Chabala, send check (to NJORTC) to Lucille