

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



The Thunder Heard

December 2011

Happy Holidays

2011/12 Meeting Schedule

December 3	Holiday Party
2012	
Jan/Feb	Diane & Al Marsiglio
March	Judy & Henry Semmler
April	Ken & Linda Herb
May	Lois & Rich Martin
May	Tune Up Clinic
June	Wendy & Mike Meehan
July	Aileen & Bruce Corbett
August	Picnic
September	Paul & Pauline Schroll

The January/February meeting location and date has not been decided upon at this date. An email will be sent to you when the place and date are set.

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



We are well into the Holiday Season. I have been spending a lot of time getting my Christmas display up and going. It is all computerized. I have to choose music and program each light to go on and off. Not to bad when you enjoy what you are doing. After all, it's only about 12,000 lights. I hope everyone can take a drive by (and knock on the door) to see it. I am pretty proud of my work.

Not sure when this letter will come out. The Holiday party is Dec. 3rd. We have had some great attendance in the past and I hope we do this year too. If this letter comes out after the party and you were not there, you missed a great fun time.

Joanne and I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. I am ready for some Good Will and Peace on Earth.

I know some towns are having Christmas parades, so if you have the time, get the Birds out and show them off. The weather has been very mild and that should make it fun. fun. fun.

I will soon begin my position as Regional Director. I will do my best to make sure the NJORTC's voice is heard in California.

This is the World's Greatest Thunderbird Club. You have accomplished this title. Our members are always there to help out, be it a car problem, health issue or other issues. Keep up the good work. We love all of you.

May the Sugar-plum Fairies dance in your head.

Pat





A few words from Alec

Well, another year is almost over and time to make plans for the new year and more great club activities to look forward to. We had a great club attendance at the Richmond Convention with many awards for our members.

The convention in Omaha certainly gave four of us something to remember and talk about as our return plane trip was canceled due to Hurricane Irene. John PY went out and rented a van and four of us drove straight home in 22 hours, stopping only for gas and snacks.

As I write this it is less than a week to our Holiday party.

Happy Motoring,
Alec

November Meeting

The meeting was hosted by John and Sandra Pyrros. It was a great fall afternoon, sunny and mild. It brought out 7 Birds (including a retro bird) and a new member's 57 Chevy. Attendance was one of the largest ever. Sandra put on a great spread with lots of different desserts. I especially liked the new aquarium, but I don't know how they feed those giant fishes. A big thank you to Sandra and John.

Highlights of the meeting:

Pat welcomed our newest members, Don & Dorothy Dobres and Paquito D'Rivera and Brenda Feliciano.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was made and accepted.

Arlene reported on the Holiday party .

Pat asked for ideas for fund raisers for the coming year. Suggestions were made, including a 50's dance or sponsoring a trip to the Mohegan Sun Casino .

Joanne passed out copies of the new club roster.

Phil mentioned some problems with the state on the club's incorporation and report filings. He is waiting for NJ to get back to him on the issues.

Lois reported on the Memphis Convention. It is advised to register now as there may be limited space for the events. Lois also noted that NJORTC is in second place for the Ford-Johnson (mileage) award.

Date and place of the January/February meeting has not been decided.



The Vice President's Message

Weather - Fantastic!!! We should enjoy this beautiful weather because we know it will not last for long. If your little Birds are not put to sleep for the winter get out for a ride and enjoy them.

Reminder - Christmas party is Saturday Dec 3rd, San Carlo Catering, Lyndhurst, NJ starting at 5:00. I have not heard from a few members so please email me immediately!!. Remember, grab bag \$25.00, bring one, receive one. Of course, we will have a visit from jolly old St Nick.

Frank Chabala is doing okay, he is starting therapy. Soon he will be dancing around. He tells us he will be at the Christmas party so that is a good sign.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, now time to get ready for Hanukkah and Christmas. I understand Pat has all his decorating done and his lights dancing to music. The one thing I like is watching Santa waving, walking around and eating cookies in the front window. If you get chance during the Holiday Season ride past his house and enjoy.

It is a busy time of year, but let us not forget the real meaning of Christmas. Joe and I want to wish you all a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. Also have happy and healthy New Year. We have a great club, thank you for being a part of our lives.

See you all at the Christmas Party.

Arlene



Membership News



Ken & Linda Herb 3rd



Bill Jessie 3rd
 Paul Schroll 15th
 Bruce Corbett 20th
 Lois martin 21st

Get Well Soon!

Frank Chabala

FOR SALE

This car was seen on Wycoff Ave,
 Ramsey
 1964 TBird, 2door hardtop, Burgundy
 body w/black interior. New whitewall
 tires. 72,385 miles. Asking \$15,000
 201-934-1192



Merry Christmas

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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.

November Meeting



**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
ptschroll@aol.com**

Club Events

Holiday Party

It's now or never. Maybe we can still squeeze you in. Call Arlene **NOW**. It is being held on 12/3 at the San Carlo Restaurant, 620 Stuyvesant Ave, Lyndhurst. Time is 5PM (cocktails). A bigger and better room has been booked. We had a blast last year despite a smaller room. Cost if \$50 per person and the same dues deal is on again this year (No dues if a couple attends, half dues for a single). Last years' attendance was a record, lets make this one too. There will be great entertainment by the dynamic duo of Pat & Arlene and we will try to get Santa to make an appearance.

New Members

A hearty welcome to our newest members



Paquito D'Rivera and Brenda Feliciano from North Bergen, NJ Paquito has a 1955 Tbird and a 57 Chevy



Don & Dorothy Dobres from Westwood, NJ Don has a 1957 Tbird



Happy Hanukkah

CAR SHOWS/SWAP MEETS

For listings, go to www.njcarshows.com

November Meeting



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

CRUISE NIGHTS

Saturday

Clifton - Rte 46 West The Hearth, 1116 Rte 46W.

11:30 to 3:00 (Between Van Houton Ave & Rte 3)

A Note from Frank Chabala

Thank you to everyone for your cards, phone calls and especially the beautiful fruit basket. I really appreciated them all and they lifted my spirits on my many bad days. I hope to see you all very soon, Love to all.

Frank

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.

NOTE

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.

NOTE

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.





Harvest Bounty



How is this for a bumper car? Notice the tags



Tech Tips

Light Problems?

Having trouble with lights on your car? If they're not sufficiently grounded (intermittent lighting) the cause could be corrosion in the socket and/or the base of the lamp. A good cleaning can usually solve this problem. A good way to do this is to use as battery terminal wire brush cleaner. Insert the male end of the brush into the lamp socket and give it several turns. Then stick the lamp base into the female end of the battery post cleaner and twist the bulb several turns. Works every time!

Also check the ground on the light housing itself. Run a temporary ground from the housing to a good ground to see if the problem goes away. Crazy light problems usually are the result of a bad ground.

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



