

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



# The Thunder Heard

**May 2023**

**2023 Meeting Schedule**

May 21	Tune Up Clinic
May 21	Paul Adamoff
June 11	Jere Klein
June 25 ??	Spring Cruise ??
July	
August 13	Picnic
September	Paul Dorne
October	Gene Szura
November	Mark Santimauro
December 9	Christmas Party

The next meeting is May 21. Paul Adamoff is the host. RSVP padamoff@airtrontech.com or 201-286-4781. Also it's the Tune up Clinic - rsvp Tom Mirro tsassocinc@hotmail.com

**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**



Welcome to the warmer weather . Our warm weather events are setting up. We have done our Harold's Deli trip which was well attended and every one had a great time. Always fun to see the reactions to the size of the portions of the first timers. (pictures on web site and FB page). In may we will have our Lake Hopatcong lunch Cruise. Also in May will be the tune up clinic and the picnic in August Our April meeting was Hosted by Frank Gloss. We covered our BY-Laws, Conventions and activities. Thanks to all who attended. We welcomed a possible new member Irene, she told us about her '57 and a little of her life.

Get the Birds out and ready for the good weather. As always, Stay Healthy and enjoy every day  
**Pat LeStrange**



**Mike Parillo's 57 E Bird (See Page 8)**





### Vice President's Message



I think Spring is 90% here. We also had some Summer days, which felt real good! Now it is definitely time to get our little birds out for all the nice weather ahead. Get out with your cars and enjoy, most important drive safe.

We would like to congratulate one of our members, Sean Dillon, who went from a Lawyer to a Judge. Best of luck to you!

Lois Martin will be having back surgery on May 1st. Hope all goes well and you have a speedy recovery. Our prayers are with you. Joan McMillian is still getting chemo. Her spirits are good. Talking to her she sounds great. Chemo is starting to take a toll on her though. She just had a CT scan now waiting for results, hoping tumor has shrunk. Please keep praying for her. For all those not feeling well, hope you feel better soon.

Thank you Toni and Bob for chairing our trip to Harold's Deli in Edison. If you have never been there you have to go. The sandwiches and sides are huge and delicious. There were 22 of us who attended. We had a great time.

On May 21st the Mirro's will be hosting our annual tune-up clinic. If you need any work done on your cars please tell Tom so he is prepared. Also bring your parts that you need. Paul Adamoff will be hosting our monthly meeting on the same day also at the Mirro's.

Our next event will be a boat cruise on the Miss Lotta on Lake Hopatcong. We are going to have a brunch on Sunday, June 25th at 11:00. Sue Gayet will confirm this date and let us know more details such as cost per person, parking, etc.

If anyone is interested there is going to be 2023 Thunderbird Reunion Ford World Headquarters T-Bird Show, August 22nd- August 27, 2023 in Dearborn, Michigan hosted by International Thunderbird Club. Further info to follow. We have a few couples going to the T-Bird Convention in October in the Villages in Florida. Each month there are more updates on this convention. If you plan on going get your registration in and book your hotel before it's sold out.

If we have any Grandchildren graduating High School and going to College in the Fall as Freshman or graduating College, please let me know so we can mention them in our newsletter. Only one grandchild I know of right now is Pat LeStrange's granddaughter, Lia. She will graduate high school and attend Boston University. Lia wants to become a Doctor, like her Dad. Congratulations Lia!

Happy Mothers Day. Enjoy your day.  
See you soon Arlene

### April Meeting

A good meeting . Good attendance. The weather was good and some of the little birds came out and showed themselves. Thanks to Frank Gloss who hosted the meeting

### Meeting Pictures



# Membership News

*Happy Anniversary*

Gerry & Rosemarie Ingersoll 15th  
 Bob & Joan Notar 25th



Lorraine Cirinelli 2nd  
 Tom Mirro 3rd  
 Pat LeStrange 7th  
 Lisa Musto 8th  
 Joan McMillan 8th  
 Gene Szura 13th  
 Gerry Ingersoll 20th  
 Bob Sabino 22nd  
 Therese Perillo 22nd  
 Roesmaries Ingersol 28th  
 Mark Santimauro 30th

**GET WELL SON!**

Lois Martin  
 Aileen Corbett  
 Don Dobres  
 Joan McMillan



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**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.**

## Club Announcements

### May Meeting/Tune Up Clinic

The May meeting will be on **May 21st**. The joint meeting will be at Tom and Susan Mirro's. Start time for the clinic is **8:30**, meeting **1 PM**. Be sure to RSVP both Paul Adamoff and Tom Mirro, including regrets See flyer last page

### June Meeting

The June meeting will be **June 11**. Gere Klein is the host. Venue is Delizia's. Same time, 2 PM

### July Meeting

No information on either a host or date

### Spring Cruise

In the works is a cruise/brunch on Lake Hopatcong tentively scheduled for **June 25th**. Details have not been worked out yet so stay tuned. If interested, contact Sue Gayet ASAP as she needs a count to make arrangements



## Car Shows/Swap Meets

- 5/5-7 Rhinebeck NY-Dutchess Cty Fairgrounds
  - 5/6 Park Ridge-123 Colony Ave Town pool
  - 5/7 Carlstadt-197 Washington Ave-Nam Knights show
  - 5/7 East Hanover-175 Rte 10-Neilsen Dodge\*
  - 5/13 Lodi-460 Passaic Ave \*
  - 5/21 Bogota-74 River Rd- Sahara Club
  - 5/28 North Haledon-515 High Mtn Rd High Mtn School
  - 5/31-6/2 Carlisle, PA-Ford Nationals-Carlisle Fairgrounds
  - 6/4 Waldwick-4 Hewson Ave-Waldwick Train Station
  - 6/11 Demarest-162 Knickerbocker Rd Demarest High School
  - 6/11 Basking Ridge-101 S. Finley-Gallaway & Crane Funeral Home
  - 6/11 Randolph-906 Rte 10W Performance Ford
  - 6/11 Saddle Brook 55 Mayhill St
  - 6/11 Paterson-61-127 Preakness Ave JFK High
  - 6/11 Hackensack-80 South River Rd
- \* Same day entry over \$ 20

## Cruise Nights

### Monday

Rockaway-Red Hut Diner Rte 46 E

### Tuesday

Elmwood Park-Pizza Town-89 Rte 46W **5/16**

### Wednesday

Carlstadt-317 Washington Ave **5/17**

### Thursday

Rockaway-Millers Ale House-Rockaway Mall

Hackettstown-Wendy's-219 Mountain Rd

### Friday

Boonton-Walmart Plaza

### Saturday

## Cars & Coffee

Saturday - 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month - Franklin Lakes-649 Franklin Ave. Crossroads Church

If anyone has any info on Cruise nights, car shows, etc please let me know.

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

### R.I.P

Gil Baumgartner, long time early Thunderbird guru and Authenticity Chairman for CTCI for many years recently passed due to complications of an operation



**Gene and Diane Szura were out and about to Branch Brook to look at the cherry blossoms.**

**The difference between stupid and genius is that genius has its limits-Albert Einstein**

## Harold's Deli

It was 2019 that we last made the trip to Harold's. The large and delicious sandwiches were but a distant memory. Back again in 2023. It seems that the size and tastfulness didn't change though. They were as big and tasty as we remembered and the service was just as good. We had a good turnout (22 ) and almost everybody went away with "doggy bags" to have another round at home



May 20th - Armed Forces Day  
Fly your flag



## My Thunderbird

You may not be aware but I had a 1960 Thunderbird in the mid 70s and held on to her until a couple of years ago. Had a lot of fun in that car but the years were rough on her so I decided to get another. To that end I joined NJORTC because someone said they were very active. Turned out to be a better idea than I thought because I was able to get my wife on board with buying another T-Bird after introducing her and getting her involved with the club. Believe me I brought a lot of cars home over the years and had to hear it as she just didn't get it! Big win!

In joining NJORTC my choice was narrowed to the first generation. A lot of good choices in this category. I finally decided to go for an "E" Bird. Had some slip away, so when this one came along I acted quickly. I called the owner from my hotel room while on a weekend vacation and struck a deal. Fortunately, my friends at NJORTC knew someone in Las Vegas who we could trust to check out the car. After several phone calls I made the deal and had it shipped. A little drama here in that at the last minute the driver told me he could not deliver to my home. He was driving a larger multi car carrier. Knowing the area and having a CDL myself, I was able to give him directions to a K-Mart parking lot that was closed. This went well. Since the t-Bird was not registered at that instant I towed the car 1 mile to my home.

Upon receipt, the car was as described for the most part. I did have to send out the 4 barrel carburetor for a rebuild and replaced a leaky radiator. Not unexpected for a car over 60 years old. Now was the time to source some rare parts such as the duel carburetor set and a convertible top. I found them through my affiliation with ... you guessed it NJORTC.

Last year was a lot of fun in that I attended many car shows and enjoyed driving her to our club events. I even towed her to Lake George for the Adirondack Nationals. I have been sourcing restoration shops all last winter with no luck. I finally found one in Tenafly NJ that sounds promising. This shop is called Log Cabin Restorations. Odd name but they had a lot of classic cars on their website and have been in business for 75 years. I had to get on a waiting list just to have a discussion. Still on the list as I write this so the jury is out as to what I think about the shop. Regardless I plan on having another fun season this year and have already booked a room for the "Endless Summer Cruising Ocean City MD" October 5th through 8th 2023. Hope to join as many activates as I can as well with NJORTC. Happy Cruising!

Michael Parrillo

Hi Paul,  
I had asked Brian Carron (CTCI President) If there was an update on the ballots for the Bylaw change; I received the following response - in addition, there was some confusion with regard to the Touring Judging on the registration form which he clarified as follows: Donna

Quote: Re: ByLaw Voting. Paper ballots, for those that have opted not to provide an email address to the CTCI Office are sent on our about 5/26. E-Ballots will be released on or about 6/9. All Ballots are due back to the Office on 6/22.

Re: Touring: This topic has been reviewed by the Concours Chairman/Committee.

The Bottom Line: For this convention, the Tour/points requirement for the Touring Class has been waived. We still have tours planned but no points will be awarded.

Details behind the decision: **a.** For a variety of issues, the bonus for taking, or penalty for not taking, a tour for the Touring Class is not an appropriate requirement for this convention. In reality, it probably should not be required for any convention.

**b.** When the Touring Class was established a few years back, it was decided to include an enticement to have more cars take a "tour" after the Concours to show off the cars to the local public. We have had some discussions at various conventions about whether it makes sense to continue this "tour requirement" since there is no need to prove that the cars are driven as that is a requirement for entering the Touring Class. At various conventions the length of the "tour" and traffic conditions in the area have made the "tour" a burden. **c.** For the Florida Convention, in particular, having a tour on Saturday, or any other day after the Concours judging is adding needless requirements on the owners who may not want to (or can afford to) stay the extra days.

Also, using a tour on Saturday to satisfy the current scoring requirement, means that the winners for the Touring Class will not be finalized until Saturday afternoon, complicating the trophy preparation. Additionally, certain tours do not provide parking to accept a large number of driven cars.

In conclusion, when the Convention Guidelines are reviewed again this issue among others will be re-visited. Unquote



# For Sale



**1955 T-Bird**

Goldenrod yellow clearcoat. 1989 Mustang H.O. , Fuel Injection, Paxton supercharger. 12 Volt. Griffin radiator. T-5 trans, Hurst shifter. Disc brakes (Lincoln Versailles), dual master. Continental Kit. Flowmaster mufflers. Traction bars. Power steering. Hard (white) and soft (black) tops. 56 Fairlane headlight rims. 56 Merc station wagon tail lights. Wire wheels and radials. Custom Sound radio with 10 CD changer. Located in New Jersey. \$ 48,000. For additional information and pictures contact Joe Kubat 973-900-1923



**1955 T-Bird.**

Snowshoe white, red/white interior. Original 292 eng. and 3 speed stick shift. I have owned since May 2008. CTCI and AACA award winners. Drives nicely and is dependable. Has custom cover and 4 extra mounted wheels. \$ 33K.

Rich Kern, Newark, Delaware,  
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**1955 T-Bird**

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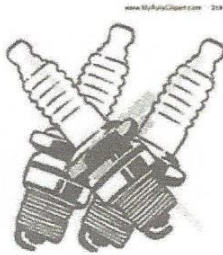
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CALL TOM MIRRO IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO ANY WORK ON YOUR CAR



Club meeting to follow at 1 PM at the Mirro's Meeting hosted by Paul & Sheryl Adamoff

RSVP 201-286-4781 or

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LADIES ARE WELCOME TO COME HANG OUT CHAT AND WATCH THE GUYS WORK. PLEASE JUST LET SUSAN KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING snowflake7593@mns.com or 732-865-6301



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