



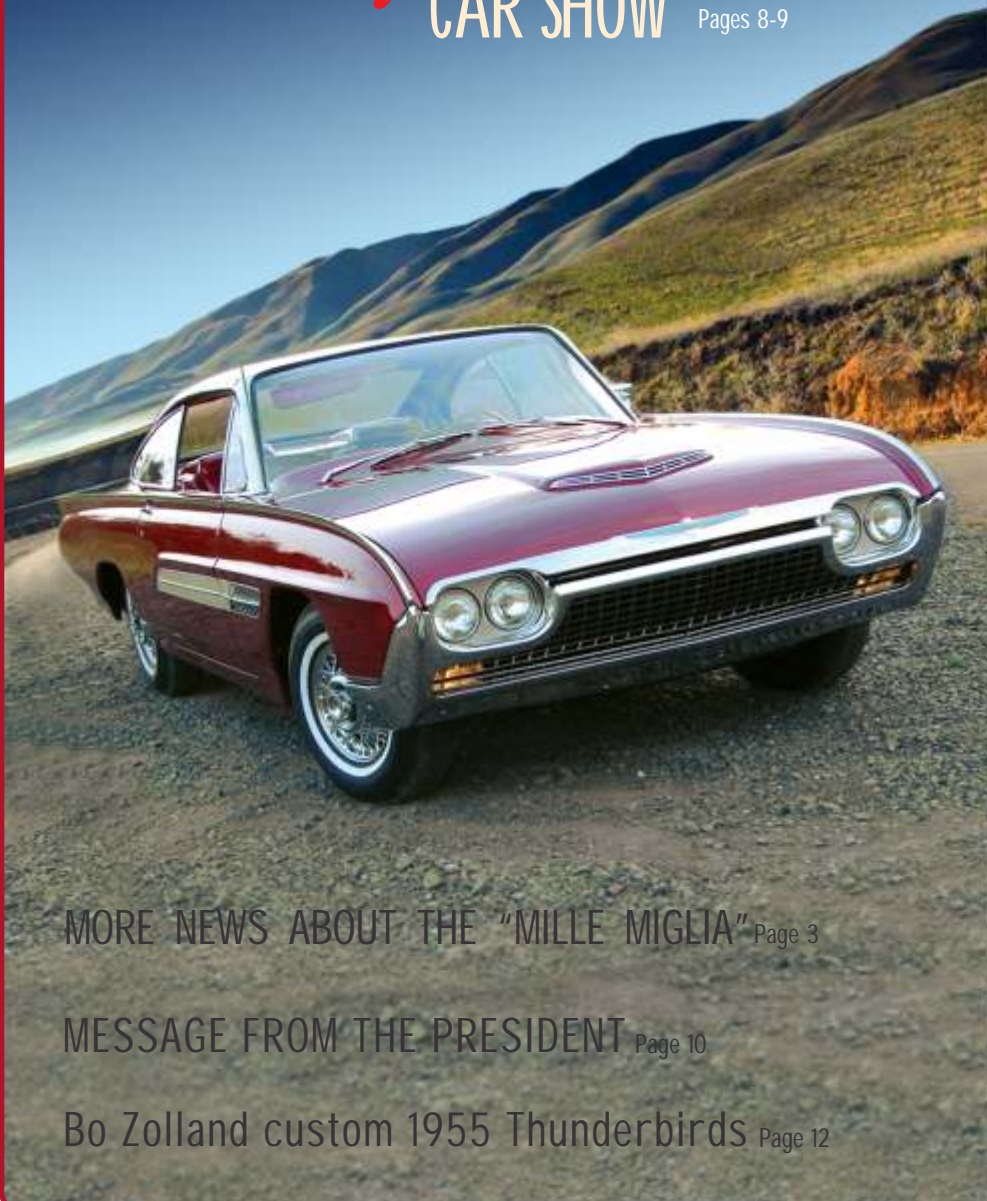
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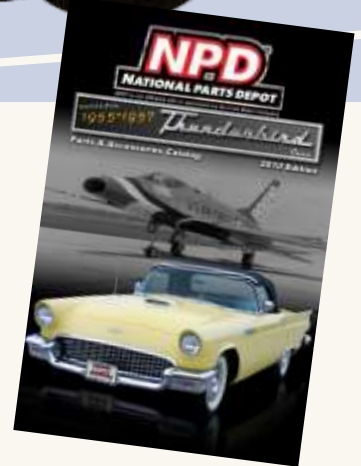
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# EDITOR'S REPORT



## MORE NEWS ABOUT THE "MILLE MIGLIA"

In the end, I was not selected to be among the starting cars in this year's Mille Miglia, but I was placed on the 25-car waiting list. As I had not heard from the organizers by the end of February, I sent them an email to cancel my application. I'll just not have enough time for all the details of shipping the car and preparing it for the race, etc, etc.

Shame on them that the first American car that has applied for the rally in 53 years was not accepted. SHAME ON THEM!

I'll go to Italy to see the beginning of the rally, then will drive into the big lakes, close to Milan and Brescia, and then will visit Northern Italy, Switzerland, will travel to Southeast France, finishing in Paris.

## SUGAR TRAIN TOUR

Daisy has done it again! She prepared a drive with our cars for the Sugar train tour in Clewiston. We will depart March 18<sup>th</sup> [Thursday] in the afternoon, sleep over at the Clewiston Inn in Clewiston and on the 19<sup>th</sup> [Friday] we will do the Sugar train tour.

For hotel and tour reservations call Daisy at 305 613-6775  
More details in another page

## CLUB B.B.Q.

Our BBQ [free for members] will be at Ed's home on April 24<sup>th</sup> [Sunday]

Please call Ed for reservations. Ed 954 431-6782

Felipe Cos

# REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be announced by E-mail.

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This Newsletter may have some misspellings and mistakes, but it is written with my heart. I could write it without errors in Spanish, but only a handful of you would be able to read it.

Please help me to make it even better.

Felipe Cos Founder & Editor  
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Photos by Felipe Cos



## INTERNET PAGE

Have you seen our internet page? We need to update it. Does anyone know how to do it?

If you can update it call me.

Our page is as follow: THUNDERBIRDCLUB.US

You may have your own individual email, mine is as follow: FCOS@THUNDERBIRDCLUB.US If you want your own just send a note to me. Please follow the previous format in doing so. It is free, no charge. This is another advantage of your club. Any ideas for the page?

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Please call Felipe at (305) 661-5170

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Take note that we have changed our web page name, it is now WWW.THUNDERBIRDCLUB.US to get there don't look at it with a search engine, look at it only with www.Thunderbirdclub.us

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Every Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at 8<sup>th</sup> St. & 30<sup>th</sup> Ave in front of Home Depot in Miami.

Every Sunday Crabby Jack's

Every Friday night a Cruise night reunion at Towers Shop in Davie (595 & University) This is one of the biggest cruise nights in South Florida. (from 5:00 to 10:00pm)

First Saturday of every month, BETSY (old Fuddruckers) from 6:00 to 10:00pm

First Saturday steak & Shake in Sawgrass Mills mall 6:00 to 9:30

Saturday of every month Steak-N-Shake, Sample Rd. and U.S. 1 behind Wal Mart. Coconut Creek. 8:00 to 12:00.

Second Saturday of every month the Dania Beach Cruise Night. Free admission 6:00 to 10:00 for information 954 924-3626

Second Saturday Car meet at Shorty's 2401 N.W. 87<sup>th</sup> Ave Jack 305 409-2614

Second Saturday from 5:00 to 9:00 in Homestead at Krome Ave

Third Saturday Denny's Restaurant Bird Rd, between 86<sup>th</sup> & 87<sup>th</sup> Ave

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Every Sunday at Crabby Jacks, 7001 Federal Hwy, 2 miles North of Yamato, Boca Raton. 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Also night cruise at Coral Way & 97<sup>th</sup> Ave, 5:30 to 8:00 305 553-2228

Third and fifth Saturday of the month from 3:00 to 7:30 at Wall's Ice Cream in 8075 S.W. 67<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Third Saturday of the month, cruise-in at Miami Springs Circle 7:00 to 10:00pm

Third Saturday; at Gotrocks Restaurant, Hillsborough and Wine Rd. in Coconut Creek from 6 to 9

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## FUTURE EVENTS

**MARCH 17TH-18TH** SUGAR TRAIN TOUR IN CLEWISTON (Felipe 786-554-5200)


**MARCH 26TH** FLORIDA VINTAGE CAR RALLY AND CRUISE-IN AT MAGIC CITY CASINO (Felipe 786-554-5200)

**MAY 4TH-19TH** MILLE MIGLIATRIP TO ITALY

**JUNE 15TH-19TH** CTCI REGIONAL CONVENTION, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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There will be a vintage car rally on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The rally will depart from the Magic City Casino on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. The event will finish with a cocktail party and tapas at 6:00 pm in the same place.

Cost will be \$250.00 for running for fun and \$350.00 running for \$\$\$\$\$. The \$100.00 difference will go to a pot and will be given away in prizes  
More information will follow.

## MEMBERSHIP

It is time again, please send your check for \$35.00 for the 2011 year, don't forget to fill all the registration  
See you next month  
Felipe Cos

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## My Volvo 1800ES

Hey all,

My Volvo 1800ES placed third in "Post War European Cars," at this last weekend's Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. It's a thrill!

George Bishopric



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a wonderful turnout to our January Car Show! The weather was great and a good time was had by all that attended. I personally want to thank all the members who volunteered to make this one of the best shows ever! KUDOS!

You have probably received an e-mail from the club's founder (Felipe) giving dates of meeting and events. I am hoping that everyone can participate if you received advance notice. New Year brings new ideas.....

Our regularly scheduled meeting will take place on March 2nd at Trattoria Pampered Chef in Miami Lakes at 7 pm. Cost of dinner with wine included will be \$20 plus gratuity. You know how much food Gabriel gives us i.e. wine, appetizers, salad, bread, main course and dessert with coffee. Can't ask for more.

Sugarland tours reservations have been made for our club to attend the tour in Clewiston on Friday, March 18th. The tour cost \$40 per person with lunch included at the Clewiston Inn. Maximum amount of people on the tour is 24. We have reserved some rooms at the Historical Clewiston Inn for Thursday, March 17 at the rate of \$99 for those that want to spend the night and not drive that morning. The best would be to travel Thursday late afternoon (2 hour ride) stay the night at the inn so that we can be ready for the tour Friday morning. Felipe and I are going to stay the night and I am hoping we can be joined by others. The inn has a great lounge and restaurant. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are attending as I have reserved the rooms using my credit card.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 6th at Miami Lakes or if the club wishes we can discuss this option at the March meeting. Also on Sunday, April 24th Ed Brown will host the club's Annual Picnic at his house. We will discuss the particulars of the picnic in this month's meeting.

I hope that this save the date message will help all of us plan ahead in order to attend as many events as possible.

Thanks again for everyone's support!

## By Poppy Madden secretary

OUR B.B.Q. WILL BE IN MAY 15TH

Our club's annual barbecue will be May 15th at Ed Brown's Miramar home and will be a celebration of his late wife Liz's life. By coincidence the date is Liz's birthday.

He had originally suggested having the event in mid-April but several members had schedule conflicts for that date – and a few others afterward. Thus we ended up with the mid-May date – unaware that it marks Liz's birthdate until Ed told us.

Ed announced his desire to hold the annual event at our March meeting, reminding members "You all remember how much fun we've had when we'd go to our house and how much fun Liz had when we had the barbecue at our house."

He said, however, the format will be different this year.

"Rather than have our standard barbecue, it is going to be a pot-luck dinner --- not only that, it will be an ethnic pot-luck dinner," he said.

Club President Daisy Hernandez has agreed to coordinate the "who's bringing what" list and has already had a few volunteers.

Ed said he will provide the barbecued chicken and Liz's famous baked beans, the drinks at the open bar, the soda, bottled water and the silverware. He said Robbie Miller has again agreed to be the bartender and that Robbie's wife, Reba, "will make meatballs."

So, everybody, mark the date on your calendars and get in touch with Daisy and discuss with her what ethnic dish you'd like to bring. It can be any category – an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert.

Ed said he decided to host the barbecue after he "Voted myself the morale officer for this club. We have to start doing stuff." Later Ed said "one of the reasons we don't get more people (to our meetings and other events) is we don't do enough. We don't get out and support other car clubs. We're our own worst enemy for not going to other clubs' shows."



## By George Bishopric

We hear of nefarious, conspiratorial groups all the time. Shadowy collections of evil people. The Illuminati, the Tri-lateral commission, The Miami/Dade County planning and zoning board. We never really know who these people are, and we can only imagine what they do.

For the last several decades, a glance into the interior of any American economy or even mid-sized car presented a display of cheap, hard, plastics and mouse fur upholstery that took good design, and made it look like a K-mart Christmas display. I always figure if I see a problem, there's someone in a company who sees it, and someone in the company who executes the evil plan. Who was it?

And so I found myself in Sarasota, Florida a few weeks ago, gazing at one of the two 1999 Ford Thunderbird prototypes, and wondered what happened to a car between the concept and reality. What happened to the hard tonneau?. The nice leather?. The aluminum grille?

In a review of the new Chrysler 200, I found the answer. The writer commented on the upgraded materials and more luxurious fitments, the absence of "Rubbermaid" plastics. The Chrysler rep said they had gotten rid of the "Materials Costs Committee." And there you have it.

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Here are a few pictures of the Thunderbird prototype, showing the hard tonneau and attractive red leather banished from the production models. Following that, I'm showing my personal continuing battle with the MCC to improve my T bird. I hope you like the new grille (the emblem was my custom touch) and hard tonneau, which captures the feel of the 1962 Sports Roadster.

GEORGE BISHOPRIC



Bo Zolland created a series of renderings of a 1955 Ford Thunderbird for a client.

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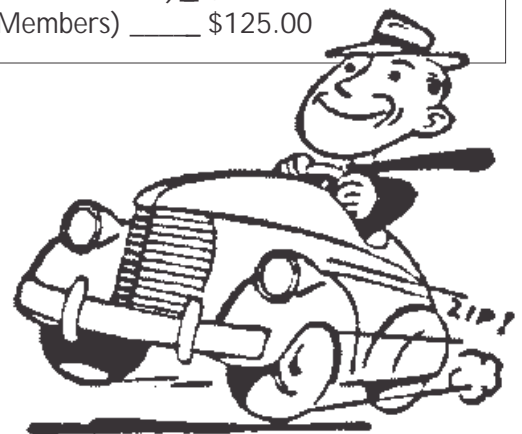
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