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CAR SHOW OF JANUARY 29th 2012

Our yearly car show will be at the Magic City Casino on January 29th. We are in the process of creating the committees for the car show. Can you help us? CALL ME AT 786-554-5200 FELIPE.

We will have a reunion at my home on Saturday at 9.30 AM on Jan 21th for the purpose of organize the Magic City car show. Coffee and donuts will be serving. Address: 4000 Monserrate St, Coral Gables 786 554--5200

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Felipe Cos

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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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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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A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we end the year, I wish all our members and their family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a fabulous New Year. Please remember those less fortunate and all the American service men and woman who are away from home.

Our holiday party was a Hugh success with much food and drink. Thank you, Daisy and Felix for opening their home. Mean Santa really did his job this year. Some of us were thrilled while others disappointed. Everyone could not resist taking Leo's gifts one by one. If fact next year we plan to give him his own seat of honor.

We have almost completed our web site and want all of our members to make suggestions as to any improvements.

Go to our site - Thunderbirdclub.us. If you have any suggestion, please email me at p Klein@bellsouth.net. We will try to accommodate all your recommendations.

Sunday, January 29 will be our annual Car Show at the Magic City Casino. Filipe will have a work morning two weeks before. Please be on the look out. We will need all our members on the 29th to help. Remember our members are free into the show.

Happy New Year

Peter Klein
President

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

CTCI DRIVE

Have you joined the CTCI yet?

We need to have all the members of our club enrolled in the CTCI. Remember that we are a CTCI branch. Please fill out the application and mail it directly.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

JANUARY

Sunday, Jan 8, Ed Morse Automall annual open car and truck show sunrise

Sunday, January 15 - Classic Car & Truck Show 10 am - 4 pm Life Car Center (JJ Production)

Sunday January 22 - Left's Semi-Annual Car & Truck Show- Davie JJ Productions

Saturday, Jan 28 - Taste of Dutch Penn 10 am - 3pm Margate JJ Productions

Sunday, January 29 Annual Classic Open Car & Truck Show Magic Casino Classic Thunderbird of South Florida



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Sunday, Feb 5 - 5th Annual Moose Car show 15490 SW 288th St, Homestead, FL

Sunday, Feb 12 - Diamond Dolls Annual Open Car & Truck Show 10am-4pm Pompani JJ Productions

Saturday, Feb 18 - Margate 4th Annual Street Festival Classic Car & Truck Show - Margate Russ G Event

Sunday, Feb 19 - Homestead Bayfront Park Car Show 10am 3pm 9698 N Canal Drive, Homestead, FL 33033

Sunday, Feb 19 - Classic Car & Truck Show - Broward Mall JJ Productions

Sunday, Feb 26 - Hard Rock Cafe Hollywood 10am - 4 pm JJ Productions



The Incredible Shrinking Car Show

BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

Miami's car show was never Frankfort, Los Angeles, or New York, but it was big. A few concepts, a few factory-supported teams (Ok, the Oldsmobile Chorus singing "This Is Not Your Father's Oldsmobile didn't have the desired impact), but it was more than a dealer sales event. Now, after years of a declining market, the show is a shadow of its former self, one step ahead of a special sale weekend at Rick Case.

There was one star: the Cadillac Ciel. Truly, a lovely car, evoking the grand days of the marque. Supposedly, this will be the basis of a new top-of-the-line Caddy in the next few years. Let's hope so! This made the trip to South Beach worth the trip, and if you knew what I had to do to get those interior shots!

Otherwise, Kia showed off the latest thing: matte paint. The Elantra (I think but who cares?) Looks like a marzipan creation, ready to eat for the holidays. Doesn't look much like a car, though. There's a black Lambo and a few 600 Benzs in Lauderdale with the flat treatment, and that's how it leaves me: FLAT. Like tattoos, it's already time to go. The only use Kia has for me is to show that other governments bail out carmakers, with great success, especially when subsidized by the state of Georgia, to the tune of a couple hundred million dollars. Ah, capitalism.....

Fiat looked good, but having positioned the 500 as the car for Puerto Rican girls that shop at Kohl's, good luck. A small car is always a hard sell in the US, but nobody with a Y chromosome is going to be seen dead in this car, not even a drag queen.

Otherwise, not much to see. Audis are still beautiful, if expensive. Ford had the new Focus, which is quite nice, and the Focus electric prototype. For the first time, the Pompano Swap Shop Show over the Thanksgiving holiday had lots of "home brew electrics."

That's the future. No hot rod innovations, just batteries.



FROM CONNIE DANLUCK

Hi Felipe,

Attached please find the Save The Date flyer. This is the flyer they will use until the Media Flyer with the sponsor's logos are in place.

Please take time to look up the Okeechobee Battle and the previous years web sites for some of the activities.

We will plan to rally up to Okeechobee on Friday mid-afternoon, and return on Sunday morning with lunch stop mid-way on Sunday.

Travel time in a regular car would be about 2-1/2 hours from the general Miami area. We will plan to travel to accommodate our vintage cars...probably about 3-1/2 to 4 hours with stops as needed. Car meeting point and maps to and from will be announced mid January.

I have reserved 20 rooms for us at the Hampton Inn, in Okeechobee. Four rooms are already booked and the rest are available on a first come-first served basis. Please call me (305-757-2183) if you would like to hold one of these rooms for you or someone in your group.

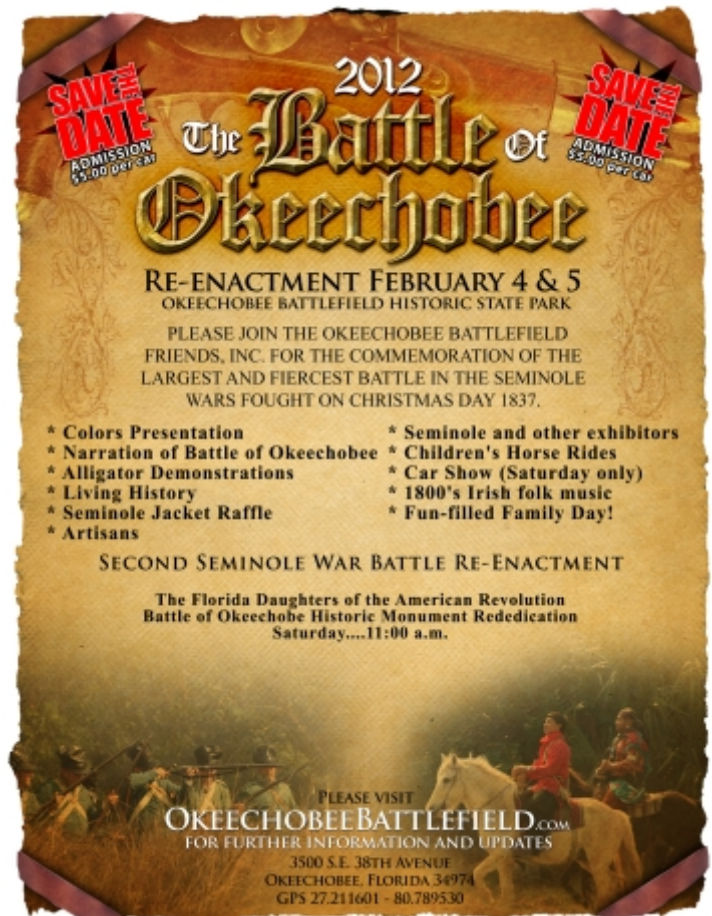
We will also have a meet and greet -pot luck party on Saturday PM at the hotel hospitality room. Please plan to bring an appetizer to serve the number of people in your party and beverages of your choice. Wine and liquor is acceptable at the meeting room. We may also have younger people there as well so be sure that you provide soft drinks for them. Of course, there is ice at the hotel but be sure to pack any food items in a safe manner for transport to Okeechobee.

You will be on your own for dinner and lunches. There will be plenty of food available at the Okeechobee Battle re-inactment for lunch time and breakfast is complimentary at the hotel.

We will be sending out a list of dinner locations shortly.

This should be a great weekend and lots of fun for the many who will be joining us. Please plan to come! !

CONNIE DANLUCK



'Brisk and lively: Fords Allegro II concept

As opposed to the Alex Tremulis and Ken Spencer concept car images we recently pulled from the Ford image archives, this photo of the Ford Allegro II concept comes from a later era, specifically 1967, though it has its roots in an earlier concept that was integral to the development of the Mustang.

Any Mustang history naturally starts in about 1960 when the recently promoted Lee Iacocca formed the Fairlane Committee to explore ways in which Ford could begin to capture the baby boomer market. Benchmarking the Corvair Monza, the committee was led to a design by Bob Maguire's advanced studio called the Allegro, a four-passenger fastback with Ford's then-signature round taillamps and a front end that could easily be mistaken for a Chevrolet Vega's, were the two not separated by a decade. Who exactly designed the original Allegro remains a bit of a toss-up. Randy Leffingwell, in his book, *Mustang: Forty Years*, attributes the design to Maguire, while Gary Witzenburg, writing in *'Mustang: The Complete History of Americas Pioneer Ponycar*, credits Gene Bordinat and Don DeLaRossa. Alternatively, *Ponysite.de* claims that Phil Clark had a hand in its design. Whoever the designer really was, Ford eventually built a fully functional version atop a Ford Falcon chassis, painted metallic gold.


That first Allegro was finished in late 1962 and, painted red, was shown with a group of other similarly sized concepts referred to today as Ford's X-cars. Out of that program came the Mustang II concept, which would go on to influence the production Mustang. About all the Allegro contributed to the production Mustang were elements from its fastback



roofline. And that was about all that was seen of the Allegro until 1967, when Ford pulled it out of retirement, sliced off its roof and tacked on some flying buttresses that connected via a basket handle with integrated headrests for the driver and front-seat passenger. (Those flying buttresses, incidentally, appear to come straight off a design study that the Lincoln-Mercury design studio proposed for the Mustang in 1962. Coincidence?) The metallic gold paint remained, but now with a pair of green-gold stripes. Ford simply described it as a contemporary version of the fastback Allegro, and one must presume that the same Falcon chassis that was under the original Allegro supported its predecessor as well. We've yet to come across a designer's name attached to the Allegro II or any mention of the Allegro II's whereabouts. We suspect Ford has it stashed away somewhere in Dearborn. Can anybody confirm that suspicion?



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WHAT A HOLIDAY PARTY!

BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

What a Holiday Party! We had a wonderful time. You can even ask "LEO" he had the best time of all! Can you imagine Leo's gift was taken away from him more than 7 times? He never got to keep any of the good gifts he opened. Thanks to Bob and Jane Tony who came at the end with Peanut and Snoopy. They saved the night! A special vote was taken and we have decided that in next year's Holiday party we will have a special tribute a "LEO's CHAIR".

Dinner was so good that we had many members that came back for seconds and a couple of them (which I'm not going to name) came back for third time. Same with the bread pudding dessert! Some liked the outer crust, some waited to get the center and other didn't care all they wanted was a big piece. Then of course, the Amaretto sauce.....

On a serious note, I really want to thank everyone that attended. We have a great and fun group of member who know how to party! These past two years as president was great for me as I received a lot of support and made many great friends. Thank you for being there for me. I hope we all continue to work together to make it even better.

The pictures will give you an idea of what an amazing time we had!

DAISY HERNANDEZ



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Rouges Gallery, let the games begin!

It was early one morning when my phone rang and at the other end, Mel Mann introduced himself. As a member of the ACCA he was proud to let me know that my 1957 Thunderbird was picked as a finalist in any auto show I was quite excited.

There were hoops to jump through as there are with any adventure. First I had to join the AACA club, next, take pictures of the Thunderbird (Thor), front, side, back. The picture taking was easy as we have many pictures saved, but picking out the best was a challenge.

I then joined the club with Frank as my best half. Now, Thor had to be prepped, that means the engine gone over to check for any dirt or surface rust. The wash and wax came next as well as the interior clean up. The AACA wanted the hood closed, but we



decided to prepare for all possibilities; we took no short cuts. New screws were needed at the base of the engine as there was surface rust there and the heater valve had to be installed in place of the temporary fix from the last Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida outing.

With Thor in top condition, we found the trip to Miami Beach Convention Center uneventful. Traffic was light and Thor did an easy 85 MPH down the highway. I did notice a new air noise, (this will be fixed by adjusting the convertible hard top). These cars are beauties, but they require constant work as all you readers are probably aware. I also noticed there was a tremendous amount of heat coming through the fire wall onto the drivers and passengers feet and legs. We plan on installing grommets in the firewall penetrations and heat shields/noise suppression sheets on the interior floor boards to rectify this problem.

Set up was painless, as I arrived (through the constant construction in Miami Beach), it was easy to navigate through the other classic cars and line Thor up right between a 1955 Mercury and a 1964 Chevy Impala. NBC did a piece on the car show and Thor was front and center. It was beautiful listening to the comments people had about all the beauties there, people do appreciate the traveling "Art" of which we are proud owners.

The Car Show was great! Miami is striving to become one of the premier car shows in the nation! If you have not attended this in the past, support from car a America is putting out some really advanced vehicles with cutting edge technology these days; but give me the oldies with their style and grace as well as their simplicity and intuitive operating mechanisms any day!



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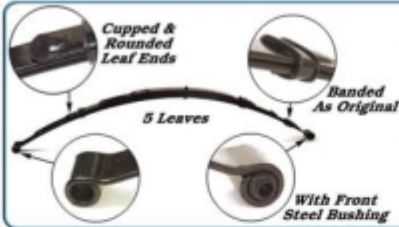
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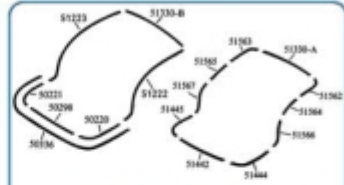
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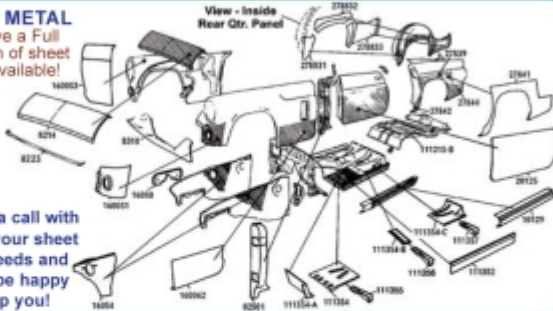
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