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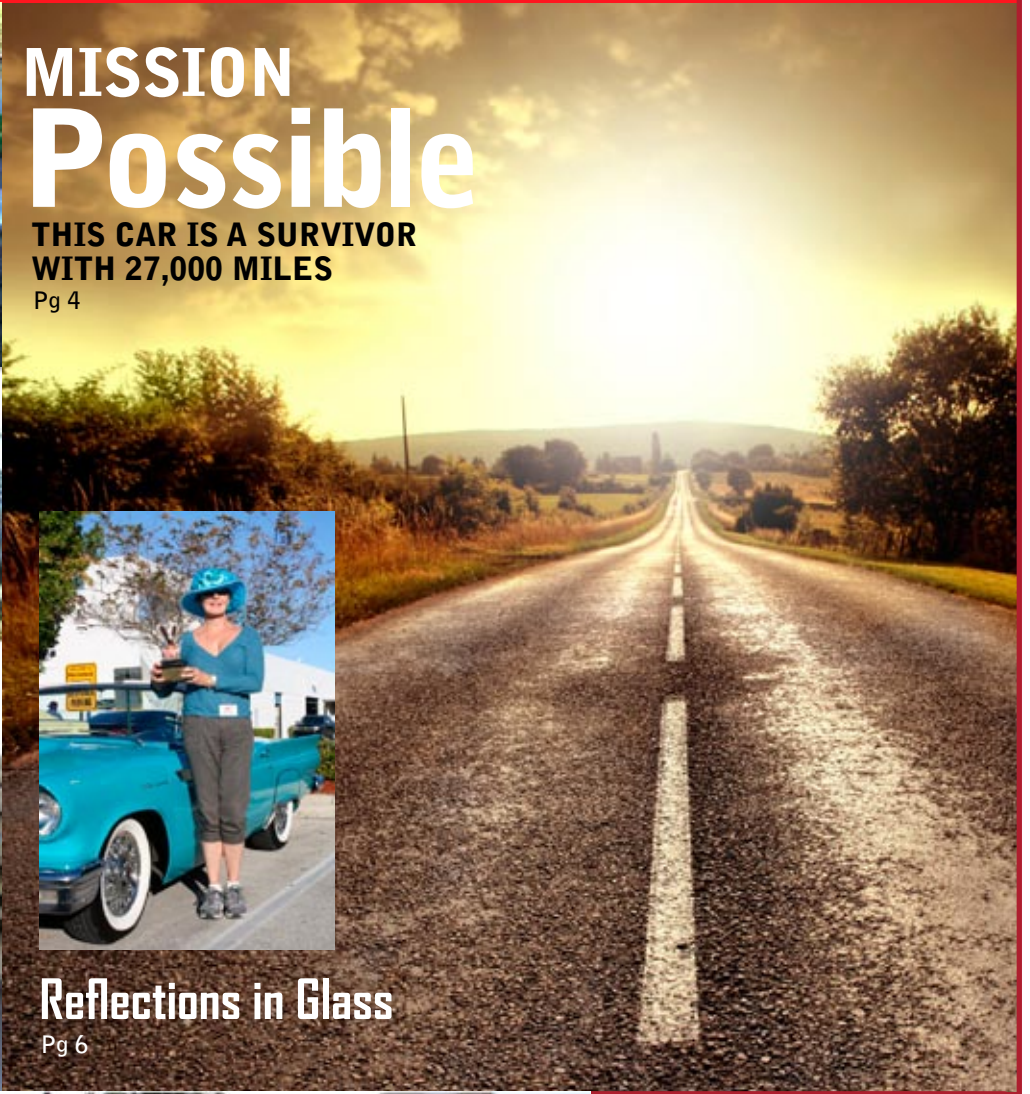
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editor's REPORT



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AUGUST MEMPHIS CONVENTION UPDATE

As of Dec. 18th there were 165 registrations for the CTCI International Convention in Memphis.

This includes 89 Thunderbirds in each of the classes. 61 members have volunteered to judge.

We are taking four cars for the convention. If you are interested, call me at 786-554-5200.

Our January 29th Car Show will be covered in the March Newsletter.

We won't have time to publish it in the February Issue.

The March Newsletter will go out approximately by March 10th. I'm leaving town for a vacation in Israel and won't be back until March 1st.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

A friend of mine got a 1956 Thunderbird from his aunt. The car has 27,000 original miles, but it has been parked in a garage for the last 35 years.

See photos and more details in the inside pages.

We have new members!

Edward and Arlene Raabe, with a 1955. Welcome to the Club!

Felipe Cos



Photo of our new member Ed Raabe's 55 Bird

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We will have our monthly meeting on **February 1st** (Wednesday) at the Trattoria Pampered in Miami Lakes at 7:00 P.M.

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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

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THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

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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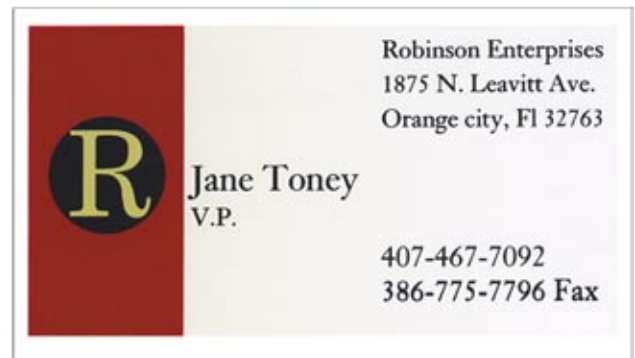
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It arrived on a truck around the end of December. As soon as it arrived, I took the spark plugs out and put some diesel oil inside to lubricate the cylinders.

I drained out all of the old gas and cleaned the fuel lines, added 8 gallons of new gas, installed a new battery, and after 4 or 5 days of adding the diesel oil to the cylinders, I cranked the engine to find out if it was frozen.

It turned O.K. IT WAS NOT FROZEN!

The next step was to install new plugs, new points, a new coil, and a new solenoid. Then, I cranked it up and HALLELUJAH!!!!..... The engine fired up on the first try. I COULD NOT BELIEVE IT MYSELF!

There was a little misfiring because the spark plugs wires were completely dried out and in very bad condition. They are the old type of solid wires, instead of the new filament type. As soon as I get the new wires I'll install them.

It will need new hoses, belts, brakes, etc, etc.

The next item was the transmission. It was dry with no fluid. [in the trunk, I found 35 year-old can of transmission leak sealer]

All the floors are in perfect condition with no rust. There is only small area of rust at the lip of the trunk lid, but nothing serious.



I poured fresh sealer into the transmission with some Type F fluid, and cranked up the engine. It was leaking at the front seal, but after three days, the leak stopped.

I can't drive the car right now, because it has no brakes, so I can't determine if the transmission is working properly or not. At least, it is engaging in "drive" and "reverse." I hope that the sealer will keep working at least for a couple of years

The bumpers will have to be re-chromed. It will need a new full interior, new tires, and paint.

All the floors are in perfect condition with no rust. Only a few spots were present at the end of the trunk lid, but nothing serious.

The engine bay has been already painted and the engine already detailed (see photo of the engine before and after).

All-new brakes [including master cylinder, shoes, cylinders, hoses, springs, etc.] will be installed next week.

I will keep you informed on how the car is coming out.

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“Driving Art”

BY BRIDGET HAGOOD

I had been to Art Deco many times in the forty plus years I’ve lived in Miami, but this is my first time participating in the “PLAY”. As a member of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida and the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) I decided to become more involved with my classic cars. It was only four years ago that my interest was peaked when I attended an auto auction (Dave Rupp) at the Ft. Lauderdale War Memorial. Frank and I bought my first car at this auction, a 1957 Thunderbird (Thor) convertible with the porthole windows and a 351 Windsor; I entered the world of Classics, a true love affair. Frank already owned a 1967 Plymouth Belvedere (Brutus), I purchased a 1968 Oldsmobile Delmont 88 (Roxy), and then we found our 1966 Dodge Charger (Earl) on a skiing trip to Colorado. We have a family of cars and are attending cars shows monthly (sometimes weekly).

On Saturday, as we traveled down I-95 in our 1967 Plymouth Belvedere the excitement began to rise from the pit of my stomach, the anticipation! Many people gave us the thumbs up sign on the road and when we got to the display area we were proud of our entry, Brutus. Much to my surprise, we were asked to take the Junior Orange Bowl Princess and Queen in our car for the parade, what fun! All day people had questions about our Plymouth; participation in these kinds of events reinforces the fact that these automobiles are “Art on Wheels” what a privilege it is to be able to help restore a great part of American History. The time, expense and expertise given in the preservation of America’s “Rolling Art” is well invested. Current perception establishes San Francisco’s Cable Cars as the only Mobile National Monument, but I beg to differ, the cars of our past, preserved by dedicated individuals should be included in this category.

Sunday Frank and I decided to bring our 1966 Dodge Charger (Earl) down to the car show, 1966 was the first year of the Charger. We love this car, and with the resurgence of the Charger in 2006, (a nineteen year break in the manufacture of this automobile), this car was the talk of the show. After Saturday, I expected Sunday to be quite and simple; no way! The thumbs up, the honks, the attention, as we drove down I-95, a girl could get use to this. We arrived at Ocean Drive around 9:30am and were placed near sixth street, that was at the end of the show, or was it the beginning, perspective? Frank had made a sign explaining to people why we call our car “Earl”. We had a lot of questions to answer and listening to Frank, I learned a lot. Then in the afternoon, Mr. Luis Fernandez of Garage TV USA asked me if he could record an interview of me narrating “Earl’s” history with Frank and me. I have not been on TV in many years and I really did not like the idea, but even with my nerves raked I was able to compose myself and make some sort of sense of our story and hopefully do Earl justice.

What a lot of attention, yes, one could get use to being the center of the world, or at least of my world, “Driving Art”.



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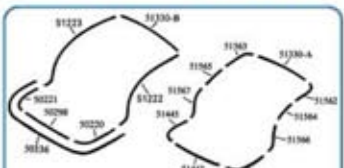
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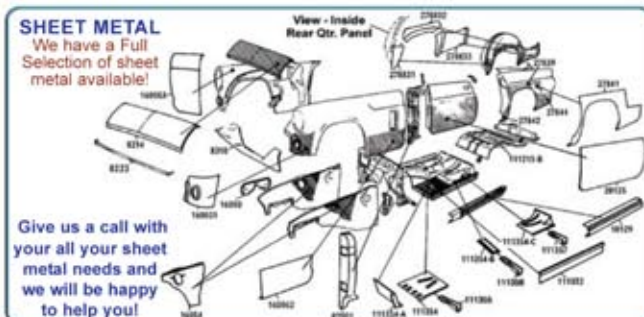
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January 21, 2012

BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:45 am.

New member Ed Raabe was introduced and asks to say a couple of words.

Daisy suggested that we should have a club reunion to celebrate our 15th anniversary which will be in 2 years.

Connie spoke about the our next outing on February 3rd and 4th to Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park to an event called The Battle of Okeechobee for the commemoration of the largest and fiercest battle in the Seminole war fought on Christmas Day 1837. It will be a fun filled day that will include a car show (admission \$5 per car). The cars are planning to meet on at the Sawgrass Recreational Area on 595 and US 27 on Friday, February 3rd at 3pm to travel in a caravan. A reservation needs to be made at the Hampton Inn (863 824-0003). For more information on this event please contact Connie at 305 206-9053. Please contact her as she needs to make reservations for lunch.

Gary passed out the flyers for the Corvette

Show on Sunday, March 18th at 11701 SW 152 St.

The President asked the attending members to please look at our new club website. Allot of work has been put into this site. He asked all the members to send in a picture of them with their cars so that we may place it in the members section.

Felipe then proceeded giving the member all the pertinent information on our upcoming car show at the Magic City Casino parking lot on January 29th. When completed a group of member went to the Casino to see the area.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 1st at 7pm at Trattoria Pampered Chef in Miami Lakes where the car show after-action will be discussed. Hope to see everyone there!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:33

