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editor's REPORT



IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THE DUES, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER

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.

**We have new members, PAUL & JOYCE COTNER with a 1956.
Also we have BOB & DEBBY FERRETTI with a 2005 Thunderbird,
WELCOME TO THE CLUB!**

MISSION: POSSIBLE

The "Mission Possible" car is coming along O.K.

We had a clinic meeting at my home and we repaired two cracked steering wheels, one from the Mission Possible car and another from Ed Raabe.

The door panels have been removed, and also the old carpet. The floors were in very good condition. We cleaned them up, and then rust proofed and painted them with undercoating paint.



RUSTED FLOOR BEFORE IT WAS REPAIRED



FLOOR AFTER IT WAS REPAIRED

Felipe Cos

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA CTC CHAPTER #114 APRIL 2012 VOLUME 14 NO.4

We will have our monthly meeting on April 4th (Wednesday) at the Trattoria Pampered in Miami Lakes at 7.00 P.M. Dining is \$20.00 including wine and desserts. Club paid for the tips.

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Daisy Hernandez 2010-2011

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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GARY STUMP	22nd
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RONAL BARAZ	30th
KIM STEPHEN	30th
SHARLA SHEPPARD	30th

If your name is missing, it is because you did not give it to us. Please send it now so we can congratulate you.



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CRISTY TOUCHING THE PLACE WHERE JESUS BORN [BETHLEHEM]



ORIGINAL ROAD STAIRS TO THE SITE WHERE JESUS WAS IMPRISONED



ISRAELI MINE FIELD AROUND THE JORDAN RIVER



THE TEMPLE IN JESUS TIME [HEROD'S TEMPLE]



A PERSON FLOATING IN THE DEAD SEA



JERUSALEM FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES



WAILING WALL (ONLY PART LEFT FROM HEROD'S TEMPLE)



MT. NEBO, MOSES'S RESTING PLACE



MOUNT OLIVE WHERE JESUS WAS ARRESTED



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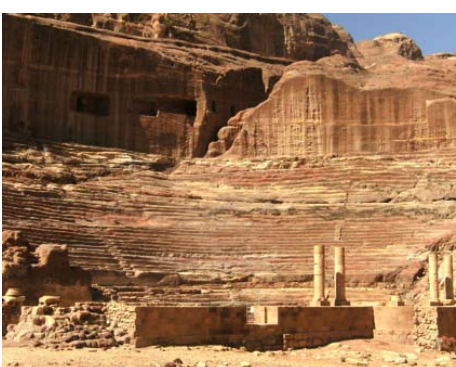
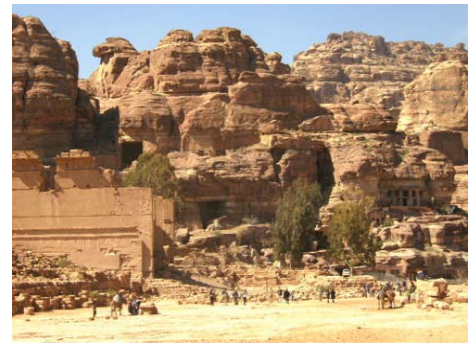
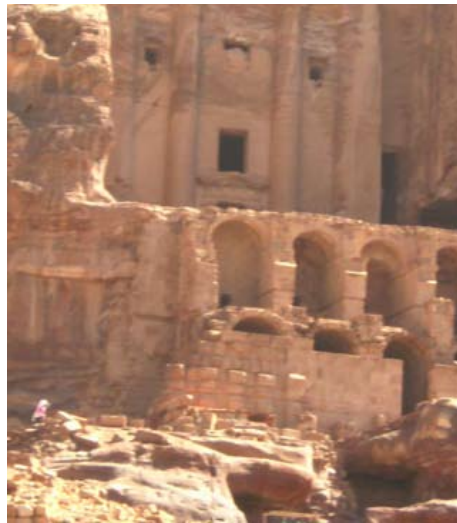


A SCALE MODEL OF JERUSALEM IN JESUS TIME



EMAUS, SITE OF JESUS'S FIRST APPEARITION AFTER HIS DEATH





RHUBARB BARS

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 Tbsp. milk
- 5 cups sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry gelatin

TOPPING:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup cold butter

In a large bowl, combine flour and baking powder. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in eggs and milk just until moistened. Press onto the bottom of a 15x10x1 inch baking pan coated with cooking spray. Top with rhubarb; sprinkle with gelatin.

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Hagerty youth judging program class #2 special assignment with AACA south region.

On January 29, 2012, the classic T-Bird club of South Florida held its annual classic car show at the Miami casino. Mr. Ed Raabe and I instructed a group of fifteen young children between the ages of 9 and 14 on the correct ways to judge our classic cars. This particular program was originally developed by the Hagerty Insurance Company and it has become very successful throughout the country.

Some of the AACA southern region members were present at our event and when they saw what we were doing, they followed us and began taking pictures as well as asking as many related questions. By the end of the day we were asked by them if we would consider putting the youth judging program on for their show on March 10, 2012 in the City of Homestead. Both Ed and I immediately agree and would be honored to do so.

Show day was beautiful and not like our rain and sunshine mixed day at our show back in January. The students were all active police explorers from the City of Homestead Police Dept. The show was small with approx. 45 to 50 cars in attendance. Our assignment was to judge all the vehicles and the students would be the sole judges, unlike our first class that was responsible for only judging a first, second and third place ribbon.

The students were broken down into five separate groups and each group was assigned a group of cars to judge. If one group would finish their assignment, then they would be able to assist another group.

As in many car shows, there are always some owners who prefer not to have their cars judged and that of course

helped us with our timing. Ed and I worked with them in the background, keeping things going smooth. The owners were very happy with the way the students handled themselves and in fact several owners spent extra time with them if they had a special vehicle or accessory.

Later, Ed Raabe was at the mike giving out the trophies and he did an excellent job. The program was a huge success overall at this event. Both Ed and I enjoyed working with the police explorers group, the AACA and the great people from the City Of Homestead.

On Sunday March 11, 2012, I received a pleasant phone call from Mr. Norman Kassoff (The NCAA show chairman). Mr. Kassoff advised me that after we had left, the Chief of the Homestead Police Dept. stopped by a restaurant where Norman was at. The Police Chief stated that he wanted him to know that he had met with the students and that what ever we did today with them was better than most of the programs that the police explorers have been involved in. The Chief further stated that when Norman has the certificates ready, that the certificates were be presented to the explorers by the Chief in front of the City Commission which would be a thrill for the kids.

In closing, may I add that when one gives, you never know what you will receive?

Sincerely

Ed Brown & Ed Raabe.



Dear Ed's,

I want to take a few minutes to write to you, and tell you both who truly wonderful yesterday was at the Homestead Auto Show. The main reason was the program that you both put on for the Police Explorers/Youth Judging Program.

I want to share with you how many car owners spoke to me about the idea of using these young people for the judging process. Many wanted to know where the idea came from, and how pleased they were that AACA agreed to the program for those that wished to try it out.

At the end of the day I was having a glass of iced tea, and my car was out side the little coffee shop when up drove the police chief to chat with me about the how the show went. He went on to say that from what his coordinator told him the kids were really impressed by the entire event. He felt that we had made a very important impact for the better and the young peoples life, and hopes that any future shows in the future in the Homestead area will again involve them. When I get the certificates made up with their names we will have a special presentation before the city commission.

When I was in service the highest level of comment was ,“Well Done“. To both of you I say thank you and Well Done.

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Norman



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Sun, Apr 22 Coral Springs PD Special Olympics Annual Open Car Show Noon-4pm - Coral Springs 201201

Sun, Apr 22 Mardi Gras Casino Classic Car & Truck Show 10am-4pm - FREE! - Hallandale Jumpin Jack 201203

Sat, Apr 28 Saturday

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Sun, Apr 29 Palm Springs North 2nd Annual Classic Car Show Jumpin Jack Productions 201109

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Sat, May 19 Saturday

Sun, May 20 Classic Car Show Pompano Jumpin Jack pending

Sat, May 26 Saturday

Sun, May 27 Seminole Casino Hwd Annual Memorial Weekend Car & Truck Show Jumpin Jack Productions 201108

Mon, May 28 Memorial Day

JUNE

Sat, Jun 2 Saturday

Sun, Jun 3 Miami Lakes Automall 2nd Annual Classic Car Show - Miami Lakes Jumpin Jack Productions 201109

Sat, Jun 9 Saturday

Sun, Jun 10 Sunday

Sat, Jun 16 Saturday

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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

March 7th, 2012 at Tratoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY POPPY MADDEN - Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

President Peter Klein opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and said the club needs people to drive cars at the RM Auction in Fort Lauderdale the weekend of March 16-18. Several members indicated they would participate in the event which will result in the auction company donating money to our club treasury.

He mentioned that our club barbecue is usually held in May. There was very brief discussion of the barbecue and it was agreed that will be talked about more at our April meeting. Christy Cos said she would talk to Daisy Hernandez about the possibility of having the barbecue at a park in Dade County.

Leo Saladino suggested we consider holding the barbecue at John U. Lloyd State Park, an oceanfront site, in Dania Beach.

Christy reported about the recent trip she and Felipe took to Israel and Jordan. She described the journey as "incredible." She said the weather was cold wherever they went and that she took a trip on a wooden boat in the Sea of Galilee; "It is a big lake."

She said that during the cruise "We heard 'Boom! Boom! Boom!' and (she) said 'Felipe! The war!' It was hail." She said they drank Israeli wine which was "excellent" and that they ate "all sorts of vegetables and fruit" while they were there."

Christy said their guide on the tour was Jewish and was born in Argentina and was an archeologist who had been educated in Spain, New York and Paris and was "fantastic."

Peter told club members about attending the Milhous (private museum) auction held at the end of February at the museum site in Boca Raton. Many members of our club visited the unique collection on one of the rare occasions that was open to select visitors last year.

The entire collection -- which included antique slot machines, antique music devices, antique and vintage cars and a fully operational carousel --

sold for a staggering \$38.5 million, he said.

"I didn't buy anything," Peter added.

He noted that many of the items sold for prices way above the pre-auction estimates.

"A model boat that was estimated to sell for between \$15,000 and \$18,000 went for \$35,000. A clock that was estimated to sell for \$50,000 to \$60,000 went for \$90,000. It was ridiculous; people were buying stuff just because they wanted it. An antique Chevrolet dealership sign with a clock estimated to sell for \$8,000 to \$12,000 went for \$72,000. The carousel (which has 42 animals, two chariots and an organ) sold for \$1,050,000. A 1951 Mercury Custom Coupe estimated to sell for 200 to 300 thousand dollars sold for \$423,000.

"It was all in the marketing. You had people there who had more money than sense. A 1912 Oldsmobile Limited five passenger touring car that was estimated to sell for between \$1.4 and \$1.6 million sold for \$3.3 million," he noted.

Ed Brown reported that he had received a thank you note from the student at McPherson College in Kansas who was the recipient of this year's award from the scholarship fund Ed created last year in memory of his late wife, Liz.

The student, from Lawrence, Kansas, is a junior at the college that offers a specialized program in antique and classic car restoration. The award was a little over \$15,000 which represents interest on the fund's principal.

Felipe reported that only one person from the AACA Board of Directors came to our club's January car show at the Magic City Casino in Miami. (the weather was bad the day of the show and the turnout was disappointingly low) He said the man is the incoming president. Felipe has served on the AACA Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. We dined on the as-usual Italian fare during the meeting.

