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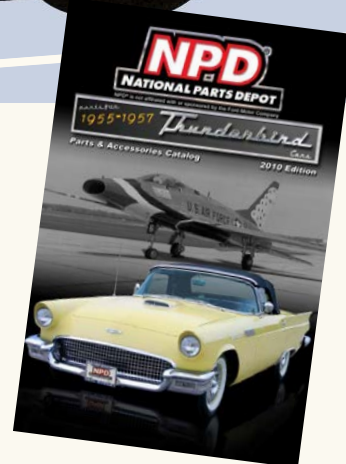
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Last month, I visited the Lakeland Concours d'Elegance Lakeland is a very cute little town just south of Orlando, on the road to Tampa. There were seven people from Dade County there with cars, and we scored four first prizes!

### Dade people there:

"Best of Show": Mel Mann with a '62 corvette (this car was best in show among 200 cars).

Claudio Miro, "Best in Class" with a '56 Messerschmith.

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Gay Lewis, "Best in Class" with a '34 Rolls-Royce.

Nivardo Mora, "Best in Class" with a '34 Chevy Pick-up.

Jose Batute with a '57 Triumph.

Felipe Cos, with a '30 Ford Model A Speedster.

John Jones with a Volvo.

Photos of the Concours are in inside pages.

## OUR HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE DECEMBER 9TH, KEEP THE DATE

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

George Bishopric - Proofing

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](http://www.Thunderbirdclub.us)

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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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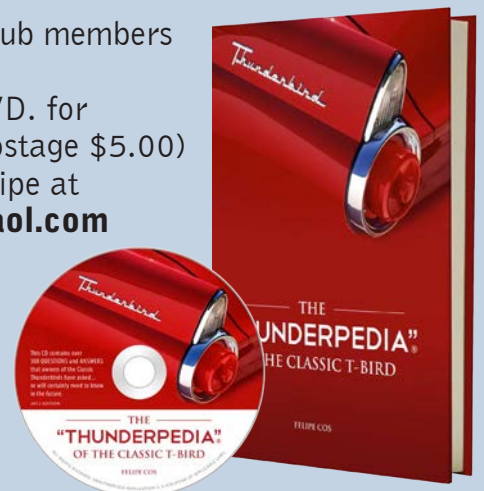


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BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

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# Spied: 2015 Ford Mustang Engine Bay Has 5.0-Liter V-8, Curved Frame Rails



These spy photos from under the hood of a 2015 Ford Mustang reveal two important pieces of information about the next-generation car. First, it will continue to use the 5.0-liter V-8 engine from the current Mustang GT, and second, the new Mustang may have a more rounded snout than the current car's flat-nosed design.

The engine in this test car looks identical to the 5.0-liter V-8 that powers the Mustang GT, as evidenced by the intermeshed intake runners and black "Powered by Ford" cylinder-head covers. It's too early to say whether the engine will receive any upgrades for the next-generation Mustang; the 5.0-liter V-8 currently produces 420 hp and 390 lb-ft of torque in the Mustang GT, while a tuned version in the Boss 302 offers 444 hp and 380 lb-ft.

Even if the 5.0-liter stays in place, Ford will need a base engine for the new Mustang. There's a possibility the standard 3.7-liter V-6 will stay in place, but other reports suggest Ford may introduce a 2.3-liter turbo-four engine either as an option or to replace the base V-6. The forced-

induction engine would not only be more powerful than the current Mustang's base V-6, with about 320 to 350 hp, but it also should be significantly more fuel-efficient.

Another important clue to the design of the new Mustang is the way in which the front of the engine bay tapers toward the center. Whereas the current car and its engine bay have a squared-off front end with almost 90-degree angles at the front corners of the engine bay, the frame rails on this prototype curve inward behind the headlights, and a plastic shroud betrays a front radiator support that makes a continuous curve along the front end of the car. That almost certainly signals that the 2015 Ford Mustang will have a rounded front fascia, marking a dramatic styling departure.

Ford engineers have previously told us the new car will adopt the company's so-called Kinetic 2.0 styling language that is seen on new Ford cars like the 2013 Fusion. That means rounded, curving shapes instead of straight lines. The new Fusion demonstrates a rounded nose

with taillights that are mounted at an angle at the edges of the car, and that design direction will likely carry over to the Mustang. Seeing curved, tapering frame rails in this Mustang prototype lends even more credence to suggestions the new car will be styled like the dramatic, swoopy Ford Evos concept that was revealed at the 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show.

A more cramped engine compartment also could pose problems for the massive 5.8-liter supercharged V-8 used in the current Ford Mustang Shelby GT500. Either Ford will use a gigantic shoehorn to fit the big blown engine into the new car's engine bay, or future high-performance Mustangs must adopt physically smaller (and smaller-displacement) mills.

Our spy photographers have already caught prototypes of the 2015 Ford Mustang dressed up as 2013 cars, but closer inspection has revealed the ill-fitting bodywork and awkward proportions of a test car. We also got a look beneath the rear of the new Mustang and learned that it will, as was long rumored, finally ditch its live-axle setup in favor of an independent rear suspension. That will probably be a version of the "Control Blade" arrangement Ford already uses in Australia for the Falcon sedan.

The 2015 Ford Mustang is expected to make its public debut at the 2014 New York auto show. The timing would be fitting, as it would mark the 50th anniversary of the first Mustang's introduction at the 1964 New York show. Ford also has announced that it will officially sell the next Mustang in Europe; pony-car fans on the Continent currently must pay onerous import fees and taxes to bring a Mustang to their shores.



# A Bike Renaissance

BY GEPERGE BISHOPRIC

You can restore anything, and it seems to be some kind of hard-wired issue. It's not just cars. As we've seen on various museum trips, collectors don't collect just cars, but music boxes, airplanes, toys, whatever, and over the last few years, for me, it's become bicycles.

My first ten-speed bike was a Schwinn "Continental," which replaced a three-speed Raleigh "Sport," which was preceded by a red Schwinn "Typhoon." I sold the Continental to my sister, when I got a deal on a nicer "Super Sport," also Schwinn. One fine Sunday afternoon at Duke, I was broadsided by a car that "ailed to yield the right-of-way when making a left-hand turn. The bike was destroyed, but miraculously, only my right wrist was broken, and it healed well after six months in plaster. With my insurance settlement, I bought a very extravagant "Raleigh Competition," weighing what was at the time a feather-light 21 lbs.

30+ years later, I still ride that bicycle, although the bike world has changed. Everything comes from China, Japan, or Taiwan, and the exotic European "Campagnolo" parts, treated like gold in the day, are pretty exotic. While my bike's 20+ lbs is truck-like in comparison to today's 12-15 pound aluminum and carbon-fiber machines, my own weight is about the same, so the percentage difference of rider and bike is small, and the steel frame allows a more comfortable geometry than some of the newer bikes', and it absorbs a lot of road shock, itself. It is not, however, a great bike for around town.....but that problem took care of itself.

When I bought my Miami Beach condo, back in the nineties, someone had left a Raleigh Sport frame, stripped of wheels and some other easily sold parts on the property. I put new wheels and a new Sturmey-Archer three-speed hub on the bike, and have used it as a commuter. For the last ten years, it has served me well, and both bikes are used extensively, the old brown "Sport" for errands under two miles, groceries, bank, and the Apple Store. The black "Grand Prix" is used for recreation and for long rides up and down A1A alone, or with clubs. Lately, on Sunday mornings, I've been doing 50-70 mile rides, in preparation for a fund raising ride to Key West in mid-November.

As I have been riding more and more over the last several years, my "Old School" bikes are getting more and more attention, and I'm becoming known as the "Vintage Raleigh Guy." I was just given another old Raleigh, a "Grand Prix," another high-end bike of the seventies. I keep telling myself that I use my bikes, I should not make them into museum pieces, but I'm not sure how much longer I can resist. After all, you're reading the words of a guy who uses more than a few restored rotary-dial phones.....



1978? Raleigh Sports

For experts: Yes, the chainguard is not from this year!



1976 Raleigh Competition

So, that of course, in people like us, that leads to a whole new world of restoration activities!. The "Sport" has received a new chain guard, rear reflector, and leather "Brooks" saddle over the last year. A lot of degreaser and wax, and it' looks pretty sharp-- from a few feet. The Continental got new Cinelli handlebars and stem, still uninstalled, but I have learned of a bike shop in Miami that specializes in the restoration of vintage Raleigh bikes....

It's great fun fixing up the bikes, and it's so much cheaper buying bike parts that car stuff. Still, at the end of a 60 mile ride, or the day after, that I wish that eBay had a supply of replacement parts for my vintage skeleton, and that a local shop could fix my own frame as well as they adjust my bikes' various parts.





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## Hello' Felipe & Christy

We have been in New York to attend my brother's wedding anniversary on Sunday Oct/28/2012 at the Vanderbilt Catering Hall on Father Capodanno ave in Staten Island NY. It was a beautiful building by the beach, they were serving drinks on the patio, but we noticed a Carnival cruise ship going out to sea, We did not know it then, but they had been told to leave by Port Authority in expectation of Sandy. We were well aware of the Super storm Sandy bearing upon us from the southeast. No one could anticipate the destruction that was to follow in the next 48 hours. We were staying at my son's apartment, Justin, in Long Beach Long Island, which he let us use.

Monday morning, Oct 29th, was raining lightly, so we decided to take a stroll on the boardwalk across the street and look things over the beach. The wind started to pickup and saw several TV crews interviewing people and reporting on the weather, by then the waves were getting bigger and we noticed there was some one in the pounding waves, a surfer for sure, who was having difficulty getting back to land, a couple of times he was almost pushed on the rocks of the jetties by the violence of the sea. He was finally rescued by wave runners who went to pull him out of the surf.

Our apartment was on the 5th floor, we had a wonderful view of the beach and the Boardwalk from our balcony, plus an unobstructed view of the city of Long Beach. We had our rental car in a relatively safe parking spot in front of the building, Had dinner, watched some TV, when the power went out, we went to the balcony and could see the ocean starting to rise over the beach, then breaking over the boardwalk knocking down retaining walls and spilling onto the street.

Below us we could see the streets getting inundated by the ocean water very very fast, Suddenly water was coming over the beach so fast that the cars on the street started floating and bumping into each other, and into trees and into houses in a slow kind of a dance of horrors. At the same time the wind started picking up with violent strength, then lightning struck some power transformers. We decided the go to bed , but after 1/2hr we noticed an orange glow in the sky, so upon investigating the source, we saw a whole neighborhood of about 15 homes on fire, with flames reaching over 50 feet into the sky, fed by the high winds, it was obvious the the fire was out of control as the fire was jumping from one home to the next.

The next morning Tuesday Oct. 30th, the water had receded somewhat, but whole sections of boardwalk, aluminum siding, sea grass, lots of sand, and an

indescribable amount of trash, was blocking streets and making getting around very difficult. We had no electricity, water had been contaminated and shut off, there was no cell phone service due to cell towers being knocked out, the elevator was out of service, our car under water totaled, also any other kind of transportation such as buses, trains, taxis , nothing was working. Nothing was open, we kept seeing the National Guard Hummers going around keeping watch for looters, a couple of stores had been broken into such as jewelry and pharmacies.

The bridges were blocked and no one permitted to come in to Long Beach, my guess to keep looters out. We tried to reach our son Mark who lives in Brooklyn, so he could come get us out, absolutely no phones of any kind were working. By sheer luck, while walking ,about a mile from our apartment, Valentina's phone rang. It was Anthony who was staying at Mark's in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. They had not suffered any outages of any kind, Help Help come get us, our cell phones are going dead. My next mission, by extra phone batteries or back-up phones.

We really did not want to be there another night since we were expecting another surge that night from the ocean to invade us. Finally, Mark and Anthony showed up around 5:00 pm. The belt parkway had also suffered sea and sand invasion and was shut down, so Mark took the Rockaways to get back to Brooklyn by way of Breezy Point, there we witnessed another fire disaster of a whole neighborhood gone to ashes. We came to stay at my other brother Peter's house, we were able to get another car from Hertz at JFK with full tank of gas.

Wednesday Anthony was able to get a seat on the bus to Bethesda MD, but, since subways and local buses were not operating, we had to drive him into Manhattan's Penn Station where the bus was leaving from. The lower part of Manhattan had been closed to visitors, Battery Park, Water street (no pun intended)and essentially all of the business district including Ground Zero had also been under water.

It's now Sunday Nov/4, the gas lines are 2 to 4 hours long. Long Island has gas but it can not be pumped out without electricity, it seems that a lot of the small gas stations do not have back-up generators, there is talk that millions of gallons of gas are underway into the area.

What a mess. We'll be back home Thursday, that's if we do not get bumped.

See you at the next meeting

**Leo & Valentina**





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- 1 pkg. (6 oz) Heath Bits toffee chips

Heat oven to 350. Prepare and bake cake mix in a 13x9 rectangular pan as directed on package. Cool 15 min-utes. Poke top of warm cake every half-inch with handle of wooden spoon, wiping handle occasionally to reduce sticking. Drizzle sweetened condensed milk evenly over top of cake; let stand until milk has been absorbed into cake. Drizzle with topping. Cover and refrigerate about 2 hours or until chilled. Spread whipped topping over top just before serving, or just put a dollop of Cool Whip on each piece as it is served; sprinkle with toffee chips. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cake.





## Trophy won by Bob Ferretti

Today Phil with his 2003 and I with my 2005 entered the car show at the New Covenant church in Pompano. It was a beautiful day and the grounds of the show had the background of a small lake giving it a very nice setting. There were a lot of nice cars there so never dreamed of having a chance of winning anything.. I got lucky and won this time out of the top forty making it my second this year out of the four shows I entered. The show was for Donations 4Kids sponsored by the church and the door prices for the entrants were really good giving out about three items every hour. The trophy's were hand carved stand up plaques with three detailed classic cars on it. It was a nice change from the standard trophy and will look good next to my other win. Debby and I had a enjoyable day and hope to return for there annual car show next year.

Hope to be at the meeting next week.

Regards  
**Bob Ferretti**

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## CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

November 7th, 2012 at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY POPPY MADDEN-SECRETARY

### MINUTES OF MEETINGS

President Peter Klein opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. It was an unusually large gathering with at least 20 members present.

Connie Danluck outlined the plans for the annual Veterans' Day commemoration and visit at the VA Hospital in Miami. She said there would not be a vehicle parade this year but that members could display their cars in an area where the veterans would be able to view them.

Peter announced that Phil Marzo will be the chairman for our car events.

Peter also reported that he spoke with Ernie and Judy Saladino who will be hosting our annual Holiday Party at their Hollywood home on Dec. 9, beginning at 4:30 p.m. He said that members who plan to go will have to reply to the invitation that is being sent so the host and hostess will know how many people to expect. Also he said we will have the usual (popular) "Ugly Betty or whatever" event -- which is our annual "Nasty Santa" gift exchange.

He said club officers have been having some complaints about some of the gifts that people have been bringing for the exchange in recent years -- and that some of the gifts were obviously

well below the suggested value of at least \$15. He jokingly said gifts should be from \$15 to \$1,000.

Treasurer Felipe Cos said he had a request that people bring an extra gift to be donated to the party to be donated to "Toys for Tots." The idea is strictly voluntary, he said.

Felipe reported we have \$6,240 in the treasury, plus our certificate of deposit. He also announced that Midway Ford has given the club a total of \$1,200.00 plus our \$21,000.00 C.D. -- for our participation in a car show there and for a one-year full-page ad in our monthly magazine.

Felipe said our annual car show will be held Jan. 27th at the Magic City Casino in Miami. He proposed that the regular January meeting not be held and instead club members will meet at Felipe's home the week before the show to discuss the show and to prepare the gift bags for participants.

Felipe also said he has sent club members an email about a 500-mile precision rally that is to be held in April. He said he will be entering it, with Christy as his navigator -- and urged other club members to also participate.

