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Left: Youth Judges, Ed Raabe and VW owner Erik Kozak

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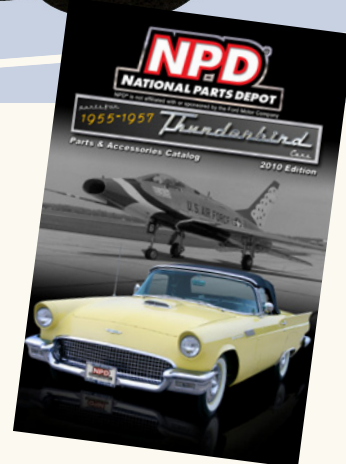
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Photos of the show are in inside pages

WE GOT 4 NEW MEMBERS!

They are FIDEL & MARIA PEREZ with a 55, RICHARD & LUCY STANLEY with a 56, FRANK & PATRICIA TROOST with a 2003, and BRUCE and SUSAN ROSENBERG with a 57.

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!

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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Photos by Felipe Cos

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1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
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2 eggs
1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
2 medium ripe bananas, mashed
(about 1 cup)

Frosting:

1 pkg. (8oz) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
2 tsp. vanilla extract
3-3/4 to 4 cups confectioners' sugar
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, sour cream and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in bananas. Spread into a greased 15 in. x 10 in. x 1 in. baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool. For frosting, in a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla. Gradually beat in enough confectioners' sugar to achieve desired consistency. Frost bars. Store in refrigerator. Yield: 3-4 dozen.



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THE 1957 E CODE ENGINE

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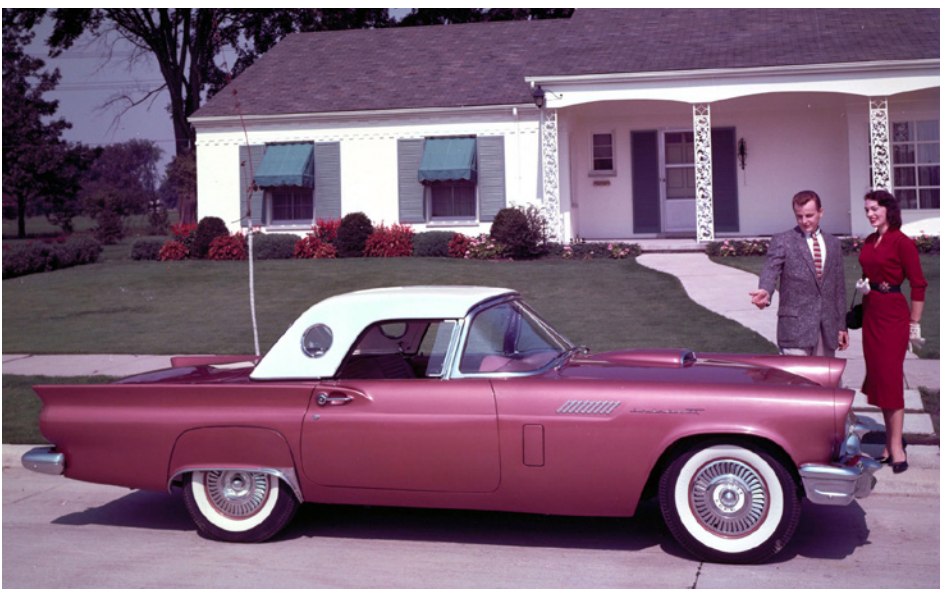
There were reportedly 1,449 of these special dual quad engines installed in Fords at the Dearborn plant for the 1957 model year. The "E" code was rated at 270 HP and some had a little better camshaft that raised them to 285 HP. Although the "E" model was available throughout the 1957 model year, a very large percentage of the "E"s was built in the last month of the production year. Ford decided to get out of the racing business (with the help of the government) and they had all these odd parts, so they really accelerated the production of this rare model. Ford also instructed their dealers not to charge for these options, and the factory invoices on these late models indicated NO CHARGE.

In most cases, this directive was not adhered to. The handwriting was on the wall! The little Bird and it's "Y" Block engine was not going to be part of the 1958 Thunderbird line, and Ford didn't want all these unique parts in stock; so they put them on cars. The last 1957 Thunderbird built was an "E" model. Below is a copy of a factory in-invoice dated December 13, 1957 (13Z), the last day of production for the two seats Thunderbird. Notice the part circled states 312 8V ENG PROD SUB NC. The NC indicates No Charge. Copies of invoices with the no charge appeared as early as Mid-November, 1957. If you purchased the "E" engine prior to the giveaway, the cost would have been \$301.35 with the Fordomatic Transmission, \$253.35 with an Overdrive Transmission, or \$151.35 with a standard transmission.



The "E" model has many unique parts. The valley pan is recessed to allow for the deeper casting of the manifold, as well as the different manifold hold down plates, linkage, fuel filter, fuel lines, air cleaner, distributor, and main wiring harness and carbs. The intake manifold was replaced by a dual carb aluminum manifold. The carbs appear to be similar to the original type of the 1955 and 1956 Thunderbirds. The carbs were mounted back-wards with the primary barrels to the rear of the car. This was done to accommodate the hood scoop. The reversal of the carbs allowed the air cleaner to be far enough back to allow the hood to close.

Dave Tulowitzky.



Ed. Note I have 618 "E" Code 1957 Thunderbirds in the registry. The Trail Birds of Southwest Florida has four members who own 1957's equipped with this special engine.

Felipe's note: In 1956 there was a dealer option similar to the "E" code with the two carburetors.





First Look: Ford Atlas Concept

It was the best-kept, worst-kept secret of this year's Detroit auto show: Ford used its press conference at the Joe Louis Arena to show a concept version of the next-generation F-150 pickup truck. Called the Atlas concept, the flashy truck provides several important clues as to the future of the Blue Oval's best-selling model.

Dispelling rumors, Ford group vice president for development Raj Nair confirms that the Atlas concept isn't made of aluminum or magnesium -- only the hood, like on current F-150s, is aluminum, and the concept weighs about as much as a normal F-Series. But Nair says "the next-generation F-150 will have a significant weight drop" that could reach as much as 700 pounds. That sort of diet will almost certainly require switching from steel to lighter metals.

Under the hood is the next generation of Ford's EcoBoost turbocharged engine, which gains a stop-start feature. While there's no word on size or displacement, Nair hints that Ford could further downsize its powertrains because lighter trucks no longer need a giant V-8s. Ford probably won't go to a four-cylinder in the F-150, but the current 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6 might shrink to, say, 3.0 liters. "The days of the international combustion engine still have a lot of life left in them," Nair says. "We believe that fuel economy will be increasingly important, and we know the targets will be increasingly higher." A diesel, meanwhile, is currently off the table. Ford doesn't see a strong market in the light-duty truck segment, especially as there are minimal fuel-cost savings due to the higher price of diesel fuel and emissions components. As to styling, Ford president of Americas Joe Hinrichs boasts that the Atlas concept "pushes the limits of what an F-Series pickup can be." LED

head- and taillights, an enormous chrome front grille, a plethora of squared-off creases and body panels, and a somewhat wider stance make the Atlas look even more butch and aggressive than the current truck. It's much more modern and design-centric than today's F-150. The interior, too, is more modern thanks to plentiful use of aluminum, blue LED illumination, and chunky angular shapes for the controls and dashboard. Big metal toggle switches and a sparkly metal-and-glass instrument cluster are, sadly, probably only for the concept. Aerodynamics will play just as much a role in reducing consumption as weight loss, and Ford has implemented several "active" components to clean up the Atlas's drag coefficient. An electric chin spoiler rises to clear obstacles but lowers at speed to reduce frontal drag; special shutters between the alloy wheel spokes slide shut to further smooth airflow at highway speeds; and automatic grille shutters, already offered on most new Fords, keep the grille from producing drag when the engine doesn't need extra cooling. All told, these aero tricks are said to add 2 mpg on the highway.

Functional, Too The industry leader in truck sales doesn't want to alienate its most loyal customers, so there's plenty more functionality in the Atlas concept. A 360-degree camera system allows for easier maneuvering, and LED bed and mirror lights drain the battery less than the incandescent bulbs on current trucks. The cab's roof has an integrated rack for carrying ladders or lumber, which can be supported by a pop-up brace that emerges from the tailgate. (When the tailgate is open, that bracket serves as the bed step that allows easier ingress.) Slide-out loading ramps are integrated into the Atlas concept's bed, and Ford says there will even be a feature that helps steer automatically to attach a trailer.

Coming Soon It's no secret that the next-generation Ford F-150 will debut in the next year or two looking very similar to this Atlas concept. The automaker believes its next F-150 will not only continue the nameplate's 36-year record as America's most popular truck, but also will move the segment forward in terms of technology, design, and efficiency. But most important, the F-150 should be a more compelling and up-to-date choice than the mildly warmed-over 2014 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra that debuted in December. "This is only a glimpse of the future," promises Ford's Hinrichs. "We remain absolutely committed to raising the bar in the pickup segment."



13th Annual Classic Thunderbird Club Open Car Show



The Operation Ignite! Youth Judging Program is offered by Hagerty Classic Car Insurance to promote awareness about the Collectible Car Hobby among Kids.

Again, this year, we offered the program as part of our 13th Annual Thunderbird Club Open Car show. We had 10 Kids who wanted to participate, which resulted in two teams who were able to do the judging. Each team had a designated "Leader" and an adult supervisor.



Hagerty Operation Ignite! Young Judges with Ed Raabe

We began by gathering the volunteers to distribute Operation Ignite! hats, t-shirts and lanyards with event tags, all provided by Hagerty Insurance.

Then, as a group, we went over to my 1959 Edsel to learn how we were going to judge the cars. I instructed them on what to look for in each of the five judging categories, using examples that we could find on the Edsel.

Once everyone understood the judging procedure, we split in to teams and went to judge the cars. Part of the judging process involved the car owner. The Team Leader asked permission to judge the car as well as the owner's assistance to demonstrate that the safety equipment, such as the lights and horn, are fully functional.

There were so many beautiful cars it was hard to pick a winner. When the teams finally reunited and

compared scores we had a draw for 1st place! They eventually decided on a Bright Red 1958 Volkswagen Type 1 Beetle that was displayed with every accessory VW made available for that model!



Our Thunderbird Club created a Special Trophy for the Hagerty Operation Ignite! Youth Judging. Pedro Abello, a Young Judge with an encyclopedic knowledge of cars, presented the award to Erik Kozak, The VW Owner.

We allow our participant owners to judge the cars at our Events, asking only that they don't vote for themselves. Interestingly enough, Erik's VW, judged by his peers, also won a Division Award Trophy, validating the Kids choice! A great time was had by all, the Kids and Owners alike.

We are very grateful to Tabetta Salsbury at Hagerty Insurance for providing, on very short notice, the Youth Judging Kits for our Event.

This was our second year getting the Kids involved with The Hagerty Operation Ignite! Youth Judging program and look forward to next year to be even bigger!





By George Bishopric

Don't you love to see the old cars out, driving, being used, rather than being garage sculpture? This 1937 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Coupe lives about 10 blocks from me in Victoria Park, downtown Fort Lauderdale. The house does not have a garage, and it's usually just sitting out front, waiting to go to on errands. It's not a rust bucket or even a 50 footer. The car is a very nice driver, probably looks as it did in the 1940s, after a few year's use.

On this day, I saw the car at Office Depot, where the owner was headed to the gym. He's owned the car for 20 years, but does have a Chrysler Crossfire for those regular duties.....and times you want an air conditioner, I'd assume.

The 1937 was an all-new car with a new six cylinder engine that put out 85 horsepower, the same as Ford's V-8 of that year. 66 million was spent developing the car, but sales were not great, as budget cutting in Washington pushed the economy back into recession, stalling the nascent recovery from the Great Depression.

Just love to see these cars out there "Living!"

Speaking of living, I'd like to take a moment to thank all for the "Get-Well" basket of fruits sent by the Thunderbird Club. You are all too great. I'm doing fine, and will be back on the road in March. Think of it as a chassis restoration.

On the subject of restoration, I'm using the time to have my car painted, and some upgrades installed... I'll keep you posted.





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ARE YOUR WINDSHIELDS CLEAN?

The most common overlooked item I see at all the car shows is the quality of the window glass. Car restoration experts do an amazing job on the body, motor, and interior, but the glass is typically not in good shape. I think that many do not know that there are a few glass restoration specialists out there that can make your glass look amazing too. Glass Restoration Inc. in Sarasota, Florida is one of them. (www.GlassRestorationInc.com). Glass is best restored during the car restoration process, and "Out of Body". However, you can take your glass to them and have it restored while you are working on the other parts of the car.

Tom Chapley of the Virginia Classic T-Bird Club says that he has always had problems getting the windshield of his cars clean. No matter how many times he cleaned the glass; there would always be a film, water spots or streaks on the glass. Tom recently purchased a glass cleaning kit from the Auto Geek, called "Diamondite Glass Cleaner".

The cleaner is foaming powered clay that you apply with a special sponge that is included. After scrubbing the glass with the powered clay, you clean the glass again with their special spray cleaner. I did this on the windshield of my 1957 T-Bird and was amazed at how clean and sparkling the windshield was. This stuff really works! The kit also includes a spray can of sealer to be used after the cleaning.

The kit cost about \$49. Tom recommends just purchasing the foaming clay cleaner at \$15. You can purchase the Diamon-dite glass cleaner at www.autogeek.net. Below is information taken from the Auto Geek website

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Diamondite Glasswork Clay is an elastic clay resin that cleans out the microscopic grooves of glass to leave it incredibly slick and thoroughly clean. Glasswork clay cleans by gliding over the glass on a bed of lubricant and grabbing contaminants that are bonded to the glass. Clayed glass will be incredibly smooth, clear, and clean. Glass is not a perfectly

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Diamondite Glasswork Cleansing Clay works hand in hand with Diamondite Glasswork Clay Lubricant to protect automotive glass as it is cleansed of stubborn impurities. The slippery lubricant allows the clay to glide over the glass, picking up contamination as it goes. After claying, glass will appear clearer and feel incredibly slick to the touch. Directions: Mist the glass generously with Diamondite Glasswork Clay Lubricant. If doing a windshield, work in quarter sections. You may wish to cut the clay bar in half and reserve the other half in case you drop the clay you're working with. Spread the clay flat over your fingers to give yourself an adequate work surface. Glide the clay back and forth over the wet glass. You will feel the clay grab. This indicates that it has encountered contamination on the glass. Continue to rub the clay bar back and forth until it glides freely. Use a microfiber towel to wipe the glass dry. If any clay residue remains on the glass, mist it with Diamondite Glasswork Clay Lubricant and wipe the glass clean. Continue claying until you've cleaned all the glass.

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