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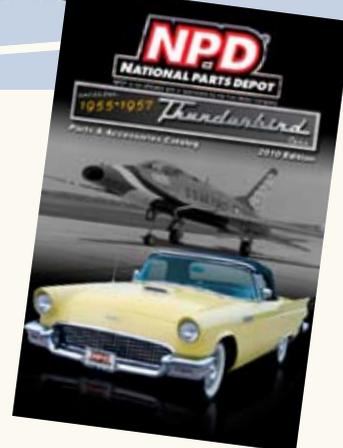
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# editor's REPORT



## On June 23rd we had our yearly Brunch at the Hillcrest Country Club in Hollywood

We were there by 10.00 am until 2.30 pm. We had 35 members at the Brunch; the 50/50 winner was Bob Toney with \$70.00 that he donated to the McPherson College.

The club also decide to donate \$200.00 to the McPherson College (with the 50/50, our Club donation and a private donation we got \$310.00). We had a raffle with all the gift brought by the members.

Every member paid only \$10.00 and the balance was cover by the Club.

In separate page you will have photos and an article.

**On June 15th** we had a precision rally European style (free of charge for the club's members). **Oscar Castro got first place, George Bishopric got 2nd Place and Leo Saladino got 5th place.** Peter Klein got second place (in reverse order).

Those rallies are something unique, you have to try one, once you do it you are hook for life.

**We are planning for August a two days trip to Naples and the Mystery Train,** more information will be in the inside pages.

**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



## 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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### THUNDERBIRDCLUB.US

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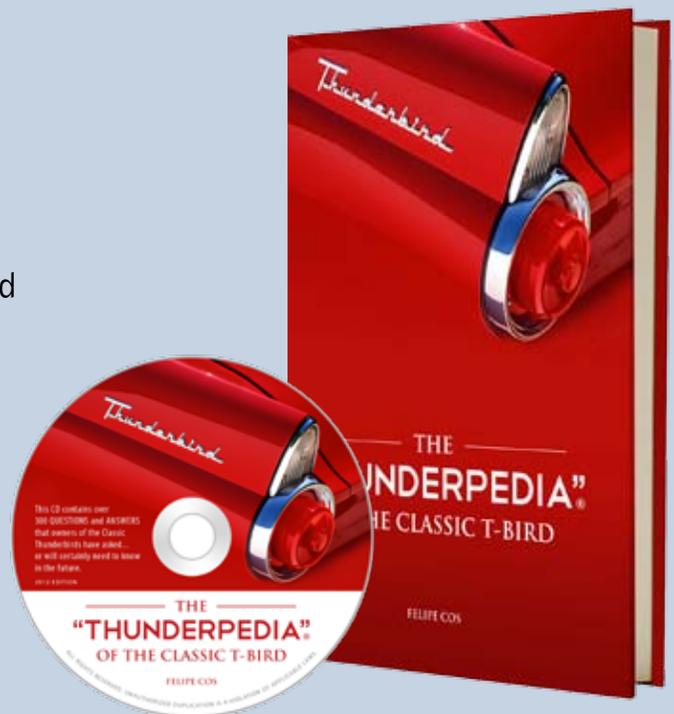
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Contact Felipe at [filo4000@aol.com](mailto:filo4000@aol.com)



# Boy what a wonderful Saturday Car Rally!



Sorry so many of our members were not able to experience not only a fun time but a learning experience. Participant in the rally from our Thunderbird club were Leo Saladino, Oscar Castro, George Bishopric, Richard Boyhan, and myself

We met at Grand Prize Chevrolet on SW 152 Street. We were given instruction on how to read the map and the symbols. We had to drive all over the Redlands, look for sign, elephants, telephone poles and speed signs. Each distance had to be timed and if you missed it you had to make that distance again. I saw Leo and Richard Turn around 3 times.

At the finished line we had our picture taken under a race car attached to the wall at the business of Bullseye Powder Coating, Inc. Many thanks go out to our hoist Joe Orriols, the owner of Bullseye. He provided refreshments and a wonder roast pig which we had for lunch.



Many thanks go out to all of our drivers and navigators for doing a wonderful job.

I was fortunate to have my grandson, Jake, with me. We were lucky to come in next to last. We missed one instruction and did not time the distance, but we had a ball.

Hope to see more of us next time. Many thanks to Felipe for doing a fabulous job.

Remember this Sunday is our club's Brunch.

Peter Klein



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# President's Letter

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Our club had been quite active this month with two events that our members participated in attending. First was the Car Rally, which was held in conjunction with other antique and new cars. This was my first attempt to learn and drive in a rally. Luckily I had my grandson, Jake, to help me. Filipe Cos arranges the trip with various signs, telephone pole and elephants to look for to complete this task. The winner was our own Oscar and Mari. I was fortunate to come in next to last. We complete the rally at the facility of Birdseye Powder Coating, the sponsors of the rally. We celebrated with a roast pig and pulled pork sandwiches.

Our second event was our brunch, instead of our summer BBQ, held at Hillcrest Country Club in Hollywood. We had about 34 members and guest attending and the club picked up the tab for those members who participated working at the RM Auction. We were glad to see Ed Brown come down to visit. Thanks go out to Daisy Hernandez for arranging the brunch and our new location.

On July 3, club members are invited to attend the Jumping Jack car show in Miami spring. Several of our members are planning on attending so give me a call to coordinate a location to meet and party together.

In August, the club is planning an outing to Ft. Myers. This will be on a Friday and stay over and visit the Edison Museum. We plan to go as a club to the Mystery Train Show and Dinner. Daisy will be sending out a notice, once we get the date and cost established. I am looking forward to seeing as many members attend this trip as possible.

Happy 4th of July and be safe.

Respectfully,  
Peter Klein, President

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## RECIPES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Courtesy of the Trail Bird Newsletter

### CARAMELIZED APPLE HAND PIES

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter  
3 medium apples, peeled and finely chopped  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 tsp. cornstarch  
1/8 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 pkg. (14.1 oz.) refrigerated pie pastry TOPPING 1/4 cup coarse sugar  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted

Heat butter over medium heat in a large skillet. Add apples; cook and stir 5 minutes. Mix brown sugar, cornstarch and cinnamon; add to apples. Cook and stir 7-8 minutes until apples begin to soften and caramelize. Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice and vanilla. Cool. Preheat oven to 400. On a lightly floured surface, unroll pastry sheets. Roll to 1/8-in. thickness; cut four 5-in. circles from each sheet.

Place about 3 Tbsp. filling on half of each circle.

Moisten pastry edges with water. Fold pastry over filling. Press edges with a fork to seal. Transfer to greased baking sheets. Prick tops of pastry with a fork. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire racks.

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A group of members will be also staying Saturday night at the Marriott Courtyard. Then travel North to Punta Gorda to see the Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City Museum.

Please e-mail Daisy Hernandez at [hern3120@bellsouth.net](mailto:hern3120@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible if you are attending the Murder Mystery Train and if you will be staying Saturday night to go to the Muscle Car museum.

She will forward the reservation information to you.





# The Classic Thunderbird Club's Murder Mystery Dinner Train Tour

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The Getaway Package cost \$209.88 per couple (2) and it includes five course dinner, Murder Mystery Show, and the train ride PLUS one night stay at the Courtyard by Marriott in Fort Meyers, FL (corner of Metro Pkwy and Colonial Blvd) which includes breakfast.

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We will be traveling with our regular everyday car with air conditioning. The plan is for everyone to meet Friday morning for breakfast (place to be determined) at around 10 am then continue to the Courtyard Marriott Fort Meyers. Check-in relax then dinner on the train. Next morning have

breakfast (included in the hotel) and head to the Edison/Ford Museum. I'm sure we can get a group rate for the museum.

There's a group or members that would like to stay until at the Courtyard Marriott until Sunday. If you are interested in staying until Sunday, please let me know when you e-mail me for the train event and I will see what rate they will give us as a group. On

Sunday we can travel approximately 45 min North to Punta Gorda to the Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City Museum. I can also check on a group rate for that. Let me know if you have any other suggestions.

Please e-mail me ASAP to let me know if you will be attending the Mystery Train ride with the Marriott stay and if you will also be staying until Sunday going to the Muscle Car Museum. As soon as I know how many people will be attending I will send out instructions on how to make the reservation. Please respond quickly as I want to make sure there is enough space on the train for us and also availability in the hotel.



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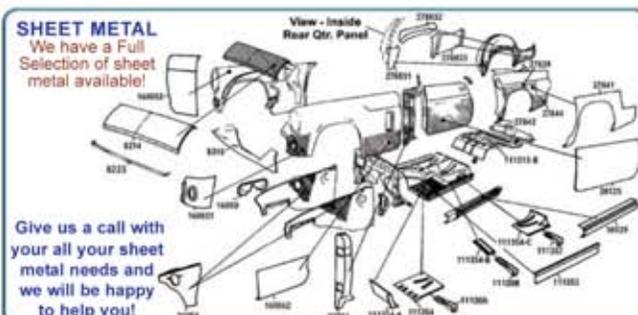
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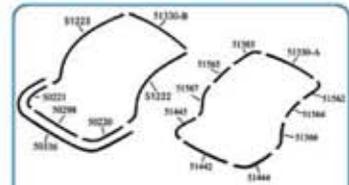
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# Lincoln MKZ Event



Country clubs, Tudor Mansions, Ranches: In line drawings or photographs, in the 50s, American luxury cars appeared stationary and imposing, festooned with beautiful ladies in flowing ball gowns. Cars never moved; style and surroundings conveyed the message of comfort and elegance before notions of handling, braking, and safety took over, and German cars seized the title of “Standard of the World.”

Cadillac is back and is racing around the Nurburgring, but Lincoln has languished. Ford’s ill-fated acquisitions of Jaguar, Aston Martin, and Volvo deprived Lincoln of money for new products. The LS was not a success. The Lincoln Town Car marched off with the mastodons, and the Volvo-based MKS is barely selling. If the brand can’t be saved soon, it will go the way of Mercury.

Miami’s Wynwood, would seem the antithesis of a marketing site for “American Luxury,” but Lincoln wants to attach its new model to an image more than performance. The gentrifying warehouse district is the where the young, urban buyers are. No tennis clubs or yachts, Lincoln wants graffiti, raw concrete, and hipsters in fedoras.

Whatever the marketing guys say about stylists being inspired by manta rays and American eagles, the exterior is distinctive in a Lexus-like way, but the MKZ most impresses with a lovely interior. Handsome and comfortable, the shapes are look to be from the same designers as the current Jaguars and Volvos. The influences of this car do not include BMW or Mercedes.

LEDs are everywhere except the headlights. There is no shift lever; it’s replaced by buttons. I asked the representative if this was the first Ford pushbutton since the Edsel, and if he was pretending not to understand, he’s a good actor. The “MyTouch” system dominates controls, but Lincoln has wisely put radio controls on the steering wheel and made the HVAC controls interestingly (manta ray?) shaped touch-sensitive aluminum bars right on the console, so you can avoid the computer’s complexities for frequent tasks.

I drove both the hybrid and the Eco-boost 4, and both were pleasant places to be. The hybrid is smooth and almost seamless, but you do sense the regenerative brakes, and the motor is just a tad rough. 47 mpg is pretty good, especially for such a large luxury car. The regular 4 is a hair smoother, and still gets 35mpg, highway. Both cars are appropriately luxurious, and are at their best in the city, where quiet, comfortable fuel-efficient transportation is most appreciated. Lincoln did not chose a racetrack comparison event for a reason, but we did get a nice visit to Panther Coffee, The Miami Cigar Company, and a drive-through art gallery (probably more for drive-by shootings, not too long ago).

The new MKZ is Lincoln’s first new model since the crisis, and it has a mission:



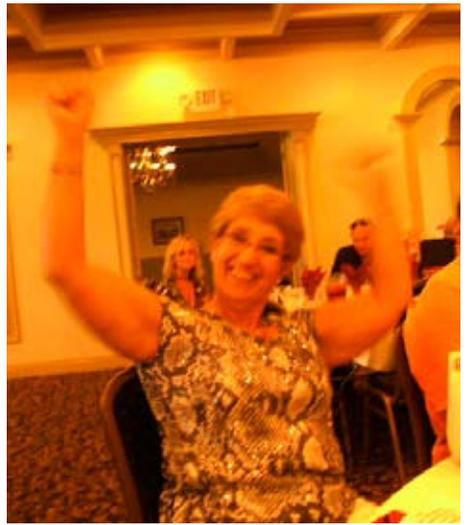
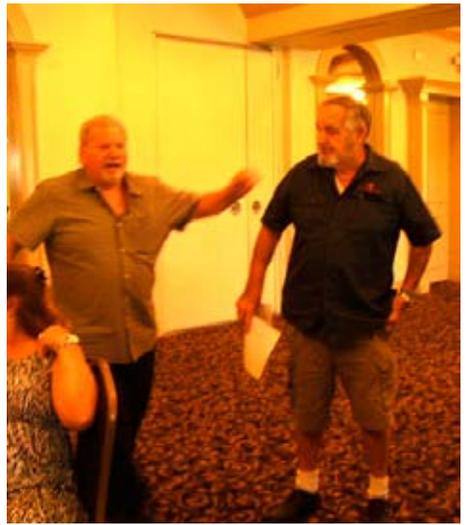


Get the Lincoln brand considered by a generation that has forgotten that exists. If a beautiful, comfortable “green” luxury car posed in a dramatically in warehouse has the same appeal as a Mk II at a polo match did in the 50s, Lincoln may have a future, after all.

1. MKZ, posed in a hip loft setting
2. The MKZ will be pursued by relentless competition.
3. Cigar making in Miami (all tobacco and workers imported from Honduras)
4. The MKZ deftly handles a drive-through art gallery.







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