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editor's REPORT



We had our monthly meeting on Jan. 18th at my home, where we prepared all the material for the car show. We decided to contribute to the International Convention with a full page in their program.

I want to congratulate Oscar Castro for his big contribution to the car show with the website he made of our club. In addition to allowing, people to register, this will allow, in the future, members to pay their annual membership fees with by credit card.

We have the following new members: WOJTEK CYMER, JOE MACHADO, JOHN JONES, MARK DIENSTAG, JORGE AMARO, ALBERT JORGE, JUAN NAVARRO.

Their memberships can all be attributed to the website Oscar Castro created for our car show. THANKS OSCAR!

March 12-16 will be RM Auction. We will need drivers for the auction which will help our club to get \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00. We use that money for our parties, BBQ, Holiday Party, Drive out, etc. WE NEED YOU!

Our car show on January 26th was a success. We had 195 cars, the largest car show in Dade County. Thanks to all the members that helped in the show. Special congratulations to Raul & Georgina Dominguez for their "Best Thunderbird". Please see photos inside.

2014 CTCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 1ST TO 6TH . SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Don't miss this opportunity to see over 200 Classic Thunderbirds on display. Our Club is participating.

I will be flying non-stop Miami-St Louis on American Airlines and will subsequently be renting a large car for the 3 1/2 hour drive. If anyone is taking that flight and is interested in driving with me, please call me at 786-554-5200.

There are already 8 couples that have signed on.

Go to the CTCI website: www://ctci.org for more information.

You have to be a member of the CTCI!

Felipe Cos

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA CTC CHAPTER #114 FEBRUARY 2014 VOLUME 16 NO.2

We will have our regular meeting of February at the Trattoria Pampered Restaurant in Miami Lakes at 7:30 pm on Wednesday Feb. 5th Look for his ad for address and phone.

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Connie Danluck 2008

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Daisy Hernandez 2010-2011

Peter Klein 2012-2013

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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news**

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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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DEBBIE FERRETI	13TH
BOB TONEY	19TH
MARINA GONZALEZ	26TH

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

CTCI NEWS

DUES ARE DUE

\$35.00 MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE, PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB AT
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INTERNET PAGE

Have you seen our internet page? We need to update it. Does anyone know how to do it? If you can update it call me. Our page is as follow:

THUNDERBIRDCLUB.US

You may have your own individual email, mine is as follow: FCOS@THUNDERBIRDCLUB.US If you want your own just send a note to me. Please follow the previous format in doing so. It is free, no charge. This is another advantage of your club. Any ideas for the page? This page doesn't cost the club a penny for yearly subscriptions, I'm doing it through my business company web.

Please call **Felipe** at (305) 661-5170

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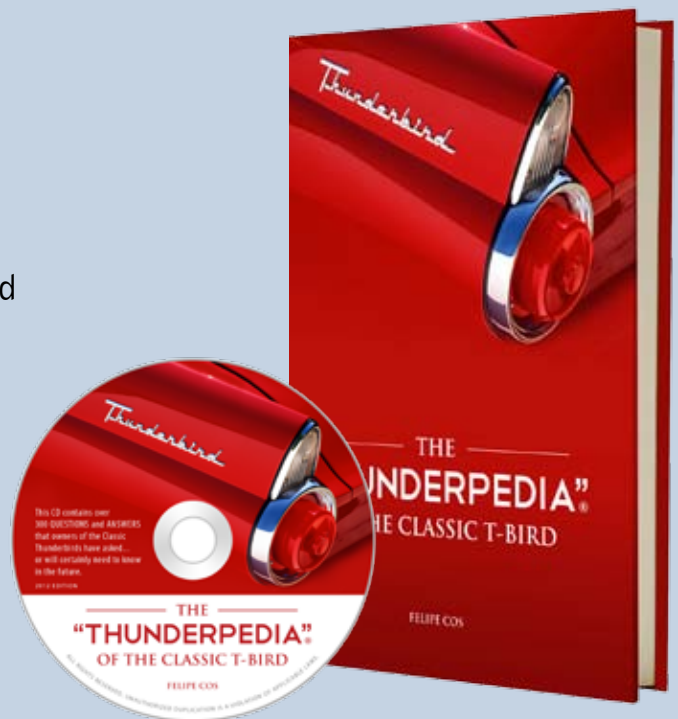
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Contact Felipe at
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Thanks to everyone who brought their fantastic cars to our “Back to Tropical Park” show on Sunday!

Scott rocked the house with his music mixes.

The weather was perfect and we had over 200 cars in attendance. Classics, Sports, Muscle, MOPAR..., Pony Cars, Hot Rods, Mods, Pick’em Ups, GM A Bodies, Vettes, Vipers, Cobras, Super Snakes, you name it and of course, over 2 dozen beautiful Thunderbirds from Phil’s “Chrome Cruiser” to Raul’s Red Classic ‘56, there was something for everyone! Thanks to the Kids who volunteered for Operation Ignite, Hagerty Insurance Company’s project to introduce Boys and Girls to our Hobby. Thanks to all of you who voted. Every winner was a “Peoples Choice” Special thanks to the Team who compiled your votes! Pictures from the show include, the Trophies, Hagerty Kids, Award Winners, the T-Bird Club Members hard at work, the award winning cars, including The Camaro Transformer Bumble Bee, Shelby Eleanor, Classic ‘56 Thunderbird and Jaguar among some other Special Interest cars like John Layzell’s 2013 Peking to Paris Rally VW. On behalf of our Club founder and Show organizer, Felipe Cos, we were very proud to provide a Super Show for everyone to enjoy.

See you next year! Ed Raabe



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Our Tropical Park Car Show





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CTCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION "60 YEARS OF KICKS - ON ROUTE 66" JULY 1-6, 2014 - SPRINGFIELD/BRANSON, MO



January, 2014

Dear Member,

By now you've probably already heard that this year's Classic Thunderbird Club International Convention, **60 Years of Kicks on Route 66**, is going to be something special.

The convention features the 60th Anniversary of the introduction of our favorite Classic, an indoor Concours d'Elegance and a location right down the road from all that Branson, Missouri has to offer. The 2014 International is set to be a memorable event.

Situated on the world famous Route 66 and centrally located in Springfield, Missouri, USA, the location will provide easy access no matter where you're coming from or headed to...

So don't delay. Commit to "Get your Kicks on Route 66" with us this summer! Follow the Convention, Hotel, and Registration Information link at the left for all the Hotel and CTCI Event details.

Then you can begin planning your trip to Springfield on Google Maps or RoadTripper by following the links at the left. The RoadTripper website has a special area dedicated to Route 66 travel under the Guides selection of their website.

See you there!

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 2nd

- Car Load In begins
- CTCI All Members Meeting
- Ask the Experts Seminar
- Welcome Party

Thursday, July 3rd

- Continue Car Load In
- Judges Training
- Branson Showboat Belle

Friday, July 4th

- Concours d'Elegance
- Branson Landing Shopping
- Cruise in to "Cruisin USA"
- FIreworks Display

Saturday, July 5th

- Swap Meet
- Driving Tour to the Caverns
- Awards Banquet

We Want Every Member Involved!

We hope everyone will attend this years Classic Thunderbird Club International Convention, but even if you can't please share your knowledge and experiences.

- What is your CTCI Chapter's schedule and route for getting to convention?
- Do you want to meet up with other members for the trip?
- Do you have a Route 66 travel story?
- What are the MUST SEE places along the way?
- Have you found a great website for travel information or trip planning?
- How about a funny story or picture about Route 66 or traveling to a CTCI convention?

You get the idea.

Each of you have great experiences and local knowledge that can make the trip more enjoyable for other CTCI members.

Don't wait ! Send as many of your experiences, pictures, references, links, etc. to jgray@ctci.org and we'll post them in a special area of the CTCI website.

I sincerely hope you're able to join your Classic Thunderbird Club friends this summer on our Route 66 journey.

If you can't make it in person, we'll miss you. But please share your travel knowledge and feel free to contact me with your ideas and input, or just to talk T-birds.

Wishing each of you and your families a healthy and prosperous New Year

Jack Gray

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The North American Auto Show is the biggest in the Americas, if not the world. How does an international show differ from the Miami show? New car introductions

at every corner, one-of-a-kind concept cars at every stand, sometimes more than a couple, and bright lights, vertiginous floor elevations, and noise to rival Miami's most outrageous clubs. The sensory experience is dazzling. Of course, given the 10F temperatures outside, sensory inputs were best confined to the overheated disco staging inside the Cobo Center.

Our friends at Ford have been busy! On stage, framed by a perfect '65 Mustang and the 1962 Mustang concept car, was the 2015 Mustang. Yes, I have seen it, and its impressive. The roof and rear of the car are much sleeker, while the front is more "retro" Over-all, the car seems designed to appeal more to Mustang traditionalists and possible Camaro defectors than to anyone who was contemplating a Hyundai Genesis or a Nissan Z.

Some of the improvements can't be seen, especially the independent rear suspension, or the 400lbs of liposuction. The 2015 Mustang is far more evolutionary than revolutionary. If the handling and quality are not vastly better, I'll think this was the right car.....for 2011, but if improved enough, it's a solid addition to the Mustang legend.

The brand-spanking new all-aluminum F-150 was sitting there, and attracting tons of attention. Perhaps I should say 1,300lbs, because with the change to aluminum alloy, the truck weighs 700lbs less than the model it replaces. The ability to build in aluminum is the one benefit that



Porsche 911 Targa



Mercedes 600 Coupe



F-150



Thunderbird

Ford retained from its ownership of Jaguar. It's a very striking in a "brutally handsome" kind of way. That's been the direction of truck styling, of late, and I suspect the stylists wanted to convey that, as there are some fears that buyers may be frightened of buying a car made of recycled beer cans. I think it's brilliant, and it might be a reason to buy Ford stock.

Need more reason for cheer on a grey 16F day? Behold the Lincoln MKC! A very well styled car, and the "wings" grille finally looks great on a Lincoln. This car will bring lots of new customers into Lincoln dealers, in a way that the MKZ has not. (That said, it seems the MKZ is more and more visible of late.....) Now, with a really good rear-drive independent rear on the Mustang, couldn't that same platform stretch a bit to work with a large rear wheel drive luxury sedan? "Black Car" drivers miss their Town Cars.

Over on the GM side of the world, Cadillac showed the stunning "Elmiraj" show car, which is rumored to prefigure the 2016 top-of-the-fleet Caddy. I hope so. The handsome ATS Coupe was there (again, why not a Mustang-based MK IX? The MK VII worked out pretty well!) along with the coming plug-in hybrid, which somehow looked better than it did in Miami. There is no truth to the rumor that gymnastic events at the Summer Olympics will include getting in and out of the back seats of this coupe. GM has utterly abandoned rear seating and rear vision in two door vehicles.



Lincoln MKZ



Cadillac's Elmiraj show car



Chrysler 200





Chrysler had the new 200 Sedan which finally is a contender. The interior may be "best in class," at least on the premium models. Very upscale, and I suspect this trim was developed for European sales of Chryslers and Lancias. Of note is the vanishing gear selector level, replaced by a large rotating switch, a trend Lincoln started with push buttons on the MKZ. Shades of Edsels and Desotos.

That about covers the hometown guys. Enjoy the pics.

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida DRIVERS NEEDED

We will be the major drivers for RM Auction which provide our club with money to sponsor our free programs for the year. We need every member of our club to participate. Invite your friends, neighbors, family and business associate to help our club.

Wednesday March 12, 2014 time: 10-5pm
 Thursday March 13, 2014 time: 10-5pm
 Friday March 14, 2014 time: 11-9pm (11-4; 4-9pm)
 Saturday March 15-2014 time: 10-9pm (10-4; 4-9pm)
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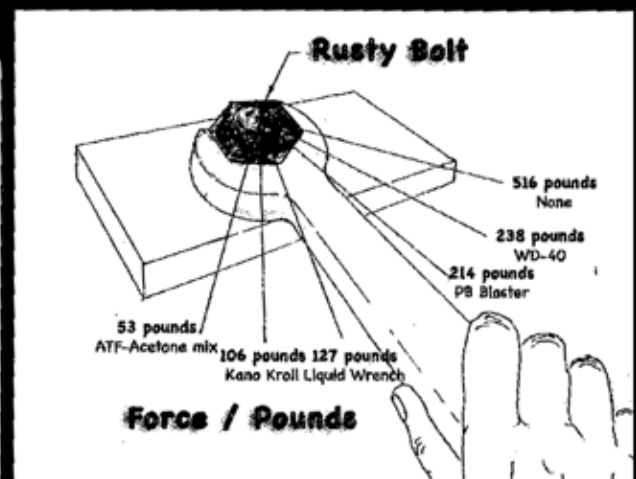
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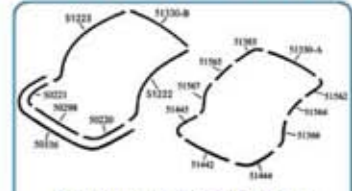
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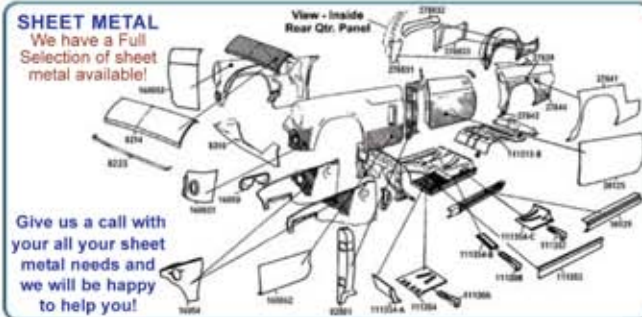
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YPSILANTI AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE MUSEUM

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

COURTESY OF ED RAABE

Located in a small revival district of Ypsilanti, The Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum is a "blast from the past"!

Never have I seen so many Kaisers, Frazers and Henry J s in one place. Frazers were built not too far away at the old Willow Run Bomber Factory that Joseph Frazer bought after WW II.

Back in 1954 The Kaiser Manhattan featured a 140hp Supercharged engine! (see sidebar)

There will be a few pictures of these "Spectacular" cars among the following. "Dutch" Darrin was the designer who penned the Kaiser line and he created some wild designs. What about the Darrin fiberglass body sports car with those "pocket doors"! Kaiser even had a "small Car, The Henry J which was half a decade ahead of its time!

Since the Museum was once a Dealership and Service Center, much of the original "charm" of a neighborhood dealer still exists here.

While I was there they were sorting out thousands of original Kaiser and Frazer parts from the Parts Loft.

We were told a story about Mario Andretti's visit there. He was especially interested in The Hudson, since he raced them early in his career. They happily obliged his request to "start the engine"

Please enjoy the photos from our visit and some of Tucker Kaiser-Frazer and Hudson History!

We had a terrific time, Ed and Arlene Raabe



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WOL. 1, NO. 1 Willys Motors, Inc., Kaiser-Willys Sales Division

FEATURES OF THE GREAT NEW Kaiser Supercharged "Power-On-Demand" Engine

How many of you really know the difference between the '54 Kaiser's new "Power-on-Demand" Engine—featured in the '54 Kaiser Manhattan—and the engine in the 1953 Kaiser?

To say that the difference is simply the addition of a supercharger is completely incorrect.

Actually, the '54 "Power-on-Demand" Engine is a new, redesigned engine, developed by Kaiser and McCulloch, Willys Corporation engineers, working together on the most modern application of super-charging. It is the result of hundreds of hours of laboratory and dynamometer tests, plus thousands of miles of road and field tests.

Some of the Important Changes from 1953

1. A new aluminum, steel reinforced crankshaft with increased fuel pump capacity and revolutionary new "pressure equalizer". The supercharger actually creates its own atmospheric pressure, regardless of changes of altitude or air density.
2. A new three-valve overhead fuel pump, largest on any production car, which assures efficient combustion and prevents against "lean-burn".
3. A new "breakable" type air cleaner, leading fresher and cooler air from outside, rather than stale ground air from under the hood.
4. New "full-recess" treatment on the top compression piston ring, eliminating any possibility of oil leakage.
5. New positive rotating exhaust valves with constant cooling action, eliminating possibility of stalling or burning.
6. New "tilt-down" intake valve with exceptional cooling characteristics.
7. New, larger cap on No. 1 main bearing providing greater bearing strength throughout and lowering noise, longer engine life.
8. The Kaiser super-charged engine develops up to 140 h.p. at 2800 r.p.m., and up to 215 pounds of torque at 2000 r.p.m.

Every dealer, salesman and service man should become completely familiar with all these changes. They are the biggest proof that the '54 "Power-on-Demand" Engine is not simply the Kaiser engine with the addition of a supercharger, but a new engine in itself—one engine that is unique and different from any compression engine—the only production passenger car engine factory equipped and factory engineered for supercharging.



The collection of the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum includes 30 vintage automobiles with a historical connection to Ypsilanti. A 1933 Hudson Terraplane K Series Coach is the oldest in the collection up through a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice Police vehicle manufactured at Willow Run.

The crown jewel of the collection is #92, a 1952 Hudson Hornet NASCAR

champion driven by Herb Thomas. Thomas drove this Hornet to his second National Championship in 1953. All together, Thomas and his Hornets won 43 NASCAR races.

Ask the kids:

Herb Thomas's story provides the inspiration for the 2006 Pixar film CARS.



MILLER MOTORS

Carl L. Miller opened the Hudson Sales and Service franchise in 1927 as an automobile dealership and repair shop. After the American Motors merger in 1955, the dealership was renamed Miller Motors, and added Rambler to the product line.

Until 1958, when the Hudson line was discontinued, the dealership sold 1,969 new vehicles, including Hudsons, Essexes, Terraplanes, Ramblers and Metropolitans. Since 1958, Miller Motors has continued operations providing service and parts to Hudson collectors across America.



In 1995, owner Jack Miller collaborated with Paul "Skip" Ungrodt, Jr and Peter B. Fletcher to open the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum. The museum incorporates Miller Motors and has been steadily growing through gifts and acquisitions.



Like his automobile collection, Jack Miller preserved the dealership's authentic condition over the past 80 years.

The Miller Motors collection consists of advertising, service, repair, and promotional items that were essential to the automobile business of that era. This unparalleled collection enhances the trip through automotive history. The museum remains an authentic experience of a post-war service and sales business.

Miller Motors has also retained all records going back to 1927. These records are permanently displayed and archived for future generations and ongoing research.



TRUCKER



Ypsilanti was home to Preston Tucker, whose family owned the Ypsilanti Machine and Tool Company

Prior to heading the company Tucker had been involved in automobile sales and administration and auto racing with the famed front-wheel drive race car designer and builder Harry Miller and also served as a Lincoln Park, Michigan motorcycle policeman.

Tucker's lust for speed and innovation led to the creation during 1946 of the TUCKER 48, a rear engine car with safety features as a "Crash Compartment" and "Pop Out Windshield" and a "Center Headlight" which turned when the vehicle turned. Lack of raw materials after World War II and enough money to fund the company resulted in only fifty-one Tucker's being manufactured. Today forty-seven remain valued at close to a million dollars each.



Preston Tucker's home which is located about four blocks from the museum and has been restored serves as a photo opportunity and a drive-by. On week-ends, sometimes visitors are lucky and get to meet John Tucker, grandson of Preston Tucker, here at the museum when his job permits it. Early work on the Tucker prototype was done here in Ypsilanti and production on the fifty-one cars manufactured was done in a plant in Chicago.



Tucker Family Home







CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

January 18th, 2014 at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting was called to order by our New President, Ed Raabe at 9:45 am at Felipe and Christy Cos' house.

Felipe introduced Mark Dienstag, his wife Ydania and son Jordan, as our new members. Everyone present introduced themselves and welcomed them into our club.

The President explained that the purpose of today's meeting was to go over the agenda for our car show January 26th back at Tropical Park. Felipe gave everyone their task for that day. It was decided if motorcycles show up to the car show we would charge them \$10 to enter the show.

A discussion was held about members that do not participate in any of our fundraisers or attend any of our monthly meetings, but yet attend all of our free events. President moved the item to be discussed at our next meeting.

Past President Peter Klein spoke about the next fundraiser, driving cars for RM Auction starting on March 12th through 16th. He will be sending out an e-mail with the information. Mike said that he has some "chocks" for the drivers so that they can use it when the cars start rolling back. Peter brought up the issue of the Club shirts, telling us they will be ordered immediately.

The meeting was adjourned and we stuffed the "Goodie Bags" for the Club sponsored show.

