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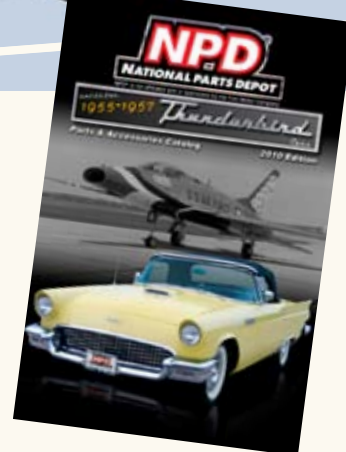
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editor's REPORT



Have you realized that we are at our 15th anniversary? WHAT CAN WE DO TO CELEBRATE IT?

Our rally will be next Oct 3rd, 4th & 5th, you should have the registration.

Our 6th car Rally will depart from Miami and finish in Everglades City with overnight in Naples.

This Rally is very easy, you only have to maintain certain speed at the designated areas with no stops or turns. I promise you will see parts of Florida that you have never seen before. You need a GPS for speed accuracy, stopwatch and a navigator. [Italy's Mille Miglia Style].

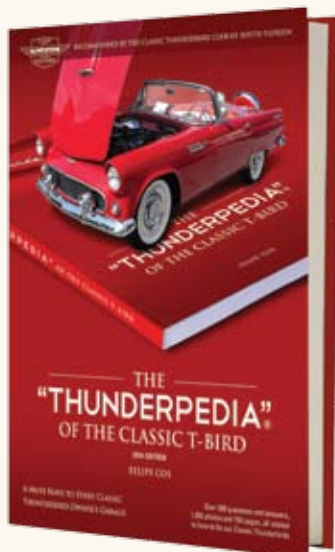
There will be two car classes: Classics [over 30 yrs. old] and modern cars.

Children are welcome in the cars.

Bullseye will be one of our sponsors

The New 2nd Edition Thunderpedia Book

is already published and also the printed addendum to the first edition, you may call me at 786-554-5200



Felipe Cos

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA CTC CHAPTER #114 OCTOBER 2014 VOLUME 16 NO.10

Our meeting will be on October 1st at 7.00 pm at the Trattoria Pampered Restaurant in Miami Spring. See you there

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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

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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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

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

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FELIPE COS	15TH
VENTYNA SALADINO	21ST
WILLIAM KAHN	12TH
PATRICIA HERSHORIN	24TH
KAY HALL	25TH
DEBBIE FERRETI	28TH

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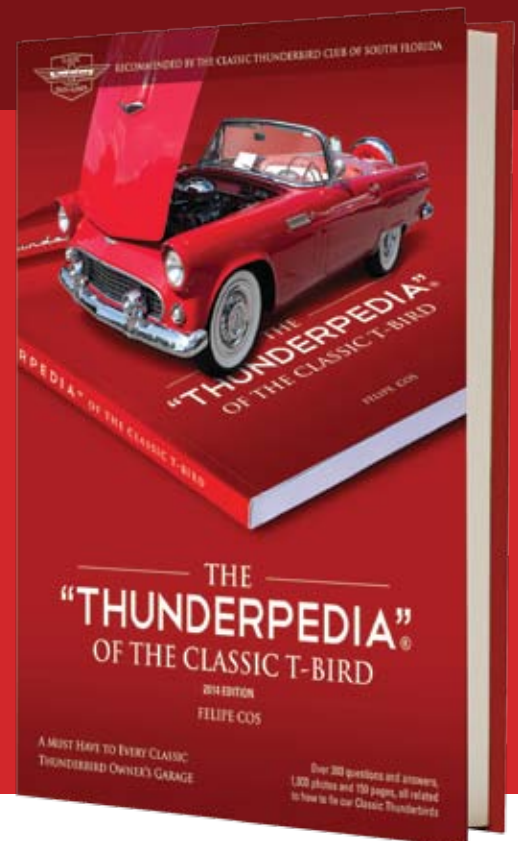
Felipe Cos introduced The Second Edition of the "Thunderpedia of the Classic Thunderbird" at the Branson/Springfield Convention.

It has over 300 questions and answers, 1,000 photos, and over 150 pages, all related in how to fix our Classic Thunderbirds.

There are no other books similar to this.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

The Fall is here although in South Florida, the Summer pattern of high humidity and afternoon thunderstorms persist. If you can, a trip up to Hickory Corners MI. near Kalamazoo would be just perfect. The Weather is cool and the trees are all “turning”.

There you will find, on 90 acres of rolling farmland, The Gilmore Car Museum and if you can make it, they are going to inaugurate the new Cadillac & LaSalle Museum on Sept 28th

Back in the summer the new Lincoln Motor Car Heritage Museum was opened adding to the Franklin, Pierce-Arrow and Model A Ford Museums already on the Campus. Each Museum is housed in an authentic “dealership” styled building, so you really feel like you have been transported to the past. Besides Automobile Collections like Tucker, Auburn and Duesenberg, there are many other fine collections to see as well, including Hood Ornaments, Pedal Cars, a vintage Gas Station and Dinner.

Arlene and I had the pleasure of going there last year, but so many additions have been made, it’s time to go again!

For information about The Gilmore Car Museum please visit their website

<http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org>

Closer to home, The Lake Mirror Classic will be held on Oct. 17-19 in Lakeland, FL a beautiful Northern town. Please go to their website for more information at <http://www.lakemirrorclassic.com/>. There is a Concours d Elegance and an open car show that literally takes over the town! I hope to see you there.

The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida will be holding the Florida 300 Mile Rally on Oct 4th and 5th This is a spectacular event open to Vintage and Modern cars. Please contact Felipe Cos as there may still be room for an entry.

There will be an AACA sponsored show “Wings Over Miami” on November 22nd at the Tamiami Airport, which is a wonderful Venue for a show. I like to go every year! There is always a big turnout from the Sunshine Corvette Club. It would be nice if we could “Give them the Bird” by showing up in force! Let me know if you would like to attend. If we get enough participants we could have a reserved area of the show field.

Other local shows during the season are always being posted by Oscar and Daisy on our Webpage as they become published. Please support them.

Hopefully the weather will start getting better and the “Birds” will come out. I for one, am looking forward to the Winter!

Happy Classic Birding!

Ed Raabe



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Fantom Works

Vacation, for some, is a time of relaxation, sipping cold drinks and lazing at the beach, but not for Frank and me. We were in Norfolk for a family reunion so during our down time we sought adventure and cars, the Fantom Works car restoration shop was the perfect spot for both. We arrived on a Saturday to find out that tours are on Friday. No worries though, Rob, the Operations Manager was exiting the building as we arrived and offered to give us a private tour of his "baby", the shop. Now this shop is the size of two football fields, the largest restoration shop of its kind. Talk about square footage and all the different cars; this is definitely Gear Head heaven. Fantom Works does it all when it comes to automobiles. They not only work on the standard body disciplines, but they also take care of the upholstery and all mechanical tasks. They have a complete machine shop and fabrication ability as well.

At Fantom Car Restoration, they are not interested in doing work for people who want to flip their cars, but rather for those of us who truly love our cars and want to bring them back to their former glory to enjoy them and pass on to future generations. Rob, our guide, has twenty five years of experience fixing antique cars as well as a specialty of fixing neon signs, juke boxes, porcelain signs, and electronics. If you can break it, Rob can fix it. Currently Rob is working on a recreation of a 1953 Tomassi-Ferrari, Hydroplane originally the Arno XI. This 3 point hydroplane still holds the world speed record with its V-12 / 4.5 liter Ferrari engine. This record was set on October 15, 1953; speed 241.7km/h (150.1 mph).

Frank and I originally become interested in Fantom Works car restoration when we saw a program on the Discovery Chanel's Velocity show titled "Wounded Wheels". Dan Short, the owner, and his crew took



a 1970 Chevelle SS clone and made it wheel chair accessible and with all controls operated by hand! Can you imagine the joy a veteran felt, to be able to drive a muscle car instead of the old "Mom van" that most disabled veterans, wheelchair bound, have to employ to accommodate their special needs.

During our stroll through this massive shop we were accompanied by the shop German Shepard, Heidi, who busied herself between us and exploring the many nooks and carnies of the area. She is friendly but I would not want to encounter her in the shop after hours or unescorted!

Our last step was the fully restored 1940's soda shop. This respite of days gone by is just as you would have found in your favorite Drug Store. Mom would plant her small charges at the counter to enjoy an ice cream soda so she could shop un-hassled.



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HERE IS A GROUP PICTURE OF THE HAPPY WINNERS!

THE 2014 300 MILE RALLY IS NOW HISTORY!

Everyone had and incredibly fun time and we received an overwhelming amount of requests to do it again.

We will definitely be having another!

Date and details will be posted as soon as they are finalized.

We were very lucky to have a professional videographer accompany us on the rally pictures and videos will be posted soon in the gallery section.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE CARS ARRIVING AT THE FINISH LINE



OVERALL RACE WINNER
ALSO WINNER IN MODERN CLASS



www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com/300-Rally.htm



OFFICIAL RALLY RESULTS

Look how close some of these scores are.

On the 2nd day, 9 ralliers were within 8/10 of a minute apart - that's what I call close.

Morale of the results - start calibrating your speedometers for the next one.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DRIVERS AND NAVIGATORS.



LEO SALADINO'S
2ND PLACE TROPHY

FLORIDA VINTAGE CAR RALLY

Classic Thunderbird Club

Overall October 4

1.	#16	(2.87)
2.	#5	(5.15)
3.	#11	(6.06)
4.	#15	(6.69)
5.	#8	(7.77)
6.	#7	(8.30)
7.	#2	(8.35)
8.	#3	(8.41)
9.	#9	(8.43)
10.	#13	(8.45)
11.	#10	(9.05)
12.	#12	(9.09)
13.	#19	(9.16)
14.	#4	(9.29)
15.	#17	(10.31)
16.	#6	DNF

Overall October 5

#11	(3.96)
#10	(4.00)
#15	(4.11)
#7	(4.13)
#9	(4.31)
#17	(4.71)
#8	(4.71)
#5	(4.74)
#3	(4.77)
#13	(5.84)

Overall Oct. 4/5

#5	(9.89)
#11	(10.02)
#15	(10.80)
#7	(12.16)
#8	(12.48)
#9	(12.74)
#10	(13.05)
#3	(13.18)
#13	(13.29)
#17	(15.02)

ACE

October 4, 2014

Car #5

Car #9

Sector

#06

#14

#12

October 5, 2014

Car #7

#8

#9

#10

#15

Sector

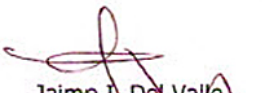
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Jaime I. Del Valle
Rally Master
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From: Oscar Castro

Hello Everyone!

Once again, I would like to thank you all for participating in the 2014 Florida 300 Mile Rally! We couldn't have asked for a much nicer bunch of people, you are the best!

I hope that it was as much fun for you as it was for me. I had the most wonderful time, getting together with old friends, making new ones, and having a great time with my Navigator! Hope to see all of you again at the next Rally.

Thank You Felipe and Jaime for making it all come together for us! Now sit back and relax for a bit, but not for too long, because we've had numerous requests for another one Rally, so you'll need to start working on that one!

Thank You Bullseye Powder Coating for those beautiful and UNIQUE trophies!

Go to the Thunderbird club website (<http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com/300-Rally.htm>) and check out some pictures that I put up, as well as the final OFFICIAL scores. There are no names, just car numbers. You all did great, I am amazed at the closeness of the scores, you had some of the closest groupings that I have ever seen!

If you'd like, go to the HOME page [<http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com>] of the Thunderbird Club Website and get the details on the River Boat Dinner Cruise we have coming up next month. For this activity, if you would like to attend, you have all been named "Honorary Members" and are hereby invited to participate with us! I know it's too soon for a Rally reunion, but it would be nice to see you all again.



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