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editor's REPORT



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

2014 is almost gone!, we are in our 15th year of Birding

We will have our Holiday Dinner on December 13th at the Elks Club, see our advertising in another page, you should bring a \$20.00 gift per person for the gift exchange. The Club is paying for half of the cost.

In January 25th we will have our Tropical Car Show, we need volunteers, this is a big show and there is a lot of work to be done.

If you have a chance visit the new Wendy's of Raul Dominguez on Bird Road and 69th. It is a state of the art. Congratulations!

Happy Holidays to all of our friends!

Felipe Cos

**Happy
New
Year**

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA CTC CHAPTER #114 DECEMBER 2014 VOLUME 16 NO.12

Our meeting will be at the **Holiday Dinner on Dec. 13th** Also we will have a meeting on January 10th. It will be in my home (Saturday A.M.) to assign all the work of the car show, meeting will be only for the volunteers. Exact date and time will be send by Email.

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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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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

Our Club's web page: _____ www.thunderbirdclub.us

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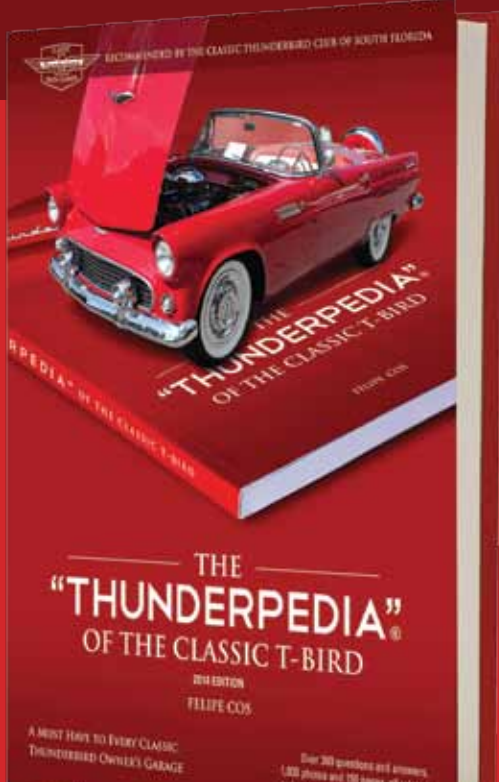
Felipe Cos introduced The Second Edition of the "Thunderpedia of the Classic Thunderbird" at the Branson/Springfield Convention.

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.

Price is \$35.00 Postage is \$6.00

Contact Felipe at filo4000@aol.com






Here's a great '59 Rambler American Wagon. I see this car doing daily service here in Broward, and as much as we all love restored perfection, there's something satisfying about seeing an old car, in daily service for years, running along doing exactly what it was designed to do: provide simple, safe transportation with more than a bit of style.

But as we all know, modernity has its benefits, too. Not just smooth automatics, power steering, and reliable, rain-worthy disc brakes, but now, that whole suite of electronic delights that new cars have, and that are simply not possible to retrofit into an antique car.....or are they?

We all know by now about "Waze" "Apple Maps," and "Google Maps," don't we? These amazing services give mapping and guidance as good as those that come with a new car for thousands of dollars, and they are free. Make sure you have one of these on your iPhone or Android device. Waze, recently acquired by Google, provides very

helpful traffic information, and it has guided me around a lot of traffic problems. I would have to say that since the acquisition, it seems a bit clunkier, and DO NOT USE IT TO GO TO MIA. Google maps apparently can't locate many major airports. Apple Maps was introduced with some issues, but I now find it to have the clearest, least cluttered interface, and Google Maps can locate anything EXCEPT AN AIRPORT! Use caution.

How about a rear view camera? If you have an iPhone, you're in luck! Tadi brothers of LA has a module that wires into your back up lights, and it creates a small, local wifi network in your car and will transmit a picture from a license frame mounted camera to your phone, which, of course, is now mounted on a windshield mount on your car, isn't it? Minimal wiring and expense, the whole thing cost about \$250, installed, and the pictures are great. It does not cut on immediately, you have to make sure it finds the wifi network, so it's slightly cumbersome, but it really works well when you're stuck in a tight spot.





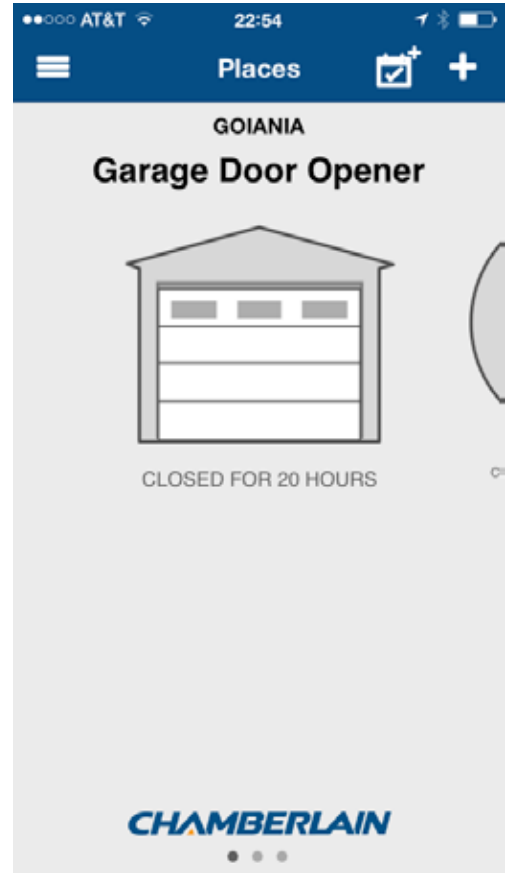
Now, how about a garage remote like the built-in in your CaddyexuzBenz? Got you covered. Chamberlain makes a module that syncs to your garage door motor, and mounts to the walls with just a couple of screws. Connect it to your home wifi network, and you can now open and close your garage door with a swipe of your phone. This is much handier than moving little black objects from car to car that seem easily misplaced. With this device and your phone, that's a couple fewer bits of electroclutter to deal with!

The last device I'll address is the "Nest" thermostat. It looks like a stainless, round thermostat, with a digital display, but it works miracles. Once logged into your home wifi, you set it to the times of day and night you want different temperatures. You can tell it when you're leaving the house, and it will let the temp rise to a pre-set maximum temperature, and when you get home, you tell it, and it drops the temp to your preferred temperature.....at first. With time, the device "learns" your comings and goings, senses when you are not home, and runs the A/C at your pre-sets, without you needing to tell it anything. If you have a two or three zone system, the Nest units "talk" to each other, too, so you can have the bedrooms cooler at night, and other rooms at the desired temperatures without thinking about setting the things all the time. I found this summer that my electric bills fell about 20-30% during July and August, compared to previous years. Impressive.


So, how does your home AC relate to your car? More wifi magic. Your Nest can talk to your Chamberlain garage door opener, so that when you raise the garage door, your AC knows you're home and starts to cool things down before you even walk in. Other magic is coming, and one set of LED intelligent bulbs also pics up Nest's "Away" signal, and randomly turns those bulbs on and off to make your home look more occupied when you're out driving your T bird!

Oh, and one last thing! ADT Pulse, the alarm system, can also be activated and deactivated from your mobile device. That's always the last step in leaving the house, and not having to set the alarm, run to the car and hope it starts quickly becomes a thing of the past.....just lock the doors, open the garage door with your phone, start up, back up, safer with the camera, close the door, set the alarm, and drive away.....all the while knowing that Nest is cutting your AC bills!

Smart phones.....they're getting scary smart.



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Letter from the President

Hello Club Members,

The Holiday Season is here! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day. Our Club Holiday Party is Saturday December 13th. Arlene and I had a lot of fun getting our “Mean Santa” gifts. Don’t forget to bring a gift to the party. It’s best when you can bring a gift that everyone wants. We always have a great time with that! The Car show Season is in “Full Gear” now. A few to mention coming up are The Dream Car Classic in Hollywood Dec 7th, Fun in the Sun Run at Markham Park Dec 7th, which benefits the Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and my annual favorite, The Festival Flea Market Show Dec 14th. Usually over 600 cars attend this one, making it the biggest show in our area. I hope you can get your T-Bird out to attend one of these shows in the next few weeks.

To all our Members from Arlene and I, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!

Until next month, Happy Birding!

Ed Raabe

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Place chocolate bars in a single layer over hot peanut butter mixture. Wait until chocolate is very soft and spread evenly.

Let cool and cut into squares.



1957 'F-Bird' Thunderbird heads to auction in Pack Automotive Museum sale

1957 Ford Thunderbird F-Code. Photos by Teddy Pieper, courtesy RM Auctions.



Though the Ford Thunderbird is best known as a personal luxury car, at one point in its early evolution Ford envisioned the Thunderbird as a sporting rival to Chevrolet's Corvette. Nowhere is this more evident than with the 1957 "F Code" Thunderbird, which gained a McCulloch/Paxton variable ratio supercharger atop its 312-cu.in V-8, pushing output to a conservatively rated 300 horsepower. Less than 212 examples were constructed, which makes the "F-Bird" among the most desirable of Thunderbird models, and next month a 1957 Ford Thunderbird F Code from the Sam Pack Collection will cross the stage in Farmer's Branch, Texas.



Ford's real motivation behind the development of the F Code Thunderbirds was NASCAR competition, and in order to run its supercharged Thunderbirds on the track it needed to peddle them in Ford dealerships. Chassis F7FH347627 was sold through Summers Motor Company of Springfield, Tennessee,



and its original owner was believed to have been Jon Csicsila of Hinkley, Ohio. Well-equipped, the F-Bird was delivered with a black hardtop (and white soft top), white sidewall tires, full wheel covers, positive-action wipers, a heater and defroster and a three-speed manual transmission with overdrive.

The story goes that Csicsila was drafted shortly after taking delivery of the Thunderbird, which was left behind in his Ohio garage. Upon his return from the service, Csicsila drove the car sparingly and retained possession until the early 1990s, when it was sold to Ross Gibaldi of Medina, Ohio. A full restoration followed, and the work was completed in 1993; Gibaldi's reward was a VMCCA Golden Award of Excellence, and the black Thunderbird was a regular sight at regional and national shows. In 2002, the car was acquired by Sam Pack, and became one of three 1957 Thunderbirds (but the sole F-Code model) in the Pack Automotive Museum.

Another restored F-Bird, lacking the detailed history of this example, sold for \$137,500 at RM's recent Hershey auction. Given this car's documented three-owner history, RM predicts a selling price between \$175,000-\$225,000 when the car crosses the block in Farmer's Branch, Texas, on November 15. It will be joined by 129 other lots from the Pack Automotive Museum, ranging from concept cars through street rods, classics, and muscle cars, guaranteeing something of interest for a wide variety of collectors.

For additional details on the Sam Pack Collection sale, visit: RMAuctions.com



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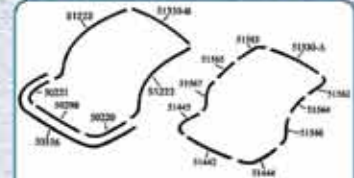


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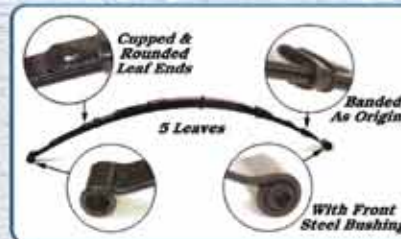
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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

November 5th, 2014 at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY POPPY MADDEN - Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING

President Ed Raabe opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Peter Klein distributed club shirts that members previously ordered; the shirts have the club emblem on the back and can be personalized with a member's name on the front.

Everyone at the meeting was happy to see Felipe Cos, one of the founders of the club and our club treasurer, at the meeting and looking great. He had been hospitalized recently.

Ed announced the main order of business for the meeting was the election of officers and board members for the coming year. Additionally, two new positions were created, director of events and webmaster. The results are:

OFFICERS	DIRECTORS
Ed Raabe , President	George Bishopric
Gary Stump , 1st Vice President	Connie Danluck
Leo Saladino , 2nd Vice President	Norm Gabe
Poppy Madden , Secretary	Ed Brown
Felipe Cos , Treasurer	Felix Hernandez
Daisy Hernandez , Director of Events	Mike McNeal
Oscar Castro , Web Master	Bob Toney
	Ernie Saladino
	Grace Vazquez

Former Club President Ed Brown, who now lives in Sebring, was in South Florida and joined us for the meeting. Felipe proposed the club grant Ed honorary membership and a motion to that effect passed unanimously.

Brown thanked everyone at the meeting for their honor and since he has not been at any recent meetings introduced himself to "those who do not know me" and said his attendance "tonight was a surprise" because he had been in Miami-Dade County that day for some appointments.

He told club members about how eleven years ago he saw an article in Hemmings magazine about a school in Kansas, McPherson College, that is the only college in the United States that offers a four-year degree in automotive restoration.

"In 1977 a guy named Gaines Billue (who lived in the town of McPherson, Kansas) had a bunch of old cars but nobody to work on them. He said he would give the school \$1 million if

they started a program in automotive restoration. They agreed and (now) students get a four-year degree which includes the business aspects" of operating an auto restoration shop.

Ed said that when his wife Liz, who also was active in our club, died in 2010 he "decided to come to the club about (creating) a scholarship" in her memory.

The club agreed to the proposal and has made annual donations of \$500 to the fund which, with other donations and income currently has \$26,000. "My goal is to reach \$100,000 before I die," he said.

He said that scholarship money is awarded to a second-year student at the school and that the first man who received the award is "now in Washington, D.C. restoring old cars. A second student is now receiving funds from the scholarship.

Ed said that last year he donated Liz's 1958 Chevy to the school and that it was damaged during a snowstorm en route to Kansas. "It was repaired in Kentucky and the school (McPherson) has it now. It will probably go to auction in the spring; they do a lot of work with RM Auctions. I hope the Chevy will bring about \$30,000 to the (scholarship) fund. I'm always looking to improve ways to get more money for the fund."

He also said that McPherson offers special one-week courses for cart enthusiasts to learn some of the finer points of restoring their own vehicles.

"There's something very dear to my heart," he said, and then pointed to Felipe and his wife Christy.

"There are so many things that come to this club from these two folks who do so much for this club. I have a way to pay them back. The tuition is \$1,000 for a one-week course there. I am proposing we send Felipe to McPherson College on the club's dime. I am sure that when he comes back he will be my ambassador and he can talk about the school," Ed said.

Peter Klein asked Brown what was the "ultimate objective" of sending Felipe to the course in Kansas and Ed said it would be "to make Felipe the ambassador for the club to the college and a little payback for his 15 years of hard work and dedication to the club.

Peter asked if the idea had been discussed with Felipe and "what would make the club and the school move forward if Felipe goes there."

Ed replied that he has "not had support for scholarship and





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the school and that if he (Felipe) sees what goes on there he will be talking about the school. If he cannot go he could designate someone who will go."

Ed said the week-long course would be in June and that he had not known Felipe had had some recent health issues.

Connie Danluck asked if McPherson has a newsletter and also suggested that perhaps school officials could have Liz Brown's car be auctioned at the RM event in Fort Lauderdale -- where members of our club drive vehicles to the auction block. She also said she has "always been a staunch supporter of the scholarship and I believe this club has not donated enough to the effort.

Norm Gabe said he was recently contacted "by of all places, Key West. There is a school there that has a two-year program." He did not mention any further details about who operates the program and what it includes.

Felipe announced that our club-sponsored annual car show will be held January 25 at Tropical Park and that he is thinking of raising the entry fee from \$20 to \$25.

Gary Stump said the AACA charges \$30 for their show and that if we increased our fee to \$30 we would take in about \$1,000 more than we did this past January.

Daisy Hernandez said she preferred the \$25 fee,

President Ed Raabe said the upcoming "Wings of Miami" car show was charging a \$20 fee and selling raffle tickets. He suggested our club "Could have a raffle at our car show; we would raffle money, like a 50-50." He suggested we raise our entry fee to \$25 and also have raffle tickets.

Raul Dominguez made a motion that we charge \$30 for the show. Daisy Hernandez amended it to be \$25 for early registration and \$30 at the show. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Norm Gabe said he recently was at a car show and saw Rick Shaw of the Magic Children's Fund and that "he has a '55 Bird. I asked him to come here tonight -- and as you can see, he's not here.

Felipe said "We don't raise money for other charities."

Connie said "If we are going to donate money it should go to the McPherson scholarship or other car-related charities."

Ed Raabe said our club "should support McPherson. Maybe we could use a celebrity or two to help us raise money for McPherson. I think our club should be focused on restoration. If we are going to contribute money we should contribute to McPherson."

Connie suggested we have a "Bird Cage Rally" to sell car parts at the show. However, Ed Brown said the county would not let us do that (at a county park).

Ed Raabe said there has been some discussion about having vendors at our show -- if the county would allow that.

Paul Werner said that "if you decide to allow vendors this late (in the planning process) before the show it might come off as half-assed. We should check it out and see about doing it for 2016.

Leo Saladino said that a few years ago when we had a show at Tropical Park the county would not allow us to have any vendors at the site.

Raul said he knows that the county has allowed food trucks to have events at Tropical Park and therefore it is possible we could be able to have some food trucks at the site for our show.

Ed Raabe said that at our show this past January "we did have an issue with (having) food there."

Peter Klein said the RM Auction this coming year will be March 27, 28 and 29 at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center and it is "one of the two things we raise money with for the club."

Members from our club drive cars into the convention center on the days before the auction and to the auction block during the event.

"We'd like to get 100 per cent participation by club members. They guy who coordinated things the past few years is no longer there and I have spoken to the new guy about it. There's only one person (from our club) who has difficulty; she's sitting at the end of the table," he said, pointing to Secretary Poppy Madden. "The club should chip in and get about a dozen telephone books for her to sit on and get here some high-heel shoes with platforms" so she can drive some of the cars.

Ed Raabe said "The reason we have been asked to come back to the auction year after year is because of the professionalism we have demonstrated. We have a great reputation as a club for being professional and respecting the automobiles. It is the premier fund-raiser for our club.

Felipe announced that the club made \$150 profit on the rally held in October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Poppy Madden

Secretary

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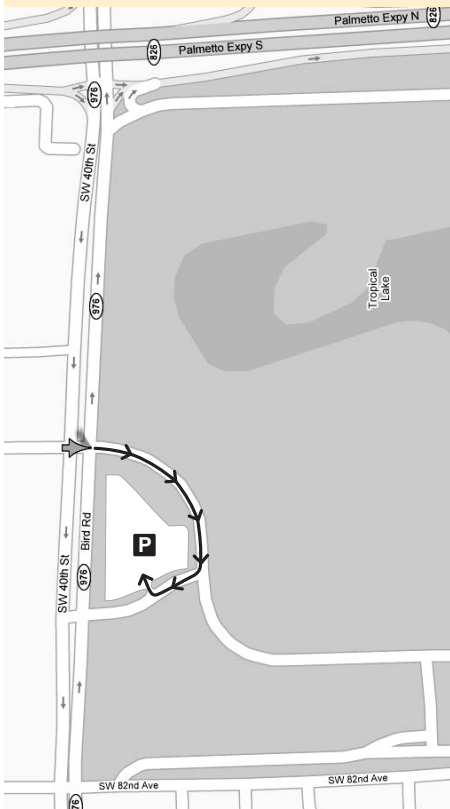




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