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# editor's CORNER

## Hello Club Members,

We were all saddened by the passing of our Club Founder, Felipe Cos this January. He loved putting together the "Thunderbird News" Monthly Magazine for everyone and I enjoyed writing "pieces" for it. I want to dedicate my efforts to produce the finest Monthly Newsletter possible to honor his memory and I will need your help with articles and pictures to do it.

With your help I am sure we can continue to publish a Newsletter worthy of his signature. I intend to keep the format the same including Felipe's signature "Great Race Thunderbird" on the Banners.

Sincerely

**Ed Raabe**



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Felipe Cos Founder

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Marvin Fox	1/12
Jose Perez	1/27

### FEBRUARY

Mike McNeal	2/03
Luis Navarro	2/03
Anita Baraz	2/06
Lucy Stanley	2/07
Bruce Rosenberg	2/09
Sharron Wright	2/09
Oscar Castro	2/10
Susan Fox	2/13
Bob Toney	2/19
Marina Gozalez	2/26

### MARCH

Maida Amaro	3/02
Marcia Castro	3/03
Jorge Amaro	3/09
Richard Stanley	3/12
Donald Wright	3/24
Grace Vazquez	3/28

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

## INTERNET PAGE

**Have you seen our internet page?** We have changed our address [www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com](http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com) and we have a Facebook page too! Search Classic Thunderbird Club South Florida or

[www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida](http://www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida)

We encourage participation on our Facebook page. Send Posts about everything Thunderbird related and we will enjoy other "car stuff too.

Like Museum Visits, Car shows and Cruise Ins you attend. And other stuff you think we T-Bird lovers would like. Just keep it as clean as your T-Bird on "Detail Day"!

## NUMBERS TO KEEP

**The following are contact numbers and e-mail address you need to have on file:**

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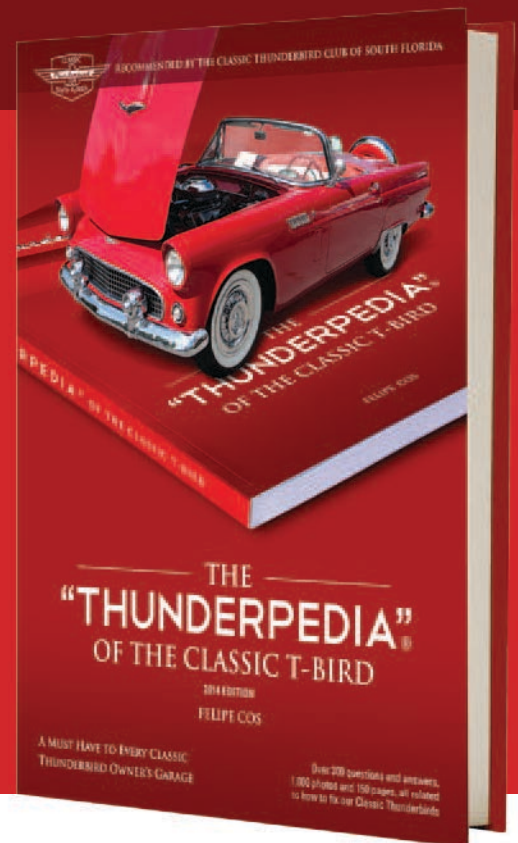
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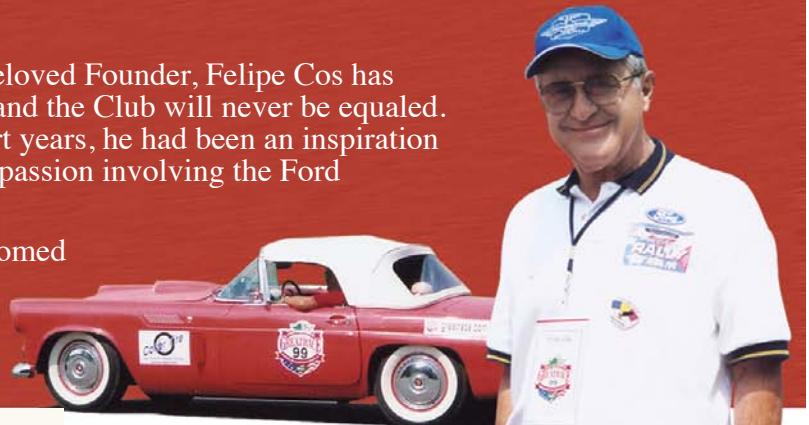
# Letter from the President

Dear Membership,

We ring in the New Year on a sad note. Our Beloved Founder, Felipe Cos has passed. Felipe's love for the Thunderbird Car and the Club will never be equaled. Although I had only known him for a few short years, he had been an inspiration to me, not only because of his knowledge and passion involving the Ford Thunderbird, but in how he lived his life.

He was a kind and unselfish person, who welcomed everyone with warmth and love.

He was an irreplaceable soul who will be greatly missed.



## This Year marked the 15th Anniversary of our Classic Thunderbird Club.

We celebrated with our big show at Tropical Park in Miami. Nearly 200 cars were shown. The weather was great and everyone had a fantastic time. Look for more details and pictures in the following pages.

There will be Club "Outing" on Valentine's Day aboard the Jungle Cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale for those who have made the reservations. Many thanks to Daisy Hernandez for taking the time to put this together for everyone. She really works HARD so we can have FUN! So thank her for it the next time you see her!

## RM AUCTIONS AMERICA

We now look forward to our biggest club endeavor, The RM Auctions America at The Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center March 26th-29th.

We need volunteers to commit for all days, especially Wed, the 26th and Thurs, the 27th, the prep days and Friday, the 28th the first Auction day. As we are requested, our Club continues to offer RM the best support performance at their Auctions.

This year we need an even bigger commitment from YOU to volunteer to attend.

What could be more fun than to drive Classic Cars!

Some of us have made buying decisions based on this experience!

I look forward to our next meeting.

Until then Happy T-Birding!

Ed Raabe



**To all members:** Remember that this newsletter goes to press the 15th of each month. Every month I have make phone calls to remind you of the closing date, Please remember the date.

We welcome any contributions that members can make to our newsletter! Do you have any interesting photos of your car? Send it to me!

Do you have any interesting notes about your car? Send them to me!

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As is our tradition, we had a “Mean Santa” gift giving Event. This a great fun for all of us and everyone went home with the gift they wanted! Ernie Saladino was voted “The Mean Santa” for 2014

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The weather was great, Scott spun the tunes.

There was pulled pork and paella and Ed Brown kept a watch over all of it! Thanks to Bullseye Powder Coating, our sponsor.

Special thanks to Oscar Castro for all his effort to make it happen, Arlene and Georgina for raising the most money for a 50/50 raffle and to all who helped.

Bravo, Well Done!



We had Cars come up from the Keys!  
 We had cars come down from Palm Bch County!

We had all kinds of cars and trucks from everywhere, not to mention 17 Thunderbirds!

When it came time for Trophies we were ready!

Some of our own T-Birds got a awards. Congrats Grace & Martin for your 62!

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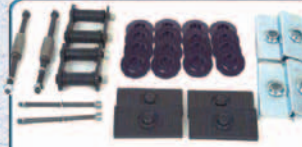
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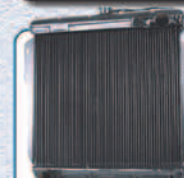
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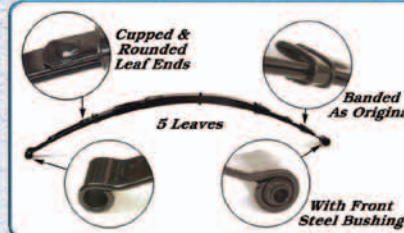
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BY POPPY MADDEN - Secretary

### MINUTES OF MEETING

President Ed Raabe opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and introduced new members Stuart and Gail Corenblum of North Miami who have a '57 silver 'Bird.

He then outlined the success of our annual car show that was held Jan. 25 at Tropical Park. After expenses were calculated the show earned our club more than \$1,500. Expenses included hiring police for security at the park, port-a-potties, a disc jockey and the cost of trophies for winners in the different categories at the show.

Gary Stump said he counted 180 cars during registration/arrival and that a few more came in later, meaning there were about 200 vehicles on display. He said that was about twice the number of cars that came in a few previous years when the event was held at the Magic City Casino.

Treasurer Peter Klein, who outlined finances of the event said that there were "two things that occurred that day . . . the weather was beautiful and "many (club) people really put themselves out to make sure it was a success" in honor of Felipe" Cos, a founder and extremely active member of the club, who died two weeks before the show.

President Raabe said there were a few things "that we can improve on" for next year's show, including the time we have police -- which are required because it is a public park -- and the possibility of having more than one food vendor at the event.

Daisy Hernandez said she wanted to "Recognize Grace Vazquez who a couple of weeks before the show printed many fliers advertising it with updated information about where to send registration information because of Felipe's illness. Grace then distributed the revised fliers at some car shows held in the weeks prior to ours.

Daisy said she would like to have discussions about the different things for the next car show at our September meeting and that at that time committees are formed to handle the various aspects of putting together the 2016 show (which is tentatively set for January 24.)

"Felipe isn't with us (anymore.) Felipe was the committee" that organized the show every year, she said.

"We had no idea how much he did," Ed added.

Norm Gabe said he "felt everyone did a great job. There were the things that were mentioned already. The only thing I would like to add is that -- is there any way we can improve the food?'. He added that the Corvair Club in Fort Lauderdale

had a food truck called the "Lobster Mobster" at an event and the food "was wonderful."

Daisy said "The paella guy (at our show) was good but we need to have pizza and hamburgers."

Norm said he recently went to a Farmers' Market in Parkland (in northwestern Broward County) and was talking "to the organizers there and they were interested in (having) a car show."

Connie Danluck asked, "have we done a demographic of where the cars in our show come from?"

Norm said the size of the field in Parkland is "Ten times the size of what we had at Tropical Park."

Peter commented, "What's the purpose? We're looking at (having) a car show, for people to show off their cars. The thing in Parkland is a Farmers' Market."

Norm said that if we had a car show there on the same day as the market, "You'd have people there."

Ed said that "maybe we could incorporate it into a second show.

Paul Werner, who lives in Boca Raton, said that he would go to the Farmers' Market in a couple of weeks "to check it out."

Daisy said, "I love the show at Tropical Park -- but I love the cars in Broward County. People in Broward don't come to Dade County.

Connie said, I don't think we want to do two shows, plus (driving cars at) the RM Auction (which is held in Broward in March.) If we want to change the show to Parkland and investigate (potential participants from) Dade and Palm Beach counties, I wouldn't be opposed to that."

Georgina Dominguez said, "I think it's great for us to look back and see what we can do better. But I think we have to be extremely grateful to Oscar Castro . He took the bull by the horns (when Felipe became ill) and we had the show. Oscar's home became the repository for all our (show-related) things. "

Ed said someone from the club will contact Oscar "in the near future and he is going to spread out the wealth" show and club-related items to be kept at various people's homes.

Oscar, who was at the meeting, said that there were 176 paid cars registered for the show (club members did not have





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to pay) and that "Scoring the cars for prizes was a pain. "He suggested that some changes be adopted for future shows, including categorizing certain cars by years, not models.

Ed said he "liked the way we did the judging this year" and that if some of the changes Oscar suggested we would have to give extra trophies.

Mike McNeal noted that "The new Mustangs and the old Mustangs are two different types of cars. It would be difficult for me to make up my mind (selecting winners by make and/or model only.) I agree with Oscar. "

Ed said the idea could be discussed later in the year, probably at the September meeting when it is planned to start planning for the 2016 show.

Peter Klein then brought up planning for members to drive cars "to the block" at the RM Auction that is being held at the Broward County Convention Center at Port Everglades, Fort Lauderdale, at the end of March.

The auction itself will be held on the 27th, 28th and 29th. However drivers are also needed on the 25th and 26th (Wednesday and Thursday) to help unload incoming vehicles and take them into the building where the auction will be held.

Anyone who "works" a minimum of six hours a day will be provided with lunch and/or dinner. Drivers also will receive T-shirts identifying them as auction volunteers.

Two other car clubs usually participate with us, the Mercury Club and the Studebaker Club.

Mike said there are a few other "jobs" club members can do, including some paperwork and putting chocks in place to prevent cars from rolling on some surfaces.

"We don't want people coming in, signing up, eating lunch and then leaving. We also need people to help line up cars. There's things that don't require driving," he said.

People are needed on the 24th and 25th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On the days of the actual auctioning, the event begins at 10 a.m. but drivers will have to be there earlier. Saturday night the auction will go until 9 p.m.

(the meeting was recessed about half an hour for attendees to eat dinner.)

President Raabe said he has "good news about the newsletter." He said he has been in contact with Yohanis Diaz who was "working with Felipe for years" on the newsletter and that she will continue to help with it.

Norm Gabe said someone has to "contact the advertisers and

see about renewing their ads.

"In addition to display ads, people can take out business card-size ads. The regular price is \$150 for a year -- but members can get a special annual rate of \$125.

Ed said he has spoken with Peter about club financial records and that the "record keeping (when Felipe was treasurer) was good."

Peter said, "Felipe kept absolutely immaculate records about everything" related to the club's bank account activity.

Earlier in the meeting Poppy Madden suggested the club "Do something in honor of Felipe."

Discussion of this began after Peter's treasurer's report.

Connie suggested that a donation be made and said "Let's keep it in a 'car club mode.'

"Felipe was passionate about cars. We are a car club, not a charitable organization."

Daisy said she thought about speaking with some Coral Gables city officials about the possibility of having a section of roadway in the city "named after Felipe. 'Felipe Cos Way' or something."

Ed said he "want(s) to do something from the club."

People at the meeting agreed they will try to think of something special to honor the man who founded the club and made it what it is today. Everyone agreed it is something that requires a lot of thought and is something "special."

Ideas will be discussed at the March meeting. Anyone who has any thoughts should either attend the meeting or contact a club officer with their suggestion.

In remembrance of another club leader who died,

Daisy made a motion to donate \$500 to the scholarship fund named for Liz Brown that provides tuition assistance for a student at McPherson College who is studying automobile restoration. The college is the only one in the country that has such a program. The scholarship fund was created by Liz's husband, Ed Brown, who also was a club officer and now lives in Sebring.

The motion was seconded by Norm and passed unanimously.

Ed Raabe and Oscar Castro said they will create a "Felipe Cos Memorial Trophy" that will be awarded at the club's annual show in the future.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.

