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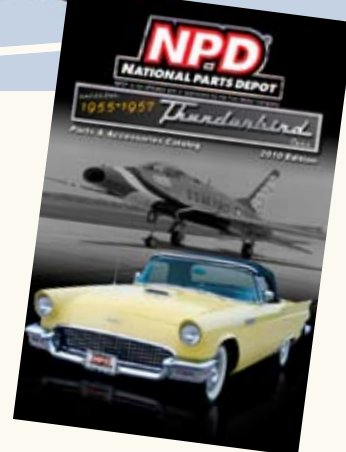
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editor's CORNER

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HELLO CLUB MEMBERS,

I surely appreciate the articles that are being contributed to our Thunderbird News by our members. Please keep them coming! Top priority will go to articles about a Classic Thunderbird of South Florida Events and we welcome any story about a Classic Car Event where Thunderbirds appear. Technical articles are much appreciated, as some of us do get our fingernails dirty and our knuckles bloodied!

This year I am looking for stories about YOUR 1955 Thunderbird.

So if you own a 55, try writing a story about it.

Share the "love"!

Thanks to you all for contributing to this month's edition!

If you were not able to attend the July Club Meeting, please review the Meeting Minutes in this newsletter.

Ed Raabe



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George Bishopric	12th
Bridget Hagood	16th
Edmund Schroeder	16th
Ashley Ziel	27th
Marion Schade	

My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information. Please contact me to update your records.

INTERNET PAGE

Have you seen our internet page? We have changed our address www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com and we have a Facebook page too! Search Classic Thunderbird Club South Florida or

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"!

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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

July 15th, 2015 at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY ARLENE RAABE

MINUTES OF MEETING

President, Ed Raabe called the meeting to order at 7:29pm

Ed asked Daisy Hernandez to stand and presented her with a Certificate of Recognized for the outstanding job she did to make the Stuart Outing a big success. He congratulated her on the great job she is doing as Club Event Director to a round of applause for all the members. Robin said "it feels like the old days of the club again, the days of Felipe". Everyone cheered.

Ed introduced Peter Klein to speak about the Club Hats. He (Peter) told us Club hats are now available for just \$10.00 each and featured an embroidered Club Logo and a superior adjuster to the plastic tab type, which everyone favored. Shirts were discussed. For the current club shirt we need a minimum 12 piece order and he said he was working on a "press on" Logo. Club members laughingly told him the term was "iron on". T-shirts and Polos were also in the works.

Ed reported on finances for the Thunderbird News our club Newsletter. He told the Club we already had over \$800.00 in Advertising pledges for 2016 and that he was looking at a more affordable paper stock that would not compromise the look and feel and be more magazine like. He continued to say that we were running slightly under budget for 2015, which left us some room to produce more copies in the effort to solicit new advertisers from the Insurance and related industries. He thanked Gail Corenblum for her fantastic article on the Staluppi Cars of Dreams visit, saying "I felt like I was there with you guys"! Ed said he was going to write a piece for the CTCI Club Magazine Early Bird about our upcoming Summer Sunday Brunch at the Hillcrest Country Club and urged everyone to bring their Classic Thunderbirds to the Brunch.

Daisy made it official by telling everyone "this is a Club Member's Car event" She told new members that there is nice circular driveway that is great for photos of our cars. She added it will be the Club's September meeting and that Christie Cos will be providing Felipe "memorabilia" to raffle and that Peter will bring Christie! Everyone agreed her Brunch will be "on the club".

Ed began a discussion about the Holiday Dinner by saying the Venue will be at the Meeting Room in the Condo where Leo and Valentyna Saladino live on the beach. The DJ will be Elvis and Kay Hall suggested we supply him with a DVD of pictures from the past years Club Outings and Events. Robin Gabe suggested gifts for the "Mean Santa" be car related Most people liked the idea, but It was said the Ladies might not want to get

a "car thing". Ed said that Liquor and wine should be allowed as the gasoline these days contains lots of alcohol so it could be considered a car related item! The amount to spend was set at \$20.-\$25.00, the giver's name must be somewhere on or in the gift and it would be one per person. Daisy said "if you don't want to bring a gift, you do not need to participate. The date will be Dec 19th at 7pm, 8pm for dinner. It will be a BYOB party.

Ed asked Peter Klein to speak about a Club Work/Storage place for members who are interested. He said he did some research and to rent a Warehouse to work on the cars with water and electric would be too expensive, but those who were interested simple storage space should get with him about that. Norm Gabe told everyone they would be welcome to come to his home in Coral Springs to use his lift for repairs that would not require and "overnight" stay. Peter said if anyone was going to work on their cars and wants to invite club members to attend they should send out an e-mail. Ed invited interested members to his home on Saturday at 3pm because he was going to replace the Valley Pan Gasket on his car. Grace mentioned Garageyourself.com 2456 NW 77th Terrace Miami, 33147. Rent space with a lift for \$25.00 an hour plus tolls are available.

Peter was recognized. He mentioned that we need to show our cars off more often. "Cars & Coffee" events are popular since they are early in the day and only last a few hours. "We understand that most car shows are a long day and too much for most of us to commit to for a variety of reasons."

Daisy said she would immediately look into a Dinner or Breakfast shop where we can have a "Cars & Coffee" meeting. She will look for one that can accommodate our cars so we can display them together.

Oscar talked about the upcoming Event at Virginia Key Beach August 1st and said he would be forwarding the Flyer and registration information on Friday. "It would make a great "Club Car Event"

Kay said the AACA Ft Lauderdale Chapter sponsors a drive in car show open to all Clubs every 4th Thursday of the Month on Los Olas Blvd in Ft. Lauderdale starting at 5pm, however Mike informed the Club due to construction on the site it is no longer available and the AACA will be moving the venue. Further info will be available soon.

Oscar Castro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stuart Corenblum.



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Letter from the President

Ed Raabe

AUGUST 2015

Hello Members,

We started the Summer with a great Outing! The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida invaded the North. Stuart and Jensen Bch will never be the same! We visited the Elliott Museum, The House of Refuge and the Mustang Barn. More about our Outing in August Thunderbird News

The CTCI 2015 Region 6 convention is August 26-30. Please look at the Flyer in our Newsletter for more information.

I have begun working on a Club Roster which will be published in an "On Line" Version, to save costs, available to all members' e-mails as soon as it is completed. Please, if you have not already done so, send me an e-mail to update your information. Also include a photo of your Thunderbird in a nice setting for publication in the Thunderbird News.

We voted to change our monthly meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning in July. Please make the change in your Planners.

If you were not able to attend this month's meeting, everything you want to know is in the Meeting Minutes. Please spend a few minutes to learn about our plans to order Club hats as well as our plans for Outings and Car Show participation. We are already talking about the Christmas Holiday Party venue!



The House of refuge at Gilberts Bar, Stuart FL

The House of Refuge, The last of 10 Houses of Refuge is a maritime museum featuring what sailors and passengers would have experienced after being saved from shipwrecks off the Florida coast in the 19th and early 20th Centuries



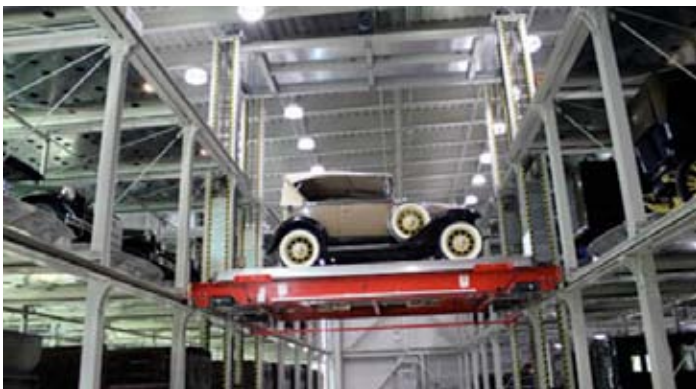
Miller's Mustang Barn, Jupiter FL

The Mustang Barn in Jupiter on the return drive Sunday morning. This is a private Museum collection of Mustangs owned by Jack Miller of Miller's Ale House fame.

We had a wonderful time and an article about our experiences on the Stuart Outing will be in following issues.

Until then, Happy Birding!

Ed Raabe



Elliott Museum, Stuart FL

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American entrepreneur, John Staluppi with an estimated net worth of \$400 million, was born in Brooklyn NY in 1947. Growing up during the 1950's, he was lucky enough to witness the golden years of the Modern American Automobile Industry, a time of style and innovation never seen before!

Staluppi began accumulating his estimated net worth when he began working as a mechanic for a Chevrolet Dealer at the age of sixteen. After proving his worth as a mechanic, his father helped him out with a \$5,000 loan against the family home to open his first Sunoco station. With hard work and creative marketing, he was able to be successful in this venture and went on to manage and own several Sunoco stations.

His successes and practical experiences encouraged him to take a risk on a venture with a then little know company, Honda to sell their Motorcycles for the first time in the U.S. Staluppi used the profits from his gas station business to invest in the fledgling company. He was able to see the potential opened a Honda shop in the early 70's. First came motorcycles, then Honda cars. After 10 years of hard work, he owned around 20 dealerships on Long Island NY and the name Honda became popular in the United States. His next venture was with Hyundai and it proved to be another success. His Dealerships now earn over 2 billion dollars annually!

Mr. Staluppi's company is now known as the Atlantic Automotive Group, one of the top 15 dealerships in the country which has the annual revenue of more than \$1 billion. He also has expanded his business interest into the yachting industry. He owns the Millennium Super Yachts, a luxury yacht manufacturer based in Florida. John had desired speed in boats ever since he was charged to install a Corvette engine in a "Fast Boat" when he worked as a mechanic for the Chevrolet Dealer in NY. Driving fast boats instantly became his second passion. It should come as no surprise with his fortune and success he began to lust after Luxury Yachts, but he wanted to own the fastest in the world and set out to do it! Named after the James Bond Blockbuster Movies he had built "For Your Eyes Only" 36m 30+ knots, "Octopussy" in 1988, the first high speed Yacht at 53 knots, "Moonraker" in 1992, 61 knots and "The World is Not Enough", capable of 70 knots but with so much power, cannot be handled safely over 63 knots! A new boat is under construction now at the time of this writing.



Also, he owns the Cars of Dreams Museum which is dedicated to cars from the 50's located in Florida. John previously sold off all the cars in the 1st collection displayed there and has now replaced them all with a new Coney Island Theme Venue, capturing the nostalgia of his youth in Brooklyn, NY. The Cars of Dreams is a Private collection available for charity functions and private viewing by Groups by appointment.




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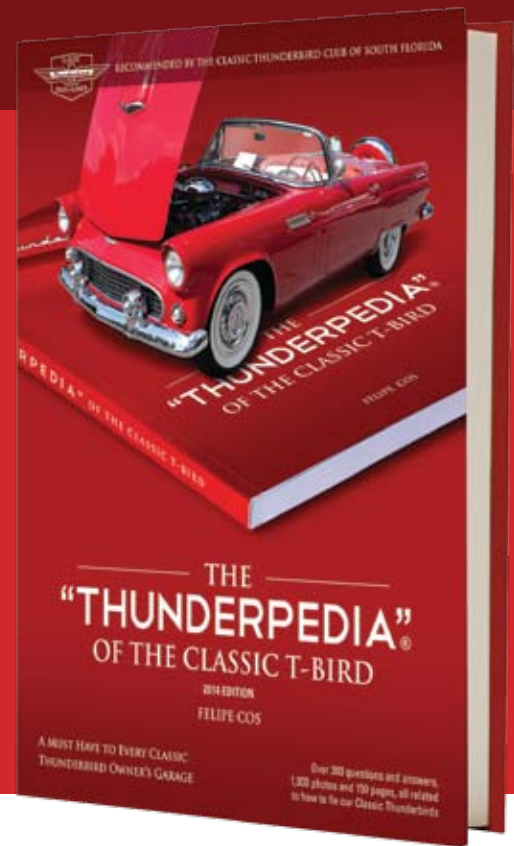
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Recap of article "From Gil's Garage"

By Peter Klein

In the most recent monthly booklet from Early bird there was an article about ethanol fuel that is currently used in automobiles. It was pointed out that 96% of all gasoline contains at least 10% ethanol. Certain precaution and prevention should be made to safeguard the fuel system and engine components. Several problems can occur as a result of letting the fuel sit in the car for a period of time. The following problems could occur:

1. "when phase separation or oxidation occurs, moisture is attracted into the fuel system causing corrosion in the gas tank, fuel lines, and the fuel pump carburetor and injectors, etc.;"

2. "The use of oxidized fuel can create deposit buildup on the valve stems and guides resulting in stuck valves in the cylinder head."

The article listed numerous companies that have developed

products that will prevent these problems if used properly. The following were listed as product and sources:

1. Fuel additive No-Rosion Fuel system Optimizer – www.no-rosion.com (847-477-9262)

2. "Ethanol Defense" – www.bellperformance.com (877-231-6673)

3. "Sta-bil additives" – www.sta-bil.com

It was pointed out that fuel will degrade into harmful products in as little as three months. If your car is not used frequently, it was recommended that Fuel System protection be added to the fuel.

Article was written by Gil Baumgartner, CITI #3557, and CITI Authenticity Co-chairman

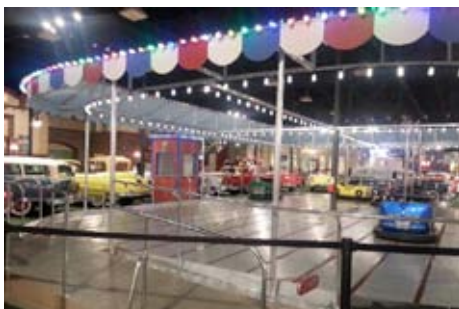
Our visit to Cars of Dreams collection

Saturday, June 20

Upon entering the foyer of John Staluppi's Cars of Dreams, you knew that you were in for a treat. In the reception area, the "chandelier", (which is a clock/light fixture hanging from a single pole from the ceiling) was two complete engines, a blown Hemi racing engine alongside a blown 454.

And along the walls a perfect pair of Mopars, a Plymouth Superbird and a Dodge Daytona. My personal favorite, in this room, was the body of a Corvette, suspended above the chassis, with an incredible cut-away demonstration engine, transmission and rear end – with all moving parts! Pistons, rockers, shock absorbers, tires – everything connected, working, and absolutely fascinating. I was sorry the grandchildren hadn't joined us for the day. That display was a lesson in how a car works!

And then you enter a magical space. Every guy and girl's dream was on the floor, and the decor was perfectly fitting to round out the displays. In the center of the enormous space is a carnival bumper car pavilion. And there was so much extraordinary "eye candy" you didn't know where to look first!



A drive in movie was playing on the right wall, with Chevy convertibles lined up with speakers, 1955, '56, '57, '58, '59 – all pristine and perfect. In fact, every vehicle in the collection was perfect. And the quality of the murals on the walls and the lighting throughout just made every display a work of art.



The museum curator explained that Mr. Staluppi was a mechanic after high school in Brooklyn. His family helped him purchase a Sunoco station, and he became so successful that after owning 20 stations he was in a position to have other investments. He heard of an unknown foreign car manufacturer that wanted to come into the US, and he invested in Honda Motors. As they say, "the rest is history."

The murals and decor tell the story of John Staluppi's life. There is a two bay Sunoco station on a perimeter wall, along with an Oldsmobile dealership, a large diner, a scaled model of the Brooklyn Bridge, connecting Brooklyn to NYC (which of course has scaled models of the Statue of Liberty and the Chrysler Building). On the Coney Island side of the building there is a Nathan's Hot Dog restaurant, a Carvel Ice Cream stand, a Coney Island arcade, complete with games, clowns, rides – everything to complete and compliment the theme. In the "Staluppi Collectibles" room there is a very large model train, with multi-level tracks, antique bicycles hanging from the ceiling (both a Hopalong Cassidy boy's model and a girl's – with all the leather trim!), pedal cars, model cars, as well as models of the yachts Mr. Stalluppi has owned (all named after James Bond movies), his helicopter and personal jet. And the endless props around the displays – from Elvis Presley (standing alongside his very own '67 Coupe De Ville), Betty Boop, even "Miss Hurst Golden Shifter", standing atop the trunk of a '69 Olds 442, just like at the car shows in the '60's!



The collection does not include cars of the early generations, no steam or brass. But it has every-thing else! A full line of Camaros, Corvettes from every year '54-'69, and a couple of '70's. And of course T-Birds: '55, '56 and a '57 E.



Ford Mustangs, two Ford retractables, a '57 and a '59, a superb quality '56 Lincoln Continental Mark II, Pontiacs – '69 GTO convertible, '78 Firebird Trans Am, '79 and '80 Trans Am's, even a '57 BMW Isetta, a gorgeous '47 Bentley Mark VI, a couple of Buick Skylarks from the early '50's, a '60 Buick Invicta, convertible, of course, and Cadillacs – '49 topless roadster, '52, '57, '59 – all convertibles. And the trucks! Perfect examples of Chevy, Ford and Dodge – all just hanging out under the Brooklyn Bridge!



I almost forgot about the Oldsmobiles – both inside and outside the replica Oldsmobile showroom! Of course there was loads of muscle, and lots



of magnificent examples of fins! An unbelievable '57 DeSoto Adventurer and a Plymouth Fury convertible, but Stuart's personal favorite, a 1960 Chrysler 300 F convertible, and a '61 Chrysler 300 G, and a '57 300 C. And the damn Dodges: a '55 Royal Lancer convertible, a '64 Polara Max Wedge, a '68 Hemi Coronet convertible, and 1970 Daytona. Even a '49 Hudson Commodore convertible, a '52 Nash Rambler station wagon, a '56 Packard Caribbean convertible. The Staluppi collection doesn't have just single examples of magnificence. Multiple years are the order here!

The collection also includes street rods – gorgeous examples of modern upholstery, gauges, pristine workmanship. Driving a rod ourselves, Stuart and I were especially taken aback by the ingenuity of a creative car nut who thought to use slick, tubular rear-facing cameras in place of side view mirrors! Complete with 4" viewing screens on both sides of the dash, of course. Clever!

And every place you turned there was something else to see. The like-new, beyond beautiful, Correct Craft wooden boat set in front of its own sand beach setting, Kids' miniature riding machines – the old 10 cent rides from in front of grocery stores, pedal cars, guitars, a street vendor ice cream trike, a Wurlitzer bubble juke box, bikes, motorcycles, even an antique tractor. It is impossible to list all the contents and describe the facility with enough praise.

If you weren't able to make it on this special "field trip", and should the opportunity to view this collection ever come your way again, don't miss it. This is one special place! We're all very grateful to Peter Klein and Daisy Hernandez for putting this special event together for us!

Gail Corenblum



July 4th Events

By Ed Raabe

Arlene and I attended 2 car show events this past 4th of July weekend.

Friday night, July 3rd. This year marked the 16th annual Miami Springs Holiday weekend car show produced by "Jump' in Jack" and true to tradition there was a tremendous downpour just as the show started!

There were well over 200 cars in attendance. While we were unable to show either of our Thunderbirds, we enjoyed the show and got the chance to talk awhile with Club members, Grace and Martin who brought their extraordinary Cadillac Coupe de Ville for everyone to see.



Saturday July 4th we attended the Venetian Isles AACA Event. This was the 4th year

The Venetian Isles Homeowners Association of has sponsored the show on the circle surrounding their clubhouse and lake. The weather was beautiful and probably the only breeze in south Florida was to be found there! We brought our 86 Thunderbird to show and I was surprised to find so many fans of the Aero Bird Design. It's hard to believe it's almost 30 years old because the styling is so modern. I think it's one of the last production cars with functioning vent windows, a feature that became unnecessary as almost every car became equipped with air-conditioning as a standard feature.

Some cars of Thunderbird Club Members included Gary and Amie's 1965 Mustang GT, Oscar and Marcia's 1973 Mustang convertible, our 1986 Aero Bird among a few other Ford offerings. The Venue was beautiful, food was good and it was a nice day to spend among friends!



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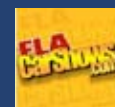


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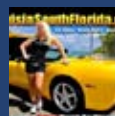
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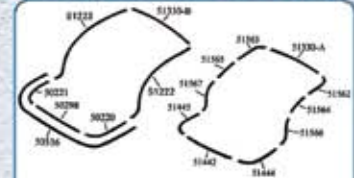


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