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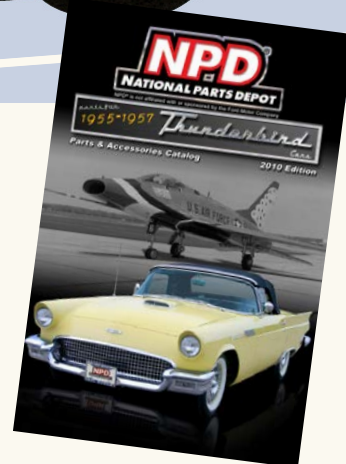
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# editor's CORNER

October 2015

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!

**Ed Raabe**



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN OCTOBER

**Deb Ferretti** 28th

**Valentyna Saladino** 16th

**Vera West** 16th

**Walter Shade**

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







# CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

September 20th, 2015 . Hillcrest Country Club, Hollywood FL

BY ARLENE RAABE

## MINUTES OF MEETING

The Meeting for September was a Brunch held at the Hillcrest Country Club in Hollywood, FL and has become an annual tradition. It was learned that the property was sold and we will need to find another Venue for next year's Brunch.

11:30pm President Ed Raabe called to order the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida September's meeting. He welcomed all those who attended, especially Christie Cos, and said that we had over 50 in our group today, with members, family and guests of members. He turned the floor over to Daisy Hernandez who explained to everyone how the raffle of Felipe Cos's Memorabilia, donated by Christie as well as items donated by a few other members was going to be handled. Among the items were framed and unframed "Birds in Paradise" posters from the International CTCL convention our club hosted in 2004. Peter Klein announced each guest would receive 1 ticket towards the raffle of any item donated except for the framed posters.

Ed made mention it was Amy's daughter's birthday and everyone sang happy birthday to her!

Ed reminded everyone the next Club meeting would be the 3rd Wednesday October 21st and that we would be discussing arrangements for the Holiday Dinner and 2016 Club Sponsored Car show.

A motion was made by Daisy to adjourn and was seconded by Peter.

The group then went to the buffet and the raffle followed the meal.

Arlene Raabe





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# Letter from the President

Ed Raabe

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Hello Members,

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election of Board Officers from and by the general membership takes place at the Monthly meeting in November. As you know my term is up and we will be looking for a New President. All the other Officer's positions are open as well, however those who wish to retain their position, if unopposed may do so. If you are interested in an Officers position (President, Vice President Secretary or Treasurer) as well as if you would like to retire from an Officer's position, please make it known now so we can notify the membership in time for the vote. Since we have changed the Meetings to the 3rd Wednesday the Meeting will be November 18th Please make plans to attend.

The Summer is over! We ended it nicely with our annual brunch at the Hillcrest Country Club on Sunday Sept 20th

Now that the weather will be getting cooler we need to

start looking at Car Shows we can attend. Usually we only get a few members who will bring their cars to a show, but we can do better! I urge all members to look at our website for information about upcoming shows and, if you have Facebook, up to the minute Car Show information on our Facebook page, as well as what is published in this Thunderbird News.

The Holiday Party will be on December 19th at Leo and Valentyna's condo's Social Hall in Hallandale Bch. Please reserve the date. Entertainment has been arranged, but planning still needs to be done. We are looking for Catering, etc.

If you were not able to attend a Club Meeting, everything you want to know is in the Meeting Minutes. Please spend a little time to learn about our plans for Outings and Car Show participation. We are already planning the Holiday Party in December!

Until then, Happy Birding!

Ed Raabe

NEW MEMBERS (None)

## CTCI NEWS Announcing the 2016 International Convention in San Diego, CA

### "FUN, FUN, FUN in THE CALIFORNIA SUN"

The CTCI Board of Directors has voted to approve the sanctioning of the 2016 International Convention in San Diego, California. It will be co-hosted by the Earlybirds of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego, to be held September 13-18, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 Phone 1-800-2- Crowne The room rate is \$124 per night, promo code '2016 Thunderbird Convention'. The Hotel with start taking reservations in October 2015. Registration forms will be in the January- February 2016 Early Bird.


Plans for the event include a Polynesian style welcome pool party, a tour of the USS Midway, including a luncheon at the Bow area, the Corvette Challenge at the Corvette Diner, a Scenic coastal cruise drive to the San Diego Botanical Garden, an Outing to the Viejas Casino and Outlet Center, finishing off with the Concours d' Elegance and Awards Banquet.



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# Annual Club Brunch

Ed Raabe

Sunday September 20th dawned a Sunny day with the promise of another blistering hot one! Luckily the forecast was for just a few scattered thunderstorms in the late afternoon, past 4pm., so it was looking good.

Having asked as many members who could, to bring their Thunderbirds to our Annual Brunch, I too had our 55 Thunderbird gassed up and ready to go.

For the past few years we have decided a Brunch toward the end of the Summer was far more comfortable than a picnic in a Park. We have had a wonderful time at the Hillcrest Country Club's Sunday Buffett and booked it again this year.

As the time to leave for the Country Club drew near, Arlene, my wife said she wanted to drive the 86 Aero Bird because it has A/C so the decision was made to bring both cars. Well, it was turning out to be one of those 98 days; 98 degrees F temperature and 98% humidity! She got the better part of that deal! The 55 has 2 windows you can roll down to get all the cooling of you need...designed back in 55 and definitely NOT in Florida. Anyway it wasn't too bad and we took a route without too many stop lights, but I was glad to get into the air-conditioned Club House.

When we arrived a few members were already there; Leo and Valentyna 1956 Red, Daisy and Felix 1957 Red, JD and Kay 1964 Red, Stuart and Gail 1957 Silver, our 1955 Thunderbird Blue and 1986 Beige Metallic, followed by Raul and Georgina's 1956 Red, Norm and Robin's 1956 Peacock Blue, Rob and Deb's 1966 Diamond Blue and Luis and Maddy's 1957 Seaspray Green. Later Ricardo Lara and his family arrived with their 1961 and 1964 Thunderbirds. We also had guests of Paul and Joyce Cotner, Elaine and Bob Sharrard

with their 2005 Merlot Red. All in all we had 7 Early Birds, 1 Bullet Bird, 3 Flair Birds, 1 Aero Bird and 1 New Bird, which was not a bad turnout. Some of our members brought family or guests and could not bring their cars.

Our Guest of honor was Christie Cos who brought some of her late husband, our



club founder, Felipe's Memorabilia for a raffle.

Among the items were several framed posters from the CTCI international Convention our club hosted back in 2004 "Birds in Paradise" which were a big hit and many tickets were sold to get the chance to bring one home!

I convened a short Club meeting and the rules of the raffle were discussed as well as a few other issues, but I kept it short.

The Brunch is always a spectacular spread and everyone could not wait to start, so you could imagine Club business was not a priority this day!

After a sumptuous brunch (quite a few members were seen going back and forth with full plates) we all enjoyed the Raffle.

Winners of the framed Birds in Paradise Posters included new members Ricardo and Luis. Lots of manual, books, commemorative pins, Club tags and tin signs also went to the lucky winners!

Sadly we found out that the Country Club, Golf Club buildings and all the grounds were sold to a developer and this would be our last Brunch in Hollywood at The Hillcrest. I am sure we will find a nice place for next year.

Ed Raabe, President, Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI # 114





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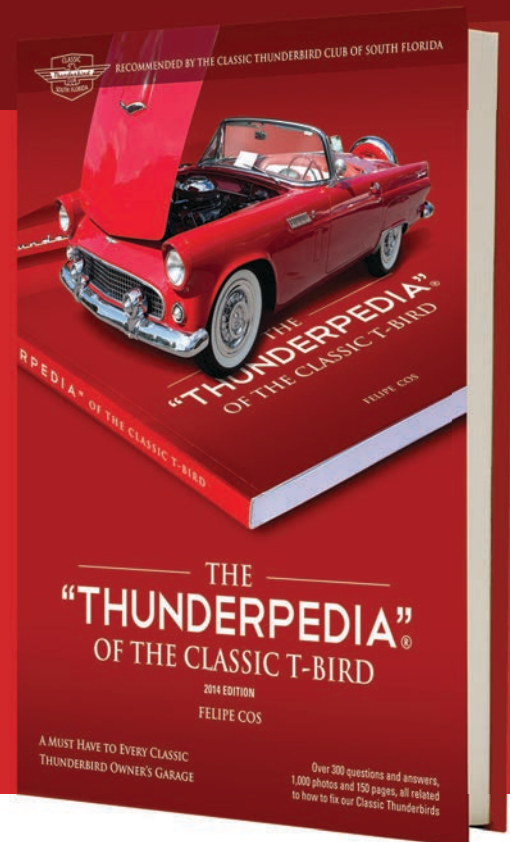
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105 Selected Pure Gas Stations in Florida

City	Brand	Octane	Name	Phone	Street Address	Last Updated
Boca Raton	MARATHON	90	Boca Raton Marathon	561-750-6834	1655 Us Hwy 1	2014-10-06
Boynton Bch	UNBRANDED	90	Orion Fuels	561-752-0826	9094 S Military Trail	2015-08-31
Boynton Bch	UNBRANDED	90	Palmdale Oil Co	561-732-2433	319 Industrial Ave	2013-08-09
Coconut Grove	UNBRANDED		Scotty's Landing	305-854-2626	3381 Pan American Dr	2013-12-20
Coral Springs	SUNOCO	90	Carl's Sunoco	954-755-8799	7801 W Sample Rd	2015-04-18
Coral Springs	SUNOCO	90	J&D's Subs & Salsads	954-345-6889	11218 Wiles Rd	2015-05-16
Cutler Bay	SUNOCO	90	Old Cutler Rd Sunoco	305-251-9290	20245 Franjo Rd	2013-10-02
Dania	UNBRANDED	90	Royal Palm Yacht Center	305-432-3487	629 Ne 3rd St	2015-06-20
Dania Bch	UNBRANDED	90	Thunderboat Marina	954-924-9444	1451 Old Griffin Rd	2013-06-13
Daytona Bch	UNBRANDED	87 93	Cunningham's Gas & Grills	386-255-7705	201 Ridgewood Ave	2014-01-04
Daytona Bch	UNBRANDED	90	Halifax Harbor Marina	386-671-3601	450 Basin St	2014-07-26
Daytona Bch	RACE TRAC	87	Race Trac	386-254-3101	1510 S Ridgewood Ave	2015-07-12
Deerfield Bch	UNBRANDED	90	Marina One	954-421-2500	580 N Federal Hwy	2014-07-16
Delray Beach	CHEVRON	90	Chevron	561-274-9016	445 Se 8th Ave	2015-08-15
Everglades City	MARATHON	90	Marathon Station	239-695-3937	203 N Collier Ave	2014-02-01
Ft. Lauderdale	UNBRANDED	90	Lauderdale Marina	954-523-8507	1900 Se 15th St	2013-07-09
Ft. Lauderdale	UNBRANDED	90	Lauderdale Small Boat Club	954-359-7659	1740 Sw 42 St	2014-05-31
Ft. Lauderdale	LUKFUEL	90	New River Downtown Docks	305-432-3487	2 S River Dr E	2015-09-14
Ft. Lauderdale	UNBRANDED	90	Port Consolidated	954-522-1182	3141 S E 14th Ave	2015-03-15
Ft. Lauderdale	LUKFUEL	90	Riverbend Marine Center	305-432-3487	1515 Sw 20th St	2015-01-14
Ft. Lauderdale	UNBRANDED	90	Thunderboat Marine	954-984-8659	2051 Old Griffin Rd	2015-09-14
Ft. Lauderdale	LUKFUEL	90	Universal Marine Center	305-432-3487	2700 Sw 25th Ter	2015-09-14
Hialeah	AMERIKA	93	Amerika On The Go	305-769-1757	875 E 49th St	2015-02-25
Hialeah Gardens	SUNOCO	90	Sunoco	305-817-8355	2795 W 79th St	2015-08-15
Hollywood	UNBRANDED	90	Hollywood Marine	954-921-3035	700 Polk St	2013-08-23
Homestead	UNBRANDED	91	Blaylock Oil Co	305-247-7249	724 S Flagler Ave	2014-05-12
Homestead	UNBRANDED	89	Flamingo Marina	239-695-3101	1 Flamingo Lodge Hwy	2014-02-02
Homestead	UNBRANDED	90	Ocean Power Fuel	305-245-7444	400 S Dixie Hwy	2015-04-20
Homestead	UNBRANDED	89	Redland Grocery	305-247-7410	26400 S.W. 187th Ave	2014-11-04
Homestead	UNBRANDED	90	Tom Thumb	305-247-1404	23200 Krome Ave	2015-08-14
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