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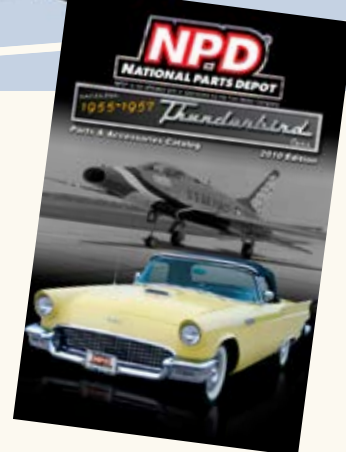
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Hello Club Members,

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!

Next year I am looking for stories about YOUR 1956 Thunderbird.

So if you own a 56, 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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Charles Fritz	12/3
Mark Dienstag	12/8
Theresa Mc Neal	12/6
Kristine Fritz	12/9
Raul Dominguez	12/19
Marina Gonzales	12/29

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

November 11th, 2015 at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY PETER KLEIN

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Ed Raabe, president at 7:10 pm.

Old business:

Membership dues are due and we want to have members renew on our Web Page so we can construct a data base for our club. Payment can be pay Credit Card, PayPal and by sending a check, but if you send a check we need the application on line www.ClassicThunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

Our Holiday Party is being developed by Leo and the final arrangement is being made with the caterer.. Date is set for December 19th. Remember that gift should be \$20-\$25 and please place your name on the gift and if the gift is for a man or woman. The problem is parking which will be \$10 so we would like us car pools and to have a meeting place (parking lot down the road)where cars can fill up to bring members over to Leo's.

Upcoming Events and Car shows:

December 5, Saturday there will be a car show for Benefit Car Shows / Camp Kangaroo. Call Oscar for details. The Event will be posted shortly on our Facebook page and in an "e-mail blast"

December 13th Sunday, The Festival Flea Market in Pompano Bch is an annual show with 600+ Cars and a great "goody bag" give away including a \$10.00 Gas card, for just \$30.00

Mike McNeal said, If we can get 10 Thunderbirds to go, we can represent our Club and receive a Club trophy and a member's car voted, "Best of Club"!

Ed Raabe will forward the Event information and a Web link to the registration in an e-mail to the Membership.

January 24, Sunday will be our 17th annual Car Club Show at Tropical Park. Flyers will be available for distribution to other car shows in time for the Holiday Party. Preparations were discussed including Best of Trophies for Thunderbird (Felipe

Cos Memorial) Mustangs and Corvettes. These Marques will be grouped together on the show field. Paul Werner suggested our Club Cars should appear front & center for all to see. Several options were discussed including no change as we are having an "open Car" show trying to appeal to everyone. It was decided the Thunderbirds will "flank" the registration tents on either side and in the row behind if necessary and be in the order of manufactured year (if possible)

February 6th is an All Ford Show at the Edison Ford Estate, Ft Myers from 9am-3pm. We are planning to do a "weekend outing" for our club. February 5th 6th returning on the 7th We will probably do the Mystery Train on Friday or Saturday. Daisy will notify our members as to the arrangement.

Peter congratulated Daisy Hernandez for her great work conceiving and planning club events.

New Business;

Election of officer was conducted and Oscar Castro was elected as our new president. All our existing officers, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary were reelected.

Thanks were given to Ed Raabe for serving as president for the past two years. He has volunteered to continue as the editor of our monthly magazine.

Ed gave a short speech thanking everyone for allowing him the privilege of serving over the past two years. He made note of the challenge to preserve Felipe Cos's legacy and the many new members during his tenure. He thanked Peter and all those who serve as Officers and also acknowledged the fantastic job Daisy does as Director of Events.

Mike McNeal asked for volunteers to assist at the Ft. Lauderdale War Memorial auction to be held January 4, 5, 6, 2016.

Our Meeting ended at 8:30pm



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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 took place at the Monthly meeting in November. Oscar Castro was elected President for a 2 year term by a unanimous vote. All the other Officers were re-elected to serve in their respective positions as well. The revised positions list will be posted in our January News Letter

It has been a privilege for me to have been your club president for the past 2 years. Our Club has a great spirit of participation and because of that, the job was made easy for me in many respects. It was certainly a challenge during the beginning of the year following the passing of our Club founder Felipe. I many ways this was and still is "His Club"! Guiding us through the Annual Club's open car show and continuing the Thunderbird News has been rewarding, but it could never have happened without the support and dedication of our members. I am hoping you will all show the same support for Oscar as he assumes his role as President in January. He has already been instrumental in planning the January 2016 car show.

Our Next Meeting will be December 19th at The Holiday Party
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. Leo and Valentyna can use some help! Please RSVP with Daisy Hernandez hern3120@bellsouth.net As in past years we will have a "Mean Santa" gift event. Gifts should be \$20-\$25.00 in value and have giver's name on it. You may place an M for Male or F for a Female specific gift on the box. Please bring a gift if you want to participate it's always a lot of fun!

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.

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 Club Car Show for January!

Until then, Happy Birding!

Ed Raabe

NEW MEMBERS John Lucey

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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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Tavolino Della Notte Show

Rob Ferretti

Sunday; October 18th

I attended a small but fabulous car show in Coral Springs at the Tavolino Della Notte restaurant. It was run by the Cruisers of South Florida. I asked Paul and Anita Werner and Joe La Vista to join me and my wife Debby. I have attended this show for three years and knew it was well worth attending. The restaurant is a very popular Italian restaurant and they give every entry couple there lunch to thank them for being there. They give out 25 wonderful trophies besides a best in show trophy and the amount of the entrants, are limited to 45 slots.



Paul brought his 1955 Thunderbird, Joe had his 1969 AMX and I had my 1966 Thunderbird. We had our chairs with us and we spent an enjoyable day with great conversation, meeting new people and admiring the cars parked around us. South Florida Hot Rides photographer was there taking lots of pictures and all were posted on their site the following day.



They had a young model posing by all the cars and made the cars look even better. Of course you can't be sure if the pictures look good because of the car in it or the model standing by them. Pretty sure lots of the guys would tell their wife's they didn't even notice her.



The highlight of the day was the awards. Joe and I got passed up this time but if you had seen the cars at the show you would know why judges had a difficult time choosing. Paul and Anita on the other hand were chosen which made our day. Both Paul and Anita were all smiles as it was their first trophy for their 1955 Thunderbird and of course the first one is the most memorable.

Next time you're looking for a good show to attend consider the TAVOLINO SHOW in Coral Springs It's a little ride for some of our members from the south but you would not be disappointed.

The show is led by Steve Schwartz; president of the South Florida Cruisers with his club members and he is a great guy. Steve attends the Auctions America car event with us each year and drives with us. If you have driven on the auction days you may recognize him if you decide to come to one of their shows. I only added a few pictures from the show but if you look up South Florida Hot Rides either on face book or the web site, you'd enjoy all the photos this photographer takes.

Article submitted by Bob Ferretti



Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman popularized the term "Bucket List" in their 2008 movie of the same name. Consequently their portrayal of two old codgers fulfilling repressed adventures, inspired all of us to start listing things we want to do or accomplish before our final run. Well what if there is something you need to do but aren't aware of the requisite desire? Frank and I had this deja vu experience when we were invited to attend a big event; Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) in Las Vegas, NV. Here we realized this show was something we should have wanted all along and so felt like, on a smaller scale, that we had been there before. We had to find a way to label this phenomenon, which we shall term, Accidental Desire Fulfillment, or ADF.

As we explored the huge venue we could not get enough of the displays, the cars, the equipment and of course the celebrities. Frank had a couple of car favorites, the best being the Plymouth Super Bird.



Yes this is a picture of the famous number 43 Daytona Super bird. Yes that is Petty Blue and yes the gentleman in the hat at the very rear is none other than King Richard himself, the one, the only Richard Petty! Now that truly brought a smile to Franks face. Anyone who knows Frank knows he is MOPAR and this car was one of the few that made MOPAR no longer the red headed step child. Next we ventured on to another great car and that would be the Ring Brothers Carbon Fiber bodied 1965 Mustang. This car won Best Retro Rod in the show and was named "Espionage" by its creators. It is powered by a 427cubic inch LS7 and puts out 959 horse power, this ride certainly is no slug. The body among other modifications was widened two inches. In the photo you might recognize the pretty girl in the center as the Fox 5 morning weather girl Cassandra Jones Frank's daughter and our benefactor of the passes.



Now besides all the equipment and displays there are many venues where one can get an adrenalin rush. Such was the case of the Ford Ride Along experience. Ford had laid out a mini autocross course combined with an off road venue. I had waited in line a long time and by luck was the last one to get a ride in a Ford Cobra! This car could really fly. Being the last one of the day the driver tried to scare me, impossible, and also wear the tread off the tires, probable. I had a great thrilling asphalt adventure in the high powered sports car. After, as I got ready to leave I showed the attendants pictures of my 1957 Thunderbird and they allowed me to ride along with Frank on the off road course in the Raptor trucks. You can't buy luck, but on this day in the city of odds and heart ache, lady luck smiled upon me. The truck ride was unbelievable. Flying over 'whop de doos' at full speed, you could barely feel the huge bumps on the course. Flying more than 30 feet in the air over the jump the touchdown was almost as smooth as one of Franks Landings in a Boeing 777.



Another very special car, here in the background, is the fastest street car on the planet. This is Jeff Lutz' fiberglass bodied 1957 Chevy, he calls "Evil Twin", which looks very similar to his flat black all steel 57 Chevy that he campaigned previously. This street legal car was specifically built to dominate Hot Rod Magazine's Drag week. It weighs about 2500 pounds and puts out about 3000 horse power on race fuel. Yes three zeros after the 3! I could continue on and make a whole newsletter just on SEMA but shall close for now. So if it isn't on your Bucket List due to an oversight add SEMA now and experience a truly rare enjoyable adventure.





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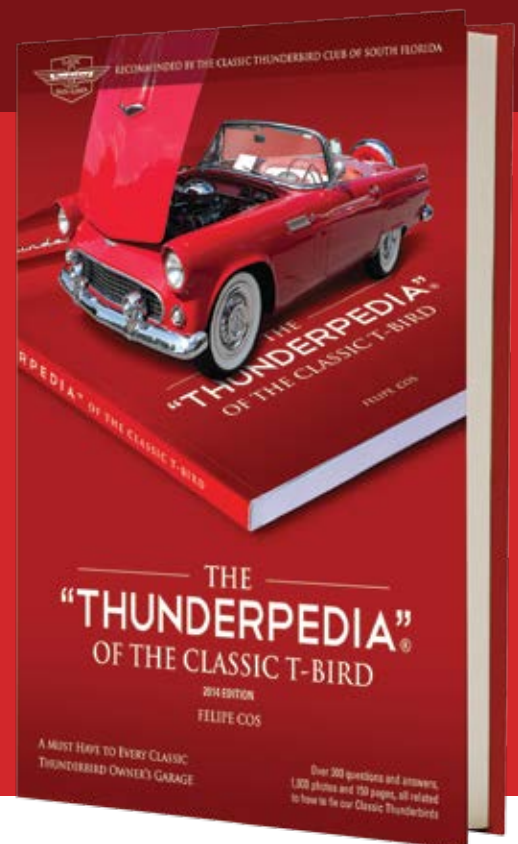
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Dezer Museum

Ed Raabe

On Saturday November 6th a few of the Club members met at the Dezer Museum in Miami. Michael Dezer, the multimillion dollar developer has created a wonderful collection of unique Cars, Motor Cycles and Scooters enclosed in 2 gigantic buildings!

It took us several hours to see it all! There were many 'Star Cars' from dozens of Movies, from around the world in 80 days, the Batman Series and the James Bond Films. The fabulous Bond collection is the world's largest! Classic 50s cars occupy a large space including many convertibles from Chrysler, Ford, Chevy and Studebaker. There is even an Edsel Villager Wagon. The unique collection of European cars feature several Citroen French CV2's and a Trabant the infamous Communist Bloc "peoples car"

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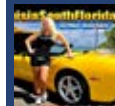
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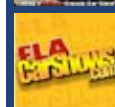
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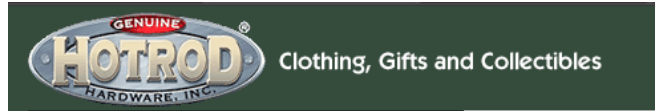
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