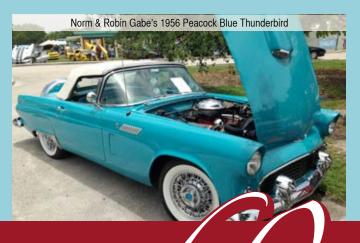


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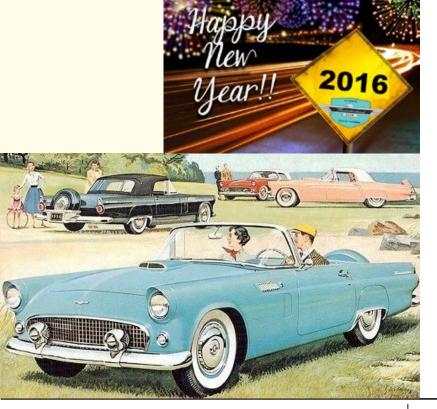
I surely appreciate the articles that are being contributed to our Thunderbird News by our members. Please keep them coming! Top priority will go to articles about a Classic Thunderbird of South Florida Events and we welcome any story about a Classic Car Event where Thunderbirds appear. Technical articles 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 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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Joe Bullock Jan 1st **Doti Budd** Jan 5th

My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information.

Please contact me to update your records.

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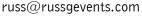
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JANUARY 2016



Time flies..., it seems like it was only yesterday that Felipe invited me and my wife Marcia to the monthly Thunderbird Club meeting at La Trattoria Pampered Chef.

I was very impressed at the number of people that were in attendance, with the exception of one or two tables, we took over the whole inside section of the restaurant! Although I already knew a few of the people there, we still felt a little awkwardly-shy to be "strangers" amongst so many people. Well, that feeling soon ended when we were made to feel so very at home by all the members present. Everyone (that we did not already know) introduced themselves and even chatted with us a bit. We loved the friendly atmosphere and the way that everyone interacted with each other. We especially liked the way that the business part of the meeting was kept to a minimum and the emphasis was placed on a bunch of friends having a good time.

I talked to Felipe that very night to thank him for the invitation and to let them

know what a good time we had and how nice everyone was. I also told him that I would love to be a part of as club as nice as the Thunderbird Club, but that I did not own a Thunderbird. He told me that even though the name of the club is The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida, that it was really a social club made up of people who shared a love of the classic Thunderbird and antique cars and that we did not have to own a Thunderbird to join. That was exactly what we were looking for and the rest is history! I was present for the next monthly meeting, not as a guest, but as a member, and in what seems to be a very short time after that, here I am, about to start my term as your new president. I am looking forward to being your club president for 2016 and I am ready to take on all the responsibilities and challenges the position will bring.

In this paragraph is where I was going to list all the things I will be doing to make this club better, but all I can think of is that old saying, "if it's not broken, don't fix it". Those words ring so true for this, the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida because we have a club that is beyond awesome and it keeps getting better all the time. All I can say is that I will work hard to try and continue doing the same great job that our previous president Ed Raabe and all the presidents that came before him have done. Like them, I will work to continue to build up our membership, increase even more, then attendance at our shows and social events, and increase youth participation in our activities.

I hope that 2015 was a good year for everyone, filled with fun and exciting experiences and that you are now ready to take on 2016 and enjoy all the activities that our club will make available to you. We will start the year with our annual show at Tropical Park on Sunday January 24th, I am sure that with everyone's help, our 2016 show will be better than our 2015 show, but not as good as our 2017 show, which will be even better because we just keep on improving every time! Did I mention what an awesome club we have and how happy I am to be a part of it... Next on the list will be our February 5-7 weekend trip to Fort Myers for the Ford Show and the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Train Ride, Thank You Daisy for taking on the planning for this event! Following right behind in March, will be our participation in the RM Auction, which will in turn be followed by a whole bunch of fun events during the year! Keep an eye out for emails and check our website, www. thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com, for the latest news on what the club is planning.

As our past president would say...

Happy Birding!

Oscar Castro

President - 2016

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida



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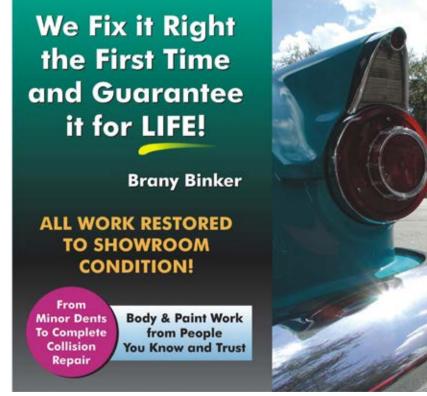
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Plans for the event include a Polynesian style welcome pool party, a tour of the USS Midway, including a luncheon at the Bow area, the Corvette Challenge at the Corvette Diner, a Scenic coastal cruise drive to the San Diego Botanical Garden, an Outing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



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What type of motor oil should I use in my classic T-Bird?

The Ford Motor Company recommends SAE 20, or SAE 30 Grade motor oil for temperatures always above freezing. I read many articles that contradict what the Ford Motor Company recommends, including the article in the Nov-Dec 2015 Early Bird publication.

The most important thing to do is to use the correct viscosity motor oil to provide adequate lubrication and limit engine wear. If the oil is either too thin or too thick, adequate lubrication does not occur.

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In addition, the motor oil does not provide optimum lubrication until the engine reaches its normal operating temperature. The oil provides hardly any protection when the engine is first started, and therefore getting the engine up to normal operating temperature as quickly as possible is highly desirable. (Hence the reason for the thermostat in the cooling system.)

No Motor Oil Manufacturer that I am aware of recommends adding anything to their complex formulation as you

purchase it. As zinc & phosphorus are also needed in our T-Birds

Your choices to find the best motor oil to use directly from the Oil Manufacturer are limited.

Three (3) brands that I am aware of that already have the correct amount of ZDDP are:

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Arlene and I planned to get to the Party a little early, but the traffic Gods prevailed and by the time we got there, half those who said they were coming, had arrived. This year's Party was being held in the Social Hall at Leo and Valentyna's condo in Halandale Bch. We quickly set up our Nespresso machine, amid some brief "hellos" so we could mingle before the appetizers were to be served. The Nespresso was a hit with everyone after dinner.

Club members looked great in party attire and Mrs. Raabe 'commented' I should have worn one of my many Holiday ties. She looked great by the way, but I am biased!

Around 7:30pm, after some cocktails we started the appetizers and then dinner. Mama Mia of Hollywood supplied the food for our Buffet and it was delicious!

Just as we were beginning the "Mean Santa' gift swap, Oscar called me up and I was "showered" with Memorabilia in honor of my term as President! I received a Placard, Shirt, Mug and "Santa Shorts" that NOBODY wanted to take from me! I really appreciated the gesture, we have the best Club members!

Daisy reviewed the rules and we were ready to have some fun. Our New President, Oscar Castro was one of the first get to grab a present. A few of us decided to enjoy some innocent fun and every time we got a turn would go to Oscar and "steal" his gift. Needless to say Oscar was going back to the presents over and over again until someone said "just stay up there! Finaly he received a Hurricane lamp and he had no "takers" even though he was promoting it as "available", all night long.

"Bigger is Better?" On his turn, Felix grabbed the biggest box, about 4'x2.5'x2.5', soon to find out it was like a Russian Nesting Doll! A box in a box in a box...until the tiniest box was left. Inside was a beautiful Thunderbird Watch!

Leo, our host, famous for his collection of unique headwear was having a great time donned in his Derby with a lightbulb on top "stealing" the Adult Beverage gifts from anyone who had chosen one!

Bob Toney picked a nice "ladies bag" and we had a good time with that. Jane liked it and I told him it matched the color of his Thunderbird, Pink!

And then there was the ANT FARM! This gift has a history that I won't elaborate on here, but it was presented with a brief explanation from Robin Gabe that there was an additional item attached to it that only the final person to possess it would get. Arlene "stole" it and had it for a while, but it was ultimately stolen from her and that was for the last time.

There was quite a diverse selection of gifts from a Plush Unicorn and Teddy bear, a fairly large amount of "Adult Beverages", a Thundediird book, Rt. 66 Memorabilia, boutique hair products, Car Care products, Bags, Thunderbird watches and that Hurricane Lamp.

Way down to the last few members, when it was Stuart Corenblum's turn, he went right over to Oscar and shouted "you're not going home with that, that's MY lamp, hand it over!

The place went nuts with cheering and laughter!

Oscar then "stole" the ANT FARM! A beautiful Rt. 66 commemorative floor mat turned out to be the additional prize!

There truly is something for everyone!



















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Every year, for at least the past 10 years, Dick Barten BD Entertainment along with Russ Gagliano. Sadly, Russ can't do shows any longer, but Veteran Classic Car Show promoter 'Jumpin' Jack Corssino has now partnered up with Dick and as they say "the show must go on"!

This year's Holiday show on Dec 13th brought out over 600 vehicles of all kinds. Classic Cars and Trucks. Sports cars, Muscle cars, Exotic cars, Hot Rods and Specialty vehicles you will not see at any other show in the area. Owners come from as far as Jupiter and Stuart to up from the Keys to attend. Clubs are big. The Corvette Club, AACA Ft Lauderdale Region, the British Sports Car Club, Hot Rides and Cruisers just to name a few.

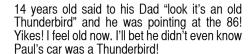
I was joined by Club members Paul and Anita Werner, Walter and Marion Schade and Jay Faust. We parked next to a few Square and Bullet Birds and felt right at home. I continue to hope one day we will get enough of our club members to attend so we can have a nice showing. The year Paul joined the Club we had 5 to 6 Thunderbirds together and it looked great. Also Attending with their Corvair convertible was Norm and Robin Gabe. Among the spectators who showed was Felix Hernandez.

Paul, Jay and I went around distributing Flyers for our upcoming Club Show at Topical Park Jan 24th and had a great time looking at all the cars. We were testing each other's automotive knowledge which made it even more enjoyable!

While the day started out sunny we did get a few showers, but nothing steady until after 3pm.

Parked next to Paul and Anita's Red 55, my 86 Aero Bird was a big contrast in style and engineering.

It surprised me when a young man about



A good friend Dusan, Won a trophy for best 50's with his 53 Ford F100

We had a great time talking to people and enjoying each other's company and we got our exercise putting on and taking off Paul's car cover for each passing shower!

There is another show in the Spring. Maybe we can get enough members to make our own Club Row!























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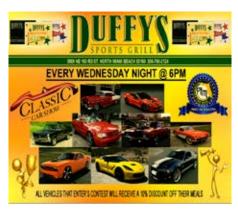
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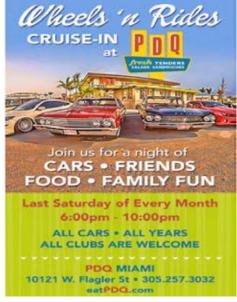




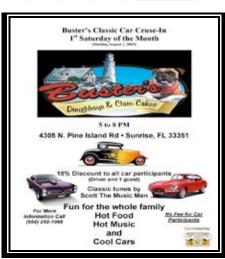


































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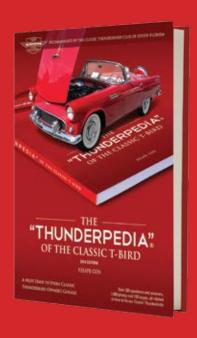
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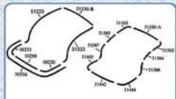


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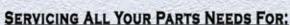
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