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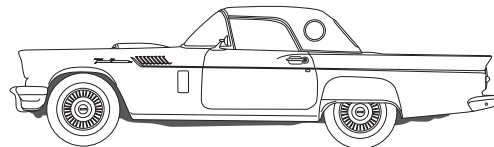
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# editor's CORNER

JUNE 2016

Hello Club Members,

This month we 'welcome' the Summer Season. Car shows will be fewer and most of our cars will remain indoors out of the rain.

One show, not to be missed is the Father's Day show held at Mizner Park in Boca Raton June 19th This is a Russ G Event that is a Icon of Carshows in our area. Originally created by Russ Gagliano, now his son Russ, is carrying on the tradition. Usually a few of our Club Members attend. Lets try for a big group this year!

This issue will feature a few of the Carshows our members attended in May. This Issue has a reprint of an article Gary Stump wrote about his 56 back in 2009. His car is still looking great today! Maybe it will inspire a few new articles!

The Tech page is a result of some research on the "steering" issue in our 55-57 Birds. I hope you find it informative.

Finally it Father's Day this month and I added a gift guide!

Pictures of the Events are also available for viewing on our Club Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida](http://www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida) and our club Website [www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com](http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com)

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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 look forward to a short story from EVERY CLUB MEMBER who owns a 1956 T-Bird for the 2016 Thunderbird News

Tell us how you found it and why you bought it. Where and from whom you bought it. i.e. (a nice couple living in Indianapolis who had owned it for 20 years) If it has "history" or "celebrity". What condition was it in when you bought it?. What you have had done to it since you became the owner of it. What your plans are for the car in the future. Believe me, we want to hear about YOUR car!

You don't need to be a 'literary genius' to write a few lines. I can fix up if you like. Please us Microsoft Word or the Apple Pages

If you have favorite pictures of your "baby" please send those also, 1mb or smaller

Deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month right after or month club meeting.

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

Ed Raabe

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN

# JUNE 2016



Frank Jones	6th
Poppy Madden	10th
Juan Gonzalez	13th
Judy Saladino	13th
Martin Vazquez	17th

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





JUNE 2016



**Happy News!** Our meeting attendance continues to grow... Sad News! The attendance is increasing because of all the new members coming to the meetings. This means that a lot of the "old" members have not been regularly attending. "Old Members" we've missed you, come on over to our June meeting and see why our attendance is growing! In the meantime, please read the meeting minutes, included in this Newsletter, so that you can catch up on what has been happening, get excited about the news, and come to the next meeting! Please make sure that your membership dues are current so that you don't miss any of the planned activities.

Our next event will be the annual Sunday Brunch meeting. Daisy and her crew are evaluating new locations, since our regular location, the Hillcrest, is no longer available. Please come to the next meeting and find out what they discovered.

Also, coming up but date not yet established, is the LUAU which will replace our annual summer picnic for this year. To beat the heat, it will definitely be an evening event and we are trying to work out a date sometime during the colder months maybe in October or November. We have plans to bring in a troupe of Polynesian Dancers and a Fire-Knife Dancer, as well as a very special Chef that will cook a great meal for us, right at the feast! This event will be at no cost to our members, just one of the ways that we are demonstrating our commitment to invest in our members and to thank them for their continued support during our activities and their willingness to say "present" when we need help with our fundraisers.

At the May meeting, we revealed some BIG news; we are bringing back the Florida's 300 Mile Rallye! From now on, to be the Felipe Cos Memorial Florida 300 Mile Rallye. Felipe founded the Florida's 300 Mile Rallye many years ago and since

then, there have been many editions of the event which have taken many adventurous people thru the back roads of Southern Florida. Felipe loved Rallies, he was the creator of the first precision Rallye in the Southeast U.S. His purpose then was to train racers for the GREAT RACE. The Great Race is the oldest time-precision rally in the U.S. with prizes over \$350,000.00; 4,500 miles in 14 days from coast to coast. His Florida's 300 Mile Rallye is only two or three days in Florida's back roads with prizes and trophies. Oh, and by the way, the 300 miles sometimes come out closer to 400 or 450 more or less. I guess that when he named it, "The 300 Mile Rallye" sounded much better than "The 300 or 400 or 450 miles more or less Rallye"!

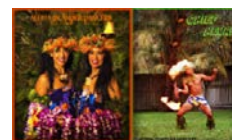
This next Rallye, which is schedule for September 16-18, 2016 will be a bit different than the ones that have preceded it. This one will have lots of social events mixed in, just like the social Road Tours that are so common in the northern states. It will involve a 3-day round trip from Miami to Sebring, to Wauchula, to Arcadia, to Fort Myers, and back to Miami. In addition to the precision part of the rally, there will many social activities incorporated into the schedule, among them are a visit to a Museum, a wine tasting at a Winery, several "welcome" receptions along the way, a Town Circle Car Show, a live concert, a BBQ Dinner, breakfast on an Airport Runway (that right, I said breakfast on an Airport Runway), one or two laps around the Sebring Race Track, a visit to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, and others! More details will be forthcoming via at the June meeting and the website.

Felipe was the first to introduce the 300 Mile Precision Rallye to South Florida, now, not only will that rally live on, but because of his enthusiasm and encouragement, The Classic Thunderbird Club will also become the first to introduce the Classic Car Road Tour to South Florida! Details to follow soon, registration will be limited and will cut off early in order to get all the activities arranged, so come to the next meeting!

Information on all of our activities will be also be posted on our website [www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com](http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com), check in often!

Thank you all for being members of the best Classic Thunderbird Club in South Florida!

Happy Thundering!



**Oscar Castro**  
President - 2016  
Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida





## CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

May 18th, 2016 at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY DAISY HERNANDEZ

# MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting was called to order by President Castro at 7:26 pm.

### NEW MEMBERS

The President introduced and welcomed the Morales family as new members of the club. Angel informed the members that he had a 1955 Thunderbird. The Morales sons gave the 1955 Thunderbird to their father for his 65th birthday a couple of days before the meeting.

### LUAU PARTY

The president informed the members that a place has been found in Hollywood for the Luau Party but member Leo Saladino will be making contact with the concerned party and will fill us in with all the particulars at the next meeting.

### BUFFET BREAKFAST

Social Committee Chairperson Daisy Hernandez informed the club that Hillcrest Country Club was no longer available for breakfast as they had closed down all the food service. She found other Country Clubs in the area that have a Buffet Breakfast, The Grand Palms, Bonaventure Country Club, Plantation Country Club and Miami Shores. Members asked Daisy set up dates and invite the members to attend the different Sunday Brunches at each of these Country Clubs so that we can decide the best place for the club to hold its annual buffet meeting.

### NATIONAL DEPOT CAR MUSEUM

Daisy informed that members that member, Gail Corenblum will help us plan the next club outing to visit the private museum of National Car Depot. More information on the trip at the next club meeting.

### SEBRING RALLY

The President informed us that he had spent the previous 4-day weekend scouting out possible venues and route for our next big event, the Felipe Cos Memorial "Florida 300 Mile Rallye". He mentioned that the Florida 300 Mile Rallye was founded by Felipe many years ago and that the last edition was in October of 2014, but sadly, Felipe fell ill at the last minute and could not attend. He (the President) added that this was not only a

fun and exciting activity for the club, but at the same time the perfect event in which to remember and honor Felipe, for he absolutely loved Rallyes. The Rallye is schedule for September 16-18, 2016 and will involve a round trip from Miami to Sebring, to Wauchula, Arcadia, Fort Myers, and back to Miami. In addition to the precision part of the rally, there will many social activities incorporated into the schedule, among them are a visit to a Museum, a wine tasting at a Winery, several "welcome" receptions along the way, a Town Circle Car Show, a live concert, a BBQ Dinner, breakfast on an Airport Runway, one or two laps around the Sebring Race Track, a visit to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, and others! More details will be forthcoming via at the June meeting and the website.

### WINGS OVER MIAMI

The Wings Over Miami show at the Tamiami Airport will be held on Saturday May 28, Ed Raabe is trying to get a group of T-Birds to come and park together.

### R & M AUCTION

Treasurer Peter Klein thanked all the members that participated in the best fundraiser event yet Auctions America Ft Lauderdale. A special thanks to Leo Saladino for picking up the slack that our main guy Mike McNeal fell sick with the flu. He informed us that we made \$5,000 this year. He explained how this auction company relies on us more and more each year and explained our involvement to the new members of the auction.

### CLUB SECRETARY

Member Ed Raabe asked the members if anyone was interested in assuming the position of club secretary. Member Poppy Madden has been the secretary for many years and could use a break. He asked that hopefully someone will volunteer for the position at the next meeting. Daisy recognized the fantastic job Poppy has been doing for the club, to a rousing round of applause.

Ed Raabe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Stuart Corenblum.

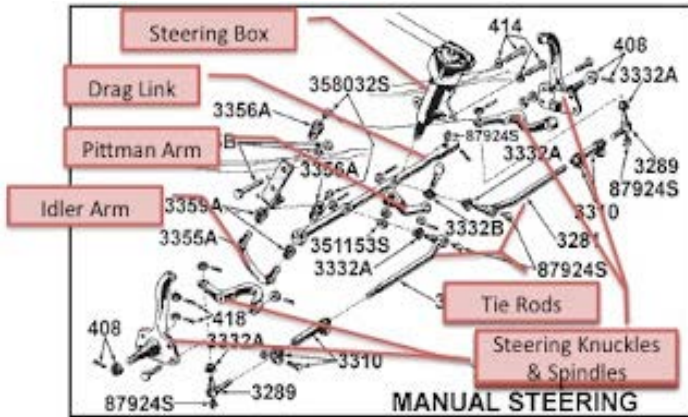
Meeting was adjourned





## Steering...

At the risk of being overly tutorial, let me describe how steering works on '50s vintage cars. The steering wheel is attached to a long shaft, inside the steering column, which is in turn attached to the input shaft of the steering box.

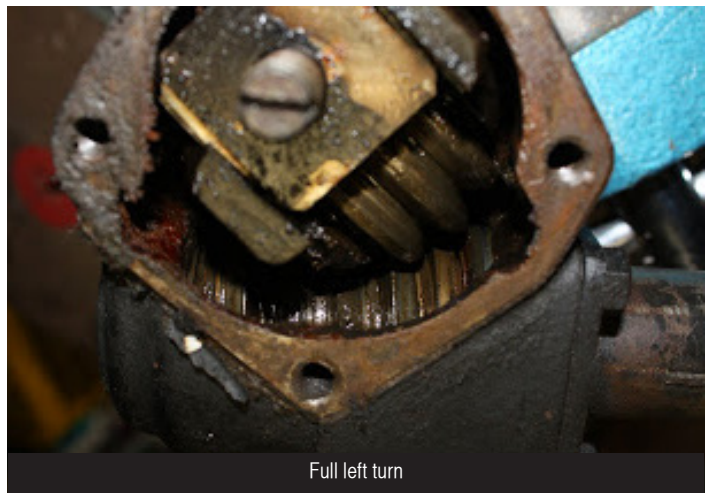
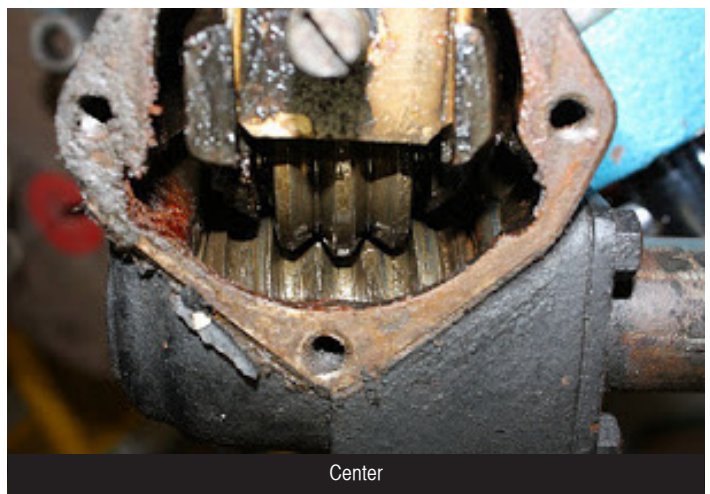


Exploded view of Thunderbird steering. The steering wheel would be above and to the left of this diagram. The front wheels attach to the right and left ends of the spindles.

The steering box is bolted to the frame on the bottom front driver's side of the engine compartment. It contains gears that translate the motion of the steering wheel into a much smaller motion of the Pittman arm, which projects out below the chassis frame behind the front wheels. A rod called a drag link is suspended between the Pittman arm and a similar sized idler arm bolted on the opposite side of the engine compartment. It is set up such that turning the wheel to the left will move the drag link very precisely to the right, in a very controlled way. Left and right tie rods connect this drag link to the front wheel steering knuckles, which in turn control the direction of the spindles and thus the front wheels. Turning the steering wheel turns the steering box input shaft, the internal gears then translate this motion to the Pittman arm, which moves the drag link slightly, pushing/pulling both the tie rods, and then the steering knuckles, moving the spindles and turning the front wheels.

Modern steering boxes are actually very remarkable pieces of engineering... they typically use either "recirculating ball" or "rack and pinion" technology, which is very efficient, reliable, and they don't wear out... at least not for hundreds of thousands of miles. In 1955, however, Ford used "worm and sector" technology. These are not so reliable, and they do indeed wear out. The worm gear is on the input shaft (connected to the steering wheel), and the sector has a roller gear to tightly engage the worm. Here's a sequence with the top cover removed showing the worm and roller. The input shaft is on the right side of the picture, the worm gear at the bottom, and the sector arm at the top.

It's pretty clever, and it works well. The problem with this arrangement is that, over time, the worm gear tends to wear down in the center (because the wheels spend almost all of their time pointed straight ahead or at very small angles), but it doesn't wear much on the ends. This wear can create a lot of "slop" in the steering... up to several inches of steering wheel travel



before the front wheels move. That's actually pretty dangerous at highway speeds! The gears can be tightened together to remove this slop, but then the steering will bind up and jam in a tight turn. That's even more dangerous.

The steering box on my '55 t-bird has exactly this problem... too much slop. It needs to be rebuilt. It is also still on the car, at the body shop. I needed to leave it on the car... otherwise,



the front wheels couldn't be turned together, and moving the car around would become very difficult. Since I have to rebuild the steering box anyway, I looked into replacing it with something better.

1957 was the last year Ford used worm-and-sector steering boxes. 1958 Fords used recirculating ball steering boxes, which are much stronger and don't have the "wear in the middle" problem. Sadly, this newer steering box won't just bolt onto on my t-bird. The steering column would need to be shorter. Also, '57 and earlier Fords routed the horn wire from the steering wheel down the hollow center of the steering shaft, all the way through the steering box, and out the end to pick up the horn relay. Later Fords don't do this, and use a brush and slip ring for the horn signal. To use the later steering box, I'd need a whole new steering column, and steering wheel, and turn signal switch. Now we are into some big \$\$!

My t-bird does not have power steering. While I can easily bolt on a period-correct power steering setup for \$2K, I really don't want to. Vintage power steering units are basically a hydraulic ram


that moves the drag link back and forth, based on the position of the Pittman arm. They tend to leak, and don't provide much driver feedback. This is very unlike modern power steering. I've decided to keep the manual steering, and it's better road feel. I may have to work a little harder when parallel parking, especially with radial tires.

Note that the roller on the sector arm in the pictures above has three teeth... this is a 1957 t-bird "three tooth" box. It is a bolt-on replacement for the steering box on my 1955 t-bird, which is a very similar but weaker "two tooth" box. My plan is to rebuild the three tooth box, since it should last longer and be better able to handle the stress of wider-than-stock radial tires.

I got the '57 steering box on eBay for \$.99! Alas, I spent \$40 on shipping. Even though the gears are trashed, it was a very good deal! Buying a complete rebuilt three tooth box would cost about \$800. I can have this one rebuilt locally for about \$400.

Overall, I feel quite fortunate.

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# My little blue T-Bird Gary I. Stump 2009



Fifteen Years ago I turned 48 years old and asked myself, when am I going to buy one of my favorite cars, which is a 1956 Ford Thunderbird. I bought the Sports Car trader located in Jupiter, Florida

I called the owner and made an appointment to see the car the following day. I drove to Jupiter the next morning and saw the T-Bird, it was black outside, with a red and white interior. The convertible top was bad and it had no hardtop. The data plate on the firewall said it should be Peacock Turquoise Blue. Ford only made T-Birds painted in that color for one year, "1956". The owner asked \$19,000.00 for the car, I took it for a drive and came back to offer him \$15,000.00. Then I told him what was wrong and what needed to be fixed on the car. We talked for a while and by the time I left I had talked him down to 17,000.00. I told him I would call him in 3 days. If he sold the car, fine, if not I would negotiate further with him. I bought the car from him three days later for \$16000.00 cash!

I have had the car painted the original Peacock Turquoise Blue, had a black and white interior installed. Originally this car would have had a turquoise and white interior, bought a Hard Top for it and had the engine totally rebuilt. I also had the convertible top frame powder-coated and a new black canvas top put on the car. If you truly enjoy your classic Thunderbird as I do, all the time, effort and cost is well worth it!!!! Enjoy your T-Bird!!!



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# RECENT CAR SHOWS

Ed Raabe

Last month I attended two car shows in our area,

The Cooper City Founders Day Show and a gathering at Gateway Classics Cars showroom in west Broward near I75 and Sample Road.

The Cooper City Founders Day show is an annual Event held at Brian Piccolo Park with estimated 4,000 people in attendance. Besides the AACA Ft Lauderdale Classic car show there is an Art Fair, Games, Food and Music from bands on 2 sound stages with fireworks in the evening.

The Ft Lauderdale AACA under the leadership of Jim Wright sponsors a great show on the field at Brian Piccolo park.

This year Kay and JD Hall and Mike McNeal showed their Thunderbirds. There was a 56 Coral Red car shown, but I was unable to locate the owner. I drove my 1959 Edsel to this gathering. There was just short of 80 cars, the weather was fantastic and we all had a great time.





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Several of our Club members attended this event, including

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

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The CTCL 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.

For further information look for updates at [www.CTCL.org](http://www.CTCL.org)

Or contact Martha Lazdins 949-6611426 [hmlazdins@att.net](mailto:hmlazdins@att.net) or Alan Custinger, 760-745-9345 [1940mv8@cox.net](mailto:1940mv8@cox.net)

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### OVERFLOW HOTEL INFORMATION

The Earlybirds of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego invite you to have "Fun, Fun, Fun in the California Sun" at our 2016 CTCL International Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, California! We hope to see you in San Diego. However, If you haven't made your reservations yet, please note,

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To make your reservations call the Handlery Reservations Department at 619-298-0511. The Reservations Department hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:00 to 8:00pm and weekends from 9:00am to 5:30pm. (Pacific Time).

-For more information, please [click here](#) to go to the CTCL website for additional information and registration forms.

-For questions, contact: Convention Co-Chairs  
Martha Lazdins -- (949) 661-1426, [hmlazdins@att.net](mailto:hmlazdins@att.net)  
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#### Convention Registration Form Information:

When you're filling out the registration form, here are a couple of tips:

-The event registration fee of \$65.00 is for a couple and their children under 18 years old.

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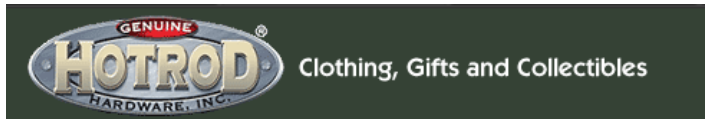
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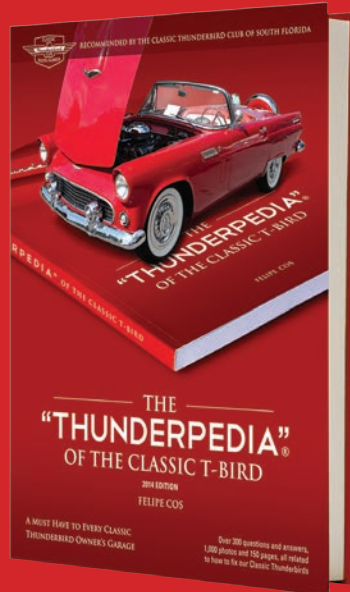
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