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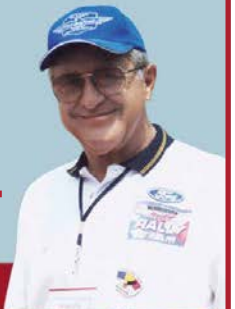
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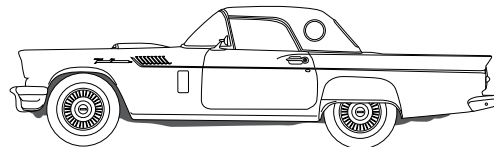
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editor's CORNER

AUGUST 2016

Hello Club Members,

We really have a lot of things going on for the Summer time! This month we have our Annual Club Brunch at the Miami Shores Country Club on Sunday August 7th Thanks to those who went on the "Bunch Tour" in June to find the best possible Venue! I am sure everyone will enjoy it. This will serve as our Club Meeting for JULY

We will also have a Luau in the planning for October!



PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW FOR THE AUGUST 7th CLUB BRUNCH

**The Brunch will take the place of our regular Meeting
(Next Monthly Meeting will be on August 17 when we will also hold the "RALLY SCHOOL")**

September is right around the corner and that means **RALLYE TIME!**

Oscar Castro, our Club President, has put together a 300 mile Road Rallye and Tour for September 16th thru 18th with highlights like the Sebring Thunder Car Fest, with burnouts and track laps, visits to the Treasures Museum, a Wine tasting in Sebring and a Dinner on the Murder Mystery Train and oh, so much more!

This issue will be devoted to the Rallye Itinerary and Instructions. RALLYE SCHOOL will be held at our Next Club meeting Aug 17th. By the way you will see Rallye spelled 2 different ways, but that's OK. I like the Olde English way myself. That goes for a lot of things!

Recently we have been honored by receiving the OLD CARS Weelky 2015 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Collector Car Club Newsletter and we have received recognition in the Early Bird July-August edition Thank you all who have contributed stories and pictures in 2015. We again compete among hundreds of Club publications for 2016!

Pictures of the Events are also available for viewing on our Club Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida and our club Website

www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

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 use 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

CTC CHAPTER #114 AUGUST 2016 VOLUME 18, #8 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Our meetings are held the Third Wednesday of each month at The Trattoria Pampered Chef 7347 Miami Lakes Dr. Miami Lakes FL 33014
Our Host is Gabriel Nash.

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August Auto Trivia

Q: What was the first official White House car?



The answer is on the last page!

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Our Club's web page:


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN

AUGUST

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| George Bishopric | Aug 12 |
| Bridget Hagood | Aug 16 |
| Edmund Schroeder | Aug 16 |
| Ashley Ziel | Aug 27 |
| Marion Shade | Aug |



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"!

NUMBERS TO KEEP

The following are contact numbers and e-mail address you need to have on file:

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JULY 2016



Fellow Members, I am incredibly pleased that our meeting attendance continues to grow! The owner, Gabriel, mentioned to me last month that if we continue to grow like we've been doing, he will have to close the restaurant and give us all the space! 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 naturally get the urge to come to the next meeting, like a lot more members are starting to do! 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 have put together a great event for us. Details and RSVP link are on our Website www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com.

The registration for the Felipe Cos Memorial Florida's 300 Mile Rally (September 16-18, 2016) just opened on July 19th and just 24 hours later, we had 6 couples register! Please note that the discount on the registration fee will end on July 31. You will still be able to register up to August 31, but at a slightly higher price and without a free t-shirt. The important thing is that you don't delay in registering, since the overnight hotel rooms reserved for our block, are limited and you will have to pay almost double when they run out. Details of the Rally as well as the registration form are already posted on our website



www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com.



We have a location for our LUAU;

it will be LAKESIDE at the Venetian Isles Homeowner's Association Club House!

As soon as they confirm the tentative date of October 8th, we will confirm with



the troupe of Polynesian Dancers and the Fire-Knife Dancer, as well as with the very special Chef that will cook a great meal for us, right at the feast! Remember, 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.

Information on all of our activities are posted on our website

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



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DUES ARE DUE in NOVEMBER each year
\$35.00 MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE By DEC. 1st,
To become a member or renew your membership

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www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

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**THE CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB of
SOUTH FLORIDA**

Attention: Peter Klein, Treasurer
4133 Park Ave. Miami FL 33133

The Felipe Cos Memorial Florida's 300 Mile Rallye/ Tour

FELIPE COS MEMORIAL
ROAD RALLY / TOUR

Florida's 300 MILE RALLY

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2016
www.ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida.com
Details & Registration

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The Florida's 300 mile rally will take you on a round trip from Miami through various Florida cities before returning you back to Miami. Classic car drivers, their navigators, and their guests will follow a step-by-step route, visiting new places and enjoying scenic landscapes.

The course will stop at different social events designed to enhance the enjoyment and excitement of the rally. Most of all, you will share an unforgettable experience among friends, old and new! We invite you to register and participate in this sensational event!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We have a block of 30 rooms at the 71.99 Rate, don't wait, register and secure your hotel room.

To get the discount, please follow the instructions under the "hotel accommodations" section below.

The general schedule and the different trophy classes are below. Sometime this week, we will post additional details on each of the specific events.

We will have pictures, menus, etc.

Some of our activities will be done in conjunction with the Sebring Thunder event.

Do not register separately for the Sebring Thunder. Their

registration is included the rally registration. We will submit payment and the registration file to them.

Please keep in mind that in addition to the social events, this is also a rally, so the exact, detailed route

Cannot be published until rally day!

Good luck to all!

Note: "included" as used in the schedule below, means the driver, passenger, and guests in the registered car.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Bbq dinner is included for the driver - the extra \$10 is for each passenger and guest

One (1) souvenir t-shirt included per car registration, additional t-shirts can be ordered and will also be available at the Saturday show for \$15 each

The murder mystery dinner train is optional - you can opt to return home after we arrive at Fort Myers on Sunday

We will be heading home right after the train returns to the station at 9 pm, which should put us back in Miami by 11:30. You can optionally choose to stay Sunday night in Fort Myers and return on Monday morning, making your own arrangements. Sorry, but there is only one price for the train, it is the same for adults and children



The burnout competition (included) is optional and may be limited to a certain number [in order of registration]

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Host hotel - kenilworth lodge (built in 1916) in sebring – walking distance to saturday’s show and site of reception and bbq.

Hotel accommodations are \$71.99 Per night

You do not need to register before you reserve your room, call

now to secure your room

You need to book two nights, september 16th and 17th

Must mention the “300 mile rally” block, to receive discount

863-385-0111

You can search the web for other hotels in the area, you do not need to stay in the host hotel

Nearby hotel - residence inn & suites by marriott - \$159 night

RALLYE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY August 17th (7-9 PM)

Rally School INCLUDED

FRIDAY September 16

Rally / Tour Starting Line 7:00 !SHARP!
WE TAKE OFF

FRIDAY September 16

Rally - First Leg INCLUDED
 Arrive Clewiston INCLUDED
 Light Breakfast INCLUDED
 Rally - Second Leg INCLUDED
 Arrive Lake Placid INCLUDED
 Treasures Museum INCLUDED
 Rally - Third Leg INCLUDED
 Arrive Sebring INCLUDED
 Lunch Reception (Century 21) INCLUDED
 Rally - Fourth Leg INCLUDED
 Wine Tasting INCLUDED
 Rally - Fifth Leg INCLUDED
 Hotel Check-in OWN
 Welcome Reception (Hotel) INCLUDED
 Burnout Competition** INCLUDED
 Live Band Concert INCLUDED
 Dinner (Vendors at Concert) OWN

SATURDAY September 17

Breakfast (Downtown Shops) OWN
 Car Show (Town Circle Sebring) INCLUDED
 Car Show T-Shirt (1) INCLUDED
 Lunch (Downtown Shops) OWN
 Sebring Thunder Noon Roar INCLUDED
 Live Band Concert INCLUDED
 Dinner [(1) Poolside BBQ Hotel] INCLUDED
 Rally Awards (Poolside Hotel) INCLUDED

SUNDAY September 18

Breakfast (Runway Cafe) OWN
 Drive the Sebring Track INCLUDED
 Lunch (Cowpoke Watering Hole) OWN
 Rally Scavenger Hunt on Drive INCLUDED
 Drive to Wauchula INCLUDED
 Drive to Zolfo Springs INCLUDED
 Drive to Arcadia INCLUDED
 Arrive Fort Myers (5:30) INCLUDED
 Dinner (On the Train - Optional) PER PERSON
 Leave for Miami INCLUDED

RALLY / TOUR REGISTRATION AND TO COVER THE INCLUDED ITEMS

| | CLUB MEMBER | NON-MEMBER |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| CURRENT | | |
| REGISTRATION [PER CAR] | \$25 | \$60 |
| CAR SHOW [PER CAR] | \$30 | \$30 |
| EXTRA BBQ DINNERS [PER PASSENGER & GUEST] | \$10 | \$10 |
| MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN [PER PERSON] | \$80 | \$80 |
| SAMPLE COST PER COUPLE WITH 1 CAR | \$225 | \$260 |

IF REGISTERED BY JULY 31, 2016



IMPORTANT: THE SPECIAL RATE FOR THE HOTEL, WILL ONLY BE HONORED UP TO JULY 31 AND UP TO THE FIRST 30 ROOMS ONLY. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATED, BUT NOT GUARANTEED. ALTERNATE NON DISCOUNTED HOTELS ARE LISTED BELOW. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION.

| | CLUB MEMBER | NON-MEMBER |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| AFTER JULY 31 | | |
| REGISTRATION [PER CAR] | \$30 | \$65 |
| CAR SHOW [PER CAR] | \$35 | \$35 |
| EXTRA BBQ DINNERS [PER PERSON] | \$10 | \$10 |
| MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN [PER PERSON] | \$80 | \$80 |
| SAMPLE COST PER COUPLE WITH 1 CAR | \$235 | \$270 |
| IF REGISTERED BY AUGUST 15, 2016 | | |
| AFTER AUGUST 15 [NO T-SHIRT] | | |
| REGISTRATION [PER CAR] | \$35 | \$70 |
| CAR SHOW [PER CAR] | \$40 | \$40 |
| EXTRA BBQ DINNERS [PER PERSON] | \$10 | \$10 |
| MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN [PER PERSON] | \$80 | \$80 |
| SAMPLE COST PER COUPLE WITH 1 CAR | \$245 | \$280 |
| IF REGISTERED BY AUGUST 31, 2016 | | |

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 31

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RALLYE INFORMATION

WHAT TYPE OF RALLY:

This will be a European Style Rally, such as the Italian Mille Miglia (1,000 Miles) Rally. This will be a rally for fun with the purpose to teach you how to run a European style rally and prepare you to participate in other types of rallies. Any person that can continuously keep the same speed for 2 or 3 miles can make this rally. Once you've done one of these rallies, you can easily adapt to and follow any other type of rally.

WHAT DO YOU NEED:

A navigator (passenger), a GPS, a stop watch, and of course, a car. There will be two classes for the competition, cars up to 1999 and from 2000 to current.

WHY THE NAVIGATOR? On the morning of the Rally, you will be issued the Rally Road Book. The book will contain turn by turn instructions which will guide you to each destination and it will also tell you what speed you must maintain between certain road markers, and you must record the time that it took you from one marker to the other. Obviously, you cannot read the book, interpret the instructions, work the stop watch, and record the times, while at the same time, driving the automobile, that's where the Navigator comes in. The navigator will be in charge of telling you where to turn and at what speed you must be going, he/she will also be working the stop watch and recording the times where indicated by the Rally Book. The GPS, although NOT allowed in most rallies, will be OK for this rally. Since you will not know the actual destination point of each leg, the GPS as a navigator, will not be practical, it only use will be to act as a speedometer for your vehicle. Older, and even some newer cars, are not 100% correct when indicating the speed.

Following the GPS speed you will give you a better chance of getting it right.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All of the instructions will be relayed to you by the Navigator as he/she follows the Rally Road Book. You will be leaving from the starting point and will follow the instructions at any speed you desire until you reach the beginning of an AUTO CONTROL, indicated by an odd number, where you will START YOUR STOP WATCH and drive at the designated speed until you pass the end of the AUTO CONTROL, indicated by an even number, where you will STOP THE STOPWATCH and write your time control in the book.

You may continue at any desired speed until the next AUTO CONTROL.

Example: Numbers 1, 3, 5, etc. are all beginnings for each AUTO CONTROL, while numbers 2, 4, 6, etc., are the ending for each one. IE: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 will be the first three AUTO CONTROLS and you will record the ending times at 2, 4, and 6.

Once you have completed all of the segments (AUTO CONTROLS) you will copy the time for each one to the appropriate space on the last page of the book. That last page will be turned in at the end of the day where we will validate your times.

Only the organizers know the exact time that it will take for you to complete each AUTO CONTROL. Provided that you maintained the constant speed as indicated, your times for each segment should match your recorded time.

Any seconds over or under will be your penalty points. We will only deduct a maximum penalty of 60 seconds for each leg.

You will each start with 1,000 points and the winner will be the one with the most points at the end.

PRACTICE:

There will be one AUTO CONTROL at the beginning, labeled A and B, A will be the start and B will be the end. You will time this control, just as you

would the regularly numbered control, ONLY, for this control, we will give you the correct answer. You should check this against your actual time and determine if you did anything wrong, should do it again to feel more at ease, or if you are right on the mark! If you do the same leg multiple times, you will most likely get as many different times, just remember, within 60 seconds either way, you are in the game. The differences may be caused because you clicked on the stop watch a little too early or a little too late, or you relaxed your foot off the accelerator, or someone got in the way and you had to compensate to the time deviance, any number of reasons!

INSTRUCTION (Rally Road) BOOK:

In the instructions book you will have 7 columns:

Column #1- The instruction number.

Column #2- The approximate distance from the starting point to the designated end point of each leg.

There will not be any mileage shown on the AUTO CONTROLS.

Column #3- The approximate distance from the previous instruction to the next instruction.

This section is very important; if you have traveled this distance or more, and you have not seen the next road marker as indicated in the book, then you took a wrong turn.

If this happens GO BACK to the completion of the last instructions and try again.

Column #4- The actions you have to make [turn left, turn right, go straight, etc. etc.]

Column #5- The road sign where you initiate the previous column instruction #4; it could be a signal light, a mile marker, a speed sign, etc. etc.

Column #6- Advises the beginning and the end of the auto control. Uneven number is the beginning of AUTO CONTROL. Even number is the end of AUTO CONTROL. Also it will show the speed you have to drive at this AUTO CONTROL.

Column #7- Write your time.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

Rally will start EXACTLY at 7.00 a.m. PM Friday, September 16 and will finish at the hotel.

Trophies will be presented on Saturday September 17, right after the Poolside BBQ.

You have to follow the designated speed only within the AUTO CONTROL, other than that; you may go at any speed you desire.

ALWAYS follow the speed limits AND obey all traffic laws.

In the rally you will never drive over 55 mph.

This rally "for fun" is a non-profit event; the money charged is only to cover the expenses of the rally like course preparation, books, trophies, etc..

Net proceeds will be donated to a charity. For the 2016 Rally, it will be the Cystic Fibrosis Research foundation.

This is a FAMILY event, you may bring your children, other family members, or friends in the car with you.

Be very carefully with the speed limit when you are not within

an AUTO CONTROL, you will be passing several small towns with low posted limits.



CLUB SUNDAY BRUNCH



PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW FOR THE AUGUST 7th CLUB BRUNCH

THE BRUNCH WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR JULY REGULAR MEETING
(NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 17 WHEN WE WILL ALSO HOLD THE "RALLY SCHOOL")

The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida will be holding its annual **Sunday Brunch on August 7th at 11 am** at the **Miami Shores Country Club** located at **10000 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores 33138** at 11 am. The total price of the brunch including, great food, bottomless Mimosas and Bloody Mary's, coffee or tea, tax and tip is \$37.78

Each member will pay only **\$20 per person** and the club will pay the balance
Guests are welcomed, but they must pay the \$37.78, the full price of the brunch

AS A CLUB MEMBER, YOU CAN ENJOY THE DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR THE BRUNCH
YOU CAN ALSO ENJOY ALL THE OTHER BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP
CLICK ON THE T-BIRD LOGO TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR CLUB AND HOW YOU CAN BECOME A MEMBER



ALL YOU NEED TO JOIN THE CLUB IS A LOVE OF THE THUNDERBIRD OR ANTIQUE CARS
YOU DO NOT NEED TO OWN A T-BIRD OR EVEN AN ANTIQUE CARE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP


PLEASE BRING CASH - NO CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED
We must pay it all in one bill (no individual payment) for a large group!

They will be providing a special parking area at the County Club for our Classic Cars
When you ([click here to](#)) RSVP please let me know if you are bringing your car as
I need to provide with how many parking spaces to save for us!

Please RSVP by July 29th!



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CTCI NEWS

Announcing the 2016 International Convention in San Diego, CA
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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 will 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

Or contact Martha Lazdins

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or Alan Custinger,

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-For questions, contact: Convention Co-Chairs
Martha Lazdins -- (949) 661-1426, hmlazdins@att.net
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BY NORM GABE

It was early November in 1998 my wife, Robin, was complaining that I had just purchased a new Corvette and she wanted a new car as well! We agreed to go to the Auto Show on Miami Beach to check out what was new and exciting. The only new and exciting model I saw was a Mitsubishi hard top convertible with a power operated top which was displayed on a rotating platform. There was alleged to be only one of these available in South Florida at South Motors. It was strange why they were displaying a vehicle that was not readily available for sale. The only other models that interested me were in the Million Dollar Alley Display (too expensive) and the Memory Lane display by the Miami Chapter of the AACA and those cars were not listed for sale.

I left the auto show with two thoughts:

1. Check out the Mitsubishi hard top convertible at South Motors. I did go to see it at South Moors with my wife. The vehicle was inside their tiny showroom with a dead battery and not available for a test drive. The salesman recommended that I test drive a similar car with the same engine which I did not do. The car was overpriced (only one available), and underpowered and was reported to have a problem with the power top failing if exposed to freezing weather (a big problem in South Florida) I was advised that this vehicle was also being discontinued.

2. The cars in Memory Lane also intrigued me and I told my wife I decided what her next car would be, but I wanted it to be a total surprise for her.

For some unknown reason my Wife had a toy model 1956 Peacock Blue Thunderbird on her desk at our office



Festival Flea Market 2007

for many years, so I decided she must have liked that car. Therefore, I started exploring finding her the real thing in Peacock Blue. It would have to have an automatic transmission as well as Air Conditioning. I contacted Amos Minter in Dallas Texas who had what I was looking for.

He had a body off, frame off Peacock Blue restoration with only 14 test miles on it, so I purchased the car over the phone without ever seeing it or driving it, with the agreement I could return it and only be responsible for the freight charges if I decided I did not want it.

The surprise for my wife was almost ruined when the transport driver called my house looking how to find my home. I came up with a wild story to my wife that is was a mechanic looking for a job that was trying to find my house. The car was dropped off early the next morning while my wife was still asleep and the surprise was not ruined.

Was she surprised when I woke her up to see the special car sitting in our driveway for her. Her first reaction was she was going to love driving it to work. I explained that the car was for pleasure use only and was never going to work with her.

She would have to settle with driving her Lincoln Navigator to work.

Soon after that, we met Felipe & Daisy & Felix at a car show in South Dade and I immediately joined the T-Bird club. It turned out I already knew Felix for many years who was a customer of mine since 1970.

The T-Bird currently has only 14,000 miles logged on it from its frame off rebuild.

It is not a trailer queen and is driven on special occasions, to T-Bird functions, and to car shows.

It is kept in perfect mechanical condition and is stored in an air conditioned garage along with several other classic cars that we own.

I have tried to keep the car as original looking as possible, however necessary improvements that I have made are as follows:

1. Heavy duty sway bar in the front.
2. Bolt on sway bar added in the rear.
3. Monroe adjustable height air shocks in the rear.
4. Full chrome plated wire spoke wheels.
5. Radial tires.



6. An original soft top & frame. (Car was purchased with a hard top only)
7. Painting of the AC unit peacock blue to match the interior.
8. Volt, amp, oil pressure, and temp gage bolted onto the AC unit also painted peacock blue.
9. A complete personal re-build by me of the Town & Country radio to get it working.
10. Replacement of the interior carpeting.
11. Keeping with the 50's style, mice, dice, and 'Winky the Cat' also decorate the interior.



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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 have read many articles that contradict what the Ford Motor Company recommends, including an article in the Nov-Dec 2015 Early Bird publication, and again in the July-August 2016 Early Bird publication.

In any engine, the most important thing to do is to use the correct viscosity motor oil as recommended by the Manufacturer to provide adequate lubrication and limit engine wear. This is more important than the zinc & phosphorus recommended for engines with flat tappet cams. If the oil is either too thin or too thick, adequate lubrication does not occur.

20 weight motor oil has a centistoke kinematic viscosity between 5.6 & 9.6

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At a kinematic viscosity below 5.6 or above 12.5, adequate lubrication cannot be maintained in our classic T-Birds, and therefore 40 weight or 50 weight motor oil should never be used in them.

All SAE motor oils thicken and their viscosity increases accordingly per the centistoke kinematic viscosity ratings above as the temperature of the oil increases. (Multi viscosity oils such as 10W-30 start out as 10 weight motor oil and

increase to 30 weight motor oil as the temperature of the oil increases.) In addition, the motor oil does not provide optimum lubrication until the engine reaches its normal operating temperature. Most motor oils provide 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.

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 Manufacturers are limited.

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

- a. Brad Penn-partial synthetic, certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API)
- b. Royal Purple HPS 10W-30 full synthetic. (This formulation is not certified by the API)
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Whereas there is currently many 20W-50 diesel motor oil brands available with high levels of zinc & phosphorus, when this oil heats up you are way out of range to provide adequate lubrication within a standard T-Bird engine that was never designed to use above a 30 weight oil.

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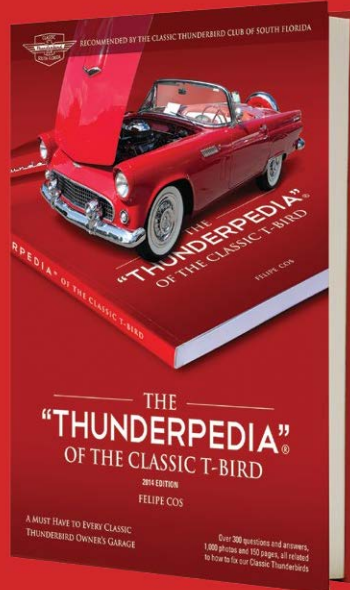
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