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SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2016

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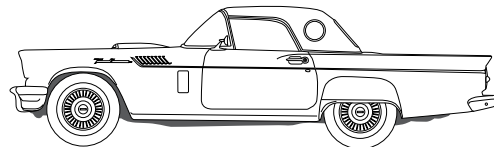
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editor's CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2016

Hello Club Members,

We are all excited about the Rallye/Tour this month on the 16th thru the 18th ! At our August Club meeting Oscar gave us a lesson on how to Rallye at his Rally School. See what the Rallye is all about in this issue. I reprised the Rallye schedule, since there was an itinerary change for the last day, Sunday, that eliminated the Murder Train as most participants wanted to get back home earlier in the day. We will also have a Luau in the planning for October!

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 at Harpoon Harry's and oh, so much more!

This issue will be devoted to the Rallye Itinerary and Instructions. 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 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

CTC CHAPTER #114 SEPTEMBER 2016 VOLUME 18, #9 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
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Peter Klein 2012-13

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September Auto Trivia

Q. Who opened the first drive in gas station?



The answer is on the last page!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Peter Klein	11th
Norm Gabe	15th
Connie Danluck	17th
Caridad Morales	18th
Pedro Vidal	19th
Arlene Raabe	22nd
Stuart Corenblum	26th



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

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Letter from the President

Oscar Castro

SEPTEMBER 2016



Fellow Members, I am incredibly pleased that our meeting attendance continues to grow! As the owner of La Trattoria, Gabriel, predicted it would happen, for the August meeting, he had to move the walk in customers to the patio and give us all the space inside the restaurant! The minutes during the meeting were largely dedicated to the Rally School and did not follow the usual order of Club business.

Attendance at our other activities is also growing, at the annual Sunday Brunch this year, we had over 60 people attend! We tried a new location and it was very nice. Thank You Daisy and your crew for putting together a great event for us.



The registration for the Felipe Cos Memorial Florida's 300 Mile Rally (September 16-18, 2016) already has 25 cars registered. Please note that there are only 5 discounted rooms left in the block that, along with the registration, will close August 31st. There will not be any

registrations accepted after August 31st. If you are planning on going, PLEASE do not delay in registering or you'll miss a great event. Details of the Rally as well as the registration form are posted on our website

<http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com/300-Rally.htm>

We are still waiting for confirmation from the Venetian Isles Homeowner's Association Club House to have our LUAU at their lakeside 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!

**SEPTEMBER
2016**

Oscar Castro
President - 2016
Classic Thunderbird Club
of South Florida



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SOUTH FLORIDA**

Attention: Peter Klein, Treasurer
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The Felipe Cos Memorial Florida's 300 Mile Rallye/ Tour

The Florida's 300 Mile Rally will take you on a round trip from Miami thru 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 \$79.00 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 burnout competition (included) is optional and may be limited to a certain number.

[In order of registration]

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Host hotel – Chateau Elan in Sebring – next to the racetrac, near Saturday's show.

The Kenilworth hotel is the site of reception and BBQ.

Hotel accommodations are \$79 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

FRIDAY September 16

Rally Gathering (courtesy FCM) 6:00 AM Coffee/Pastries
 Rally Departure Lineup 6:45 AM
 Rally Starting Line 7:00 AM SHARP DEPART!
 WE WILL NOT WAIT PAST 7:00 AM

FRIDAY September 16

Rally - First Leg INCLUDED
 Arrive Clewiston INCLUDED
 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 (Cowpoke's Watering Hole) OWN

SATURDAY September 17

Breakfast (Host Hotel) INCLUDED
 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
 Scavenger Hunt on Drive: INCLUDED
 Drive: Wauchula INCLUDED
 Drive: Zolfo Springs INCLUDED
 Drive: Arcadia INCLUDED
 Arrive at Punta Gorda INCLUDED
 Late Lunch - (Oceanside) OWN
 Visit to Fisherman's Village INCLUDED
 Leave for Miami INCLUDED

RALLY SCHOOL

Oscar Castro

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 signal, 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.

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.





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2016 AACA NATIONAL/REGION EVENTS

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May 5-7, 2016- AACA Special Meet Auburn, IN; hosted by AACA National

May 19-21, 2016- Eastern Spring Meet; Vineland, NJ - hosted by South Jersey Region

June 3-4, 2016- Annual Grand National, Williamsport, PA - hosted by the Susquehannock Region

June 12-17, 2016—Sentimental Tour - Salisbury, NC

July 14-16, 2016—Central Spring Meet - North Mankato, MN

July 17-21, 2016—Founders Tour - Huntingdon, PA

July 31-August 3, 2016—Eastern Divisional Tour - Richmond, VA

August 11-13, 2016—Southeastern Fall Meet - New Bern, NC

September 1-3, 2016—Western Fall Meet - Cheyenne, WY

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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

August 17th, 2016 6:30 PM at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY SHELLY FAUST

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting called by Oscar Castro
Oscar Castro, President
Type of meeting: Rally Instructions
Facilitator: Oscar Castro
Recording the Minutes: Shelley Faust

THE MINUTES

Business Agenda item: The Felipe Cos Memorial Florida's 300 Mile Rally.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was supposed to start at 6:30 but it was not called to order till 6:50PM.

Oscar handed out folders that explained the rally before the meeting started.

We were all reminded that the purpose of the rally is to have fun.

Oscar has way over 100 hours in planning this rally.

Here are some of the tidbits he gave us:

Most segments will be at 45 mph. A few will be at 35.

If you do not follow the instructions and correct yourself on wrong turns and really get lost or do not follow the directions, you are out of the rally.

We will be starting out at Sawgrass Recreation Park between 6:00 — 6:45AM. This is at Okeechobee and Griffin Road. The first car will leave at 7:00AM. You must be on time.

Only one segment is over 4 miles.

Please review the folder that Oscar gave out. He will be giving an actual bound book that will be bound together that you must follow and record in. You do not have to record mileage, only the time in whole minutes and tenths of second.

At MM 28 take time.

The mistakes in the example book will be corrected in the bound book. The actual book will have the actual segments in segments 1 & 2.

There will be 29 clues. Oscar gave us the clues for Daisy Road and Klein Street.

Breakfast will be Al Fresco in about 50 miles from the start,

where we will all regroup.

Each car will have a number on it.

Oscar Castro said we should not follow him as he is hauling water, gas, food, etc. and needs to be the first one at the stops to set up and the last one to leave to make sure everyone is on course.

It is important for the Navigator to tell the driver that he is going at the right pace and distance and tell the driver about the signs to look for.

When you are driving and following the directions please note that it might be hard to see the words: blvd. street, road.

Peter told us that Gary was involved in a car accident before the meeting.

A list with phone numbers would be good to have for the rally.

If you stop to sightsee please make sure that the other cars do not follow you in doing so.

Giovanni Gutierrez will be taking pictures and recording our wonderful weekend.

There will be a reception in town, a reception at the hotel and a wine tasting on Friday.

The hotel we are staying at is a very nice hotel, but remember it is 100 years old give or take.

No one at the meeting mentioned that they will doing the burn—out at Sebring

We don't know when we will get on the track Sunday. It will depend on when the Porsche club breaks for lunch. For that reason, we are not sure yet when we will have Breakfast. We might have it at 9:00 AM but we cannot plan the exact time now.

Sunday will be the Scavenger hunt. On Sunday we should get to Punta Gorda for lunch around 2 — 2:30.

To reiterate Oscar Castro wants everyone to know that this was Felipe's dream in 2014 that we will be fulfilling.

Motion to adjourn: The room was a bit in havoc and it was hard to tell how many people made the motion to adjourn around 7:45PM.



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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

949-6611426 hmlazdins@att.net

or Alan Custinger,

760-745-9345 1940mv8@cox.net

CTCI International Convention San Diego, CA - September 13-18 2016

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 CTCI 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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The Handlery Hotel is located just 2 doors down from the Crowne Plaza, at: 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. The Handlery is available at the same rate of \$124 a night. (Callers must refer to the group name of Classic Thunderbird Club International Convention to get this group rate price).

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 CTCI website for additional information and registration forms.

-For questions, contact: Convention Co-Chairs
Martha Lazdins -- (949) 661-1426, hmlazdins@att.net
Alan Custinger -- (760) 745-9345, 1940mv8@cox.net



Convention Registration Form Information:

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

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Annual Classic Thunderbird Club Brunch

BY ED RAABE

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This is an annual event we all enjoy because we get to socialize with many members, who cannot make our monthly meeting dinners, due to schedule conflict during the week.

This must have been true because, we had, including family members and a few guests, 67 people attending! The Miami Shores Country Club provides a fantastic "Buffet Spread" in a beautiful setting. We all got a chance to catch up on what was new with our lives, including even a few Thunderbird related stories! I was good to see all our Thunderbird Family having a great time. Despite the heat, a few of us went out to the parking lot to look over the cars and swap stories and solve some issues we are having. With a club this size we have a large wealth of knowledge and good sources to get most mechanical and cosmetic issues handled. Speaking about the heat, some of our cars are equipped with the original Thunderbird air conditioning, 2 windows and a top that goes down! Since it's the rainy season top down is not an option!

Although Angel and Isabel Morales did show up in their 55 "Topless". The Gals were all complaining about the heat! Raul Dominguez, made a few wives "happy" by exclaiming "we had to turn our AC down, it was so cold"! His Minter built 56 has a "real" air conditioner. Needless to say I am now researching a AC system for our Bird! I hope you enjoy the pictures and thanks for coming!

Ed Raabe





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THE STORY OF OUR 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD

BY WALTER SCHADE

-----I sold my race car several years ago and was not sure what my wife and I wanted to replace it with. We narrowed it down to a 1955 or 1957 Chevrolet or a early Thunderbird. These are the cars I remember most while in high school. We saw a 1956 Ford Thunderbird on EBay in May of 2014. It looked beautiful-----it was Torch Red (not original) and advertised it had an older complete restoration. I bid on the car and won! We had to pick the car up in Lakeland, Fl. This was the first time we saw the car " up close and personable ", what a surprise! I saw close to 50 pictures of the car before I bid-----let me tell you " pictures don't say a 1000 words". The car looked great from 20 feet away, but up close it needed help. I drove the car from Lakeland to our home in Fort Lauderdale. There was no A/C and the drive was uneventful, but HOT. Also, I haven't driven a car with such a large steering wheel since high school. Once the car was home, I gave it a thorough cleaning and started to buy miscellaneous parts that were missing.

We are not at our home in Fort Lauderdale year round. We spend about 6 months a year between our cabin in Helen, Ga., our house in Big Pine Key, Fl. or on an expedition somewhere in the world. About 6 months after we bought the car I noticed that the automatic transmission was leaking.....so off I went to Steve at R&S Automotive who works on all my vehicles. He said that the engine would have to be pulled to have the transmission rebuilt. We have been working on the car for almost 2 years. First we had the engine and transmission pulled to repair the leaking transmission. While

the engine was out Steve suggested that while the engine was out it could use a rebuild also. So it did! While this was being done the car went to the body/paint shop for a complete restoration. Once that was done (about 6 months) the car had the engine and transmission reinstalled. After that the car came back to our home where it stayed under cover until we returned from one of our expeditions. When we came back I had the bumpers re

chromed. We are still working on the car, the major things that need to be completed are reinstalling the bumpers and miscellaneous chrome items and the interior completely refurbished. We will be out of town for a while and hopefully can complete the car within the next 9 months (I am keeping my fingers crossed). Despite ALL of this we LOVE the car! Once the car is finished we plan on driving it as much as possible.



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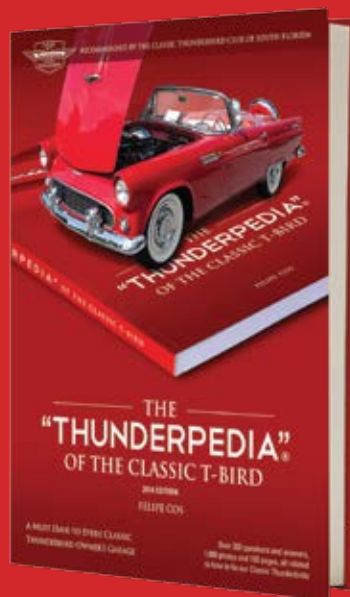
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