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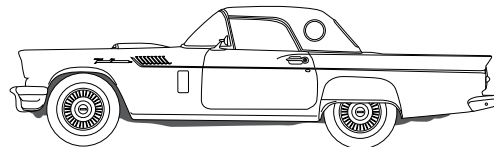
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editor's CORNER

DECEMBER 2016

Hello Club Members,

What, December already? I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving Day and had "fun" shopping during the weekend for all those Black Friday "bargains". I never understood the Black Friday nomenclature. Retailers are supposed to be able to get into "the Black" (be profitable) because of the Sales on the day after (now during) Thanksgiving Day. Guess what, the public just buys up all the "door busters" and advertised "loss leaders". There surely is NO PROFIT in that! Then they must slug it out for the rest of the weekend to break even! It's a Consumer's world! Well, that life is mostly behind me now! The Holiday Dinner sounds like it's going to be great fun. If you have never been there, The 94th Aero Squadron is a very cool place and the food is delicious! This year you have a choice of the Menu. See more information in this issue. I hope you have reserved already! Our family has had some great times there.

I am especially pleased that Raul Dominguez wrote the final 1956 60th Anniversary Thunderbird article about how he found the car that he and Georgina love! Of course, 2017 is the 60th Anniversary of the 1957 and I know some of you are just itching to tell your story. George B, how about you be the first?

DECEMBER is the DEADLINE to RENEW your Club Membership. The best way is on line at www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

Early Bird owners, Don't forget your CTCI membership too.

See the membership information in this issue and in Early Bird magazine, November-December edition.

Our monthly News magazine has lots of useful information, including upcoming Car Shows and Cruise-ins, Club contact information and technical articles. From time to time information becomes outdated. If you see an error, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can be correct in the next issue.

Recently we have been honored by receiving the OLD CARS Weekly 2015 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Collector Car Club Newsletter.

We have just received a CTCI Newsletter SILVER AWARD for our February 2016, Felipe Cos Tribute Edition

Thank you all who have contributed stories and pictures in 2016. We again compete among hundreds of Club publications for 2017!

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 1957 T-Bird for the 2017 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

CTCI CHAPTER #114 DECEMBER 2016 VOLUME 18, #12 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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- Ed Brown** 2006-07
- Connie Danluck** 2008
- Ed Brown** 2009
- Daisy Hernandez** 2010-11
- Peter Klein** 2012-13
- Ed Raabe** 2014-15



November Auto Trivia



Q: Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?

The answer is on the last page!

THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

Our Club's web page:

www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

2005 Thunderbird: _____ www.fordautomobiles.com
 Ford racing: _____ www.fordacing.com
 Speedvision: _____ www.speedvision.com
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER 2016

Theresa McNeal 6th
 John Virginio 6th
 Mark Dienstag 8th
 Jorge Alvarez 12th
 Raul Dominguez 19th
 Marina Gonzalez 29th
 Angel Morales 29th



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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Letter from the President

Oscar Castro

DECEMBER 2016



Hello Fellow Members!

We did not have a monthly Wednesday meeting for October because it was replaced by the LUAU, However, we did have a Record Breaking meeting for November, this was our last Wednesday meeting of the year and we had over 45 people in attendance! It was really nice sharing a good time with you all, and we got a lot of important information from the two guest speakers! Please contact me with the information if you have a guest speaker in mind for the next Wednesday meeting which will be on Wednesday February 15, 2017!

I can't believe that it has been a year since I was elected president of this AWESOME Club, times really does fly (when you are having fun)! I've had a wonderful time working with everyone to bring you, the members, a lot of exciting and fun activities. In January I will be starting my second year as president and I can promise that I will do my best to do even better this year. Among all the other activities we have planned for you, will be another edition of the 300 Mile Rally, taking place on October 20, 21, and 22 of 2017. One of the stops on this 8th Edition of the Rally, will be the Lake Mirror Classic Concours de Elegance, where our Rally cars will be surrounded by the over 700 other cars in attendance.

The Holiday Party is right around the corner! Please go to our website www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com and read all about it, we have a wonderful menu planned and as always a bunch of fun activities. I am particularly looking forward to the Mean Santa Exchange! Click on the "Click to Register" button to RSVP and to choose your entree. You must RSVP and choose your entree for this event.

Our annual car show will be on SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2017 at Tropical Park! This year (2016), the attendance by show cars was super, and we also had many people come forward and volunteer to work the show! The result was an awesome show, and as history has shown, we get better every year, so get ready for another super show in 2017! More information coming soon!

Information on all of our activities are posted on our website www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com, check in often! Please make sure that your yearly club dues are up to date so that you can take full advantage of all our activities!

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



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

December 11th Sunday, The Holiday Party
94th Aero Squadron 1395 NW 57th Ave Miami FL 6-9PM

January 29th 2017 Sunday Club Car Show, Tropical Park





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2016 AACA NATIONAL/REGION EVENTS

Check **Antique Automobile** or www.aaca.org for more information



- 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
- September 11-16, 2016—Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (VMCCA) - North Conway, NH
- October 5-8, 2016—Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA
- October 20-22, 2016—Central Fall Meet -Galveston, TX
- November 5-11, 2016—Reliability Tour - Savannah, GA



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Past President's Message

BY ED RAABE

Hello All,

It might be odd for me to write a letter to the Membership, but in looking at old editions I discovered, way before I joined the Club, Past Presidents wrote letters. So, Past Presidents are allowed to opine!

Yes, this had been a remarkable year for our Club. Oscar's first year as President has been Eventful!

In January, we had a very successful Annual Car Show at Tropical Park, which we all agree is a fantastic venue attracting participants from Palm Bch to the Keys. Thanks to all the Club Members who volunteered to make it a success!

In February, we took a "road trip" to join with Dave Tulowitzky's Trailbirds Thunderbird Club at the Annual Ford Event at the Edison & Ford Museum in Ft Myers. All Ford cars were represented. Several of our members drove their cars across the state to attend including Arlene and I, Gail and Stuart, Marcia and Oscar and James Quinlan with his Dad. Many other members attended, but declined to bring their cars, making for a lively group and a great weekend! The date for 2017 February 4th.

March, we supported the Auctions America Ft Lauderdale Event, our greatest effort to raise money for the Club. This year was our best representation. A lot of "behind the scenes" preparation for an Auction of this caliber is required. Thank you to those who volunteered for this week- long event. The Club earned the largest amount ever, funds going to fund our events and contribution to the McPherson college Scholarship in Liz Brown's name.

In April, we represented the Classic Thunderbird Club at the Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance, where our 55 Thunderbird took a "Best in Class" Blue Ribbon in the Best American Sports Car Class 1946-1960. We were fortunate to meet up with Bridget and Frank Jones, club members, owners of the fabulous 1957 "Thorr", who have moved to the outer "northern territories" and who still regularly contribute to the Thunderbird News.

July 4th Gail & Stuart and Peter attended the annual Open Classic car show at Venetian Isles. Both Peter and Stuart won Trophies!

In August after a committee was established to find a location for our annual club Brunch, we attended a Buffet Brunch at The Miami Shores Country Club. Over 40 members were in attendance!

September was the Florida 300 Rallye, recreated by Oscar to commemorate the Rallies held annually by our founder Felipe Cos. 37 Cars, with drivers and navigators attended!

We all had a fantastic time Rallying to Sebring FL for the Sebring Thunder Weekend. In 2017 the destination will be Lakeland FL for the Lake Mirror Classic!

In October, once again we were at Venetian Isles where our host, Eddie Alvarez, the HOA President, reserved the Clubhouse for our annual BBQ celebration, this year a Luau!

November was the Board Elections. After many years of dedicated service Poppy Madden stepped down as Club Secretary. Her support and service will be missed. Shelly Faust was elected to the post. Her minutes have appeared already, as at a few meetings she filled in for Poppy and the club will be in good hands with her as Secretary.

In December, will have our Holiday Party for the first time at the 94th Aero Squadron Resturant near Miami International Airport. A great time is guaranteed to be had by all who attend!

This year, largely through the efforts of our President Oscar Castro, membership has grown by 20 families! Increased membership allows us to have a more productive Annual Car Show and more support at the Auctions America Auction in the Spring.

Some of our new members are owners of beautiful Thunderbirds. Rich and Melanie Manso joined with one, a 2004 and now just bought a second, a 1966! New members, Elvis and Marica are looking for a 57 right now.

Some new members, while owners of classic cars, are yet to be Thunderbird owners.

I hope all the new members will soon find the Thunderbird "of their dreams" whether an Early Bird 55-57, a Classic 58-66 or a New Bird 02-05.

Members who have an Early Bird, please be sure you join CTCI The Classic Thunderbird Club International. Information about the Club can be found in this issue.

Well, yes this has been an exciting year and I am certain 2017 will be more of the same!

Arlene and I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Dinner in a few weeks,

Happy Birding, Ed Raabe



CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership



It's called the **Classic Thunderbird Club International**, and you will find members throughout the United States and all over the world.

Why a Thunderbird Club?

Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) was formed to band together owners and admirers of the 1955-57 Ford Thunderbird — to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, technical information, and sources for parts. Lasting friendships have been formed through local chapters, Regional Conventions and International Conventions. Moreover, CTCI is recognized and sanctioned by the Ford Motor Company, which extends cooperation and support.



What Membership Means

Whether your Classic Thunderbird serves as everyday transportation, a relaxing hobby or both, you will find valuable help in your restoration and maintenance problems in the TECH TIPS printed in the club publication, the **EarlyBird**. This informative, illustrated periodical is distributed every two months and contains a variety of interesting features. Articles about historical data, members and their cars, news of chapter events and activities, are all profusely illustrated with photos. In addition, the **EarlyBird** offers an advertising service to those wishing to buy, sell, or swap parts or cars. You can review the contents of the current issue on our web site: www.ctci.org.

Tours, meets, road rallies, picnics and other outings designed to encourage group participation are regularly conducted by the various chapter groups. Check our web site www.ctci.org for a chapter near you. You are cordially invited to attend any of these friendly chapter meetings or events. CTCI members may also participate in Concours d'Elegance competition at CTCI conventions.

Standard or Premium Packet

Every new member receives a Standard New Member Packet upon payment of the initiation fee and dues. This includes a striking windshield decal, the latest edition of the **EarlyBird**, a membership roster with our club By-Laws, 3"x5" CTCI logo dash plaque and other general information. The optional Premium Packet includes the above plus a beautiful metal CTCI grille emblem. Many items such as service and transmission manuals, decals, handbooks and numerous self help items are available and sold to CTCI members only. See our Member Store at www.ctci.org.



OUR OBJECTIVE:
EVERY CLASSIC T-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER

I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

Felipe Cos founded our CTCI Chapter, #114 for South Florida in November 1998. Since then our club has hosted a CTCI International Convention in 2004 and grown to include 50 member families.

Look at the benefits of membership. For myself, I have saved a lot of time and money by visiting Gil's Garage, hosted by Gil Baumgartner CTCI Authenticity Chairman and 'Thunderbird Guru' and the Early Bird Club magazine is full of great articles and Club stories!

I have included the current CTCI membership application, which is available www.ctci.org in an editable .pdf format.

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NOTE: Add \$16.00 to select Premium Packet with CTCI Grill Emblem.

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Signature _____ Date _____ Check here if you wish to be listed in the CTCI roster, as of April 1st.

I give permission for my phone number and/or email address to be listed in the CTCI roster.

(NOTE: Phone numbers & email are for office use only, or for the roster if you choose to have it published. Roster addresses may be sold only to T-Bird vendors to be used only for catalog purposes.)

Are you a former member of CTCI? Yes No If Yes, what is your former CTCI membership number? _____

Sponsored or Referred by _____ CTCI # (if known) _____

CAR DATA

This section is optional, but will help us to complete our historical data base registry. Your ownership information will be kept confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes. This data will be found on the fire wall, inside the engine compartment; left hand side by the heater box. Please fill in the number and letters as stamped on the data plate. If you have more than one T-Bird, please copy this form and submit each car's data. How many Thunderbirds do you own? _____ 55's _____ 56's _____ 57's

Year _____ Serial Number _____

For 1955, 1956, and early 1957's: (see example)

Body _____ Color _____ Trim _____ Production Code _____

For late 1957's:

Body _____ Color _____ Trim _____ Date _____ Trans _____ Axle _____

Registered Owner (if other than member) _____

Address _____

License Number _____ State/Province _____ Is your T-Bird primarily Original or Modified?

Color (if not per data plate) _____ Mileage _____ Condition (rate from 1-5, 1 is best) _____

Special Features or Remarks _____



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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

November 16, 2016 6:30PM at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY SHELLY FAUST

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

THE MINUTES

Business Agenda items and speakers – 38 people attended.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting started at 7:27PM..

Oscar reminded all of filling out their Holiday Party forms. He said you should call him if you have any trouble registering. Also, if you want to participate in the Mean Santa gift exchange please get a gift for about \$ 20 each. You will be given a number and called to pick a gift from the table but you can also steal the gift the prior person just picked.

If anyone knows of a guest that can speak at any of our meetings, please bring that up.

Tonight we had two guests Mike Cohen and Marilyn Alvarez.

We all agree that Oscar should be President for life.

Poppy officially stepped down from Secretary position. Shelley was told she has officially accepted.

Oscar spoke briefly about the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival in Lakeland on October 21, 2017. Instead of going to Sebring we would have a car rally to Lakeland. Details to follow.

Oscar will be doing the Palmetto Bay "Toys for Tots". Holidays by the Bay – Food, car show and a snow storm. All are welcome.

Mike Cohen spoke about the 3rd annual Ft. Lauderdale car rally on Sunday, Feb. 5th that covers about 60-70 miles in 3 – 4 hours. John and Sandra will be going again this year as they enjoyed it when they went to it before. It is \$ 40.00 a car which includes donuts in the morning and a lunch. Vintage, sports and classics or your everyday car can join in.

Save the Date for this 3rd Annual NBPS AMAZING AUTO RALLYE automobile scavenger hunt on Sunday, February 5, 2017! At the end of the rally a jazz band will play.

Marilyn Alvarez gave out brochures, Aflac ducks, pens, etc. and explained some plans The Aflac duck plans will pay your bills and give you money to pay what you need it for based on the insurance you buy. The brochures are for direct plans; however, she also has plans for businesses with built in prices that can be offered to your employees without employer cost. They work with any insurance you already have. Please call her if you are interested in any of the plans.

Then we all listened with rapture to Norman Gabe when he spoke about a slippery subject. I personally learned a lot about oil and found it enthralling.. There were many arguments against his endorsement of "Royal Purple Synthetic Oil SAE 10W-30 fortified with Zinc/Phosphorus for gasoline and diesel engines. He said old cars need it.

There were many interesting and amusing arguments presented by Ed and Leo, Mike McNeil, who did not want to get involved. John said there is a website "Bob is the Oil Guy" that you could have further conversations on the subject.

Peter handed out shirts and hats and sat all by himself but his table was always crowded. He also spoke on how important our two fund raisers are: January 29th show and the Auto Auction.

Volunteers needed.

He is looking for volunteers for the Auto Auction. He will unfortunately not be there as he is going to Japan. Leo and Mike helped before and hopefully will be doing it again. Leo said you should ask your friends to help and drive cars as well. The club will need about 6 hours of volunteer time per person and Leo said they will throw in lunch. Dates needed are from March 26 – April 3rd.

Poppy sold her car and is looking for a White 57 Thunderbird. Poppy would like meetings to be at other restaurants closer to Broward County. Everyone should check into other places and bring them up.

This was our last official meeting of the year. The next meeting will not be to February 2017.

Official Adjournment: 8:21PM



HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016 - 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

THE HOLIDAY PARTY IS A SUBSIDIZED EVENT - MEMBERS PAY ONLY \$15 PER PERSON

INVITED GUESTS ARE WELCOMED, BUT THEY MUST PAY THE REGULAR PRICE OF \$35 PER PERSON PRICE

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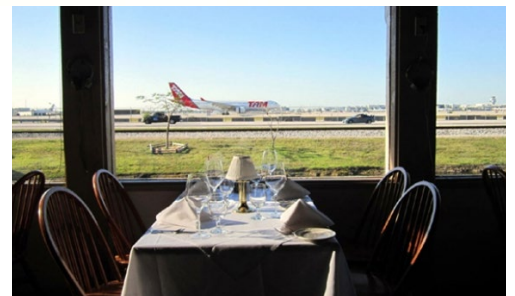
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

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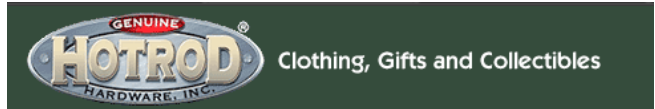
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Raul and Georgina's 1956 Thunderbird

BY RAUL DOMINGUEZ



Hello Club members:

I'd like to tell you the story of how I bought my 1956 Thunderbird.

This story starts out after my wife and I came back from a wonderful European cruise, we got home and I had a business meeting in New York the very next day, I was going through hundreds of emails I had received while on vacation, because I am one of the few people that is actually disconnected when I go on vacation, because I have no email & no cell phone service. As I was going through the hundreds of emails I had received before I got on my flight to New York, one of the emails was from a good friend of mine that said he had found the perfect car for me, an Amos Minter built Red 1956 Thunderbird. I have dreamed of owning a 1956 Thunderbird since I was 16 years old and I parked cars as a valet. Anytime a beautiful 1955, 1956 or 1957 Thunderbird came, I gave them the best spot in the house. So, getting back to my story, after seeing that beautiful 1956 Thunderbird in that email, I could only wonder how nice it would be to buy that car. However, I needed to get on a morning flight to New York City. The early flight to

New York got off on time, and I as we taking off I heard a loud noise but paid no attention to it because I was busy reading my "pre-reads" and preparing for this very important meeting. An hour into the flight the pilot came onto

the loud speaker and said that we had a mechanical situation and needed to return to Miami. Ten minutes later the pilot says this is a serious situation, that we are going to buzz the tower to confirm we have a flat tire, that we are going to dump fuel and for the flight attendants to prepare us for an emergency landing. As we are buzzing the tower I saw all emergency vehicles on the tarmac. During those ten minutes, I had a lot of thinking to do, and I didn't regret anything in my life except with one exception. I had a beautiful family and a great business, but I had not bought that red 1956 Thunderbird! We had the emergency landing and as scary as it was we all survived, and I was on the next plane



to New York City. Needless to say, the first thing I did after I got home from New York was to book a flight to Chattanooga Tennessee. When I saw the red 56 Thunderbird it was love at first sight, I didn't haggle on the price, immediately bought it and had it shipped to Miami. I never thought I would fulfill this dream of owning a 56 Thunderbird. Although this is an immaculate Thunderbird, I actually enjoy it and take it out every weekend.



The only thing that always bothered me was the beautifully painted manifolds had started to rust. So, whenever I showed someone my beautiful car, people would only see that the manifolds had started to rust. So, I quickly called Joe at Bull's Eye and we had the manifolds ceramic coated. Now not only is my Thunderbird beautiful,

but my manifolds are extraordinary thanks to Joe at Bull's Eye.

The only thing frustrating about owning a classic car is when you need a mechanic. Now the second thing you all might be interested in is a reliable mechanic. I found a great one whose name is Cristobal and you can reach

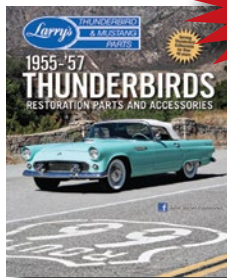
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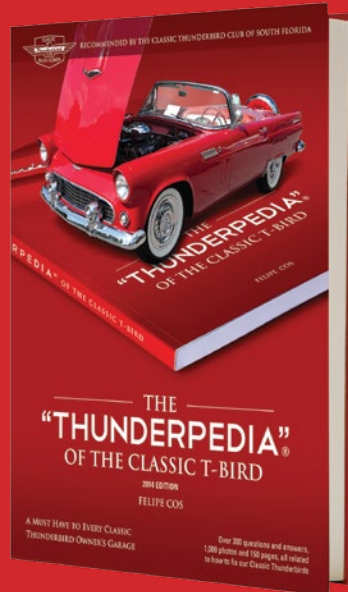
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To all members

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We welcome any contributions that members can make to our newsletter!

This year We want to feature stories about YOUR 1955 Thunderbird

Do you have any interesting photos of your car? Send it to me!

Do you have any interesting story about your car? Send them to me!



Since this topic came up at our meeting I thought I would revisit it for this issue. It describes the physical principles of oil viscosity, how it works, in our engines. Norm makes note of 3 brands of oil available. I personally use Valvoline VR1 10W-30 in my car.

VR1 is their "racing" formula that contains the levels of ZINC & PHOSPHORUS ESSENTIAL for our engines.

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This research is done to help us understand what is required in our cars. Please make your own choices. Ed Raabe

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.

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 exceeding 12.5, adequate lubrication cannot be maintained and therefore 40 weight or 50 weight motor oil should never be used in our classic T-Birds.

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. 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:

- a. Brad Penn-partial synthetic.
- b. Royal Purple HPS 10W-30 full synthetic.
- c. Amsoil SAE-10W-30 Z-Rod full synthetic.

Yours truly

Norm Gabe



November Auto Trivia ANSWER



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