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editor's CORNER

JANUARY 2017

A New Year is upon us! 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the 1957 Thunderbirds, the last of the "Early Birds" or 1st generation and 2 seat car until the "New Bird" revival in 2002. This year I would appreciate stories about member's 1957 cars.

A short story and some pictures would be great!

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 ALL 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 – 2mb size

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

We all had a great time at the annual Holiday Party and we have the pictures to prove it!

Coming up in January will be our Club sponsored Annual Show.

In Honor of Felipe Cos, our founder, in Tropical Park on January 29th. Oscar will have more information in this issue.

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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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 Weelky 2015 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Collector Car Club Newsletter.

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

Thank you all who have contribued 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!

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

Ed Raabe



CTCI CHAPTER #114 JANUARY 2017 VOLUME 19, #1 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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Andre Fournier 2003-4	Peter Klein 2012-13
Connie Danluck 2005	Ed Raabe 2014-15



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JANUARY Auto Trivia

Q: What car first referred to itself as a convertible?



The answer is on the last page!

THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

Our Club's web page:

www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

2005 Thunderbird: _____ www.fordautomobiles.com

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Speedvision: _____ www.speedvision.com

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY

Joe Bullock	01
JD Hall	09
Rey Nodarse	15
Richard Crochet	21
Ricardo Laura	29



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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305-467-8196 www.aaca.org/southflorida

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Letter from the President

Oscar Castro

JANUARY 2017



Hello Fellow Members!

When I reflect on my past year as your president and think back on all of the activities our club was involved in during 2016, the saying "time flies when you are having fun" comes to mind and fits just perfectly! It's hard to believe that a whole year has come and gone and now we are starting another year (my second year as president) with more fun and exciting activities planned! Once more I am looking forward to being your club president for the coming year (2017) and I am ready to take on all the responsibilities and challenges the position will bring, only this (2nd) time around, knowing the cooperation and enthusiasm you are all capable of, I can safely say that my job will be a little easier. 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!

Last year, on my first President's Message, said that I would work during 2016 to build up our membership and increase the attendance at our shows and social events, well, I can safely say that with your help and cooperation, Mission Accomplished!



During the past year, our Club grew in many ways; we had a spike in the number of new members that joined us, the attendance during our monthly membership meetings just kept going higher and higher every month to where we had over 45 members present at our last one in November, and all of our other activities were very well attended! I am looking forward to this coming year and continuing the trend, but in order to do that, I will still need your help and cooperation! I can't wait until our next meeting in February, to see how many of you will be there! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday February 15 and if you have a guest speaker in mind for the next (or any other) meeting please contact me with the information so I can invite them to come.

HOWEVER, before our next meeting in February, we have our annual Tropical Park OPEN car show on January 29th! I am sure that with everyone's help, our 2017 show will be even bigger and better than our 2016 show, and I know that because, again, with your help and cooperation, we just keep on improving every time! I will soon be contacting you to fill our roster with all the important positions that need to be filled, so mark your calendars and sit by the phone so that you don't miss my call!

Following right behind in March, will be our participation in the annual RM Auction, this is one of our most important activities because the funds raised here are what allows us to provide the activities to you either FREE like the LUAU, or at a very reduced cost like the Holiday Party, the Sunday Brunch, and the others! Please plan to join us again this year, details will be published soon! The RM Auction will in turn be followed by a whole bunch of fun events during the rest of the year! Our activities director Daisy will let us know as details emerge! Keep an eye out for emails and check our website, www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com, for the latest news on what the club is planning.

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! If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so before January 29th so that you can attend our annual show for Free! That will also be the date when we will purge the roster of all inactive members, so please renew soon so that you don't miss a thing! Thank you all for being members of the best Classic Thunderbird Club in South Florida!

Happy Thundering!

Oscar Castro

President - 2016 - 2017

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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

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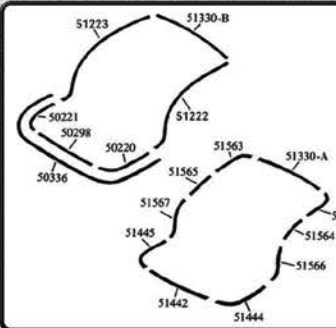
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We had a very nice private room with an active fireplace, creating a wonderful Holiday atmosphere.

Most Club members arrived by 6:30pm, enjoying a cocktail hour that lasted a little more than "an hour"! We had a about 65 people, the most attending any Holiday party yet! We were all having so much fun catching up with one another we were surprised when the staff began serving the dinners. The meals of Prime Rib, Chicken, Fish and a few Veggie specialties were served according to preference.

The hit of the evening was the "Mean Santa" gift giving. Logistically there was a challenge, but we had a great time and no one went home "gift less"! Judging from the amount of adult beverage gifts that were given it will, definitely be, a Happy Holiday in most member's homes!

Enjoy the candid pictures of your fellow members having a good time.

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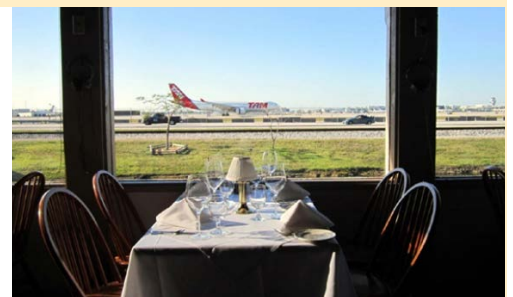
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1957 saw the launch of most restyled of the “Early Birds”. Gone was the iconic “continental kit” spare tire mounted on the tail, which some loved, but many disliked, due to the change in handling characteristics the overhang created. The tire was now returned, inside, to a newly designed trunk that stretched 5” longer than the 1955 and 56 models. Finally there was some “real” luggage room!

The entire look of the 1957 Thundebird was a reflection of the 50s’ “Jet Age”. “Longer and Lower”. Up front the grill was enlarged and made to look more like the F100 Super Saber Jet Fighter Plane. Each rear fender, sported canted and swept fins, topping larger taillights that resembled Jet engine exhausts!. New 14” safety rims replace the old 15” ones and lowered the height by 1” as a result.

The Interior had updates as well. A new Instrument panel finally lost the american sedan look, with a nice grouping of round gauges surrounded by a Euro styled machine turned aluminum pannel. The seats were re-designed to reduce fatigue and a



revolutionary memory seat control called “Dial O Matic” allowed you to pre-set 7 front to back and 5 height selections that worked with the ignition was available as an option. Mike McNeal has a “Dial O Matic” control in his car.

Under the hood there was news as well. The 292 cu.in 212hp V8 was still standard, but with a newly designed 2 bbl carburetor. The 312 cu.in also received a newly designed 4 bbl carb and a low restriction paper element air filter. It was now rated at 245hp.

The horsepower war was beginning and with eyes on Corvette and Studebaker and a “Win on Sunday Sell on Monday” attitude coupled with a NASCAR program, a Supercharger option know as “F” code was offered. This engine, with a Paxton-McCulloch centrifugal supercharger mated to a single 4bbl carb produced 300hp! 205 of these cars were made and are coveted now by collectors, usually commanding six figures for well restored examples!

The Supercharged 312 cu.in engine ran special heads and cam, reinforced cylinder walls and a lower compression ratio, 8.5-1 compared to the 9.7-1 on the naturally aspirated 312’s. A new distributor with a special advance curve was added to the mix.



Another popular option was the “E” code, 2, 4bbl carbs riding on a revised intake manifold creating 270hp! This was the most popular “street option”, less expensive and easier to keep tuned up.



At the end of the 57 run, Ford had a surplus of "E" code set ups (manifolds with an extra 4bbl carb) and offered them for almost nothing to the dealers to have available to customers as a "dealer installed option". The reason being, performance development on the Y Block ended in favor of the new FE engines.

Chassis remained mostly unchanged. The frame's 4th cross member was revised to a box shape due to the new trunk. Revised shock settings plus the addition of a 5th leaf in the rear springs to offset the increased weight of the new longer tail end, created a better driving experience than the 1956 model. Brake lining was increased slightly. Dual exhausts still vented out through the bumper, another Thunderbird icon.

The transmissions remained , 3 Speed, 3 speed with OD and Ford O Matic, BUT the rear-end final drives were lowered! 3.73 to 3.56 in the manual and 3.31 to 3.10 in the Automatic. Off- the- line performance suffered.

Colors, Colors, Colors! Raven Black, Colonial White, Starmist Blue, Flame Red were the staples. Willow Green,



Inca Gold, Coral Sand, Gun metal Grey were followed by the new Dusk Rose and Thunderbird Bronze. In September, Ford introduced several colors they were going to use on the 1958 Thunderbird cars. Sun Gold, Touch Red, Azure Blue, a new shade of Gun Metal and Sea Spray Green replaced their counterparts from earlier

1957 production runs. The Iconic Port Hole Top could be had in matching body color, White or Black or any color the customer wanted, applied by the Dealer. Those were the days!

As we all know, Ford would replace the 2 seat Thunderbird with a 4 seat "Personal Luxury Car" in 1958.

Robert MacNamara and the "bean counters" in Dearborn decided there was not enough profit in the "niche" market the 2 car offered, so it went "Bye-Bye Birdie", not to be seen again until 2002. That as they say " is a whole other story"!



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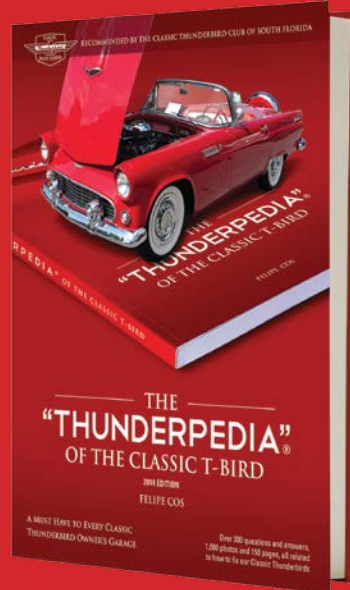
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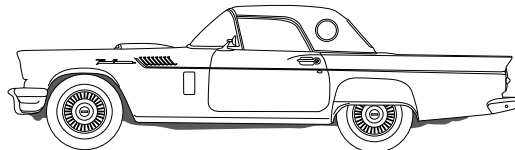
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