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- Frank & Bridget's '57 "Thor"
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Frank & Bridget at CTCI "T-Birds on Beal" 2012

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Bridget with "Thor" at The Classic Thunderbird Club Annual

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editor's CORNER

FEBRUARY 2017

This Month's addition has a great story written about Frank and Bridget Jones 1957 Thunderbird, named appropriately, "Thor".

Frank relates the story about how they purchased "Thor" at the Rupp Auction in Ft. Lauderdale. I have added a few pictures from the time they brought "Thor" to the CTCI International Convention held in Memphis TN 2012. Thor was entered in the Modified Class and won a Silver Award for excellence.

I hope this will encourage more articles about Club Members 57 Cars

I included a recap of the Early Bird results from the Mecum Kissimmee Auction Jan 6-15. A wide range of prices, which can be attributed to, as usual, rarity, history, quality of restoration, condition and timing of the auction. Pictures and descriptions were obtained from the Mecum Website.

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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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!

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

Ed Raabe



CTCI CHAPTER #114 FEBRUARY 2017 VOLUME 19, #2 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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FEBRUARY Auto Trivia

Q: What car was the first to have the radio antenna embedded in the windshield?



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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CTCI's Home Page: _____ www.ctci.org

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY

Mike McNeal	03
Evette Rowe	03
Gail Lane	07
John Barr	13
Harp Heffernan	18
Shelly Faust	18
Bob Toney	19



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

FEBRUARY 2017



Hello Fellow Members!

Here I am now, writing this President's Message, and our annual car show at Tropical Park is still a week away, and here you are now, reading this President's Message, and our annual car show was last week. Great

Scott! Marty, how's that for the time-space continuum! I am sure that the show (will be / was) a success, well; we will know at the end of the Movie I mean during the February 15th meeting when I read the financial results. Please mark your calendars (February 15) to attend our next club meeting, we will have the organizers of the Florida Car Marathon 500 Mile rally there to brief us on this year's happenings! Remember, if you have a guest speaker in mind for any other future meeting please contact me with the information so I can invite them to come.



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.thunderbirdclubsofflorida.com, for the latest news on what the club is planning.

Talking about other events, something new on the horizon! Sunday May 21st, 2017, has been set aside by National, for all Thunderbird owners to show off their iconic Ford vehicles in a first ever "Thunderbird Appreciation Day"! This will be a joint event by the three large Thunderbird clubs; Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI (that's us)), Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI) and International Thunderbird Club (ITC).

They are encouraging their members to take their Thunderbirds out, individually or in groups, to places for the general-public to see, to learn more about and to just plain enjoy. They want us to get our Thunderbirds out for others to look at, ask questions about and maybe bring back a memory or two! It is surprising how many folks say they remember riding in their parents or grandparents Thunderbird! We are planning to have our annual brunch on that day and to combine our brunch with this event, and of course, whatever you drive is welcomed, does not have to be a Thunderbird. More on this later from our Event Organizer Extraordinaire, Daisy!

Information on all of our activities are posted on our website www.thunderbirdclubsofflorida.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!

Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day
May 21st, 2017

Your Thunderbird is "Unique in all the world" and it's time to show it to the world!

On May 21st, 2017 Thunderbirders around the world will take their Thunderbirds into the public for others to enjoy. To work or church, a diner or coffee shop, on a family picnic, to the movies, it doesn't matter. Use your car like it was used when it was brand new! Let others see it, ask questions about it, hey, maybe even let them drive it! Then post your pictures and stories about the day on the on the CTCI Facebook page.

It's all about the Thunderbird on May 21st!

Happy Thundering!

Oscar Castro
President - 2016 - 2017
Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida





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2017 AACA NATIONAL MEETS AND TOURS

AACA Annual Meeting	Feb 9-11	Philadelphia, PA
Winter Meet	Feb 23-25	Ocala, FL
Western Spring Meet	March 23-26	Palm Springs, CA
Southeastern Spring Meet	April 6-9	Charlotte, NC
Western Divisional Tour	April 25-28	Sonora, CA
Central Spring Meet	May 11-13	Auburn, IN
Eastern Spring Meet	May 26-27	Huntington, WV
Founders Tour	June 4-9	Gettysburg, PA
Annual Grand National	June 15-17	Independence, MO
Central Fall Meet	Aug 17-19	Bettendorf, IA
Revival AAA Glidden Tour®	Sept 17-22	Hastings, NE
Eastern Fall Meet	Oct 4-7	Hershey, PA

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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.



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.



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.



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Club Affiliation (if any) _____
Car Make _____ Car Model _____ Year _____ Color _____
Body Style - Coupe Convertible Stock Modified

Registration Limited to the 1st 300 cars - Registration Fee: \$25.00 by February 28, 2017 - or - \$30.00 day of show
Registration closes at 12:30 pm! Car Clubs who want to park together must arrive together by 10:00 a.m.
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GOOD SHEPHERD

CAR SHOW

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March 18th, 2017
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4 GREAT SOURCES FOR On-Line CAR SHOW INFORMATION

Benefitcarshows.com
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UPCOMING CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

CRUISE-INS



CARS & COFFEE
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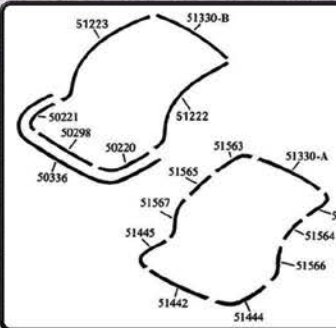
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1957 Thunderbird "Thor"

Frank Jones

Bridget and I purchased our 1957 Thunderbird at the Dave Rupp Auto Auction on 10 January 2009 at the Fort Lauderdale War Memorial. The car had come up the day before crossing the stage with much excitement but the buyer withdrew the car because it didn't meet reserves. The next day, Sunday, the T-Bird was back up on the block. Bridget and I saw the car and were completely blown away at how beautiful it appeared. We went into a quick conference and established our get out price and jumped in the bidding with both feet. We had attained some notoriety on previous day's bids as we would not be enticed to go beyond our established values for other vehicles. Some of the notoriety might have been due to the fact that Bridget is 5'10" with long red hair and we both were wearing patriotic American Flag jackets.

Well we got to the limit, Bridget allowed a couple of bids beyond as it looked as if we might prevail, and sure enough the gavel sounded and we were the highest bidder. To our amazement as we celebrated the Auction's Pit Boss took us aside and stated we did not meet what the buyer wanted and asked to go higher to buy the car. We stood firm, Frank rebutted with a remark about this affair being an auction not a sale and Bridget shut him down with, "I'm high bidder and won't negotiate against myself", then we departed. Shortly thereafter we were tracked down and informed that the buyer had consented to our prevailing bid and the magnificent machine was ours.

The new addition to our stable was christened "Thor"; (after the Greek God of thunder and lightning). Thor is a no rust California car, Peacock Blue, white top, with a complete frame off restoration. Every professional car enthusiast has commented on the immaculate restoration. Thor sports a hard and soft top, a 351 Windsor with a 4 Barrel 650 cfm Edelbrock carburetor, C-4 transmission, 9" rear-end, ceramic coated headers, disc brakes, Kelley Hayes Wire Wheels, "Thor" 1957 351 Windsor V8 C-4 Trans Power R&P steering power windows, and a must for South Florida air conditioning. Bridget and I have been detailing the car, removing master cylinder and power brake assist to de-rust and powder coat.



We are also addressing any little problems left undone or not adequately addressed during the rebuild. We have had to completely redo the electric fuel pump and relocate it to prevent vapor lock. The old pump was a cheap one and mounted above the fuel tank instead of a position to allow gravity feed. We have added power steering which consists of an electric pump and rack and pinion mechanicals. A new gas tank has been installed and the tachometer fixed so it would work as with the "GEN" light which was also inoperative. One of Thor's numerous awards that really is amazing was "Best in Show" at the Fort Lauderdale Reflections in Glass, a Corvette exhibition!

Thor shares limited garage space and is kept company by his lady "Roxy" (1968 Olds Delmont 88) and big brother "Brutus" (1967 Plymouth Belvedere convertible), and a running mate Earl, a 1966 Dodge Charger, winner of Jay Leno's Big Dog Garage Award! Cocoa is now home. We completely razed and rebuilt the 1950's house Bridget bought on the Indian River, adding a large 3 car garage alongside the existing 2 car garage so all vehicles can be at home instead of a rental unit.



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Mecum is the first "Big Name" Auction of the New Year in Florida, so I thought you might like to see some of the "Early Bird" results. As you can see there was a wide range of values. Sold prices, including commissions, went from 29K to a high bid of 70K.

The Photos and vehicle descriptions are from Mecum's on-line Catalog, which you can visit at <https://www.mecum.com>

There are some special things to note.

Lot T129 56 Triple White 312 Automatic, Sold \$25,000

Lot J158 Just 50 miles driven since restoration in 2011

Lot J108 Same owner since 1990

Lot K117 Believed to be #1 Built E Code w/Automatic Thunderbird Bronze. PS, PB, AC

Lot K124 Continental kit, Town & Country Radio

Lot F175 3 Speed, Fiesta Red, Town & Country Radio, PW

Lot S9 One of the last 57 cars produced, E Code, Automatic Power Steering, Brakes and Windows, Town & Country Radio only NOS parts used for restoration.

Lot W232 Added Dual Carb set up, November 57 production

Lot T178 Starmist Blue, 312 V8 Town & Country Radio

Lot 217 E Code, Body Off restoration, Inca Gold.

Bid to 70K, Not Sold!

Lot G21 292V8, 4 speed transmission, 33K, not sold.

Lot U19 312V8 Auto Wire wheels, Sunday Auction

Lot S44 312V8 Automatic Wht Hardtop Blk Staifast soft top



1957 E CODE ENGINE

There were reportedly 1,449 of these special dual quad engines installed in Fords at the Dearborn plant for the 1957 model year. The "E" code was rated at 270 HP and some had a little better camshaft that raised them to 285 HP. Although the "E" model was available throughout the 1957 model year, a very large percentage of the "E"s were built in the last month of the production year. Ford decided to get out of the racing business (with the help of the government) and they had all these odd parts, so they really accelerated the production of this rare model. Ford also instructed their dealers not to charge for these options, and the factory invoices on these late models indicated NO CHARGE. In most cases, this directive was not adhered to. The handwriting was on the wall! The little Bird and it's "Y" Block engine was not going to be part of the 1958 Thunderbird line, and Ford didn't want all these unique parts in stock: so they put them on cars. The last 1957 Thunderbird built was an "E" model. Below is a copy of a factory invoice dated December 13, 1957 (132), the last day of production for the two seat Thunderbird.

Notice the part circled states 312 8'! ENG PROD SUB NC. The NC indicates No Charge. Copies of invoices with the no charge appeared as early as Mid-November, 1957. If you purchased the "E" engine prior to the give away, the cost would have been \$301.35 with the Fordomatic Transmission, \$253.35 with an Overdrive Transmission, or \$151.35 with a standard transmission.

The "E" model has many unique parts. The valley pan is recessed to allow for the deeper casting of the manifold, as well as the different manifold hold down plates, linkage, fuel filter, fuel lines, air cleaner, distributor, and main wiring harness and carbs. The intake manifold was replaced by a dual carb aluminum manifold. The carbs appear to be similar to the original type of the 1955 and 1956 Thunderbirds. The carbs were mounted backwards with the primary barrels to the rear of the car. This was done to accommodate the hood scoop. The reversal of the carbs allowed the air cleaner to be far enough back to allow the hood to close.

Dave Tulowitzky

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
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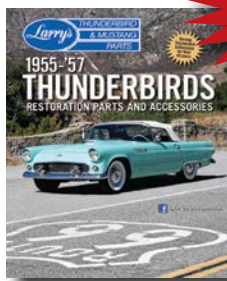
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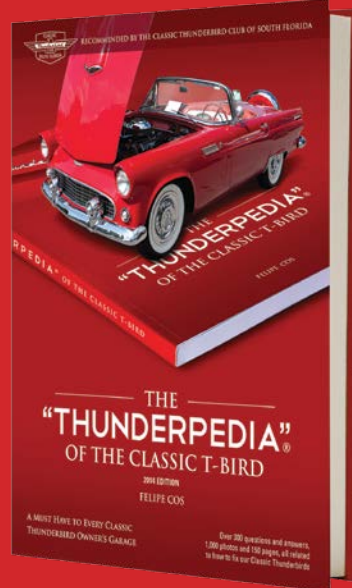
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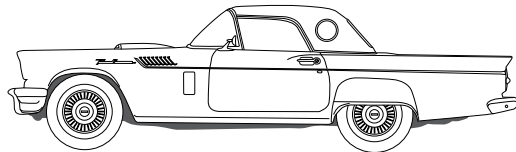
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