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Annual Club Car Show Update Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Recap **CTCI News Upcoming Club Events** Car Shows and Cruis-Ins & MUCH MORE!

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?

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Mailing Address

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

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.



SCAN ME!

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 CLASSICT-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER

Classic Thunderbird Club International

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editor's CORNER MARCH 2017

This Month's addition has a recap of the Early Bird results from the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction. 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 Barrett-Jackson Website. We will be getting prepared this month for the rescheduled Club Car show on the 19th as well as Auction America Ft Lauderdale participation starting Monday, the 27th. Look for stories about it in the coming isues.

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 also received the CTCI Newsletter SILVER AWARD for our February 2016. Felipe Cos Tribute Edition

Thank you all who have contribtued 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



Thunderbird News

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

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI CHAPTER #114 MARCH 2017 VOLUME 19. #3

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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MARCH Auto Trivia

Q: What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's?



The answer is on the last page!

THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

Our Club's web page:

www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

2005 Thunderbird:	www.fordautomobiles.co
Ford racing:	www.fordacing.com
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN

MARCH

Marcia Castro	03
Marcia Padron	03
John Lucy	04
Mark Forst	20
Natalie Heslekrants	21
Celia Layzell	23
Grace Vazquez	28
Jay Faust	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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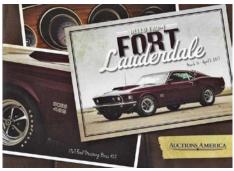




Hello Fellow Members!

Here is the AWESOME news you've all been anxiously waiting for - - - your chance to drive your pick from a very impressive group of Classic and Exotic cars, is coming up soon! This year, our club will once again be our participation in the annual RM Auction (now called Auctions America). This is one of our most important activities because the funds raised here are what allow us to provide the Club activities to you either FREE like the LUAU, or at a much reduced cost like the Holiday Party, the Sunday Brunch, the Monthly Meeting meals, The RALLY, and many others! Please plan to join us again this year, details were discussed at the last meeting and will also be addressed at the next one in March, HOWEVER, don't wait, Peter has to send in the list of volunteers to the Auction ahead of time and he needs to complete the list ASAP. Right now, he is sitting in his office, starring out the window, eagerly waiting for you to volunteer to drive the cars from the staging area to the red carpet on the auction block! Please call him [305-794-2774] or email him [pclein@ bellsouth.net] right now, so that he can complete the list and get back to work!

Coming up right behind the RM Auction is the annual Sunday Brunch! Our activities director Daisy, along with a dedicated group of adventurous individuals, has been busy visiting (and sampling) various breakfast buffets around town so that they can pick the best and tastiest of them for all of us to attend on May 21! This year, the Brunch will be a part of the national "Thunderbird Appreciation Day" celebration. 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 (like we'll be doing), 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! Of course, whatever Classic you drive is welcomed, does not have to be a Thunderbird. Our Newsletter editor Ed. is planning a special edition of the Newsletter to commemorate the event! More on this later from our Event Organizer Extraordinaire, Daisy, she will let us know as details emerge and we will update the website with the latest!

The Sunday Brunch will be followed by a whole bunch of fun events during the rest of the year, including a Road Trip to the Sebring Thunder in September, and the 2017 edition of the 300 Mile Rally in October! Keep an eye out for emails and check our website, www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com, for the latest news on what the club is planning.

SUPER IMPORTANT --- Our yearly car show at Tropical Park was rained out on January 29th and has been re-scheduled for March 19th! Please REGISTER online

[www.ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida.com] and be there bright and early to help us make this a successful event. This is another source of revenue for the club and your help and cooperation will ensure its successful completion! When you register, click on "Will Send a Check", but don't send it, as a member, you can register for Free!

Please mark your calendars (March 15) to attend our next club meeting, we'll discuss the upcoming events and 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.





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 - 2017

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida







CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

February 15, 2017 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: Monthly meeting

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Facilitator: Oscar Castro

Recording the Minutes: Shelley Faust

THE MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

First order of business was to talk about the re-scheduling of the T Bird car show that was rained out last month. 14 people arrived and had breakfast before officially cancelling. We now need to put a super effort into promoting the re-scheduled show which will be on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Tropical Park, Miami – 7900 Bird Road.

Peter Klein then spoke about the auction at the end of March for Auction America. Three clubs have also volunteered to be drivers. We still need drivers for Tues., Wed., Thursday and Friday. We do pay for our events from the proceeds of this event. Help is needed. It will be held at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center.

Daisey and Ed modeled the shirts we are selling which are \$ 40.00 each in both women's and men's sizes/

Daisy spoke about the Sunday Brunch and that we should check out the Royal Palms Country club.

Ed received the Golden Quill Award for Outstanding effort for the Thunderbird news.

He explained and then sent an Email out explaining what it takes to send out printed copies of our Newsletter.

We need advertisers and it pays to be an advertiser in the Newsletter as you then can receive a printed copy each month by placing a \$ 95 a year business card size ad which people will see each month.

Bridget Frank will be at the auction. It would be appreciated if you own a 57 Thunderbird to please write a story and send to Ed.

Zoo Miami will be having a show on March 12th with regular and VIP Parking. The VIP Parking will give you the opportunity to meet and greet with a cheetah.

About 15 - 20,000 people go through their gates for their show and they are allowing us to advertise our show.

On July 4th we are having a picnic. More to follow.

We will be having a rally on October 20th to Lakeland Florida for the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival on October 21st. At the show, however cars are parked based on their category so we will not be parked all together for the show.

John and Oscar are going to the 500 mile Florida car Marathon which will take you on a Precision Car Rally thru the seldom traveled back roads of Florida. This is at the end of March.

Oscar mentioned that 30 people have not renewed their membership. Many could be like myself wherein it was an oversight. Please renew now.

We discussed long shirts and or jackets. I brought up that Windbreakers would be a good idea for shows that are windy, rainy or a bit cold.

Oscar introduced our new members. Jose and Heydee, Aaron and Kelly, Jose, and John Claude and his wife Maryse who sat at our table and were delightful.

Bob just brought a 2003 with white top Thunderbird.

Richard one of our members received acclaim for the wonderful service he does.

Daisey discussed the Downtown of Miami Lakes show for cancer. It is for bicycles and a car show.

100% of the proceeds go the the Sylvester Cancer Center. It is on April 2nd. Daisey will send out an Email on the show which she said is beautiful. It will be from 10-2 and they will be giving out Trophies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM







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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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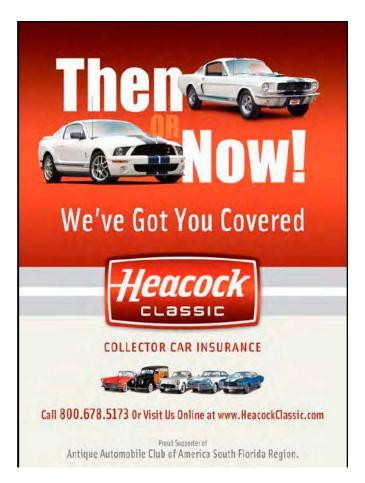
















UPCOMING

CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

CAR SHOWS







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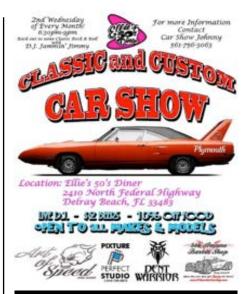


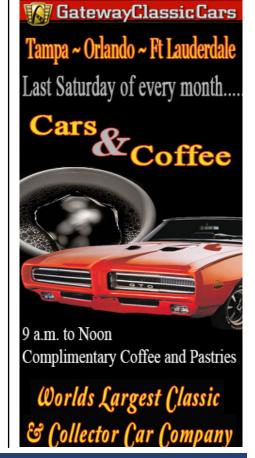












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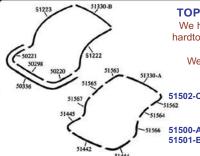
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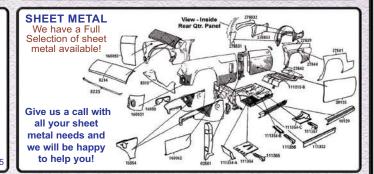




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Scottsdale Arizona 2017

The 2017 Barrett-Jackson Westworld of Scottsdale, January 14th -22nd broke all kinds of records, making it their best Auction in 46 years! \$102.5 million in Sales, \$2.2 million raised for charity, over 1700 cars consigned with a nearly 100% "sell through" and 40 auction records broken, including the sale of Kindig-It Design's 1965 Volkswagen Type II 21-Window Deluxe Bus that sold for \$302,500! Following is a list of the top sellers;

- 1964 Aston Martin DB5 (Lot #1397) \$1,485,000
- 1960 Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle (CERV) 1 (Lot #1390) – \$1,320,000
- 1930 Duesenberg J Dual-Cowl Phaeton (Lot #1378) \$880,000
- 2005 Porsche Carrera GT (Lot #1396) \$616,000
- 1965 Shelby GT350 Fastback (Lot #1365) \$445,500
- 2011 Ferrari 458 Italia owner, Justin Bieber (Lot #1372) \$434,500
- 1963 Chevrolet Corvette 327/360 Split-Window "Fuelie" (Lot #1393) – \$385,000
- 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 (Lot #1400) \$385,000
- 1932 Rolls-Royce Roadster (Lot #1382) \$341,000
- 2015 Ferrari F12 Berlinetta (Lot #1374) \$330,000
- 1964 Chevrolet Corvette LT1 (Lot #1399) \$330,000

Of special note to our Thunderbird Club members there were the many "Early" Thunderbirds consigned at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale. There was \$1.4 million in Thunderbird sales (including commission) with a wide range of selling prices from just above \$30,000 to \$148,500!. The average hit right at the \$50,000 mark.

Many of the Thunderbirds, representing 1955,1956 and 1957, at this year's auction were from the Charlie Thomas Collection. I have always been interested in the story behind some of the Collectors who consign their cars to auction and why. In Charlie

Thomas's case, he wanted to make room for new purchases! Following is a short biography. Charlie Thomas keeps a 250-car collection at his ranch in Texas, from which, 146 cars were consigned to Scottsdale, 8 of them Thunderbirds. Thomas selected the Barrett-Jackson Auction Company to sell these cars because of its reputation for an over 90% "sell-through" at every auction. "Barrett-Jackson is the biggest out there," he said. "They've got more buyers, and a wider variety of buyers. They've got a buyer for everything, and with the spread of cars I've got, I'm going with them."

Early V8 Fords were Charlie's first passion, although he couldn't afford one as a young man. He started his automotive career as a parts runner at an Oldsmobile dealership in Tennessee, later getting promoted to service manager. Thomas was hired away by a different de-aler to be a car salesman. He credits Red McCombs and Austin Hemphill, noted car dealers in San Antonio, for teaching him all about how to manage a dealership.

In 1967 Thomas bought Courtesy Ford, his first car dealership, in Baytown, Texas and then in 1970 bought another Ford dealership in Corpus Christi. Settling in Houston he went on to build an empire of car dealerships in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, representing most of the major brands. To date he has owned an interest in nearly 50 franchises!

Thomas diversified, investing in banking interests and real estate, including buying an ownership stake in the NBA's Houston Rockets. He's known for his charitable contributions as well, especially in the Galveston area.

Recently he sold most of his dealerships to AutoNation, bought a ranch in Columbus, Texas, and decided to start seriously building his collection. Charlie is happy to tell you that all his cars are "great drivers." He boasts, "You could get in any car I've got and drive it to Houston, or anywhere you wanted to drive it."

Amassing his collection of classics, he personally inspects and purchases every car, never relying on agents. He enjoys the hunt for cars, too — the actual buying and selling, not just the owning. "I picked the best that was available," he says. "I look for cars that need virtually nothing."

Please enjoy the collection of Thunderbirds featured from the Auction.







Lot 384 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$27,500.00 Sold, No Reserve

Original with porthole hardtop. Original red exterior and original red/black interior. The 312ci engine and Ford-O-Matic transmission.



Lot 557 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$38,500.00 Sold, No Reserve

Restored in 2012. Approximately 1,000 miles since completion. Power seat, 312ci engine, 3-speed manual transmission and hardtop only.



Lot 754 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD

\$52,800.00 Sold, No Reserve.

From the Charlie Thomas Collection. Soft-top and porthole hardtop, power steering, power brakes and Kelsey Hayes wire wheels. 312ci V8 and Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission.



Lot 787 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$60,500.00 Sold, No Reserve.

Same owner since 1980s with body-off restoration in 2003. Correct 312 cu.in V8 rebuilt to factory specifications. Car is deemed Concours-correct by Classic Ford judges. Ford-O-Matic transmission.



Lot 957.1 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$49,500.00 Sold, No Reserve

This Thunderbird is powered by a 312ci V8 engine with 3-speed manual transmission. It's equipped with two tops and chrome wire wheels.



Lot 991 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$46,200.00 Sold. No Reserve

Three-year rotisserie restoration. 2013 AACA Senior and Junior First Place winner. 312ci engine with Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission. Well-equipped with power windows, engine dress-up kit and copies of the first and second Bills of Sale.



Lot 1003 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD "E" CONVERTIBLE

\$68,200.00 Sold, No Reserve. From the Charlie Thomas Collection

Body-off restoration. Rare E-Bird in Thunderbird Bronze with both removable hardtop and a convertible top. Rebuilt 312ci V8 engine with dual carbs and rebuilt 3-speed automatic transmission..



















Lot 1018.1 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD "E" CONVERTIBLE

\$61,600.00 Sold, No Reserve. From the Charlie Thomas Collection. Click to View Price. Beautiful E-Bird with 312ci V8 engine with 4-barrel carburetor and 3-speed automatic transmission. Hardtop with optional porthole, chrome Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels, factory blue car converted to pink.

Lot 1005 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$39,600.00 Sold No Reserve. From the Charlie Thomas Collection Frame-on restoration. 312/245hp engine with automatic transmission. Hardtop and black convertible top. Rare white-on-white color combination. Town & Country radio.

Lot 1282 - 1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD "F" CONVERTIBLE

\$148,500.00 Sold, No Reserve, From the Charlie Thomas Collection.

Older restoration. F Code 312 cu.in. Supercharged. Black exterior with a red interior. Chrome wire wheels, Town & Country radio, automatic transmission, power steering and power brakes.

Lot 681 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD

\$30,800.00 Sold, No Reserve

Frame-on restoration. Peacock Blue with blue and white interior, 3-speed standard transmission, 4-barrel 292ci V8 engine, power steering, power brakes, wire wheels and fender skirts.

Lot 738 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD

\$57,200.00 Sold. No Reserve Click to View Price

312ci engine and 3-speed manual transmission. Gold Medallion Award winner from Classic Thunderbird International Club.

Lot 775 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$49,500.00 Sold, No Reserve

Correct Fiesta Red with black and white two-tone interior.

High-quality professional restoration. 312ci V8 engine with automatic transmission.

Lot 778 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$52,800.00 Sold, No Reserve

Restoration completed in 2007. Winner, Top Honors in Gold and Gold Medallion events in Sacramento and Vancouver, BC. 3-speed manual transmission.

Lot 827.1 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$77,000.00CSold, No Reserve o View Price.

This T-bird has been driven 110 miles since having undergone a no-expense-spared restoration where it was completely gone through. It's powered by a 312ci V8 engine with automatic transmission.



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Lot 1010 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$48,400.00 Sold, No Reserve. From the Charlie Thomas Collection

Highly optioned and recipient of a complete cosmetic restoration. Porthole hardtop, Continental kit, 312ci engine, Ford-O-Matic transmission, power steering, power brakes and power windows.



Lot 1028 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$60,500.00 Sold, No Reserve. From The Charlie Thomas Collection.to View Price Beautifully restored. 312ci V8 engine with Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission. Manual windows, power seat, fender skirts and a porthole hardtop.



Lot 1146 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$77,000.00 Sold, No Reserve Click to View Price

Sunset Coral with white interior. Gorgeous restoration, no expense spared. Beautiful custom leather interior. 312ci V8 engine with automatic transmission.



Lot 1597 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$55,000.00 Sold, No Reserve Click to View Price

Rare Thunderbird Sage Green, 5,500 original miles (title reads mileage exempt), telescopic steering wheel, Continental kit, 312ci V8 engine and automatic transmission.



Lot 476 - 1956 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$29,700.00 Sold, No Reserve

Fresh cosmetic restoration. Wimbledon White with a red and white interior. 312ci engine, automatic transmission, power steering, Continental kit, wires, non-porthole hardtop, from 20-year private collection



Lot 445 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$29,700.00 Sold, No Reserve

292ci V8 motor with 3-speed manual transmission.

Red body with black rag top. Red hardtop included.

New aluminum radiator and fan.



Lot 467 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD

\$35,200.00 Sold, No Reserve From the Charlie Thomas Collection

Older restoration by Minter's Thunderbirds of Dallas. Both original tops. Rebuilt 292/195hp V8, 4-barrel, Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission, Master Guide power steering and Swift Sure power brakes.







Lot 650.2 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$20,900.00 Sold, No Reserve

First-year stunning arrow-straight classic finished in Bright Red with two-tone black and white interior.

Powered by a Ford 292ci V8 power plant with 3-speed manual transmission.



Lot 775.1 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$55,000.00 Sold, No Reserve

California Black-Plate car matching-numbers engine and drivetrain.

Rotisserie nut-and-bolt restored in original color. Automatic transmission.



Lot 786 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$52,800,00 Sold, No Reserve

Rare Goldenrod Yellow with yellow and black interior. Concours restoration by Amos Minter in 2005. Trailered to car shows. Winner of prestigious Gold Trophy at Washington Car Show. All trophies go with the car.



Lot 1095 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$69,300.00 Sold, No Reserve

This Thunderbird has spent its entire life in the Southwest and underwent a comprehensive, frame-off restoration.

Powered by a 292ci V8 and automatic transmission.



Lot 1551 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$39,600.00 Sold, No Reserve

A beautiful example of a nicely restored 62-year-old Thunderbird. Original 292ci V8 Original Ford-O-Matic transmission.

Refinished in the original Torch Red with beautiful matching red and white interior.



Lot 1555 - 1955 FORD THUNDERBIRD CONVERTIBLE

\$34,100.00 Sold, No Reserve

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Powered by a 292ci engine with a 3-speed Ford-O-Matic transmission.





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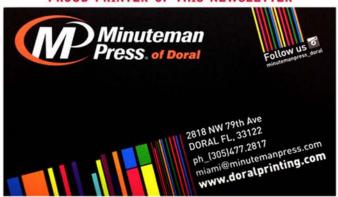


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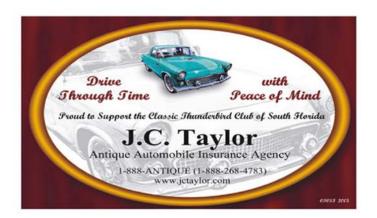




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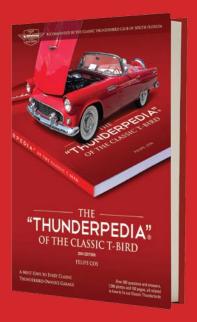
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