



Thunderbird NEWS

APRIL 2017 VOLUME 19, #4



PROUD ORGANIZER OF THE ANNUAL TROPICAL PARK CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SPONSOR OF THE FELIPE COS MEMORIAL FLORIDA 300 MILE RALLY

WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS 2015 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD

THE CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
OF SOUTH FLORIDA
PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO OUR



The "Barbie Car"

OPEN CAR SHOW
ALL CARS WELCOMED

RESCHEDULED ** RESCHEDULED
GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM
15 TROPHY CLASSES PLUS BEST OF SHOW!

TROPICAL PARK MAIN ENTRANCE
FROM 8800 ROAD, WINTER HAVEN

LIVE DJ & FOOD VENDORS - BRING THE FAMILY!
SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2017 / 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DETAILS & DISCOUNTED ONLINE REGISTRATION
www.ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida.com

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION
888-462-8286

GATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS

HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1957 THUNDERBIRD



**17th Annual
Classic Thunderbird Club
Open Car Show**

Annual Open Car Show Coverage
Edison Ford Estates Event
CTCI News
Car Shows and Cruis-Ins
Upcoming Club Events & 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?

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.

OUR OBJECTIVE:

EVERY CLASSIC T-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER

Classic Thunderbird Club International

1308 E. 29th Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755-1842 USA • 562.426.2709 • Fax: 562.426.7023 • Email: ctcioffice@ctci.org • Web site: www.ctci.org
Phone Toll Free 1.800.488.2709

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Mail Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email Address _____

CTCI Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

- New members please fill out application and send payment (in U.S. funds ONLY*) to the address above.
- Make checks payable to CTCI, or pay by credit card by email, fax or phone.
- Current members may renew dues online at www.ctci.org.

Please select one of the following prorated amounts:

Month Joining	One Time Initiation Fee +	Dues =	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> January thru March	\$15.00 +	\$35.00 =	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> April thru June	\$15.00 +	\$26.50 =	\$41.50
<input type="checkbox"/> July thru September	\$15.00 +	\$18.00 =	\$33.00
<input type="checkbox"/> October thru December	\$15.00 +	\$9.50 =	\$24.50

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

Annual dues renewal will be \$35.00, payable January 1 of each year.

Premium Packet with Grill Emblem = Add \$16.00 to total

TOTAL ENCLOSED: (\$US) _____

*NOTE: Members outside the U.S. may pay dues by credit card.

You may send credit card information by email, fax or phone.

U.S., Mexico and Canada: First Class..... Additional \$15.00/year

Other Foreign Countries: A/O Rate..... Additional \$35.00/year

(not including Mexico and Canada)

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 _____

For Office use Only

CTCI # _____ Date: _____

Ck # _____ Amt Rec'd: _____

rev 1/2015-WEB



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!





editor's CORNER

APRIL 2017

This Month's addition has stories about a few Car shows we attended recently as well as the recap of our Club Car show on March 19th at Tropical Park.

Look for stories about the Club participation in the Auction America Ft Lauderdale which started Wednesday in our May Issue.

We have a new Web address; www.tbirdflorida.com

This will make it easier to remember, but the old address is still good.

Our monthly News magazine has lots of useful information, including upcoming Car Shows and Cruis-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 also received the 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.tbirdflorida.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 APRIL 2017 VOLUME 19, #4 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.

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

Oscar Castro President
305 467 8196
oscar@mbsenet.com

Shelly Faust Secretary
954 588 1781
sfaust3605@aol.com

Gary Stump 1st Vice President
786 525 5170
grytbird@aol.com

Peter Klein Treasurer
305 376 8578
pklein@bellsouth.net

Leo Saladino 2nd Vice President
954 456 4887
leolasharue@aol.com

Ed Raabe Past President
954 3838111
ed.raabe@gmail.com

DIRECTORS

George Bishopric 954 761 1438
georgemia@mac.com

Georgina Dominguez
305-000-0000
gmdominguez4017@aol.com

Connie Danluck 305 206 9053
conico@bellsouth.net

Ernie Saladino 954 559 0068
salamoney1317@gmail.com

Norm Gabe 305 895 3453
norm@environmentalcontrol.com

Grace Vazquez 305 979 1065
41buickspecial@gmail.com

Ed Brown 954 931 4542
doubleliz@aol.com

INTERNET DIRECTOR

Felix Hernandez 305 613 6775
hrn3120@bellsouth.com

Oscar Castro 305 457 8196
oscar@mbsenet.com

Mike McNeal 954 786 8571
tamcneal37@aol.com

EVENTS & PROMOTIONS

Bob Toney 305 592 9782
jtoney49@aol.com

Daisy Hernandez 305 613 6775
hrn3120@bellsouth.com



4133 Park Ave. Miami FL 33133

Phone: 305-794-2774 E-mail: PGlein@bellsouth.net

Editor Ed Raabe: Ed.raabe@gmail.com

George Bishopric -Newsletter proofreading

www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida

Felipe Cos Founder

PAST PRESIDENTS

Felipe Cos 1999

Ed Brown 2006-07

Ken Lemming 2000

Connie Danluck 2008

Felix Hernandez 2001

Ed Brown 2009

Norm Gabe 2002

Daisy Hernandez 2010-11

Andre Fournier 2003-4

Peter Klein 2012-13

Connie Danluck 2005

Ed Raabe 2014-15



APRIL 2017 VOLUME 19, #4

APRIL Auto Trivia

Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?



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
 CTCI's Home Page: _____ www.ctci.org
 Daytona's Turkey run: _____ www.carshows.org
 Metroplex EarlyBirds: _____ www.geocities.com
 Arizona Classic T-Bird Club: _____ classic-thunderbird.org
 Santa Clara Valley T-Birds: _____ www.tbird.org/scvt
 Sierra Nevada Classic T-Bird: _____ www.tbird.org/snctb
 Connecticut Area Classic T-Bird: _____ www.tbirdsofconn.com
 Chicagoland Thunderbirds: _____ www.thunderbirds.org
 Potomac Classic T-bird: _____ www.hydratech.com
 Old Cars _____ www.greatoldcars.com
 Classic T-Bird Club of Chicagoland _____ www.ctcc9.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL

John Layzell	03
Jayne Toney	09
Miguel Morales	16
James Quinlan	17
Robin Gabe	18
Haydee Siut	19
Richard Boyhan	21
Theresa Virginio	21
Anna Boyhan	23
Felix Hernandez	26



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.tbirdflorida.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:

AACA Ft Lauderdale Region. President Louis Tassi
 954-782-0107 www.ftlauderdaleaaca.com

AACA South Florida Region. President, Ron Mitro
www.aaca.org/southflorida

Auto Appraisal Network: John & Bret Layzell
 305-899-9963 www.autoappraisalnetwork.com/miami

Benefit Car Shows: Oscar Castro
 305-467-8196 www.benefitcarshows.com
oscar@benefitcarshows.com

Gerry Car Show: Gerry Perez
 786 344-4228 email gerrycarshow@bellsouth.com

Magic Mustangs: Frank Alonso
 305 551-6077 Fadatec@aol.com

Muscle Stangs of Miami: Ayanidys Martinez
 305 321-0437

Jumpin' Jack Productions: Jack Corssino
 305-214-2277 www.jumpinjackproductions.com

DB Entertainment Inc.: Dick Barten
 954-563-4000 Bandsouth@bellsouth.net

Cruisin South Florida: Scott the MusicMan
scott@cuisinsouthflorida.com

Ft Lauderdale Mustang Club: Mark Patterson
www.flmustangclub.com

Cobra Joe Productions: Joe Bevelacqua
jbevrs@msn.com

VMCCA Sun Coast Chapter. President David Bobbitt
 305 661-1340 bobbitt@comcast.net

Russ G Events: Russ Gagliano III
russ@russgevents.com

Letter from the President

Oscar Castro



Hello Fellow Members!

We just held our 17th Annual OPEN Car Show at Tropical Park and it was a huge success! We had over 193 cars in attendance and the selection and quality was outstanding. I could go on forever telling you about all the different and special cars that came, but it would just take too long! If you were there you experienced it and will enjoy the memories, those of you that couldn't make it, make sure to mark your calendars for next year's show which will be on Sunday, January 28th, 2018! I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all our members that were there to help carry out the event, and a SPECIAL THANK YOU to our own DJ Elvis who provided the excellent music and ambiance during the day. I don't know if Elvis would want me to tell you what he did because he's kind of modest, so don't tell him I told you, but as a new member of the Club, Elvis felt he could not charge us for his work, so he donated his entire fee to our Club, which saved us \$400 in expenses!

I am writing this message, about a week before the actual RM auction takes place, but I am sure that once it actually happens, based on our track record and the amazing job done by our organizers, Peter, Leo, Mike, and Gail, and of course, all of you awesome people that volunteered to help, it will undoubtedly be an AWESOME event! As I've said before, activities like this help raise the necessary funds that 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! Remember that from the \$35 we collect for membership, we spend \$144 per member!



Coming up in May, is the annual Sunday Brunch! Gail has been actively in working out the details and the arrangements! 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! Gail will be doing a presentation during our next meeting in April, in the meantime, we will update the website with what we have so far!

We have a whole bunch of fun events planned for 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.thunderbirdclubsoffl.com, for the latest news on what the club is planning.

Please mark your calendars (April 19) and attend our next club meeting, we'll discuss the upcoming events and we will have the details for the Road Trip and for the Rally – Yes, I know they are still a bit away, but those participating will need to reserve the hotel rooms and apply for the Car Show WELL in advance of the event date. Some hotels have already sold out and the Car Show will not accept any late or gate registrations! Since we have so much to cover in April, we will not have a regularly scheduled guest speaker, but 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.thunderbirdclubsoffl.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

March 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
Facilitator: Oscar Castro
Recording the Minutes: Shelley Faust

THE MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM

Again, it was brought up this month that our two biggest events that bring in extra money that enable us to do our other events; are our car show and Auction America.

Our car show was rescheduled for Sunday March 19.

Auction America will be at the end of the month on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The two days before the auction they will be unloading the cars. We especially need drivers in the afternoon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The more people that volunteer the more money we make. You can even select the car you want to drive.

Gary Stump makes replica "Drive-in" trays that he sells for \$ 85.00 each

Peter sold his 56 T Bird and cannot use his tray so he brought it to the meeting to sell.

Peter is taking a final order for shirts and hats. Please contact him ASAP. He also has a book that Felipe made up for \$ 30.00.

Again, please pay your dues. There are several members that have not paid their dues. To date we have 70 paid up memberships.

Please be at the show by 8:00AM; and if you were not assigned a job, one will be assigned one.

Our website has a for sale area that is free for members, please check it out.

Our annual Brunch will be on Sunday May 21st which is Thunderbird Appreciation Day

We will be having an event on July 4th. Again at Venetian Isles. More to follow.

This year we will be going to Sebring for the Sebring Thunder Event, but it will not be part of the Club Rally like last year. It will be September 15, 16 and 17th. We will again be able to run our cars on the Sebring race track around 12:00PM that Sunday.

We will have a road trip rally in October to the Lake Mirror Classic Car show which will be on Saturday, October 21st in Lakeland, Florida.

The rally will be the day before the show. More information will be coming from Oscar

Bob brought up that we should have plaques for our cars. We will be working on them.

Ed said we should check out Epic Magazine which is an online magazine. One of their associates, Harry Spitzer approached the Club for stories about our Thunderbirds. Stories will be used by Ford in conjunction with the Thunderbird appreciation Day Event. Mike McNeal spent some time telling him about his car.

We still need stories by owners of 1957 Thunderbirds. Please submit one if you can to Ed for the Thunderbird News Magazine.

Regarding the upcoming AA auction participation, Leo said we can also bring friends to the auction to help. They must be over 18 and have a valid Driver's license with them. If you volunteered look for an email about the schedule and sign in when you arrive for your shift.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM





Thunderbird News is the official newsletter of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida. Our purpose is to inform our membership about, club meetings, club activities, Classic Car events and articles of interest to Ford Thunderbird owners.

Articles may be reproduced with the permission of the author.

The views and opinions expressed in Thunderbird News are those of the named author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor, The Board of Directors of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida or those of the membership.

Tech Corner reprinted with permission from CASCO

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

ANNUAL RATES
for advertising
in the newsletter

FULL PAGE	_____	\$675.00
1/2 PAGE	_____	\$375.00
1/4 PAGE	_____	\$250.00

CARD SIZE	_____	\$150.00 (NON MEMBERS)
CARD SIZE	_____	\$95.00 (MEMBERS ONLY)

**We Fix it Right
 the First Time
 and Guarantee
 it for LIFE!**

Brany Binker

**ALL WORK RESTORED
 TO SHOWROOM
 CONDITION!**

From
 Minor Dents
 To Complete
 Collision
 Repair

**Body & Paint Work
 from People
 You Know and Trust**



FREE ESTIMATES

Two locations to serve you better:

Original Location
 3051 SW 38th Court
 Miami, FL 33146
 305-448-4100

New West Kendall Location
 12539 SW 128th Street
 Miami, FL 33186
 (Near Tamiami Airport)
 305-251-5133

A AUTO
TECH
 COMPLETE PAINT & BODY SHOP





BULLSEYE
www.bullseyepowdercoating.com



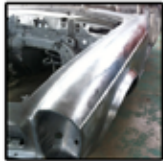
POWDER COATING



CERAMIC COATING



SANDBLASTING



CAR STRIPPING



305-278-2111
info@bullseyepowdercoating.com

Then 
OR
Now! 

We've Got You Covered



COLLECTOR CAR INSURANCE



Call 800.678.5173 Or Visit Us Online at www.HeacockClassic.com

Proud Supporter of
Antique Automobile Club of America South Florida Region.

Thunderbird Headquarters

COMPLETE 1955-1969 THUNDERBIRD PARTS WAREHOUSE



(800) 227-2174
(925) 825-9550
parts@tbirdhq.com
www.tbirdhq.com

WWW.TBIRDHQ.COM



UPCOMING CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

CAR SHOWS



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00am - 3:00pm
Hollywood Boulevard
 between 19th & 20th Avenue

Classic Cars, Modern Classics & Custom Cars
 Free Admission • Vehicle Registration \$20
 On-site registration from 8:00am - 10:00am or
 pre-register at CobraJoeProductions.com

Information: 954.825.1027
CobraJoeProductions.com

Sponsored by
COBRA JOE PRODUCTIONS
 HOLLYWOOD



500 MILES FLORIDA CAR MARATHON
2017
 CLASSIC & SPORTS CARS

MUSTANG TRIBUTE CLASS
7TH EDITION
 APRIL 1, STAGE 1 | APRIL 2, STAGE 2

APRIL 1, STAGE 1 | APRIL 2, STAGE 2

APRIL 1, STAGE 1 | APRIL 2, STAGE 2



COCONUT CREEK CAR SHOW
 All proceeds benefit
 Knights Baseball Boosters, Inc.

60+
Awards for: TROPHIES
 New Cars, Classic Cars, Trucks, Jeeps & Motorcycles

Food Trucks • DJ Eugene • Raffles & Door Prizes
 Live Music • Vendors • 50/50 Raffle

April 8th from 10 am - 2 pm

Host at the Vacant Parking Lot on
 5550 NW 40th Street
 (East of Coconut Creek Seminoke Casino)
 For more information contact Jean:
 954-496-0212
jean@coconutcreekcarshow.com

\$15 Pre-Registration for Cars & Vendors by April 2nd
 \$20 Day of Show Registration



Antique & Classic Car Show
SATURDAY 4/22/17
 RIVER CITIES FESTIVAL MIAMI SPRING

LIVE BANDS, 500+ TRUCKS
 1000+ KIDZONS, ARTS & CRAFTS, JEWELRY
 COLLECTOR'S MARKET & MUCH MORE!

INFO: 786-317-0341
 20 HOOK SQUARE DR., MIAMI SPRINGS 33166
 FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW ENTRANCE VISIT
WWW.SUPERDJS.NET



FORT Lauderdale



CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND WALK
A BENEFIT FOR GREAT STRIDES

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017 7:00AM - 12:00 PM
 02 - LIVE MUSIC - BOSS ACTIVITIES & BRING THE FAMILY!
FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH

FOR ADDRESS & THE REGISTRATION LINK VISIT:
WWW.BENEFITCARSHOWS.COM
 TELEPHONE REGISTRATION: 954-967-8484
 ON-SITE REGISTRATION: 954-967-8484



Fruit & Spice Park 4/22-23/17
Redland Blues & Barbecue Festival
 (10-5p)

Free for car participate.
 Spectators must pay entry fee to the park.
 24801 SW 187th Ave Homestead, FL 33031



50th Annual Pontiac Nationals
Saturday, April 22, 2017
Registration 4pm - 5pm
Awards @ 8:30 PM
Advance Registration \$20
Day of Registration \$25

FIRST 100 registered cars will receive a goody bag and dash plaque

Rain Date April 29

Location: **PACKY'S SPORTS GRILL**
 11379 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33428
 20% off PACKY'S food and beverages
 Not valid with other offers or specials



FESTIVAL MARKET PLACE
Car Show
South Florida's Largest
Sunday April 2
10 AM - 4 PM
 2900 W Sample Road
 Pompano Beach, FL
festival.com





CARS For a Cure
 IN MEMORY OF VICE MAYOR ROBERTO ALONSO
 FREE FAMILY EVENT LIVE MUSIC FOOD SPECIALS

SHOW TO BENEFIT
SYLVESTER
 COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER
 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HEALTH SYSTEM

FEATURING OPEN HOUSE BAND
Mantrap
 DJ ALEX GUTIERREZ ON THE MIX

786-519-2915 For More Information



Moose
 The Family Fraternity
CHARITY
CLASSIC CAR SHOW

\$10 Registration
 Trophies for Top Category Entrants
 \$5 for 1980 and newer
 \$5 for 1989 and older

50/50 Drawing Raffle Prizes

Food & Drink

Music by **JLM Entertainment**

Sunday, April 9, 2017
 10 AM - 3 PM
 15490 SW 288 St.
 Homestead
 10th Annual



CLASSIC CAR ROUND-UP
Sunday, April 30, 2017
 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Bergeron Fedeo Grounds of Davis, FL
 4711 Davis Rd., FL 3314
Don't Miss It!!!

The only COVERED CAR SHOW in Florida, presented by **TOWN OF DAVIS** & **Central Florida Classics**

Classic, Antique, Mod, Hot, Roadsters, Exotic, Foreign, Motorcycle, All classes welcome
FIRST PLACE FOR BEST IN SHOW!
 Choice of Professional Show Staff, Customized Incentives/Prizes to 1000+ Attendees
 Classic Car Round-Up Trophies, Show ID Badges, "No Red" Trophies, and Souvenir Giveaways. **FREE REGISTRATION!**
ALL OTHER CARS PRE-REGISTERED REQUIRED!
 Continental Breakfast to 10:30am
 Annual Classic Car Round-Up Trophies, Souvenir Badges, "No Red" Trophies, and Souvenir Classic Family Fun

Show Highlights
 Top Awards Plus 10 Specialty Awards
 People's Choice, Major's Choice, National Industry's Choice
 Come out & see "Yonator" & "Merle the Love Bug" from the hit movies also performances by the "Saguarito Blues Brothers"
 "St" Save The Music, Live Entertainment, Gift Plus Draw (Prize), Food & Vendors, Arts and Crafts (Free Fair), Netting Fun (Free)

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit The Florida Children's Diabetes in Need

Pre-Registration ONLY \$25.00 per car • \$30.00 Day of the Show
 REGISTRATION OFFERS ARE IN SOME CATEGORIES ONLY

THIS IS A GOLF COURSE EVENT

Registration Form-4th Annual "Classic Car Round-Up"
 Please mail this to people to Home of Davis
 Mail to: 3881 South Pine Island Rd, Suite 40, Loxley, FL 32080

NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____
 VEHICLE YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____
 PHONE (cell): _____ (home): _____
 VALUE OF VEHICLE: \$ _____ EMAIL: _____
 CATEGORIES: Antique Classic Modern Sports Hot Rods Motor

Info: 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600
www.classiccarroundup.com
 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600
 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600
 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600
 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600 • 407-252-4600



Cheetah
OPEN CAR & TRUCK SHOW

\$15.00 Registration
 \$10.00 Pre-Registration

SUNDAY APRIL 23RD / 10 AM - 4 PM
 100 Ansin Blvd
 Hallandale Beach FL 33069

ALL CLUBS WELCOME

Live Music • DJ Eugene • Raffles & Door Prizes
 Food Trucks • Vendors • 50/50 Raffle

Registration: 954-427-2788
www.cheetahcarshow.com



Main Street
Annual Car Show & Book & Art Fair

Live Music • Food Trucks • Vendors

Book & Art Fair!

104 N. Krome Avenue
 Homestead, 33030

305-221-6944
www.homesteadcarshow.com

SHOW CAR PRE-REGISTRATION
www.BenefitCarShow.com

UPCOMING CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

CRUISE-INS



CARS & COFFEE
Palm Beach Outlets
MONTHLY GATHERING OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S FINEST AUTOMOBILES
9AM NOON

2016 EVENT DATES:
SUNDAY JANUARY 24TH, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21ST, SUNDAY MARCH 20TH, SUNDAY APRIL 17TH, SUNDAY MAY 15TH, SUNDAY JUNE 12TH, THURSDAY JULY 14TH, SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH, SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH, SUNDAY DECEMBER 26TH

\$2 Per Vehicle To Display in Show Field

www.carsandcoffee.pb.com



CAR CRUISING
FOOD, DRINKS & HOT CARS
EVERY 1ST SATURDAY
\$3.25 SINGLES • \$5.50 DOUBLES
\$2.50 DRAFTS



The Big Apple Shopping Bazaar Car Show
Every 2nd Saturday of every month!
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION For Spectators, Fun for the whole family!

5283 W. Atlantic Avenue • Delray Beach, FL 33484



Timeless Wheels Cruise-In
Palmetto Bay Village Center
First Friday Every Month
5:30 - 10:00 pm
18001 Old Cutler Road



CAR CRUISING
FOOD, DRINKS & HOT CARS
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6-10

2618 WESTON RD, WESTON, FL 33331



CAR CRUISING
FOOD, DRINKS & HOT CARS
EVERY 3RD SATURDAY
\$3.25 SINGLES • \$5.50 DOUBLES
\$2.50 DRAFTS

8669 NW 36TH ST, DORAL, FL 33166



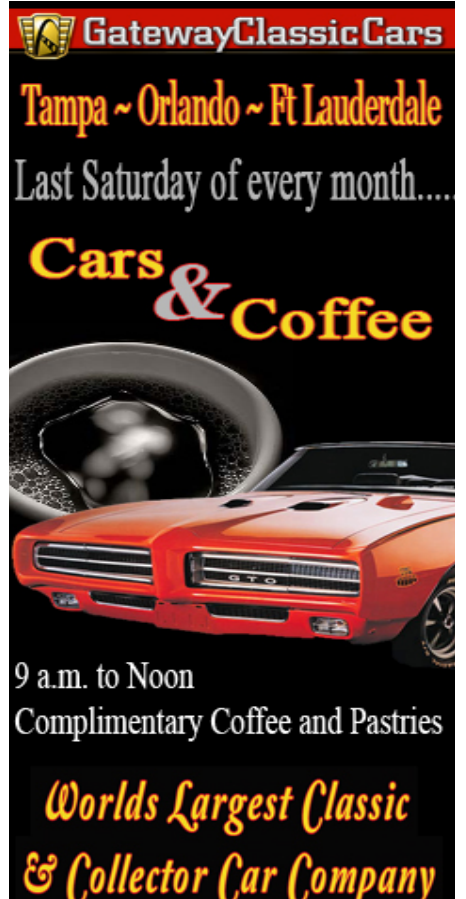
Buster's Classic Car Cruise-In
1st Saturday of the Month
5 to 8 PM
4305 N. Pine Island Rd • Sunrise, FL 33351

15% Discount to all car participants (Driver and 1 guest)

Fun for the whole family
Hot Food
Hot Music
and
Cool Cars



CLASSIC and CUSTOM CAR SHOW
Location: Ellie's 50's Diner
2410 North Federal Highway
Delray Beach, FL 33483
MEDL - \$2 BBS - 10% OFF FOOD
OPEN TO ALL MAKES & MODELS



Gateway Classic Cars
Tampa ~ Orlando ~ Ft Lauderdale
Last Saturday of every month...
Cars & Coffee
9 a.m. to Noon
Complimentary Coffee and Pastries
World's Largest Classic & Collector Car Company

4 GREAT SOURCES FOR On-Line CAR SHOW INFORMATION

Benefitcarshows.com
Cruisinsothflorida.com
Flacarshows.com
Southdadecarshow.com



Concours Parts

& ACCESSORIES

For Over 30 Years - Your T-bird Parts Leader!



9431-ECJ
On Underside

9430-EDB

EXHAUST MANIFOLD
These are excellent reproductions with original engineering numbers in the castings!

The LH Manifold is for Thunderbirds with 272, 292 & 312 Y-Block Engines. The RH can be used on all 272, 292 & 312 Y-Block Engines with dual exhaust.

NEW! MOLDS MADE FROM ORIGINAL CASTINGS

9430-EDB	RH	255.00
9431-ECJ	LH, Thunderbird only	255.00



CORRECT RING

COWL MOUNT ANTENNA
We have a high quality reproduction cowl mount antenna for your 1955-57 T-Bird!

This antenna has the correct "ring", **As Original**. It was also made with a **stainless steel** mast, not steel like some cheaper versions.

Our kit includes antenna with plastic base & rubber pad.

1813-AR	55/57	kit	59.95
----------------	-------------	-----	-------



HOOD AIR SCOOP GRILL
A gorgeous reproduction for your 55/57 Thunderbird. This grill kit comes complete with a beautifully chromed grill, four studs, correct clips & nuts.

16607-RK	55/57	72.95
-----------------	-------------	-------




REAR SPRING MAJOR OVERHAUL KIT

KIT INCLUDES:

- ✓ 2 - Rear shackle kit
- ✓ 2 - Front bushing bolt & nut
- ✓ 2 - Front bushing
- ✓ 4 - Spring mounting retainer
- ✓ 4 - Spring mounting insulator
- ✓ 12 or 16 - Anti-squeaks
- ✓ 2 - Center bolt & nut

5550-AKR	55	kit	139.95
5550-BKR	56/57	kit	129.95



DOOR ALUMINUM TRIM KIT
Features our **New Reproduction** with High Brilliance & Definition!

DASH ALUMINUM KIT
Features our **New Reproduction** with High Brilliance & Definition!

20910-K	Used <u>without</u> power seats	259.95
20910-KP	Used <u>with</u> power seats	269.95
04339-ARK	55/56, 4 pc. kit	293.55
04339-BRK	57, 4 pc. kit	299.95
04339-CRK	57, 5 pc. kit, <i>incls. instrument cluster</i>	414.95



OIL FILTER ADAPTER KIT
This oil filter adapter kit is used to convert 'can' type filter to a 'spin-on' type.

6882-K	55/57, Adapter ..	29.95
6881-K	55/57, Adapter & spin-on filter	37.95



RADIATORS
We have 3 & 4 row core radiators available for your Thunderbird in various designs!

- HEAVY-DUTY** - 4 ROW, **STD CORE** WITH 1/2" TUBES ON 9/16" CENTER
- HIGH EFFICIENCY** - 4 ROW, **HIGH EFFICIENCY CORE** WITH 1/2" TUBES ON 3/8" CENTER
- OPTIMA** - 4 ROW, **MAX. EFFICIENCY CORE** WITH 1/2" TUBES ON 5/16" CENTER
- ALUMINUM** - **LIGHT WEIGHT** WITH **SUPERIOR COOLING CAPABILITY.**

From \$279.95

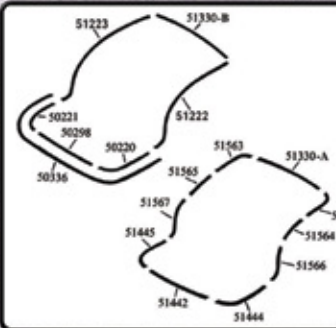


AIR CONDITIONING KIT
This kit includes all necessary parts to install Air Conditioning on 55/57 Thunderbirds with **12 Volt** electrical systems.
Our kits use the rotary type compressor to eliminate vibration!

R12 & R134 REFRIGERANT IS AVAILABLE - From \$975.00

GUARANTEED TO KEEP YOU COOL!





TOP WEATHERSTRIP KITS
 We have been told that all of our hardtop & soft top weatherstrips are **"The Best Available"**.
 We carry both types of hardtop weatherstrips!
SOFT TOP KIT
 51502-CK 10 Pc. Kit. 394.95
HARDTOP KITS
 51500-AK 55/Early 56, 7 Pc. Kit. 394.95
 51501-BK Late 56/57, 7 Pc. Kit. . 394.95

HEATER CORE
 An Exact Reproduction of the original unit that came in your Thunderbird!
NOT A REBUILT UNIT!
 18476 55/57 99.95

FRONT & REAR BRAKE DRUMS
 1125 55/57 Front Drum 129.95
 1126 55/57 Rear Drum 129.95

BALL JOINT KIT
 Upper & lower ball joints with original style washers & seals and all attaching parts!
 3051-K 55/57, New 194.95

SOFT TOP/HARD TOP SIDE RECEPTICLES
 These are **excellent reproductions** are now being reproduced! Replace your old worn out ones with these quality reproductions.
 50502-R RH 64.95
 50503-R LH 64.95

UPHOLSTERY KIT
Upholstery Kit Includes: Seat Covers, Backrest Board, Door Panels, Quarter Panel Cardboards, Windlace, Garnish Rail Covers, Arm Rest Covers, Welt Cord Beading, Vinyl Floor Cover, Dash Cover, Drop Curtain & Carpet **CALL FOR PRICING!**

FRONT DISC BRAKE KIT
 Give your T-Bird the stopping power it deserves! Everything you see is included in the kit, from rotors & calipers to bearings & seals, its' all there.
 With easy to follow instructions, you'll be back on the road with a superior braking system in no time.
 2000-DBK 55/57 1175.00

6 BLADE FAN
 This fan blade is **Heavy-Duty** for extra cooling!
 8600-BHD 55/57 63.95

BODY TO FRAME KIT
 KIT CONTAINS: 14 EA. #5001-W; 10 EA. #B7A-5002-B, #5006-R & #5007-R; 18 EA. #5010-A; 16 EA. #5010-B; 32 EA. #5010-C and 1 PR. #5010-D
 5005-AK 55/56 189.95
 5005-BK 57 169.95

WATER PUMP
 New reproduction for your 55/57 Thunderbird, with correct engineering numbers in the casting!
 8501-R 55/57 124.95

WATER PUMP PULLEY
 For your 55/57 Thunderbird. This pulley is made with a 1" smaller diameter. This helps the water flow faster and cool better.
 8509-SP 55/57 99.95

SHEET METAL
 We have a Full Selection of sheet metal available!
 Give us a call with all your sheet metal needs and we will be happy to help you!

SERVICING ALL YOUR PARTS NEEDS FOR:
 ✓ 1955-1957 THUNDERBIRD ✓ 1948-1972 FORD TRUCK
 ✓ 1958-1966 THUNDERBIRD ✓ 1960-1972 GALAXIE
 ✓ 1949-1959 'BIG FORD' CAR ✓ 1962-1972 FAIRLANE
 ✓ 1949-1956 MERCURY CAR ✓ 1968-1971 TORINO

(800) 722-0009

Order On-Line @ www.concoursparts.com
Concours Parts & ACCESSORIES
 3655 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, CARSON CITY NEVADA 89706

CALL FOR YOUR FREE CATALOG!



Edison Ford Estate

Ed Raabe

Once again Arlene and I attended the annual All FORD Event at the Edison Ford Winter Estate in Ft Myers, FL. This year we did not drive our car and due to prior commitments, our club members did not attend.

It was great to say hello to Dave and Betty Tulowitzky and see all the Trail Bird members' cars. The Estate is on banks of the Caloosahatchee River in beautiful Ft Myers, which is a fantastic Venue for any car show!

Over 19 Thunderbirds were shown including all the Baby Bird Years, as well as Duane and Debbie Johnsons, "one of a kind" 57 Square-back custom build, Duane hand fabricated after seeing one on the Internet.



During his research, he discovered it was just a "photoshopped" picture, but that didn't stop him from creating his dream car. More about this incredible car in an upcoming issue.

This Event features Ford products from the beginning of the line, including Henry Ford's personal drivers used when the family would vacation in the Winter. Over a dozen Model A cars, plus two Magnificent Edsels were shown as well as a 57 and 59 Ford Skyliner retractable hardtop cars. A tour of the Estate grounds, houses and labs is a must for anyone going. Please enjoy the pictures from our visit!





HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD?



REGISTRY 1955-56-57 THUNDERBIRD

The purpose of this Thunderbird registry is to find and document as many of these fine cars as possible. All information is welcome, even if the car has been totaled, parted out, or sold to a new owner.

To this date I have registered over 17,000 Classic Thunderbirds worldwide.

To register your Thunderbird, please send the VIN and all other codes from the data plate on your Thunderbird to:

David Tulowitzky

14191 Tudball Ave.

Port Charlotte, FL 33953

Ph. 941-764-0312

or email: tulobird@aol.com



Dedicated to Excellence

Restoration Parts & Accessories

- ★ Great Prices!
- ★ Huge Inventory!
- ★ Experienced Parts Specialists!
- ★ Fast Shipping!



Order your FREE Catalog!



Teamco
GO FOR THE QUALITY

Call Today!
(800) 854-0393

Larry's Thunderbird & Mustang Parts • 1180 California Ave. #B • Corona, CA 92881

Find us On The Web At: www.larrystbird.com



Classic Thunderbird Club SFL Show

Ed Raabe



Our Club's 17th Annual Open Car Show was held on the most beautiful Spring day yet in Florida. Unlike the original day planned in January, which had to be the worst day of rain and coldest temperatures of the year, the weather was fantastic! Sunny clear in the high 70's with a delightful breeze. The "hard core" members arrived by 7am to help Oscar put up the tents and tables. On the way I saw Paul and Anita pulled over on the Palmetto Expressway with a flat tire. We checked Paul's spare which looked good, but there was no jack. I flagged a Road Ranger who was only able to nod back since he was in traffic two lanes over. Anita got the AAA on the phone and arranged a rescue. The Road Rangers arrived shortly with the AAA truck almost simultaneously, the tire was changed and they were on their way.

Almost 200 stunning Classics Hot Rods Muscle and Sports cars and trucks attended, from a 1929 Ford Model T to a 2017, 700+ HP Dodge Challenger Hellcat!

The Sunshine Corvette Club honored us with a beautiful array of cars joined by our own club members, Jay Faust and Gary Stump's amazing "Vettes"

Notable Thunderbirds included "Best of Class" Bob Meyer's 57 with original dealer installed and period correct air

conditioning, a real conversation starter. Raul and Georgina's 56 Amos Minter built was a trophy winner as well as Bob and Jane Toney's 'Barbie' car. Grace and Martin walked away with a trophy for their 62 "Bullet Bird" convertible, which has never looked better!

Lourdes brought her "Bumble Bee" Camaro and rocked the house!

Elite showed 2 of their stunning Customs, a 58 Corvette and 55 Chev Bel Air HT. I wonder what these guys can do with a T-Bird....

We all had a great time and we were especially blessed by a visit from Christy Cos!

Members who brought their Cars included,
1955 - Ed & Arlene Raabe, Angel & Isabel Morales, Paul & Anita Werner.

1956 - Raul and Georgina Dominguez, Norm & Robin Gabe, Bob and Jayne Toney, Leo & Valentyna Saladino.

1957 - Felix & Daisy Hernandez, Bob Meyer

1961 - Ricardo & Cindy Lara


1964 - JD & Kay Hall

1966 - Bob & Deb Ferretti, Richard & Mareylis Manso







PROUD PRINTER OF THIS NEWSLETTER



2818 NW 79th Ave
DORAL FL, 33122
ph_(305)477.2817
miami@minutemanpress.com
www.doralprinting.com

Follow us  

10% DISCOUNT DURING MAY FOR THUNDERBIRD MEMBERS



EAGLE OVERHAULING, INC
Serving since 1976
500 WEST 27th Street
Hialeah, Florida 33010

MVP94100566
Auto
Air Conditioning
Parts
Rebuilding
Compressors
Evaporators
And Driers
Faasca Distributors

Carlos A. Acosta
Productions Manager
(305) 887-7349
Fax: (305) 884-7762

Toll free order line 866-949-1956
Tech Support 740-949-2217
www.hillsresto.com



HILLS
AUTOMOTIVE
CLASSIC CARE, RESTORATION & PARTS

*Check out our website for Cars for Sale and Restorations in Progress
*Full & Partial Restorations Available
*Classic, Antique, & Muscle

Your first choice in: 1955-1957 Thunderbird Sheet Metal; Used & NOS Parts

"We have everything you need...to make your vision come true!"

Peter Klein
*First Vice President, Wealth Management
Financial Advisor
Portfolio Manager*

Wealth Management
220 Alhambra Circle, 10th Fl
Coral Gables, FL 33134

tel 305 460 7825
fax 305 448 5738
toll free 800 637 4394

Morgan Stanley

www.fa.smithbarney.com/peter_klein
peter.klein@morganstanley.com



Drive Through Time with Peace of Mind

Proud to Support the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

J.C. Taylor
Antique Automobile Insurance Agency
1-888-ANTIQU (1-888-268-4783)
www.jctaylor.com



REPRODUCING & MANUFACTURING PARTS FOR 1955-1957 THUNDERBIRDS SINCE 1969

Most orders shipped same day! Call for a free catalog

CLASSIC AUTO SUPPLY
795 HIGH STREET, COSHOCTON, OH 43812
orders 800-374-0914 . tech help 740-622-9700
www.classictbird.com



Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

3140 S. Ocean Dr. FL 33009
Tel/Fax (954) 476-4887
E-mail: leolashlarue@aol.com
www.thunderbirdclub.us

Leo Saladino
Vice-President
Cell: (718) 812-0991



TRATTORIA PAMPERED CHEF
Classic Italian Cuisine

"Very Good" MIAMI HERALD
"A SOLID HIT" TRAVEL HOLIDAY,
GOOD VALUE DINING GUIDE
Catering • Parties • All Occasions

GABRIAL NASH

7347 MIAMI LAKES DRIVE
MIAMI LAKES, FL 33014

TEL.: (305) 825-8919
CELL.: (786) 210-3539
FAX: (305) 825-8918



Lou Bachrodt Chevrolet Open Car Show

Bob Ferretti



On March 5th, I had the pleasure to attend a car show at the Lou Bachrodt Chevrolet Dealership run by the Corvette Club of South Florida in Coconut Creek. I go each year and it seems to get better and better each time. All proceeds go to the Joe di Maggio Children's Hospital. Over 300 cars and trucks

were in attendance and some had to be turned away due to room available. There were more than a hundred Corvettes and the rest were mixed with fabulous classic cars and trucks.

There were 75 door prizes given away picked by numbers from the 50/50 tickets and a cash prize winner of the 50/50 went home with \$1630.00 dollars. There were vendors there, that sold a lot of great things, volunteers barbecuing, and trucks selling make your own ice cream combos and ices. Any person registered or just viewing the cars were offered hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and water bottles. Any donation was appreciated for the free food and the large empty water bottles on the fixing tables were full of dollars; \$1s \$5s \$10s were in the bottles and they were full. Other than a DJ they had professional dancers and a great show put on by the Blues Brothers. Each car entered was better than the other but the favorite was a 1953 first year fully restored Corvette shown roped off in the dealer show room. The car was owned by one of the founding club members. Wish I could take more pictures for this article but the sun in my camera viewer made it difficult. There were over 150 trophies and a "goody bag" that must have weighted 2 lbs. full of all good stuff: literature and free samples to try out shown in picture.

Hope some of you join me next year for this show as I know all our cars will be winners and maybe one of us go home with that 50/50. Each trophy is about 2ft. high and would go nice in your collection I'm sure, so see you next year.

Submitted by Bob Ferretti

Editor's Note; Bob showed the only Thunderbird, a real "show stopper", it received a lot of attention!



APRIL Auto Trivia ANSWER

Q: What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?



ANSWER: The 1924 Chrysler.

CTCI NEWS

DUES ARE DUE in NOVEMBER each year
\$35.00 MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE By **DEC. 1st**,
To become a member or renew your membership,
please go online to
www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com
Checks may be sent to:



THE CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Attention: Peter Klein, Treasurer
4133 Park Ave. Miami FL 33133

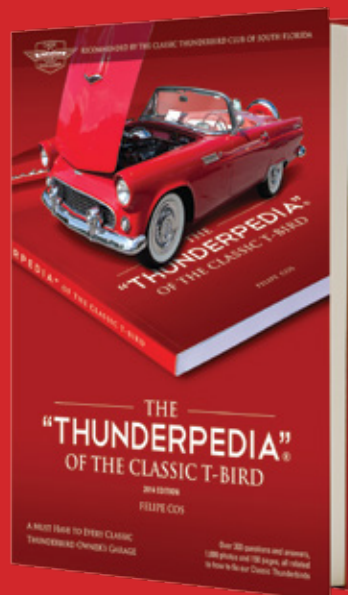
Early Bird owners, Don't forget your CTCI membership
See the membership information in this issue and in Early Bird
magazine, November-December edition.

SECOND EDITION RELEASED

Felipe Cos introduced
The Second Edition of the
"Thunderpedia of the Classic
Thunderbird" at the Branson/
Springfield Convention.
It has over 300 questions and
answers, 1,000 photos, and over
150 pages, all related in how to
fix our Classic Thunderbirds.
There are no other books
similar to this.

Price is \$35.00 Postage is \$6.00

For more information contact
Ed Raabe by email at
ed.raabe@gmail.com



To all members

Remember that this newsletter
goes to press the 15th of each
month. Please remember the
date!

If you want your article to appear,
I need it by the 15th!

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!



"Hello, I just wanted to give praise to your company and the great job you do. In a world that seems to lack in customer service, as well as a complete business plan, your company is head and shoulders above the rest. Being a long time car restorer, tech advisor and a shop supervisor, it is a pleasure to deal with a company of your quality. Through the years I have tried other companies but your company is the best... Once again thanks for providing a great service to the car hobby."

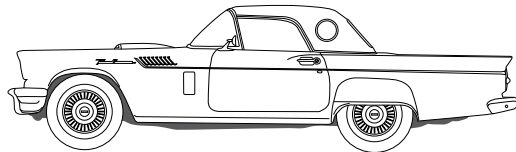
Brent B. – Iowa



1957 Thunderbird

Make your dream happen.

- 3 LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE • HUGE IN-STOCK INVENTORIES
- 24/7 PHONE SUPPORT • LOW SHIPPING RATES



55-57 THUNDERBIRD

FREE Parts Catalogs Call 24/7 **800-874-7595**

Follow Us On



40 Restoring American History Since 1976.
YEARS

Restoration/Performance Parts & Accessories

VISIT US AT WWW.NATIONALPARTSDEPOT.COM

3 LOCATIONS
WALK IN HOURS
Mon. - Fri. 8am-7pm
Sat. - Sun. 9am-5pm

FLORIDA DEPOT
800-874-7595
900 SW 38th Ave
Ocala, FL 34474

MICHIGAN DEPOT
800-521-6104
2435 S Haggerty Rd
Canton, MI 48188

N CAROLINA DEPOT
800-368-6451
7000 MacFarlane Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28262

Copyright © 2016 by National Parts Depot, All Rights Reserved

