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HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1957 THUNDERBIRD

**Auctions America
Ft Lauderdale 2017
Collector Car Auction
Coverage**



**Ford Thunderbird
Appreciation Day**

May 21st, 2017



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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.

OUR OBJECTIVE:

EVERY CLASSIC T-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER

Classic Thunderbird Club International

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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 Grille 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: _____

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editor's CORNER MAY 2017

This Month's addition has stories about The Clubs participation at the Auctions America Ft Lauderdale Event.

Duane Johnson's one of a kind 1957 Thunderbird "Shooting Brake" will be featured.

Arlene and I re-visit The Edison-Ford Winter Estate for an All Thunderbird show.

May 21st is National Thunderbird Appreciation day. The Club will celebrate with a Brunch at the Miami Shores Country Club. Like last year there will be dedicated parking for our Thunderbirds. I URGE you to drive your car to this Event in the spirit of the Day!

We have a new Web address; www.TBirdFL.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 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.

OLD CARS Weekly 2015 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Collector Car Club Newsletter.

CTCI Newsletter SILVER AWARD for our February 2016, Felipe Cos Tribute Edition

Pictures of the Events are also available for viewing on our Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida

and our club Website NEW ADDRESS

www.TbirdFL.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 MAY 2017 VOLUME 19, #5 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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MAY Auto Trivia

Q: What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?



The answer is on the last page!

THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

Our Club's web page:
www.TBirdFL.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

INTERNET PAGE

Have you seen our internet page? We have changed our address **www.TBirdFL.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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954-782-0107 www.ftlauderdaleaaca.com

AACA South Florida Region. President, Ron Mitro
www.aacasouthflorida.club

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

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russ@russgevents.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Ellen Gordon	03
Ed Brown	06
Leo Saladino	08
Ernie Saladino	09
Angel Luis Morales	11
Georgina Dominguez	16
Melanie Manso	16
Richard Manso	17
Leo Smith	30

**You're Not Old
You're a Classic**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information. Please contact me to update your records.



Hello Fellow Members!

Our participation in the yearly Auctions America (RM) Auction event was as always, a success, largely due to the effort 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. Although this year, we could have used a larger participation on the side of our club, thankfully, other clubs and volunteers stepped in and filled the spaces, but that meant less income to the Club. Looking forward to next year (2018) and an increased participation from our club to once again, make this 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 right around the corner 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



The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida
Invites All Members
to
Annual Club Brunch
May 21st 2017
11am

Miami Shores Country Club • 10000 Biscayne Blvd • Miami Shores FL

All Club Member's Classic Cars Welcome
Designated Club Parking
Celebrate
Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day
Bring your Thunderbird to celebrate the World Wide Event

Reserve your seat now
Members enjoy a discounted price of \$20.00 per person. Guests @ \$39.00
Please Bring Cash. No credit cards can be accepted.
RSVP castro@thelighthouse.net by May 17th
Details and registration www.TbirdFL.com





CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB - SUNDAY BRUNCH
ALL ANTIQUE CARS WELCOMED






MAY 21, 2017 - 11:00 AM
MIAMI SHORES COUNTRY CLUB
10000 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - MIAMI SHORES, FLORIDA 33138
DETAILS www.TbirdFL.com



maybe bring back a memory or two! Of course, whatever Classic you drive is welcomed, it does not have to be a Thunderbird. Our Newsletter editor Ed, is planning a special edition of the Newsletter to commemorate the event

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.tbirdfl.com, for the latest news on what the club is planning. Yes, as you can see, we shortened the name of our website to make it easier to give the name to others and prospective new members! The old name, www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com, as well as www.tbirdflorida.com, will also work the same, www.tbirdfl.com is just the shortest, but all 3 will work!

During the April 19 meeting, we discussed the upcoming events and the details for the Road Trip and for the 300 Mile 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 had so much to cover in April, we did 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.tbirdfl.com, check in often!

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

April 19, 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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM
Oscar said that the results were favorable for our show at Tropical Park despite the date change. Thanks to those who made an extra effort with flyers. Elvis did an awesome job. We had about 190 cars. The lowriders loved the song played for them which made them feel welcome and happy. We netted \$ 1,350.00. A big thanks to the park that was good to us for not charging us for the date change due to the inclement weather.

Ed motioned to change date permanently. However, after discussion Oscar said we should not change the date. It only rained previously on that date 7 years prior.

Grace said we should address the problem of exiting the show. Possibly have the police stay 1 hour longer to help with the exiting.

Leo said that Auction America went well, thanks to Gail, Mike, Ed and everyone else in the club that helped. Our drivers were great. Leo had a cute story due to a battery problem in the trunk of the car he was showing. He unknowingly started driving it with the mechanic still in the trunk who was fixing the battery.

Gail said some members were great that put in so many hours and kudos to the other clubs that helped.

Mike said we donate some of our proceeds to McPherson Automotive college.

Elvis was frustrated about the instructions and the parking permit for the Auction and would like more clarity next year. Oscar explained there was a last-minute schedule change and pledged to have better communication next year.

Gail is handling our Sunday Brunch this year. It will be at the same place as it was last year on Sunday May 21st. It will be at Miami Shores Country Club. They are graciously allowing us to Park all of our Thunderbirds and other classical cars in front of the building. The charge is \$ 39.00 per person for non-members. As a member, you and your spouse pay only \$ 20.00 each. It is a very elaborate brunch. Please go to our site for more explanation and to register for the brunch or send an Email to Gail if you are going or need more

information. It is Ford Thunderbird day which makes it a great day to have it. Ed will be taking pictures for CTCl that day.

Daisy said we should try and get a press release out. She has a connection with someone on Channel 4.

Ed & Marylin from the Venetian Isles where we had our Luau are looking to become members. They are also inviting us to their July 4th picnic where we can showcase our cars. They will be having food trucks and each car will be given 2 tickets for food. They will know shortly if they will be having fireworks that night.

The Lakeland hotels for the rally in October are all sold out. Oscar is working on the Inn on the Lake in Sebring to block off 40 rooms for October 21st and 22nd and in September for Sebring Thunder he will give us the details soon.

Our Holiday Party this year will be at Leo's place where we had it 2 years ago which went well.

Norm met Art Polichek, President of Classic Car show who has a nice place in Pompano Beach. He has invited us to view his collection of about 40 classic cars. Norm went a few years ago and he said they were great. He will consider a date for it in early fall. A few blocks away is the Starlight Diner which is a 50's diner where we can munch away.

Ed is concerned that the advertising is down for our Newsletter and we are running at a deficit. Bill said we should possibly have speakers who will advertise and come to speak to get more business. Ed said the club might have to cover the deficit which could be around \$ 600.00. A motion by Bill was to cover the deficit up to \$ 1000.00. Motion was seconded.

We all have faith in Ed to get more adventures in getting advertisers.

Leo reminded us to tell merchants when you go to them that we appreciate them advertising with us.

Norm Gerstein is a new member with a 55 Thunderbird.

Daniel from the 500 car rally was a guest.

CTCl will be having a Regional Convention in New Jersey from August 2nd to August 6th. They are great fun to attend!

Motion to adjourn: 7:57 & 26 seconds





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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

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)

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Club Brunch 11:00 am

Bring your Thunderbird to celebrate this National Event

Designated Thunderbird Parking

Details and registration www.TBirdFL.com



August 2-6, 2017 CTCL Region 1 Convention, Whippany, NJ



If you enjoyed San Diego, you won't want to miss the 2017 Region 1 Convention being hosted by the New Jersey Open Road Thunderbird Club (NJORTC), August 2 thru 6 at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, NJ. We've gotten a tremendous early response and the convention is shaping up to be a lot of fun for all, with plans for New York City Tours, a Harbor Cruise, a cook out, and a host of other exciting activities.

So if you are up for coast-to-coast fun, mark your calendars now, and get ready for the first CTCL sanctioned Regional Convention to be held in the Tri-State area in over 10 years.

Registrations are now open! The Registration Form is available on our website www.njortc.org. For registration questions or information contact Wendy Meehan at RegisterNJ2017@njortc.org or 973-267-2958. For general questions contact the Convention Chairman, Pat LeStrange at NJ2017@njortc.org or 201-920-7226.

Hotel Reservations

The block of rooms at the host hotel, the Hanover Marriott, is sold out.

We have negotiated overflow rooms for the convention at the nearby Residence Inn. It is located about 1 mile from the host hotel, and they are matching the Marriott's convention rates. Free breakfast (hot and cold buffet) and WiFi are included in the rates.

Overflow Hotel Reservations - Callers must mention the hotel name and rate code(s):

Reservations: 1800-331-3131

Hotel: Residence Inn Parsippany

For Wed, 8/2 (Rate = \$199) Rate Code = Region 1 Convention

For nights of Thurs, 8/3 - Sun, 8/6 (Rate = \$139) Rate Code = Region 1 Convention Classic Thunderbird Club

Please contact Wendy Meehan at RegisterNJ2017@njortc.org or 973-267-2958 if you have any questions about your hotel reservations, or to be added to the waiting list for rooms at the host hotel as they may become available from cancellations, etc.



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

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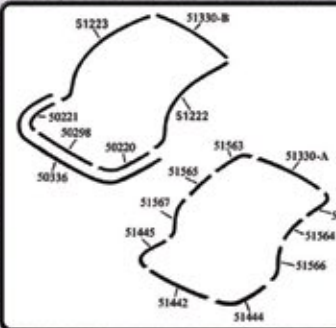
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1957 Thunderbird Shooting-Brake

Ed Raabe

This story is about Duane Johnson's quest to build a 1957 Thunderbird "Shooting-Brake" We know this body style here as a "Station wagon", "Wagon" or Square-back.

The Shooting – Brake terminology was created in England to describe a vehicle Sport- Shooters would carry their guns and gear in, on the way to a Hunt. Then the term "Brake" for stowing gear used to "brake-in" wild horses was added. Usually a 2-door car, they are different than 4-door "Estates", another English term for the American, "Station Wagon".

The following is Duane's own account of what happened during the build, which he graciously submitted at my request for the story including a picture of him examining the skirt.

I have added a few pictures from the Edison-Ford Winter Estate show where I first saw the car.



In August 2013, CT CI member David Tulowitzky put a picture of a 57 T-bird station wagon on the cover of their newsletter. At the time, we didn't know it was a computer generated picture. When I saw the picture, I thought that is neat, that is something I can build. After much investigation on the internet searching for the original photo, Debby found the man that made the picture. We then started looking for a car for the project, not knowing what it was going to look like. I didn't want to cut up a good car. We found a junk T—bird car in Missouri, and bought it. A building had fallen in on it, mashed the windshield frame onto the dash and mashed the right front fender really bad. It had an old Mustang engine and transmission that I didn't want. I took the engine and transmission out and traded them for some parts I needed.

I put a windshield frame and front fender on it and was able to straighten the rear quarter. I wanted the body repaired and roughed in before I started on the top. That took to the end of 2014.

We went to Florida for the winter and came back in March 2015. Then I found a 61 Ford Falcon two door wagon that would make a good donor top. So we went to Alabama to pick up the car. It had been sitting in a barn in the back of a field for twenty years (the keys were still in the ignition) . It had no tailgate on it.

We got it home and spent a day cleaning the grass and everything the coon and ground hog had carried into the car. The car was full. I then cut the top off it and dissected the top into six pieces and put it on the body. I did the fabricating and welding while a friend of mine did the finish work Together we made a good team.

I decided I would put a modern engine in the car. It is a Ford 5.0, so it had to be a Ford engine.

Deb found a 94 Mustang GT with a 5.0 fuel injected engine and AOD transmission on the internet The price was right so off' to Chicago - we had another car to buy. I put that in and got it wired and ruiming. I made a custom all stainless-steel grill. I added disc brakes all around and classic air and heat and rack & pinion & steering and got it finished.

I ran into little problems here and there and worked them out. The body was finished and painted, a new headliner was installed, and we went to Florida. We came back in March 2016 and went to work finishing little things that were left. I was still waiting on bumpers from the plater, and after 6 months I finally got them back. I have made numerous other changes, and I am very satisfied with the way the car turned out. She turns a lot of heads and draws a crowd at car shows

Duane Johnson — EBOH Chapter 45

Pictures by John Smith



Edison-Ford Winter Estate Thunderbird Show

Ed Raabe

Along with the All Ford Show in February, the Edison-Ford Winter Estate celebrates the Ford Thunderbird with its own show in March. This was again an opportunity for Arlene and I to travel to the "Left Coast" to visit Ft. Myers, the Estate and the "Old Town" for some shopping and dining. The grounds were buzzing with activity and the day was picture perfect. The Classic T-Birds of Tampa Bay provided these beautiful Thunderbirds! The 50's Tribute car is owned by Ron Davis.



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Auctions America, Ft Lauderdale Collector Car Sale

Ed Raabe

Each year Auctions America kicks off their season by coming to Ft Lauderdale for 3 days of non-stop auction action!

This year over 475 cars from Classics to Exotics were presented for sale, March 31st to April 2nd.



Among these were a 1963 Mercedes Benz 300 SL Roadster, estimated to be worth 1.5 million dollars, Don Yenko's personal 70 Chevy Nova and a 2007 Ferrari F430 once owned by President Donald Trump! Over two dozen Porsche cars from the JLG Autocrib collection were offered, so we all drove at least one of those cars!

Of course there were a few Early Birds, as well as a low mileage "New Bird" and some classic 60's Bullits and Flairs.

Volunteering at this event is work, but also tremendous fun! Where else can you have the opportunity to drive a Classic 1929 Packard Custom Eight Runabout right after jumping out of a 63 Dodge Polara "Max Wedge"?

For Angel Morales, club member and also a Mercedes enthusiast, sitting in the 300 SL Mercedes was a dream come true, let alone a chance to drive it up the auction block!

We faced many challenges figuring out how to get in some of these cars, how to start and to drive them. Stopping? Check the brakes!



The first few days during the week are spent unloading and staging. At this time we drive, tow and push cars into their assigned spaces.

A lot is going on around us too, like TV show productions and interviews.

The Auctions America crew work long into the night after we are gone, so that everything is ready to go without a hitch! Thursday



evening there is a pre-view and Friday starts the Auction. Friday, Saturday and Sunday we supply over 30 drivers from 4 clubs under the Classic Thunderbird Club's supervision. Our guest clubs are the Mercury Club, Studebaker Club and Cruisers Club. Those auctioneers keep us busy! Remember 475 Cars need to be seen and sold! This is also the most important fund raiser for our club, allowing us to have events like the Annual Brunch, Laua, Holiday and monthly meeting dinners with little or no co-payments. I urge those members who did not attend to mark your calendar next year, because this is too much fun to miss out on!



I got to drive some a wide variety of vehicles.

Some included a 1954 NCRS National Top Flight Corvette Roadster, 1963 Corvair Monza Turbo convertible, 1949 Chevy Pickup, 1948 Packard 180 convertible, 1970 Buick

Wildcat 455 cu. In. SE Sport Coupe, Ferrari 348 TS,

63 Stingray Split Window, a 71 Barracuda 383 sold originally in Sweden and was brought back to the US for this sale! This list goes on and on. A few of the Autocrib Porsches and two of the 56 Thunderbirds.

The strangest was the 1939 Bantam 60 Boulevard Delivery Town Car. It's kind of like a Clown Car, but they were really



built for light package delivery in NYC in the 1940s. Only 5 remain today, estimated value \$50,000!

Not the easiest car to drive, but the real challenge cars were mostly left to Larry, Stuart, Mike and Bill to drive, "they can drive anything" was heard over and over. Here is

partial list; 1915 Model T Ford Fire Chief's Car, 1903 Buckmobile D Runabout, 1929 Packard Custom Eight, 1930 Cadillac V16 Sedan, 1930 Packard Delux Eight 7 Passenger Grand Touring Phaeton, (these cars are huge) Ferrari 458 2012 Challenge Series race car, This car was so hot it was on fire!! a Dodge NASCA Cup Series #2,



1931 Ford A Funeral Coach and Leo drove the 1960 Fiat Jolly!



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condition
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**Lot 727 1966 Diamond Blue
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**Lot 469 1956 Fiesta Red / White
hardtop / #2 condition
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**Lot 139 1961 Monte Carlo Red
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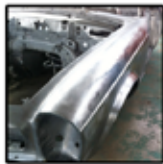
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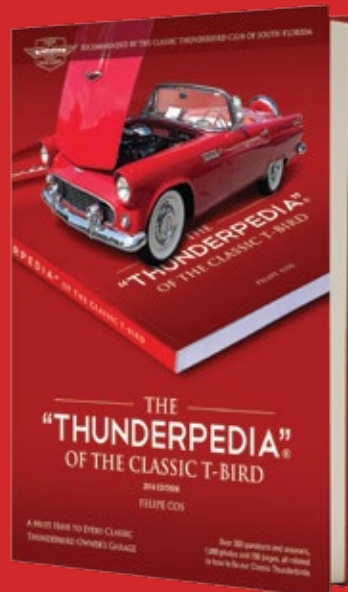
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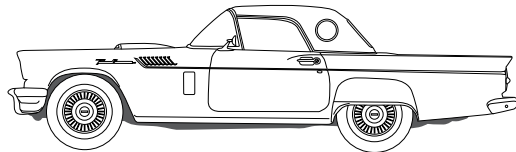
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