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**CTCI News**

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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?

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](http://www.ctci.org) in an editable .pdf format.

## August 2-6, 2017 CTCI Region 1 Convention, Whippany, NJ



### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ctci.org).

### OUR OBJECTIVE:

**EVERY CLASSIC T-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER**

## Classic Thunderbird Club International

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### 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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CTCI # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ck # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

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# editor's CORNER

AUGUST 2017

Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

The Summer is here in all its steaming glory, so we decided to have an "Indoor Outing" Some of our Club members joined The Mercury Club to visit Dezer's new car Museum at the Xtreme Action Park in Ft Lauderdale. A story appears in this issue. Please pay special attention to Oscar's Presidential message regarding 2 upcoming Club Events. Participation in the Sebring Thunder weekend Sept 15-17 and the annual Florida 300 Mile Rally October 20th-22nd, which includes the Lake Mirror Classic Car show and Concours d' Elegance. Details are in this issue and on the webpage at [www.TBirdFL.com](http://www.TBirdFL.com)

Club Members John and Celia Layzell competed in the Great Race 2017 Jacksonville FL. to Traverse City MI June 24th to July 2nd. They will be driving "Little Red" their famous Peking to Paris VW Beetle Rally Car. We will have John and Celia as our guests at a future meeting to tell their tale of adventure!

We recently had air-conditioning installed in our Thunderbird by Eagle Overhauling, air conditioning specialists and advertisers supporting the Thunderbird News. Carlos and Diego were great to deal with. The facility, in 3 large buildings, is really something to see! We also had some issues solved and a tune-up performed by Paul at Prime Tune. Our Baby Bird never ran so smoothly! Special Thanks to Paul & Kathy!

Please remember to support our advertising partners and don't forget to tell them you saw it in The Thunderbird News!

OLD CARS Weekly 2016 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Collector Car Club Newsletter.

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 corrected in the next issue.

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](http://www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida) and our club Website NEW ADDRESS [www.TbirdFL.com](http://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 AUGUST 2017 VOLUME 19, #8 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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# AUGUST Auto Trivia

**Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?**



The answer is on the last page!

## THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

**Our Club's web page: [WWW.TBirdFL.com](http://WWW.TBirdFL.com)**

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## INTERNET PAGE

**Have you seen our internet page?** We have changed our address [www.TBirdFL.com](http://www.TBirdFL.com) and we have a Facebook page too! Search Classic Thunderbird Club South Florida or [www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida](http://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"!

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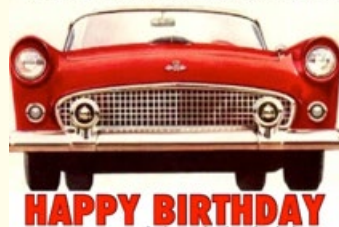
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Kelly Leatherwood	1
Manolo Sanchez	4
Suellen Zimet	5
Jose Canal	6
George Bishopric	12
Bridget Hagood	16
Walter Schade	18
Pedro Vidal	19
Daniel Alvarez	27

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



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!

Registrations are now open for the Road Trip to the Sebring Thunder in September and the 2017 8th edition of the 300 Mile Rally in October! Keep an eye out for emails and check our website, [www.tbirdfl.com](http://www.tbirdfl.com), for the latest updates to the itinerary for each event.

**IMPORTANT**, Hotel reservations are filling up, please register and then reserve your hotel room, they are going FAST! On July 19th, when the registrations opened, we already had 23 rooms booked by people who reserved before we even opened the registration! For the 300 Mile Rally, all King rooms are gone, you can go on standby, but I doubt any of us will cancel. Only Queen and Double rooms remain.

The registration for the Miami to Sebring Thunder Car Show will go up on August 1st, then again on August 16, and will CLOSE on August 31. We have to follow the pricing schedule instituted by the Sebring Thunder organization. **NO GATE REGISTRATIONS** will be accepted for this event.

It is very important that those of you that already have rooms reserved, that you PLEASE go online and register for the event at [www.tbirdfl.com](http://www.tbirdfl.com). We need to match our list with the one from the hotel, since the room discount will only apply to the registered participants.

Between Elvis and I, we have taken three road trips up and down the central part of Florida to plan both the September Road Trip and the 2017 8th Edition of the 300 Mile Rally! (Thank You Elvis!) There are still a few more trips pending to finalize the route and then more trips to check, re-check, and triple check the measurements, sorry Elvis, but when we do those last 3 trips, which is when the auto-controls are timed and defined, I will go with Marcia and you will have to stay home. That way you will be able to compete in the Rally, on the same level as everyone else. ☐ I will keep everyone posted on our progress via email!

Once more, but it bears repeating, PLEASE remember that because of the joint participation from all the other groups and clubs in the related events surrounding both trips (Sebring and Rally), the availability of hotel rooms will be LIMITED. Those participating will need to reserve the hotel rooms and apply for the Car Show WELL in advance of the event date. Some hotels (for the Rally trip) have already sold out and the Lake Mirror Car Show will not accept any late or gate registrations!

For the 300 Mile Rally, we are planning a video presentation during dinner and we need your pictures! Please send copies to me or Elvis (details went out on the July meeting reminder email). We specially need pictures from the early era of the club, and if anyone has them from the very first show or activity! We need those SOON, since they have to be sorted and matched to the music, etc.

Information on all of our activities are posted on our website [www.tbirdfl.com](http://www.tbirdfl.com), check in often! Remember, we shortened the name of our website to [www.tbirdfl.com](http://www.tbirdfl.com) in order to make it easier to give the name to others and prospective new members! The old name, [www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com](http://www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com), as well as [www.tbirdflorida.com](http://www.tbirdflorida.com), will also work the same, [www.tbirdfl.com](http://www.tbirdfl.com) is just the shortest, but all 3 will work!

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





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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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**for advertising**  
**in the newsletter**

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## Dezer Museum Ft Lauderdale

Ed Raabe

Classic Thunderbird Club SF members joined with The Mercury Club on Saturday July 8th for an outing at the New Dezer Car Museum located inside the Xtreme action Park in Ft Lauderdale.

Mike McNeal as President of the Mercury Club who is also a Thunderbird Club member got a group of both club's members together to visit this recently opened collection. Among our CTCSF members attending were Daisy and Felix, Olga and Johnny, Anita and Paul with Arlene and myself.

This 2nd Dezer collection is similar to the Miami location, but even at a whopping 30,000 square feet is small in comparison. The Miami location is housed in 2 buildings with over 50,000 square feet! You need to go through the Xtreme Action Park entrance to buy your entry tickets. There is also Xtreme go kart racing if you are in the mood!

The Dezer Showroom is divided up among several themes. The Roaring 20's, Rolls Royce, Hollywood Movie Stars and Cars, Military, 50s Land Yachts and Micro Cars.



The Hollywood car collection was fantastic! A Back to the Future DeLorean, a Batmobile, Captain Nemo's Cruiser from The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, and Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Tribute Cars.

All kinds of Military vehicles including a "Duck"! This one was all original in full military gear, not a tour bus like the kind that ferries tourists up and down Duval Street in Key West!







As Paul and I wondered around the “Havana Nights” Exhibit of late 50’s cruisers we both found cars we had in common. A 1959 Edsel, Paul had a 58 and I have a 59

A 59 Chrysler Imperial like the one his Grandfather owned and a 59 Cadillac just like MY Grandfather owned, right down to the model and color!



The Mini cars were stacked on racks to the ceiling!

We spent the most amount of time there. Tandem seat Messerschmitt cars, Fiats, makes we never heard of and shapes we have never seen!

One car, a Zundapp Janus looked the same from the front or back! Was it coming or going? It was built by the Zundapp motorcycle company in post WWII Germany to answer the need for inexpensive and affordable car that could up to hold 4 people.

To save production cost it was designed with occupant entry through matching doors, one the front and one in the back. The front vent windows matched the rear and the left and right-side windows were identical, too! The car was appropriately named, Janus from the Roman God who appeared to have two faces, one on each side of his head. Only 6,900



cars were produced in 1957-58 due to poor sales and the production facility sold to Bosch. This a rare one indeed!



Most of the cars in the collection are presented in original condition right down to the tires.

We were told that a themed restaurant facility was being created that could be reserved for parties located just behind the Presidential Limo and cardboard President Trump “stand up” It is well worth the \$10.00 admission to visit again and again!



## August 2-6, 2017 CTCI 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 CTCI sanctioned Regional Convention to be held in the Tri-State area in over 10 years.

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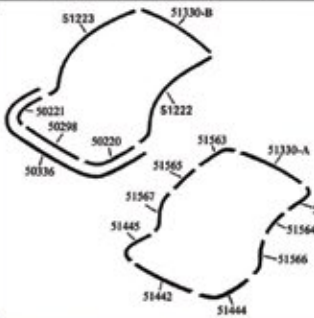
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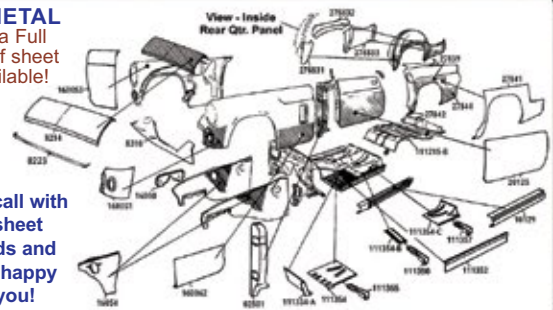
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July 19th, 2017 7:00PM at Trattoria Pampered Chef, Miami Lakes

BY ED RAABE

# MINUTES OF MEETING

Type of meeting: Monthly  
Meeting called by Oscar Castro, President  
Facilitator: Oscar Castro  
Recording the Minutes: Ed Raabe

CALL TO ORDER:  
The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

Before Club business was discussed, Gary Stump took the opportunity to thank the Club for the "Get Well Basket" sent to Amy, who just underwent back surgery. Oscar mention the Club also sent a "GW Basket" to Robin Gabe following her surgery. "We wish them both a full and speedy recovery".

Our next meeting will be Sept 21st however there will be NO meeting in October due to the Florida 300 Mile Rally days. November will be the last meeting of the year.

Our September run to Sebring Thunder will leave around 6 – 7 PM on Sept. 15 and will run until Sunday, Sept. 17 after we go on the racetrack. Please check the website for more info and to book rooms. Registration is now open.

The 300 Mile Rally from Miami to Lakeland will be from October 20 – 22nd. Again, check the website. Oscar has made the first run for the rally but he needs to make another run to tune it up. He said we need to book a room soon. Kick Off will be with a Rally School Thursday Night with a dinner at the Pini Insurance. Departure will be at 6am. He would like to get there by noon, have lunch, go into the pool and have a reception with dinner and dancing Friday night. Saturday is the Car show followed by a group dinner. Sunday breakfast and departure home.

A feature of the Party will be a video retrospective about our Club. If you have pictures, especially from the Clubs early days, please send them ASAP to Oscar and Elvis so Elvis can prepare the presentation in October.

Oscar mentioned there is now one entry fee amount for either of the Lake Mirror car shows, the Concours and Street show, \$51.50. We cannot present our cars together as the event is staged by year of manufacture, but you may of, course enroll or simply park and enjoy the shows. It is a full days Event! There is a registration link on the 300 Mile Rally on our Club website. Again, Oscar asked everyone to please go the website and that registration for both Events is now open and the rooms reserved at the Inn on the Lake in Sebring are going fast!

John and Celia Layzell successfully completed this years Great Race from Florida to Michigan! They will be at our next meeting

to give us a presentation and speak about the joys of Rallying. If anyone knows of anyone of interest that would like to speak at our meetings; please we would love to have them in the coming months.

Peter was introduced and spoke about Club hats & shirts. He is exploring the possibility of getting a long sleeve shirt for protection from the sun.

Motion to adjourn: 7:50PM



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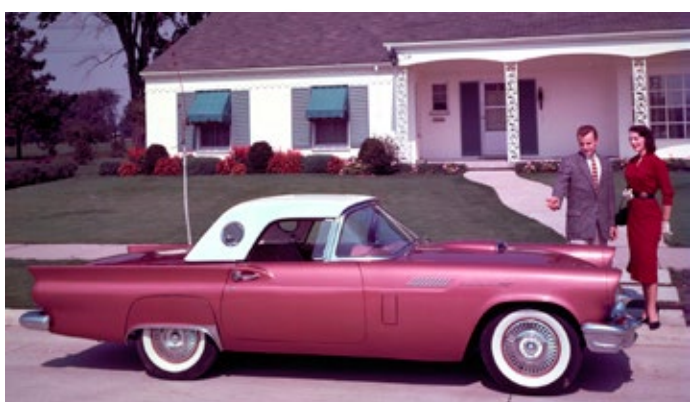


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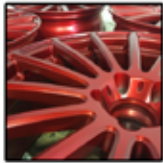
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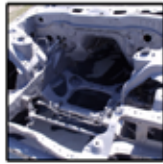
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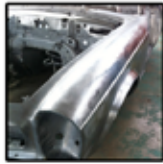
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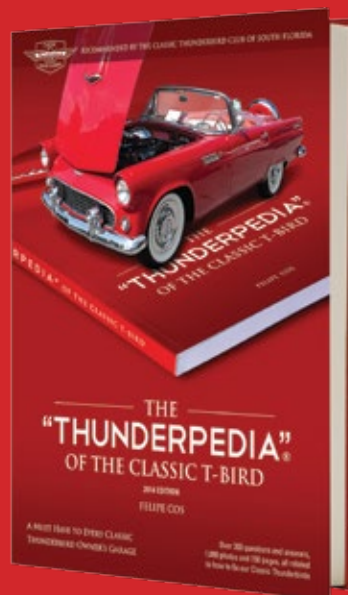
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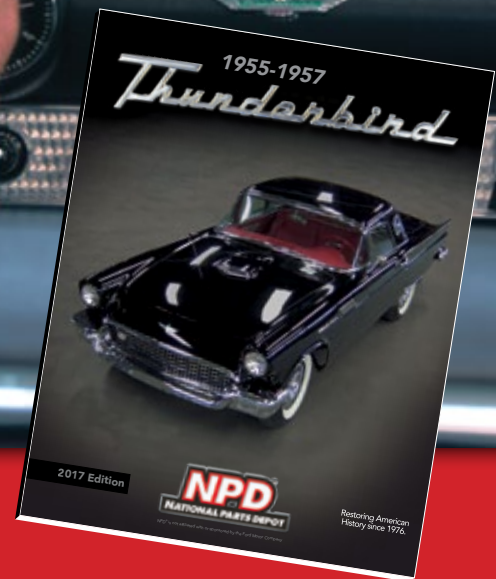
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