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Club Members John and Celia Layzell, "Little Red" and The Great Race 2017

HAPPY 60th
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 OF THE 1957 THUNDERBIRD

RALLY SEASON

Great Race 2004 #99 Felipe Cos 1956 Thunderbird



Great Race 2017
 Upcoming Club Road Trips and Rally Info
 Car Shows and Cruis-Ins
 CTCI News and 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

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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.

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: _____

Chk # _____ Amt Rec'd: _____

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editor's CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2017

Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

September is here already! The Club Rally Season kicks off with a run to Sebring Thunder

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

Club Members John and Celia Layzell competed in the Great Race 2017 Jacksonville FL. to Traverse City MI June 24th to July 2nd. They drove "Little Red" their famous Peking to Paris VW Beetle Rally Car. John and Celia were our guests at the August meeting to recount their experience. For those of you who were not able to be there, John has allowed me to publish the presentation in this issue.

There are references in art work and illustrations in this Issue to Hagerty Insurance, Coker Tire, Reliable Carriers and Hemmings News, sponsors of the Great Race. These references are not meant to be advertisements or endorsements.

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 Weelky 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 2017 Newsletter Competition GOLD AWARD for our October Rally 2016 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 SEPTEMBER 2017 VOLUME 19, #9 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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CTCI Chapter #114

Felipe Cos Founder

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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

SEPTEMBER Auto Trivia

Q: What car was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and released on April Fool 's Day, 1970?



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Medina Canal	4	Kokys Garcia	20
Bill Budd	9	Andres Santana	20
Steve Jones	9	Arlene Raabe	22
Peter Klein	11	Stuart Corenblum	26
Rosh Moore	14		
Norm Gabe	15		
Daniel Romagnoli	16		
Eddie Sotelo	16		
Marisa Alvarez	17		
Connie Danluck	17		
Caridad Ramos	18		

*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.

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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Muscle Stangs of Miami: Ayanidys Martinez
305 321-0437

Jumpin' Jack Productions: Jack Corssino
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Cobra Joe Productions: Joe Bevelacqua
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VMCCA Sun Coast Chapter. President David Bobbitt
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Russ G Events: Russ Gagliano III
russ@russgevents.com



Hello Fellow Members!

By the time you read this, registrations for the Road Trip to the Sebring Thunder in September will be closed and we will be making the last-minute preparations before leave Miami on Friday the 15th. If you missed out, don't worry, we have another awesome activity coming up on October 20-22, it is the 8th edition of the 300 Mile Rally! Keep an eye out for emails and check our website, www.tbirdfl.com, for the latest updates to this event. Don't procrastinate and take a chance on missing out on this weekend adventure, register now and reserve you Hotel room soon! Last day to register for the Rally will be September 30!

IMPORTANT, Hotel reservations are filling up, please register and then reserve your hotel room, they are going FAST! 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. 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 now taken 4 road trips up and down the central part of Florida to plan both the route for the 2017 8th Edition of the 300 Mile Rally and the route has been finalized! (Thank You Elvis!) There are still a few more trips pending to check, re-check, and triple check the measurements, sorry Elvis, but when we do those last trips, time the auto-controls, 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 the 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 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 nice awards banquet and a video presentation during dinner; it will be a look back at the history of our club (in pictures). Thank you to all of you that submitted the over 400 pictures! Elvis has already begun to sort by date and to select the set that will make up the presentation. He would have loved to show ALL of the pictures he received, but would have meant adding an extra day to the trip so that we could have enough time to see them all !

Information on all of our activities are posted on our website www.tbirdfl.com, check in often! Remember, we shortened the name of our website to 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, as well as www.tbirdflorida.com, will also work the same, 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



SEPTEMBER 2017



ROAD TRIP

MIAMI to SEBRING

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
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THUNDER

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SHOW

SEBRING THUNDER

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POOLSIDE RECEPTION
LIVE CONCERT
BURNOUT COMPETITION (OPTIONAL)

SATURDAY
BREAKFAST
CAR SHOW
T-SHIRT
DINNER
HOTEL RECEPTION

SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
MULTIPLE LAPS AROUND SEBRING
TRACK
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TO PARTICIPATE IN THE



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RALLY SCHOOL
DINNER

FRIDAY
BREAKFAST
SNACKS
LUNCH
POOLSIDE RECEPTION
DINNER / DANCE
TROPHY PRESENTATION

SATURDAY
BREAKFAST
CAR SHOW

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The Great Race 2017

by John & Celia Layzell

Coming into September we begin our Club Rally Season and I thought it would be nice to share Club members John Layzell and his wife Celia's latest Rally exploits during the 2017 Great Race Rally. John and Celia gave this presentation at our August meeting. Ed Raabe

The Great Race was first organized in 1983 by Tom McRae and Norman Miller when they raced from Los Angeles to Indianapolis with 69 entrants in.

34 years later there are 120 entrants each year, with an everexpanding waiting list. 2018 is already sold-out

The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida founder, Felipe Cos, participated multiple times in the GREAT RACE and was our inspiration to compete.

Technically, The Great Race is a Time-Speed-Distance (T.S.D.)

Rally

The only 'rally' equipment permitted is:

Analog speedometer

Analog clock

Stopwatch (digital OK)

Performance charts (printed)

GPS, cell phones, calculators, digital watches forbidden!

Odometers must be fully cover

Daily starting order chosen by random number selection.

Cars depart at 1-minute intervals.

Acceleration and deceleration to and from prescribed speeds are expected to be instantaneous!

Goal is to finish each 'leg' in the exact time prescribed by thecourse organizers.

Each second early or late on a leg = 1 penalty point.

Example: 5 seconds early on leg 1, and 7 seconds late on leg 2 = 12 penalty points.



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The Four 'S' Rules of The Great Race

S1 = Safety!

S2 = Start on Time

S3 = Stay on Course

S4 = Stay on Time

(S5 = Stay Married!)



Recap: 121 starters, 98 finishers, we finished 79th overall and 17th of 40 rookies, scoring one 'Ace' (a perfect score on 'Leg').

Total trip 5,136 miles in 21 days through 10 states at 26.14 mpg.

47 year old 'Little Red' never missed a beat, but did consume a lot of oil!

Follow Little Red's upcoming adventures on:

www.facebook.com/PekingToParis2013LittleRed



"Little Red" Team Layzell



Day 1, Starting Point Jacksonville, FL



First night, Tifton, GA



Day 2, Dinner at the Coker Factory, Chattanooga, TN

The Great Race of 2018 is sold out!
Get on the waiting list for 2019! www.greatrace.com





Day 3, Bowling Green, KY



Day 5, Wapakoneta, OH Birthplace of Neal Armstrong



Day 6, Ypsilanti, MI



Day 4, Franklin, IN



Day 7, Frankenmuth, MI





Day 8, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

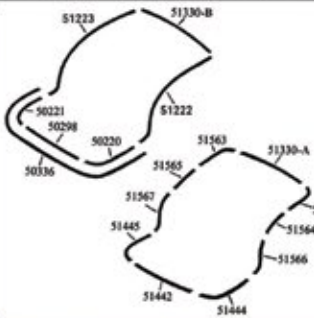


Day 9, Traverse City, MI THE FINISH LINE!



On the way home, the Blue Ridge Parkway, TN





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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.

18813-AR 55/57 kit 59.95



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9430-EDB RH 255.00
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6882-K 55/57, Adapter . . 29.95
 6881-K 55/57, Adapter & spin-on filter . . . 37.95



WATER PUMP PULLEY

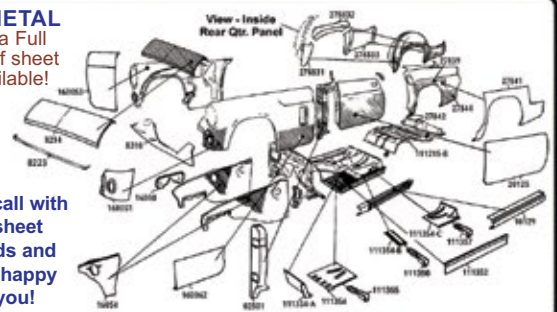
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MINUTES OF MEETING

President Oscar Castro opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and immediately thanked members John and Celia Layzell for attending and who would later give a wonderful presentation of their participation in the 2017 Great Race.

Oscar announced that club members had until Aug. 31 to register for the hotel we will be using for the clubs upcoming outing to Sebring in mid-September.

The club will also have an outing Oct. 20-21-22 to Lakeland for a Rally and a show, formerly known as the Lake Mirror Show but now called the Lakeland show.

More information is available at our club's website: www.TBIRDFL.com

President Castro said that it is time to "find something (else) for us to go to or do, like a museum somewhere" as an event for the club in coming months. He mentioned a previous trip to Mount Dora.

Daisy Hernandez said club members had a good time on a trip to Stuart.

But Oscar said he "was thinking of something like a lunch or a brunch, possibly in North Dade or in Broward so some of the Broward members would be more likely to attend."

Paul Werner, who lives in Boca Raton, suggested the club go to Ellie's Diner in Delray Beach. The place is known as a gathering spot for old car enthusiasts in the North Broward/Southern Palm Beach Counties area.

Oscar announced that Peter Klein has club hats available for anyone who wants to buy them and that he is also taking orders for club shirts. Peter said he is working on getting long sleeve shirts made for us and should have a sample available at next month's meeting.

After the business part of the meeting, and our dinners, John and Celia Layzell gave us a wonderful presentation about their experience in the 2017 "Great Race," which spanned 2,200 miles -- from Jacksonville, Florida, to Traverse City, Michigan -- using roads that are the legendary "Dixie Highway." The journey took nine days and encompassed seven states.

They made the epic trip in "Little Red," -- a 1970 Volkswagen "Beetle" -- the same car John used in 2013 when he participated in -- and finished -- the famous Peking-to-Paris road rally. His navigator for that trip was

their son, Brett. Celia did not do that ride -- but met the two when they arrived in Paris at the end of the grueling journey.

That trip was longer by a couple thousand miles; it lasted 33

days and took them through parts of China, Mongolia and Siberia before passing through the Ukraine and other areas of Eastern Europe.

This year's trip started "just up the street" in Jacksonville and ended up at the top of Michigan.

John said the person who won The Great Race this year received a prize of \$50,000. The total amount of prizes was more than \$200,000. Competitors in the event had to pay an entry fee of \$5,000. There were 121 cars that started the competition and 98 of them finished. John said he and Celia came in 79th overall.

"The person who won it (this year) has done it about 25 times and has won it four times," he said.

John said he decided to enter this year's race because it started in Jacksonville and that is the same starting point that was selected for the 2006 Great Race in which club founder Felipe Cos participated. That event lasted about two weeks and ended in Southern California.

The "race" is not a speed contest; it is a trip involving somewhat tricky speed accuracy calculations over specific parts of the route. Celia was in charge of that -- and did very well.

"We scored an 'ace' -- a perfect score -- on one leg," John said proudly of her calculating skills.

Someone asked the couple if they argued a lot as they tried to be precise with their speed, etc. as they crossed the country.

Celia, who explained much of the technical "work" involved in calculating the timing admitted they had some arguments but "You have to remember there is one thing the driver must never say to the navigator: '(that is) ARE YOU SURE?'"

Both John and Celia said that "We were met everywhere by people" as they made the designated stops along the route, stopping for lunch and other short breaks.

They said the route took them through "Wapakoneta, Ohio, the birthplace of Neil Armstrong, and we saw the original John Lesley Special from the movie 'The Great Race' and we crossed the bridge from the Upper Peninsula to the other part of Michigan. There was a great view on each side."

John reiterated that "The real reason for us to do this was Felipe Cos. When it was announced the race was starting in Jacksonville, (we knew) it was the one to do."



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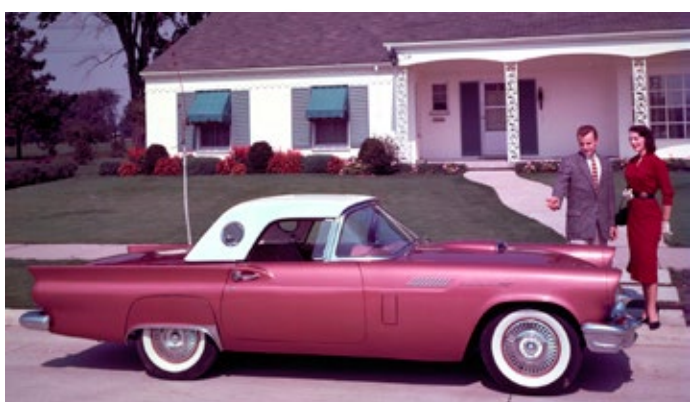


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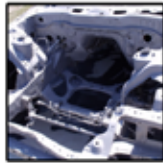
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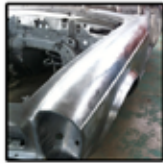
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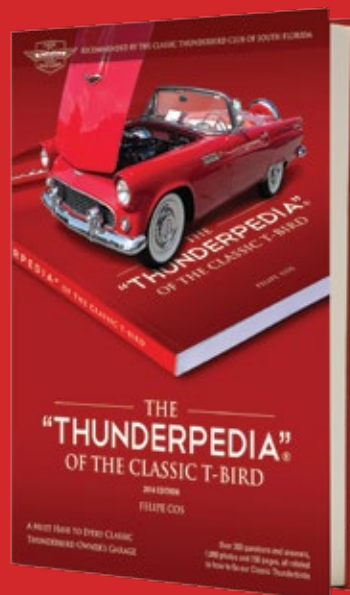
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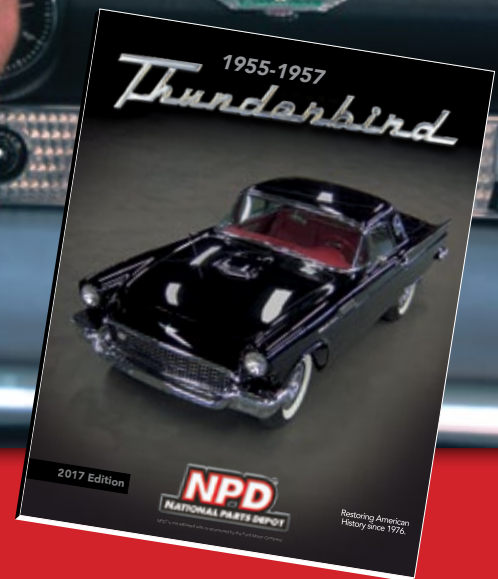
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