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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.



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

CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club

International Membership

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.



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JAN. 2018

Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

It is hard to believe, but New Year is upon us! Where did 2017 go, and why so fast? 2018 is a special year for The Thunderbird News. It's our 20th year of publication! The Classic Thunderbird Club was founded in 1998 and the 1st Newsletter was produced by Felipe, the club's Founder and first President in that year. I have the archive copies of all the issues since 2004, but none of the ones from those "early" years. If anyone still has them I would love to add them to the archives. Sadly, Felipe is not here to see the 20th year of his creation. I only hope I am doing justice to his legacy regarding this publication.

So, in looking over those issues I see nothing but a great group of Thunderbird loving people having a wonderful time together! The annual Car shows, Picnics, Holiday parties, Road Rallies, (Felipe's passion), a Club Cruise to the Caribbean and, of course the 2004 Birds In Paradise CTCL Convention. All that was before my time! We still enjoy the Car Show, the "Outings", the Rallies and Parties. We have grown a lot too. 24 members to now over 80 member-families!

Since we have so many new members, this year I would like to draw from some of those old issues, technical articles that everyone would find interesting. If you were the author of one of those articles and have the original Word document in your files, please contact me about republishing them for 2018. 2018 is also the year Paul Werner takes over from Oscar Castro as Club President.

I surely appreciate the articles that are being contributed to our Thunderbird News by our members. Please keep them coming! Thanks to you all for contributing to this month's edition,

Ed Raabe

Recently we 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!

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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"!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

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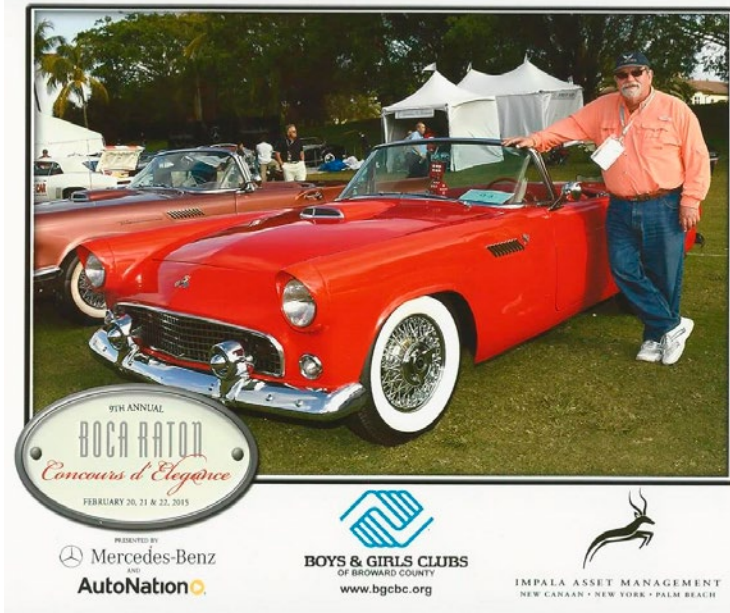
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



By the time you are reading this, the holidays are over and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I want to thank you all for your confidence in electing me your president. I plan on doing my best for our club, with your help.

I must commend Oscar for the fantastic job he did during the last two years. While our leadership styles may be different, our goals are the same. I am thankful to both him and Ed (it is good to have the support of the last two past presidents) as well as others that have offered to help me.

The holiday party was fantastic (thank you, Oscar). It was great to eat, drink and be merry together. Mean Santa was entertaining as a fine demonstration of skulduggery at its best. Richard's demonstration of how to unwrap and use an umbrella was both entertaining and educational. Jose gets the physical fitness award for the evening, having to get up and down more than anybody else. On January 20th, we will participating in the Redlands Riot Road Rally, having our own party afterwards. Oscar assured me it will be a lot of fun.

Our car show is coming up on January 28th. It is one of the premier car shows in our area, and important to our bottom line. It has been successful in the past and we are sticking to the same formula. This is an important fund raiser, so when Oscar reaches out to you for help, reach back.

Some members have voiced an interest in a morning breakfast, at a place where we could bring our cars and hang out with them, without the distractions of running a car show. I have heard you, and have scheduled a breakfast meet up on March 10th at 9AM, at Ellie's 50's Diner in Delray Beach. Since this is my first scheduled

event, I will do what most politicians do, give away free stuff. The breakfast is free to all club members whose dues are current. This is another member benefit. Guests are welcome, but will have to pay their own bill. We have met there before and it was well received. For those of you down south in the Miami area, think of it as a small road trip.

Later in the spring Oscar is planning a road trip to Naples, details to follow.

In May, we will be having our annual Brunch, always a crowd pleaser.

In the fall, we will have our annual Sebring Thunder Road Rally, culminating with a chance to drive the famous Sebring Track.

Of course there is the 2018 holiday party.

Together with our monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, there is a lot to do; a lot of fun ahead. However there is still room for more, so if you have an idea, call me and together we can make it happen.

Please feel free to contact me a 561-613-5715, or at drpaul4kids@gmail.com.

I look forward to the coming year.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so. Don't make me call you mom.

Party on.

Paul

President - 2018

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

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.

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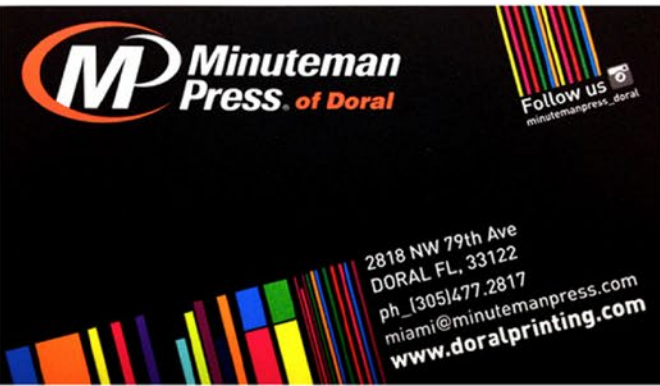
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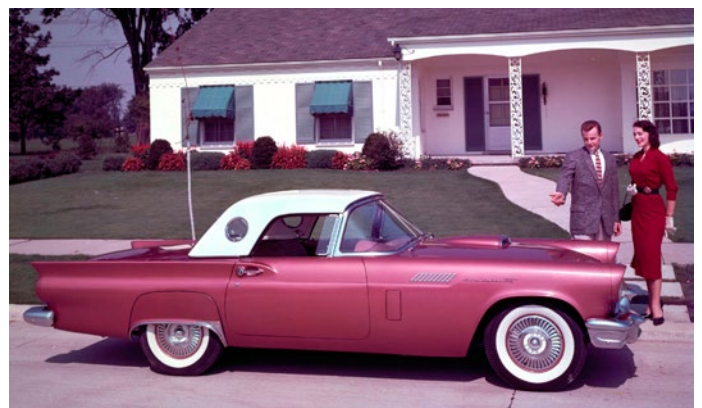
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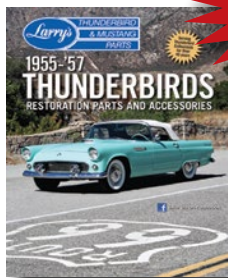
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2017 HOLIDAY PARTY



by Ed Raabe

On Sunday night, December 3rd the Club gathered for the Annual Holiday Party. This year, thanks to Dianna, Marcia and Oscar's daughter we got a great deal for a meeting room at the Holiday Inn in Hialeah Gardens.

There was plenty of room for everyone and we enjoyed a 3 course meal with delicious main courses of pasta, chicken and roast beef.

Before the dinner began Oscar thanked everyone for coming and said that through the hard work of those who helped at the Annual car show and the Auctions America auction, the dinner was free to members! Then he introduced the Club Officers for 2018.

Newly elected are President, Paul Werner, Secretary, Gail Corenblum and Directors Stuart Corenblum and Daniel Romagnoli. Remaining are Peter Klein as Treasurer, Leo Saladino as VP and Felix Hernandez as Director. Oscar will become our Events Director and Ed Raabe will remain as Thunderbird News Editor.

I was introduced and reminded everyone what a great job Oscar has done over the past 2 years to grow our membership, modernize our database and website and to create some of the most fun-filled events like the 300 Mile Rallies, Road Trips and Luau.

Paul said a few words about how much he was honored to be elected President. He said he was interested in having more "casual" events for those members who would be interested such as a breakfast at Ellie's 50's Dinner in Delray.

After the dinner Daisy took the stage to review the "Mean Santa" protocol. This year was, I think the best "Mean Santa" ever! Especially entertaining was Rich Manso and his "umbrella show". Jose Canal had to go back to the gift table over 7 times before he got a gift nobody wanted to steal! What fun! This was his first "Mean Santa" and he had a great attitude about it the whole time!

Elvis provided a fantastic video and music presentation and the best part was since it was pre-programmed he was able to stay

at a table with Marcia and "enjoy" the party!

When the evening ended I realized we forgot to open the Award for Excellence the Club gave to Oscar, so Marcia, Arlene and I had a little ceremony and presented it to him!



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November 18, 2017 St. Augustine, FL. Ancient City Region. 33rd Annual Auto Show. Donna Sherrod 904-501-0061; donnabeard88249@icloud.com

2018

February 8-10, 2018- AACA Annual Meeting - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 2-3, 2018- AACA Special Winter Meet/Special Annual Grand National -CANCELED San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 5-7, 2018 -Southeastern Spring Meet – Hornets Nest Region Charlotte, North Carolina

April 20-21, 2018- AACA Western Spring Meet – Tucson Region - Tucson, Arizona

May 31-June 2, 2018 -Annual Grand National Meet- Greensburg, Pennsylvania

July 11-14, 2018- Eastern Spring Meet– Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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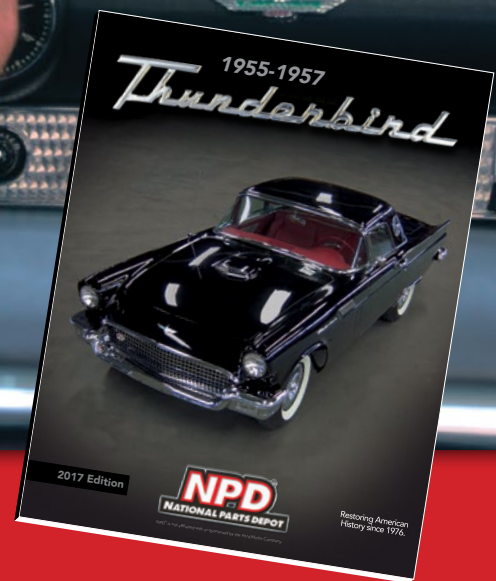
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