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ANNUAL CLUB BRUNCH & THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION DAY

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Stuart's Dad receives the keys of the "First" Thunderbird



Stuart's 57 purchased in 1970, today

ITC International Thunderbird Club Membership

ITC The International Thunderbird Club

The International Thunderbird Club (ITC) is open to all 1955 to 2005 Thunderbird owners and enthusiasts along with other T-Bird club organizations. Numerous ITC members, including me, belong to CTCI and VTCl.

ITC encourages all clubs to join the other clubs to help support the Thunderbird, share ideas, T-Birds, and technical advice. ITC has one of the largest Thunderbird Facebook pages in the world with over 4,400 T-Bird Facebook members posting daily from around the world.

Numerous CTCl and VTCl chapters have joined ITC. Last year the ITC/VTCl chapter, Hoosier Vintage Thunderbird Club, hosted the ITC chapter. This year the convention will be hosted by ITC/CTCl chapter Buffalo Thunderbird Club. ITC/CTCl chapter Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club has stated that they are happy with the support ITC's provides them. ITC/VTCl Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club from Michigan has stated they are also pleased with ITC's support and never have received support from VTCl.

ITC is very proud of the number of clubs that have joined ITC.

Recently three new chapters have joined ITC La Louisiane Thunderbird Club, Louisiana; Classic Thunderbird Club of Central Ohio; and Central Alabama Thunderbird Club with a few more chapters being they have organized.

The benefit of becoming an ITC chapter is the additional exposure to the T-Bird world. Chapters have stated, grown as a result of their ITC relationship. ITC promotes its chapters by listing their major events in the ITC Script magazine and on the ITC website. ITC also promotes chapters events and members on ITC Facebook. ITC has Technical Advisors for all T-Birds, Marvin Hill, Hill Automotive, is one of the technical advisors for the 1955-57 TBird. Steven Legal is Technical Advisor for the 20-05 Retro Birds.

ITC is sponsored by most of the Thunderbird vendors including Thunderbird Specialists for 2002-05 Retro-birds.

There is no charge to become an ITC chapter. Three ITC members are required for approval with a total of six by the end of the year. If you are not satisfied with being an ITC chapter, you can simply request to end the chapter relationship.

As president of the International Thunderbird Club, I encourage some of your members to join ITC and become an ITC chapter.

Feel free to email or call me anytime if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich
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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter

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Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

This month we are featuring a story from Stuart Corenblum about his family's first Thunderbird and how a boy around 10 years of age caught Thunderbird fever!

We also have some pictures from the Annual Club Brunch, now held in May to coincide with Thunderbird Appreciation Day. This year the weather was horrible and only 2 members brought their cars. The Miami Shores Country Club always does a top-notch presentation and this year was no exception. The Sun even managed to come out! A few members were celebrating birthdays too!

Summer is here with a vengeance and most of our cars are high and dry in their garages. We have sort of an opposite season down here, unlike the cold and snow of Northern winters, we have unimaginable heat and humidity punctuated by daily thunder storms, which makes taking out our Birds an adventure! It's a good idea to be sure your gas tanks have been stabilized the tires inflated properly and the battery put on a Tender, if your Bird is going to be sitting indoors for the summer months. If possible, get a full tank of NON-ethanol gas. Until next month, Happy Birding!

In the Month of March our club achieved ITC Chapter Status with 6 members initially joining ITC. Those of us who own the later vintage Thunderbirds, 1958+ will benefit from the support ITC will give. Hagerty Insurance is extending a discount to ITC members, giving you another reason to join!

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. If you haven't seen yours' yet I assure you it will be in a future issue!

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

NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATE

To all members: Remember that this newsletter goes to press the 15th of each month.

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!

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for a Collector Car Club Newsletter.



CTCI 2017 Newsletter Competition GOLD AWARD

for our October Rally 2016 Edition



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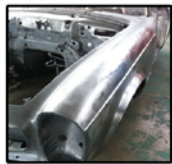
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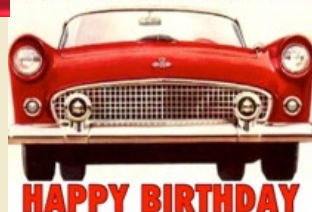
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JULY 2018

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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"!

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doing a great job, as well as the club staff. I believe we have a great location for this event.

The new system for checking in at the meeting is working out great. Selecting your meal choice as you sign in, and paying, has simplified things. Gabriel does not have to count raised hands, several times, and the treasurer can socialize instead of collecting money.

We have a lot of events coming up to keep you and your car busy. In addition to regular meetings (remember, the November meeting is one week earlier), we have the Sebring trip, the rally, and our Holiday party. In addition, we are looking into putting together a breakfast or luncheon, so we can get together in the dry daylight to check out each other's cars.

I believe that you are now reading high quality, engaging newsletter. A big thanks to our editor Ed.

Lastly, I want to thank Peter for the wonderful job he has done for many years as our treasurer. Oscar is taking over as treasurer, and a new member, Eli Barry, is taking Oscar's position on our board. Thanks for stepping up.

Please feel free to contact me with suggestion, comments, or criticisms at 56-613-5715 or drpaul4kids@gmail.com, at any time/

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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.



CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership

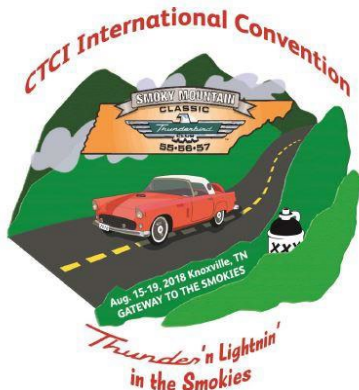
I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

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.

Online Renew for 1 year 2018 for \$37.50 or signup for 3 years at \$105.00 (35.00 a year)



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.



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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 grill 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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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 Grill Emblem.

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

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

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

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

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(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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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . June 20, 2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Werner at 6:55 pm. Paul announced that for future meetings, happy hour would start at 6 pm and membership meetings would be starting at 7. The change makes driving times easier.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION: We welcomed Don Frakes, the new owner of a 1957 white, manual transmission Bird he purchased in February, with Florida tag "1957 T Bird", no less! And it turns out that Don knows Poppy Madden. In 1978 Poppy sold her '55 Bird to Don, who has since sold it. Don also knows Richard and Gina Crochet!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our new treasurer is Oscar Castro. The transfer of the accounts and records is almost complete. Thanks so much to Peter Klein, who served as treasurer for 4 years!

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Paul thanked Gina Crochet for doing the minutes for two months in Gail's absence. It was moved, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

(REMINDER: Our Club website is a wealth of information! Please check it regularly for important updates to all activities. www.tbirdfl.com)

BRUNCH REPORT: The event was a success, with everyone enjoying themselves and no negative comments or suggestions. As it was such a heavy rainfall, there were few Birds in attendance, but membership attendance was excellent.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 14-16

Sebring Thunder Road Trip

More details and registration will be posted at www.tbirdfl.com

This is a fun event, and everyone especially enjoys the laps around the Sebring International Raceway on Sunday.

More details on the Car Show part of the Road Trip, can be found at the Sebring Thunder website:

<http://www.sebringthunder.net/>

October 19-21

Lake Mirror Road Trip

More details and registration will be posted at www.tbirdfl.com.

We will be driving over to Lakeland together for a superb car show. More details on the Car Show part of the Road Trip, can be found on the show's website: <https://www.midfloridaautoshow.com/> (if you wish to enter your car in the show, registrations will begin in July. There is a downtown show covering many blocks and the Lake Mirror show is an invitational Concours).

November 2-4

This will be our last 300 mile rally. This trip will include an evening activity of the Mystery Murder Dinner Train.

More info: mystery train: <https://semgulf.com/murder-mysteries/>. Please note that all registrations for this trip will be done on the www.tbirdfl.com website. In future years we will be having 500 Mile Rallies. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of our Club Rally, and we will celebrate by launching the first ever Felipe Cos Memorial 500 Mile Rally!

To avoid confusion, starting in 2020, our "sister" rally, the current Florida Car Marathon 500 Mile Rally will henceforth be known as the Florida Car Marathon 1000 Mile Rally, south Florida's own version of the famous Italian Mille Miglia!

December 8

Our annual Holiday Party! It will be at the same venue as last year.

OUR TROPICAL PARK CAR SHOW: Oscar announced that he believes he has found a sponsor to cover the cost of tee shirts for our next show. (Sunday, January 27, 2019).

PAID MEMBER BREAKFAST: Ed will present a report next month on the venue he is checking.

NEW BUSINESS: In addition to our black or white "camp, dress shirts", we will be making available a long sleeve, dry-fit shirt for a warm weather alternative for shows and daytime events. Everyone likes the sun block feature! Shirt orders will be on the website shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On July 3 there is a Miami Springs car show on the circle from 6pm until 10 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Corenblum



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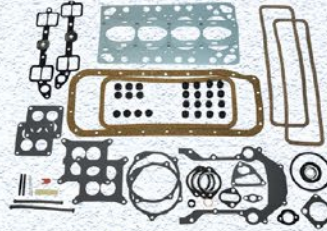
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Annual Brunch & Thunderbird Appreciation Day

This year, on May 20th, we celebrated Thunderbird Appreciation Day with a gala Brunch at the Miami Shores Country Club. Thunderbird Appreciation Day was created in 2017 by the three Major international Thunderbird Clubs, CTCI, ITC and Vintage Thunderbird, to establish a day to recognize the uniqueness of the Ford Thunderbird. The weather, however, with a 100% prediction of rain, did not co-operate, so only 2 brave hearts brought their cars!

Not to be deterred from having a great time nearly 30 Club-member couples and a few guests arrived to enjoy the festivity Starting at 11am. We all enjoyed the party and the chance to see some of our members who don't usually get to make it to the monthly meetings. Leo, Ernie and Georgina celebrated birthdays! New member, Don Frakes, brought his White 57 Thunderbird for the members to see, as he was one of the "Brave Hearts" who ventured out in the rain.

Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day



Your Thunderbird is "Unique in all the world" and it's time to show it to the world!

Thunderbirders around the world will take their Thunderbirds into the public for others to enjoy. To work or church, a diner or coffee shop, on a family picnic, to the movies, it doesn't matter. Use your car like it was used when it was brand new! Let others see it, ask questions about it, hey, maybe even let them drive it! Then post your pictures and stories about the day on the on the CTCI Facebook page.

It's all about the Thunderbird!

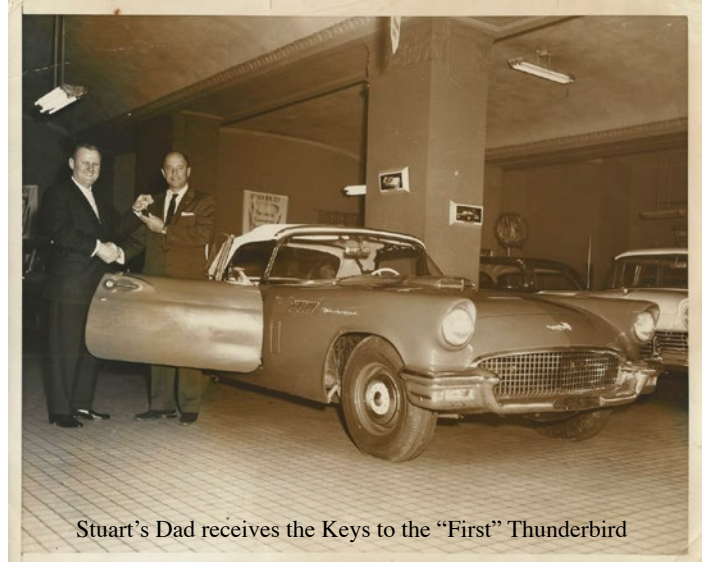


The First Thunderbird

By Stuart Corenblum

It was February of 1957 and my mother, father, 2 sisters and I were sitting down to have family dinner as we did almost every night in our home in Coral Gables. In the middle of dinner, the phone rang, and I knew it wouldn't be for my sisters or me, as all of our friends knew that we weren't allowed to have phone calls during dinner. My father answered the phone and instead of hanging up, he had a conversation. When he came back to the table, he sat down, smiled at my mom, and said "We just got a new car, and it is a red '57 Ford Thunderbird convertible". I was flabbergasted, as I was already car crazy at that age. My older sister was just about to get her driver's license and somehow, we were going to have a Ford Thunderbird. It seems as though my father, who was in the building supply business in Miami, had won the car in a sales contest for the Panelyte Corporation. (Panelyte was the first competitor to Formica).

Mother and Dad flew to New York where the presentation was made, and Dad received the keys and the associated plaques along with the car. For business reasons, Dad then flew home, and my mother and her brother drove the car back from New York to Miami. And there, in our front driveway, was the most beautiful thing that this 12-year-old had ever seen. Dad sold his '54 Ford Customline Sedan to make room for the new car. What great fun the family had with our new "toy"! But it was, unfortunately, very short lived. As a family of five, and a 6-foot tall father, the Thunderbird just wasn't a good fit. In six months, Dad decided it was time for a change. A week later, Dad came home with a replacement. He had traded our beautiful red Thunderbird for a '57 Plymouth convertible. I guess he was bitten by the convertible bug! While I never got to drive the Bird, I was also smitten by the Thunderbird. I promised myself that one day I would own one. The picture shows my father when he received the keys to the Thunderbird in New York. Note the black wall tires and the dog-dish hubcaps. Panelyte didn't go overboard in selecting options! P.S. I did keep the promise I made to myself, and I purchased my first Thunderbird in 1970.



Stuart's Dad receives the Keys to the "First" Thunderbird



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Please initial here to allow photos of you to be taken during the 2018 ITC convention and venues

Dietary or other special needs? (Please Specify) _____



ITC Convention Car Show Information Concours Judging Saturday 8/11/18 starting at 10:30AM			Judged Classes				Not Judged	
Year	Model/Special Edition	VIN #	Senior Formal	Formal	Touring	Touring Modified	Show Case	Senior Participant
1 -								
2 -								
3 -								
▶ Some questions to help us plan for your stay...			Senior Formal / Formal 350 point judged (1955-1979)					
When do you plan to arrive? Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Other _____			Touring / Touring Modified 200 point judged (1955-2005)					
Is trailer parking needed? Yes ___ Other Info _____			Showcase Not Judged, Display Only (all years)					
Are you willing to be a Judge? Yes ___ No ___			Senior Participant...Previously Achieved Senior Car					

Day	Event	Cost per	#in Party	Total
	Convention Registration Fee: Member / Non-member, includes all in party, up to 3 cars ~ Concourse Show ONLY - Day of Show Registration Fee \$20 ~	\$50		\$
	Convention T-Shirt: Specify Number () S; () M; () L; () XL; () XXL; () XXXL	\$17		\$
Tues 8/7	7PM FREE Welcome Reception—Taste of Buffalo buffet hosted by Big Ditch Brewery, Hyatt Place, West Herr & Buffalo Thunderbird Club w/guest Lauren Fix <i>The Car Coach</i> ™	N/C		N/C
Wed 8/8	9AM-5PM Motor Coach Pierce Arrow Auto Museum and Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tour with lunch, select ___ Pot Roast ___ Fish Fry ___ Grilled Chicken Salad	\$90		\$
	6PM Thunderbird Olympics (Six fun events that include your T-Bird)	N/C	# Cars ___	N/C
Thurs 8/9	9AM-5PM Motor Coach Tour to Niagara Falls NY including Maid of the Mist with lunch at Top Of the Falls restaurant, Terrapin Point and time to explore other Falls attractions	\$90		\$
Fri 8/10	Meetings & Seminar 9-10AM Judges / Car Owners / General Concours Meeting 10AM-Noon Annual ITC Membership Meeting 1-2PM FREE Seminar—Steve Legel, Ford Expert and Author		# Attending _____ _____ _____	
	3PM-8PM Motor Coach to Buffalo waterfront for Private Charter Dinner Cruise on <i>Miss Buffalo II</i> with time to enjoy other Canalside attractions including Naval & Military Park	\$90		
Sat 8/11	9AM-3PM All T-Bird Concours Show - Judging at 10:30AM - Hyatt Place			
	6PM -10PM Awards Banquet 5:45PM Motor Coach departs for PROTOCOL Restaurant Buffet / Cash Bar / Live Entertainment Theresa Quinn Quartet	\$70		\$
Sun 8/12	Breakfast and Farewells ~ Safe Travels Home!			

All registrations received by 6/1/2018 are eligible for a FREE prize drawing for: (1st) -One Free Night at Hyatt Place (\$129), (2nd) 2018 Convention Registration (\$50), or (3rd) Convention T-Shirt

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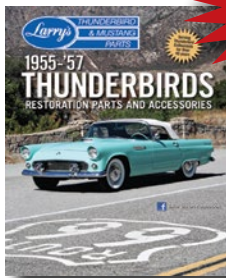
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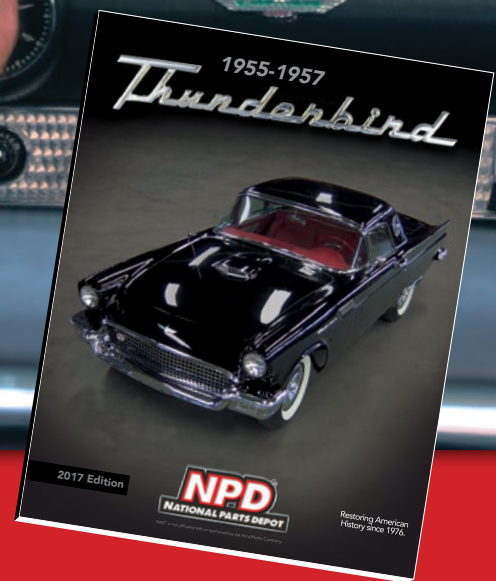
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