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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 1998-2018



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# HOT, HOT, HOT

## Summer in South Florida

# 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**  
ITC President



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# INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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The International Thunderbird Club, the ONLY International Thunderbird Club in the world whose common goal is to preserve and enjoy all Thunderbirds with family fellowship, shows, tours, seminars, technical help, parts availability, meetings, and a magazine. Our local and national meets provide concours judging. The ITC Thunderbird Script magazine is published bi-monthly for our members.

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**INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
**Karen MacCord, Treasurer**  
**PO BOX 1211**  
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Referring ITC Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*VIN # \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thunderbird Club Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit ITC website: [www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com](http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com)

(GEB) July 2016

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# editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter

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Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

Thanks to Chris Ames for allowing me to reproduce his article, The Challenge, which addresses a problem we all have, running hot. Chris has engineered a new water pump spacer designed to correct the flaw of the OEM Spacer. This Product A-432 is now available for purchase and immediate delivery world-wide.

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 Ethanol-Free gas. The local station I usually get my Ethanol-Free gas has closed the pump! Looks like the closest to me now is in Tamarac at WAWA, a 30-minute drive each way! NOT HAPPY!

This month the Newsletter will cover an important announcement from CTCI and some of the planned events over the next few months.

Until next month, Cool 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!

## OLD CARS Weekly GOLDEN QUILL AWARD

for a Collector Car Club Newsletter.

## CTCI 2017 Newsletter Competition GOLD AWARD

for our October Rally 2016 Edition

**Thunderbird News** is the official newsletter of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida. Our purpose is to inform our membership about, club meetings, club activities, Classic Car events and articles of interest to Ford Thunderbird owners.

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## Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI CHAPTER #114 AUGUST 2018 VOLUME 20, #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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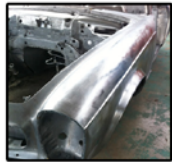
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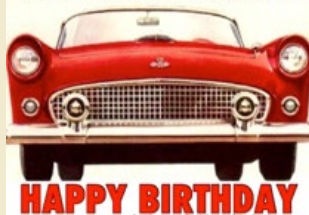
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## AUGUST

Kelly Leatherwood	01
Manolo Sanchez	04
Suellen Zimet	05
Jose Canal	06
George Bishopric	12
Bridgit Hagood	16
Walter Schade	18
Pedro Vidal	19
Andres Leyva	25
Daniel Alvarez	27

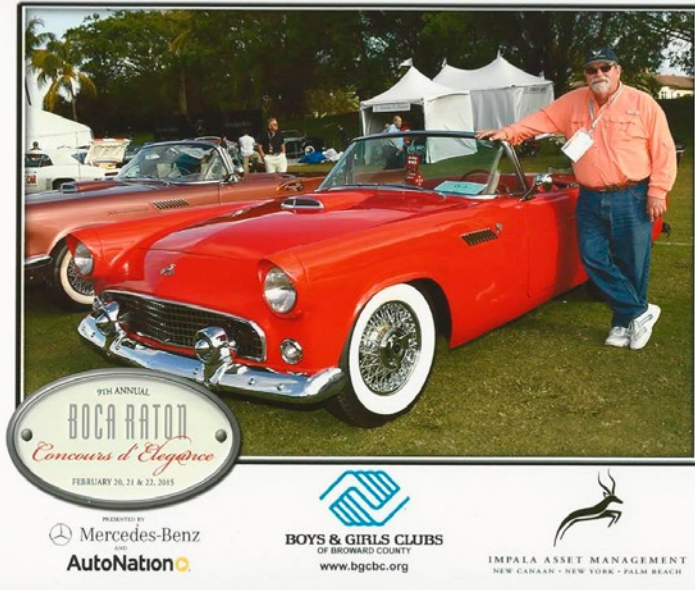
# 2018

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Greetings Club Members,

I have good news and bad news. First the bad news. Sebring Thunder has been cancelled this year, and therefore, our week end outing there has also been cancelled also.

Now for the good news. We still have a great line up planned for the rest of the year. Details for all club events are on our website.

1. The bad news frees you up to go the South Florida Swap, Car Corral, and car show, on 9/16 at the South Florida Fair Grounds. Note that this is not a club event, just an FYI.
2. On 8/9, we will be going to party at Noches de Fiera. There will be a fabulous Flamenco show, along with a terrific Spanish buffet.
3. In late August or early September (date not firm yet), we will be having a get together brunch. A great chance to see each other's cars in daylight.
4. On the weekend of 10/19-21, we will return to that great car show in Lakeland.
5. We will be having our last 300 Mile Rally (next year it will be promoted to 500 mile) on 11/2-4.
6. The holiday party will be 12/8.

A lot to do. I want to thank Oscar and Ed for all their work on these events.

REMEMBER, the September meeting will be on the 12th (not the 19th), and the November meeting will be on the 14th, not the 21st).

Happy motoring!

**Paul Werner**  
President - 2018

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

## OUT & ABOUT

Club members at car shows in the past month JD and Kay Hall '64 at the Hollywood Dream Cruise. (left) Grace & Martin at the Miami Springs Independence Day Show '62 with their new Mustang and Arlene & Ed. '55(below) Daisy & Felix ,57 at the Weston Town Center Show.



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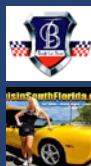
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It's called the **Classic Thunderbird Club International**, and you will find members throughout the United States and all over the world.

### 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

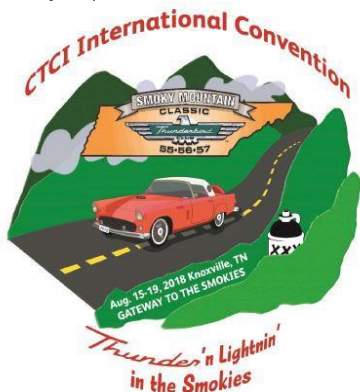
I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

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

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### 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.



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(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.)

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# An Announcement from CTCI

CHUCK THOMPSON

Fellow CTCI members,

As many of you know, 2018 started off as a challenging year for our Club. At the January Annual Meeting, Lin Somsak, our award winning, Early Bird editor for over 33 years informed the Board of her desire to retire by year's end. Additionally, we received a Physician's notice that our full-time office employee, Liz Gray, was on indefinite medical leave.

And, after the Annual Meeting, Managing Director Jack Gray announced that he would be resigning.

Quite a shake up to face all at once, which was exacerbated by the fact that currently all Officers and board Members are geographically remote from the CTCI office.

It should also be noted, as many of you already know, CTCI has not been operating profitably for the past several years.

The urgent nature of these issues and their combined gravity led the Board to do an overall evaluation of our historical and current office operation. Our first priority was to find a new editor for the Early Bird, to ensure that our membership would continue to receive the fine publication that they have come to expect without interruption.

Next, we evaluated our office operations to determine if there were possible areas of savings that could lower our operating costs. We weighed the option of hiring new employees versus hiring contract services to perform some of the routine office functions as many other car clubs do. To do this evaluation, we obtained bids from two different companies that provide the services that we needed. Our research validated that significant savings could be had by using outside services to handle membership, accounting and some areas of customer service. Fortunately, our new Treasurer, Mr. John Kledis, who joined the Board last Fall, was on board to help us through this process.

As your elected Board, we have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the Club's assets and to operate the Club within the finances available and to not incur losses. That has been our goal throughout this process. And, with the new direction we have chosen, CTCI will once again operate profitably.

As many of you know, CTCI maintains its principle office in Signal Hill, California. The By-Laws of our Club mandate that the principle office must remain in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

After receiving bids and evaluating the options available to us, the Board has voted to contract with Attache International to handle the editorial function of the Early Bird and some of the office administrative functions. Attache International is an established company, located in Kansas City, Missouri, who has been providing these types of services to other car clubs and specific interest clubs for many years. The company is owned by Mr. Jim Spawn, who recently purchased a 1956 Classic Thunderbird and is a new member of CTCI. During the summer we will transition some of our office functions to them.

As a member of CTCI, it is our hope and intent that you will not see a change in service with this change. Our principle office of record will remain at our present location as required by the By-Laws. But rather than sending you your membership dues reminder ourselves, it will be sent by Attache International, as a contract company operating on our behalf. This is similar to our hiring a CPA firm to prepare our taxes, or a payroll service to handle our payroll or a fulfillment house to fill and ship merchandise order. This will not be CTCI's office. It is the location of a supplier that we have chosen to use at this time.

As we move forward, be assured that the Board will make every effort to keep you informed. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me, or any of your Board members, with any questions that you may have.

As a Board, we are optimistic that in the very near future you will be able to see the positive financial impact of this change.

Sincerely,

Chuck Thompson

CTCI President - 2018

On behalf of your Board of Directors



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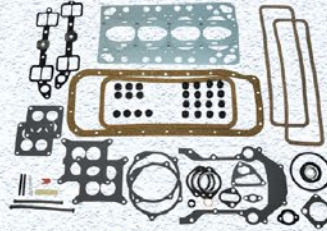
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# The A-432 Spacer

The following article was reprinted with the permission of Chris Ames, Creator of A-432 and Editor of the Arizona CTCI Chapter newsletter Arizona Bird Chatter.

Like many of us, Chris sought a solution to the problem of our Thunderbirds running hot and overheating, especially in parades and traffic. He went a really found a solution!

The short story is, when Ford dropped the 292 Y Block into the Thunderbird they added a spacer between the timing cover and the water pump, to configure it to fit in the Bay. Engines installed into sedans did not need this spacer. However, the inherent poor design of the OEM spacer greatly effects water flow into the engine block, effectively preventing water to flow under 1000 rpm!

Chris enrolled in a Thermal Fluids Engineering Class at Arizona State University to meet this challenge. The full article can be seen in Early Bird Jan-Feb 2018 pg.34

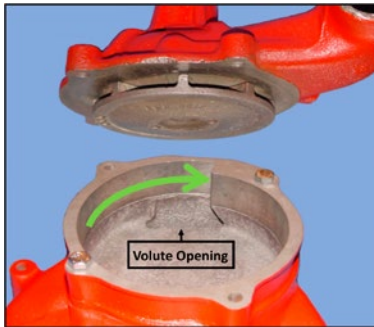
## The Challenge \_\_\_\_\_ by Chris Ames

We live in Phoenix and have owned our '56 Thunderbird since 2003. Driving our T-Bird over the first 13 years was frequently a struggle with engine cooling system. While Classic Thunderbirds are excellent parade cars, even driving in our Thanksgiving Day Parade that starts at 9:00 AM and only takes 20 minutes was a challenge.

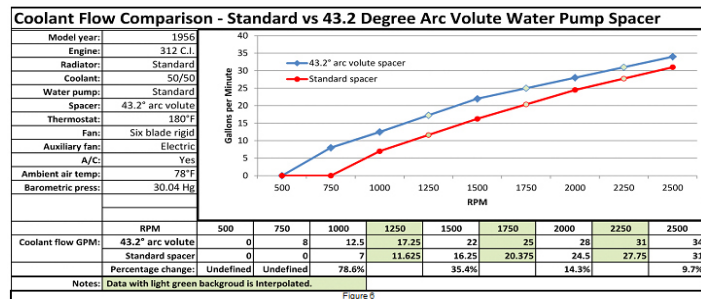
In 2014 we had the engine rebuilt which launched a project that resulted in the redesign of the water pump spacer and ultimately the manufacturing of that spacer.

I detailed the effort in an article titled Eureka Moment with Engine Cooling published in the 2017 January-February issue of Classic Thunderbird Club International's Early Bird magazine. The article may be downloaded from: Eureka Moment with Engine Cooling.

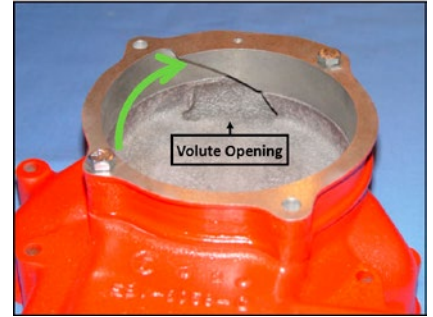
In this illustration, an OEM spacer is in-place on a timing chain cover with a water pump in relative position above.



With the water pump installed on the spacer, again, the center of the impeller vanes is approximately at the point of the flow arrow. Centrifugal force keeps the fastest moving coolant to the outer circumference of the spacer chamber. Coolant departs the impeller vanes and impacts the offset portion of the interior surface, perpendicular to the surface. The spacer does not channel the coolant to the volute opening in the timing chain cover.



Here a patent-pending A-432 spacer is in place on the timing chain cover. With the water pump mounted front of the A-432 spacer, again, the center of the impeller vanes is approximately at the point of the flow arrow, and centrifugal force keeps the fastest moving coolant to the outer circumference of the spacer chamber. Coolant departs the impeller vanes and contacts the volute extension at approximately a 30-degree angle. The volute extension channels the coolant flow rearward into the volute opening, reducing turbulence and increasing flow.



And the A-432 is cast iron with the same external contours and sand cast finish as the OEM version.

### Comparison of Spacers Bolted To The Water Pump

In the OEM spacer, the coolant flows from the impeller vanes to the offset in the interior circumference at 90 degrees generating turbulence.



With the A-432 Spacer coolant flows from impeller vanes to the volute extension which channels the flow to the opening in the timing chain cover.

A-432 Spacer



I asked Chris about availability and the response he is getting to the A-432 spacer and this was his reply. Included is a link to a website you can visit.

We have been shipping for just over a year and have sent three to Norway, two to Australia, one to England and one via Ted Eaton, France.

We generally email an invoice within a day of receiving a request and ship when we receive a check, money order or PayPal transfer. I will work to respond to emergency situations, for example, a car with an OEM spacer damaged, or if someone car has a pump failure and they want to install the A-432 with the new pump.

We ship weekday receipts the same day, Saturday depends on the mail delivery time. We send via USPS Priority Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope which is delivered within three days domestically. The spacer weights 2 lbs., 6 oz, so the Priority Flat Rate is the least expensive shipping option and it is undoubtedly quicker.

I have received positive feedback from some very dedicated engine builders. Ted Eaton from Lorena, Texas is a regular contributor to Y-BLOCK MAGAZINE and owner of Ted Eaton Specialty. If you are a fan Hot Rod Magazine Engine Masters Challenge, Ted took the Vintage Engine Class in 2016 with a 362 cu in Y-Block that pulled 496 hp. And recently Ted took this year's award. I have attached the 2016 article but have yet to see this year's report. Ted called me in February and ordered a spacer for a Thunderbird engine he was rebuilding for a car in France (this is how I "shipped" one to France).

You can see Ted's post at <http://forums.y-blocksforever.com/Topic135031.aspx>.

Regards,  
Chris

## Price List

A-432 Extended volute spacer with gasket set - \$236.00

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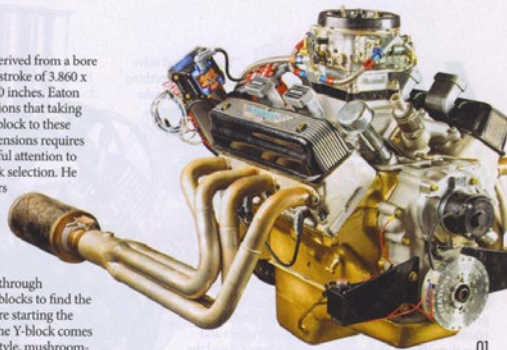
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# 362ci FORD Y-BLOCK

ci, derived from a bore and stroke of 3.860 x 3.860 inches. Eaton cautions that taking a Y-block to these dimensions requires careful attention to block selection. He favors the

When the Ford Y-block over-head-valve engine came on the scene in 1954, it was the replacement for the long-running and beloved Ford flathead V8. With its odd vertically stacked intake ports, shaft-rocker system, and deeply skirted crankcase, the new engine was quite a departure from its predecessor and unconventional by the standards of the day. This engine series lasted through a 10-year product cycle before being discontinued in 1964, as the FE and small-block took over the reins, but it endures through a cult-like following of dedicated enthusiasts. One of those enthusiasts, well known in the Y-block Ford world, is Ted Eaton of Eaton Balancing. When Eaton caught wind of the Vintage class competition at HOT ROD's 2015 AMSOIL Engine Masters Challenge, he realized this represented an ideal opportunity to showcase the Ford Y-block's performance potential. Eaton's engine displaced 362

292ci blocks as the strongest starting point, and in fact, he went through a stack of six blocks to find the best one before starting the build. Since the Y-block comes with a stem-style, mushroom-faced lifter, there's no practical way to run a roller cam. Eaton went with a custom Isky flat-tappet cam with 254/258 duration at 0.050 and delivering 0.620-inch lift. With Mummert aftermarket aluminum heads and intake, a Holley 1,050-cfm carb, and 1.7:1 Mummert lifters, the engine was equipped for power. Joe Crane, from San Antonio, Texas, performed a lot of head massaging. He told us that he bench flows each port individually—and since the ports are stacked, creating a different turn radius, that's a problem for good breathing heads. The old Ford responded well to the mods, recording 542 hp at 6,000 rpm and 496 lb-ft at 5,200 rpm.



ENGINE BUILDERS	
ENGINE BUILDER	Ted Eaton
ENGINE TYPE	Ford Y-Block
CLAIMED DISPLACEMENT	362ci
BLOCK	Factory cast iron
COMPRESSION RATIO	11.0:1
CRANKSHAFT	Melroe
CONNECTING RODS	Eagle
PISTONS	Diamond
ENGINE OIL	Eagle
CRANKSHAFT	Isky flat tappet 254/258 duration
CYLINDER HEADS	Mummert cast aluminum
INTAKE MANIFOLD	Mummert
CARBURETOR OR EFI SYSTEM	Holley
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**01** This engine wouldn't look out of place in a Thunderbird's engine bay

**02** Mummert is just about the only source for aluminum intakes and heads for Y-blocks, and they did the job, bringing the small-bore V8's power numbers into the 21st century.

### PICK THE RIGHT BLOCK

Ted Eaton went through six blocks to find one good one. Core shift, over-bored cylinder walls, cracks in the water jacket of the cam tower, and broken ears are just some of the things you should look out for. You should also look for the later-1961 truck blocks, which have extra webbing. John Kasse's Y-block (on page 40) also uses the stouter webbed truck block. Eaton sonic tests all blocks before machining.

FYI, the fastest Y-block to date is Keith Cornell's 188-mph blast in his Rolling Bones roadster at Bonneville.

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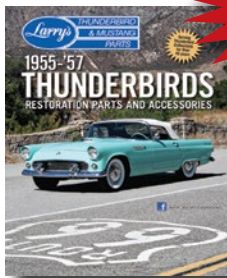
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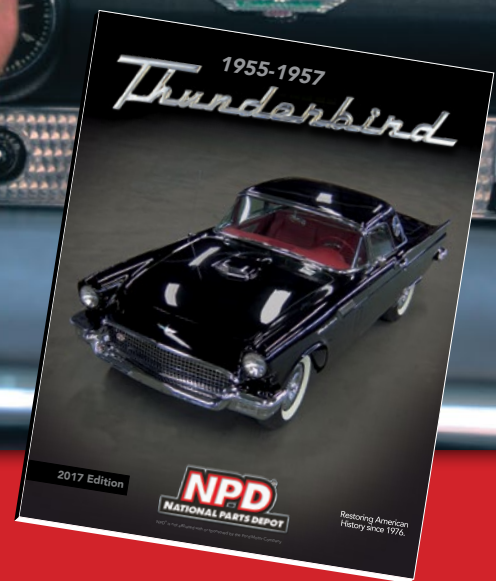
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