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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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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter SEPTEMBER 2018 Volume 20, # 9

Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

What a Summer. This year seems hotter than ever! Just stopped by PRIME TUNE for a charge up on the A/C, boy what a difference a few lbs. of Freon makes! Thanks to Paul & Kathy! I stopped by the WAWA in Tamarac on the way home. So easy to get Ethanol-Free gas there at \$3.49 a gallon. Too bad I use 2 gallons each way to get there from my house! They are building a WAWA in Pembroke Pines to open at the end of September. It's closer but still a 40-minute round trip.

This month we will have information about 2 upcoming Events

The Classic Cars & Coffee at the Hanna Bakery & Resturant (15 couples signed up) and the Road Trip to the Mid-Florida Auto Show in October.

Highlights from the Thunderbird Conventions held in August include a story from Club members Frank Jones & Bridget Hagood who attended CTCL Con, campaigning Thor for a Gold Medal.

Pictures, courtesy of ITC members and 'Bart' Bartasavich.

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

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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCL CHAPTER #114 SEPTEMBER 2018 VOLUME 20, #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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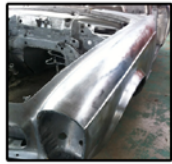
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INTERNET PAGE

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."

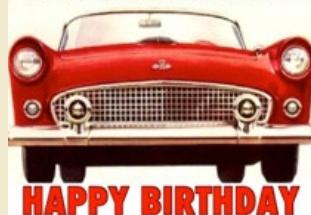
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

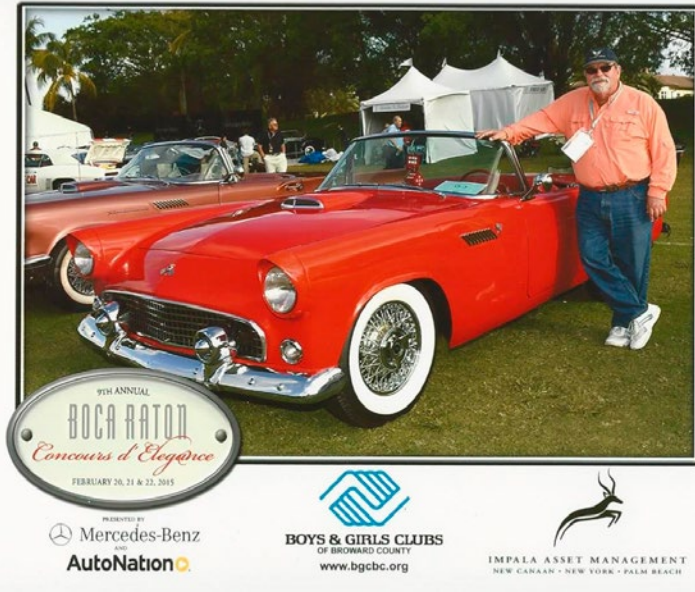
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My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information. Please contact me to update your records.



They will be available online. Also, some new styles will be available. A "dri-fit" style will be offered. Again, watch for details from Oscar by email.

On 12/2, the Festival Flea Market will have its annual holiday car show. In my opinion, this is probably the best car show in south Florida. We can attend as a club, and they will provide us with a block of spots. The show is from 10 AM to 4PM. I would like to see a good turn out from us, so please let me know you are coming (561-613-5715 or drpaul4kids@gmail.com).

On 9/9, we will be having a brunch at Havana's in Pembroke Pines. Watch for details from Ed, or call him.

On 10/19-21 we will have a road trip to the big car show in Lakeland, where we all had a great time last year. Check out the website (www.tbirdfl.com) for details.

On 11/2-4 we will have our annual road rally. There will be plenty of social activities, a car show, dinners, a murder mystery dinner train, and fun. Again, check the website for details.

We end up the year with our holiday party on 12/8.

A lot to do from the rest of 2018.

Next month our meeting will be a week early, on 9/12. The same for November's meeting on 12/14.

Gabriel does a great job for our meeting. Be aware that he does cater events. Also consider stopping by there sometime for dinner some time.

Happy motoring!

Paul Werner
President - 2018

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

We have made a major change in club policy. Members have been asking for the club membership roaster. The board wrestled with this and came to a decision that balances openness with the need for security and protection from abuse. A roaster will be available online, that will contain members names, phone numbers, email addresses, and type of car owned. However, it is not copy-able. Feel free to use it for the benefit of the club and its members, but not for personally enriching or commercial purposes. You will also have the right to withdraw your information from the list. Watch your email from details from Oscar in the near future.

We will change the way shirts are made available to members.

Out and About II Toscano Restaurant

August 4th Saturday some of the Club members attended a VW Cruis-In sponsored by the Dirty South Dubs Car Club. Mario and Andres at Il Toscano served up a Special Menu and a great time was had by all. Of course Felix & Daisy brought the Square-Back!



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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.



CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership

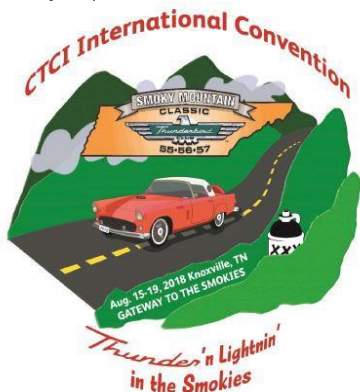
I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

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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I give permission for my phone number and/or email address to be listed in the CTCI roster.

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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) _____

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Future Club Events

Two Club Events coming up you don't want to miss out on!



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Brunch

brunch hours are Saturday & Sunday from 11am to 4pm

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- Friday 10/19** Drive to Sebring with the group or "on your own"
Arrive at the Chateau Elan, Sebring Hotel
4pm Poolside Reception Party
- Saturday 10/20** 8:30am Depart for Lakeland Mid Florida Show
7am if you have a car entered in the Show
After the Show: Social Event Dinner (either in Lakeland or back at the Hotel)
- Sunday 10/21** 7am - 11am Heacock Classic Road Rally 40-50 miles with scenic views and challenging questions
Register separately www.midfloridaautoshow.com
11am Group departs the Hotel for South Florida

REGISTRATION

Registration fee will cover ONLY the Friday reception
All other expenses are "on your own"
Per Person, Members \$10.00 Non-Members \$15.00

HOTEL INFORMATION

Chateau Elan Sebring Hotel 150 Midway Drive Sebring FL. 33870 863-655-7200/ Group =Thunderbird Club Saturday and Sunday Breakfast is included. \$2.00 Drink Cards included for the Bar Check in Friday 10/19 Check out Sunday 10/21 Please see www.tbirdFL.com for more information

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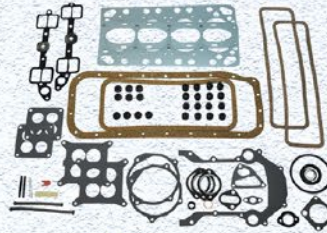
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International Classic Thunderbird Club Conventions 2018

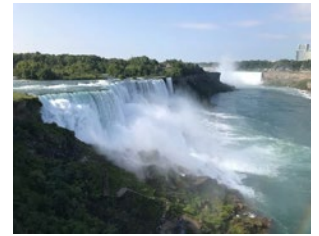
Two conventions were held in August this year.

The ITC Convention in Buffalo NY, the 7th thru the 12th and The CTCI Convention in Knoxville TN the 15th thru the 19th

As Club Members it is always a thrill to attend one of these conventions if you have the opportunity. This year a business commitment prevented Arlene and I from attending, but I have been able to get some wonderful pictures and stories from those who went. Thanks to Larry's Thunderbird and Mustang and 'Bart' Bartasavich for pictures from the ITC Convention, Jeff Burgy for pictures from the CTCI Convention and these are just a few. Visit the ITC Facebook page for more!



The ITC "Silver Anniversary" Convention was sponsored by the Buffalo Thunderbird Club at the Hyatt Place Buffalo/Amherst Convention Center. Their effort did not go unnoticed as everyone had a great time!



Out-Side excursions included a visit to the Pierce Arrow Museum, the Frank Lloyd Wright -Darwin Martin House, Dinner Cruise aboard the Miss Buffalo and a stop at Niagara Falls!



Marvin Hill, Thunderbird Restoration Specialist was awarded the International Thunderbird Club's Schatz Memorial Award for excellence in workmanship and his long-time support for the ITC Club. Art and Wendee Lorbeer receive 1st Place for their Thunderbird presented by 'Bart' Bartasavich, President ITC and Marvin Hill Concours Team Captain. Robert and Randi Romano-Ferenczi won 1st place, Modified Touring Class, for their amazing Retro Bird. The Story of their Thunderbird will be in our October Issue.

The Concours show field included Thunderbirds through the 60s and the Retro 2002-05 Cars





The CTCI Convention "Thunder n' Lightnin'" in the Smokies, sponsored by the Smokey Mountain Classic Thunderbird Club at the Knoxville Convention Center had 450 people in attendance and 175 Cars in the show floor! Other than the Judged Concours, participants had the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities including these highlights, the "Thunder Road" driving tour which followed some of the storied Moonshiner's backroads that were made famous by the Robert Mitchum Movie, and a trip to Dolly Parton's Mountain Adventure theme park! Frank Jones and Bridget Hagood entered their 57 Bird, THOR and have contributed a story.



Congratulations to Marvin Hill for perfect score of 300 points earned by a car he restored and presented.

Bridget and Frank's Theorems

Thunder n' Lightening in the Smokies; CTCI's International Convention at Knoxville Tennessee is now in the record books. It was a great gathering and had approximately 160 beautiful Baby Birds on display for all to enjoy.

The event was expertly organized with activities appealing to varied interests. There were tours through the Smokey Mountains (down roads once used by moonshiners), a Fashion Show, tour of Bush's Bean Factory, a great show at Dollywood, a nice River Cruise, Drive and Dance Party and then the outstanding Awards Banquet.

In preparation for this fun filled event Bridget and I worked on our 1957 Thunderbird, Thor, to put our best foot forward for the Concours Judging. Thor spent weeks on the lift for prepping the undercarriage, with parts suppliers receiving numerous orders, and all discrepancies from previous showings being addressed.

This brings to light our axioms, One: Murphy's Law, If it can go wrong it will go wrong. This overriding law really shows the perceived perversity of the universe. During all the prepping, Law Two: the harder it is for one to bend over the more objects are dropped. And finally, as I learned in Naval Aviation: A thousand Atta Boys is wiped out by one "Awe Shit"!

Our goal was to get Thor into the Gold Status level of honor. All our hard work had our little chariot looking the best ever but at the end of the judging our score was less than the previous outings?? I attribute this to the personal standards of the individual judges.



The judges do an outstanding job and the level of competition sets the bar very high. We did not envy their herculean task. Bridget and I liken this to the Olympics of auto shows, the best in the world. At any other venue Thor would be a star. At the CTCI International Convention he is just one of the many outstanding entries.

The Judging and subsequent awards seemed to also highlight another truth; In our opinion the "nose bleed" level of "Gold" status is attained by those machines done by professional restorers and machines spending their only driving time onto and off-of, a trailer!

Cars such as ours, prepped and maintained by enthusiasts that see many miles on the tarmac, just do not get into this elite club. We had a great time and although our goal was thwarted by the application of the Universal Laws, we are very pleased. We have, what is equivocal to a Silver medal at the Olympics, and we enjoy driving our beautiful car and sharing this little piece of history with other gear heads.

Written by Bridget Hagood and Frank Jones



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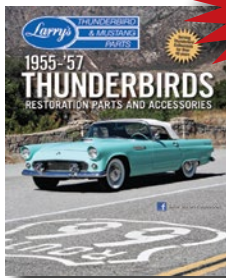
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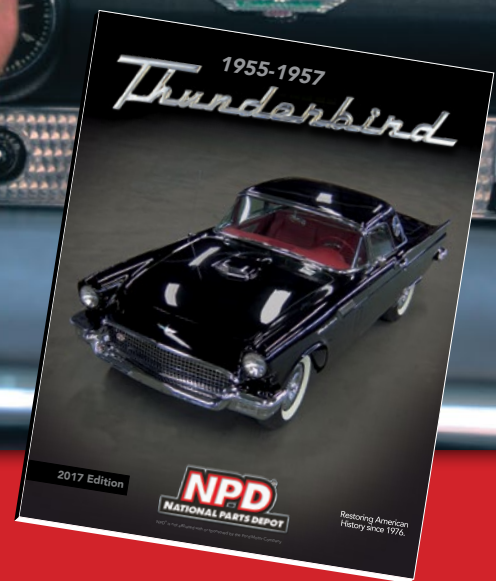
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