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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA - 1998-2018



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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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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter

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Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

Thanks to Rob Ferenczi for his story about the Retro Bird that he and his father created. Also, to Randi, his wife for assisting me with the story. From the headlight eyebrows to the tail fins, this is the handsomest iteration of the 1957 Thunderbird applied to the 2002-05 Retro Bird I've seen. The reaction on the show circuit has been so strong that the Ferenczi's are marketing a kit you can buy! Congratulations to Rob & Randi for winning a 1st place prize at the ITC Convention this year!



Covered this month are the Classic Cars and Coffee at Havanna.

Out and about with Paul & me and a reminder about our future club events.



Happy Trails to a great Hollywood icon and car lover, Burt Reynolds. It's not a Thunderbird, but it is a "Bird Car"!

Until next month, Happy Birding!

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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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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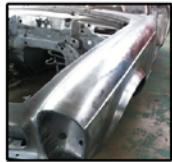
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Like Museum Visits, Car shows and Cruise Ins you attend. And other stuff you think we T-Bird lovers would like. Just keep it as clean as your T-Bird on "Detail Day"!

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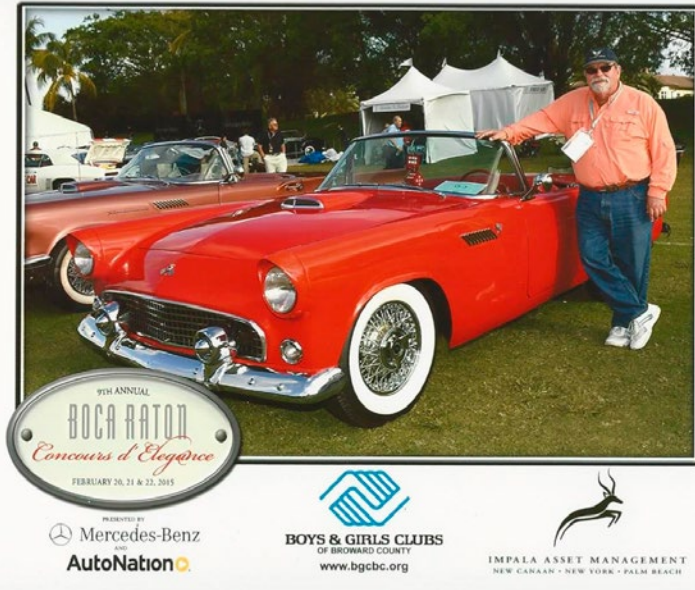
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Oscar Castro	02
Angel Aulet	02
Maria Cristina Francese	04
Liz Smith	05
Haydee Siut	25
Lea Nodarse	27
Marilyn Alvarez	28
Tom Canal	29

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



This month the club had a breakfast at Havanna in West Broward County, attended by 44 folks. It was nice to see the cars. Though the service was not ideal (I apologize), the food was good and all seemed to have a good time. We will work on the service issues.

Summer is turning to fall, and we have some great events coming up, to carry us through the rest of the year.

On October 19-21, the club will have the Lake Mirror Road Trip. The club will be staying at the Chateau Elan, right on the Sebring track. We will be attending the Lake Mirror Concours in Lakeland and then be having dinner together.

November 2-4 brings us to our annual 300 Mile Road Rally, with its social activities, dinners, a car show, and a special visit to the Homestead Air Show.

On December 8 we have the annual holiday party. Details and registration for these events can be found on our club website, www.tbirdfl.com.

Our club shirts, including new styles, will now be available on that same website.

Natalie has worked and getting us laminated club placards. These can be placed on your car windshield at ANY car show, and shows that you are indeed, a Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida member, and will have contact information to attract new members. Thanks, Natalie.

We will soon have an online membership roster available, so we can contact each other as needed. Watch for an email from Oscar about it.

Remember, our November meeting, will be a week earlier than usual, on November 14, due to Thanksgiving.

See you on the road,

Paul Werner
President - 2018

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

Fellow Thunderbird Enthusiasts,

Since the Sebring Thunder was cancelled, last Sunday morning was freed up, so Ed and I had a Colombian breakfast and went to the auto swap meet at the South Florida Fairgrounds. There were some cars there, including an early '60's Thunderbird. Most of the parts there were from the '80's and later. Ed picked up some tools, and I picked up a set of chrome tire valve caps for my car. There were quite a few cheap dental instruments there for sale. We spent about 2 hours there.

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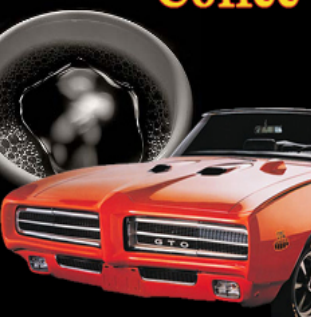
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Why a Thunderbird Club?

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

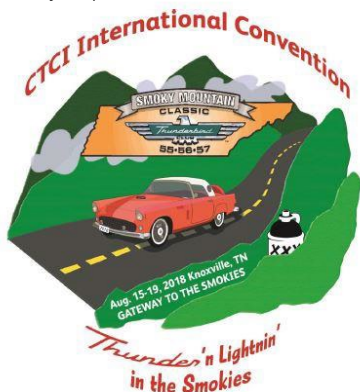
I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

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.



SCAN ME!

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:

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

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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 Grill 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 _____

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Classic Cars & Coffee at Havana



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

The Lake Mirror Classic is now the Mid Florida Auto Show and Lake Mirror Concours. Now in its 19th year this is a show not to miss! A Concours de Elegance is held with well over 100 pristine Classic Cars surrounding beautiful Lake Mirror in downtown Lakeland

Florida. That's not all, the entire downtown area turns in to a show field for well over 1000 cars. Clubs from all over the state attend. It is not uncommon to see a city block or more of a single marque, such as Ford Thunderbird, Shelby Cobra, Ford Mustang, Avanti, Jaguar, Corvette, Triumph, MG, as well as Muscle Cars, Hot Rods Customes, Classics and Collectibles! Entry information for the Concours and Mid Florida Auto Show www.midfloridaautoshow.com

ROAD TRIP!



OCTOBER 19-21, 2018
DETAILS / REGISTRATION
www.TBirdFL.com

POOLSIDE RECEPTION - CAR SHOW - MOBILE SCAVENGER HUNT

HIGHLIGHTS

- 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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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . September 12, 2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Werner at 7:05 pm. Paul reminded all present that he will keep the meetings short but needs people to be respectfully quiet.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Oscar reports that he is working on all club records, our accounts are healthy, and the club should have a better idea by the first of the year as to how much the club can pick up and/or contribute to all future events. It was brought up that we secure a CD for some of the funds sitting in our operating account. Poppy will look into finding the best rate available.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 16 Swap Meet and Show

<http://eventful.com/westpalmbeach/events/south-florida-car-swap-meet-/E0-001-115852784-0>

This show is at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach

OCTOBER 19-21 Lake Mirror Road Trip

More details and registration is available at www.tbirdfl.com. Please check out all of our activities with this event! Those who are available to drive over to Sebring together on Friday will meet at a designated starting spot. For those who are not available to leave early on Friday, we will all meet up at the hotel with a poolside reception Friday at 4pm. Our block of rooms is at Chateau Elan, the hotel at the Sebring track. The club is planning a dinner for Saturday evening, in Lakeland at the Texas Cattle Company, among other fun activities. Call the hotel to reserve your room. 1-888-844-6835. Sooner is better. Make sure you mention our club room block with "Classic thunderbird club of South Florida". Remember to check our website for details and registration. AND, if you are planning to enter a car in the show, advance registration has ended.

More details on the Car Show part of the outing can be found on the show's website: <https://www.midfloridaautoshow.com/> (There is a downtown show covering many blocks and the Lake Mirror show is an invitational Concours).

NOVEMBER 2 -4, 300 Mile Rally.

This event is a Precision Rally / Road Trip on a 3-day Cruise thru South Florida! In addition to the Rally, there will be plenty of social activities, a car show, various dinners, a special visit to the Homestead Air Show, Wings Over Miami, and much more! This trip will include an evening activity of the Mystery Murder Dinner Train. More info: mystery train: <https://semgulf.com/murder-mysteries/> This year, we will begin and leave Miami at 6 AM on Friday and drive to the hotel. On Saturday morning we will visit a car museum before starting home. We will all return to our homes for the evening. Sunday we will meet at the Homestead Air Force Base to park our Thunderbirds under the Thunderbirds squadron aircraft and view the air show!

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. 2019 is the 10th anniversary of our club, 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 2, Festival Flea Market show,



From 10am – 4pm. Cars would need to be in place at 8 or 9. Paul has a list of over 10 cars coming from our club. If you are interested, and wish to park your car with the club, you must get in touch with Paul ASAP, as he is reserving an area for us to park together. More information about registering for the show will be forthcoming. Show registration will include some vouchers and extras. And our club will provide something for all club participants. If you haven't already, please let Paul know if you are coming: (561) 613-5715 or email: drpaul4kids@gmail.com

DECEMBER 8, Saturday Evening Annual Holiday Party!

It will be at the same venue as last year, the Holiday Inn off the Palmetto Expressway at NW 103 Street exit. And the party is free for all paid club members!

APRIL 26 – 29, 2019 Florida Car Marathon Precision Rally

Many T-Bird Club members attended this rally last year, and they highly recommend it! Everyone said this is a great trip. Registration is being accepted for the 2019 rally. If you register in the next two weeks, you will be locked in for last year's price of \$800 per car and couple. Check out the website. <http://www.floridacarmarathon.net/>

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Brunch Ed reported on the brunch at Havana's last weekend (Sept 9). 44 people were present. Ed apologized for the delay in getting served. Even with all the advance telephone calls to the restaurant and their notifications, they did not have enough personnel on hand to handle it any better. Ed proposed that if we use them again, we have pre-fixed menus with limited choices so that it is more efficient. The 500 mile rally ended there last year and everything was very smooth with 115 people being served.

NEWSLETTER Ed said that the finances are all working out well and there will be a surplus for next year thanks to the new advertisers. If any club members are not receiving the email from Ed with the recent newsletter, please contact Ed at Ed.raabe@gmail.com so he has your correct email contact information.

CLUB PLACARDS: Natalie Heslekrants has designed a laminated placard for members to place in their cars when at shows. There were four designs and one was picked. It will have a scan code that people can use to directly access our website. We will order 100 for \$115.

CHECK-IN FOR MEETINGS: Paul said that Anita has been doing the check-in for all of the meetings the last many months, collecting the \$20 per member for meals and recording the meal choices. Anita would like to be able to socialize, and a committee will be formed by Gail to take turns doing this in the future. Gina and Georgina volunteered to help.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: Oscar sent out an email with a link to Dropbox for all members to access the Club membership contact list.

CLUB SHIRTS: Oscar showed us the choices in the dri-fit shirts, short or long sleeves in men's sizes and scoop neck available for women. And the dress shirt is being repeated, available in ivory or black. Shirt orders will be posted on our website very soon.

REMINDER: MEETING DATE CHANGES: Paul thanked everyone for understanding the need to move this meeting, blaming the Jewish holiday. And reminded us that we can blame the Pilgrims and the Indians for the need to move the November meeting. In November the meeting will be one week earlier, November 14th, due to Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Members of the sponsoring 500 Mile Rally will be in attendance to discuss the details of the Rally.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Corenblum

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OUR RETRO-BIRD

BY ROB FERENCZI

As a hobby for himself, my father Bob Ferenczi has been designing cars his whole life. As a kid I shared the same passion for cars as my father and still have my first car that we built together when I was 16 years old, a 1948 Ford convertible that we chopped and put a Chevrolet subframe in. One of my father's best builds was a 1951 chopped Mercury convertible that was a three time Lead East winner, among many other Rods he built.



The idea of my Thunderbird was conceived when my father and I anticipated the reveal of the Retro Bird in 2002. My father always had an appreciation for Thunderbirds, however we both agreed the new Thunderbird just did not look quite enough like the beloved vintage Thunderbirds.



In 2010 my father bought a 2003 Thunderbird with low mileage. We then began our lengthy winter project. My Father found a 1957 Thunderbird that was badly rotted, and we cut the fenders and rear quarters off it. We then molded the parts onto the Retro-Bird. After a long winter of hard work and collaborating ideas (also known as yelling and screaming) we finished our Thunderbird conversion and my brother-in-law finished the bodywork and painted it.



After being well received at every show we attended, people suggested we should make a mold of the car. Due to all the positive feedback we now offer kits to convert a 2002-2005 Thunderbird to look just as unique as mine.

For more information contact me,
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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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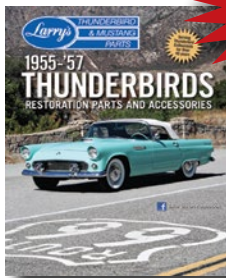
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