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The Florida 300 Mile Rally Holiday Party
Car Show / Cruis-In News
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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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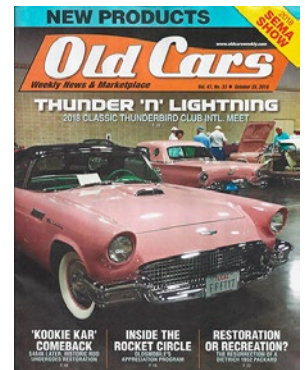
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(GEB) July 2016



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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter

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Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

The Holidays are here already and it's actually beginning to cool down!

This Issue includes a Story about the Club's Annual 300 Mile Florida Rally by Richard Manso, with pictures provided by several Club members!



Thanks to everyone who helped. Arlene and I were unable to join you this time and it looks like we missed a lot of fun!!

Coming up Dec 8th is our Holiday Party which will again be at the Holiday Inn, Miami West. We all had a great time last year especially with the "Mean Santa" exchange, just ask Jose Canal or Richard Manso! Please bring a gift you would "fight for" and remember just spend \$25 per gift, per person and everyone will enjoy the fun!

December 2nd we will attend the Festival Flea Mkt Car Event as a group for the first time in over 5 years. I hope you will join us. All our classic cars, not just Thunderbirds are welcome

And finally, it is not too soon to be thinking of the Club Sponsored Show in January. Details about everything can be found in the Minutes of our last Club Meeting as well as in the newsletter features and on-line.

Don't forget to RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP still just \$35 for a package worth \$250!

Happy Holidays to everyone!

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 CTCI CHAPTER #114 DECEMBER 2018 VOLUME 20, #12 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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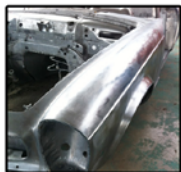
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2018



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|------------------------|----|--|
| Christie Cos | 2 | My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information. Please contact me to update your records. |
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- Ford racing: _____ www.fordacing.com
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- Classic T-Bird Club of Chicagoland _____ www.ctcc9.com

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INTERNET PAGE

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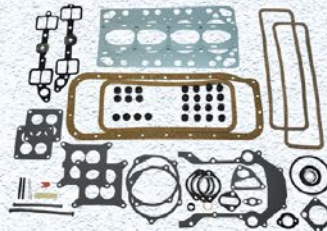
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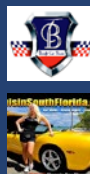
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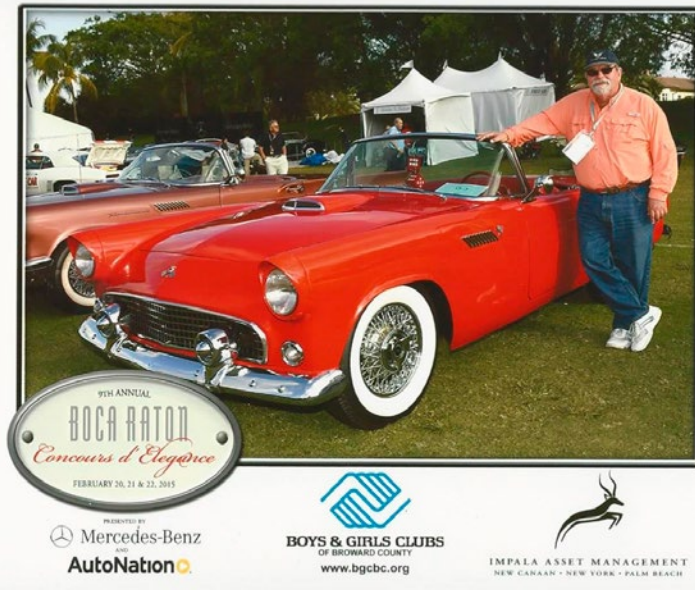


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We just got home from the rally last night, exhausted, but had a great time. Everything went well, and everyone else seemed to have a good time also. Anita and I always enjoy getting out on the back roads during the rallies, especially when the weather is great, as it was this time. The stop at the alligator observation area was fantastic, as it is where the real big ones hang out. The mystery train was a lot of fun, even though I am a horrible detective. Anita and I have found the secret to marital bliss this year by switching places, with her driving as I navigated. It was great see the Air

Force Thunderbirds in action. I want to extend a big thank you to Oscar, Marcia, and Elvis, for all the work they did for the rally, as well as the Lakeland trip.

We have a lot coming up, with the Festival Flea Market Holiday Car Show, Dec 2nd, our Holiday Party, Dec 8th our CTCF Car show, Jan 27th and the auction in March!

Check our website for details I have just arranged to repeat our paid-up membership breakfast at Ellie's '50's diner. The free breakfast to active members is a member benefit. It will be on Saturday, February 9th, at 9 AM.



Have a great Thanksgiving.
Best wishes to you and all.
Happy motoring,

Paul Werner
President - 2018
Classic Thunderbird Club
of South Florida



May 15-19, 2019: CTCL Region 6 Convention "Western Classic Roundup", Flagstaff, Arizona



Set your sights on the West for the 2019 Region 6 Classic Thunderbird Convention which will be held at the newly renovated Little America in Flagstaff, Arizona on May 15-19, 2019. The Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club is proud to present the "Western Classic Roundup." Our location promises cool weather amid

the Ponderosa Pines at an elevation of 6,909 feet. Our tours and scenic drives will provide a taste of Western beauty. Be prepared to be amazed at the diversity of our state.

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to: Judy Thompson, convention registration chair, 4055-28 N. Recker Road, Mesa, AZ 85215-7793. Checks should be payable to Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club. If additional information is needed, Judy can be reached at 602-625-2052. Additional convention information will be e-mailed to all CTCL chapters.

The Little America Hotel & Resort in Flagstaff is offering a special rate of \$139 per night plus tax. Parking for about 200 Thunderbirds as well as nearby trailer parking is provided. The hotel phone is 800-865-1401 (or 928-779-7900 for locals) and the promo "phrase" is "Thunderbird Regional Convention." Early registration is encouraged. The hotel features Southwestern decor and granite bathrooms and is close to major attractions such as the Grand Canyon, the Red Pillars of Sedona, the Lowell Observatory and Wupatki National Monument, among others. Registration forms will be available soon on our chapter website: www.arizonaclassicthunderbirds.org. Pre-registration is encouraged. For additional questions, phone Chuck Thompson, Convention Chair at 480-773-0222. Go to the CTCL website for upcoming details!



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.



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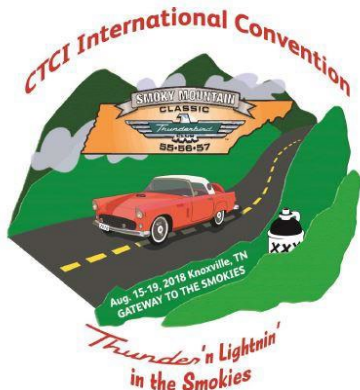
I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

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

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

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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? _____

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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 _____

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Body _____ Color _____ Trim _____ Date _____ Trans _____ Axle _____

Registered Owner (if other than member) _____

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Florida 300 Mile Rally 2018

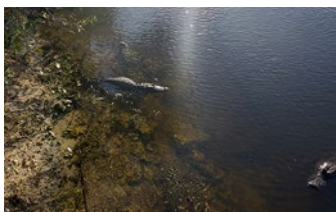
BY RICH MANSO

Hello everyone, I can certainly say that again, Oscar pulled out all the stops to make this final 300 Mile Rally, a rally to remember! We were all given free breakfast at the Friday morning meeting place, which was Dade Corners. This was the starting point of the Rally. We were the fourth ones in arriving there, and we got there at 6:15am. The last person to arrive was Dorothy. She was travelling alone, but not for long, and was coming from Pompano. She's our newest club member and has a gold 2005 T-Bird, a very nice one, I might add.



At around 8am all the Rallyers were lined up and started to roll out with about 30 seconds of separation from each other. The weather couldn't be better. Temperature was 70 degrees, beautiful sunny skies, and traffic heading west on U.S.41 was very light.

We drove for around an hour and stopped at a rest area with restrooms with an alligator viewing bridge. It was quite a sight to see alligators, just a couple of feet below you, just



waiting for breakfast to fall into the water, thankfully none of us wanted to go for a swim! After about 30 minutes, we all headed out west again on U.S.41.

We soon turned onto U.S.29 and headed towards the most unusual, and peculiar (as my wife called it) little town we've ever seen in Florida. We arrived in "Ave Maria ". It's a Catholic themed college town, in the middle of nowhere. It is home to Ave Maria University.

It was a quaint, well maintained, and well-manicured, new development. The main part of town consisted of a big Catholic church, surrounded by shops, restaurants, pubs, flower shops, and even an investment broker called Ave Maria Investments. Most of all the businesses, had the name "Ave Maria " before it, and statues of the Virgin Mary, and other Catholic figures as



well. While Oscar relaxed at the Tropic Cafe of Ave Maria, some of us had lunch at other places there too, although it was about 11 am when we arrived.



We all started heading out around 1 pm and continued driving towards the hotel. Some of arrived at the hotel as early as 2:30. The hotel was nice and spacious, kudos to Oscar, a very nice choice. After meeting outside, we all headed across the street in our cars, to the train station.

We were all lined up waiting for the Murder Mystery Train /Dinner show, when it started to rain very hard, most of us got soaked. We all ran back to our cars for cover. After the rain slowed down a bit, we went back to the ramp, to avoid missing the train, as it had already arrived and boarded exactly at 6pm.

The dinner was great, the show was very well orchestrated, and the five-course meal was very filling. We arrived back at 10pm and retreated back to the hotel.



The second day of the rally was a very relaxed day. Well, for most of us. It was a lot of driving through uncharted, peaceful, country roads. We drove along farmland, and little western Florida towns that if it hadn't been for our GPS, some of us, would still be missing today, although Oscar's rally book was very informative.

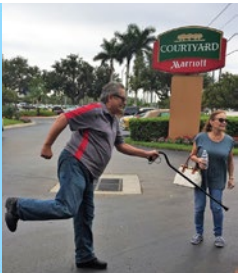
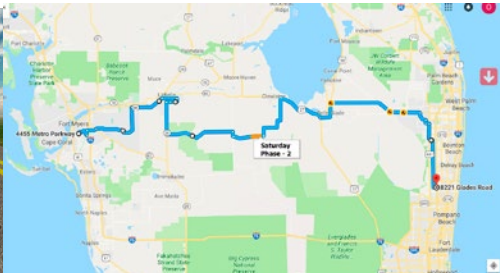
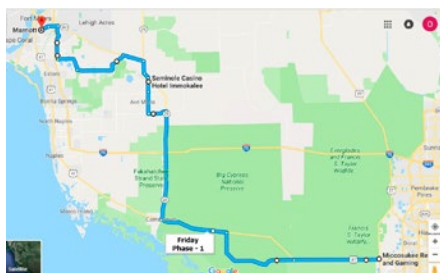


On the last leg of the rally, we adopted a new set of Rallyers along the way. Dorothy and her co-pilot (Elizabeth Barry, Oscar's and Marcia's close friend) became "Thelma and Louise", with a rather interesting event of their own, I may say.

We all had to pass by a Marathon on the way out of Clewiston FL, which a lot of us just happened to arrive at around the same time around, 2:30pm. Most of us gassed up, used the restroom, and Elvis and I needed a reward for two days of grueling driving, so we rewarded ourselves with ice cream cones, which were amazing.



We all headed out onto U.S.27 towards "Jimmy the Greek" restaurant. At around 5pm, we all started arriving at the restaurant. We were all there by 6 except, Thelma and Louise. Apparently, they had ran out of gas on a country road. Luckily for them, there were farm workers that assisted them with a couple gallons of gas, which enabled them to get to the gas station. We were all very happy to see them get to the restaurant safely.



This was a very a fun, entertaining, and relaxing event. We all had a great time. We spent a lot of very valuable time with our spouses, which to me is important. We had nice meals together with other members and bonded even closer as friends. Without Oscar's hard work, the Rally the trophies given at the end, the scheduling and coordination of meals, hotel rooms, reservations, routes, car shows at the Homestead A.F.B. and trophies we all received, the rally books, and the countless times Oscar drove the rally route before the Rally on his own time, this would never have gone so smoothly.

THANK YOU, OSCAR!!!



2019 CTCSF Membership

Hello Thunderbird Club Member!

It's that time of the year when we once again renew our membership to the Best Thunderbird Club in South Florida! Wow, time really does fly when you are having fun participating in all of our activities! We are reaching out to you with a friendly reminder regarding your annual dues renewal. We noticed that you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2019 year. We do not want to lose you and hope you do not mind this reminder. We recognize that sometimes we all just forget!

The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida is a social group of dedicated individuals with interest in ownership and enjoyment of Ford Thunderbird cars from 1955 to 2005 and of all Antique Automobiles. We meet each month for dinner, car shows and activities with our membership from West Palm Beach to the Florida Keys. Our club is family oriented in its activities and sponsors several charitable organizations. Our aim is to bring together owners and non-owners of the Thunderbird in a social activity to encourage and promote the admiration, care and maintenance of the "Classic Thunderbirds" and Antique Cars in general. We hope to provide an outlet for people to discover the uniqueness of the features and styling of the Ford Thunderbirds and exchange knowledge with each other about them and other Antique Automobiles.

All you need to join the Club is a Love of the Thunderbird or Antique Cars. No need to own a T-Bird or an Antique Car to apply for membership!

If you renew your membership now, it will be valid until December 31, 2019! Please don't delay so that you don't miss out on any of the activities we have coming up, such as the Holiday Party, the Annual Car show, the Sunday Brunch, the Breakfast at Ellie's, the Rallies, and many others!

Please click PAY HERE to pay online OR Mail your check to:

THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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Important: If any part of your information has changed since last year, please reply to me with the updated information and I will update it for you.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, participation and contribution to our hobbyist community!

Oscar Castro

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**IMPORTANT - IF YOU ARE BRINGING ANY NON-MEMBER GUESTS,
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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . November 14, 2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Leo Saladino in President Paul Werner's absence at 7:25 pm.

MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Oscar reported that the treasury is doing awesome. The accounts had been down but are back up and holding steady. We are in good shape!

LAKELAND TRIP RECAP: Fantastic weekend! Everyone had a great time with all the events. A special "thank you" to Oscar, Marcia and Elvis for doing such a wonderful job in trip planning and execution!

The club paid for appetizers at the Lakeland dinner, which was delicious and fun! All who attended would recommend this steak house to everyone. They were especially accommodating of our large group and we had a comfortable private room. The Sebring hotel, Chateau Elan, was wonderful and tremendously accommodating, and the \$2 bar drinks all weekend voucher was enjoyed by all!

RALLY RECAP: An awesome time was had by all!

The murder mystery train was great, and the murderer was really a surprise! "Thelma and Louise" (Dorothy and Elly) ran out of gas in the middle of nowhere, but they encountered very helpful, friendly locals. A wonderful couple from Rome joined us (Rine and Enzo), They were very impressed with our club. They are working on a Rally through the southern Italian mountains and will be inviting us. Additionally, they will be doing the 500-Mile Rally with us in April!

Oscar and Marcia had a laughable evening when one of our club members came to their room by mistake. After Marcia put him in the elevator, he neglected to push his floor button, and when the elevator opened, he returned to their room a second time! Marcia took him home!

The rally route took us through the Everglades and many alligators were spotted. We drove through Ave Maria, Florida – a really interesting new "city" that is very quiet and fairly strange!

After donations Oscar was able to secure from Florida Car Marathon (thank you, Daniel R) and Bullseye Powder Coating, the event was profitable by \$70.40. Bullseye Powder Coating took care of trophies and they are contributing to our January

show expenses.

CLUB SHIRTS: The order form for shirts will be on the website just as soon as Oscar can get the files and ordering info online. For now, anyone wishing to order a shirt should contact Gail. gailstu@bellsouth.net or (305) 799-1956

UPCOMING EVENTS: December 2: Festival Holiday Show

<https://shopfestival.com/event/2018-holiday-car-show/>

This show is at the Festival Market on Sample Rd. from 10am – 4pm. Paul is keeping a tally of the 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 has reserved 2 rows for us to park together. Please register for the show online at the website above (or follow the link on our website home page), and then let Paul know you are planning to attend so he can hold a spot. Car registrations are \$30 online and will be \$35 at the gate. Show registration will include some vouchers and extras, including VIP tent access. 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! We will have a help yourself wine bar. Please remember to bring a "Mean Santa" gift (\$25 value). We are reminded to be serious about the \$25 value. Too many people have put a lot of thought into the gift they bring only to walk out with something really thoughtless and cheap. Please register at the website – and PLEASE read the content of the website before you register!

January 27, 2019 – our annual Tropical Park Open Car Show:

Oscar is working on the 47-page park application! Remember that this car show and the auction (last weekend in March, again this year, no Sunday event) need our participation, as these events support our club activities. The \$35 dues paid annually by each member actually returns about \$250 spent on each member! We must support the Car Show and Auction!

YOU CAN HELP!: We are in need of contents for the goody bags we give to show participants. Pens, 18 calendars, magnets, can openers – anything works. If you know ANY



vendors you can approach, we need to find things to put in the bags. Ask your bank, auto mechanic, exterminator – any and everyone! They have promotional materials and would be happy to give them to you! Oscar has 270 bags from Hagerty to fill. He will need all goodies by the second week in January.

AND: Promote, Promote, Promote! If you are attending any shows or rallies, get some cards from Oscar to distribute! We need to get the word out and have as many cars participate as we can find!

MIAMI SPRINGS CAR SHOW: Reminder from Grace of the December 15 car show and toy drive from 6 – 10pm. To enter your car: \$10 and 1 unwrapped toy or \$20.

REMINDERS: No Club meeting in December or January
January 16th: Board Meeting for annual planning

January 19th: Redland Riot Road Rally and perhaps a dinner party at Oscar and Marcia's home in Homestead!

February 9th: Club sponsored breakfast at Ellie's Dinner in Boynton Beach. All paid members have a free breakfast!

March 27 - March 31: Fort Lauderdale Convention Center Auction, our biggest fund raiser. This event along with our car show, allows us the fun experiences we have all year! You can help! Make sure you volunteer – and bring friends to drive! We need all capable drives to show up and work the show! Without Sundays, our check from the auction company is much lower than we used to receive. And the more we rely on drivers from other clubs, the less our share!

April 24-28: Florida Car Marathon precision rally. Reminder that all T-Bird Club members receive \$100 off the cost of the rally. This is a 5 day rally. 2 days are local and then 3 days out of town. April 24 will begin at the air base on Rickenbacker Causeway and continue through downtown Doral on April 25. This is a precision car rally thru the seldom traveled back roads of Florida. Different classic, exotic and touring cars will follow the route, visiting new places, enjoying scenic landscapes and stopping at different social events where there will be time to share stories and anecdotes while enjoying the excitement of the rally, but most of all, it will be an unforgettable experience among friends, old and new. Some of the planned stops along the route include Alva, Sebring, Tampa, Ybor City, Sebring, Okeechobee, Pahokee, South Bay and back to Miami. The Kick Off event for the rally will take place at Trattoria Pampered Chef in Miami Springs on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 pm. Many club members will be participating.

REMINDER: CHECK OUR CLUB WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON ALL EVENTS!! www.tbirdfl.com

NEWSLETTER: Ed reported that the newsletter is doing very well. There are already vendors recommitted for next year. It was mentioned that Bullseye Powder Coating, who paid for the trophies for the rally, get complementary advertising in the newsletter.

ELECTIONS: Paul gave Oscar a statement to read apologizing for not being with us at the meeting and stated his willingness to serve as President for a second term (if no one else requests the position). Oscar opened the floor for Nominations.

The slate presented is the same as last year:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| President | Paul Werner |
| Vice President | Leo Saladino |
| Secretary | Gail Corenblum |
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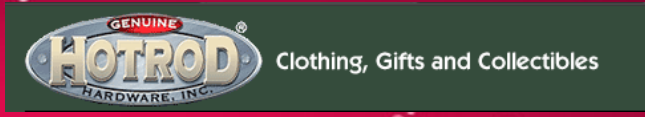
Ed motioned to accept the slate and Oscar seconded. The slate of officers for 2019 was unanimously approved. Stuart motioned, and Richard C seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 7:20. Respectfully submitted,

Gail Corenblum.





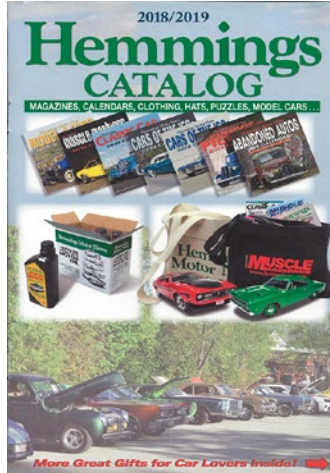
Holiday Gift Guide



I thought it would be nice to include a list of retailers who offer gifts for automobile lovers. This is just for information and The Thunderbird News is not sponsored by any of the vendors.



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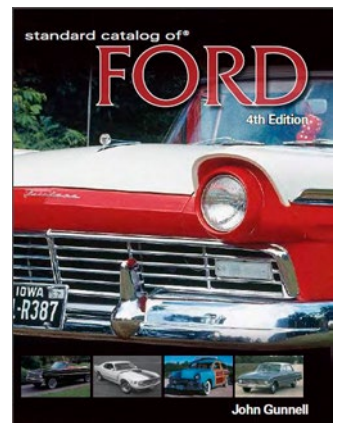


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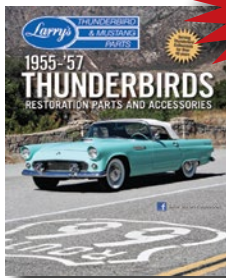
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