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## TROPICAL PARK 19TH CTCSF SHOW



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Early Birds 1st arrivals to the 19th CTCSF Show

The Felipe Cos Thunderbird brought the 19th CTCSF Show by his son Rick

# 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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**INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
**Karen MacCord, Treasurer**  
**PO BOX 1211**  
**Middletown, DE 19709**

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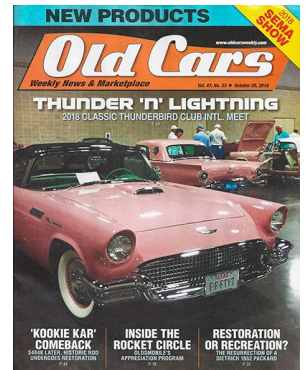
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(GEB) July 2016



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# editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter MARCH 2019 Volume 21, #3

Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

In February the Classic Thunderbird Club members had Breakfast at Ellie's and held their 19th Annual Open Classic Car Show, both in the same weekend!

So many attended the breakfast that our group overflowed the tables outside the room we reserved! Everyone enjoyed it!

The following day, Sunday, we held our Annual Car Show. The weather co-operated this time! 211 Cars were registered! We reached our goal of 201 cars and beat it by 10 to make the 19th Show as a success! In this issue are the highlights and some great pictures from both events.

At our meeting on February 20th The RM Sotheby's action in March was planned. Gail Corenblum passed around a signup sheet. Please contact her to volunteer. Gailstu@bellsouth.net

This is a volunteer event and we need as much participation as possible to make it success.

This is our clubs most important activity to generate money for our events like the Redlands Rallye dinner, Ellie's Breakfast, annual Thunderbird Day Brunch, Luau and Holiday Dinner. Our Annual Car show, and dues are not enough to get it done! This year in our effort be the most professional, we will have, before each day, a mini training class on how to safely move the cars around. It will be conducted by Bill Thain one of our Club members and RM-Sotheby's associate.

Cheers and 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.

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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Thunderbird News Winner of

OLD CARS Weelky GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Car Club Newsletter.

CTCI 2017 Newsletter Competition GOLD AWARD for our October Rally 2016 Edition.



## Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI CHAPTER #114 MARCH 2019 VOLUME 21, #3 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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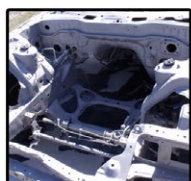
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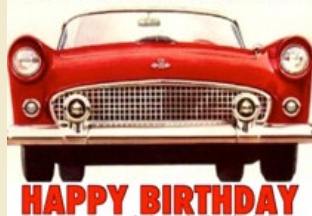
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# MARCH

# 2019

Iverlys Rodriguez	4
Roger Peraza	12
Pat Gormley	18
Natalie Heslekrants	21
Celia Layzell	23
Grace Vazquez	28

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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.

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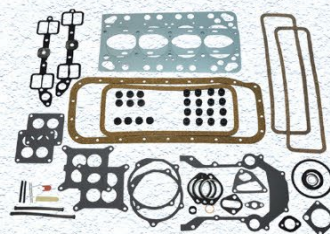
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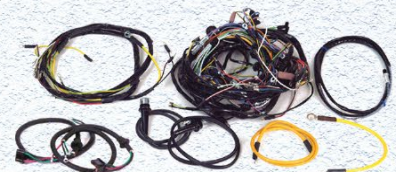
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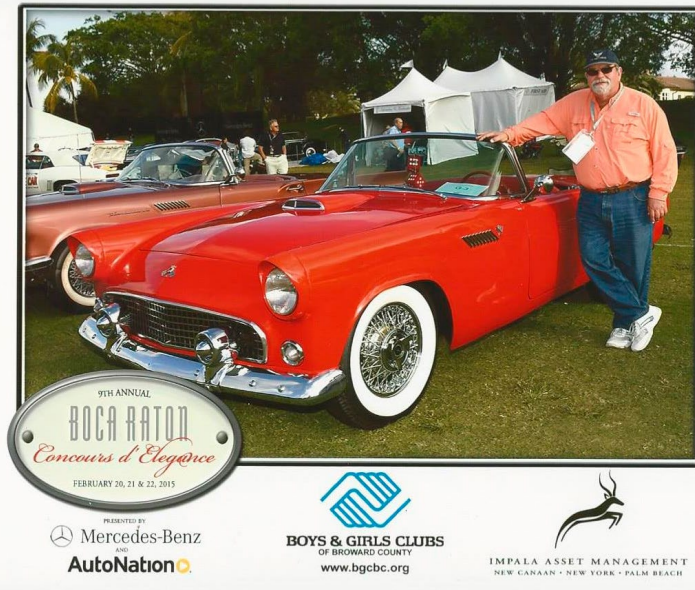
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The auction is coming up at the end of March, and I need you to sign up to drive. It is a lot of fun, and you get to drive some pretty cool cars. The money we raise will allow us to continue to have a free holiday party and paid up member's breakfast, as well as subsidize the cost of other events. It will us to continue the fun things the club does. Sign up NOW!

Speaking of social events, we have the annual brunch, in May, on Thunderbird Day. We also have a road rally, road trip with car show, and perhaps a luau coming up.

Keep checking the newsletter, website, and Facebook page.

See you on the road, Paul

**Paul Werner**

President - 2018

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

Fellow birders and friends, Spring is approaching, and your board in springing into action!

There is a proposed change in the bylaws regarding elections.

The Board approved that the by-laws would be changed to **TWO-YEAR** terms for **ALL elected officers and board members**, and

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



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Pre-registration is available for \$50 which will help meet the financial obligations of this regional convention. Your early support would be greatly appreciated. This pre-registration amount will be applied to your total registration and should be mailed 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.

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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](http://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](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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### 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](http://www.ctci.org).

### OUR OBJECTIVE:

EVERY CLASSIC T-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER

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- Current members may renew dues online at [www.ctci.org](http://www.ctci.org).

Please select one of the following prorated amounts:

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<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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

For late 1957's:

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Registered Owner (if other than member) \_\_\_\_\_

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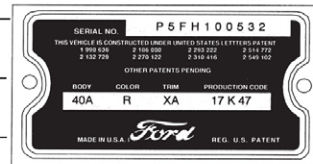
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# Breakfast at Ellie's

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The greatly anticipated Club breakfast at Ellie's dinner was on February 9th. This year it was interesting that the Annual Car show would be the next day, due to the weather forcing a cancelation in January.



Saturday, the weather was lousy so not everyone brought their Classic, but there were a few.



We had so many CTCSF members that we needed 2 tables on the outside of the banquet room to fit us all in. Ellie's is a 50's theme dinner and the food is great, so the drive is worth it. Some members drove 2hrs to get there, and the price was RIGHT!



The breakfast at Ellie's is a free event to all club members made possible only by the success of our main fund-raising event, The RM Sotheby's Auction in March. We need help from those club members who are physically able to do the pre-auction set ups and drive the cars to and from the "Block" on Auction days. Your Club NEEDS YOU so please volunteer your time, even if it is just 1 day.



Leo was one of the brave souls who brought his car to the breakfast. When he went to get in his car, he discovered the keys were missing! Finally, Gary helped him bypass "hotwire" The ignition switch and get the car going, just in time to REVEAL HIS KEYS that were hidden under an adjacent car as it pulled out! Now that was a true 50's flashback!



Leo was on his way and the next day at the Club Car show Bill Thain put it all back together.



President Paul and First Lady Anita in their 55, pose for a picture under the Flag of the United States of America.



# Classic Thunderbird Club 19th Annual Open Car Show

This year our Annual Open Car show was rained out in January, but we were very lucky to reschedule with Tropical Park for February 10th.

Maybe it was meant to be since we had the largest turn out ever with 213 Cars participating! A small cadre of the die-hard Club members arrived by 7:30am and began the setup. Oscar & Marcia, Raul & Georgina, Rob & Deb, Richard, Paul Cotner and myself. Good thing because the first cars began showing up just after 8! We got the tent and signs up, tables set, DJ Elvis ready to go and our full volunteer staff at their appointed stations by 9am when the Gates were officially open! Thanks to everyone who made this a success!



Funny thing we found one of our banners for the show had a misspell, THUNDRFRBRID, which we didn't notice until I took a picture of it! LOL we will fix it for next year, the 20th Show!

So, there was a brief shower on my drive down around 7am and as we all know Classic Car owners can get "spooked" by rain, however the shower was isolated and didn't stop anyone from attending. As a matter of fact, the weather was perfect, Sunny with a mix of clouds with temps in the upper 70's

Attending with their fine cars were 2 local TV News personalities Bob Mayer, CTCSF member, 1957 Thunderbird (with period correct dealer installed AC) and Hank Tester with his Red 1967 Karmann Ghia, a car I lust in my heart for, since my first car was a Karmann Ghia!



We had the most diverse collection of cars ever and 20 Thunderbirds, the most of "our" Marque too.

Especially noteworthy a 1959 Square Bird, owner Carlos Suarez, our first at show! A 1964 Hardtop in a unique color, Rose Beige,



owner Jose Trujillo, had an articulated passenger seat, as the top half of the seat back was adjustable to rise up to form a comfortable recliner!

The "wildest" was this Radical Custom 1963!



As for diversity; 3 Edsels! Club members Jose & Haydee Siut, Norm & Robin Gabe brought their 59 Corsairs and a 58 Pacer with the Infamous "Tele-touch" push-button automatic was shown. I wish I had brought mine.



Club members Steve & Myrna Wishnick brought their 50th Anniversary "New Bird" all the way from their home in Punta Gorda, a 3-hour drive, to be awarded the longest distance driven to the show. We did have a gentleman from Ontario, CA who attended, but he didn't make the drive from there!



20 Thunderbirds! I didn't have a wide enough lens to get them all in!



How about those Tri-Five Chevys? Its always nice to see a group of them at any show!



Our "Smart" Club members Roger, Maria and Meida found a place in the shade near their beautiful cars.



Of course, we had Mustangs Camaros and Corvettes!  
The Felipe Cos Award for Best Thunderbird went to Raul & Georgina for their 1956



One of the nicest collections of Cadillacs from the Mid 50's was presented.

This 1958 Fleetwood Sixty Special won "Best of Show" Owners Mr. & Mrs. Eugenio Rodriguez received their trophy from our President Paul Werner in Concours D Elegance style with a drive by the Awards Tent.



It's nice to see the Kids appreciating the Classics!  
Ladies are winners every day!



It means a lot to win a Trophy at one of the Classic Thunderbird Club Shows!  
Everyone had a great time and we can't wait to do it again.  
Next year will be our 20th Show. Come join us!  
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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!

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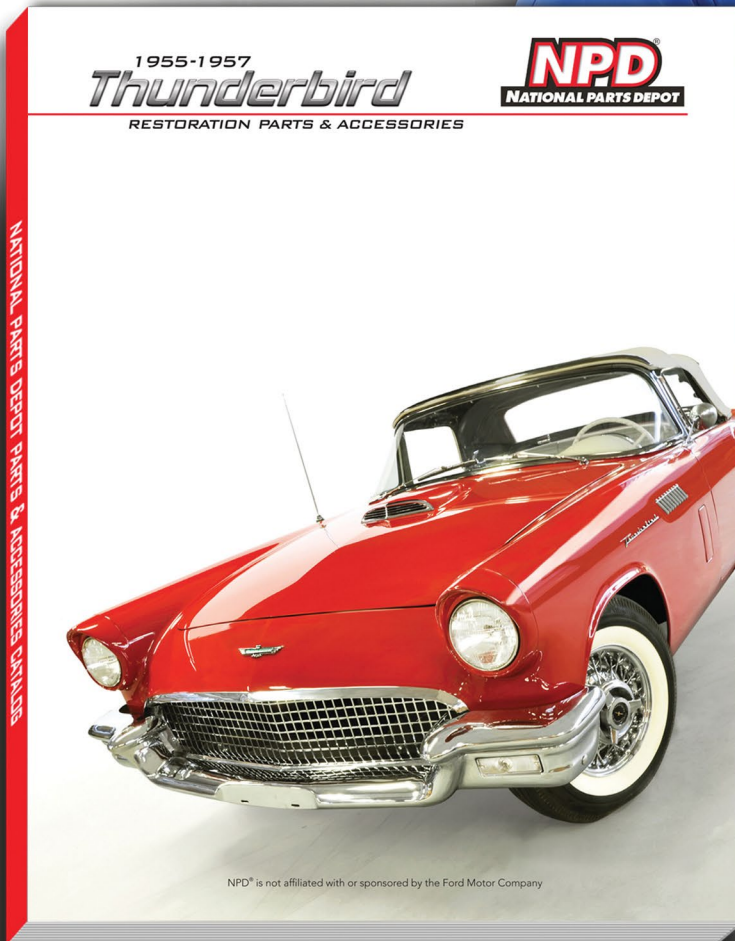
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