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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 CTCL 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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

### Annual dues are as follows:

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 \*September-December.....\$30.00  
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Mail to:

**INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
**Karen MacCord, Treasurer**  
**PO BOX 1211**  
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Visit ITC website: [www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com](http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com)

(GEB) July 2016



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## International Thunderbird Club (ITC) 2019 Convention

1100 Crocker Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145  
 Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Co-Chairs: Bart & Vera Bartasavich  
 gebart@ameritech.net (216) 375-2808

Name/Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year	Touring/Touring Modified	Senior/Formal	Show Case	Senior Participant
1)				
2)				
<b>Touring/Touring Modified:</b> 1955-2005		<b>Arrival Date (Circle):</b> Aug 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Senior/Formal:</b> 1955-1979		<b>Will be a Judge on August 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> MAYBE		
<b>Showcase:</b> Peer Judged (by ballots)		<b>Trailer Parking:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<b>Senior Participant:</b> Prior Achieved Senior Status		Specify Dietary Needs:		

Day(s)	Event(s)	Cost Per Person	Number in Party	Total Cost
	Registration Fee: Convention Attendees (family members)	\$50 per family	N/A	\$50.00
	Convention T-Shirts: Please Specify number of each size: S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$17 each		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Welcome Party – Meal <b>7 PM to 10 PM</b>	\$15 per person		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cruise to Port Clinton – Ferry Ride to Put-in-Bay Island (\$34 round trip for car; \$12 per person) Lunch & Dinner on your own. <b>9 AM to 5 PM</b>	\$34 per car \$12 per person		
<b>Thursday</b>	Bus Trip: Rock & Roll Museum; Crawford Auto Museum, Lunch & Tour of Cleveland. Dinner on your own. <b>9 AM to 5 PM</b>	\$85 per person		
<b>Friday</b>				
9:00 AM	Concours Participants & Judges Meeting			
10:00 AM	Annual General Board Meeting			
1:00 PM	Dr. Steve Legel Seminar (Author & Car Enthusiast)			
5:00 PM	Pool Party - Meal at DoubleTree Pool Side	\$35 per person		
<b>Saturday</b>	Concours Show <b>9 AM to 3 PM (Judging starts at 10 AM)</b>			
	Awards Banquet – DoubleTree (Dinner, Entertainment, Awards) <b>6 PM to 10 PM</b>	\$75 per person		
<b>Sunday</b>	Break Buffet & Departure – Safe Travels			
<b>ALL CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS DUE BY SATURDAY, JULY 13<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Convention Registration:** Make Checks Payable: International Thunderbird Club  
 Mail Check & Registration to: **International Thunderbird Club P.O. Box 1211 Middletown DE 19709**  
 Karen MacCord smokeybear546@msn.com (302) 378-4295

**Hotel Reservations: DoubleTree by Hilton, 1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145 (440) 871-6000**  
 www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com (convention info under “News & Events”)

**Mention: International Thunderbird Club to receive the special rate of \$109 per night.** Complimentary full breakfast buffet with room. Deadline for DoubleTree guaranteed rate is **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**. Late registration is subject to availability & increased room rate.





# editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter AUGUST 2019 Volume 21, #8

Hi Thunderbird Club Members,

In June Oscar, in coordination with FARA, the Formula & Automobile Racing Association held the Classics on the Track Car Show at Homestead Miami Speedway. CTCSF members were invited to attend and 14 participated in 4 "Victory Laps" around the track in their Classics. Featured on the cover of this issue is Robert Brice holding his award Trophy. 6 of our Club members were awarded Trophies! Winners were invited to our Monthly meeting for a photo Op. Thanks to Mark Russell for his fantastic photos included with his permission in this issue!

Please see the story by Oscar about the HMS Event.

While we are a Thunderbird Club some of our members have cars other than Thunderbirds. Robert Brice currently has an award winning IROC Z Camaro, but in this issue we feature a story written about his long-lost love, his 1969 Mach 1 Mustang.

Also, in the Meeting minutes is a full rundown on the proposed Club events thru early next year. Save those dates!

Currently we are all thinking about ways to make our T-Birds floatable, since the rain has been unceasing!

It's just not "top down" weather! Looking forward to October.....

Sadly, we lost an Automobile Industry Icon, Lee Iacocca, who was responsible to bring to market Ford Cars, the Mustang, Pinto and Lincoln Continental Mark II. Chrysler Mini Van, K Car and Viper. He has quite a legacy. I remember him for his mantra "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way"!

Welcome NEW Members. See who joined this month on the Presidents message page.

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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## Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI CHAPTER #114 AUGUST 2019 VOLUME 21, #8 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Our meetings are held the Third Wednesday of each month at The Trattoria Pampered Chef 7347 Miami Lakes Dr. Miami Lakes FL 33014 Our Host is Gabriel Nash.

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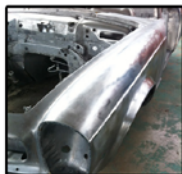
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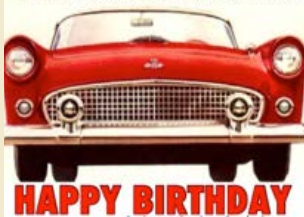
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# AUGUST

# 2019

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Dolores D'Angelo	5
Suellen Zimet	5
Jose Canal	6
George Bishopric	12
Carlos Suarez	15
Bridget Hagood	16
Walter Schade	18
Pedro Vidal	19
Daniel Alvarez	27
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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.

## THUNDERBIRD INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY:

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- 2005 Thunderbird: [www.fordautomobiles.com](http://www.fordautomobiles.com)
- Ford racing: [www.fordacing.com](http://www.fordacing.com)
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- Arizona Classic T-Bird Club: [classic-thunderbird.org](http://classic-thunderbird.org)
- Santa Clara Valley T-Birds: [www.tbird.org/scvt](http://www.tbird.org/scvt)
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- Old Cars [www.greatoldcars.com](http://www.greatoldcars.com)
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## INTERNET PAGE

Have you seen our internet page? We have changed our address [www.TBirdFL.com](http://www.TBirdFL.com) and we have a Facebook page too! Search Classic Thunderbird Club South Florida or

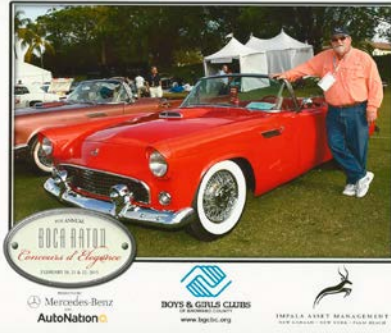
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We encourage participation on our Facebook page. Send Posts about everything Thunderbird related and we will enjoy other "car stuff too."

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"!

## PAUL WERNER

A couple of days ago, just before sunset, Anita suggested we get out of the house and take a ride. We hopped in our Bird, and as I we were heading out, I noticed my fuel gauge was low. We decided to drive over to the nearest gas station the sells non-ethanol gas, about a 20-minute drive.



Since there are no distractions, when we are alone, as we drive we talk. The topics range from grandkids, my mother, plans, and other topics. We usually save problems for another time. It is so pleasant to take a drive in our Bird, with the top down, the sun not too strong, and light traffic. We decided to extend our drive and returned in the dark. We enjoy the car.

We also enjoy our Thunderbird Club. We enjoy the monthly meetings, but I have to closely monitor what I eat the next day, to make up for the slight weight gain. We enjoy the social events, as well as the trips. Always fun.

The club is always busy in the fall and early winter, after the quiet summer. We have the Lakeland Trip, the Rally, and the holiday party in fairly quick succession. After the first of the new year, we have our car show and membership breakfast. There are also numerous car shows.

Keep cool and enjoy the rest of your summer.

**Paul Werner** - President - 2018  
Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

## MEMBERSHIP 2019

We have 24 New members already since January!

Our club is now 20 years old and has grown a lot since Felipe Cos founded it in 1989 on November 19th. When I

joined in 2011 There were less than 30 members, now we are 97!

It is our intention, going forward, to recognize new members as they join in our Newsletter, Thunderbird News.

Recent July additions are

Gary Vick, Ed Harkrader, and Ovidio Iturriaga.

**Welcome to the Club!**



# Remembering Lee Iacocca

## BY ED RAABE

Early in July we lost an Icon of the Automobile Industry, Lee Iacocca. Born in Allentown Pennsylvania of Italian immigrants, Lido Anthony Iacocca was destined to become a leader. He graduated Lehigh University with a degree in industrial engineering he went on to Princeton after winning the Wallace Memorial Fellowship.

He joined Ford as an engineer. Not being happy in that role he asked and was transferred to the Sales and Marketing Division. As the Assistant Sales Manager in the Philadelphia district he created the "56 for 56" advertising campaign, a 1956 Ford for \$56.00 a month for 3 years with a 20% down-payment. Wildly successful, it became a national campaign and launched his career at Ford. By 1960 he was Vice President and General manager of the Ford Division, Vice President of the Car & truck group in 1965, Executive Vice President in 1967 and President on December 10th, 1970.



He is best known, while at Ford, for bringing the Mustang to Market, but he was also responsible for the Pinto and Continental Mark III. It was no secret that he clashed with Henry Ford II and was fired in July 1978 even though Ford posted a record 2 BILLION dollars profit for that year! Ford was quoted as saying in reference to Mr. Iacocca, "sometimes you just don't like someone!"

Iacocca went on to Chrysler Corporation in 1978 to work miracles there. Struggling to stay alive, Chrysler needed new products and capital survive. In 1979 he went to Congress and secured a government backed loan guaranty. 1981 they introduced The K Car with a platform that the 1983 Mini-Van would be based on. The Mini-Van, a concept that was rejected by H. Ford II while Iacocca was at Ford, became a runaway success and an industry leading vehicle for 25 years! These achievements turned Chrysler around, and they were able to pay back the loan 7 years ahead of time. Iacocca also shepherded the deal to purchase AMC and develop the Jeep Grand Cherokee another industry leading concept! He retired his position as CEO and Chairman of Chrysler in 1992.

Later in 2005 he returned to advertise for Chrysler with his classic 1980s slogan "If you can buy a better car, buy it"

Lee Iacocca truly changed the landscape of the American automobile industry for over 5 decades.

# 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 sign up 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.

### Standard or Premium Packet

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## CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . July 17th, 2019

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Paul Werner called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Guests were introduced by Oscar. They were award winners at the Homestead show the previous weekend. There were 65 cars pre-registered, 15 of which were from our club. 15 Classic trophies were presented – 6 to our members. Oscar introduced Mark Russel, a photographer, Alfonso Castano, a Porsche, David Rankin who drives a 1969 Shelby GT350, , Santiago Diaz who drives a 1979 Toyota, Gary Vic and Rolando Oliver, who is a new member and owns a Volvo and a 2005 Thunderbird.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report was not given (Treasury is a private Club matter and we had too many outside guests in attendance)

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** It was approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. (Stuart motion; Raul second)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lake Mirror Concours / Mid-Florida Auto Show: October 18-20.

Oscar said that the link to the hotel reservations will be online in a week. Event calendar is as follows:

Friday evening: Budweiser Hot Rod Rendezvous (6 pm; 8 pm awards; 9 pm parade, live music)

Saturday: The Lake Mirror Concours and Downtown Lakeland auto show followed by dinner at Texas Roadhouse, downtown Lakeland

Sunday: Heacock Classic Road Rally from 8 am – 1 pm.

We have blocks of rooms reserved. The reservation will be online. Oscar will send out an email.

For more information on the weekend show and events, check out <https://www.midfloridaautoshow.com/>

T-BIRD CLUB 300 MILE RALLY: November 1-3, 2019

This year, we will be travelling to St. Augustine and leaving from Boca. There will be a club dinner on Friday evening and on Saturday we will have trolley passes. Saturday evening there will be a ghost tour!

HOLIDAY PARTY: Saturday, December 7, 2019

REDLAND RIOT and LUAU: January 18, 2020

Oscar has secured the services of Hawaiian Island dancers, a fire eater, and paella maker!

T-BIRD CLUB OPEN CAR SHOW: Sunday, January 26, 2020

FLORIDA CAR MARATHON: April 22-26, 2020

This is not a club event, but 25% of the participants last year were T-Bird Club members. And Ely, as a navigator for a driver, had incredible first place results, winning first place in the touring division and first place overall! Their scores were separated from the next closest score, by over 1 minute. In Rally terms, this is an awesome accomplishment!

WE ARE REMINDED TO CHECK OUR CLUB WEBSITE OFTEN FOR DETAILS ON ALL EVENTS! THERE ARE EVEN SIZE CHARTS ON OUR WEBSITE FOR SHIRT ORDERS!

Oscar reminded us that if we didn't work the Auction and have Car Show, the membership would cost \$295 annually! That's why it's so important for us to participate and work these events!

#### OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 21 2019

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Stuart motioned and Raul seconded adjournment, after a brief 7-minute meeting!

Respectfully submitted,

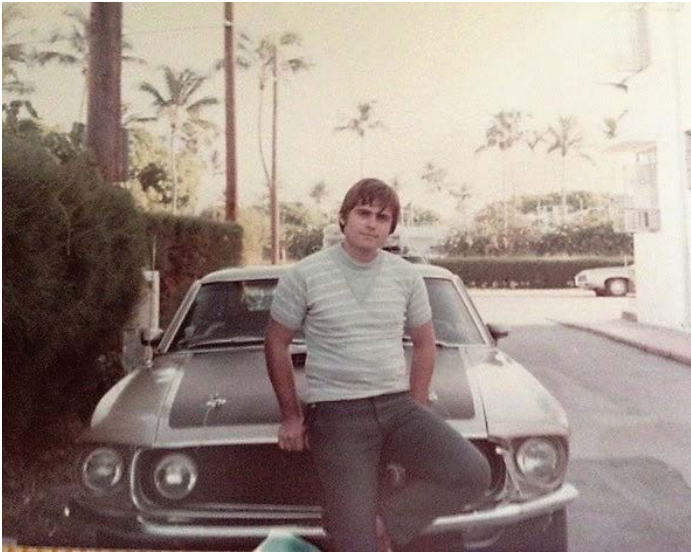
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# Our 1969 Mach 1 Mustang

BY ROBERT BRICE



A lot of changes happened in my life during the '60s. Some were tough and some were good experiences. In the '70s, all was "HAPPY-GOOD." First I meet my beautiful wife, Lilliam, and I bought my 1969 Mustang Mach 1, my son Robert was born. To me, it couldn't get any better than that.

Let me tell you how I came across and bought my "Dream Car." One Monday morning I picked up the newspaper (no computer in those days, you know) I recall the ad: "1969 Mustang Mach 1, V8 351 Cleveland Stick – Air, PB AM/FM radio, 8 track, 2300 miles, price \$2750 at Johnson Ford 103 st Miami, Florida, and the phone number".

I called and spoke with the salesperson, and I heard the good news that the car was still available. That afternoon after work I went to see it.

When I saw that beautiful machine, I fell in love with it and said to myself "O' Boy, I have to get this car."

Without showing much interest in the car I checked it and asked the salesman why such low mileage. He said that the original owner did not drive it much because it was stick shift and had traded it for an automatic vehicle.

The Mustang was in "show room" condition inside out. After a little bit of dealing back and forth, I finally bought it for \$2,500 even. To me this was a great deal, because no matter what, I was determined to purchase this car. Finally, I'd bought the car of my dreams, a 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1, 351 Cleveland, 3 on the floor. Wow, this was a dream come true.

That same evening, I picked up my fiancée and we went for our first ride, she loved it and the first thing she said to me was "you have to teach me how to drive stick shift, and added, "I will have no problem learning how to drive it, I learned to drive in New York City you know."



We got married in 1971 and the Mustang was part of our honeymoon. After three years of owning the car, my wife became pregnant, and with a baby on the way we had the need to get a much larger car. With a broken heart and left with no other choice I had to trade it in to accommodate our new family.

Well, folks, the years have come and gone but 47 years later, we still talk about our Mustang. I have these photos in my iPhone to show when we go to car shows, hoping to find it someday, if it does exist.

I do not have the VIN number, but as you can see in one of the pictures, the license tag number was Florida 1-133928 (1970-1971).

Thank you for reading our story.



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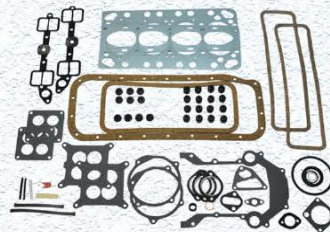
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# CTCSF at Homestead-Miami Speedway

BY OSCAR CASTRO

What an AWESOME time we had this weekend! Even the weather was on our side, it held off until we had done the Victory Lap and handed out the Trophies, then it poured! I had a blast! I am sure everyone else did too.

Everything worked out really well, first thing was the nice weather. Then we got a great surprise when we got there, we were extremely lucky that FARA was able to release a row of pit garages for our parking, so the 27 people on the waiting list got to park inside! But wait, there's more! They also allowed the 17 people on the Victory Lap waiting list, to participate, so all around, everyone that registered, got to park inside and do the victory lap!

Right on schedule at 11:30, Serafin "The Gorilla" held a Driver's Meeting. He was very professional, informative and he gave everyone all the necessary instructions for a successful lap, or should I say laps (we did 4)! Then at precisely 12:00 the cars entered the track and were off! We had 67 cars on the track at one time, they looked awesome!

They also allowed trailers to come in, and a few participants took advantage of the opportunity and trailered in their cars.



We also got to see part of the races, before the rain came down. Amazing how fast (and noisy) those cars are!



My wife Marcia also took some videos of the cars entering and then circling the track (look really nice), Thanks Marcia. Each is over 200MB long, so I cannot include them in this email, but here are the links, you can view online, download, and then edit your car is necessary, even do screen grabs:

[http://www.benefitcarshows.com/Images/Entering\\_the\\_Track.mp4](http://www.benefitcarshows.com/Images/Entering_the_Track.mp4)



Like Confucius said, "One picture worth a thousand words", so as elaborate as I have tried to be in describing the event, nothing beats all the action photos taken by the official photographer on Sunday. I am pretty sure that he captured every car at least once, and some of them, more than once. The photographer was Mark Russel from Roo-Pics. AWESOME job Mark! He has provided us a link to the watermarked photos. I am sure that if you want a specific photo enlarged or professionally packaged, that Mark can accommodate you. Mark Russel, 954-629-9484, mark.russell@roo-pics.com. Here is the link to the photos:

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## WINNERS CIRCLE

Including the new members, out of 13 Trophy categories (2 had no entries), 8 were won by Tbird Members! That is 62%!

Gary Vick	1946	Jeep	CJ2A Willys
Ed Harkrader	1970	Plymouth	Road Runner
Rafael Rodriguez	1957	Chevrolet	Bel Air
Jose Siut	1984	Oldsmobile	Delta 88
Paulo Salva	1972	Ford	F250
Michael Arias	1974	De Tomaso	Pantera
Robert Brice	1987	Camaro	IROC Z28
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As it was, 6 of our current club members won trophies and 2 others and their wives, invited, joined the club! Photographer Mark Russell was on hand to take pictures of everyone having a great time. He was gracious enough to provide the pictures from both the Speedway Event and the Dinner for us to publish in Thunderbird News.

I think he did a great job capturing the fun!







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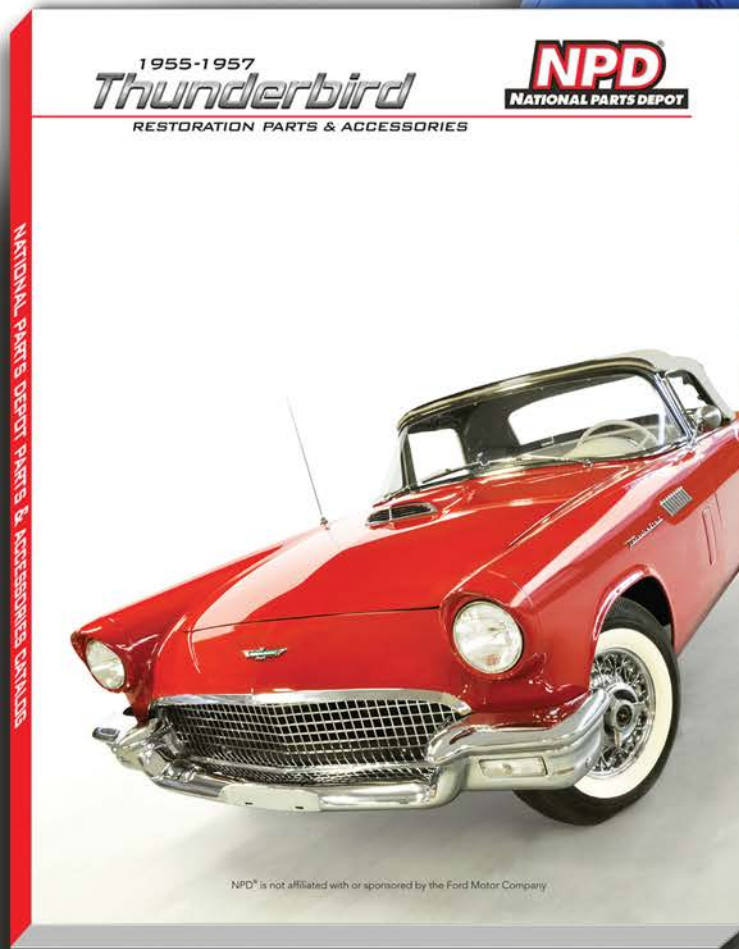
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