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SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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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Please fill out application:

- New Member
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ITC # if known _____
\$30.00 or \$50.00 2 years US & Canada
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Karen MacCord, Treasurer
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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter NOVEMBER 2019 Volume 21, #11

Ed Raabe

Greetings Thunderbird Club Members, October is a busy month The Outing at Lakeland is featured in the issue as well as a preview of the 300 Mile Rally. We have 15 Cars signed up.

So, the Mid Florida Auto show was basically a wash-out due to Tropical Storm Nestor but as they say, "the show must go on".

The Organizers placed the participating cars in 2 downtown showrooms. One for the Concours, the other for the street show. We had great fun at our Dinner parties Harrys & The Texas Cattle company.

At the time of this message we now anticipate going on our Annual Rally to St. Augustine, named in Honor of our founder Felipe Cos who loved to Rally. "Drive your car, don't just look at it" Felipe would have been 83 years old this October 15th

This Year our Holiday Party will be December 7th

Please visit our Club Website for more information and to REGISTER!

Once again it will be held at the Holiday Inn Miami West

A fun time is guaranteed for all!

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.

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300 MILE RALLY



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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI CHAPTER #114 NOVEMBER 2019 VOLUME 21, #11 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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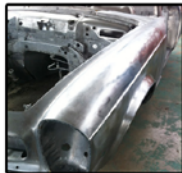
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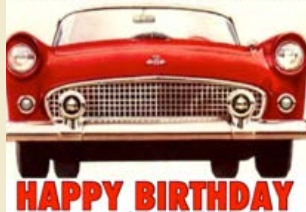
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NOVEMBER 2019

Robert (Bob) Ferretti	1
Elvis Padron	2
Richard Pupard	4
Donald Frakes	5
Elizabeth (Ely) Barry	6
Dorothy Chiesa	9
Ed Raabe	19
George Martin	26
Fred Slabine	28
Norman Gerstein	29
Jose Trujillo	30

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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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- 2005 Thunderbird: www.fordautomobiles.com
- Ford racing: www.fordacing.com
- Speedvision: www.speedvision.com
- CTCI's Home Page: www.ctci.org
- Daytona's Turkey run: www.carshows.org
- Metroplex EarlyBirds: www.geocities.com
- Arizona Classic T-Bird Club: classic-thunderbird.org
- Santa Clara Valley T-Birds: www.tbird.org/scvt
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- Classic T-Bird Club of Chicagoland www.ctcc9.com

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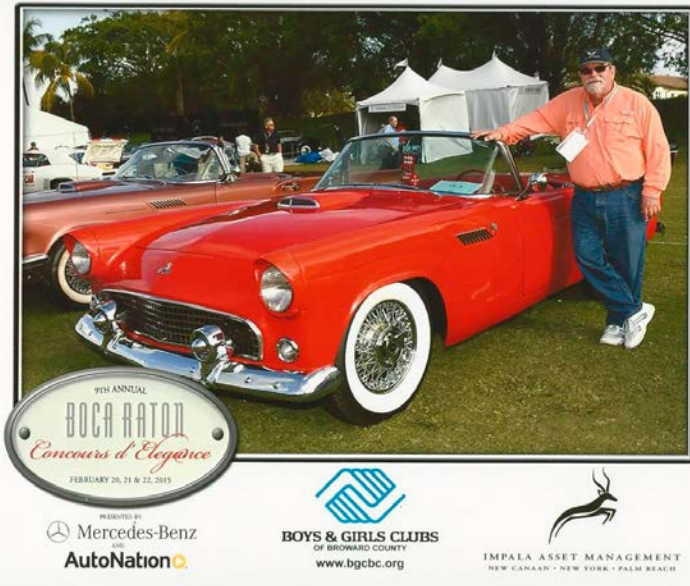
INTERNET PAGE

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

www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida

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

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"!



Thunderbird. She enthusiastically agreed. We went home, switched cars, and headed out. She loved it, and after about a half hour she asked me to take her home: happy but fatigued.

Needless to say, she is not up for the Lakeland trip, but we hope to make it to the road rally.

Speaking of the road rally, we have some great activities coming up to close the year. In addition to that trip we have our holiday party in December. The big Festival Flea Market show is coming up on December 8th. I am working to arrange some spaces so we can park together like we did last year. We will start the next year off with a luau, and then our annual car show.

Oscar has been working hard on our social calendar, and we all owe him a big THANKS!

The auction coming up next year will be a challenge, due to the change in venue, but we are working on it, and I am sure it will be OK. Let's be flexible.

We will be having elections at our November meeting. Richard Manso has accepted the nomination for president, and I wholly support him. Thanks Richard!

I want to thank all of you for your kind words for Anita. She is coming along ahead of schedule with good function. She is just uncomfortable. She sends her regards.

See you at the road rally (I hope), and the November meeting.

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

My Therapeutic Thunderbird - Part 2

In our last episode, I had just taken Anita out for a ride in my Thunderbird, the night before her knee surgery.

The car then sat idle in my garage for 5 weeks, because Anita was not up for a ride. A few days ago, I was driving her home from physical therapy. in her car. She said to me that she had to get out and do something. She suggested going shopping together. Personally, I would rather have knee surgery myself, that go shopping. Since it was a beautiful and comfortable day, I suggested a ride in the

10th ANNUAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB'S FELIPE COS MEMORIAL 300 MILE RALLY

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To pre-register send \$50.00 to Betty Tulowitzky, 14191 Tudball Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33953
Please include address, email address, phone number, and CTCI number.

Hotel reservations can be made after May, 5 2019. Call 1-877-803-7534 Code is CTCI.




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CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership



It's called the **Classic Thunderbird Club International**, and you will find members throughout the United States and all over the world.

Why a Thunderbird Club?

Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) was formed to band together owners and admirers of the 1955-57 Ford Thunderbird — to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, technical information, and sources for parts. Lasting friendships have been formed through local chapters, Regional Conventions and International Conventions. Moreover, CTCI is recognized and sanctioned by the Ford Motor Company, which extends cooperation and support.



CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership

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

Felipe Cos founded our CTCI Chapter, #114 for South Florida in November 1998. Since then our club has hosted a CTCI International Convention in 2004 and grown to include 50 member families.

Look at the benefits of membership. For myself, I have saved a lot of time and money by visiting Gil's Garage, hosted by Gil Baumgartner CTCI Authenticity Chairman and 'Thunderbird Guru' and the Early Bird Club magazine is full of great articles and Club stories!

I have included the current CTCI membership application, which is available www.ctci.org in an editable .pdf format.

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.

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.

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.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Mailing Address _____

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CTCI Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

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- 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
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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
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*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? _____

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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) _____

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) _____

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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . October 16th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Oscar called the meeting to order at 7:05 as Paul was lost and running late. He started by thanking the people who work the auction, as that and our car show produce the income that supports our events. Oscar just signed a \$3,000 contract with the Holiday Inn for our holiday party. The proceeds pay for our Holiday party (which is FREE to our members) and allow us to attend our annual brunch at a cost of \$10 per person, while the club pays the \$35 difference. And we also use those income funds to pay for our annual party after the Redland Riot, which this year will be a Luau.

AUCTION REPORT: Because of remodeling at the Broward Convention Center, the auction will be held this year at the Palm Beach International Raceway (formally MOROSO Speedway). The auction dates are March 20 and 21, but as in previous years, we will be supplying drivers for unloading vehicles on March 17-19 and reloading on March 23. The logistics of the site will make travel difficult for our drivers. We are exploring the possibility of renting a house, having a shuttle from Tri-Rail, and contacting the clubs in Palm Beach, Jupiter, etc. for help with driving, if necessary. Bob Obenland volunteered to put up drivers at his home in Boynton Beach, about 45 minutes from the venue. We are waiting to hear back from RM with a report of how they are handling the logistics with their crews. On Friday and Saturday, they will want us to supply about 30 drivers, and on the other days 5-10. We pay other clubs for their participation, so we'd much prefer to be able to handle the event with our own club members. Mike McNeal will be the contact person for drivers.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Paul arrived and introduced members Diana and Armando Perez Nieves, who have been members for 2 years, but this is their first meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are doing very well. All bills are paid, including a \$3000 payment to Holiday Inn for the holiday party.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL ELECTIONS: NOMINATIONS for our Board are open. We will be having elections next month. Oscar warned that if you get up to go to the bathroom, you might get nominated! Richard Manso has volunteered to become President, and Oscar and Leo have both agreed to remain in their positions (Treasurer and Vice President, respectively)

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

Oscar will be leaving from US 27 at Griffin Road for anyone who wishes to caravan over. We will be having a WELCOME POOLSIDE RECEPTION ON FRIDAY and Group Dinner at 6:30 at Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille, a New Orleans style Restaurant in downtown Lakeland. Note that dinner has been changed from 5:30 to 6:30, still allowing time for us to visit the Budweiser Hot Rod Rendezvous

Saturday: The Lake Mirror Concours and Downtown Lakeland auto show followed by dinner at Texas Cattle Company, downtown Lakeland on the Lake.

T-BIRD CLUB 300 MILE RALLY to St. Augustine, November 1-3, 2019

This year, we will be travelling to St. Augustine and leaving from Royal Palm Beach. We will be traveling through Deland to St. Augustine. The total drive time will be 7-7.5 hours. Oscar, with help from Marcia and Elvis, has made the trip 3 times now to produce the Rally Book instructions! Thanks, Oscar! We are all tremendously indebted to your work and dedication to our fun activities!

Oscar has set up a block of rooms in RPB for Thursday evening, and as all Rally registrants are going to be at the hotel, Oscar will answer questions and distribute the Rally books and Car Numbers at that time. There will be a club dinner on Friday evening at the Columbia restaurant. We have the third-floor room and will be ordering off the menu. On Saturday we will have trolley passes. The trolley loop is 1.5 hours, but we can get off and on all day. The trip has 23 stops! Saturday evening there will be a ghost tour at 7:20 and after the tour, at 8:50, if you did not dine before the tour, you can dine after! Sunday there will be a club breakfast.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Saturday, December 7, 2019: Oscar made one change to the menu. We'll be looking forward to Rosemary mashed potatoes instead of garlic mashed.

Festival Car Show on December 8. The event is from 10am – 4pm and is a really good car show. Paul will find out about reserving spaces for our club to show together.

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

This will be our 20th year on January 26, 2020, AND out last year at Tropical Park. We are exploring other locations for the 2021 show.

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 our Car Show, to raise funds, the membership would cost each member upwards of \$295 annually! That's why it's so important for us to participate and work these events!

PAID MEMBERS: Oscar said to be on the lookout for a dues-renewal email, coming around November 1.

CTCI CONVENTION, May 4-9: National Convention is in Sarasota this year. Look for the next issue of our Newsletter for an application for the event, which Ed says is great. The caretaker of all early bird numbers will be there. Since this annual event is in Florida, we should have a good turnout.

EDISON FORD ESTATES ALL FORD SHOW, Saturday, February 1: Ed would like us to save the date of Saturday, February 1, to attend the "All Ford Show" at the estates in Fort Myers. Everyone who has attended in past years has totally enjoyed the venue and the wonderful displays of old Fords! There is a section on the lawns reserved for T-Birds. Rooms are becoming difficult to find for that weekend. If you want to attend, plan NOW!

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2019

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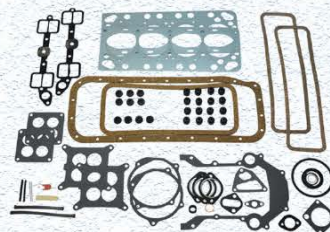
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Do you have any interesting photos of your car? Send it to me!. Do you have any interesting story about your car? Send them to me!



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The Mercury program was started in 1959 and was finished in 1965. The purpose of this first, of the USA's venture into space, was to put a man in orbit around the earth. Mercury was the Roman God of speed and the program was limited to one Astronaut in each capsule. This era was chronicled in the book "The Right Stuff" by Tom Wolfe in 1979 and was the basis for the Movie of the same name released in 1983.

The following program was Gemini, the astrological sign for twins, 1962 - 1966 and was designed for two astronauts. The goal was to study the effects of space and weightlessness on the human body.

Apollo which would accommodate 3 astronauts was the program to put a man on the moon and return him safely to earth as stated by President Kennedy in his famous speech of 1961. The Apollo program ran from 1969 through 1972. I'd be willing to bet everyone can recount exactly what they were doing as Neil Armstrong took "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind".

With all the celebration of the golden anniversary of the moon landing a new space documentary is being filmed. Leonardo DiCaprio is the executive producer for a National Geographic Show which will document the Mercury program. His project "The Right Stuff" is being filmed right here at the Space Coast. Of course, if you're making a movie about the fifties then you need cars and props from that era. Bridget and I had the good fortune of having our 1957 Thunderbird, Thor, selected to appear during the filming. No starring role for our steed as Local Chevrolet dealer Jim Rathman gave all the Astronauts great lease deals (Free) on Corvettes. The lone exception to the Corvette give-away was John Glenn who drove an NSU Prinz. Glen's auto of choice was completely on the other side of the spectrum from the Corvette. The Prinz (1958 - 1973) was of German

manufacture, and had a 2 cylinder, 600cc 20 horsepower air-cooled engine, mounted in the rear of the car.

We have been to movie sets before, but it was a local low budget affair. Quite a difference with a major studio. The day began dropping off our car on the set they would be using for the day. Then we were whisked away by bus to the canteen area. The catering would have rivaled a Sunday Brunch at the Hilton.

We were not babysat but given comfortable places to hang out and also could witness the filming. It is amazing how many times they will shoot and reshoot a 1-minute scene. To the untrained eye it all appears the same but to the discerning eye of the director something was amiss. It took all morning to complete a parking lot scenario.



Shortly after 1 PM this segment was completed, and we were released. A few minutes sooner and we could have avoided all the rain, but a few drops did spoil the finish and undercarriage. When we got home and started wiping our bird down we discovered that Thor must have been too shiny as there was a dulling spray applied to the front end. Getting this camera-friendly application off the car was not too hard, cleaning the wire wheels was another story, "Chariots of Mire"



MIDFLORIDA AUTO SHOW



The Club planned an outing in October to the Annual Lake Mirror Concours d'Elegance and Lakeland Car Show now known as the MIDFLORIDA AUTO SHOW. All set and ready to go, Arlene gets a POPUP on her iPad about a Tropical storm warning. So, I'm thinking, no big deal until she says it looks like it's going to slam northern Florida coming on shore in Tampa, THIS WEEKEND! In over 20 years of this Event it has never been affected by bad weather and NEVER with the potential for a "Wash Out".

Now if you have never been to the Event, imagine a picturesque lake surrounded by amazing Concours Level Automobiles and a quaint downtown area, with several square miles filled with every imaginable Classic, Sports and Exotic Car on exhibit. Well not this year.....

One for Concours Cars and the other for Cars that would have occupied the streets.



This proved to be satisfactory and there was more than enough room for the Car owners who came to present their cars. Due to the lighting I was unable to take satisfactory pictures, some included are from the MIDFLORIDA Facebook page. Unfortunately, the weather kept many from attending due to the driving conditions.



We just don't drive our cars in bad weather intentionally! FYI overnight a tornado touched down about a half mile from our hotel taking out powerlines, ripping off warehouse roofs, blocking one of the main roads into Lakeland with debris. By 1:30 in the afternoon the sun was out!!

The Show Must Go On! With a forecast of clearing on Event day a possibility the planners decide to keep the event schedule. Cars were located in 2 downtown parking garages.

No Thunderbirds, but John and Celia drove Little Red all the way there as part of our "Outing" to attend. Little Red laughs at Tropical storms!





Despite the weather our group had a Great time! At the hotel Oscar arranged a welcome "Topical Storm Party" That night we all went to Harry's in town.

There we actually shared some seating with a Club devoted to that "Other American Sports Car"!



TEXAS CATTLE COMPANY

Not to be outdone by Harry's our second Club dinner of the 'Wet-Weekend' was a reprise of our last visit to Lakeland at the Texas Cattle Company restaurant.



I've included some of the member's pictures as evidence of the great time we had! The first to arrive was Elvis and Marcia. A beautiful rainbow was captured by them.



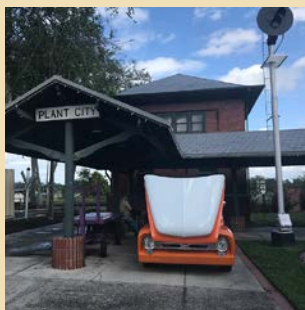
Nice but we could have used it the night before. Ah Mother- nature!

A certain Blue drink called the "The Blue Rose of Texas" was very popular!



PLANT CITY SATURDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN

Arlene and I decided to visit a Car show that goes on in Plant City 10 minutes up the road from our Hotel to get a flavor of the local Classic Car Culture. The Event is held in the Old Town district, which features a Railroad Museum! The State Theater was a flashback to a simpler time as well as the Crazy Kup Coffee shop and Whistle Stop Cafe. I hope you enjoy the pictures. Awesome cars too!



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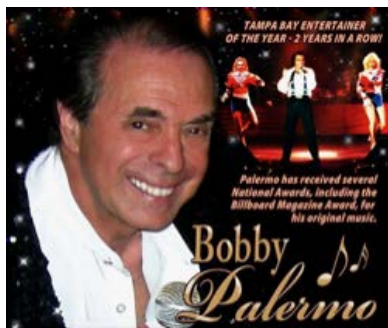
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NAME THAT TUNE Thursday Evening \$50 pp

Following a sit down dinner, let's Shake, Rattle – N – Roll at the Name That Tune and 50's sock hop. You are encouraged to wear your poodle skirt and best greaser clothes at this great night of music and dancing. Form a team of up to 8 of your friends and prepare to take a stroll



down musical memory lane. Before, during, and after quiz songs, there will be dancing to all your favorite oldies. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Dinner served at 6:00 pm, and the rocking begins at 7:00 pm. The 50's were a simple time...A juke box tune only costs a dime. A 50's T-bird was really cool...Malt Shoppes to go to after school.

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Hop on the Trolley for a ride to the Columbia Restaurant on St. Armand's Circle. Lunch at the Columbia, a popular Spanish style restaurant, that has been owned by the same family since 1905. After lunch, explore a variety of shops, including art galleries, clothing boutiques, gift shops, and jewelry stores all around the beautiful St. Armand's Circle. Treat yourself to an ice cream or gelato before boarding the Trolley for a leisurely ride back across the intercoastal waterway to the Hyatt.



LEBARGE TROPICAL CRUISES Price \$30 per person

LeBarge, a Sarasota landmark for 30 years, is a 60-foot double decker boat that offers a tropical cruise of the tranquil waters of Sarasota Bay. On this cruise, enjoy the view of spectacular waterfront homes and local wildlife along the beautiful shoreline while the narrator tells you about the fascinating history and folklore of the Sarasota area, and you might possibly see some dolphins. PLEASE NOTE, SPACE IS LIMITED.



RINGLING MUSEUM Price \$45 per person

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is a 66-acre museum complex in Sarasota, Florida, featuring the Museum of Art, Circus Museum, Ca'd'Zan Mansion, and Bayfront Gardens. John Ringling owned and operated the circus rightly called "The Greatest Show on Earth" and in the Roaring Twenties he was one of the richest men in America, with a net worth of \$200 million. Key attractions include the family mansion, the treasure trove of paintings and art objects, the circus museum which includes the world's largest model circus, and the botanical gardens. This tour includes round trip trolley ride from the Hyatt to the Ringling. The Ca'd'Zan Mansion tour is an additional \$10.00. Check with guest services upon arrival. Allow 3 to 4 hours.

SARASOTA JUNGLE GARDENS Price \$38 per person

A tropical adventure awaits all who visit Sarasota Jungle Gardens. One of the oldest continuously operating attractions in Florida, Sarasota Jungle



Gardens evokes memories of Florida days gone by, full of flora, fauna and fun. Tropical landscaping, connected by winding jungle trails, features a variety of birds and animals including Florida's noted pink flamingos, parrots, crocodiles, lemurs, snakes and more. Daily bird and reptile shows are as educational as they are entertaining. This tour includes round trip trolley ride from the Hyatt Hotel to the Jungle Gardens. Allow 2 hours.



SARASOTA CITY SIGHT SEEING TOUR Price \$30 per person

On this City Sightseeing Trolley Tour, guests may visit the historic downtown neighborhoods of Gillespie Park, Burns Court, Laurel Park, St. Armand's Circle, Lido Key and the Rosemary Design District. Guests will learn more about the architects and developers who designed some of our most unique homes and buildings like the Blue Pagoda, Crocker Memorial Church, and Splendida. Circus history, Amish culture, real estate development booms and busts, and colorful stories about Sarasota's founders give visitors a true overview of Sarasota's rich and amazing cultural history. This tour includes round trip trolley ride from the Hyatt Hotel. Allow 1 1/2 hours.

SCHEDULE FOR TOURS: Please note that times may change, so check the schedule upon arrival. Pick up and return to Hyatt from tours listed below.

Monday - 5:00 to 6:30 Sarasota City Tour*

Tuesday - 8:30 to 10:00 LeBarge Boat Tour* (Board at Hyatt dock) 12:00 to 1:30 Sarasota City Tour*

Wednesday - 8:30 to 10:00 and 10:00 to 11:30 LeBarge Boat Tours*

Thursday - 11:00 to 3:00 Ladies Lunch and Shopping on St. Armand's Circle

Friday - 9:45 to 5:00 Tours of Ringling Museum and Sarasota Jungle Gardens * **Sarasota City Tour and LeBarge Boat Tour are listed multiple times. Choose only one day and time for these two tours.**



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HYATT REGENCY - SARASOTA, FL

MAY 4 - 9, 2020



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To help us plan, please mark all events you plan to attend (EVEN IF THEY ARE FREE) and indicate the number attending

CONVENTION REGISTRATION	COST PER PERSON	NO. ATTENDING	TOTAL
Couple	\$75.00		\$ _____
Single/Children over 18/Guest	\$45.00 Ea.		\$ _____
Children under 18	Free/ Name(s)		
LATE REGISTRATION (ADD PER PERSON IF POSTMARKED)			
AFTER APRIL 1, 2020	\$25.00		\$ _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CARS IS APRIL 1, 2020

CONCOURS I - T-Birds trailered or driven with Undercarriage Judged	Ea. \$65.00		\$ _____
CONCOURS II - T-Birds driven with Undercarriage NOT Judged	Ea. \$65.00		\$ _____
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SECURED PARKING - Retros and collector cars Not Judged	Ea. \$45.00		\$ _____
TRAILERS - Length _____ Date of Arrival _____	Ea. \$50.00		\$ _____
VENDORS TABLE(S) - 6' Tableclothed (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)	Ea. \$75.00		\$ _____

Monday, May 4	1-5 pm Registration 1-4 pm Hospitality Room 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Sarasota City Tour* Dinner on your own	Ea. \$30.00	\$ _____
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Tuesday, May 5	8 am - 5 pm Registration 7:30 am - 4 pm Hospitality Room 8:30 - 10 am LeBarge Boat Tour* 12 - 1:30 pm Sarasota City Tour* 1 pm - 2 pm CTCI Board Meeting 2 pm - 3 pm CTCI General Business Meeting 3 pm - 4 pm Ask the Experts 6:30 - 9 pm - Welcome Party (Hors d'oeuvre)	Ea. \$30.00 Ea. \$30.00	\$ _____ \$ _____ Free Free Free Free
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Wednesday, May 6	8 am - 4 pm Registration		
	7:30 am - 4 pm Hospitality Room		
	8:30 - 10 am LeBarge Boat Tour*	Ea. \$30.00	\$ _____
	10 -11:30 am LeBarge Boat Tour*	Ea. \$30.00	\$ _____
	1 - 5 pm Judges Training		
6:00 pm Neil Diamond Tribute & Dinner	Ea. \$50.00	\$ _____	
Thursday, May 7	7 :30 am - 4 pm Hospitality Room		
	8 am - 12 pm Registration		
	8 - 9 am Judges/Owners Meeting		
	9 am- 4 pm Concours		
	11 am - 1 pm Judges Lunch		
	11 am - 3 pm Ladies Lunch at St. Armands	Ea. \$35.00	\$ _____
6:00 pm - Name That Tune & Dinner	Ea. \$50.00	\$ _____	
Friday, May 8	7 am - ? Swap Meet		
	7:30 am - 4pm Hospitality Room		
	8 - 10 am Driving Tour		Free _____
	10 am - 5 pm Sarasota Tours:		
	Ringling Museum	Ea. \$45.00	\$ _____
	Sarasota Jungle Gardens	Ea. \$38.00	\$ _____
6 pm Awards Banquet	Ea. \$65.00	\$ _____	
	Fish _____ Chicken _____ Pork _____		
Saturday, May 9	7 - 11 am - Farewell Hospitality		

Convention Merchandise: (See Website for design) APPAREL ORDER DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2020

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Ladies Shirt	Sm. _____ Med. _____ Lg. _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____	Ea. \$25.00	\$ _____

	AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____
NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER APRIL 18, 2020	Minus Pre-Reg.	\$ _____
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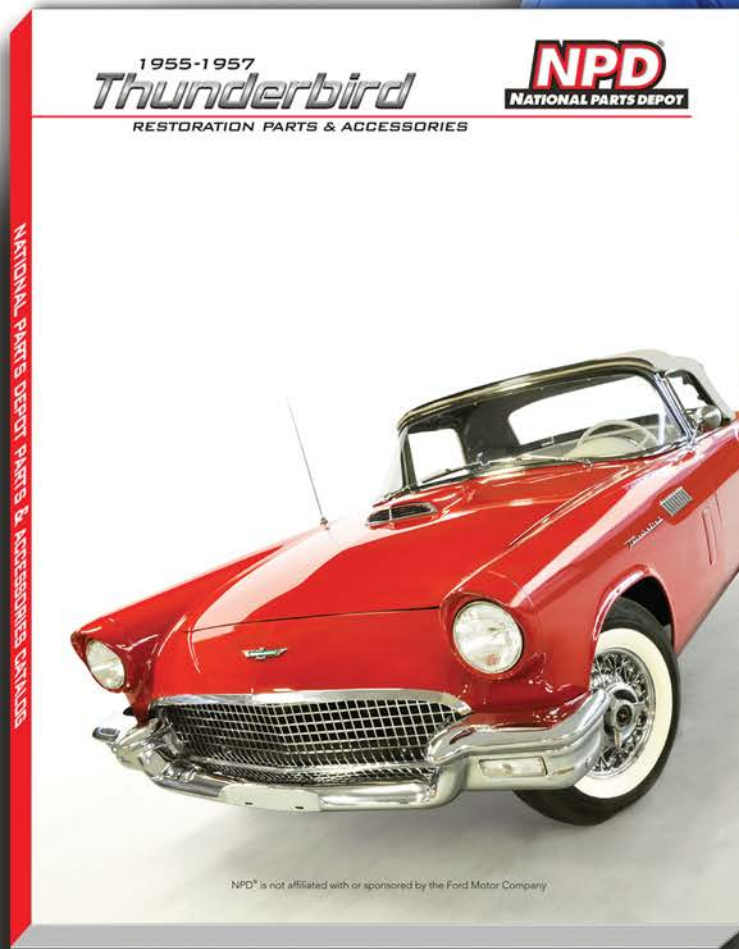
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