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2019 FLORIDA 300 MILE RALLY



Happy Holidays

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HOLIDAY PARTY

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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Annual dues are as follows:

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 *Valid to end of following year

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 January-April.....\$40.00
 May-August.....\$26.80
 *September-December\$40.00
 *Valid to end of following year

Please fill out application:

New Member

Renewing Member
 ITC # if known _____
 \$30.00 or \$50.00 2 years US & Canada
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 ITC # if Known _____

Mail to:

INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB
Karen MacCord, Treasurer
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Referring ITC Member _____

Name: _____ Email _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip: _____ Country: _____

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Visit ITC website: www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com

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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter DECEMBER 2019 Volume 21, #12

Ed Raabe

Greetings Thunderbird Club Members,

The first weekend of November 13 Teams comprised of our Club members went on the Florida 300-Mile Rally which we sponsor every year and is held in the honor of our founder Felipe Cos and Road Rally enthusiast. His mantra, " Drive your classic cars, don't just look at them". This year we traveled up the center of Florida covering back roads none of us have ever driven, except for Oscar and Elvis, who did it 3x! As participants we take for granted the planning that goes into a Rally. Its not just the Route, it's arranging accommodations and dinning. Then it's going over the Route again and again to be sure the timing is right. OVER 2 THOUSAND MILES gets covered in planning for a 300-mile Rally, not to mention close to a hundred hours! Time and Money are graciously volunteered to make this a successful event year after year. Oscar, Elvis and their wives are to be congratulated for another fantastic Event!



The 300-Mile Rally is one of the Cornerstones of The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida.

IF you have never gone on a Rally PLEASE consider joining us next year. It is so much fun and the cost is insignificant compared to the great time you will have with the best people! Don't worry about winning, it's about enjoying. This was our 4th Rally and the first time we placed in the top 3 of our class, so mastering the "Art of the Rally" does not come overnight, but it's fun to learn. And you learn from Rallyers, who have much more experience like John & Celia Layzell, with World-Wide Rally credentials or new Club Members, Allen & Hellen Runck who have done The Great Race, The Florida 500 Mile Rally and most recently the Florida 300 Mile Rally. They appear on our cover page, with their Austin Healey BJ8 Mk3 Rally Car.

Please see the story and pictures from the 2019 Florida 300-Mile Rally in this issue.

In November we elected a New President, Richard Manso. Richard will be the 4th Club President since our Founder, Felipe passed, and I am sure he is smiling down from the Great Race in Heaven on him with the confidence he will do a great job. Congratulations Richard! Maria Peraza joined the Board of directors, congratulations!

Please sign up for the Holiday Party.(Details in this issue and on the Webpage www.TbirdFL.com) Every year we have a great time! The Mean-Santa tradition will continue! Last year's gifts were the best! Please bring a gift you would want to "steal" from Santa yourself. It makes it even more fun!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL, Ed Raabe

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!

Thunderbird News Winner of ITC 2019 Newsletter Award
OLD CARS Weelky GOLDEN QUILL AWARD for a Car Club Newsletter. 2016, 2017 & 2018
CTCI 2017 Newsletter Competition GOLD AWARD for our October Rally 2016 Edition.



Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI
CHAPTER #114 DECEMBER 2019 VOLUME 21, #12

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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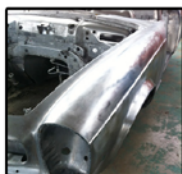
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DECEMBER 2019

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John Virginio	6
Theresa McNeal	6
Maria Peraza	8
Cary Pena	15
Raul Dominguez	19
Juan Pena	25
Gaby Padron	27
Helen Runck	28
Bruno Torres Lara	29
Daisy Hernandez	29

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 You're a Classic**



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:

Our Club's web page: www.TBirdFL.com

- 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
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- Connecticut Area Classic T-Bird: www.tbirdsofconn.com
- Chicagoland Thunderbirds: www.thunderbirds.org
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- Old Cars www.greatoldcars.com
- Classic T-Bird Club of Chicagoland www.ctcc9.com

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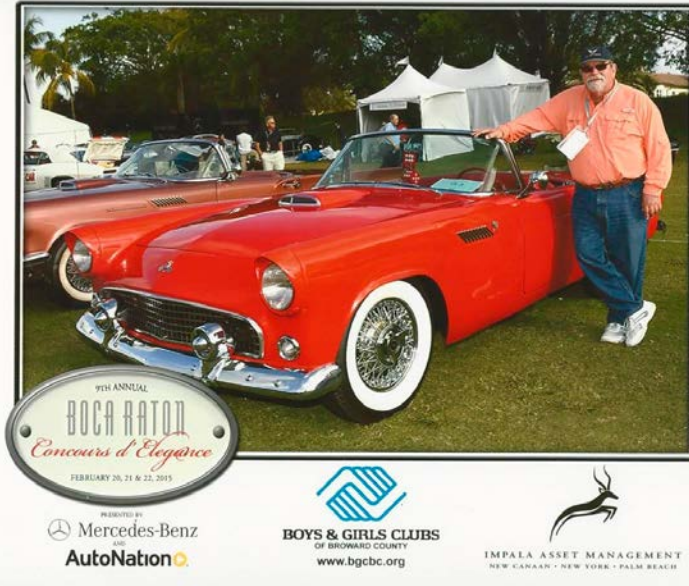
INTERNET PAGE

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"!



The second change involves the car auction. For a year or two, the auction is being temporarily relocated to a somewhat remote location in Palm Beach County. Since it is a temporary, we will participate, as we want to maintain the relationship. This will be a struggle for both us and the auction company, but I am sure it will work out fine. I want to thank Gail for all her hard work in this situation. When the call comes out for volunteers, please respond. Remember, these event is one of the two fundraisers that pays for our social events.

One thing that will not change much, is our holiday party. The biggest change there, will be the seasoning of the potatoes. We will be having the Mean Santa grab bag again. Please abide by its rules, and participate in the spirit of it, and it will be a lot of fun. No umbrellas please.

As my term draws to a close, I want to thank all of you for your support you have given me during the last two years, especially Oscar, Gail, Stuart, Richard, Elvis, Natalie, and of course, MY first lady, Anita. If I left anyone out, please forgive me.

See you soon,

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

We had a great meeting last night. I want to congratulate Richard Manso on his election to succeed me as president. I am sure he will do a great job, especially with your support.

This is a time for big changes in our club. We are now beginning a slow, systematic, and hopefully smooth transition, of moving our club car show from Tropic Park to Cooper Park. The last show at Tropic Park will be next month, with the new location starting in 2021. It is a lovely setting, and I imagine that it change the nature of the show somewhat. Thank you Oscar for all the work you have put into this.



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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Hosted by the Trail Birds of Southwest Florida

Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota, Florida May 4 - 9 2020
PRE-REGISTRATIONS: First 75 registrations are eligible for a drawing for \$200.00.
(host members are not eligible).

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 CTCL.




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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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EVERY CLASSIC-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Mail Code _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email Address _____

CTCI Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

- New members please fill out application and send payment (in U.S. funds ONLY*) to the address above.
- Make checks payable to CTCI, or pay by credit card by email, fax or phone.
- Current members may renew dues online at www.ctci.org.

Please select one of the following prorated amounts:

Month Joining	One Time Initiation Fee +	Dues =	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> January thru March	\$15.00 +	\$35.00 =	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> April thru June	\$15.00 +	\$26.50 =	\$41.50
<input type="checkbox"/> July thru September	\$15.00 +	\$18.00 =	\$33.00
<input type="checkbox"/> October thru December	\$15.00 +	\$9.50 =	\$24.50

NOTE: Add \$16.00 to select Premium Packet with CTCI Grille Emblem.

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

Premium Packet with Grill Emblem = Add \$16.00 to total
TOTAL ENCLOSED: (\$US) _____
*NOTE: Members outside the U.S. may pay dues by credit card. You may send credit card information by email, fax or phone. U.S., Mexico and Canada: First Class..... Additional \$15.00/year Other Foreign Countries: A/O Rate..... Additional \$35.00/year (not including Mexico and Canada)

Signature _____ Date _____ Check here if you wish to be listed in the CTCI roster, as of April 1st. I give permission for my phone number and/or email address to be listed in the CTCI roster.
(NOTE: Phone numbers & email are for office use only, or for the roster if you choose to have it published. Roster addresses may be sold only to T-Bird vendors to be used only for catalog purposes.)

Are you a former member of CTCI? Yes No If Yes, what is your former CTCI membership number? _____

Sponsored or Referred by _____ CTCI # (if known) _____

CAR DATA

This section is optional, but will help us to complete our historical data base registry. Your ownership information will be kept confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes. This data will be found on the fire wall, inside the engine compartment; left hand side by the heater box. Please fill in the number and letters as stamped on the data plate. If you have more than one T-Bird, please copy this form and submit each car's data. How many Thunderbirds do you own? _____ 55's _____ 56's _____ 57's

Year _____ Serial Number _____

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Body _____ Color _____ Trim _____ Production Code _____

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

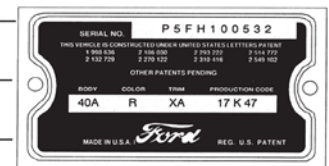
Registered Owner (if other than member) _____

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) _____

Special Features or Remarks _____



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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . October 16th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

President Paul Werner called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

New Members Alan and Helen Runck were introduced. Alan and Helen live in Stuart (they had a very long ride tonight) and they had joined us in the 300 Mile Rally to St. Augustine . They have a 1946 Dodge 1-ton pickup truck and a 1967 Austin Healey BJ8

Oscar also introduced club members Steve and Myrna Wishnick, who drove over from Punta Gorda (a very, very long ride), to present to Ed the plaque that we received for BEST ITC (International Thunderbird Club) Newsletter of the Year!

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are doing very well. The balance in our checking account had grown, and Oscar moved some to a savings account.

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

ANNUAL ELECTIONS:

All nominated Board Members were unopposed, and the membership voted unanimously to accept the nominated slate. The new officers of CTCFSF are:

President: Richard Manso

VICE PRESIDENT: Leo Saladino

TREASURER: Oscar Castro

SECRETARY: Gail Corenblum

Additionally, elected Board Members at Large for 2020 are:

Paul Werner, as Immediate Past President

Daniel Romagnoli – Board Member

Ely Barry – Board Member

Stuart Corenblum – Board Member

Maria Peraza – New incoming Board Member

Incoming President Richard Manso thanked everyone for their confidence and acceptance. Richard said that only having been a member for 4 years makes this an honor and that he promises to do his best.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 suppling drivers for unloading vehicles on March 17-19 and reloading on March 23. As the logistics of the site will make travel difficult for our drivers, the Board has decided to rent a house 30 minutes from the auction site so that drivers working 2 or more days can stay over and not have the additional drive home and back. We will first do our best to use our own drivers, but if need be, we will be contacting the clubs in Palm Beach, Jupiter, etc. for help with driving. Bob Obenland volunteered to put up drivers at his home in Boynton Beach, about 45 minutes from the venue, and both he and the Runcks will see if they can find drivers in their locales. We have requested that RM/Sotheby's help us with money for lodging, but we have not yet heard back. RM has requested 6 drivers for unloading on Tuesday, March 17, 12 each day for Wednesday and Thursday, and on Friday and Saturday they will want us to supply about 20-25 drivers. We pay other clubs for their participation, so we'd much prefer to be able to handle the event with our own club members. This event, along with our car show, is how the club is able to give members all of the extras that we do. Mike McNeal will be the contact person for drivers.

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. Remember, this event is free to members. Guests will be charged the per person rate of \$42.50. Oscar reminded us that our Mean Santa gifts should be something we wouldn't mind getting ourselves. Some members put a lot of thought into gifts, and last year the exchange worked out very well. It was requested that no tools be gifts. One email has already gone out for registration.

Oscar also reminded us that there are 4 rooms being held at the Holiday Inn should any of our members wish to stay over and attend the Festival Flea Market Car Show next day.



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. Oscar has found another location in West Miami in their beautiful Cooper Park. The new venue will allow us to make more on 75 cars than we do on 200 cars at Tropical because of expenses of port-a-potty, police officer, permits, etc. The change in venue will be announced to all participants at Tropical this year, and flyer distribution will be more important than ever before. The City of West Miami will be tremendously supportive and are very much looking forward to having us. The Mayor and some staff will attend our show this January to make presentations and advertise the change in location for 2021.

Festival Car Show on December 8. The event is from 10am – 4pm and is a really good car show. Paul has reserved spaces for our club to show together. Pre-Registration (\$25) for vehicles ends Dec 5, and registration can be found here: <https://www.shopfestival.com/event/car-show-2019/> Gate entry is \$30 per vehicle on date of show. Admission is free to spectators.

REDLAND RIOT and LUAU: January 18, 2020

Oscar has secured the services of Hawaiian Island dancers, a fire eater, and paella maker! He and Marcia will be hosting the “after party” following the Redland Riot Road Rallye through the bountiful countryside of southern Miami-Dade. If you’ve never attended a Redland Riot Rallye it is a real treat driving through interesting agricultural and historical sections of south Miami-Dade County. More information here: <http://www.redlandriot.com/Rallye.html>

Participation in the Road Rallye is not a requirement to attend the Luau at the Castro’s home in Homestead. You can just drive direct to the festivities at 5:30 PM!

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!

CTCI (CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL) 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. CTCI is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the '55, '56 and '57 Ford Thunderbird.

EDISON FORD ESTATES ALL FORD SHOW, Saturday, February 1:

Don’t forget 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! We have secured a block of rooms in a venue just 3 miles from the show. An email will be coming soon. And remember – check our website often. Oscar keeps it up to date with all club event information.

PAUL thanked everyone, and especially Anita, for the help during his tenure in office.

We were reminded that on December 14 there is a car show in Miami Springs. Bring a toy and show your car in a great venue.

Steve Wishnick, representing ITC, (the International Thunderbird Club, which covers all years of Thunderbird) made a presentation to Ed Raabe on behalf of the club for our outstanding newsletter. They judged from the more than 30 newsletter they receive from Thunderbird clubs all ver. Even Old Cars Weekly is part of the competition!

Ed reminded us to join ITC. They always mention our club and they operate without any politics! And they have a wonderful Facebook page we should all check out. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ITC.TBird.Club/>

NEXT MEETING: January 15, 2020

We do not have a meeting in December due to the Holiday Party and we will not have one in January due to the Annual Car Show. We will be back at the Trattoria on February 19th, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
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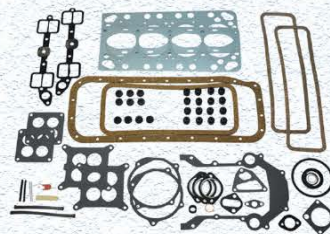
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Club Members we had a great time on the 2019 Rally! This year we traveled up the middle of the state to Historic St Augustine on Friday November 1st.

These are the highlights of our journey. Our team "Raabe Racing" comprised Arlene as the driver and yours truly, as Navigator. We placed 3rd (our best yet)! thanks to our team Driver!

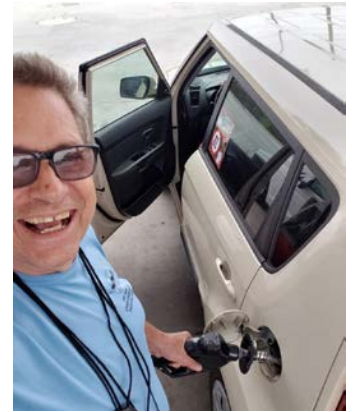
The Rally kick-off was at the Royal Inn Hotel on SR 80.



Friday afternoon 13 Teams met at the Royal Inn for the Rally School, poolside where we received our Rally Books and Number Decals for our cars. Then 2 groups went out to dinner at 2 great locations, the Steakhouse at the Hotel and a BBQ across the street.



Friday we que up for the 7am launch, but first those who need it, gas up at a station right there!



Off we go! 7:08am. For added fun Oscar has asked that we take pictures along the way, a "Kodak Moment" Our first, the Lion Safari Sign at their entrance.



This was a fun clue for one of the Kodak Moments "Rich and his competitor both work here"



There was one picture we were supposed to take of Cows grazing in a field along side of the route, just past “Hole in the Wall Street” but there were no Cows out. Too early in the morning? Another was of some Zebras on funky farm that had all kinds of exotic animals. The picture we got of that while speeding by was too poor to publish. Paul related a story of someone who stopped dead in the road just as they reached the farm and he though his last vision in life was going to be Zebras!

Along the way we made a “Pit Stop” at the village of Harmony. A very cute village with an equestrian theme and lovely shaded parks. Here is Arlene parked across from the town stable.



All in all, the drive took us to places we have never seen before, which is why Rallying is so much fun! The Sugar fields with the factories billowing smoke of in the distance was “other worldly”!



We arrived at Tom's Pizza in Deland around 1:30 and turned in our Rally Books for judging.

There we got the chance to tour the quaint town and check out some shops before heading off on what was to be the most beautiful part of the Rally, the drive out of Deland.

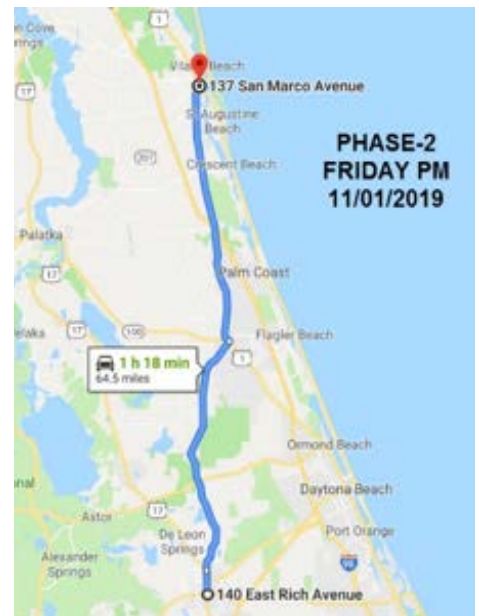


Elvis and Marcia on Rich Street in Deland.

Deland is the Home of Stetson University and this was our Rally picture.



Now we were on Phase 2 of the Rally, on our way to St. Augustine



Villa 1565, named after the year St. Augustine was founded, our Hotel for St Augustine surrounds the Old Senator, an ancient Florida Oak near the Fountain of Youth.



We parked our cars around the tree for all the visitors to see! Stuart and Gail drove "her" New Retro Bird Once we settled in plans were made to Dine at the Columbia Resturant in town.



Party time! We even celebrated Elvis's birthday!

Just down the road from the Hotel is Bill's Diecast Shop

There you can find just about any Diecast Car ever made! So of course, I had to spend almost 2 hours there. Arlene went shopping across the street! Yes, he has Thunderbirds!



Oscar made arrangements for our Club to have its own Trolley to tour St Augustine, which picked us up at the Hotel. We took the town loop and then got off to go shopping. As you guessed, Bills was our 1st stop!



Some members stopped to go on the Whetstone Chocolate factory Tour and then enjoyed Lunch at the Winery Rooftop.



That evening we had the Ghost Tour planned.

Very appropriate since it was the Day after Halloween, All Saints Day and the "Spirits" were very strong at each place we stopped.



The Old Store was our first stop and set the tone for the night!

Bob just wanted to hang around there. We thought he might just end up thereforever!



Off to the Lightner Museum to see and hear the Music Box exhibit. We were especially interested since we own a turn of the 20th Century Regina music box.

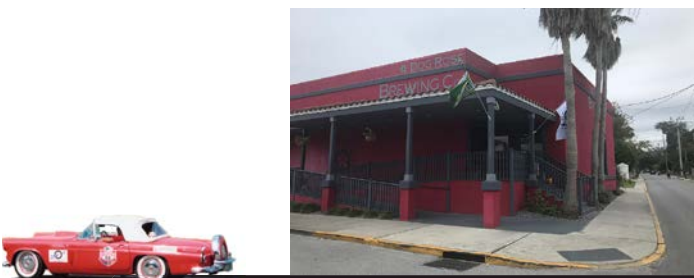
After to Dog Rose Brewing, a Craft Brewery down the street from the Museum. Bob and Natalie went to Auggies, another brewery with self-serve taps!



After the Tour a few couples enjoyed a late dinner at the Rain Tree Restaurant, and we once again celebrated Elvis's Birthday (his real birthday LOL!)

It was a great way to end the Rally, with good friends having a good time!

Many thanks to Oscar, Marcia for providing such a great time and to Elvis for assisting in the Rally Route planning (Marica too. for letting him go off with Oscar on their "road trips"!)



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