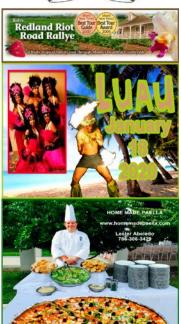


PROUD ORGANIZER OF THE ANNUAL TROPICAL PARK CLASSIC CAR SHOW

WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS GOLDEN QUILL AWARD 2018









Redlands Riot Road Rally Luau Party 24 Hrs of Lemons Race Cruis-In and Car Shows CTCI 2020 Convention AACA Winter National













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 VTCI.

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 CTCI and VTCI chapters have joined ITC. Last year the ITC/VTCI chapter, Hoosier Vintage Thunderbird Club, hosted the ITC chapter. This year the convention will be hosted by ITC/ CTCI chapter Buffalo Thunderbird Club. ITC/ CTCI chapter Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club has stated that they are happy with the support ITC's provides them. ITC/VTCI Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club from Michigan has stated they are also pleased with ITC's support and never have received support from VTCI.

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**



Created by serious people just for fun ...

INTERNATIONAL

THUNDERBIRD

Created by serious people ... just for fun

Annual dues are as follows:

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.

USA & Canada January-April\$30.00 May-August\$20.00 *September-December\$30.00 *Valid to end of following year	International January-April\$40.00 May-August\$26.80 *September-December\$40.00 *Valid to end of following year		
Please fill out application:			
New Member	Mail to:		
Renewing Member ITC # if known \$30.00 or \$50.00 2 years US & Canada \$40.00 or \$70.00 2 years International	INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB Karen MacCord, Treasurer PO BOX 1211 Middletown, DE 19709		
Updating Current Info ITC # if Known	Referring ITC Member		
Name:	Email		
Spouse's Name:	Street:		
City:	State/Providence:		
Zip:	Country:		
Phone [home]: ()	Phone [cell]: ()		
Thunderbird Information: Year: Model:	* VIN refers to your Vehicle Identification Number *VIN #		
Year: Model:	*VIN #		
Year: Model:	*VIN #		
Year: Model:	*VIN #		
Thunderbird Club Affiliations	Position		
Thunderbird Club Affiliations	Position		

Visit ITC website: www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com

(GEB) July 2016

Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich President International Thunderbird Club P O Box 24041 Pepper Pike, OH 44124 (216) 375-2808 gebart@ameritech.net





editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter FEBRUARY 2020 Volume 22, #2

Ed Raabe

Greetings Thunderbird Club Members,

We are now in 2020 and have had our first Club Event, The Redlands Riot Road Rallye and Club Luau. Congratulations to Team Slow & Easy who, after 6 tie breakers won the Grand Prize. There was a good Club turnout for the Rallye, and even more members attended the Luau.



The Polynesian and Fire Dancers were a big hit, with plenty of group participation!

By the time you read this issue, we will have had our Club Car event, the last to be at Tropical Park as we are moving to Cooper Park in West Miami in 2021. The weather is supposed to be beautiful. which is a good omen. Thanks to those of you who attended car shows, passed out flyers and posted our show on Social Media. I am hopeful we will have a successful event...



Richard Manso our new President has issued his first President's message. In it is his outlook for 2020, so don't miss reading it.

Next on OUR agenda is the RM-Sotheby's Auction in March the 17th -21st

The Auction schedule Friday the 20th & Saturday 21st will be the days most critical for our Club Members to volunteer for.

Please contact Gail gailstu@bellsouth.net about signing up for the Event and to learn about accommodations that have been made in the area you may like to take advantage of, especially if you are volunteering for more than 1 day. The Club car show, while providing income to support the Club, the Auction is our biggest fundsraiser and to be successful we need YOU to step up and volunteer, especially this year, because we have a large expense in accommodations.

I have included the CTCI National Convention information as well as the application in this issue. May 4-9th. Time is running out if you want to register and attend. This is a great opportunity to show your Early Bird and enjoy Sarasota. Also, the AACA Winter National is in February. If you are an AACA member please consider attending. This show at the Magic City Casino is right in our backyard! Feb 27-29th Register at www.members.aaca.org by Feb 1st

Welcome Pat Wilson's Thunderbird Parts to The Thunderbird News as a supporting advertiser.

Pat Wilson's specializes in 1958-1966 Classic Thunderbird Cars. Thanks to all the Advertisers who support Thunderbird

News!

Don't forget to mention you saw their Ad in our magazine when purchasing Parts & Services for you Classic.

Happy Birding

Ed Raabe

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

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.

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS **OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT

Richard Manso 786-343-6523

richardmanso@ bellsouth.net

VICE PRESIDENT

Leo Saladino 718-817-0991

leolashlarue@aol.com

EVENTS & TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Oscar Castro

305-467-8196 oscar@benefitcarshows.com

PAST PRESIDENT

Paul Werner 561-613-5715

drpaul4kids@gmail.com

EDITOR THUNDERBIRD NEWS Ed Raabe

954-383-8111 ed.raabe@gmail.com

SECRETARY Gail Corenblum

305-799-1956 aailstu@bellsouth.net

TREASURER Oscar Castro

305-467-8196

oscar@benefitcarshows.com

DIRECTORS AT LARGE Stuart Corenblum

305-588-5646

stuartcorenblum@bellsouth.net

Daniel Romagnoli

305-799-8328 daniel@daromo.us

Elizabeth Barry

305-989-4660 elyb@me.com

Maria Peraza

304-439-3818

perazatoledol@gmail.com



20925 SW 238th Street. Homestead FL 33031-1053 Ph: 305-467-8196 E-mail: Oscar@benefitcarshows.com Editor Ed Raabe: Ed.raabe@gmail.com

www.TBirdFL.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida CTCI Chapter #114 ITC South East District Chapter Felipe Cos Founder

PAST PRESIDENTS Connie Danluck 2008 Felipe Cos 1999 Ed Brown 2009

Ken Lemming 2000 Daisy Hernandez 2010-2011 Felix Hernandez 2001 Peter Klein 2012-2013 Norm Gabe 2002 Ed Raabe 2014-2015

Andre Fournier 2003-2004 Oscar Castro 2016-2017 Ed Brown 2006-2007 **Paul Werner** 2018-2019









POWDER COATING

CERAMIC COATING





CAR STRIPPING









\$35.00 MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE by DEC. 1ST To become a member or renew your membership Please go on line to www.TBirdFL.com

PPY BIRTHDA

Anita Werner Michael McNeal 3 7 John D'Angelo

Gail Corenblum 7 8

Robert Obenland 9 **Penny Lovett**

Jose Siut 12 **Shelley Faust** 18

Bob Toney 19

Joanne Richardi 19 Juan R Diaz 27

You're Not Old 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
Santa Clara Valley T-Birds:	www.tbird.org/scvt
Sierra Nevada Classic T-Bird:	www.tbird.org/snctb
Connecticut Area Classic T-Bird:	www.tbirdsofconn.com
Chicagoland Thunderbirds:	www.thunderbirds.org
Potomac Classic T-bird:	www.hydratech.com
Old Cars	www. greatoldcars.com
Classic T-Bird Club of Chicagoland	www.ctcc9.com

NUMBERS TO KEEP

The following are contact numbers and e-mail address vou need to have on file:

Intl Thunderbird Club, Bart Bartasavich, ITC President 216-375-2808 gbart@ameritech.net www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com

AACA South Florida Region. President, Manny Garcia

www.aacasouthflorida.club

Auto Appraisal Network: John & Bret Layzell

305-899-9963 www.autoappraisalnetwork.com/miami

Benefit Car Shows: Oscar Castro

305-467-8196 www.benefitcarshows.com

oscar@benefitcarshows.com **Gerry Car Show:** Gerry Perez

786 344-4228 email gerrycarshow@bellsouth.com

Magic Mustangs: Frank Alonso 305 551-6077 Fadatec@aol.com

Muscle Stangs of Miami: Ayanidys Martinez

305 321-0437

Jumpin' Jack Productions: Jack Corssino 305-214-2277 www.jumpinjackproductions.com

DB Entertainment Inc.: Dick Barten 954-563-4000 Bandsouth@bellsouth.net Cruisin South Florida: Scott the MusicMan

scott@cuisinsouthflorida.com

Ft Lauderdale Mustang Club: Mark Patterson

www.flmustangclub.com

Cobra Joe Productions: Joe Bevelacqua

ibevsr@msn.com

VMCCA Sun Coast Chapter. President David Bobbitt

305 661-1340 bobbitt@comcast.net Russ G Events: Russ Gagliano III

russ@russgevents.com

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"!

/hunderb



Aloha Club Members,

Sorry but I'm still in Hawaiian mode after a remarkable and very well organized "R.R.R.R." and Luau orchestrated by none other than our amazing "Activities Director", Mr. Oscar Castro.

The day started out with great weather. There was not a drop of rain, and the temperature was a pleasant 75 degrees, which made driving through the Redlands, very nice and comfortable, so I hear.

Although I could not participate in the Rally ,due to work obligations, Mareylis and I did attend the dinner and Luau at Oscars home.

The refreshments were bountiful ,and the Paella was absolutely delicious. Kudos!! to the Pastry Chef "Ms. Lana" (Oscar and Marcia's granddaughter) ,who made a delicious pineapple cake for dessert. After dinner most of us had the opportunity to burn off some calories with Hula Dancing lessons given by the Aloha Islander Dancers.

The women were all lined up and Hula danced to perfection.

The men however had some coordination issues ,starting with myself, and ending with Bob Heslekrants ,shaking his hips a little too much ,if you ask me.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr. D.J. Elvis ,for an outstanding D.J. service ,which he so generously provides at no charge for our club. Folks, he also donates his time for the Tropical Park Show, (soon to be at Cooper's Park) in West Miami next year, and

the Holiday Party in December.

Friends, the R.M..-Sotheby's Auto Auction is coming in March, and we need all "hands-on-deck". The more T Bird Club drivers we can supply the less we have to hire from the outside. That means more revenue for our club. Which also means we can pay the subsidized club events such as The Luau and Dinner, the May Sunday Brunch, and December Holiday Party.

Unfortunately, for the next two years, the R.M. Auctions, are being held at The Palm Beach International Raceway. I know it's quite

a long drive to go, participate and drive back, therefore, our club has rented a house nearby to the auction for those of you who cannot drive back ,or are scheduled to drive for multiple days at the auction. Please contact Gail Corenblum, or Oscar Castro for details on the house, or to sign up to drive at the auction.

Club members, 2020 will be a fun-filled, active year for all of us. It started in January with the R.R.R.R. and dinner party and Luau. Then there is the Tropical Park car show on January the 26th, the Ford -Edison Estate All Ford car show in Ft. Myers on the first weekend in February, a car show at Zoo Miami in March. There is also a show in April at, Virginia Key in Key Biscayne, which serves "FREE", breakfast and lunch to all participants, Sunday Brunch in May, Homestead Speedway in July, The Lakeland trip in October. Folks, the last two events of the year have some changes. The November Road Rally will be called this year, "Countryside Classics Rally", which is a One-day Rally in our own hometown. The final event will be the Holiday Party which will include dancing this year, so bring your dancing shoes, to enjoy the incredible music provided by D.J. Elvis.

Last but certainly not least ,I would like to congratulate Mrs. Natalie Heslekrants. She is our new "Sunshine Director". She will be the club's "Welcome Wagon" contacting new club members and inviting them to the next club meeting. She will also supply them with a goody bag.

See you all at the next club meeting on February 19th.

Thank you all and be well!

Richard Manso. Club President.





CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership

CLASSIC

SCAN ME!



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.

dially 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

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 dub 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 cor-

> Every new member receives a Standard New Member Packet upon payment of the initiation fee and dues. This includes a striking windshield decal, the latest edition of the *EarlyBird*, a membership roster with our club By-Laws, 3"x5" CTCI logo dash plaque and other general information. The optional Premium Packet includes the above plus a beautiful metal CTCI grille emblem. Many items such as service and transmission manuals, decals, handbooks and numerous self help items are available and sold to CTCI members only. See our Member Store at www.ctci.org

OUR OBJECTIVE: **EVERY CLASSICT-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER**

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!

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

Online Renew for 1 year 2018 for \$37.50 or signup for 3 years at \$105.00 (35.00 a year)





CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT: Name	Spouse's NameZip/Mail Code
Mailing Address	
Telephone ()Email Addres	
	s
CTCI Chapter Affiliation (if any)	
 New members please fill out application and send payme Make checks payable to CTCI, or pay by credit card by en Current members may renew dues online at www.ctci.org Please select one of the following prorated amounts: 	nail, fax or phone.
Month Joining One Time Initiation Fee + Dues = Total January thru March \$15.00 + \$35.00 = \$50.00 April thru June \$15.00 + \$26.50 = \$41.50 July thru September \$15.00 + \$18.00 = \$33.00 October thru December \$15.00 + \$9.50 = \$24.50 NOTE: Add \$16.00 to select Premium Packet with CTCI Grill Emblem. Annual dues renewal will be \$35.00, payable January I of each year.	TOTAL ENCLOSED: (\$US) *NOTE: Members <u>outside the U.S.</u> may pay dues by credit card. You may send credit card information by email, fax or phone. U.S., Mexico and Canada: First Class
Signature Date Check I give permission for my phone number and/or email address to (NOTE: Phone numbers & email are for office use only, or for the rosto only to T-Bird vendors to be used only for catalog purposes.	o be listed in the CTCI roster.
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)
(NOTE: Phone numbers & email are for office use only, or for the roste	er if you choose to have it published. Roster addresses may be so former CTCI membership number? CTCI # (if known) ATA al data base registry. Your ownership information will be be

Online Renew for 1 year 2018 for \$37.50 or signup for 3 years at \$105.00 (35.00 a year)

Date



Amt Rec'd:

Is your T-Bird primarily Original or Modified?

Condition (rate from I-5, I is best)

For Office use Only

For 1955, 1956, and early 1957's: (see example)

Color

Registered Owner (if other than member)

For late 1957's:

License Number _

Color (if not per data plate)

Special Features or Remarks

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.

Articles may be reproduced with the permission of the author.

The views and opinions expressed in Thunderbird News are those of the named author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor, The Board of Directors of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida or those of the membership.



Thunderbird Headquarters

Selling and Manufacturing 1955-1972 Thunderbird Parts and Upholstery for Over 40 Years



ACC12: Thunderbird Fender Cover A must for protecting your fenders. Additional emblems available: Edsel, Lincoln, Mercury, Ford



Thunderbird License Plate Frames Also available in specific years from 1955 through 1966.

Phone: 925.825.9550 E-Mail: parts@tbirdhq.com

Check out the entire selection at our website www.TBIRDHQ.com





Dedicated to Excellence

Supplying Concours-Quality, Parts Upholstery and Accessories for Over 45 Years!

Restoration Parts & Accessories



- ★ Huge Inventory!
- **★Experienced** Parts Specialists!
- **★Fast Shipping!**







Call Today! (800) 854-0393

Larry's Thunderbird & Mustang Parts • 1180 California Ave. #B • Corona, CA 92881 Find us On The Web At: www.larrystbird.com



Brany Binker

ALL WORK RESTORED TO SHOWROOM **CONDITION!**

From **Minor Dents** To Complete Collision Repair

Body & Paint Work from People You Know and Trust







CONCOURS Parts_ & ACCESSORIES

YOUR 'ONE STOP SHOP' FOR OVER 30 YEARS!

+55/57 Thunderbird +58/66 Thunderbird +49/59 Ford, Mercury & Edsel Car +48/72 Ford Truck +60/72 Galaxie +62/72 Fairlane +68/71 Torino

FREE SHIPPING ON ORDERS OVER \$300.00*

CALL OR GO ON-LINE FOR OUR FREE CATALOG!



WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF NOS FENDERS
& INNER FENDERS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR 1955-57 T-BIRD!







COOLING SYSTEM



WEATHERSTRIP



UPHOLSTERY



SHEET METAL REPAIR PANELS



DASH & DASH COMPONENTS



SUSPENSION & STEERING



ENGINE & TRANSMISSION



WIRING



CHROME & EMBLEMS



FUEL SYSTEM

ORDER ON-LINE @ WWW.CONCOURSPARTS.COM

(300) 722-0002



*Free standard shipping (UPS Ground or Post Office) over \$300.00 in parts will be available in the lower 48 states only! Free freight does not apply to any parts deemed oversized. In that case, actual freight charges will apply.

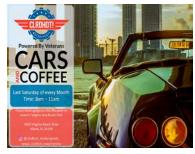


3655 Arrowhead Drive #120 Carson City - Nevada - 89706



MONTHLY CLASSIC CAR SHOW & CRUISE-IN





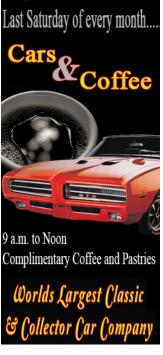










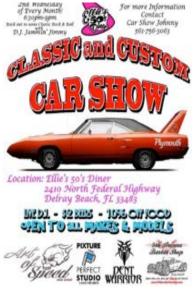


🕼 GatewayClassicCars

Tampa ~ Orlando ~ Ft Lauderdale





















UPCOMING CLASSIC CAR EVENTS-CAR SHOWS











Antique Automobile Club of America's

Southeastern Winter **Nationals**

February 27-29, 2020

Hosted by the South Florida Region

Presented by





Magic City Casino 450 NW 37th Avenue Miami, FL 33125









CARS 4 CONSERVATION

SUNDAY

MARCH 22, 2020



CTCI 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION **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 CTCI.





4 GREAT SOURCES FOR On-Line CAR SHOW INFORMATION



Benefitcarshows.com



Cruisinsothflorida.com



Flacarshows.com



Southdadecarshow.com





PROUD PRINTER OF THIS NEWSLETTER









Wealth Management

Coral Gables, FL 33134

tel 305 460 7825 fax 305 448 5738 toll free 800 637 4394

Morgan Stanley

www.fa.smithbarney.com/peter_klein peter.klein@morganstanley.com



Call Paul at (954) 785-7779

- · Comp. Reprogramming & Reflashing
- · Computer Diagnostics
- · Starter/Alternator/ Batteries
- · Radiators/ Cooling Systems
- · Major/ Minor Engine Repair

- · Air Conditioning
- · Brakes
- · Front end work
- · Carburetors
- · Hi-Performance Work

www.primetuneauto.com

ANNUAL **RATES**

for advertising in the newsletter Full page__ \$675.00

1/2 page \$375.00

1/4 page__ \$250.00 Card Size \$150.00 (Non members)

Card Size \$95.00 (Members only)



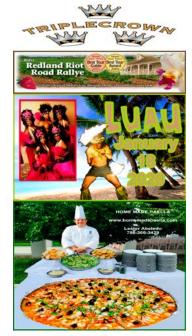




On Saturday January 18th CTCSF members attended the annual Redland Riot Road Rallye and following Club Luau.

Former Presidents, Paul Werner and I, Ed Raabe, along with their First Ladies, teamed up under the banner of Raabe Racing to Rallye through the Redlands. We have been doing the Rallye for 4 years now, each time enjoying the Redlands scenery and bounty.

The Rallye follows a course of 13 stops, farm stand to farm stand and spots like the Fruit & Spice Park where you can find the largest selection of Bananas and Bamboo plants in Florida and the Homestead Old City Hall Museum and Historic Redlands Hotel. One of our favorites is always RF Orchards, with some pictures included. We were treated to a fine lunch Oscar arranged at Redland Ice Cream & Bakery and ended our Rallye at the famous "Robert is Here" farm-stand in Homestead. Running late and knowing we would not be able to turn in our Rallye sheet (BTW, with all the correct answers to that point!) by the 5pm deadline, it was our last stop before heading to the Luau at Oscar's Redlands Ranchette.













The Luau was a fun filled event featuring Polynesian Hula and Fire Dancers! Thanks to Oscar, Marica and their granddaughter Lana, her pineapple upside down cake desert was outstanding, for hosting a great party!









BIRDS ON THE BAY 2020 CTCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

MAY 4th -9th 2020 HYATT REGENCY SARASOTA



Our host hotel is located in downtown Sarasota. See beautiful views of the Bay from your hotel room. Relax around the resort-like pool where popsicles will be served at 2 pm every day. Try your hand at kayaking or take a leisurely ride around the calm waters of the marina in a paddle boat provided by the hotel. The hotel shuttle will take small groups to downtown or to Lido Beach. It's a beautiful setting for our beautiful Thunderbirds.

Call: 1-877-803-7534 or 1-941-953-1234 Code: CTCI Room Rate: \$145.00 plus resort fee of \$8.00 per night.

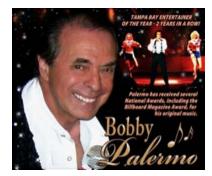
FYI - All rooms with King-Size beds are booked. Book your room

now - host hotel filling up fast.

NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE

Wed. Evening \$50 per person

Following a sit down dinner, enjoy an evening of entertainment by Bobby Palermo, proclaimed as America's #1 Neil Diamond impersonator.



He has performed in the

internationally acclaimed Las Vegas show "Legends in Concert" for many years and voted as Tampa Bay Entertainer of the Year for several years. Bobby has appeared as a headliner at hotels, casino show rooms, cruise ships and theaters around America and 23 other countries. In addition, he has composed many award-winning songs. This man of many talents will perform a Neil Diamond Tribute as well as a show filled with laughter and impressions of other famous singers. You will be thoroughly entertained by this versatile and polished performer. His Salute to the Veterans is not to be missed. Dinner served at 6:00 pm, and the show begins at 7:00 pm.



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.

LADIES LUNCH & SHOPPING

Thursday \$35 per person



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 1/2 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.







BIRDS ON THE BAY

2020 CTCI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION **HYATT REGENCY - SARASOTA, FL**



MAY 4 - 9, 2020

CHEST/CHII DDEN					
GUEST/CHILDREN	OVER 18 FIRST		LAST		
	DING (UNDER 18) NA				
		0.400-002		APT/SUTTE	#
			COUNTRY		ZIP
HOME PHONE	CELL	1000	EMAIL	*	eMHS
CTCI#	LOCAL CHAPTER NO.	IS TH	S YOUR 1ST C	TCI CONVENTI	ON (Y/N)
	(Y/N) MAY WE USE YOUR CAF				
	`				8 (8)
To help us plan, pleas	se mark all events you plan to attend (EV	EN IF THE	Y ARE FREE) a	nd indicate the n	unber attending
CONVENTION REG	ISTRATION	COST PE	R PERSON	NO. ATTENDING	TOTAL
	Couple	\$75.00	11111111	111	\$
	Single/Children over 18/Gue	est \$45.00	Ea.		S
	Children under 18			-	
				5	
	ON (ADD PER PERSON IF POSTMAR				
AFTER APR	IL 1, 2020	\$25.00			\$
	EADLINE FOR CARS IS APRIL 1, 2020)			
CONCOURS II - T-I TOURING - T-Bird I DISPLAY - 55, 56, 57 SECURED PARKIN TRAILERS - Length VENDORS TABLE(S	irds trailered or driven with Undercarria Birds driven with Undercarriage NOT Ju- nust be driven to/from event from home T-Birds on Display Not Judged G - Retros and collector cars Not Judged Date of Arrival S) - 6' Tableclothed (Tues., Wed., Thur	age Judged udged base	Ea. \$65.00 Ea. \$65.00 Ea. \$55.00 Ea. \$45.00 Ea. \$45.00 Ea. \$50.00 Ea. \$75.00		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
CONCOURS II - T-I TOURING - T-Bird I DISPLAY - 55, 56, 57 SECURED PARKIN TRAILERS - Length	irds trailered or driven with Undercarria Birds driven with Undercarriage NOT Ju nust be driven to/from event from home 7 T-Birds on Display Not Judged G - Retros and collector cars Not Judged Date of Arrival	age Judged udged base d	Ea. \$65.00 Ea. \$55.00 Ea. \$45.00 Ea. \$45.00 Ea. \$50.00		\$\$ \$\$ \$\$



Wednesday, May 6	The State of the S	8 am - 4 pm Registration				
		Hospitality Room	E 620.00			
		Barge Boat Tour*	Ea. \$30.00	\$		
		eBarge Boat Tour*	Ea. \$30.00	\$		
	1 - 5 pm Judge	The state of the s	F 650.00			
	0:00 pm Neil D	iamond Tribute & D	inner Ea. \$50.00	<u> </u>		
Thursday, May 7	7 :30 am - 4 pm	7 :30 am - 4 pm Hospitality Room				
	8 am - 12 pm	Registration				
	8 - 9 am Judge	/Owners Meeting				
	9 am- 4 pm Co	ncours				
	11 am - 1 pm J			*3 - 2		
	11 am - 3 pm L	adies Lunch at St. A	rmands Ea. \$35.00	\$		
	6:00 pm - Nam	6:00 pm - Name That Tune & Dinner Ea. \$50.00				
Friday, May 8	7 am - ? Swap	7 am - ? Swap Meet				
10 10 10 m 10 m		Hospitality Room				
	8 - 10 am Drivi	ng Tour	_	Free		
	10 am - 5 pm S	arasota Tours:				
	Ringli	Ringling Museum Ea. \$45.00				
	Saraso	Sarasota Jungle Gardens Ea. \$38.00				
	6 pm Awards	6 pm Awards Banquet Ea. \$65.00				
	Fish	_ Chicken	Pork			
Saturday, May 9	7 - 11 am - Far	ewell Hospitality				
Convention Merchandise	(See Website for desig	m) APPAREL ORD	ER DEADLINE APRIL 1, 20	20		
	Med. Lg.	という という という はんしょう				
Convention Polo Sm.	Med Lg	XLXXL	XXXL Ea. \$35.0	0 S		
Ladies Shirt Sm	MedLg	_XLXXL	XXXL Ea. \$25.0	00 \$		
			AMOUNT DU	E \$		
NO REFUNDS FOR C.	ANCELLATIONS A	FTER APRIL 18, 2	020 Minus Pre-Re	eg. \$		
			TOTAL DUE	(US \$) \$		

Please mail the completed form, with check US \$\$'s payable to Trail Birds 2020 to: Trail Birds 2020, Betty Tulowitzky, Registration Chair, 14191 Tudball Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33953

HOTEL: HYATT REGENCY, SARASOTA, FLORIDA 1-877-803-7534 OR 1-941-953-1234 CTCI for convention rate of \$145.00 per night plus \$8.00 per night resort fee. 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236

Contact Info: Jeff Barlow, Convention Chair: Phone 865-705-7941 Email: fifty7bird@yahoo.com

Betty Tulowitzky, Registration Chair: Phone 941-764-0312 Email: tulobird@aol.com
All activities are First Come/First Serve Times May Change so Check Program upon Arrival



DECEMBER 14-15, 2019

LOCATION: ROAD ATLANTA (road course) **TEAM NAME:** GOTHAM CITY GANG

CAR TYPE: CORVETTE
CAR NUMBER: 48

PARTICIPANTS: Bob Heslekrants, car owner and driver

George Toth, driver Mike McNeal, driver



ABOUT THE RACE:

24 Hours of LeMons is a series of endurance races held on paved road racecourses across the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

The series holds the Guinness World record for the "Most participants in one race" (216 cars)

We left Bob's house at 5 a.m. Thursday, December 12 and arrived at our hotel about 6 p.m.

On Friday morning we arrived at the track for the tech inspection. Other competitors were very interested in Bob's #48 Corvette. (Too nice looking to cost \$500.00?) And it was the only car with the registration tag to drive on public roads. Bob had all the answers and documents for the tech inspectors. Car is assigned "B" class for cars with a prayer of finishing.



SATURDAY, DAY OF THE RACE:



Bob started the race and on the first lap, two things happened. The throttle cable came off and the shifter linkage came loose. This required a tow to the pits. While in the pits George was able to fix the throttle cable and Bob repaired the shifter. Then George was strapped in the car and sent back to the racetrack. As time went on George advised over the radio that the engine oil light came on during hard cornering and needed to stop for fuel.

Our first pit stop arrived to fuel the car and Bob took over and headed for the action. After a number of fast laps, Bob called on the radio that he had spun out and was going to the penalty box. When he arrived at the penalty box the inspector said "you are doing well, be careful and have fun." No penalty was assessed.



Laps later, Bob called again to say the oil light was coming on in the corners as well as the engine overheating. Soon we got a call that Bob was coming in to check the engine. Disappointment arrives – we retire.



Sunday we had fun watching and talking to other racers. Throughout the cold weekend many cars experienced mechanical failure, contact with the walls or the tire barriers, and on more than one occasion, with each other. Oh, and let's not forget the excursions into the grass and the spins on track. Let's just say that the time on the track behind the wheel was exhilarating, to say the least.

Common phrases heard around the pits whenever a car came in with some form of "issue' (aka a kiss with the wall, engine failure or time in the grass):

- Get me the hammer . . . the really BIG hammer.
- While in the trailer grab the crowbar, no not that one, the really BIG one hanging to the left.
- I think the frame is only a little bit out of whack, we can pull it straight . . hold my beer while I back up the pickup truck and we strap it up for a good pull.
- Who needs 8 cylinders, it will run fine on 7,,, okay then it will run fine on 6,,, oh, okay I guess we can try 5...
- So how many laps did you run before you realized



vou had no brake pads left . . .

And let's not forget all the valuable lessons learned:

- For those of us who no longer have 20/20 vision, the action plan for getting strapped into the car must include how to manage your glasses so you don't leave them on the roof or the hood of the car before heading out onto the track.
- If you bent the frame on the track, the easiest way to straighten
 it is to strap a pickup truck to the front and another to the rear
 and pull away. If you don't have two pickups a tree can be used
 if available for the rear and just strap the one pickup to the front
 and pull away.
- This one is courtesy of Bob: if the front end of your car is pushed in from contact with the wall and the front wheels no longer roll (and you don't have wheel dollies to move it around) an engine lift is a good alternative.

- On more than one occasion we wondered if the \$500 limit for the cost of the car is more of a guideline versus a hard-set value.
- Even though this is portrayed as a fun driving event for the novice driver very few elements of "novice" exist once you are on the track. Most participants take this very seriously once they are out on the track. It's hard racing from the moment the green flag drops to the moment the checkered is waved.
- Perseverance is key and having lots of spare parts, I mean a LOT of spare parts, really helps.

Thanks to Bob for including us in this event.

Sincerely,

Mike and George



The winning Car was a Camaro-based Cadillac Seville!



Mike and Bob with the "Batmobile" #48



Reputation

We'll never settle for anything less than 5 Stars. **** "NPD is outstanding! Whenever I order parts for my '55 T-Bird, the parts arrive in less than 48 hours. Thanks!" - Dave M. NATIONAL PARTS DEPOT Florida: 800-874-7595 Michigan: 800-521-6104 North Carolina: 800-368-6451 3 Fully-Stocked Warehouses 1-3 Day Delivery to most of U.S. Expert Customer Support 24/7 Order Your FREE Catalog Call for your free catalog today 800-874-7595 today! Easy, secure NPDLink.com Copyright © 2020 by National Parts Depot All Rights Reserved

