

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





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

Annual dues are as follows: <u>USA & Canada</u> 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
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Visit ITC website: www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com

Position

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Thunderbird Club Affiliations

editor's corner



ITC South East District Chapter March 2020 Volume 22, #3

Greetings Thunderbird Club Members,

Congratulations to US! Our 20th Annual Club Open Car Show was a big success! See the story in this issue. We earned a record amount and the 50-50 sales fully

funded our yearly contribution to the McPherson College. Thanks to all who volunteered to help make out final show at Tropical Park a hit! Next year we will be at our new home Cooper Park in West Miami, just a few miles from our current location. There was a booth set up to welcome "show-goers" for next year. Mayor Rodriguez was in attendance and she even assisted in the Awards Ceremony.



Next on OUR agenda is the RM-Sotheby's Auction, 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, BUT WE STILL NEED volunteers for WED., THUR. and especially FRIDAY, the first auction day. Wednesday & Thursday are set-up days and to me, the most fun. A real behind the scenes look at what it takes to make an Auction work.

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, this Auction is our biggest funds-raiser and to be successful we need YOU to step up and volunteer, especially this year, because we have a large expense in accommodations. Since the Auction is up in West Palm Beach the club has rented a house that can accommodate up to 12, but it will be on a 1st come 1st served basis. The address is 12963 US Hwy 441 SE Okeechobee, FL 34974 and it is just 30 minutes from PBI Speedway

CTCI National Convention is 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.

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Ed Raabe

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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI CHAPTER #114 MARCH 2020 VOLUME 22, #3

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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

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Newsletter Closing Date

TO ALL MEMBERS: Remember that this newsletter goes to press the 15th of each month. Our monthly News magazine has lots of useful information, including upcoming Car Shows and Cruise-ins, Club contact information and technical articles. From time to time information becomes outdated. If you see an error, please let us know.

Thunderbird News is the official newsletter of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida, Our purpose is to inform our membership about, club meetings, club activities, Classic Car events and articles of interest to Ford Thunderbird owners.

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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.

NUMBERS TO KEEP

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

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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 vou think we T-Bird lovers would like. Just keep it as clean as your T-Bird on "Detail Day"!

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



RICHARD MANSO

President's Message MARCH 2020



Folks ,duty calls we are approaching The R.M. -Sotheby's Collector Car Auction. It will be on March 17,through March 23. I don't want to sound redundant , but as I said in my February Newsletter President's Message ,this auction helps pay for our club subsidized

events. Please contact Gail Corenblum or Oscar Castro ,to sign up and volunteer to drive, if you haven't done so yet, and also to inquire on accommodations, at the house our club rented close to the auction, for drivers driving multiple days.

On a personal note, Mari and I were just informed by our youngest daughter Melissa, that due to extra classes taken per semester, at University of Florida in Gainesville where she attends, she will be graduating one year earlier with a Bachelors in Business Administration, and a minor in Marketing, in December 2020. Our older daughter Melanie graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and a minor in psychology. My wife and I are very proud and blessed!

Mari and I will be going on our second European vacation. We vacationed in Paris last year, which was our first trip to Europe, and she got bit by a bug. A European bug that is. She loved it so much that we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary in Italy this year. We will be going to Rome, Florence and Venice. Happy wife means happy life.

Truthfully, we both got bit by the same bug.

Folks, in closing I would like to re-emphasize ,and thank those of you who were able to step up to the plate at our last Tropical Park Show in January. We need much more member participation next year at our new Yearly Car Show at Coopers Park in West Miami.

Be on the lookout for numerous emails from Oscar Castro and Benefit Car Shows. These will be invitations to attend charitable car shows. This will give us many opportunities to uncover our classic cars and enjoy them. Remember " if you don't move them you lose them ". There is a "Ford's Garage Restaurant " lunch excursion / close by road trip ,located in Wellington FL,

(Palm Bch. County) which is in the works right now.

Details coming soon ,to an email near you .!!!!

Thank you all and be well !!!

Richard Manso Club President

Aloha Club Members,









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

I encourage all New Club Members to join

CTCI as soon as possible and Current

International Membership

grown to include 50 member families.

articles and Club stories!

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

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

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).

or signup for 3 years at \$105.00

(35.00 a year)



What Membership Means

Whether your Classic Thunderbird serves as everyday transportation, a relaxing hobby or both, you will find valuable help in your restoration and maintenance problems in the TECH TIPS printed in the club publication, the *EarlyBird*. This informative, illustrated periodical is distributed every two months and contains a variety of interesting features. Articles about historical data, members and their cars, news of chapter events and activities, are all profusely illustrated with photos. In addition, the *EarlyBird* offers an advertising service to those wishing to buy, sell, or swap parts or cars. You can review the contents of the current issue on our web site: www.ctci.org

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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Signature Date Check here if you wish to be listed in the CTCI roster, as of April Ist.						

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

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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? 57's 55's 56's

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20th Annual Open Car Show

Hello Club Members,

This was one of the most successful shows ever!

We definitely WENT OUT WITH A BANG!

AT THE SHOW we collected, \$5,134 in cash and \$60 in checks for a total of \$5,194.

\$1,112. cash or checks was collected for other items (50/50, Memberships, Apparel Sales, payment from vendor), not from show registrations.

\$4,082 was the amount collected for just the show cars.

When you add everything in, PayPal Registrations, Sponsor Money, Donations, and then Subtract the expenses...





WE MADE SUB TOTAL OF \$3,465.46 PROFIT SUBTRACT THE \$527.00 FOR McPherson WE MADE A NET INCOME OF **\$2,938.46**

AWESOME 50/50 JOB! – We made the usual amount that we give McPherson, the \$527, without going out of pocket! AND, an extra \$27 to boot!

I think that everyone did a wonderful job!!

Oscar Castro

We absolutely had our best show ever! The weather was perfect, sunny and cool. I had a red face for 2 days to prove it!

Many cars we have never seen made an appearance. I was able to take a few pictures to share. 12 members brought their Thunderbirds for a fantastic T Bird Corral at the entrance to the show. We even had some T-Bird "new-commers" who joined the Club. It was really great to see our cars together!



A FEW WORDS FROM OSCAR













Trucks were very popular.



This is Alan Runck's 46 Dodge Pickup that he drove from Stuart! Paul is assists Alan with parking.



Look at this crazy concept, a L.I.L.C.O. Tribute



L.I.L.C.O. is Long Island Lighting Co. I remember the Utility trucks all over when I was a kid. They never looked like this. Notice the Air suspension components disguised as transformers and a utility meter!





Club members brought their other Classic too







Awards were plentiful. Her Honor, Rhonda Rodriguez, the Mayor of West Miami assisted.

Cooper Park in West Miami will be the new home for our future shows



Leo Smith, Wrestling champion aka "Jake the Snake" of Big Pine Key vied for the longest distance traveled, but Steve and Myrna Wishnick driving down from Punta Gorda won the Prize



Special consideration was awarded to Elvis for his outstanding contribution to our club



This fabulous 56 Thunderbird owned by our club founder; Felipe Cos was presented by his son Ricky. "It will always be kept in the family"

We are very fortunate that he could attend this year. This 56 is equipped with the twin 4 bbl. carb option. You would get a manifold and a second carburetor thrown in the trunk for the dealer to install prior to delivery. Felipe campaigned this car in the 2004 Great Race and many other Rallyes, which Felipe's passion

Thank you Ricky!













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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Executive Board Meeting . February 19th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

President Richard Manso called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT and SECRETARY'S REPORT: were not given.

OLD BUSINESS: Wrap-up for our Annual Car Show - OSCAR

The Car Show had great results. We started in a hole with expenses of about \$3,500, and with the registration of 205 cars (60 pre-registered at \$20 and the others at the gate at \$25 each), plus the income from the vendors and sponsors, we made over \$2,000 (\$2,938.46) profit. (That number was surpassed just once, 5 years ago with 225 cars). The 50/50 was the best ever; \$527 was made for McPherson and \$500 went to the winner. Oscar thanked Leo and Gina, and Gina told us that Leo was a wonder to watch and listen to as he strong-armed people into purchasing tickets!

John Layzell, who has attended automotive classes at McPherson the last two years (last year taking a course in body work / sheet metal and the year previous in brakes), is returning this year to take automotive woodworking. John volunteered to personally deliver this year's check to the college, and Oscar asked that he take advantage of the opportunity and make it a photo op.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUCTION: March 17-23. Gail: Auction will be held at the Palm Beach International Raceway. Our club response to the request for drivers is the best we've ever had. We should not need to go to other clubs for help! The compensation we will receive from RM/Sotheby's is \$6,700, the same as last year. The house rental cost is \$1,571.60, leaving a really good profit for the club. The best news is that our club participation is so outstanding that there won't be a need to share the monies with other clubs! CARS 4 CONSERVATION SHOW AT ZOO MIAMI: Oscar: March 22. Early Registration is open (closes March 15th) and can be https://www.zoomiami.org/zoo-events/event/c4c found here: From their website: "Cars 4 Conservation is a local, grassroots event connecting our local "car people" to the conservation work happening around the world. Located at Zoo Miami, Cars 4 Conservation is a place to showcase your car, admire others and connect with likeminded individuals while helping to support conservation on a worldwide scale. Each year, C4C will sponsor an animal species in dire need of conservation assistance to support anything from anti-poaching patrols to habitat reconstruction. All profit from the event will be donated to select conservation programs to ensure that each participant played a part in creating a better future for wildlife." And the species sponsored this year is the adorable Koala Bear!

VISIT TO TWO PRIVATE COLLECTIONS:

Gail: March 29th. We will be visiting two amazing collections in Pinecrest Florida. We will have the opportunity to see incredible cars, many of which are Amelia Island and Lake Mirror Concours winners. We will visit one collection from 11-12 and then proceed to the second address until 1:30. After the visits, we will have a late lunch in a restaurant in The Falls Shopping Center. More information will be forthcoming via email.

VIRGINIA KEY BEACH SHOW:

Oscar: The show had been planned for April but the event has been cancelled by the organizers.

FLORIDA CAR MARATHON:

Oscar: April 22-26. The first two days of the event will take place in the Miami area and the other 3 days will be on the road. Registration is open, and early registrants who are members of the T-Bird club will receive a discount of \$200. More information here: http://www.floridacarmarathon.net/

ANNUAL MAY BRUNCH:

Gail: May 17th from 11 am -2 pm. The brunch will take place on National Thunderbird Appreciation Day at Miami Shores Country Club as in previous years. The cost to members is \$10 per person. Guests will pay the full cost of \$45 each.

CAR SHOW IN THE TAMIAMI AIRPORT:

Wings over Miami Museum: Oscar: May 23. From their website: "Each year Benefit Car Shows hosts an open show for the benefit of Wings Over Miami Air Museum. The event features all types and ages of cars displayed alongside the museum's lovely classic planes. The museum is South Florida only flying aviation museum and houses both class warbirds, general aviation aircraft, and an F-14 TomCat. The money raised goes to the museum's operating budget." To register your car, go to www.benefitcarshows.com. For the viewing public, admission is \$10.00 for adults; \$5 ages for kids. In recognition of their service, active duty and veterans along with first responders are admitted free with ID. The guests of our honored visitors will have to pay admission to the event. Miami Museum Month coupons are not accepted, this date is a published



black-out date. The car event runs from 10:00 to 2:00 - entrance is through the gift shop. Please be mindful that animals are not allowed inside the event because of airport regulations. Be sure to bring sunscreen and your hat! It gets hot on the ramp! Oscar also mentioned that their 50/50 auction prize includes an antique airplane ride. Last year this was won by Gary Stump!

CAR SHOW AND TRACK DAY AT HOMESTEAD SPEEDWAY: Oscar: August 23rd:

More information will be forthcoming. This show will allow participants to take 3-4 laps around the Speedway!

ROAD TRIP TO FORD'S GARAGE IN WELLINGTON:

Richard Manso: A date will be picked soon for an outing in September.

ROAD TRIP TO THE MID FLORIDA AUTO SHOW IN LAKELAND:

The show this year is scheduled for October 16-18. From their website: "The show, now in its 21st year, has become a source of pride for the City of Lakeland, and MIDFLORIDA Credit Union is especially proud to be the presenting sponsor. Area residents and public officials welcome the opportunity to showcase our beautiful Lake Mirror Park and historic downtown to thousands of visiting car show guests."

Each year, the downtown Lakeland area comes alive with spectators, cars & activities. Join us for the weekend of events, October 16-18, during the MIDFLORIDA Auto Show & Lake Mirror Concours, Budweiser Hot Rod Rendezvous, and the Sunday Road Rally." More information will be forthcoming.

ANNUAL RALLY: November 14: Oscar: As a reminder, it has been decided that our 300 mile rally will be held every other year with a one day rally on the other years. And this year is it! We will rally for one day in the Redlands. More information forthcoming!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY: December 5th: Oscar: Unless a member can find and suggest a different location, it will be held as the same location as last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEXT MEETING DATE CHANGE: Because of the conflicting date of the auction, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th. We should be presenting a great auction report!

Remember: Information on all of our activities is posted on our website http://www.TBirdFl.com. While there, make sure you check out our Award Winning Newsletter. All past issues are archived for your reference.

CLUB APPAREL! Ordering is online on our website!

FLORIDA CAR MARATHON: April 22-26, 2020: Oscar:

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!

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7 pm.

And we apologize for forgetting to mention:

AACA South Florida Region WINTER NATIONALS:

Taking place in Miami this year! February 27-29th! More information can be found here: https://aacasouthflorida.club/national-winter-meet-february-22-2020/ Even if you aren't showing a car and participating, there is an open car show and swap meet from 10 am – 3 pm on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29th. All Events are held at the Magic City Casino 450 NW 37th Ave, Miami, FL 33125

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Corenblum





