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#### 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.

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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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# editor's corner

ITC South East District Chapter April-May 2020 Volume 22, #5

Greetings Thunderbird Club Members,

This has been a wild ride over the last few weeks! The COVID-19 Pandemic hit us hard in South Florida, causing cancellations of every Major Car Hobby Event

in April and through the month of May. As well, we are having a condensed April-May Newsletter. Birthday greetings to everyone born in April & May!

The Club dinner meetings have been cancelled until the Stay at Home Orders are lifted, and we get back to the "New Normal"



Our Club suffered its own economic disaster when the RM-Sotheby's Auction, March the 17th -21st was cancelled in favor of Virtual Auction on-line at the beginning of the outbreak.

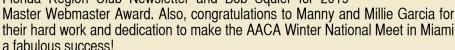
We are very appreciative that RM-Sotheby Auctions was able reimburse us for the \$922.00 spent for the house to accommodate the auction volunteers, since the owner would not! As you know the Auction is a big fundraiser for our club, which may cause us to reevaluate the rest of this year's events.

The Annual Club Brunch scheduled for Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 17th will most likely be rescheduled.

CTCI National Convention is RESCHEDUED for April 20th thru the 24th, 2021

The Trailbirds of SW Florida will host as was planned for this year This is a great opportunity to show your Early Bird and enjoy Sarasota.

Congratulations to Jean Hawa for winning the AACA National 2019 Master Editor Award for Sidelights the AACA South Florida Region Club Newsletter and Bob Squier for 2019



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My apologies, If I have missed your birthday it is because I do not have your information. Please contact me to update your records.

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#### Hello, All fellow club members

I would like to start my message with what is of most importance to me.

The health and well-being of my family at home, and of my fellow club members.

Mary and I hope you all are healthy and safe at home.

Folks we are living unprecedented times. As you all know, there have been cancellations of social events and family gatherings everywhere, which have affected us all.

We have had to suspend our monthly meetings at Trattoria Pampered Chef, in Miami lakes, the R.M. Sotheby's Auction was cancelled in Palm Beach, unfortunately our club could not attend, which resulted in a loss of revenue for our club in 2020. At least our club was reimbursed for the deposit on the rental of the house, which were for drivers driving multiple days.

One event that I was looking forward to is The Sunday Brunch. It just so happens, that this year it landed on May 17th which is my birthday.

I could never had wished for a better birthday than driving my T Bird with my wife and my daughters, on National Thunderbird Appreciation day and having breakfast with my dear fellow club members. This event is still up in the air, please stay tuned for future notifications.

My wife and I consider ourselves blessed and very fortunate, to still be working. Mari works from home, connecting via Zoom, with her students, and Goodyear is considered "essential", so thankfully we will not be closing. Our youngest, Melissa is taking online classes and will be graduating from U.F. as scheduled . Melanie our oldest, is working from home as well.

Friends, we will be sending out emails about future events and gatherings, as soon as local authorities permit them. Folks, there are good opportunities now since most of us are stuck at home, to finish any home project, spruce up your landscape or gardens, or organize your workshop, or more importantly, finish your "honey Do" list. I've got them all done already.

I wish you all to be safe! Let's enjoy our homes, and our families Hopefully soon we can continue with our Club's activities, and have

some vino and break bread together at our next club meeting.

Be well my friends,

I miss you all.

# Richard Manso

Club President, 2020





# **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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# **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.

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

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> 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

## 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)





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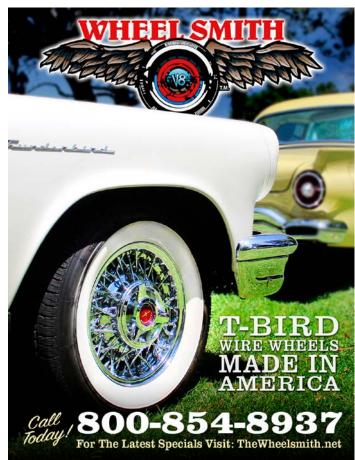












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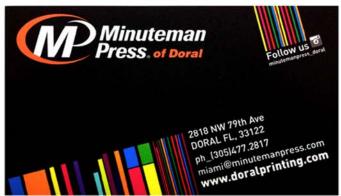


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# AACA 2020 Winter National Meet "The Last Car Show"



Amid the gathering cloud of the COVID-19 Pandemic, probably the last great Classic Car event took place in our own hometown, Miami. A little over 2 years ago the AACA South Florida Region Chapter requested to be chosen for The 2020 AACA National Meet Under the very capable administration of Manny and Millie Garcia they worked tirelessly with the Club's members to make it a resounding success!

Preshow festivities included A trip to Dr. Dauer's Museum, dinner & entertainment at Cava Flamenco and at Havana Nights in the Magic City Casino, site of the Event.



Who knew that just a week later the rolling wave of COVID-19 would shut down all but essential businesses and cancel every public event!

Hopefully, now at the end of April we have turned the corner and will be getting back to the "new normal" where everyone will look like they just came out of a spray booth!

I brought my Thunderbird to the meet, for show, not to be judged and had a great time.



Gail and Stuart came over and we toured the show-field together. Among the MANY outstanding Classics on display was CTCSF member Jose Trujillo's Rose-Beige 1964 Thunderbird: Second Junior Award winner!





Frank Rubino's 1950 Healey Silverstone.



# Dr Dauer's 1956 Dodge La Femme Guy Lewis's 1958 Mercedes Benz 300D (The Batista Car).





Congratulations to Bob Mayer on his First Junior award for his 1994 Mustang Cobra!











A curiosity is the 1961 DKW Auto Union 1000SP Roadster, owner Kevin Newman, that looks like a 55 Thunderbird! This car is powered by a 55hp 2 stoke 3-cylinder engine. 1,640 were built, the last year was 1964





I had the pleasure to be next to a couple from Ohio, Bruce Guest and his wife who brought their White 1956 Thunderbird with the optional "E" twin Carb set up. An AACA Senior Car, in Preservation Class, it was spectacular. They trailered it down and were intending to spend some time in South Florida, before heading back home.







Trophies were Awarded at the Closing Banquet.



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**Historic Preservation** 

First Preservation

**Driver Participation** 

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Thanks to Jean Hawa from the AACA South Florida Region for some of the pictures in this story.

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Ed Raabe

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