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### Ford Thunderbird Appreciation Day



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It's all about the Thunderbird!



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# 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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# INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLUB

## 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.

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### Please fill out application:

New Member

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ITC # if Known \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thunderbird Information:** \*VIN refers to your Vehicle Identification Number

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ \*VIN # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Visit ITC website: [www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com](http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com)

(GEB) July 2016

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ITC South East District Chapter June-July 2020 Volume 22, #7

Greetings Thunderbird Club Members,

I hope you and all your families are safe and well. By now you must all be excited about the New Normal!?

If you are like me, you suddenly found the time to do that repair on your T-Bird that has been getting put off. For me it was first getting time to drive it, then only to have the key cylinder in the ignition switch fall apart. Since it's no fun to cross wires to start our Bird, I figured a new switch was in order. I purchased one from Hills and had it in few days. I solicited some advice on what might happen when I attempted the fix. I want to thank Stuart, Mike and Paul Cotner for their help. The wires attached to the switch were so short, I needed to pull the car out of the garage so I could get under the dash. Good weather prevailed. My wife and I dragged it out and I made the R&R in less than an hour! I am glad I bought the switch from Hills because it had the necessary, correct extra-long accessory terminal. A bonus, my electric fan has a 3-position switch, On, Off & Thermostat, which hasn't worked in a year, well it works now!

Just in time for Monsoon Season...back safely in the garage.



It seems all the major shows are being cancelled until next year

Mid Florida Auto Show (Lake Mirror Concours) and Hershey AACA Fall Event have just announced. We will keep you posted about the local shows which for the most part are

all cancelled through the Summer. The Annual Independence Day Car Show in Miami Springs is cancelled as well as the Parade and Fireworks.

Needless to say, this new Normal is not for me!

I created a Virtual Thunderbird Appreciation Day with photos I have in our files on our Facebook page. There is a nice profile of George Bishopric's 56 T-Bird in this issue

**CTCI National Convention is RESCHEDULED 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.



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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI  
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## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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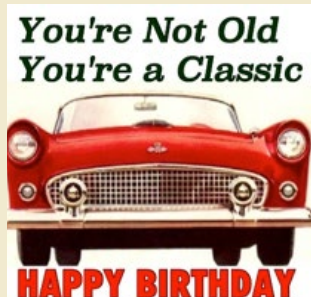
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# JUNE 2020

Frank Jones	2		
Alan Runck	4		
Michaëlle Beauchamp	7	Jean-Claude Lafontant	17
Gina Crochet	8	Cindy Gonzalez	21
Poppy Madden	10	Tony Del Grosso	22
Ernesto Arbelo	13	Bob Heslekrants	24
Purita Martin	13	Joyce Cotner	26
Judith Saladino	13	Arnaldo Godoy	29
Martin Vazquez	17	Carlos Rosario	30

# JULY

Marilena Perez	9
Armando Piñeiro	13
Mercedes Leon	17
Edward "Ed" Sheppard	17
Liz Smith	17
Mario Leon	21
Patricia Fernandez	24
Lilliam Brice	28
Robert Brice	28
Michael Arias	29



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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## INTERNET PAGE

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

[www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFLorida](http://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"!

## Hello, All fellow club members

Hello fellow club members,

We are now going into the third month of COVID 19.

I know some of our members,

as well as Mari and myself, are still lucky enough to still be working. For those who are retired, or working from home, I recommend having patience, we have no other

choice. We have to get creative and find home projects to do while being stuck at home and not being able to

get together with our families and friends, like at our monthly dinner meetings at La Trattoria Pampered Chef, in Miami lakes.

On a personal note, In my last message I was getting started to declutter , and reorganize my workshop / shed at home . I was able to discard unwanted items and old unusable tools. Now everything is visible at a glance.



All my tools and equipment are in order and I gave it a fresh coat of paint. I was even able to designate on section of a wall to display my trophies won at car shows, even Mari is impressed, which is not easy! ..

Folks, we just started COVID 19 Phase "1" , of returning to some sort of normalcy, although we are very far to living as we did before this pandemic .We have hopes that by end of phase "3", we will be able to resume our club's activities again. Once we resume board meetings and monthly meetings, we have to discuss and organize some very much anticipated outings and cruises

like Ford's Garage Restaurant in Wellington {W.P.B.},the Lakeland car show in Lake Mirror, this year's one day road rally through Homestead called Countryside Classics Road Rally, and last but not least, our Holiday Party in December.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our extended family [our fellow club members]. Mari and I miss you all and can't wait to break bread again.

Thank you all and be well,

**Richard Manso**  
Club President, 2020

## Open Letter to the Club Members

OSCAR CASTRO

These past 2 months have been some of the strangest and most distressing two months that many of us have ever known. For many, moreover, that anguish has been compounded by pain, loss, and enormous stress.

I want my first words to be of comfort and support to all those people who have suffered and to those who continue to suffer. Our deepest condolences go out to Don Frakes who lost his beloved daughter Dawn after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike McNeal who had open heart surgery to replace a valve. Mike's procedure was not without complications, but thankfully, Mike is recovering well and it does not look like he will need a pacemaker. The current restrictions instituted because of this virus, make bad situations like these worse because when anyone is admitted to a hospital, our loved ones are NOT allowed to visit and you can't imagine how stressful it can be to be in a hospital, multiple days, without a loved one by your side to ease the pain. If you would like to send a card or contact Don or Mike and Theresa McNeal, their information is below.

Thankfully, after many weeks of lock down, we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel; that reinforces our hopes that we are closer to normality even if it is just the first steps. We are looking forward to start our monthly meetings again, to share some good times with friends and family, to opening our businesses, to going to the movies or to dinner, to doing sports, to shopping, and of course, to taking our cars out to a show or event. In other words,

we are looking forward to living again! As soon as it is prudent to do so, we will resume our activities – you will receive an email, as soon as we know! We, at the Classic Thunderbird Club, want you to know, that within our limited capacity, we are here for you, hoping that you return to your normal as soon as possible!

We have an amazing group of people in our club and we would like to hear from all of you, good or bad news; we want to hear from you. PLEASE connect through Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida/>) & Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/tbirdflorida/>). Please like and follow and use both mediums to regularly post and comment on photos of old events, or photos or videos of what you are doing to pass the time, so that we can still keep in touch (virtually) and maybe distract our minds a little from the current situation.

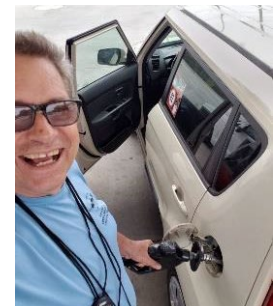
Please stay safe and be well,

**Oscar Castro**  
Activities Director

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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](http://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)

**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 Tudhall 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.




### 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ctci.org).



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

## CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://www.ctci.org).

Please select one of the following prorated amounts:

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<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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Body \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Trim \_\_\_\_\_ Production Code \_\_\_\_\_

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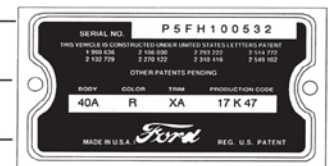
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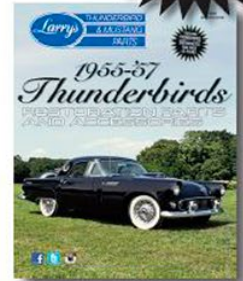
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# My 56 Thunderbird

BY GEORGE BISHOPRIC

My mother claims that "Thunderbird" was my first word!



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I've always wanted one and this one lingered at "Ragtops" in West Palm Beach because of its "Seafoam" color. People like the color or the car, but seldom both.



I drove my 'Bird for years, attending to one problem after another, knowing that the car seriously needed a repaint and a rebuild. I put it off and put it off, until finally, my mechanic told me he could do no more for my car, the engine would have to be rebuilt.



I finally broke down and put the car in for a full restoration.

When the "fabulous fifties" green came away, some old secrets were revealed, and we decided that with the sheet metal work required, it would not cost much more to change the color. I would have the Thunderbird Gray car I always wanted. As always, it took a lot more time and a lot more money than originally planned. Along the way, some serious upgrades were installed: front disc brakes, electric windshield wipers, Vintage Air, and an upgraded Town & Country radio.

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