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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 CTCl 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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Visit ITC website: www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com

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editor's CORNER

ITC South East District Chapter Oct-Nov 2020 Volume 22, #11

Greetings Club Members

This is finally a newsletter with some good news about Car Shows, they are coming back! Car shows and especially Cruise-ins. See the revised Car Event Schedule for information. Sadly, The Trailbirds Club in Ft Meyers has cancelled the 2021 CTCI National Convention, sighting the continuing COVID19 epidemic for cancelation due to an abundance of caution.

CTCI has just completed Board Elections and hope to go in a direction that would include the Retro Birds 2002-2005! Live Auctions are returning to Zephyr Hills, FL in November, although MECUM and RM are continuing with some success, On-Line Bidding Events.

With things as they are, we have been struggling as a Club. Great thanks to the effort of Oscar Castro who has been working feverishly (no COVID jokes please!) to maintain structure and plan for the future and he has done an outstanding job. With the cooperation of our President Richard Manso and the Club Board he as completed an agenda that will take us through 2020 and into next year. Please look in this issue regarding our Club future plans and events from both Oscar and Richard.

The "Friends" Dinner is a wonderful idea for members who want to keep in touch personally through a limited dinner venue. It is also a great way to support Gabe and the Pampered Chef at the same time. There is a story by Oscar about the Dinners in this issue also. Several couples have attended, and the next Dinner is November 18th which as always voluntary to attend.

It is my intention to retire from Club Newsletter Editor in 2021. It has been a great privilege to Inherit the job from our founder Felipe Cos and to share all the excitement of the Classic Thunderbird Club for the last 7 years with our Club Members. With your great story contributions and the hard work of our publicist, Yohanis Diaz we have won many prestigious Club Newsletter awards over the years. I will work with my successor, so the transition is seamless, and I look forward to new point of view.

As the Fall Holidays begin, Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving

Ed Raabe

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CTCI 2017 Newsletter Competition GOLD AWARD for our October Rally 2016 Edition.



Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida CTCI
CHAPTER #114 OCT-NOV 2020 VOLUME 22, #11

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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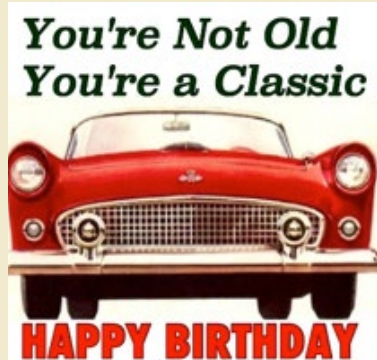
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OCTOBER 2020

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Oscar Castro	2		
Amy Axelrod	4	Ronald Burns	24
Maryse Lafontant	5	Diana Castro	24
Mareylis Manso	5	Maria E. Mederos	24
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NOVEMBER

Robert Ferretti	1	Ed Raabe	19
Elvis Padron	2	George Martin	26
Donald Frakes	5	Norman Gerstein	29
Ernesto Diaz	11	Jose Trujillo	30
Mindy Speck Wierzbicki	15		



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 Fellow Club Members,
Mary and I hope and pray that all of you are staying safe and healthy. We are coming to the end of a year that will never be forgotten. We've had to adapt, conform, and learn how to be on "survival mode" when it comes to protecting ourselves and our loved ones from this Pandemic.



Folks, on a more positive note, we have a few events to look forward to. The Holiday Party, which is planned for December the 12th. We are working on the details now, but it will be held at an open shelter. There will be no "Mean Santa", this year to avoid touching objects and passing it around. We will be able to bring our classics and park them adjacent to the tables where the covered parking and seating will be. The exact location and time will be announced soon.

We will have our much anticipated "Annual Car Show" In January, at Cooper Park, In West Miami. This park enables us to park the cars on green, grassy areas, in a more serene and relaxing setting as a "Concours D' Elegance".

For 2021, there will be a one-day Road Rally. It will start in the Redlands, and finish in the Redlands. There will be a car show at the end of the rally and a dinner.

All of the aforementioned future events are still in the works, and more details are coming to an email near you!!

Friends I know we are all reluctant to go out and socialize, and this virus has stopped us in our tracks. We have had no choice, then to refrain from doing something that is crucial, to keep our club together and alive. It's socializing and having meals together, to keep the fire

alive. In January, we resume our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at "La Trattoria " in Miami lakes {Gabe's Pace}. Those who are not ready to meet yet, and feel uncomfortable in public places, will be respected and will be contacted to be briefed on the events of the meeting.

In September and October, myself and Oscar and Marcia attended a " Friends Gathering", at la Trattoria. We were also accompanied by Elizabeth Barry, Daniel Romagnoli, Elvis And Marcia, and Manolo Sanchez and Daisy and Felix in September. Also, Ricardo and his wife and kids attended in September. The food was great, the service was great, and Gabe could really use the business.

On a personal note, I finally finished painting and detailing my engine compartment. It looks amazing. I'm actually impressed with myself and my painting skills. Mary will be working from home for the rest of the school year with her one on one student. Melanie is happy planning her wedding for next year,

and our youngest, Melissa will be getting her bachelor's degree from Univ. of Florida next month. I am very busy at Goodyear, business is great. We are very blessed and grateful.

Folks, there are no words in the dictionary or in my vocabulary, that can express the gratitude that I and we all should have for Oscar Castro and Ed Raabe. These gentlemen are the backbone of our club. Ed juggling time between his new home in the west coast, running a business, and his family, and still made time for our newsletter, we are very lucky we had him all this time for the newsletter. This will be one of the last newsletters he will work on for our club. If I was in his shoes, I would do the same thing. We will always be grateful to Ed.

Oscar Castro, as Bette Midler's song goes, " You are the wind beneath our wings". Behind the scenes, he plans, scouts, coordinates, schedules, operates and manages the club's finances and accounts. He wheels and deals for better rates on any club event or expenditure. His selfless energy and passion he applies towards everything related and not related to the club, makes us and our club so fortunate to have his assistance for our club.

I also take my hat off to Gail Corenblum. Her position as Secretary will be available when someone will take it over. Her dedication to our club, and working at the R.M. Auctions together with Stuart , make them a "Power Couple", and they are very appreciated always.

Not much going on now, so I took this opportunity to recap a lot of things and to thank all these wonderful people , we are so privileged to call our friends.

Be well my friends,

Richard Manso
Club President
2020,2021.

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"!



CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership



It's called the **Classic Thunderbird Club International**, and you will find members throughout the United States and all over the world.

Why a Thunderbird Club?

Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) was formed to band together owners and admirers of the 1955-57 Ford Thunderbird — to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, technical information, and sources for parts. Lasting friendships have been formed through local chapters, Regional Conventions and International Conventions. Moreover, CTCI is recognized and sanctioned by the Ford Motor Company, which extends cooperation and support.



CTCI Classic Thunderbird Club International Membership

I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

Felipe Cos founded our CTCI Chapter, #114 for South Florida in November 1998. Since then our club has hosted a CTCI International Convention in 2004 and grown to include 50 member families.

Look at the benefits of membership. For myself, I have saved a lot of time and money by visiting Gil's Garage, hosted by Gil Baumgartner CTCI Authenticity Chairman and 'Thunderbird Guru' and the Early Bird Club magazine is full of great articles and Club stories!

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

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



CTCI International Convention
Sarasota, Florida, April 20 - 24, 2021

Hosted by Trail Birds of SW Florida

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED



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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CTCI Chapter Affiliation (if any) _____

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- 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.

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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.

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(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? _____

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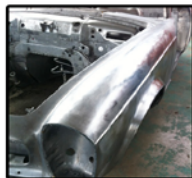
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Black and Blue Caravan

BY OSCAR CASTRO



On October 11, 2020, the community of South Florida came together to “Back the Blue” as a way to support our local police officers and raise awareness. The Hispanic Police Officers Association (HPOA) put together the “Back the Blue Caravan” event that began at Tropical Park and ended at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. The HPOA’s overall purpose is to inform, educate, and unify the community about police officers and how they are a vital role in our communities.

The entire caravan was fully escorted by the local police officers and consisted of over 360 cars and 600 participants! We were very grateful to our community for stepping up and coming out to show their full support.

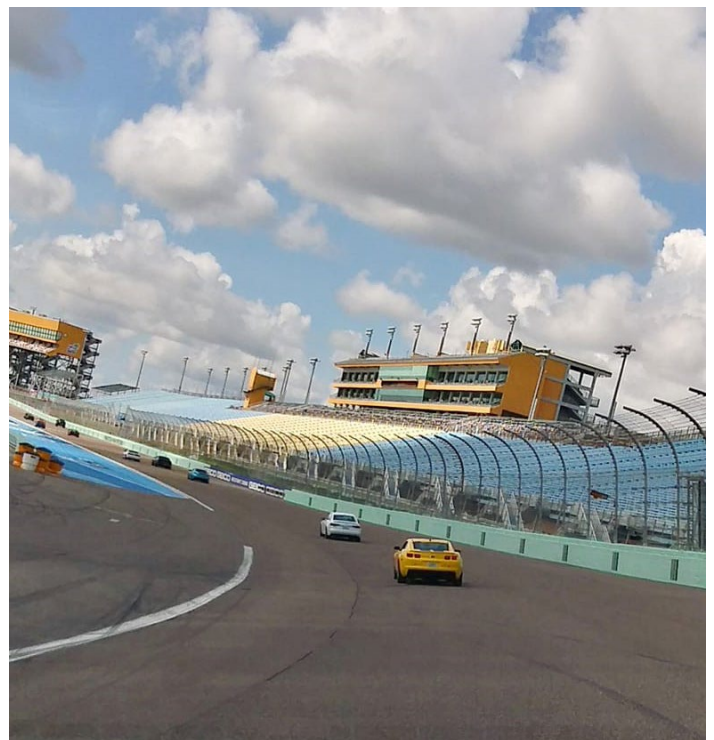


Ford of Kendall also showed their appreciation to the HPOA organization by sponsoring the event and by opening their doors and teaming up with Francisco Mederos also known as



Francisco Mederos (Blue Shirt) at Tropical Park

“#Frankthemustagguy” to host a pre-party car meet on Friday night (October 9) to help promote the big Sunday caravan and to kick off the weekend event. On Sunday morning, participants enjoyed food trucks and music for a family fun day. Attendees were not only able to participate in the caravan, but they also had the opportunity to purchase tickets to drive laps around the Homestead-Miami Speedway track with their very own cars. All proceeds accumulated throughout the weekend were donated to the HPOA.



View from Greg Endres’ “Super Sleeper” 750hp Mustang



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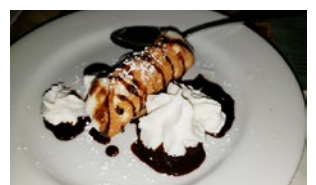
They are now allowed to open at full capacity, but they are just beginning to get back on their feet and they still have a long way to go! Since we will not be meeting as a club until January, we didn’t want to wait about 3 more months to be able to once more interact with our friends and to visit and support Gabe at La Trattoria, so we came up with a reasonable solution!

For the last 3 months of this year (except December), we decided to meet as friends simply to have dinner and to catch up on each other’s coming and goings during these past 6 months. These FRIENDS get together dinners are not official club events. We already got together two times (September 9th and October 21) and will be getting together once more (November 18) for dinner at La Trattoria. Both times, we had a great time!

During the September dinner, Gabe (La Trattoria) brought in a singer that if you closed our eyes, sounded just like Frank Sinatra, but if you opened them, looked just like Jake Blues!



All he needed was for Elwood Blues and the “Bluesmobile” to be there and they could have gone on a mission to Chicago! He was awfully nice, interacted with us, and took all of our requests! We were having such a good time that we almost forgot to take photos, but in between requests, we managed to take some of the attendees, but regrettably, no photos of the food!



During the October dinner, Jake was not there, but we worked up something very unique to make this a special night. First a little background information, picture it, Miami 2019** (**Sophia Petrillo_1985), back in November of 2019, we held the 10th Edition of our Florida's 300 Mile Rally and we had a couple, Rine Sola and Enso Regetti, who FLEW IN all the way from Italy to join us and boy were their arms tired**! (**Henny Youngman_1969). Sorry, could not resist the quotes, now back to the present time to continue the story.



ITALIAN CONNECTION – Rine Sola and Enso Regetti
(October 21 Dinner)

For the October dinner, we coordinated with Rine and Enso for what I would like to call THE ITALIAN CONNECTION! Rine and Enso, waited until midnight, their time, to have their dinner that evening. This coordinated with our 7:00 PM dinner time! Both parties, from two continents, ate, exchanged stories, and had a great time! We even spent some WhatsApp time with Rine and Enso! Our virtual dinner table was extended a distance of roughly 5,191 miles!

We are all looking forward to the friends' dinner on November 18, and for some more good times!

For December, we will have our Annual Holiday Party (an official club event) and on January 20th, we will have the first official Club Meeting for 2021, it will be the first meeting since the last one on February of 2020 – Can't Wait!



Oscar



Club Calendar


2020

October	21	Friends Dinner (not an official Club event)
November	14	Countryside Classics (not an official Club event) If restrictions lifted and the venue allows it
November	18	Elections for 2021 Club Board of Directors (E-Mail Balloting) Friends Dinner (not an official Club event)
December	12	Our Annual Holiday Party!

2021

January	16	Redlands Riot Road Rally and Dinner
January	20	Monthly Club Meeting FIRST ONE SINCE THE LOCKDOWN!
January	24	Our Annual Car Show
February	13	Our Annual Precision Car Rally
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Open Letter to the Membership from the Board of Directors

ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES, WHETHER CLUB OFFICIAL OR JUST FRIENDS GETTING TOGETHER, ARE STRICTLY OPTIONAL AND VOLUNTARY.

IT IS UP TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU TO ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION AND DECIDE WHETHER YOU FEEL SAFE ATTENDING.

IF YOU ABSTAIN, DON'T WORRY, THE CLUB WILL CONTINUE AND THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU START PARTICIPATING AGAIN.

ONE MORE THING – ALL EVENTS MENTIONED, ARE SUBJECT TO RESCHEDULING IF THE SITUATION AT THEIR PLANNED TIME, WARRANTS IT.

- 1) There will not be any official club meetings for October and November.

Our next official club meeting will be Wednesday January 20th, 2021, the Wednesday before our yearly show. HOWEVER, there will be two more “Friends” gatherings at the Trattoria, one on October 21 and the other on November 18th, just like we had in September where we had 13 members in attendance and we had a great time, seating was outside on individual tables per family. These “Friends” gatherings are not official club business, they are entirely voluntary, and it is just for friends to get together for dinner. No club business will be discussed, and the club will not pay for the Tax and Tip. Though the cost to everyone will be \$25PP (full amount), I suggest, like we did last time, for everyone to add an additional amount to give Gabe a hand, he needs it.

- 2) November is RENEWAL month for membership, I will send out the first renewal email about a week after this email.

PLEASE SET THE EXAMPLE, RENEW IN NOVEMBER AND ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO ALSO DO IT – Thank You

It's a TON of work when people drag it out till February and March of the following year!

Pleasant side note, we've had 5 new members join during these past months!

- 3) Annual Club Elections are coming up – they will be carried out via email!

Mid to late October I will send out the nominated slate as stated, and I will ask all you members for nominations, if you have any.

November 16th will be the last day to nominate. I will then send out the final slate and you have until Wednesday evening November 18th to vote.

Results will be announced on Thursday November 19th.

- 4) The 2020 Felipe Cos Memorial 300 Mile Rally has been rescheduled until February 13, 2021. Coincidentally, this is the time of the year when this rally was originally held!

It will be a 1-day event, ending in a car show and dinner at the end.

Hopefully in 2022, we can do another 3-day rally (depending on enough interest)

- 5) The Holiday Party will be moved to December 12, two months from now.

It will be at an open location, roof, but no walls. The format will change, it will not be the usual format and it will be more relaxed.

We will be encouraged to drive our antiques and to park them next to the sitting / dining area

There will NOT be a Mean Santa exchange...

...think about it, if you are concerned about the virus, would you want to sit there and handle packages that are going to be touched by almost everyone in attendance?

We will evaluate the situation about 2 weeks



before and see if any modifications are warranted.

- 6) Annual Car Show is scheduled for January 24, barring any catastrophe; it will go on as scheduled.

I have been monitoring the car activities and all the shows, cruise-ins, and drive outs that have been going on for a while now, so people are going out and activities are happening.

On Sunday October 13, there was a Back the Blue Car show at Tropical Park and a road trip which ended at the Homestead Race-Track, over 300 cars participated!

The few people that are hunkered down now should be ready to venture out by the end of January, but either way, the show must go on, we cannot close the club indefinitely.

The income from this show (and the Auction) is very important, this is what allows the club to offer so many activities, either Free or at a subsidized amount.

- 7) Annual Auction I a BIG unknown - TBD
Hopefully Gail will have some news soon.

I am afraid that if they had a good result this year, they may keep the online only auction and not have any need for us as drivers.

Hopefully, that will not happen, since it will be a severe blow to our finances.

We'll cross that bridge when we come to it, hope to have some GOOD news soon.

Please note that if they do need us, WE ALL NEED TO STEP UP AND BE THERE, we had ZERO income last year when it was cancelled for us.

- 8) We have an opening on the Board... Newsletter Editor

After many, many years of dedicated work, Ed Raabe will (sadly) soon be retiring as the Newsletter Editor.

We need to find a replacement SOON or the Newsletter will shut down

PLEASE reply and let me know if you are interested in filling out a BIG pair of shoes!

Ed has done a job that is beyond description, words cannot do justice to his dedication to the Newsletter.

Though it is a hard job, don't worry, he has all the tools and templates to help out whoever is willing to come in and take over.

We are HOPING that Ed can stay on and publish until the February and March combination issue is out.

HOWEVER, we need the replacement to be named well before that so that the New Editor has time to shadow Ed and we have a good turnover.

- 9) We have a possible opening on the Board... Secretary

Our current Secretary, Gail, has expressed that IF someone new wants to be secretary, she will turn over the position to them.

This is a lot of work, I would hope that Gail continues, but if someone is willing to do it, then we'll go that way.

This will be someone that is up to the challenge of doing an awesome a job as Gail is doing (also big shoes to fill).

- 10) Changes to Club Apparel ordering

We are working on streamlining the Club Apparel procedures so that we can get the orders back to you much quicker.

More on this as details are developed.

If you all have any questions or concerns, please reply so that we are made aware.

Thank You all for being members of the BEST Thunderbird Club in South Florida and helping to make the club such a huge success!

Your 2019-2020 Board,

Richard, Leo, Gail, Ed, Stuart, Daniel, Paul, Ely, Maria, and Oscar!

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1967 "Glamour" Bird

OWNER HAL WILSON

The following is a letter from new club member Hal Wilson with some background. Also, Hal was gracious enough to include some pictures of his Landau in the restoration process, which I have included. Welcome Hal and Gladys to the Classic Thunderbird Club of So FL!

Hello Oscar

Thank you so much for the information you've sent me in your emails. I'm looking forward to meeting club members and sharing stories about the Thunderbird.

FYI - I am a 5th generation native Floridian having been born in Jacksonville I grew up in Miami where my dad was based as a Pan Am pilot. I met my wife in college at USF in Tampa and we now live in Stuart. I'm a retired former CFO and my wife works as a consultant in early childhood issues.

My fascination with the Thunderbird began in 1967 when I had just turned 16 and my dad was out looking to get a new car for my mom. I was always into cars from as long as I can remember so I went looking with him. I remember walking in the showroom at a Ford dealership and the most noticeable car was a 1967 Thunderbird Fordor Landau. I just thought that was the coolest car I'd ever seen!! Ever.

I begged my dad to but that car but to my everlasting disappointment he bought her a new Buick instead. I've never recovered from that disappointment!!

I know most folks find the glamour birds and particularly the 4-door to be very un-Thunderbird like, I've always loved the 1967 version because the interior of that one year was unique. It was the last year that bucket seats and center consoles were std on a 4-door

As I've grown older, I've remained a car nut and I've spent many years searching for a Thunderbird like the one in my dreams. I was truly fortunate a couple years ago to have found a pristine example with a fully documented history.

It's undergoing a frame off restoration now and has been for the last 18 months. It should be finished soon, and I look forward to sharing the results with the club.

Kindest regards,

Hal

The Automotive years preceding the introduction of the 1967 Thunderbird saw many changes on the horizon, some which influenced the development of this "All New" iteration of the Classic we know as Thunderbird. So, let's see what made the 1967 a revolutionary car. Abandoned was unibody construction that began with the 1958 four passenger car, itself a breakthrough design. The 1967 went back to body on frame construction with the objective of creating a more stable and luxurious ride. Federal regulators were intent on killing the convertible car, sighting it was just too dangerous for the public (the "Nanny State" at work). Ford designers knowing this in relation to the lifetime of the 5th generation of 5 years decided there would be NO convertible

considered! However, the biggest news would be, for the first, time a Four Door would be available.

This was all done with the idea of moving Thunderbird up to the luxurious level of the Lincoln. From 1958-1964 only the Thunderbird had the title of "Personal Luxury Car, but in 1964 Buick introduced the Riviera to be followed by the Eldorado Tornado soon after. Now there was true competition for individualistic luxury cruising in the market and Dearborn wanted to stay on top!

Totally redesigned, the 1967 body was, curvaceous, wider, and looked nothing like the 1964-1966 "Flare" Birds, reminiscent of the "Square Bird" styling of the Gen2 cars, that preceded it. Jet aircraft design was influential everywhere, from the Turbine wheel covers and wide intake scoop styled grillwork, typical of fighter jets to the coke bottle shape of the body, also found on the jets of the day. Retained was the overhead cockpit style console and the centralized driver's position instrument panel, filled with a comprehensive gauge cluster. Factory installed AM Radio with 8 track tape players were now available. The "Swing Away" steering wheel remained, but only the top portion moved side-ways and away, again due to the "regulators" A sequential signal rear tail light panel had the look of "Warp-Drive" and finished off the design nicely. Body styles included a 2 door Hardtop Coupe, 2 door Landau Roof and now a 4 Door Landau pillared Hardtop Sedan for the first time ever in the Thunderbird lineup!

Hal's Car is one of these 1967 4 Door Landau cars dubbed "Glamour Birds". His car is powered by the last of the FE engines in a Thunderbird, the 390 cu.in. The New 429 cu.in. (7 Liter) would be available in 1968. His car is Dark Blue vinyl over Diamond Blue with the Dark Blue cloth and vinyl seating areas, with bucket seats and the center console. He is doing a complete body-off restoration and has provided some "before and during" photos. He has also provided the Marti Report an invaluable document to have if you are restoring a Ford.

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Serial Number:	77842116734
7	1967
Y	Built at Wixom
84	Thunderbird 4-Door Landau
Z	390-4V V-8 Engine
116734	Serial Number of this Ford scheduled for production at Wixom
87B	Thunderbird 4-Door Landau
N	Diamond Blue Paint, Ford #021-A
86	Dark Blue Cloth/Vinyl Bucket Seats
13K	Scheduled for build October 13, 1966
24	Jacksonville DSO (District Sales Office)
RT	3.0 Conventional Rear Axle
U	C-6 Select Shift Automatic Transmission

IMPORTANT DATES	
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CAR SERIALIZED:	10/05/66
BUCKETS:	-
SCHEDULED FOR BUILD:	10/13/66
ACTUALLY BUILT:	10/21/66
RELEASED:	10/26/66
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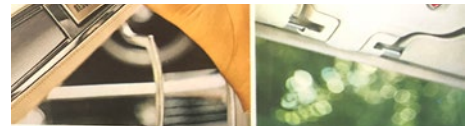
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These are some pictures of what Hal's 67 looked like when he bought it and the on-going restoration. He told me he will be restoring it to the original specs, with the addition of the optional "Mag styled" wheel covers. We look forward to seeing the end result!

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