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ITC International Thunderbird Club Member-

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 Louisiana 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 T-Bird. 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

NEW/RENEWAL/UPDATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The International Thunderbird Club (ITC), 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 an award winning bi-monthly magazine. ITC local and national meets provide Concours judging.

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CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA MEMBERSHIP

We are a social group of dedicated individuals with interest in ownership and enjoyment of Ford Thunderbird cars and of all Antique Automobiles. We meet each month for dinner, car shows and activities with our membership from West Palm Beach to the Florida Keys. Our club is family oriented in its activities and sponsors a scholarship fund for **McPherson College** (The only accredited university in the United States with a major in Automobile Restoration). Our aim is to bring together owners and non-owners of the Thunderbird in a social activity to encourage and promote the admiration, care and maintenance of the "Classic Thunderbirds"; and Antique Cars in general. We hope to provide an outlet for people to discover the uniqueness of the features and styling of the Ford Thunderbirds and exchange knowledge with each other about them and other Antique Automobiles.

Who are we?

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BI-MONTHLY "THUNDERBIRD NEWS" NEWSLETTER
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HOLIDAY PARTY
YEARLY SUNDAY BRUNCH
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YEARLY EDITION OF THE FLORIDA 300 MILE RALLY
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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

CTCI Chapter #114

ITC South East District Chapter

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Vrrrrroom! Club Members

The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida, what would we do without all the volunteers and fellow members that make our Classic Car Club the best ONE? To all of you, a big Thank You!



To Oscar Castro; applause, accolades, cheers, hugs for the work on the Rally. To his family, thank you for giving us part of his family time and supporting him on this well-orchestrated Rally. Oscar spends hundreds of hours working on the club activities and in particular, The Rally, that is a lot of work; emphasis on "a lot", and all that "lot" of work and time is evidenced in a very well-functioning and precise "Precision Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally". All of us that participated in the activities of the Rally, Love It! Awesome Job!

DJ Elvis! President Manso! Shout out to you gentlemen as well...Thank you!

Homestead Florida is a diverse and interesting developing area of South Florida, with all fundamental city attributes of urban, suburban, and vital farmland, along with quirky scenes and places. It was the perfect place for this year's Rally that Covid made it necessary to shorten the 300-mile excursion to a one-day 100-mile outing, give or take a missed marker or two.

Oscar, we are looking forward to next year's TSD - where is it go to take us?

Ricardo Lara



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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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Hello fellow Club Members,

I would like to apologize to all who registered, members and nonmembers, for the 2021 Annual car show, which was to be held at Cooper Park in the City of West Miami. It was cancelled due to conditions out of our control. However ridiculous the Miami-Dade County's and West Miami's Administration "last minute" cancellation was, we had no choice than to comply. I sincerely believe that the administration at West Miami could have done something if they really wanted to help our club considering the countless car shows being held all over Dade and Broward Counties with no restrictions.



We all should greatly appreciate all the HARD WORK, Mr. Oscar Castro put into the planning, organizing, and coordinating of this event, considering the many ,many times he had to drive from The Redlands, over an hour drive each way, to meet with City officials and to measure and plot the grounds.

I am glad to say we have found a new location for our 2022 Annual car Show held in January. It will be held at the Elks Club on Sunset Drive and 103 rd. avenue in Miami. More details will be sent out in the future.

Folks, more and more of our club members are attending our monthly meetings at Gabe's, La Trattoria in Miami Lakes. It is very nice to enjoy a great meal once again. talk about current and future club events, but most importantly, enjoy each other's company. It is one step further towards a sense of normalcy in our world.

I was informed by a very valuable and credible source from our club, that there is a very good possibility that R. M. Auctions will be having their Collector Car Auctions again at the FT. Lauderdale location. If this is the case, we need all hands-on deck. Remember this auction is the largest income producing event for our club. It is revenue that we as a club use to pay for subsidized club events like The Sunday Brunch in May, the Luau, our Holiday Party and the taxes and tips at our monthly meetings at Gabe's restaurant. IT will not only be nice, but fair to Gail and Stuart Corenblum, for as many club members as possible, to volunteer for next year's auction. Gail and Stuart really pull out all the stops and genuinely participate and keep the communication and relationship alive between R.M. Auctions and our club. Also, they go every day from morning to evening to drive and organize our club's involvement with the auction. Stuart is always on hand and ready to get any vehicle that does not start, going again, and onto the auction block. Boy, it really is nice to have an on-hand mechanic, as classic as the cars themselves that understands these vehicles. Stuart, you don't look a day over 50.

On a personal note, I am pleased to say, that our daughter, Melanie has learned the value of sweat equity. She and my future son-in-law, since buying their first home in Broward, have learned how to tear off carpet, remove floor tile, dismantle bathrooms, and

tear down a kitchen. They have acquired the fine taste of dust, and the great feeling of soreness in their muscles. Besides I am teaching them and doing all the demolition with them, they have a sense of accomplishment together, and they have learned that there is nothing they can't conquer in life together. My youngest, Melissa was hired by a large multinational advertising firm, and is happily working from home still. My wife Mareylis is happy that school is over, and she will enjoy her summer vacation at home. Now she has more time to create and submit a very long "Honey Do" list for me which I know will include a new front door replacement, and an outdoor kitchen /BBQ area we have been planning for some time now. Thankfully for her, I will be doing all the construction, which makes it more cost-effective.

Sorry for this late issue of our Club Newsletter folks. We have an amazing new editor, Mr. Ricardo Lara, who is as valuable as our previous one Mr. ED Raabe. What we have to remember is that sometimes things like " LIFE ", get in the way of deadlines. Ricardo has a beautiful family, a career, and other obligations that are important too ,and have to be respected. Ricardo my friend, thank you for what you do,

Well, my club family, until we meet again, {next month at La Trattoria}, have a very happy month, be safe and enjoy your classics.

Thank you all,

Be well my friends.

Richard Manso

Club President



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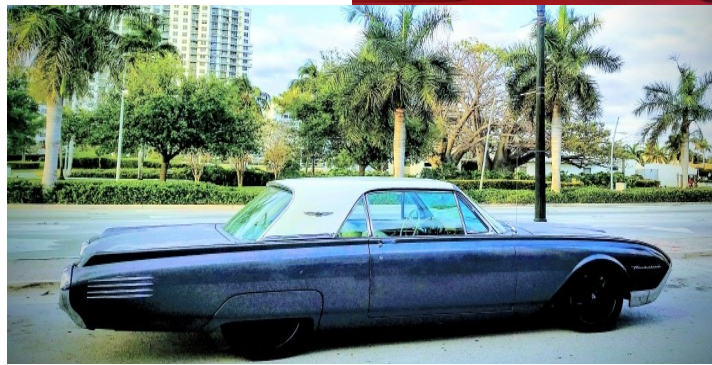
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I encourage all New Club Members to join CTCI as soon as possible and Current Members to keep your CTCI membership up to date.

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 80-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)

Classic Thunderbird Club International

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

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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.

Please select one of the following prorated amounts:

Month Joining	One Time Initiation Fee +	Dues =	Total
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NOTE: Add \$16.00 to select Premium Packet with CTCI Grill Emblem.

Annual dues renewal will be \$35.00, payable January 1 of each year.

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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 _____

For late 1957's:

Body _____ Color _____ Trim _____ Date _____ Trans _____ Axle _____

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Address _____

License Number _____ State/Province _____ Is your T-Bird primarily Original or Modified?

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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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EVERY CLASSIC T-BIRD OWNER IS A CTCI MEMBER**



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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.



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DEAR OSCAR:

Carless for the Rally?

DEAR OSCAR: My wife has very convincingly suggested that I do not send Her picture nor divulge her age to your column.

My issue now is that while the 55 engine is running, the transmission will not move the car forward. Therefore, I cannot participate in the Rally because I do not have a classic. I have spent so much money on this that I cannot purchase another headache.

What do you suggest *I do to ride in the Rally?*

DEAR CARLESS:

You have solicited a very thought-provoking multidimensional enquiry to which there may well be numerous concerted albeit collaborative concatenations of interactive rejoinders.

There are copious retorts made possible by the circumstances depicted in your letter, but determining the most appropriate reply is collaborative to my knowing some additional details which you have omitted. Those details not being obtainable at the time of this writing, I will non-the-less make an endeavor to most accurately riposte your letter.

I am curious as to why your wife suggested that you not send in her picture nor divulge her age to my column. But, let's continue and maybe it will become clearer later on.



OSCAR CASTRO

You should know that the transmission does not move the car forward, it was not designed to do that. Your transmission will only shift so that the engine moves the car forward, so I would say that your car is working as it should. Have you tried moving the shift column to D? *Here is a refresher course on how the transmission and the motor collaborate to make your car go.* The P does not mean “punch it!” it means PARK so the car will not move, the R does not mean “rearing to go” it means REVERSE, the car will move, but backwards, the N does not mean “Now!” as in let’s get going now, it means NEUTRAL and the car will still not move! Now you’ve come to the important letter – the D. It does not mean “Don’t do anything”, it actually means DRIVE! *So to recapitulate a much convoluted reply, move the shift lever to D, the car should move and you should be able to ride in the Rally!*

I optimistically hope that this retort discourages your trepidations and answers your query, then again, should it not, then there is a loophole which you can take advantage of to still be able to partake in the Rally. *Now, that brings me to your wife* and why she wanted you to omit her age and picture. I am going out on a limb here, but I would guess that she is already 55 or over, so you definitely have a Classic and I would venture to say that if you ask her nicely, she will accompany you to the Rally! *I understand that you have so far spent a lot of money, but please give this one another chance, DO NOT purchase another headache, that’s illegal and would be considered Bigamy!*

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Oscar



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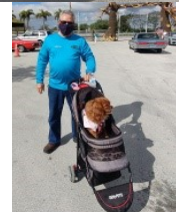
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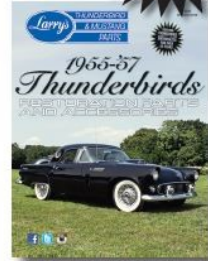
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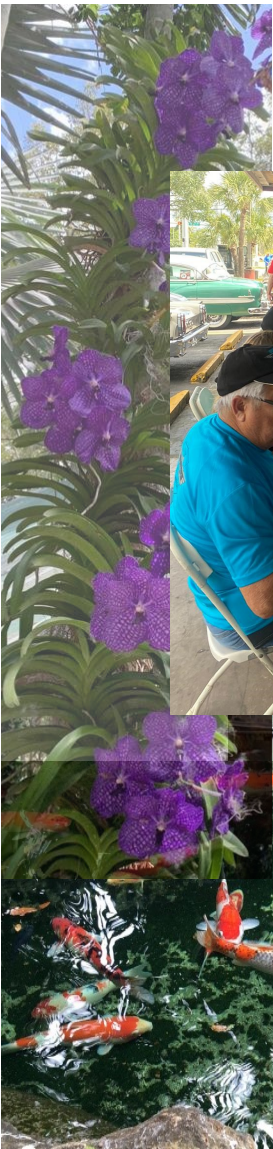
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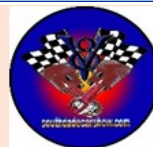
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The First Thunderbird

It was February of 1957 and my mother, father, 2 sisters and I were sitting down to have family dinner as we did almost every night in our home in Coral Gables. In the middle of dinner, the phone rang and I knew it wouldn't be for my sisters or me, as all of our friends knew that we weren't allowed to have phone calls during dinner. My father answered the phone and instead of hanging up, he had a conversation. When he came back to the table, he sat down, smiled at my mom, and said "We just got a new car, and it is a red '57 Ford Thunderbird convertible". I was flabbergasted, as I was already car crazy at that age. My older sister was just about to get her driver's license and somehow, we were going to have a Ford Thunderbird. It seems as though my father, who was in the building supply business in Miami, had won the car in a sales contest for the Panelyte Corporation. (Panelyte was the first competitor to Formica).

Mother and Dad flew to New York where the presentation was made, and Dad received the keys and the associated plaques along with the car. For business reasons, Dad then flew home, and my mother

and her brother drove the car back from New York to Miami. And there, in our front driveway, was the most beautiful thing that this 12 year old had ever seen. Dad sold his '54 Ford Customline Sedan to make room for the new car. What great fun the family had with our new "toy"! But it was, unfortunately, very short lived. As a family of five, and a 6 foot tall father, the Thunderbird just wasn't a good fit. In six months, Dad decided it was time for a change. A week later, Dad came home with a replacement. He had traded our beautiful red Thunderbird for a '57 Plymouth convertible. I guess he was bitten by the convertible bug! While I never got to drive the Bird, I was also smitten by the Thunderbird. I promised myself that one day I would own one. The picture shows my father when he received the keys to the Thunderbird in New York. Note the black wall tires and the dog-dish hubcaps. Panelyte didn't go overboard in selecting options!

Stuart Corenblum

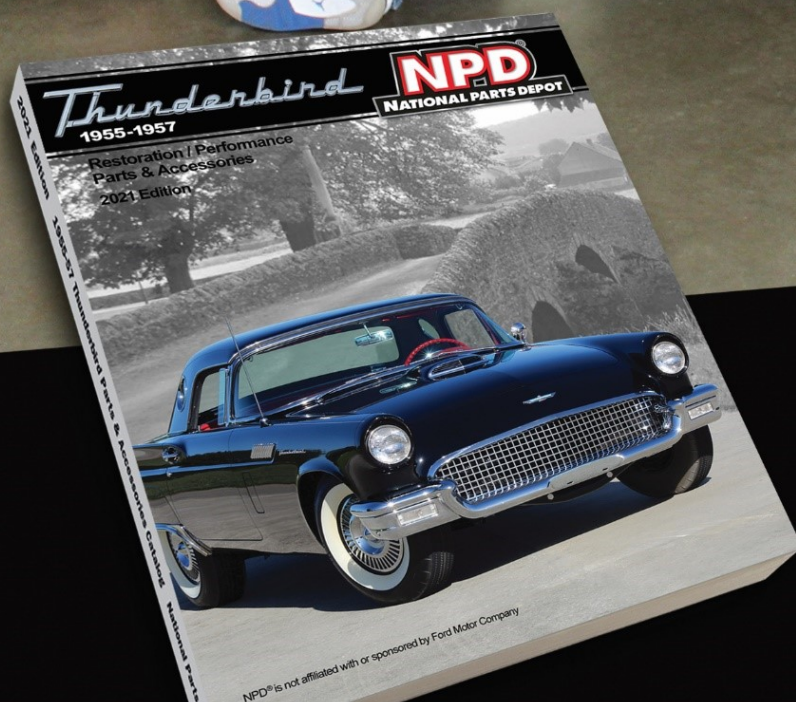
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