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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 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.

New Member Dues

| U.S. & Canada | International | Membership Starting |
|---------------|---------------|--|
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Year: _____ Model: _____ VIN # _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ VIN # _____

Year: _____ Model: _____ VIN # _____

Thunderbird Club Affiliation(s): _____ Position(s): _____



ITC (International Thunderbird Club)

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CTCI Chapter #114

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Post interesting Thunderbird related news items, jokes, interesting facts, technical items...and we enjoy other "car stuff" too. Even Chevy stuff too! 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"!



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.

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA MEMBERSHIP

Who are we?

OUR MEMBERS DO NOT PAY TO ATTEND OUR SHOWS

JOIN NOW AND COME TO THE JANUARY SHOW FREE!

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PARTIAL LIST OF MEMBER ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETINGS
BI-MONTHLY "THUNDERBIRD NEWS" NEWSLETTER
YEARLY BBQ
HOLIDAY PARTY
YEARLY SUNDAY BRUNCH
ONE OR TWO OUT OF TOWN DRIVES YEARLY
YEARLY EDITION OF THE FLORIDA 300 MILE RALLY
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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...not even a mouse.



THE EDITOR'S — FORD BLUE CORNER

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida

CTCI Chapter #114

ITC South East District Chapter

End of Year 2021 Volume 24, #04

The Covid Years 2020, 2021, 2022 and beyond...

Our shows? Where did they GO? Our rallies, our weekend trips? We missed meetings, auctions, dinners and breakfasts activities. We had fears, lockdowns, masks, antiseptic...misguided information and some realistic. Someone bought all the toilet paper – why? Lack of science from our scientists, science from non-scientist...well - you lived this bewildering time. And, we are all living it still and for some time to come.



The good news: in South Florida are getting our Classic Car Life back Again.

LET THE CAR SHOW BEGIN!

We have car shows and many activities for 2022. All over South Florida you many classic cars being driven to-and-fro car events – HOW COOL IS THAT!

Let's GET OUT Members and ENJOY!

Ricardo Lara



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NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATE

To all members:

Remember that this newsletter goes to press the 15th of every other 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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Hello fellow club members,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. I am very happy to say, that our 2021

Holiday Party was a great success. In my opinion, it was the best one yet. It was a combination of the new venue, "Tropical Acres Steakhouse", in Dania Beach., along with great service, and the food was amazing. The music played by our own friend and amazingly talented, and generous D.J. (Elvis), made it difficult for us to stay seated. We had no choice than to get out on the dancefloor and "Boogie". The array of diverse types of oldies music played, and old schoolhouse music too, made my wife and I dance together like we did when we were dating. The background videos being displayed, gave us the feel of being like back in the days of "Studio 54". There was also a contest for the person who got up to dance the most times. Ricardo Lara's son, and Oscar's beautiful granddaughter, were among the winners that night. Oscar took the floor later that night, and did some knee slapping, hilarious, standup comedy, that would have left Carson and Dangerfield in the dust.

Folks we have a lot of activities coming soon in January, and February, along with many others throughout the year. On January 15th, (not a club event), but some of us are participating, it's the R.R.R.R. Redland Rally and Paella Dinner at an undisclosed ranch in the Redlands, (maybe Oscar's)?????

ON January 29th there will be The Homestead Rodeo club event, at the Homestead Rodeo, and a meal and Ice cream at the bakery

NUMBERS TO KEEP:

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

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on 248th and Krome afterwards. Very Nice!!!!

Our much-anticipated Annual Car Show, will finally take place at the Homestead Speedway on January 30th. Also, get ready to pet some alligators, and enjoy an airboat ride on February 17th, at Everglades City. This is a one-day road trip to enjoy some nature, and breathe some pure clean air. Details coming soon to an email address near you!!!!!!

Friends, although we have a great deal of activities planned and scheduled for next year 2022, there is a new variant of Covid called Omicron. It has been brought to my attention, that some club members have contracted Covid, but I am relieved and happy to say, that all have recovered , and are venturing out as they feel comfortable. Folks, those of you who are not confident enough to go out, and join in club events and/or meetings, we respect you and your reluctance to go out. Remember, whenever you feel it is right to join us again, we will

be waiting for all of you with open arms.

On a personal note, a few fellow club members, and myself, went to The Daytona Turkey Rod Run, this past Thanksgiving weekend. The weather was great, all our cars behaved and had no issues going up or coming down, from Daytona. I took my '66 T Bird. This is the first long range trip I've taken my car on, since buying it almost 5 years ago. She drove like a champ.

There were some very nice cars over there. I was able to buy some blue neon Ford and Thunderbird signs for my workshop at home. We all had a great experience.

We have a great deal of events and get-togethers lined up for next year (2022). All we can do is take one day at a time. We have to always wish for the best, and cherish what we love the

most, our families , not our classics, (OR BOTH). 😊 😊

Thank you all, be well my friends,

Richard Manso

President,

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Fl.



DEAR OSCAR:

Long Drive '57.

DEAR OSCAR: I want to take my family to Lakeland for Thanksgiving dinner with the family at my mother's house from Homestead. It is a long drive for our '57, so just in case, I don't want to ruin the holidays. What do you suggest for long drives like these so that we are not stressed and in a time crunch?

Sincerely,

Long-drive '57

DEAR Long Drive:

A sure way to avoid stress is go in separate cars!

Oscar

DEAR OSCAR: Our Grandchildren will soon be driving. We want to surprise them with new wheels. Do you suggest a Classic Car, a new Gas Car, or these new Electric Cars?

Sincerely,

New Car Confused

Dear New Car Confused:

If you really want to surprise your grandchildren, don't get them anything, instead, get yourself another Classic Car, you will be happy, and I can guarantee they will be surprised!

Oscar

DEAR OSCAR: What is a good gift for a new '63 Convertible Thunderbird Owner with a good working drivable example?

Sincerely,

Gift Giver

Dear Gift Giver: I would suggest a push-button controlled passenger ejection seat (hope the bird is a convertible, otherwise that will be awkward), that will facilitate the driver's enjoyment when cruising with the Bird.

Oscar



OSCAR CASTRO

DEAR OSCAR: For this New Year, I want to paint the old '56 Thunderlopy. The wife has gifted me a paint Job, because I have been so nice to her and given her so much free space – we love our new life and she is glowing and happier than I have seen her in years!

Where do I find the best colors for the early birds and what are the best shops?

Sincerely,

Happy Wife Paint Job

Dear Happy Wife Paint Job:

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have to be early birds, just get up at a normal time and go, I suggest Hobby Lobby, they open at 9:00. When you get the finger paints, make sure they are hypoallergenic, just in case, we wouldn't want the old Thunderlopy or even you for that matter, getting a rash and spoiling the moment.

Oscar

Send your Questions and Love to Dear Oscar at editortcsf@gmail.com



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 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 signup for 3 years at \$105.00

(35.00 a year)

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- Make checks payable to CTCI, or pay by credit card by email, fax or phone.
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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 _____

Registered Owner (if other than member) _____

Address _____

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

Color (if not per data plate) _____ Mileage _____ Condition (rate from 1-5, 1 is best) _____

Special Features or Remarks _____

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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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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.



!!!HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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Hello fellow club members,
Hello fellow club members,

This is a compressed, short and sweet August Presidential letter. I hope that all of our members, and friends and families are staying safe, and sound during this rather dormant time of the year for our club. Folks, not too much going on right now, except for our monthly meetings at La Trattoria {Gabe's Place} in Miami Lakes. I've noticed the number of attendees, at our meetings fluctuate considerably. We at our club understand that some people are still not comfortable venturing out yet. Let it be said, that we miss you all, and when you all are ready to go out and break bread and dine with us again, you will be welcomed with open arms.

I know I speak for many of us, when I say "I can't wait for the Holiday/Christmas party in December." It will be held this year at "Tropical Acres Restaurant" in Dania Beach. I've never visited that restaurant, but I've heard the service and food is amazing. We need a big club event like this to see and catch up with each other.

Friends just a reminder, The Daytona Turkey Rod Run is Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), Nov. 25 2021, through Sunday Nov.25 2021. From what has been brought to my attention, there are about 6 to 8 members from our club attending this event, and driving up there in their classics, including myself in my 65 Tbird..I'm excited to go, last time I went there was about 15 years ago, and I've heard it's gotten better. If you are looking for a hard-to-find part, or looking for another classic car, this place is one place you have to visit.

On a personal note, I've been very, very busy working on my house, every day that I'm off from work. I finally finished painting my home I can see the light at the end of the tunnel, literally, I've put new flood lights at every corner of my home with LED bulbs, boy what a difference in clarity. I thought I was getting old because I had trouble seeing out in my yard at night ,since my projects take me all the way into the night sometimes to complete .Melissa our young-

est daughter has just been hired by the largest advertising firm in the country as a Project Manager , for Amex and believe it or not for The Ford Motor Company. Now I know I can get my hands on some Ford stuff for my workshop/shed. Melanie, my oldest Daughter's wedding is right around the corner in November. I am very proud and happy for her and my son in law Chris. They are almost finished with the remodel of their first home and thankfully it will be ready to move in when they get married.

Friends, my wife and I miss you all, we wish you all to stay safe, we are living some unsettling times now in our country. Always remember my dear friends, it does not matter whether you are Republican or Democrat, Christian, Jewish, or Catholic, all we can do is try not to watch too much news, don't believe everything you hear, follow you gut, and take one day at a

time. We have to follow our faith, love and cherish our family every day, and never forget that we live in the USA, the best country in the world.

Be well my friends,
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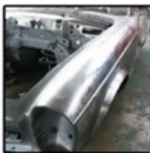
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After I evaluated the cost of restoring it, I thought, "Oh boy, that much! It will cost me more to restore it than it is worth!! That is, unless I do most of the restoration myself. Can I really do that??"

Well, with the help of a lot of good friends and reading a lot of 'how-to-do-it' books, it took **only** 3.5 years for the job.

The photos show many of the activities that I did to make the old T-bird almost new again.

I estimate that I spent 6 hours per day, 4 days a week on the project. If you calculate that out, it's 44,928 hours. I know the professionals charge a lot for their labor but if I paid myself \$20.00 per hour that comes to \$89,760.00 for my time spent.

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