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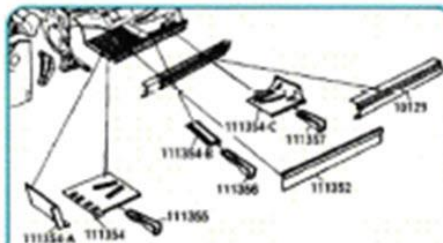


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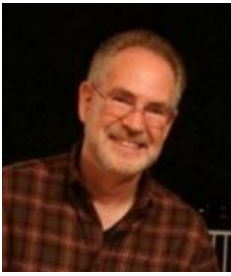
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# Editor's Corner

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida  
CTCI Chapter #114  
ITC South East District Chapter

Remember that this Bi-Monthly Newsletter goes to press the 15th of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Our 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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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

Our purpose is to inform our membership about, club meetings, club activities, Classic Car events and articles of interest to Ford Thunderbird owners. Articles may be reproduced with the permission of the author. The views and opinions expressed in Thunderbird News are those of the named author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor, The Board of Directors of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida or those of the membership.

## Editor's Message

Greetings Fellow CTCSF Members

I am happy to be back as your Thunderbird News Club Newsletter Editor. Thank you, Ricardo, for a wonderful job on The Thunderbird News in 2021. Your Newsletters were creative, innovative, and full of fresh ideas!

My role now will not be as "Creator" of Thunderbird News from page 1 to 20 as before, but rather as Editor of the final 32 to 36 page expanded and interactive online edition! I will rely on your support in the form of contributing stories about Club Events and perhaps a personal tale or two the members might be interested in. As well as personal stories, covered in each Issue, will be upcoming events, reports on general membership and board meetings, Sponsor advertisements, Cruise-ins and Car shows you might want to attend. I look forward to working with a select group of members who will be putting each issue together, with enthusiasm and love for our Club. Every member will receive a personal Bi-Monthly email with a link to view the final Digital version of Thunderbird News and remember that all past issues, going back over 12 years, are available on [www.Tbirdfl.com](http://www.Tbirdfl.com)!

In this Issue we cover the RM Sotheby's Auction, an annual event our Club Supports by volunteering staff to set up and facilitate before, during and after the Auction. This year we had 63 drivers working a total of 116 shifts over 6 days. Mike McNeal was the only one to work 6 days, followed by Don, Stuart and me, 5 days! Mike was an invaluable asset to the effort and nothing would have happened if not for Gail & Stuart Corenblum! Thanks to those who got friends to volunteer. I am sure they had a lot of fun and a few want to join our club as a result! Kudos to all who attended. See the whole story inside.

I want to thank our sponsors for sticking with us for all these years and especially during the past two very difficult years, we are very appreciative of their continued support. We are planning a lot of new ways to "get the word" out for our sponsors; All advertisements in the Newsletter are now clickable and will go direct to the sponsor's website – We are now sending monthly Birthday Greetings to our members and they include a message to support our advertisers along with an actual copy of their advertisement – We are also creating a 3x10 banner featuring all our advertisers, which we will display during all our events – We are also working on distributing our advertiser's marketing materials during our annual car show and during the three Track Day events at the Homestead Miami Speedway!

Members please don't forget support our Sponsors and let them know you saw their Advertisement in The Thunderbird News. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Club Bruch and Thunderbird Appreciation Day on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Birding,  
Ed Raabe



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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.

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- Annual Club OPEN Car Show at the Homestead-Miami Speedway
- Monthly Membership Dinner Meetings
- Bi-Monthly "Thunderbird News" Newsletter
- Yearly BBQ Picnic
- Yearly Sunday Brunch
- Several Road Trips a Year
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# *Classic Thunderbird Club International*

## CTCI



We encourage New Club Members to join CTCI ([www.ctci.org](http://www.ctci.org)) 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 over 50-member families.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in CTCI is composed of people from all walks of life who are interested in the design and artistic merits of the Classic 1955, 1956 and 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Unlike ordinary pieces of art, automobiles are also functional and ownership can bring personal satisfaction over a broad spectrum of experiences.

Whether you purchased the car to restore, show or just to drive, the camaraderie of association with other people with the same interests is a great experience. CTCI can assist our members derive greater satisfaction from the cars within their particular area of interest.

Ford called the T-Bird "The personal" car and it really is, because there are many ways to enjoy it aside from just looking at it. Very careful and critical "looking at it" is called a "Concours" (car show) and some of our members enjoy that part of it. Others enjoy the "restoration" process, making a beautiful car out of a derelict. Still others enjoy operating and maintaining the car so that they can safely use the car on tours and other social outings. Some of our members are interested in "Resto-rods". This is a car that looks completely "Stock" on the outside but has a completely modern drive train installed.

To others, they enjoy the look and feel of a truly unique car of the 50's. CTCI is an organization that has grown because of the interest in the cars—and the friendships that develop keep bringing our members together. Whatever your personal interest in Thunderbirds is, CTCI is here to help you realize that goal. Click [MEMBERSHIP](#) to Become a Member Today!



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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 VTCL.

The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida is a Chapter Member of the Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) and of the International Thunderbird Club (ITC).

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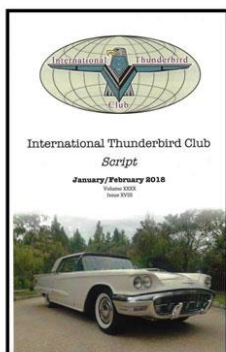
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ITC (International Thunderbird Club)

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 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/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/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 T-Bird. Steven Legal is Technical Advisor for the 20-05 Retro Birds.

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There is no charge to become an ITC chapter. Three ITC members are required for approval with a total of six by the end of the year. If you are not satisfied with being an ITC chapter, you can simply request to end the chapter relationship.

As president of the International Thunderbird Club, I encourage some of your members to join ITC and become an ITC chapter. Feel free to email or call me anytime if you have any questions.

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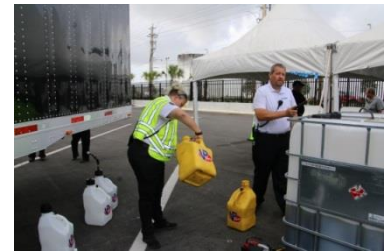
# RM/Sotheby's Auction

RM Sotheby's Auction 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ by Ed Raabe

Sales for RM Sotheby's Ft Lauderdale 2022 are reported at 16.4 million USD. 2022 marks the return of RM Sotheby's Auction to the newly remodeled Ft Lauderdale Convention Center after 2020 & 2021 absence from South Florida due mostly to the COVID Pandemic.

We had a false start in 2020 when RM moved the Venue to the Palm Beach International Speedway, due to the start of the Convention Center remodeling, but at the last minute it converted to an On-Line Web only Event. What a change to the Convention Center! A 100% increase in the exhibition area meant so much more space to set up and we saved the need to reset the vehicles 2 and 3 times as in previous years. There were other changes as well.

Our Club members (and their friends) this time managed the cars right from the Transporters. A rule requiring no more than ¼ tank of fuel meant cars went directly to the "Fuel Depot" to have the tanks emptied before going into the building.



Once inside we handed the cars off to the RM staff for registration and positioning on the floor.



On Auction Day the "ritual" was again, slightly altered. When the vehicle reached the auction Block, a RM representative TOOK OVER. When the bidding ended and pushed off the block, we would then "man" the cars for towing back to a section of either Sold or Still for Sale Lots.



# RM/Sotheby's Auction



The crew this year was comprised fantastic car lovers, with a breadth of automotive knowledge not found anywhere else in one place in the United States on any of those Sunny March Florida days! Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make it a success for our Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida. Thanks also to those members, Mile

McNeal, Bob Ferretti, Leo Saladino, and Ivan Mederos to name a few, who brought friends to volunteer, they were all well-qualified and I am sure they had fun! We had up to 15 people on the "Roll-In" Days and up to 35 for the Auction event! Special thanks to Gail, Gina and Anita who tagged cars "Still for Sale" as they rolled off.

Special recognition for outstanding performance and without whose effort this would have not happened, **Team Corenblum**. Gail and Stuart are dedicated and enthusiastic individuals. Just watching them in action is amazing! Kudos to you both!



Stuart attaches the tow rope, Paul Werner drives 1953 Corvette.

So, what about the cars, and trucks too, did I forget the Amphicar, the Ferrari Boat?

There were 293 Lots including Memorabilia. The RM offerings were more than worthy of the Sotheby's reputation for quality. Marques included Alfa Romeo, Aston Martin, Amphicar, Austin Healy Bentley, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Maserati, Mercedes Benz, Porsche, Rolls Royce, Volkswagen, Cadillac, Buick, Chevrolet, Corvette, a collection of early 60s Corvair convertibles, a coupe, a wagon, a camper, a ramp-side pickup and Greenbrier Vans. Chrysler, Dodge (Vipers) Desoto, Hudson, Ford Skyliner (57/59 retractable hardtop cars and 55/56 with the plexiglass ½ roof, Ford GT, Ford Mustangs, REO and Oldsmobile and more.

## The Celebrity Car:

Kid Rock's Red 2005 Ford GT (which I got to drive) sold for \$638,000 (incl Buyer's Premium)



# *RM/Sotheby's Auction*

## Unique Vehicles:

1984 Lamborghini Countach LP 5000 S Sold, \$632,500 (iBP)



1954 Kaiser Darrin Sold \$89,100 (ic) features a fiberglass body, Willys Hurricane 6 engine and pocket doors. It was the “other” American fiberglass Sports Car

1982 Mercedes Benz 300 SL Gullwing Coupe “replica” Sold, \$203,000 (iBP) (less than ¼ of what an original is worth now)

2011 Mercedes -Benz SLS AMG Coupe Sold \$247,500 (iBP) Today’s Gullwing!

1961 Amphicar 770, Sold \$93,500 (iBP) This “car” will swim! It has a Triumph 4-cylinder engine and 2 props for in water use. The front wheels act as rudders when in the water! (I drove this one on land) You can get a water ride in one of these at Disney Springs in Orlando!



1976 Starsky & Hutch Grand Torino, Sold \$60,500 (iBP). This was a factory delivered with the correct S&H Livery

1990 Riva Ferrari 32 Speedboat, Sold \$299,000 (iBP) WHAT?

1928 REO Speed Wagon Fire Truck Sold \$22,000 (iBP)

2005 Porsche Carrera GT High Bid 1.6 million dollars Still for Sale. One of 644 produced form 2004-2006 V10 Boxer engine with 6 Speed manual transmission.



I attended every day and I can say the most fun is in the roll-in and set up days when you can drive the cars (even though, not extremely far). The number of different Marques allows you to undoubtedly get to drive your “Dream Car”. Funny, now those sports cars I always wanted to own as a kid (especially British) are reminders that I am not as agile as I once was. I am glad I own my 55 Baby Bird; she fits just fine!  
Ed Raabe



# *RM/Sotheby's Auction*





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# March & April Club Meeting

MARCH 9, 2022 AND APRIL 13 2022



# President's Message

March & April 2022

Hello fellow club members,

I hope all of you are doing well. Well we as a club kicked off 2022 with a bang!!

We've had the Homestead Rodeo experience in January. We also had the Annual Car Show in January as well, it was a great success. In February we had the Everglades City road trip and Airboat experience, it was an amazing trip.

On the last week of March, we had an opportunity to drive for the RM/Sotheby's auction; it was not only a great way to contribute to our club, but an opportunity to drive very nice classic automobiles. It was a great success. Folks, this is the main source of income for our club's subsidized events. Thank you all who could participate. It is greatly appreciated.



Time for the Auction!

On a personal note, my wife and I are as I mentioned before, empty nesters as our youngest Melissa moved out to her own place. We are actually getting used to it, however cold that may sound. We are having nice candlelight dinners in the back yard, date nights and movie night at home. We are even taking dips in our pool at night having some wine, very relaxing.

We are coping pretty good with our empty nest syndrome, it's not as bad as we thought, although we do miss them both very much.

Thank you all for your participating and volunteering, to our club's events and meetings.

Folks without the help that we get from our members, this would not be the great club that it is today.

Thank you very much,  
Be well my friends

*Richard*



Friends we still have a lot of events very near on the horizon. We have the

Sunday Brunch, on May 15; it is also National T-Bird Day, so please bring your classic cars. On June 5, we have, thanks to Gail Corenblum and her efforts, the opportunity to visit two personal classic car collections in Pinecrest. More details coming soon. The week after we have the Jungle Queen Dinner cruise on the 11th. Lastly, for the immediate future, we have three F.A.R.A. car shows and track laps at the Homestead Speedway; June 26, July 31, and September 4!



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## MAY 2022

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Keith Gordon 2  
Ed Brown 6  
Leo Saladino 8  
Ernest Saladino 9  
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Myrna Wishnick 20

## JUNE 2022

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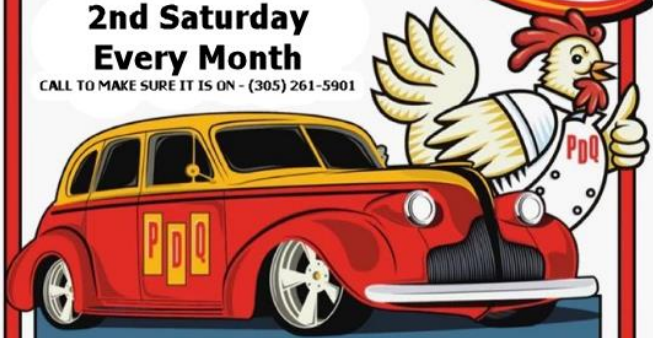
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# Members' Car Page

STUART AND GAIL'S 1939 PACKARD

"Miss Packard"  
Our 1939 Car / Love Story

Life has a peculiar way of surprising you now and then. And with surprises, you learn a lot about yourself. In 1992, recently divorced, I had just met Stuart. He was certainly different from anyone I had known. On our first date, we talked about everything – until early morning hours. The topic of old cars came up, and Stuart asked if I had an interest in old cars. I did, as I always thought the style of years ago was so much more interesting than cars today. But I never had a car that wasn't purchased new. Stuart mailed me a copy of *Hemmings* before our next date. The hook was set.



Later that year, we were on a road trip to a family gathering in South Carolina. It was Thanksgiving weekend, and on our way north we were fascinated by the classic cars on the road to Daytona for Turkey Rod Run. On our way home, we passed dozens of interesting cars. And we decided that the following year I would have a real Thanksgiving vacation. No more cooking for 30 people! So we went to Daytona for the car show in November of 1994. And dinner in the Diner was amazing! Every imaginable course cooked by someone else! And it only cost \$14.99 a person! And I didn't have to take out china and crystal and then put away dishes or iron tablecloths!



I loved everything I saw in Daytona. And my 1990 Lexus LS400 was 4 years old. There was no way I was going to purchase a car that expensive, and when I saw the Packard, I was smitten by the lines. AND, most importantly, it was a modified vehicle. I had no idea what that meant. But I found out that it was an engine Stuart could fix, and parts shouldn't be a problem. When I walked to the back of the car, I was sold. There is a Jewish word, "Beshert", which means "a fortuitous event, it was meant to be". But it's most often used to mean a soulmate.



I believe that Stuart is my Beshert. We fit so well together, and feel so fortunate to have found each other. But that day in Daytona, the Packard was meant to belong to me. Growing up in Miami Beach in the 1950's through the 1970's, my home telephone number was Jefferson 8-8638. When I saw the plate on the Packard, I knew it was meant to be my next car.

The guy we purchased the car from had already switched out the front and rear ends, and the fact that the car was equipped with a Chevy 350 meant that she was drivable! Power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, comfortable seating – it was everything I needed in a new vehicle. But it needed further work before we could take it home. I knew my parents and my kids would think I had lost my mind! So we had it repainted before we brought it home. When we went back to Daytona to pick her up, the previous owner had surprised us with a pair of glass-pac mufflers. So we thanked him, and then visited a muffler shop and removed them before hitting the road!



# Members' Car Page

STUART AND GAIL'S 1939 PACKARD

And that was just the beginning of a magnificent journey. Our grandchildren have ridden in the Packard since they were born. For many years we had two car seats in the back. The Packard has been everywhere: out to California several times, traversing the country on assorted routes, up the Outer Banks from ferry to ferry, across the Pacific Coast from top to bottom more than once, and across British Columbia. She has taken us to numerous car shows, most of our national parks, and continues to provide incredible memories. Along our journeys we've met wonderful people. Everyone appreciates seeing her on the road.



Old folks remark about their grandparents and their first dates. And we were even pulled over and invited to breakfast at a home in Utah. Young children pull their parents over to inspect her. Even two year olds recognize that she is something different! The old headlights, running boards and chrome are fascinating to them, and it's hard to believe that there are still so many people who have never seen windows that crank with handles!



But all of the travels meant a ton of work for Stuart. The Packard had some really difficult problems. We broke an axle at 80mph in Arizona. That was unforgettable! But it was not the last time the axle broke before Stuart replaced them. That adventure could be another chapter! And now that we've probably put close to 500,000 miles on her, she's on a second engine, a second transmission ... and the list goes on: new set of power seats, phone holders, electric sideview mirrors, lighted sunvisors, stereo speakers, tons of electrical work, hood lights, backup lights, newer wiring, radiator cooling fans, a/c work, new interior, new door panels, headliner, new disc brakes, new steering wheel, etc, etc! Along with the body, trim and hardware, the rear seat and the chassis and springs are original 1939 Packard.

As I got older, lifting the trunk to go to Costco became quite the chore! So now it's hydraulic, of course! And the Florida heat means both front and rear air conditioning was needed. Stuart says it has all the aerodynamics of a brick. So the last time it was ripped down, it was media blasted (we were surprised to learn that the paint was holding the rocker panels and doors together), Dynomated, and improved in many other ways. As of this date, it is again up on the rack, getting improved suspension, braking and handling. AND we have an entire entertainment center, complete with Apple Car-play and backup camera! Stuart loves projects!!!

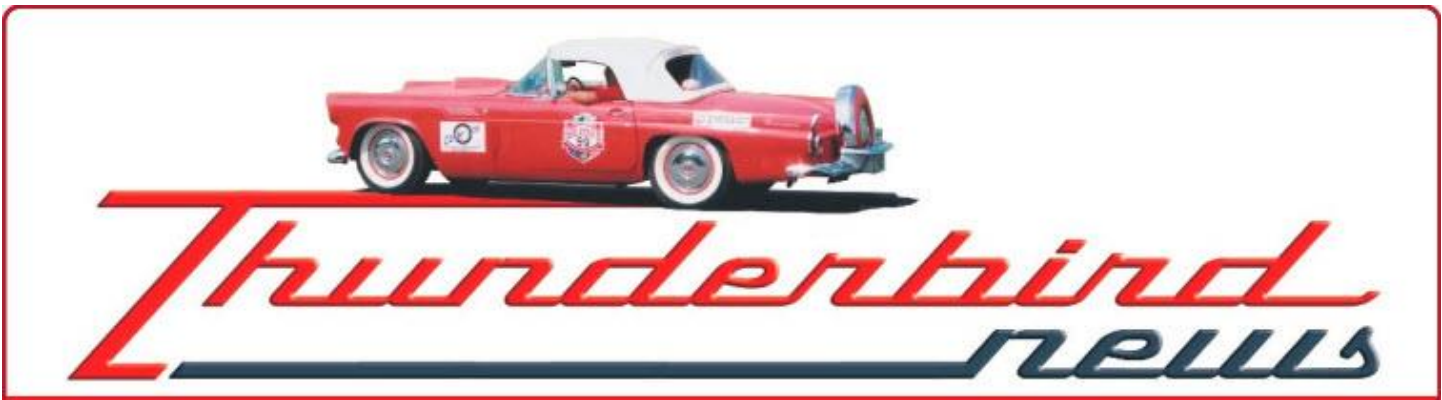


Stuart maintains a "build sheet" with all of the component parts noted. It reads like an old car lot – 6 pages of parts from everything imaginable. We spend a LOT of time searching for parts, especially the 1939 Packard body and trim parts. [[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ENTIRE BUILD SHEET](#)] We appreciate Amazon tremendously, and don't know if any of our car experiences could have been possible without internet searching. Just picking out and deciding on a steering wheel was a most lengthy project! And the best part is that the adventure is far from over. We have more road trip plans in our future!

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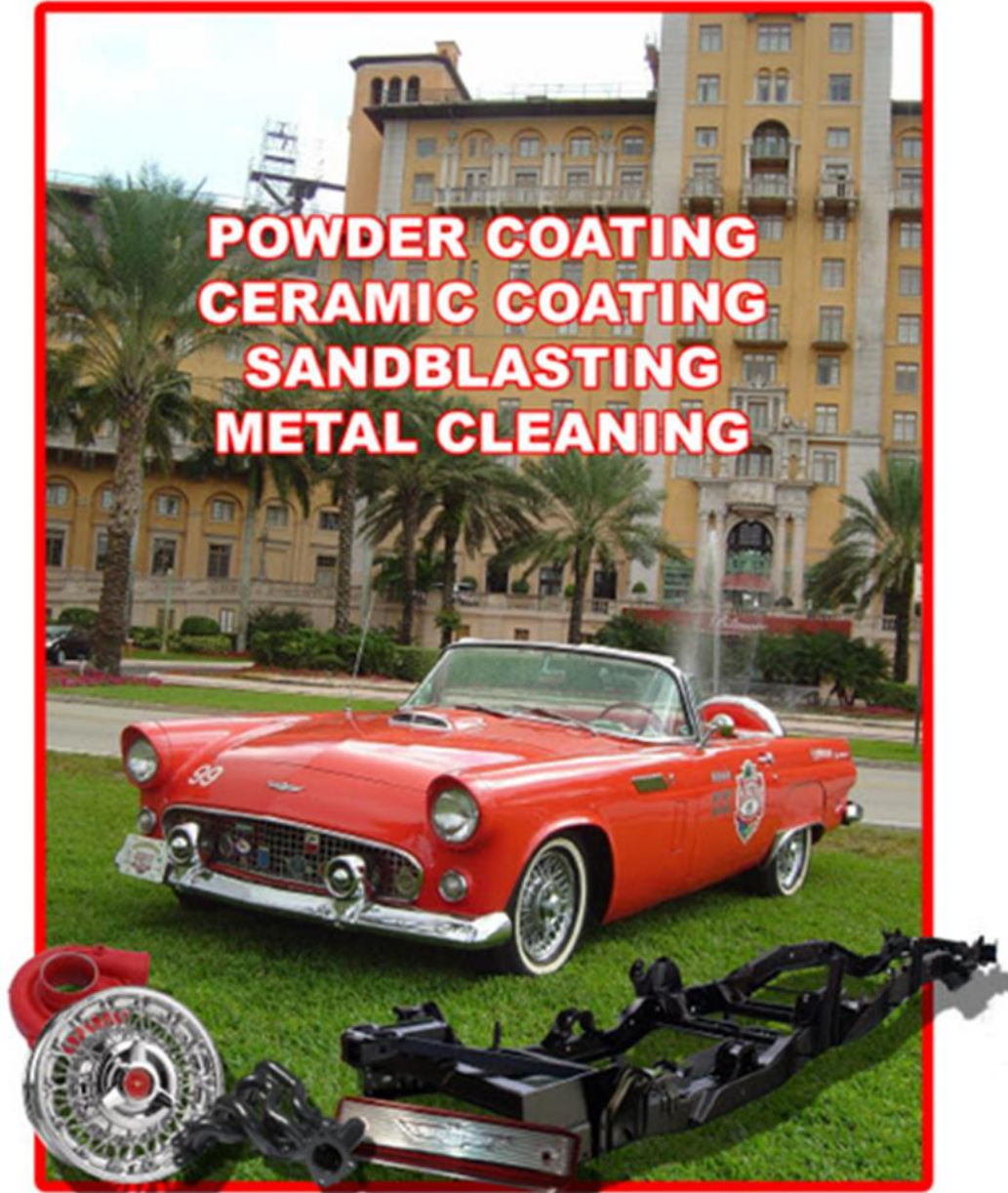
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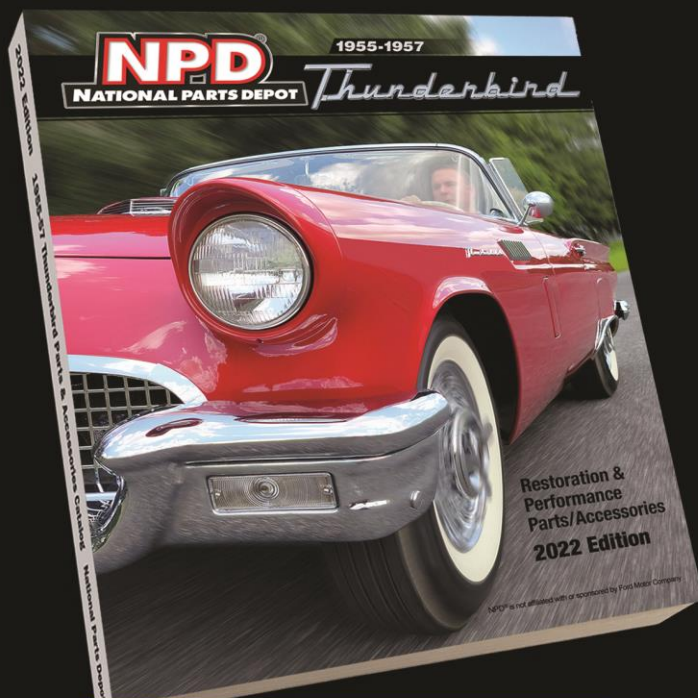
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