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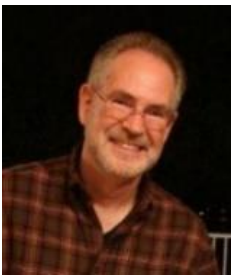
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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida
CTCI Chapter #114
ITC South East District Chapter

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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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

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Editor's Message

Greetings Classic Thunderbird Club Members

A lot has happened in the last 2 months! Before I get into all of that. I am glad to share the news that Oscar is recovering quickly and should be well enough to join us at the September meeting on the 14th!

So, on my "bucket list" or Google Maps speak, "places I want to go" has been for a long time, the collections of Frank Rubino and Guy Lewis. Finally on Sunday July 10th after a few postponements, we all, as a Club, got to go. First, we stopped at Frank's collection, which he has set up in a garage on the property. He has a wonderful group of foreign sports cars, my favorite, an Allard powered by a Ford Flat Head V8 breathing through dual carburetors. The vignettes in his garage are spectacular. You feel like you are in a US service station from the 1950's



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Guy Lewis took a Mid Century Ranch on the property adjacent to his home and converted it to a Mini Museum with Marques such as Imperial, Mercedes, Corvette, Jaguar, Rolls Royce to name a few. His New C8 Corvette was parked in the breezeway, his Mercedes Limo collection in the Driveway!



Arlene and I joined Florida Gold Coast Vintage Thunderbird Club for a Club meeting and Car show at Ford's Garage in Brandon. It IS a Small World after all. Club Member, Steve Nelson now owns the very same 007 car Arlene and I were going to buy from a guy in Louisiana, but needed to put off due to the Covid outbreak! There are four 007 cars in the club! This is great group whose members own mostly Retro Birds, so our 55 was a treat for them to see. We made an important connection with "ThunderBird Bob" Sinickas, Indiana, who specializes in the Retro-Bird and hunts the country for Retro Parts. Contact him for anything you need regarding the Thunderbirds including replacement FEM and Rem modules. He is happy to offer technical help too. His contact is: www.TbirdBob.com. This club is a great group of Thunderbird lovers and we decided to join them.



Charles Inman, President. The Club can be found on Facebook.

FYI, we did win a prize for our 55!



We are now looking forward to the next Club Event, Lake Mirror Classic Concours & Car Show Oct 14-16 right up here in our part of Florida. We have entered our 55 for the Concours Show and are hoping to be accepted, but otherwise we will show her in the street show, possibly with some members of the FGCVTB Club. We certainly look forward to joining our Club for dinner both the 15th & 16th at Harry's Seafood and Texas Cattle Club!

Before you know it, we will be having our 2022 Holiday Dinner. Please remember to look at our webpage to keep current with everything happening with CTCFL: www.TbirdFl.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting at the Pampered Chef September 14th

Happy Birding,
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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
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- 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) 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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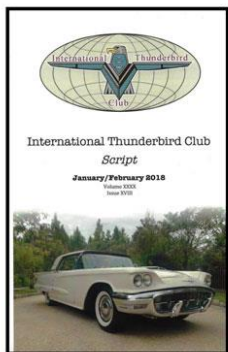
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ITC encourages all clubs to join the other clubs to help support the Thunderbird, share ideas, T-Birds, and technical advice. ITC has one of the largest Thunderbird Facebook pages in the world with over 4,400 T-Bird Facebook members posting daily from 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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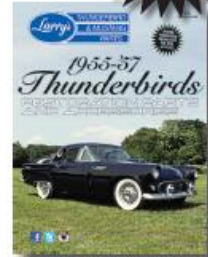
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Great Race 2022

Alan and Helen's Great Adventure – Part 2



EDITOR'S NOTE: This is such an important and **HUGE** event, that the story was covered in TWO editions, Part 1 is in the May-Jun edition, it dealt with the background and pre-race preparations. This edition, Jul-Aug, covers the race itself and the outcome! The Great Race runs coast-to-coast yearly. For 2022, 167 cars will be crossing the START line on June 18 and the first one to qualify and cross the FINISH line on June 26 will win the \$50,000 or more Grand Prize! **Our own Hellen and Allan Runk will be in Car #14.** They were very lucky to make this year's roster, since there is already a waiting list for the 2023 Race! Use this link to keep track of their progress www.techworkshop.com/roadrace.

Hello All! [\[CLICK ON THE PHOTOS TO ENLARGE\]](#)

Posted 06-16-2022 _ This is always the Worst Part

Today....Friday.....is the official start of the event. Yesterday, we spent the day looking for coffee (and donuts) since the hotel that we are staying in is located in the middle of what seems to be a huge interchange of Interstate 95, Interstate 295 and Highway 113. As a result, there is NOTHING within walking or easy driving distance, so we have to be resourceful in finding munchies. The hotel, however, has a decent restaurant but that gets old very quickly.

Also, we are still cognizant of the need for social distancing so we've been spending a decent amount of time outdoors amongst the vehicles, shooting the bull with folks we haven't seen for several years. And, that's been great!



Speaking of social distancing, some of the scheduled stuff (like the mandatory general meeting that was held this morning) becomes a bit dicey to navigate if you are even a bit concerned about social distancing! This year, there are 130 vehicles (each with a driver and navigator) and I am guessing another two or three hundred support vehicle people. So when everyone congregates for the mandatory meeting at the outset of the event, you quickly hunt for your mask.

Finally, an interesting tidbit about the folks that decide the need a support crew to help them out with repairs, cheering up, and getting the vehicle ready for the following day. There's one group that's been doing the Great Race for at least the last five years or so that wins the awards for having a fully staffed and effective support group....they call themselves the "Wandering Troubadours of Finland" or "WTF" for short. They are a group of attorneys (David, are you listening?) from up near Moorhead, Minnesota and they are running an old LaFrance vehicle with wooden wheels in the event. It looks as though they have a support group of at least a dozen people, and they're doing it right:



Finally, we ran what they call the "Trophy Run" this afternoon and it was nasty. Lots and lots of driving and navigating through narrow, hilly, winding and bumpy roads at 24 to 32 mph, and virtually all of it through driving rain (we had to swerve around at least a few tree branches in the road). Fortunately, the Healey has decent windshield wipers (but no defroster, which we really needed), although we learned that it has quite a few leaks so we got wet. We wound up with a score of 52 seconds for the afternoon, which isn't real good (Ken and Lauren wound up with a fabulous score of 10 seconds) so we need to buckle down and ignore the weather. We haven't seen where we stand yet, but I'm hoping we'll at least wind up in the middle of the pack since everyone competed in the same circumstances.

Well, thanks a heap for riding along today.. sorry for the scary, bumpy and wet ride.... we'll try to do better tomorrow. The GOOD news is that today's run is just a practice run and maybe we learned a little!!



Great Race 2022

Alan and Helen's Great Adventure – Part 2

Posted 06-19-2022 _ Well, I Guess It's Official Now!

Yesterday, we ran the Trophy Run in torrential rain and FREEZING COLD! Why on earth it's cold up here in the middle of June is beyond me....it used to be balmy when we lived here..

Anyway, we didn't get a terrific score (54 seconds late or early, which put us in the middle of the pack) but we sure had lots of fun running through the weather and dodging lots of downed branches...



So, we got up this morning (Saturday) to sunny skies and got ready to run the first stage (each day is called a "stage" of the event). Of course, it's never that simple. First of all, the event started over in a park in Rocky Point so we all had to motor over there in lots of traffic since of course everyone wants to see the old cars.

We finally got over there and then we hung around for two hours while the attendees all want to talk with you, and it's ALWAYS the same conversation: "You know, I used to have one these cars back in 1972 and I am so sorry that I had to sell it. What year is yours?" After having done this event for five separate years previously, Helen and I have figured out the solution: we take a picture to prove that we really are by the car to talk to folks and then we run and hide....



Then, after hiding for several hours, we FINALLY get our sendoff to go and run the rally: (Just kidding, with the above comments....we actually enjoy talking to a lot of the folks!)

Now...for today's official start of the event (Stage 1), going from Warwick RI to somewhere in Connecticut...we did so-so. We wound up with a score of 47, which put us in 67th place, still about in the middle of the pack. About half of that mediocre score occurred because of driver error....I came in hot (fast) to a rotary with traffic but I was supposed to slow to 10 mph up to a caution sign and Helen was then supposed to start her stopwatch at that point to count off three minutes to our next speed change. Well, there was a truck behind me going even faster into the rotary and my gut said "you'd better keep going fast or you're gonna get smooched..." so I didn't slow down but Helen had already begun her timing.

Enough of that....Our finish was at the New England Air Museum (in Hartford CT, I think....we'll have to verify this morning where we are) and it was terrific.

Speaking of flying, we have to zip down and find some warm breakfast food somewhere....50 degrees this morning...Good Grief!



Great Race 2022

Alan and Helen's Great Adventure – Part 2

Posted 06-20-2022 _ UGH!!!!

Talk about a bad day.....!

We started out in Connecticut just outside of Hartford to run Stage 2 of the event. We headed west out route I-84 towards New York (following the instructions) and the first thing we do is calibrate our speedometer for the day. This is usually about a 45 minute run at exactly 50 mph (trying to stay within 0.1 mph of the stated speed) hanging in the right lane. Then, at the end of that segment, we pull over to the side and adjust the speedometer to match the calculated speed the organizers of the event determined by running a distance wheel behind their vehicle several weeks previously.

Well, reading the exact signage is critical, since there are about fifteen segments (each about three minutes apart) showing the cumulative times between specified signs if you are running at exactly 50.00 mph, as determined by the organizers. This time, someone decided that using the term "I-84" was appropriate for specifying the signs to look for, even though none of the signs read that (only "84"). So, we (and a few other people) missed the first couple of signs before we realized what was going on. **Gr-r-r-r-r.** After manually calculating each of the remaining sign differences we decided that our speed was calibrated OK and proceeded.



On the positive side, we had some spectacular views as we headed into New York....Here's Lake Mahopac....

And then (we're in New York now) the fun begins!! We started our first leg of the event, and sure enough we are again behind a vehicle that is running slow....so we have to decide "do we pass, or do we stop and take a 30 second (or so) delay?" Problem with passing a slow vehicle is that it's dicey to correct for being ahead of expected perfect time if we see a checkpoint coming, so we elected to stop for thirty seconds and take a thirty second delay (which is allowed). However, the thirty seconds weren't enough! So, to make long story short (thankfully) we wound up taking thirteen delays during the day for a ton of different reasons and we expect that we are receiving a horrible score for the day. So sorry, folks, we likely won't be buying you beers with our winnings this year....



And, we had a great get-together with our friends John and Sue Corey in Binghamton NY, which is our stopping point tonight (Sunday). What a great town!! We decided to skip the chicken, fried potatoes and leaf of lettuce that seems to be the routine handout for the "hosted" dinners and had a great sushi dinner with Ken and Lauren, John and Sue, and our new friend Kobus.

Finally, for our friends in the South Florida Thunderbird Club (www.tbirdfl.com), there is a wonderful T-Bird in the event this year...just spectacular!!

We gotta run!! We pick up our instructions (probably 20 pages or so) for the day in exactly 20 minutes, Helen three-hole punches them and puts them on the clip board, and then she marks notes on each instruction to help us figure out what to do. Whee-e-e-e!!



Great Race 2022

Alan and Helen's Great Adventure – Part 2

Posted 06-21-2022 _ EXTRA, EXTRA!!!

Hello folks!!! A significant event has temporarily interrupted our reporting!! We will have a complete report later today...



Posted 06-22-2022 _ Uh-Oh....This is Not Good!!!

Good Morning (or Afternoon) everyone!! We have important news today! We had a splendid morning run on Monday, leaving Binghamton NY at around 8:00 am in the morning and heading west on Route 17 at exactly 50 mph for about twenty five minutes on our start-of-the-day speedometer calibration run. We were right on target at the end of the calibration run, so good to go!



Then we did our long, grueling “morning run,” consisting of very long rally legs interspersed between two or three very short breaks (around twenty minutes for a frantic gas and pee stop plus a ten-mile or so transit to the starting point for the next leg). Helen managed to snap a few photos during one of these transits as we were zooming through Montour Falls NY, which is just a beautiful town....

Our “morning run” continued, running through famous spots like Watkins Glen, until the end at about 2:30 in the afternoon, where we had a quick lunch stop at Alfred State College. Alfred State sends a student team on the Great Race each year and is one of the colleges that teaches automotive technology. The lunch was also surprisingly good (a burger in my case)! Our scores at this point were not bad....we don't get the scores till evening but we knew we were having clean runs.....

But then.....a strange thing happened!!! We were zooming out of Alfred State to our “afternoon run” starting point about twenty minutes away and heading down a beautiful wooded hill at about 55 mph when the Healey starts coughing and spitting (kinda like SPLAT-BANG-PUT-PUT-BANG-GLUG-GLUG....I'll repeat that if you want) for about thirty seconds, then it cleared up, zoomed right back to 55 mph (we're going uphill now) and we're cruising! I figured, well, that was probably a vapor lock so let's bash on. Now we're zipping along beautifully, and all of a sudden.....SILENCE! Nothing....no motor noise, no fan noise, no transmission whine.....just a beautiful swishing sound as we are gliding along the highway smelling freshly cut grass past a bunch of houses and commercial buildings. Normally, this would be delightful, but this wasn't quite what we were looking for at that point. So, I pulled over to the side of the road, stopped, and lifted the hood. From the looks of things, it appeared to be a fuel delivery problem and I guessed “fuel pump!” About this time, a delightful lady and her kids came out of her house and asked if we needed a push to get out of harm's way (we were on a busy highway) and we gratefully said “Sure!” So she called her husband who was a block away, he ran right over, and he, his wife and Helen pushed the car while I steered it across the busy highway to a gravel parking area on the other side. To make a short (and desperate) story even shorter....no luck!! Looking for a fuel problem yielded nothing and we weren't getting a spark. Swapping the coil didn't help, the dwell was normal, and it appeared (from the earlier engine noises and sudden failure) that the condenser was OK. I'm scratching my head.....



At that point the Great Race sweep crew came by, noted we were having issues, and pulled over. “Do you guys want to load 'er up and take you to your overnight location in Erie PA (about ninety miles away) or do you wanna stay here, try and fix it, and be on your own this evening?”EASY DECISION.....“Load 'er up!”. So...we loaded 'er up, headed for Erie and arrived about 8:00 pm. Only one problem...the loaded sweep vehicle couldn't get to our hotel because it's packed with event attendees and unloaded the Healey (and us) at the Great Race trailer parking area about ten miles away instead.

Now the “killer”.....before we loaded the vehicle after we broke down, the sweep crew said “try starting it....maybe we can drive it up onto the trailer.” I got in, and the thing started right up and ran beautifully! “Hm-m-m, now that it's running normally, how can I find the problem?” So, after checking a bunch of possible causes in the trailer parking area that night, Helen and I made a decision at around 9:00 pm to call it a day, since a) we were unable to identify the problem and it was unlikely that we could do so in the next couple of hours, b) we were uneasy about driving the thing ten miles down the interstate at night to our hotel, and c) unless we want to look for and hook up with (which will take at least several days and probably longer) someone to haul the vehicle back home from Pennsylvania, we need to find the truckers from McCollisters (they travel with the Great Race) to haul the vehicle further and eventually back home since they leave early the next morning. So, we did just that!

A sincere apology from your driver and navigator for the failure of our old tour bus (it is part of the Great Race fun, by the way)....but we do have good news for you!! Our long-time partner team (Ken and Lauren) heard about our problem and brought over their very attractive, comfortable and roomy tour bus (it's the one with the “Altered States” label on the front, and it has very nice seats) and it's waiting for you at the building just down the street! And, for our friends at the [Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida](#), it's a Ford!!

Ken has a cooler full of beer in the back for you and Lauren will share her navigation skills with you! So, please take them up on their offer!



Great Race 2022

Alan and Helen's Great Adventure – Part 2

Posted 07-12-2022 _ Conclusion!

Well, I've had a few weeks to fool around with the Healey and figure out what went wrong with it during the Great Race....and I promised you I would let you know once everything was wrapped up.

The easy part was the stall...root cause was a plugged fuel filter, accompanied by intermittent shorting of the ignition kill circuit (wired to the battery cutoff switch in the trunk) by all of the crap in the trunk.

Much harder to figure out was the loss of brakes. I initially suspected brake fade (losing braking power while maintaining 45 mph down lots of steep hills during the event on Friday) but the problem continued on relatively flat roads. I then suspected a bad master cylinder, so I disconnected the booster one night, ran around the parking lot, and realized (to my chagrin) that the brakes were no worse. So, the problem was likely (?) in the booster, which I suspected was leaking somewhere. Unfortunately, the booster is no longer available and could not be disassembled in the field.

After the Healey was hauled back home, the brakes worked better! Hm-m-m.....why am I not surprised?? Time for two weeks of head scratching and test drives up and down the driveway....

Finally, as an afterthought, I removed the air filter from the booster and examined it....and it was filthy. The booster is mounted in the engine compartment behind the front passenger wheel, and I wondered if the filter likely got damp while we were running at 40 to 45 mph up and down steep hills in heavy rain most of Friday. So I dampened the filter, reinstalled it, and tested the vehicle...no brakes!

Finally received a new filter today (fifty bucks!!) and installed it and the thing stops on a dime. Front disk brake pads are ceramic and look perfect, and rear brake shoes are fine.

So, I believe the root cause turned out to be restriction of the air filter on the Girling brake booster when it likely got wet. We also lost about two inches of engine vacuum due to elevation increase and timing degradation, which didn't help maintaining 45 mph down lots of steep hills when. Funny thing, I checked the Austin-Healey forums regarding performance of the brake booster filter on wet roads....the overwhelming response was "Oh, we never run a Healey in the rain!"

To the next one!

Alan and Helen





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President's Message

July - August 2022

Hello and salutations fellow club members,

I am so very happy to announce, that Oscar's surgery on Aug. 17th, went very well and without a hitch and is recovering at home. Oscar is our world renowned Event Coordinator, our Club Treasurer, or "the treasure of our club", mentor, and the backbone of our wonderful institution. Our prayers were answered, and before you know it, he will be attending our club functions again. I wanted to open my Presidential message with what is of the most importance to me, and our club.

On The 4th of July, the picnic event at Heritage Park in Plantation went better than expected. The food was great, cooked by our own Chefs; Stuart and Bob. There were delicious beef hotdogs, corn on the cob, juicy hamburgers, potato salad, egg salad, coleslaw, BBQ beans, and the list goes on.



The cake was a beautiful, American Flag large layered sheet cake. It was not only delicious, but very fitting to the occasion. We have to take our hats off and thank again, Gail and Stuart for everything they did. A sincere and warm thank you to Gina for hours of her work there setting up. Friends this would never have been possible without the extreme hard work Bob did. Bob loaded up his truck and trailer with all the food, all the ice, all the drinks, the tables, coolers, the BBQ grills. He even took and unloaded a household deep freezer to keep the ice in. The silverware trays, hot water Sterno food warmers, the pots and pans, it was out of this world. Bob's setup would definitely put a five star hotel's catered event to shame. Thank you from all of us Gail and Stuart, Bob and Natalie, Gina, and my lovely bride Mari, who helped set up as well.



Friends, on Sunday July 10th, we had the incredible opportunity to be allowed to visit two amazing car collections in the Pinecrest area of Miami. The first collection was owned by Mr. Frank Rubino. I unfortunately could not attend the first car collection due to my wife and I taking our daughter and son in law to the airport. We were told the collection was exquisite and



very nice to see. We did attend the second collection owned by Mr. Guy Lewis. When my wife and I entered the property, it was mesmerizing to see at first two beautiful classic Mercedes Benz's, a Bentley, and a 1990's Rolls Royce, All were in pristine condition. Inside there were classic American cars, and some more pristine Mercedes'.



After the collections we went to Royd's in the Redlands to have lunch. The food was great. Thank you Gail for your hard work in making this possible for all of us.



Folks, our beloved T-Bird club husband and wife "Super Couple", Gail and Stuart Corenblum , are going on a month and a half long road trip around the country. They will be leaving around Labor Day. They will be traveling in their beautiful blue and gray Packard. They will be traveling from Miami, to Sarasota, then to Tennessee, then to Arizona, California, and Oregon. Then they will head east across some national parks, visiting grandkids in Michigan, and neighboring states. Wow!! These are really cool Grandparents if you ask me. It will be nice of us to check in on them once in a while, just to say hello and to see how they are doing. I know I will.

I am excited to remind all of you club members that registered, that October 14, 15, 16, is the Lake Mirror Road Trip and Car Show. I cannot express this enough, those of you who are taking your classic cars, be cautious and proactive. Please inspect all that is rubber around the car and under the hood. Folks most of you know what I do for a living, therefore I'm very avid on checking the following items on my T-bird before any long road trip. I suggest you all do the same.

1- Check and or inspect all belts for dry-rot, cracking, or fraying. If you rub your finger on the belt, and your finger gets black, CHANGE THE BELT. If you see cracks where the belt goes around the pulley, CHANGE THE BELT. A \$30.00 belt replacement now, may cost you being stranded on the side of the road, and also costing you hundreds between towing and a mechanic.

2- Check all the tires for dry-rot and or cracks on the sidewall and / or inside the tread. (The part of the tire that makes contact with the road) Make sure the tires are inflated to 35 psi, whether they are bias ply or radials. (most tires are radial ,by the way.) Very important friends, make sure you have air in the spare tire, and a functional jack and tire iron or lug wrench, (this is what removes the lug nuts).

3- I cannot also express this enough, please check and top off all your fluids. Change oil if needed. I have seen countless times, classic cars stranded, due to overheating, caused by a coolant leak, or low coolant. A good habit is to start your car at home prior to any road trip. let it get to normal operating temp in idle and pop the hood and check for any coolant leak from any hose, heater hose (often overlooked here in FL), or water pump. Even the smallest trickle or leak of coolant should be addressed, no questions asked.

4-Take a small toolbox in the trunk with essential tools. You never know if you may need it on the road. A flashlight is essential, a set of wrenches, jumper cables ,pliers, screwdrivers , and zip ties and duct tape to mend a broken hose temporarily, not to quiet down the wife yelling "I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT OUR OTHER CAR" unless you really have too.

On a personal note, some of you may already know our daughter and Son In Law, Melanie and Chris (the recent Newlyweds), have moved to Chicago to start a new life. Although having a hurting heart, I'm very proud of them of their new endeavor. This is a great career move for Chris, and Melanie got a transfer to Chicago in her existing line of work and company, as well. My wife and I flew up there on Aug. 1st, for a week to help them settle in and unpack. We are also spending a week with them again for Thanksgiving, our youngest; Melissa will be flying up as well with us for this joyous occasion. This year, Thanksgiving will be very special for all of us. One may say it will be unforgettable, or life changing. What makes it special is that for the first time, I will be cooking the turkey. Don't worry, I already have a backup plan. I have Boston Market on speed dial on my phone, in case the turkey does not come out as planned. I've been watching a lot of You Tube tutorials on turkey baking procedures and recipes. I will keep you posted in my future message on how it came out, or on how fast I was able to go to Boston Market, and get dinner from them, and feed my family.

I wish you all a great summer, be safe!

Be well my T -Bird family,

Richard Manso

Club President



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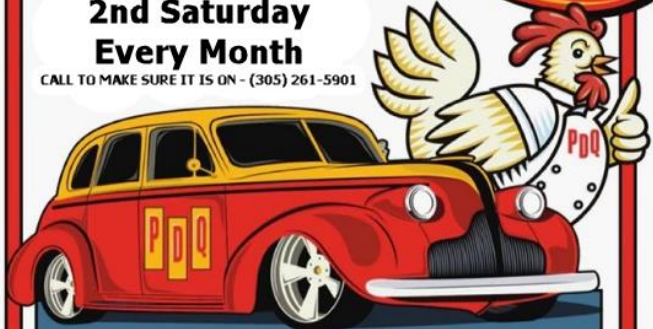
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Sway Bars	formerly Addco		772-708-8977	John Carlson	VERY knowledgeable!	Stuart Corenblum
Upholstery & rag top	Fusco Upholstery	2235 Dixie Hwy, Pompano Beach	954-491-3881		Did the BEST soft top installation I've seen on an old Bird	Stuart Corenblum
RESTO/PAINT/ BODY	MICHUGH AUTOMOTIVE	25TH ST. WEST PARK, FL	954-989-4285	Jim McHugh		John Virginio
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Tires -Suspension	OK Tire	3381N Dixie Hwy Pompano Bch FL 33064	954-781-8220	Jeff, Lou		Ed Raabe
General Mechanics & Body Work	Miracle Mile Motors	1010S. Dixie Highway, Delray Beach, FL	561-272-3228	Vinnie	Has been my general mechanic for 40 years	Paul Werner

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Coming Next Issue



Dear Birders,

We are planning a lengthy car trip in the Packard!!

We have a niece's wedding October 1 in Portland, Oregon, and we will try to leave here around Labor Day and take the 4 weeks to get there. We love being together and exploring the country, and fortunately, Stuart's brother-in-law is with Marriott and we get "friends and family" rates. I'm finding hotel rooms under \$50 a night.

We're not sure of our route yet, but we will probably head toward The Villages, Sarasota, Tampa (maybe even get some time to visit with Ed and Arlene), Pensacola, Nashville, Tucson, AZ, Orange County CA, San Francisco and then Portland. We have family to visit at each of these stops. In between those destinations, there will be a lot of zigging and zagging!

The return trip may take us north to Vancouver, east to the Badlands, Mt Rushmore, the upper peninsula of Michigan, and a visit to grandkids in Michigan and Indiana. From there - possibly home. I did want to do New York, Niagara Falls, North Carolina - and more. But it may start to get too cold, and that could be a separate trip.

I don't think we'll make Lake Mirror. That is a disappointment, we will miss you all, but we have so many places we haven't yet been to!

We will certainly keep you posted. There's a ton to do before we are ready!

Stuart is already working on "The Third Bird Story" which will be published in the Sep-Oct issue!

Gail and Stuart



Members' Car Page

My Second TBird Story by Stuart Corenblum

In a previous issue of our Newsletter, I wrote about my introduction to Thunderbirds. In that story I told you that in 1957 my father won a red '57 Thunderbird in a sales contest through his building supply company. No 12 year old kid could have been happier, but after 6 months, Dad traded the Bird for a Plymouth Belvedere Convertible. Dad was 6 feet tall and just couldn't get in and out of the Bird comfortably. While the Bird was gone, the image of it stayed with me. (And I really enjoyed the Belvedere Convertible. After obtaining my drivers' license at 16 I took the Belvedere to the drag strip on several occasions!)

In 1970 I was living in Chattanooga, TN with my first wife and our 2 year old son. We realized that we needed a second car and what better way to make my memory a reality. We went on the hunt for a '57 Bird. There was nothing like the internet or eBay back then. But there it was in the local newspaper. A white '57 Ford Thunderbird with a convertible top, black interior, automatic transmission, and power steering. And it even had an under dash air conditioner. It was a nice, used car and after a quick test drive, we were hooked. After paying the outrageous price of \$2,300, we had our second car; and it was a Thunderbird. Life was good!

The Bird was used as an everyday driver and in that context it was involved in a minor accident. My wife, son and sister-in-law were rear ended while sitting at a red light. Fortunately no one was hurt, but the Bird had quite a bit of damage, so off to the body shop it went. In those days, cars were repaired, not replaced. The frame was straightened as were the rear fenders and trunk lid, and the rear bumper was repaired and re-chromed.

While all this was happening we decided to paint the whole car, not just the damaged areas, and if you are going to paint, the whole car, why not change the color to something more interesting than white? And so our TBird became dark metallic green. Wow! Did it look great.



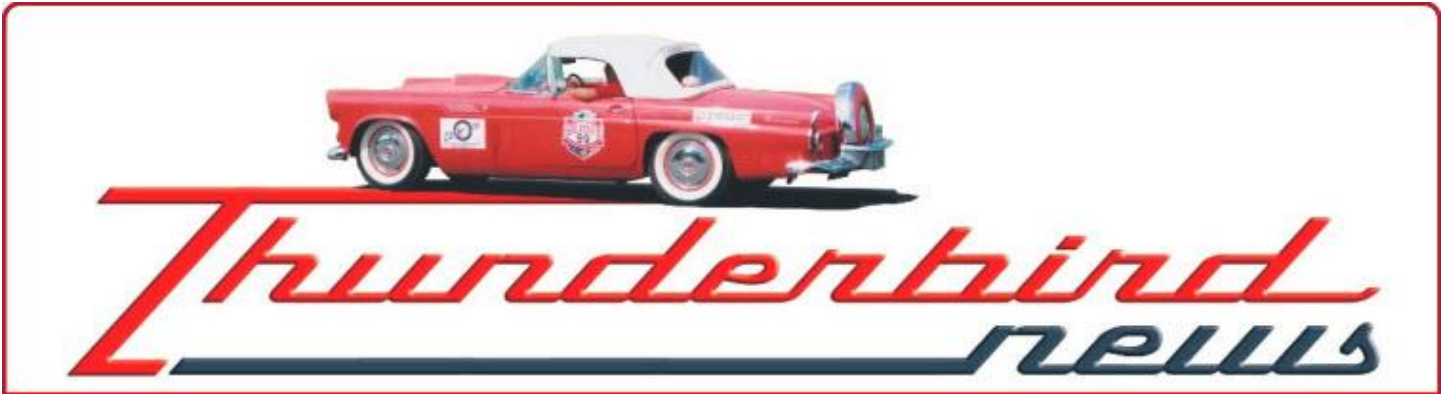
So she is back on the road looking really great, until my wife ran a stop sign and got hit on the left front fender. They just could not make the old one look right. A call to the Ford dealer got us a brand new Ford fender made from "Fiberglass"! Talk about a surprise. The body shop took it all in stride and a month later the Bird was back on the road looking great. You could not tell that the fender was not steel (unless you had a magnet). The Bird served us well and was just a delight to drive.

About six months later, my father, still living in Miami, called me and said "Son, would you like another Thunderbird? I just found one sitting in a guy's back yard in Hialeah." Of course I said yes.

So now I became the proud owner of two '57 Thunderbirds. But there were two problems: Problem #1: I could not afford to own two Thunderbirds. Problem #2: one of them was located in Miami and I was living 800 miles away in Tennessee. The decision was made to bring the Miami Thunderbird back up to Tennessee, but it was in too bad a condition to drive. We had to figure this one out!

More to come in my Third Thunderbird story...





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Please visit our webpage www.TBirdFL.com for announcements on coming events, details about the club, everything else you ever wanted to know about the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida but were afraid to ask!

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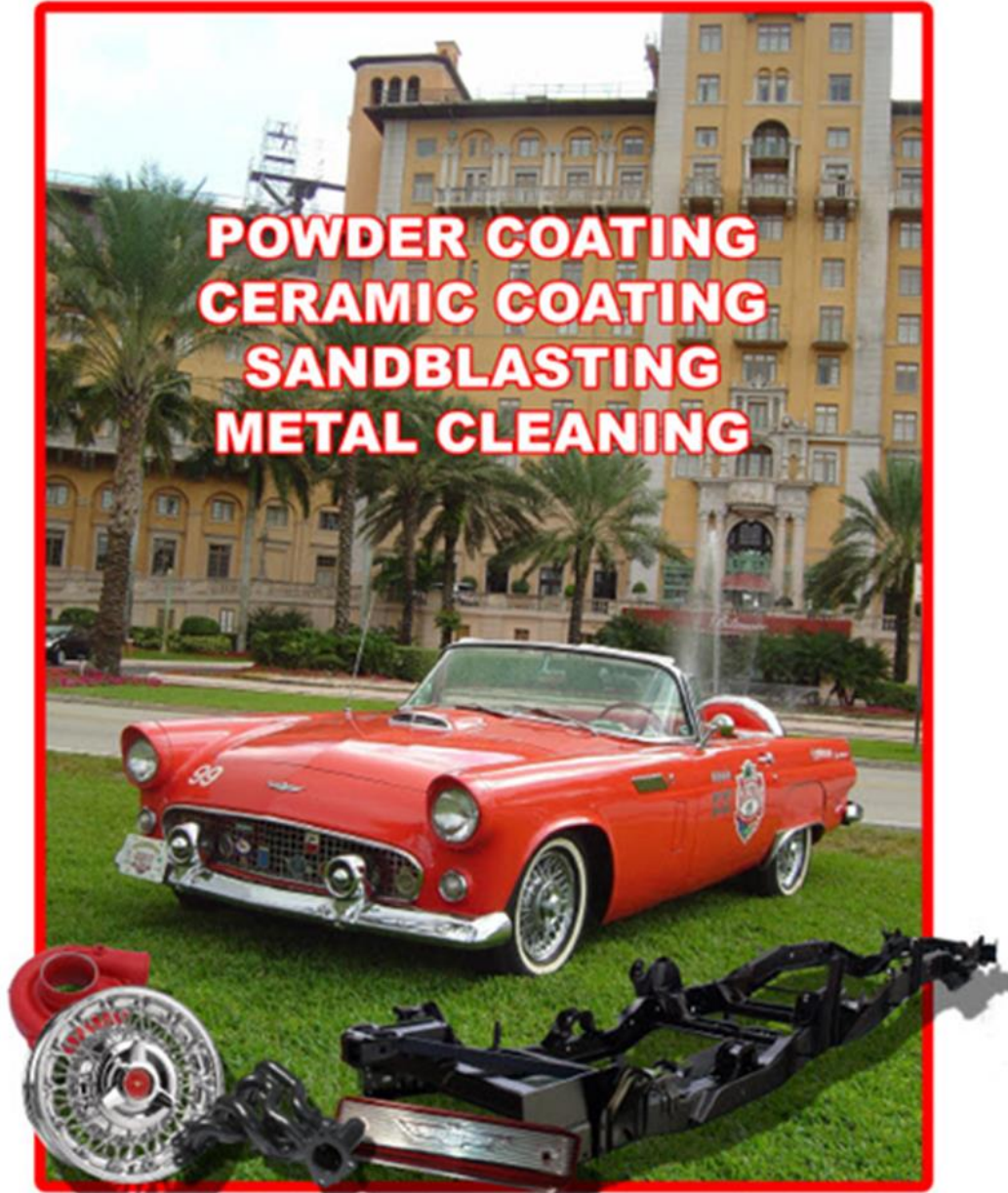
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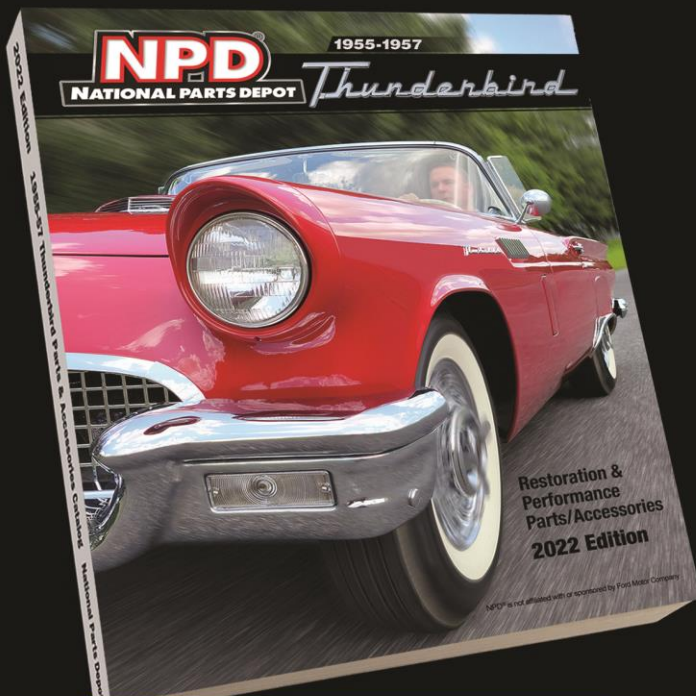
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