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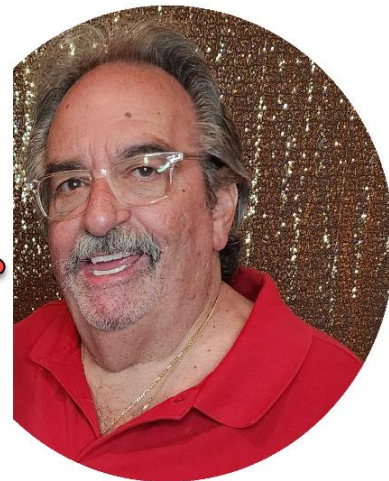
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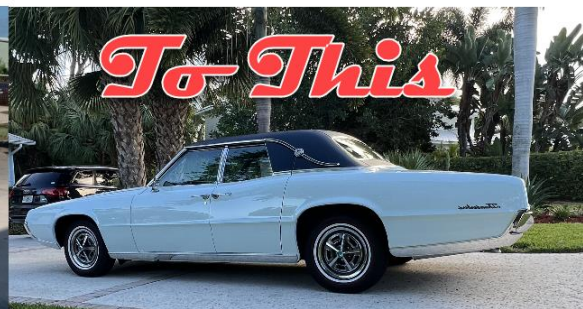
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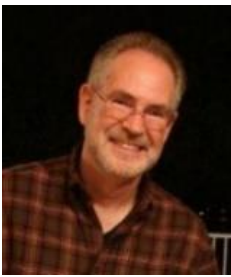
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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida
CTCI Chapter #114
ITC South East District Chapter

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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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

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 Classic Thunderbird Club Members!

As 2022 comes to an end, I want to thank Oscar and everyone who contributed to Thunderbird News, our club's newsletter, making it a great newsletter in 2022! A lot of hard work and volunteered time goes into each publication. WOW, this issue is 52 pages! I am honored to be the newsletter Editor.

Now that we produce a bi-monthly digital-interactive newsletter it gives us the opportunity to include ALL the great pictures from our events that our members provide. From the prior issue which contained all the pictures taken at "Lake Mirror" and from this issued with all the Holiday Party photos, you really get the feel of the fantastic times we have at our events! It also gives us the ability to offer more in depth-stories about Automotive related topics, things Thunderbird and otherwise, which you will be seeing in the coming 2023 issues.

Arlene and I always look forward to joining all of you each month at the Club Meetings and will continue to do so. We also look forward to the Events such as the Open Car show the Club sponsors and our participation at the RM Sotheby's Auction in the Spring. Sadly, we have just learned that RM has cancelled the Ft Lauderdale Auction this year, which means that we will not have the advantage of that income, but I am sure the club will survive. We still can still enjoy our annual Club Brunch on Thunderbird Appreciation Day, a picnic to celebrate Independence Day, attend the Lake Mirror Concours d Elegance and the Holiday Party, maybe even a Tour in 2023. There is the CTCI Region convention in October at the Villages.... It just might take a little more co-contribution and help in planning from our members.

So, let's ring in the New Year with our new President, Jeff Luxenberg who is an avid sports-car enthusiast and 2002 Thunderbird owner and thank out-going President Rick Manso for guiding us through the COVID years with style, grace, and most of all dedication. We owe him a lot for stepping up and volunteering the extra time for his term. To our dear Oscar, we can never say too much, how we appreciate your dedication and hard work in making our club membership meaningful and fun, despite whatever is going on in your personal life, stuff that would make anyone else "throw in the towel" and give it up. You are an inspiration, thank you!

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ABOUT THE CLUB

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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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!



International Thunderbird Club

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ITC The International Thunderbird Club

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).

We are proud to be associated with these two fine organizations! Between them, they provide a vast selection of resources to help you with your early birds and all the ones after!

Plan to attend one of their Annual Conventions!

New Members, please join these Great Clubs!

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 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.

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.

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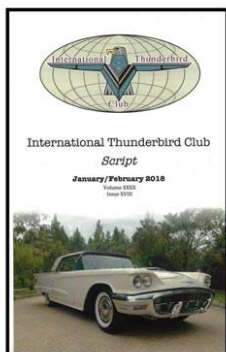
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Hal Wilson's 67 Thunderbird Landau Restoration



My fascination with the 4-door (fordor) Thunderbird began when I was 16 living in Miami and going with my dad to look for a new family car for my mom. At that time, she was driving a 63 Chevy Impala SS which was a hardtop coupe. I still can't figure out why they ever bought a 2-door car with three boys clamoring in and out of the backseat all the time. Incidentally, I vividly remember getting my fingers slammed in the door lots of times. Ouch! So my dad finally decides it's time for a 4-door car with 3 fast growing teenage sons. I remember walking into the Ford showroom with him and there in the center of the floor sat a brand new Thunderbird 4-door Landau. It was painted Diamond Blue with a dark blue full vinyl top. (For that year, Diamond Blue was exclusive to the Thunderbird and the Continental.) That car was entirely new for that year and I had never seen anything like it before. I was taken at first sight. The rearward hinged (suicide) doors were the coolest thing I'd ever seen. I pleaded with dad to buy that car but he didn't. He was a hard bargainer and knowing him he probably walked out of the showroom being \$100 apart in the deal. Anyway, dad

ended up buying a Buick Electra 225. Bummer! I never forgot that car and spent many ears visualizing owning one someday. When I got to the age where I could contemplate finding one and buying it I searched Hemmings website daily for seems like years before low-and-behold an ad appears for a 67 Landau in the same color combination I remembered. The car was then located in New Jersey and had been owned by the same family since new. The car was bought new by the Service Manager at a Ford dealership in Ft. Myers Florida and the car remained there until the couple passed at which time their daughter took the car home with her to New Jersey where it was used infrequently for special occasions. Having a daughter entering dental school they decided to part with the family treasure and they listed it in Hemmings Motor News. I found the car (it was meant for me) so I contacted the sellers. I arraigned for a vehicle inspection and the report came back that the car was very sound with no body rust and other than numerous dings and dents the car was in great shape. The interior was in very nice condition and showed minimal wear. I flew to NJ



and met the sellers (great folks) and bought the car. They parted with the car reluctantly and I shipped it home to Jensen Beach. I have remained in touch with the sellers ever since and they are delighted that I planned to restore their family heirloom to its original glory. I bought it in December 2018 and after I got the car back to Florida my plan was to locate a shop that could fix the broken stuff on the car, repair the dings and dents and then maybe repaint the car. I had zero experience with older cars. My cars are all new and I never keep them longer than a few years so I had no idea where to begin. I started asking around and ended up contacting Paul Grasso who owns Grasso's Garage in Pt. Salerno which is about 6 miles from my house. He runs a smaller shop maybe working on less than ten cars at a time. He came to my house and looked at the Thunderbird and said he would be delighted to work on the car - eventually. His shop was full at the time so I waited until April 2019 before Paul gave me the okay to bring the car to the shop. So on April 3, 2019 I dropped the car off at his shop and spent quite a while talking to him about the significance of the car



Hal Wilson's 67 Thunderbird Landau Restoration

to me and how I envisioned it to look and operate when it was finished. I gave him a very lengthy list of things I wanted done. At this stage, I never contemplated nor considered a complete frame-off restoration. It wasn't discussed. Paul evaluated the condition of the car thoroughly and eventually called me and asked

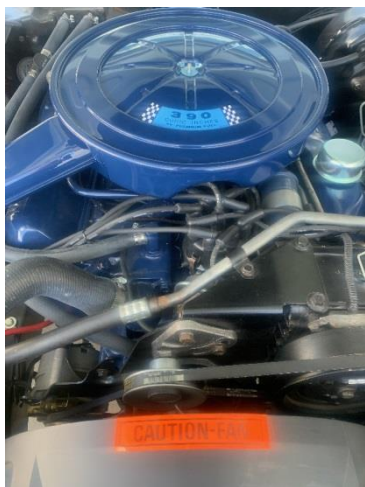
if I had ever thought about doing a frame-off restoration. He was concerned that if he fixed everything I had on the list (which was going to be costly) I would end up unhappy with the resulting car. He asked me to consider doing it right. I thought about it and decided to go for it and told him to proceed. Make the car new again. I had no idea what I was getting into! It ended up being multi-year project and cost me way more than I ever imagined I would spend on the car.



Once the disassembly of the car began we discovered the car had repaired damage to the left rear quarter of the car. The fact that the car was originally owned by the dealer service manager may explain why the car was carefully repaired the way it was. This created the first challenge. Restore the quarter panel or try to find a suitable replacement? We decided to search for a replacement and we were fortunate to locate a one in California and we had it shipped to Florida. Ford produced the 4-door model from 67-71. However, the 67 model was



unique in many ways. This ended up creating more than a few problems because many interior trim parts were not interchangeable with the 68-71 cars. Some parts were simply not available and had to be fabricated from scratch. The next challenge was the factory air conditioner. Once it was disassembled we discovered most of the fan assembly, evaporator housing and the adjacent firewall was completely rusted away. We ended up having to fabricate most of the firewall assembly and motor housing from scratch. The factory A/C would never have operated properly had we not restored the entire car. As



everyone who has ever done this before knows, restoration is a long process. And I mean really long. There were many challenges and problems. We overcame almost every obstacle except one. Door and window weatherstripping for the 4-door Thunderbirds is not available. Anywhere! And that ended up being my one and only disappointment with the project. After replacing and/restoring virtually every part on the car we were faced with no suitable solution for the weatherstripping problem. And as everyone knows, functional weatherstripping is essential. Fortunately Paul kept the original weatherstripping and with a lot of TLC we were able to reuse most of it.

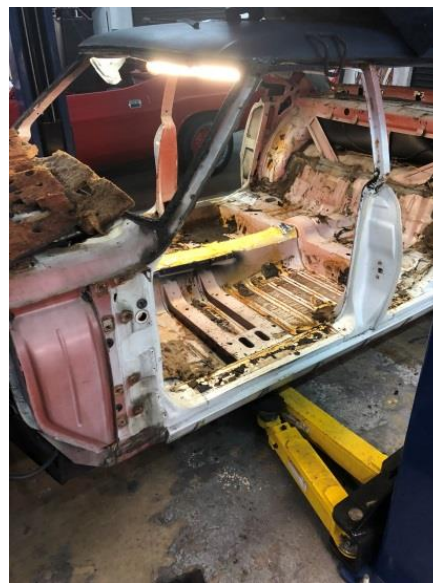
Unfortunately we had to use alternative weatherstripping in many places which is a poor substitute for the original. After so many trials and tribulations the car was finally delivered to me on August 24, 2022. I'm excited beyond words.



Hal Wilson's '67 Thunderbird Landau Restoration



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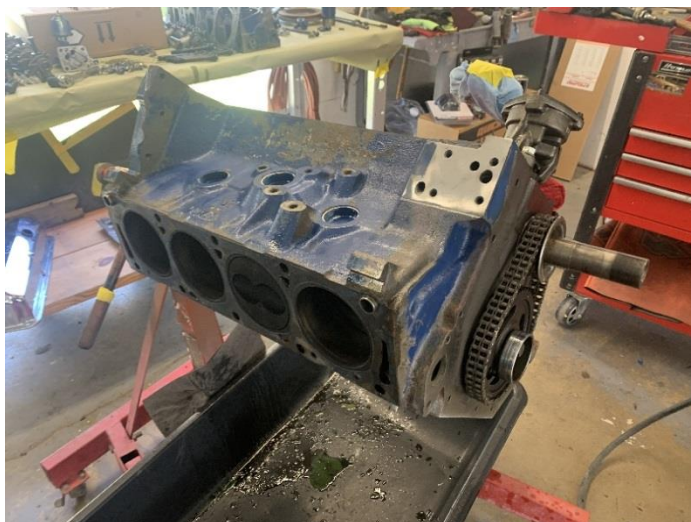
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Goodbye Old Friend

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of one of our members, Norm Gabe.



For those of you who have been club members for more than the last couple of years, you would remember Norm and Robin Gabe. Norm was president back in 2002 and was permanent fixture at most of our events! Norm was extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of the automobile and was super helpful to everyone who needed his wisdom, even offering the use of his garage and lift to any member that needed it.

Norm and Robin had moved to Texas to be with their kids. Unfortunately, in August Norm suffered a serious stroke and he had to be moved to a nursing home for specialized care because he couldn't talk and had a feeding tube.

Recently, he had a cold, but was feeling well; however, on Sunday

December 11, he took a turn for the worse, could not breathe, and passed away. Norm will be truly missed, may his soul rest in peace.

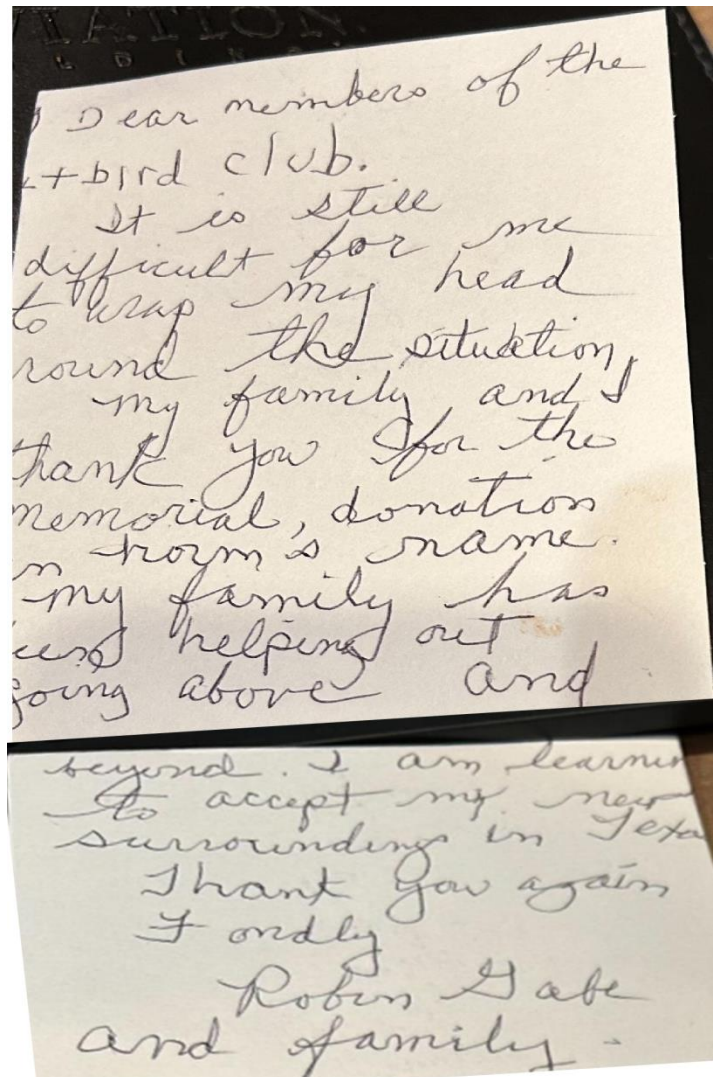


We understand that Norm passed back in December; at the time, we sent an email to each member informing them about Norm's passing, however, I [the editor] felt like we needed to include this in our Newsletter so as to make it part of our club's historical documents.

Though it's been a while, we feel that Robin would love to hear from you all once in a while so if you would like to send Robin a card or express your sentiments, the address is:



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President's Message

January - February 2023

Hello and Salutations Fellow Club Members,

I wanted to say Thank you to everyone for your support in the recent election.

A little bit of my background, I was born and raised in New York and moved to South Florida in 2007. I have always had a loving interest in Classic Cars. In 1980,(the day they said they were halting production) I bought my first Classic, a brand new 1980 MGB. My dream was finally achieved, being a proud owner of my dream car. Although, I didn't realize owner an MGB was more of a nightmare. After 2 years I traded in for a Honda Accord, and cried like a baby. A year later I decided to buy a used 1975 MG and that car was more like my dream. As my family grew I thought best to sell it. Still missing my MG, in 1978, I found 1951 MGTD, what a car, but my family refused to ride in it so I traded it for a 1976 MGB and at that point I found my dream car. When moving to South Florida I had to sell my MG, and thought, that was the end of my classic car career, Low and behold in 2018, I found my Yellow 2002 Tbird and fell in love again, Thus my journey to the club.



I live with my long time finance' Mindy, and have a daughter Brandye and a step son Matt and his bride Reena. Professionally, throughout the years I have owned and operator 4 business. I hope that gives you a little bit of my personal background.

My goal as president is with the membership help make the South Florida Thunderbird Club a thriving organization, with fun activities for all. Hopefully we will have 2 overnight trips and a couple of day trips, and of course still have our annual brunch, BBQ, and our Holiday party. Lest see if we can have lots of members at our next Monthly meeting.

Safe motoring and will see everyone the second Wednesday of March.

Be well my T -Bird family,

Jeff Luxenberg

Club President



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Castro	Marcia	3
Padron	Marcia	3
Rodriguez	Iverlys	4
Quevedo	Luis	9
Orifici	Frank	10
Abreu	Bexy	12
Peraza	Roger	12
Marrero	Alex	20
Heslekrants	Natalie	21
Layzell	Celia	23
Rodriguez	Eugenio	23
Gonzalez	Gladys	28
Vazquez	Grace	28
Mederos	Ivan	29
O'Brien	Robert	29

APRIL 2023

Layzell	John	3
Luxenberg	Jeff	3
Menendez	David	6
Cotner	Paul	11
Colvin	Bob	15
Anuez	Armando	16
Landin	Julie	16
Arbelo	Odalys	19
Salva	Paulo	19
Siut	Haydee	19
Boyhan	Richard	21
Virginio	Theresa	21
Stump	Gary	22
Boyhan	Ana	23
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RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28, 2024

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January / February Club Meeting

January



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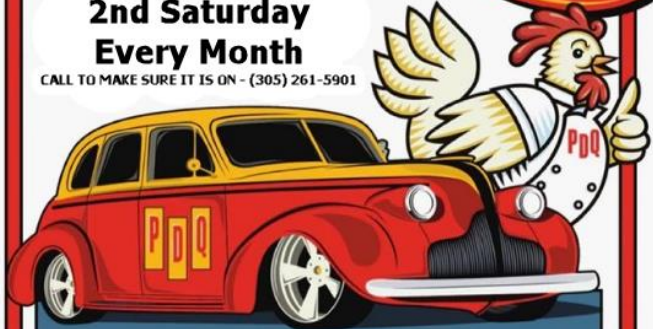

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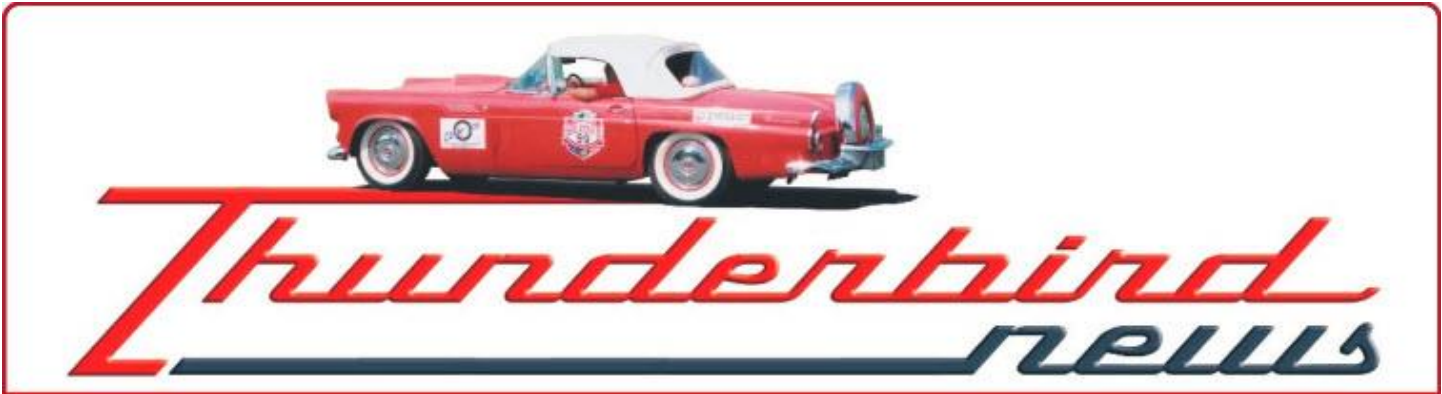
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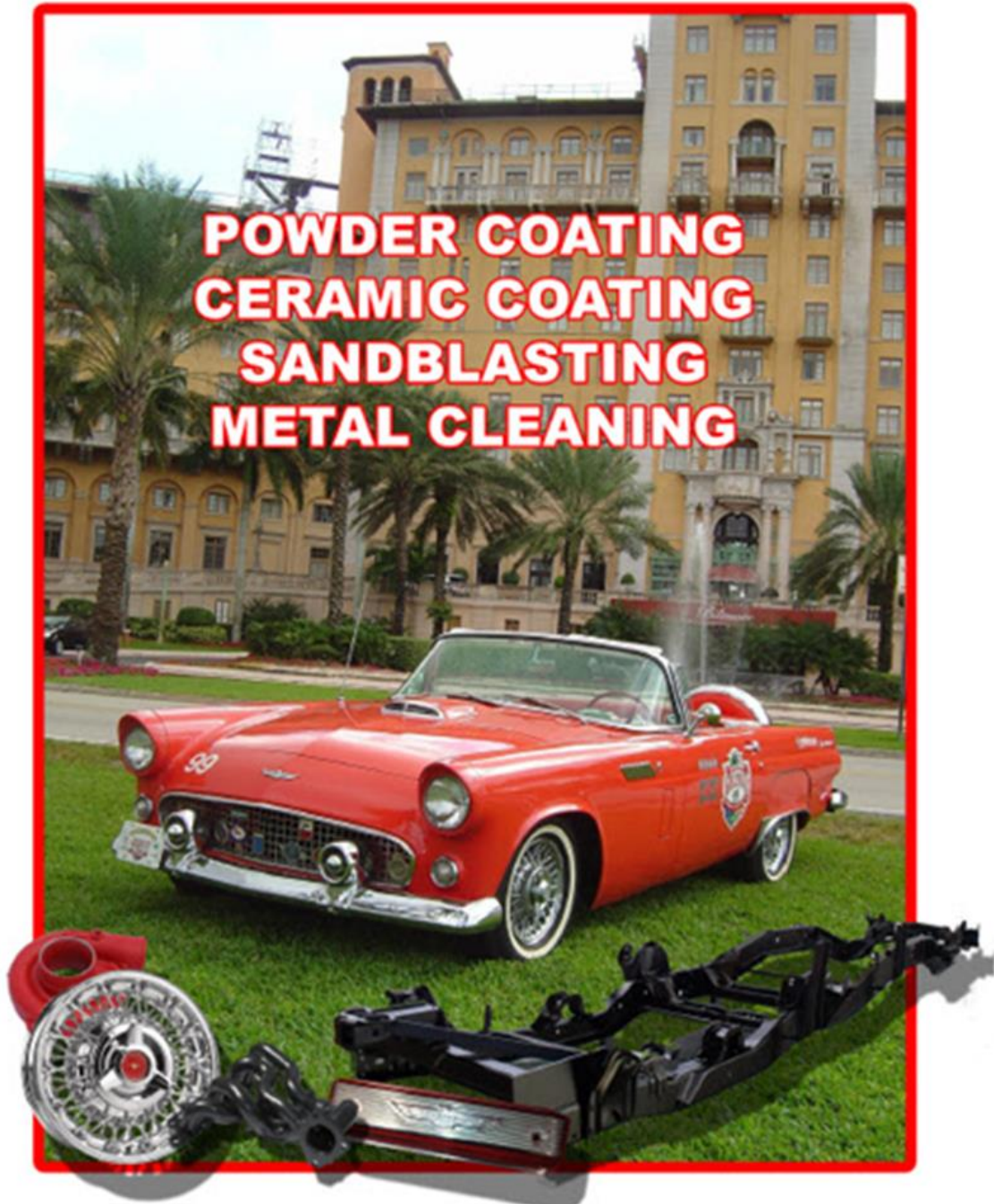
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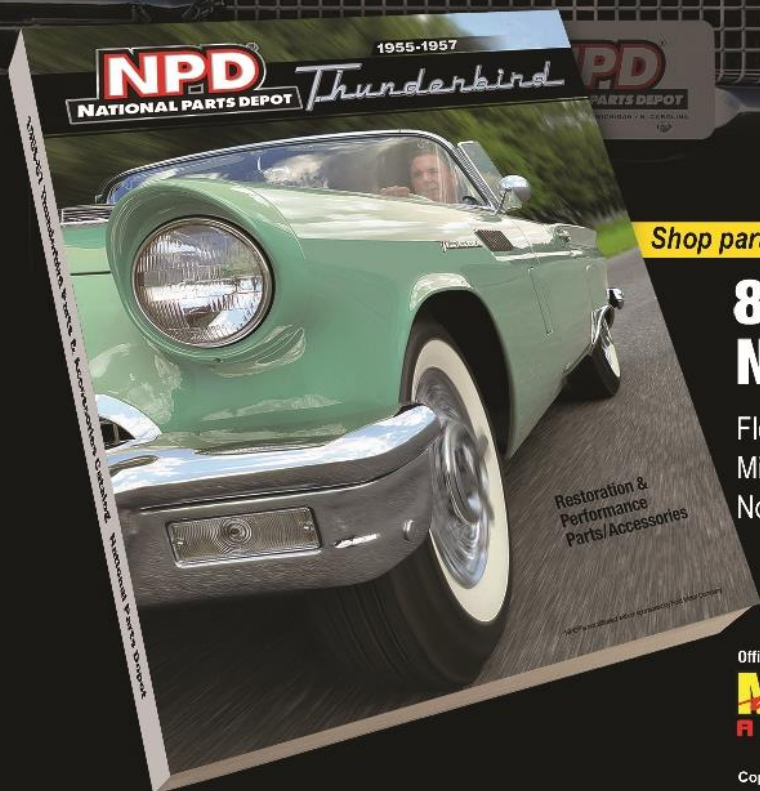
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