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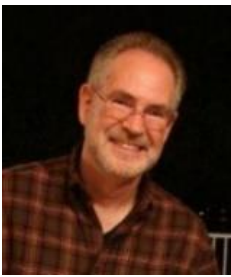
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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida
CTCI Chapter #114
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Remember that this Bi-Monthly Newsletter goes to press the 15th of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Our News magazine 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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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!

It's time to bring you up to date about what's been happening over the past 2 months since our last Newsletter. Jeff has been getting acclimated to his new position as President and initiated a few "outing" Ideas for some summer activities. Speaking of Events, our Annual Club Sunday Brunch is just a few weeks away. Celebrating Thunderbird Appreciation Day, Oscar has arranged for a fabulous time at the 94th Aero Squadron on May 21st. There will be a place for us to display our Thunderbirds also. You don't want to miss this! Please be sure you are signed up. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). Then in June to celebrate Independence Day we will have a picnic. In the Fall Lake Mirror and the CTCI Convention, which will be in Florida at the Villages.

Also, in related Thunderbird Club Events, August (22nd-27th) there will be the ITC Sponsored Thunderbird Reunion in Michigan at the Ford World Headquarters. Go to <https://intl-thunderbirdclub.com> for more information. We hope to attend, and I have it that Steve and Myrna Wishnick will be driving their Princess of Monaco Edition there and asking if any club members want to "caravan" up with them. See Oscar's announcement in this issue. If you are not yet a member of ITC, consider it. They represent all years for Thunderbirds, have a Golden Quill Award winning Magazine, the ITC Script with lots of great stories from affiliated clubs all over the world and great technical assistance available for all models. Our Club represents Florida in Region 2.

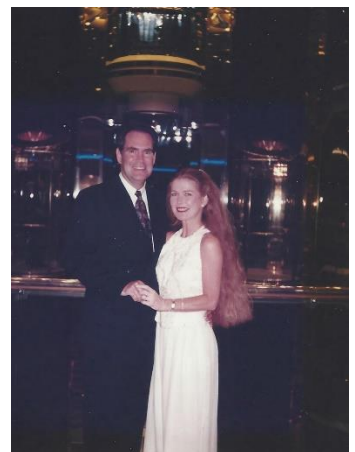
Although not an official Club Event, the 59th Birthday of the Mustang and the 69th Birthday of the Thunderbird was celebrated at the home of Bob and Natalie Heslekrants on April 23rd many club members attended and a great time was had by all (see details and photos in Jeff's President's Message Page). We had just recently sold our "family" Mustang and the T-Bird resides in Tampa now and we were committed to a "project" and could not attend anyway. We saw the pictures and sad we had to miss it.

Speaking of that, we are wrapping up the sale of our home here in Ft. Lauderdale and making the greater Tampa area our full-time home. We have lived in this house for 23 years and accumulated so much stuff, it boggles the mind. We found stuff we haven't seen in a decade! I got a kick finding some hand-made birthday cards from the kids when they were little. I discovered some old video tapes too! We resurrected the old VHS machine, hooked it up to our SONY VEGA 32" Flat Tube TV and played our Wedding Video. Damn we were so young and **good looking** too, LOL!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Club Brunch in May.
'Til then, Happy Birding!

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Happy Birding,

Ed Raabe



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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

ITC



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 VTCl.

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.

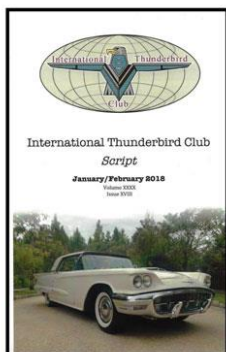
Numerous CTCI and VTCl chapters have joined ITC. Last year the ITC/VTCl chapter, Hoosier Vintage Thunderbird Club, hosted the ITC chapter. This year the convention will be hosted by ITC/CTCI chapter Buffalo Thunderbird Club. ITC/CTCI chapter Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club has stated that they are happy 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.

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ITC (International Thunderbird Club)

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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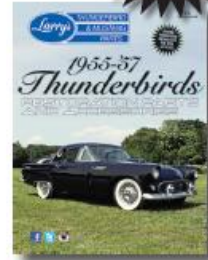


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Bob's Tragical Story with a Wonderful Ending!

The Yearlong Saga of My Little Bird – Bob Obenland

Last January (2022) my daughter and I were on our way to the last Club Show at the racetrack in Homestead. We were on the toll road, five or six miles away, when a speeding car approached us from behind, on our right, crossing our lane and hitting us on the rear left panel. They sped off before we could get a license plate number. After reporting the accident to the FHP we proceeded to the show. Now the fun begins!



I contacted my insurance (Hagerty) and they gave me six body shops in the area. Four of them did not work on cars as old as my Bird. The other two were able to do restorations. After talking and checking those out I decided to go with one in West Palm Beach. They looked at the damage and came to the same conclusion I did in that it could not be repaired without a new left rear quarter panel. They indicated that when I could find the panel it would then be three months before they could start.



I started last February (2022) looking for the quarter panel by calling all Thunderbird part suppliers I could find and ones they suggested I try. The only thing I could find was National Parts Depot who sold one four years ago for \$5,000. We then located one on eBay which I purchased, only to find out that we were scammed. Who scams people on auto parts? My daughter then joined some T-Bird Facebook groups and told them of our problem. We found that two people, whose grandfathers were going to restore a Bird but never started, had new Ford quarter panels that were in storage for decades. One was in Texas but a little expensive and less reliable, the other was in Ohio with both the left and right panel selling for \$4,000. Only one problem, I had to buy both. So now I'm in the parts business. At this point I decided to buy both on May 11th. I received the panels at the end of the month and, by June 1st; I had the panel in the body shop. At this point I assumed the three month wait would begin. I called the shop every month to check on the status of getting my car in, only to find that my bird was getting pushed to the end of the year. At the end of 2022 I spoke with the shop and he said he was making some changes to the shop that was why he was not getting back to me. In all accounts, I am still under the impression that the shop would eventually get to my car, though, in January, I received a call from the shop informing me that he was going out of business. The only good that came out of this was that he gave me the name of a shop in Ft Lauderdale that Hagerty did not know about.



I then had to get my panel from the shop, coming to the conclusion that it was going to live in my car until I could find a new shop. I contacted the shop in Ft Lauderdale (Fabulous Restorations) on January 30th and found it to be a large shop that only worked on vintage cars. They looked at the picture of my car and wanted me to bring the car in for them to see the damage. I brought the car in on January 31 (the one-year anniversary of the accident) and they said they could fix the car. I asked them

when they could start only to find out that they were able to begin the next day. I brought the car in the next day and found that I could also hang out and watch them disassemble the car. I took advantage of this and spent February 2nd watching them take apart the car while also ordering parts per the request of the shop. I was also able to purchase a new back bumper along with having the front bumper re-chromed. As parts came in, I would deliver them and **as of the end of February 2023, my little Bird was fixed!**





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President's Message

March - April 2023

Hello and Salutations Fellow Club Members,

I hope this Presidents letter finds everyone in good health. It's hard to believe a third of the year has already passed.

I am sure all of our members, would like to thank Natalie and Bob Heselekrants for opening up their home for a great Sunday. The day was filled with Lots of fun, beautiful Cars, and great food. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



This gathering, sponsored by Bob & Natalie, was to celebrate the 69 Birthday of the Ford Thunderbird and the 59th Birthday of the Ford Mustang, so only Mustangs and Thunderbirds (and their drivers) were in attendance.



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The Club has 5 more events planned for the balance of the year. In the month of May we will have our annual Brunch. Our July 4 BBQ is set to go off on Tuesday July 4th. The club is also planning trips to Lake Mirror and a get together at the CTCI Convention in October. And as always we will end the year with our Lavish Holiday Party.

I hope to see everyone at the Annul Brunch on May 21 (you have 2 weeks left to REGISTER – Hurry and Click on the Flyer Table so that you can attend!) or I'll see you at our next Monthly meeting on June 14th!

Be well my T-Bird family,

Jeff Luxenberg

Club President



Happy 69th Birthday Thunderbird *Happy 59th Birthday Mustang!*



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The Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida



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MAY 2023

Salavarris	Rosia	1
Gordon	Keith	2
Brown	Ed	6
Saladino	Leo	8
Saladino	Ernest	9
Roche	Gustavo	13
Dominguez	Georgina	16
Miranda	Melanie	16
Manso	Richard	17
Wishnick	Myrna	20

JUNE 2023

Jones	Frank	2
Runck	Alan	4
Cos	Ricky	7
Crochet	Gina	8
Arbelo	Ernie	13
Misticheli	Griselda	12
Saladino	Judith	13
Hernandez	Joyce	17
Lafontant	Jean-Claude	17
Vazquez	Martin	17
Gonzalez	Cindy	21
Del Grosso	Tony	22
Lavenka	Sara	23
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RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28, 2024

All of us here are the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida sincerely Thank You and appreciate your support and the support we have received from the car community by attending our OPEN car show (all Years, Makes and Models) for the past 21 years! Unfortunately, there was a change of ownership in the FARA organization, which gave us the access to the track. The new owners still have not responded to our multiple efforts to contact them and without their OK, we cannot use the track for the show. Since we have only 20 days left to plan, advertise and pull the show together, a decision was just made to postpone the show until next year, which will give us time to find another venue by the scheduled show date of Sunday January 28, 2024. It won't be easy to find a spot large enough to fit the 200 plus cars we get every year, but we are certainly going to try and we hope that when we do, you will be there to support us at the new location!



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 - Welcome Dinner at Wolfgang Puck’s fabulous restaurant

Other Events:

- Concours Judges training and Judging
- Driving tour to National Parts Depot warehouse with 200 + classic car collection, some never registered
 - Driving Tour to Don Garlit’s Museum of Drag Racing and Early Ford Collection
- Coach Tour to Mount Dora – Street of Dreams, Dora Canal boat tour, restaurants, and shopping
- Coach Tour to Orlando – Dezerland Park – Cars of the Stars & International auto collections

Hotel Reservations can be made now at the Brownwood Hotel

Group Direct Booking Link – No login/Attendee Code needed:

Reservation link: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/110411?groupID=3721196>

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Guests can call the hotel at 352.626.1246, **press 1 for reservations.**



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CLUB ACTIVITIES- CAR SHOW - SCAVENGER HUNT RALLY



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All-American Road Vintage Cruisers Show

FREE TO ENTER!

Saturday & Sunday, 11 to 4 **April 1 & 2** 2023



Our Florida Keys Island Fest is shaping up to be better than ever this year! We invite you to bring your vintage vehicle and enter our 12th Annual All-American Road Vintage Cruisers Show. The show runs both days; you may choose to participate either day, or both days.



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The "Taste of Islamorada" will be held on Sunday, drawing huge crowds. There's lots of excitement on Saturday, too; music on the beach and our "What Floats Your Boat?" homemade boat contest. We are only steps away from the bay, making this one of the most beautiful show locations in Florida.

The show features all makes and all models, including custom designs (cars, trucks, rat rods, motorcycles, etc.). We have room for everyone. The show is located just steps from US 1 - Florida's first and only "All-American Road."

Entry in the show comes with a bracelet for half price beer and free water at the show. We encourage you to bring your reusable drinking container. We invite you to help us make this new show one of the best in the country. Your suggestions are welcome.

Awards will be given on both days. Dashboard plaques will be given to the first 30 vehicles registered each day.

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Entry Application

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Club Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Telephone and Cell # _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Tell us about your vehicle for our press release (year, make, model, color) _____

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A NOTE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR OF THE THUNDERBIRD CLUB:

Hello Members!

Due to scheduling problems and circumstances beyond our control, we were not able to make this a Club Trip Event for 2023; however, we will make this one of our planned 2024 events! We expect the date to be the weekend of April 6 and 7, 2024 which is the date I have put on our Calendar. If anything changes, I will notify everyone and update the calendar.

If your schedule is open April 1st or 2nd 2023, please be sure to go down there and enjoy this event!

Oscar



Thunderbird Reunion – Ford World Headquarters



First ever event of this type! **THUNDERBIRD REUNION** - Ford World Headquarters1

Reunion will take place in Dearborn, MI, on August 22-27, 2023.

This is an ALL T-Bird Show at Ford World Headquarters, Saturday, August 26, 2023. All T-Birds and clubs welcomed. During the weeklong event, there will be many fun activities in the many venues in the area including rides on the 1928 Ford Tri-Motor plane.

Host hotel, DoubleTree Detroit/Dearborn, (313) 336-3340 discount rate \$139 includes full breakfast buffet. Mention "Thunderbird Reunion" for room discount. Info: <https://intl-thunderbirdclub.com>

If you are interested in attending, one of our members, Steve Wishnick will be driving his car up and is willing to coordinate with other so that they can travel together for support.

This is not a Club event; we are just passing on the information to help the ITC with what promises to be a great event!

REUNION Questions?

Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich, President, International Thunderbird Club (ITC) gebart@ameritech.net (216) 375-2808

ROAD TRIP Questions?

Steve Wishnick ourspace@ptd.net

THANK YOU Steve for your help and efforts in getting a group together!

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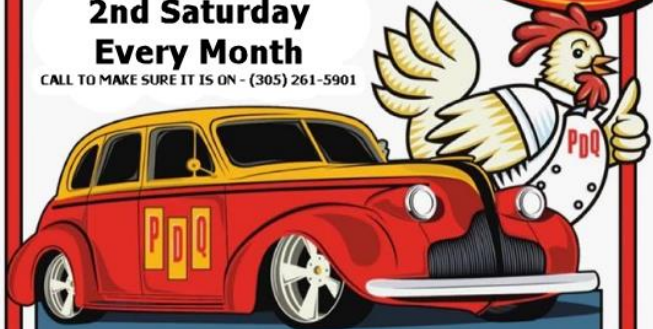
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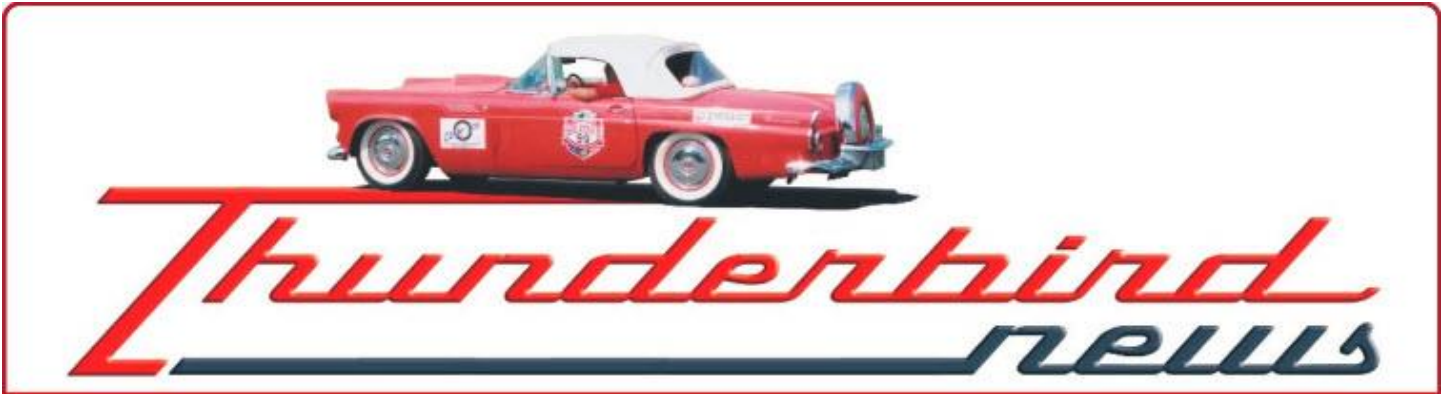
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Please visit our webpage www.TBirdFL.com for announcements on coming events, details about the club, everything else you ever wanted to know about the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida but were afraid to ask!

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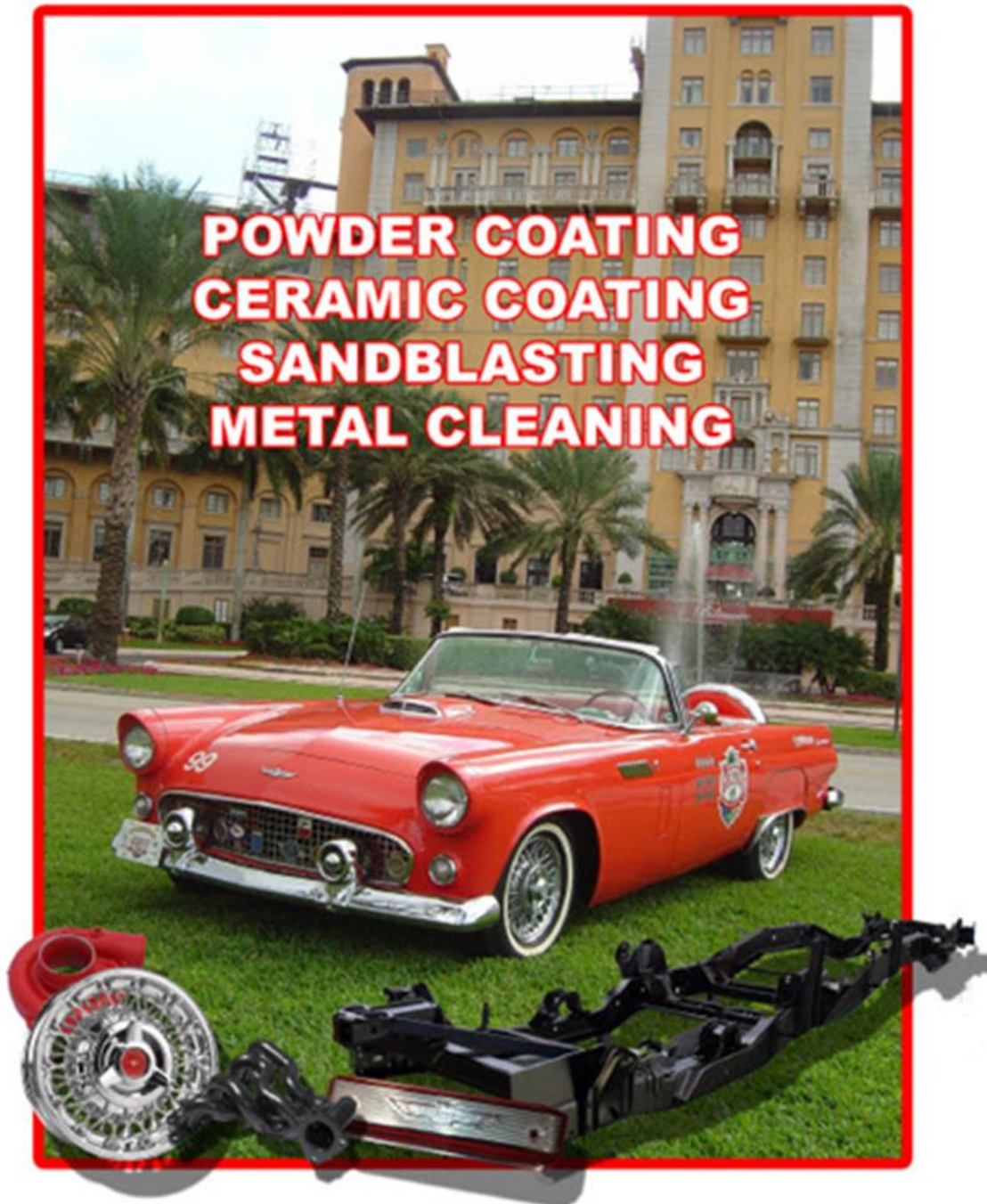
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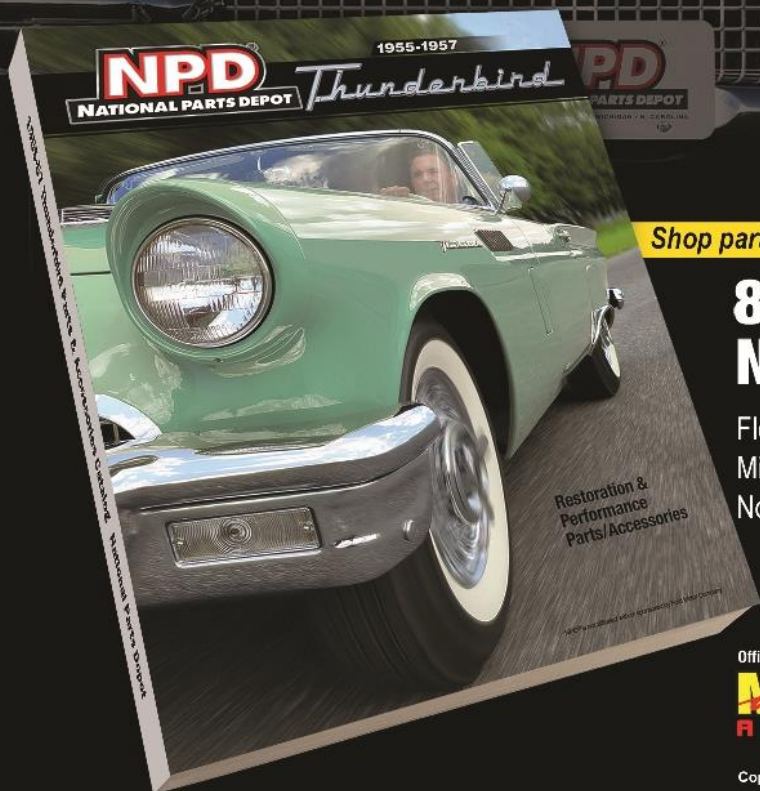
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