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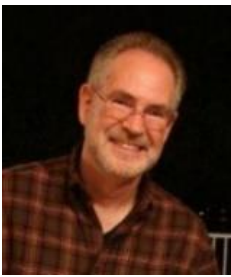
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Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida
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Remember that this Bi-Monthly Newsletter goes to press the 15th of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Our News magazine has lots of useful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 From time to time information becomes outdated.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

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Editor's Message

Cheers Club Members - Season's Greetings!

Unbelievable, but another year in done and done! 2023, our 25th year was a good one with several Outings and Events. The Redland Rally followed by a get-together at Oscar and Marcia's Redlands Ranchette, a Sunday Brunch at Bob and Natalie's, Thunderbird Appreciation Day Celebration at the 94th Aero Squadron, the 4th of July Picnic, Lake Mirror Car Show, and the fabulous Holiday Party at the Tropical Acres in Ft. Lauderdale.

This year was also witness to the 1st ever Thunderbird Reunion sponsored by the International Thunderbird Club, Bart and Vera Bartasavich, co-chairpersons, bringing the 4 big International Thunderbird Clubs members together in Dearborn Michigan for a week of Thunderbird fun culminating in an All Thunderbird show on the grounds of Ford Headquarters. Included in this issue is a recap of the events Arlene and I attended.



So, 2024 will be a big one for our Club with along with our traditional events, a 4-night May Cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas is planed! Plus the Redlands Riot Road Rally Jan 20th, the Redlands Rodeo Jan 27th and at Tropical Acres March 13th the Ed Sullivan Variety Show. Oscar has even managed to bring old Ed back from the dead for this. Man, do we have a great Club Events Director or what?!

Arlene and I (Connor too) wish everyone our best for the Holidays and a Happy New Year,
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Happy Birding,

Ed Raabe



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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

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New Members, please join these Great Clubs!

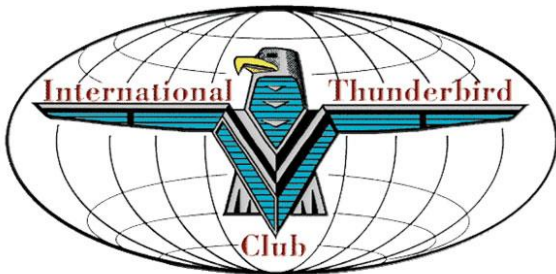
The International Thunderbird Club (ITC) is open to all 1955 to 2005 Thunderbird owners and enthusiasts along with other T-Bird club organizations. Numerous ITC members, including me, belong to CTCI and VTCl.

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.

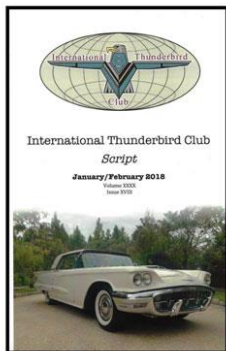
Numerous CTCI and VTCl chapters have joined ITC. Last year the ITC/VTCl chapter, Hoosier Vintage Thunderbird Club, hosted the ITC chapter. This year the convention will be hosted by ITC/CTCI chapter Buffalo Thunderbird Club. ITC/CTCI chapter Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club has stated that they are happy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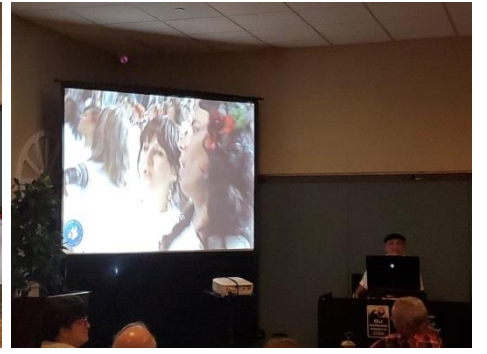
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By Oscar & Marcia Castro



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And, of course, Daughter #1 with her two daughters, who somehow manage to move in while they are here! [We need a bigger house!] The included photos have individual comments and they are 99.9 % from our property and the neighbor next door. Oh, I failed to mention, his animals are really confused, a bunch of them think they live here and they take full advantage of a hole in the wall to come visit us every day! There is also a large garage on the property, that is where Son #2 keeps his classic cars, but that is a story for another edition. Meanwhile, we keep busy with the chickens, the orchard, and the vegetable garden, Oh, and the occasional visitor that comes over for a handout!



Working on Pirate costume, Parrots too expensive, so chicken is filling in!



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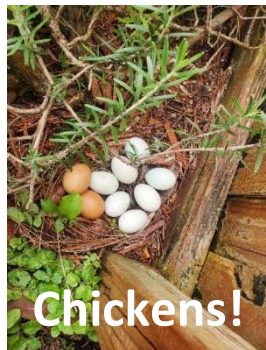
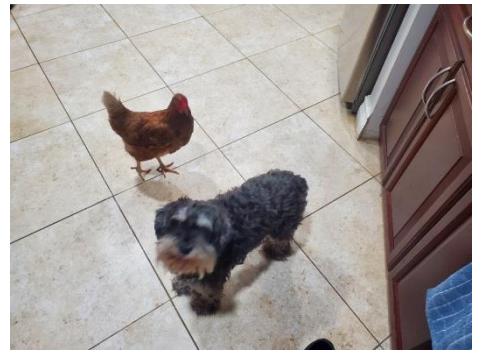
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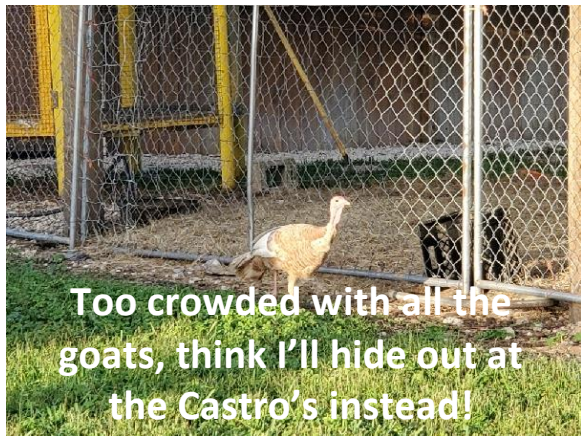
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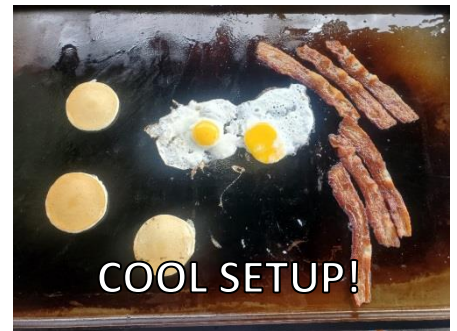
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By Ed Raabe – Tampa, FL – ed.raabe@gmail.com

This story is about how ALL the International Thunderbird Clubs on the planet came together for a “United Nations of Thunderbird” at the Thunderbird Reunion in Dearborn Michigan USA, August 22-26th 2023. The brainchild of the prolific President of ITC, The International Thunderbird Club, Bart Bartasavich, this gathering of all the Thunderbird Clubs at the Ford World Headquarters has been years in the making. After retiring from the ITC Presidents position, he held for 8 years in 2019 and achieving a Club Facebook membership of over 8,000 members from an original 50, Bart



began working on a Thunderbird Reunion for ALL Thunderbird owners world-wide. Originally it was planned for 2020 with AFN, All Ford Nationals, but as things worked out the Covid Pandemic had other plans for his dream. Not to be deterred, with years of planning and organizing, and his wife Vera by his side, in the Fall of 2022 Bart was again putting out feelers to the ITC Membership for a Thunderbird Reunion in 2023. The Local ITC Clubs, Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club and American Open Road Thunderbird Club jumped at the chance to sponsor the Reunion and a date was set! Now the hard work began, putting out the word to all the Thunderbird Clubs and their membership about this GOAT Thunderbird gathering. The Clubs invited included members of CTCI-Classic Thunderbird Club International, Brian Carron President. VTCl-Vintage Thunderbird Club, Rod Wake President. TBN-Thunderbird Nest, Bob Sinickas (Thunderbird Bob) Founder and of course ITC- International Thunderbird Club, Bart Bartasavich, President (now through his tireless efforts, with over 23,000 Facebook Members) and it worked!

Attending the Event week were 400 people in total and on the Reunion Day, 250 people displayed their Thunderbirds, bringing them from as far as Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Canada and further.

The festivities started with an impromptu dinner (Bart was already working his magic) for the early arrivals on Tuesday the 22nd at Ford’s Garage. We got to display Club Cars in front of the restaurant right on Michigan Ave!



The United Nations of Thunderbird

Wednesday night we all attended a “welcome dinner” at the Double Tree Hilton which was the host Hotel. We all had a wonderful time getting to know fellow Thunderbird Club owners from all over the USA, Canada and even as far away as Australia, Darryl Heiner! Both Chairman, Bart Bartasavich and Dr. Steven Legel gave stirring welcoming speeches and we were introduced to the Local ITC Chapter Officers who were invaluable in making the Thunderbird Reunion Event successful. Guest Speaker John Clor from Ford Performance & Club Connect informed us about how important we Thunderbird owners are to the FORD Culture and gave us a glimpse into what Ford Performance is all about, now and in the future.



Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday we were on our own to explore Dearborn and Detroit. Arlene and I went to the Ford Museum, Ford Rouge Plant Tour, and the Ford Piquette Plant. After the modernity of the Rouge Plant, the Piquette Plant, state of the art in 1904, was so primitive it was like seeing “Kit Cars” assembled. It is amazing to consider 14,000 Model T Fords were built there!



The United Nations of Thunderbird

A special treat was attending the Ford Tri-motor Event at the Yankee Air Museum. Originally those who wanted could take a ride in one of the last flying Tri-Motors and relive the pioneering days of commercial air travel, but the weather grounded her. Making Lemonade from Lemons, Bart arranged a Photo Op of members' cars with the Tri-Motor!



Thunderbird Education was not left out. A real magic trick was performed when a 1961 Convertible in mid-restoration was brought into the Hotel lobby! Bullet Bird owners had a field-day getting answers to some interesting questions. Thursday morning there were 2 Clinics, Square Birds and FE Engine systems health by Rick Charniga and organizer David Lau, Reto-Birds about FEMs and REMs with Dr. Steve Legel and "Thunderbird Bob" Sinickas. I attended Rick and Dave's class and learned a lot about auto electronics. I'll keep my original point set-up in the 55, thank you! I wish I could have cloned myself to attend Dr. Steve Legel's (ITC Club Retro Bird Technical Advisor) class with Thunderbird Bob, who is the country's leading source for Retro-Bird parts. There was also a presentation at Roush Headquarters by Larry Seyfarth, who was instrumental in the development of Ford's 427cu. in. High Performance engine program. He had some great stories about racing up and down Telegraph Ave back in the day. The guys who went up against him never knew what was under his hood and that they didn't have a chance. It was no 289 for sure!



Larry has so much knowledge about the days when "Win on Sunday, Sell on Monday" meant something! I was lucky to have him seated at our Dinner Banquet table to chat with.



Larry Seyfarth speaks at Roush Ford Headquarters



"Thunderbird Bob"



The United Nations of Thunderbird

A special invitation to attend a Wine and Chocolate party at Dr. Steven Legal's Car Chocolate party at Dr. Steven Legal's Car Collection was extended to selected members by mail about a week before the Reunion and Arlene and I were among the Lucky ones. Dr. Legal has a renowned collection of Thunderbird automobilia, filling over 10 rooms in a recovered local mid-century neighborhood bowling alley, which in itself was remarkable. I imagined Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton there on Bowling night. In the collection are Tin, Polystyrene, Diecast, Resin, Ceramic, and every other kind of media Thunderbird cars of all different years, along with model kits, medals, belt buckles, pins, tags, games, pens, pencils, placemats, towels, even a toilet paper dispenser! The library room contained hundreds of books and artwork. It was astounding! We were able to spend some time speaking with Dr. Legal about his cars, and his automobilia. He is very affable and eager to answer any question about his collection. The Collection is featured in the Michael Lamm publication Thunderbird 2002 (Lamm-Moranda Inc. 2002), fully illustrated in Chapter 5.



The Reunion on Saturday was held in front of the FORD Headquarters Building in Dearborn Michigan. On display were over 250 Thunderbirds, from the iconic 1955,56 & 57 Baby Birds to the increasingly popular 2002-2005 Retro Birds. Steve & Myrna Wishnick drove their 1963 Princess of Monaco Edition all the way from Cape Coral Florida. Tom Mirro from New Jersey showed his stunning AACA Zenith Award winning 1956, Lincoln Cinnamon, S paint code. Only 5% were ordered in this amazing color! Ronald Davis and his sister Evelyn drove up from Tampa in his 1957 Elvis and Marilyn Tribute. Ron is the president of Classic T Birds of Tampa Bay and he drives his car everywhere. They were one of the first to arrive in Michigan attending the Woodward Ave Cruise on August 19th.



Ron & Evelyn



Registration Tent



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All the iterations of Thunderbirds were represented at the Thunderbird Reunion.

Brian Carron, President of CTCI came from Texas with his 1969 Landau 4door. These cars are known as Glamour Birds, 1967-1971, and the only series to feature the 4-door option, but no convertibles. There were so many incredible examples of Baby Birds, Square Birds, Bullet Birds, Flair Birds, Glamour Birds, Big Birds (Lincoln Continental clones), Torino Birds, Aero Birds (some nice Turbos) Super Birds and Retro Birds, even a Sage Green 2002-1957 Styled Retro-Resto, by Tom Vannozi was seen. Tom added 57 original Thunderbird headlight and taillights, 57 fins and had the front bumperettes, hand-made by a guy in Australia if I remember correctly. I know I am missing out on mentioning some outstanding cars. Did I mention a Batmobile? The creation of Gary Kimmel, the Batmobile-Retro-Bird seeing the “Bart” sign in the night sky, flew in from Maryland for the Thunderbird Reunion!



Ford Performance provided the Central Event Tent for the Reunion manned by Special guests, John Clor the Enthusiast Communication Manager and Ted Ryan the Archivist and Brand Heritage Director.



Event Tent and Food Truck
Steve & Myrna Wishnick's 1961



The United Nations of Thunderbird

There is a side story about a family patriarch, Pasquale, who began his drive up to Michigan from Florida in his Red 2002. He ran off the road, crashed the car and spent the night in the hospital. Now get this, not to be deterred from attending the Reunion, where his children and Lady companion had already arrived, he gets in his 2002 Thunderbird Blue Car to continue the trip. In the Detroit area at the time, we were having severe thunderstorms. He hydroplanes the 2002 into a guardrail and wipes out the front clip. His grandson picks him up, un-harmed and finally brings him to the Hotel. Pasquale addressed the Banquet Dinner and told this tale to rousing applause. He is in his 80's by the way and unstoppable!



The Reunion Banquet was outstanding. Everyone was dressed up for this one! Bart addressed the gathering and gave recognition to Vera, his wife, for her hard work, dedication, and support in making the dream of the Thunderbird Reunion a success. The ITC Board members and Local Clubs, Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club and American Open Road Thunderbird representatives were recognized. Bart spoke of his dream of having all the members of Thunderbird Clubs World-Wide to attend an Event and what it took to make the Reunion happen. He then introduced Brian Carron, the President of CTCI, a long running organization for "Early Birds" with roots with the BATOC (SF) Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club in 1958 to speak. Brian expressed his joy and being able to attend the Reunion and promised co-operation with ITC in the future. He invited everyone to attend the Regional CTCI Convention at the Villages in Florida, Oct 24th-29th. His speech was punctuated by a hearty embrace with Bart as a show of sincerity, which was the highlight of the evening!



Georgia ITC Club with Brian Carron CTCI



Dr Steven Legal



ITC Board with Bart & Vera

Special guest speaker was Ciera Casteel, Collections Archivist, Ford MoCo, who enlightened us about the ongoing effort to digitize all things relating to Ford History. To date 116,000 items have been recorded. Over 2 million items have been downloaded from the Website as of February 2023! <https://fordheritagevault.com#fordheritagevault> . We all came away amazed with just the small sampling she provided.



At the invitation of Bart, various Club representatives rose to the podium to recount stories of club activities, but the best story was Pasquale's recount of his "journey" to the Reunion!



The United Nations of Thunderbird

So how do I fit in with all of this? Well, I considered myself an Ambassador, of sorts, to the Reunion. I am the Past President of Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida an ITC Chapter in Florida and the Editor of Thunderbird News. CTCSF was founded by Felipe Cos in 1998 as a CTCL Chapter. As that club expanded beyond "Early Bird" owners, to have the other Classic Thunderbird and Retro-Bird iterations represented I contacted Bart for an ITC Club affiliation. Now living in Tampa, we are also members of Florida Gulf Coast Vintage Thunderbirds, Charles Inman, Founder, predominantly comprised of Retro-Bird owners with five 007 Editions, and a VTCI Chapter. We own a 1955 Marvin Hill restoration and have just purchased (at Reunion!) A 2005 Bronze Retro- Bird, lovingly cared for by local Michigan Club Member David Jones.

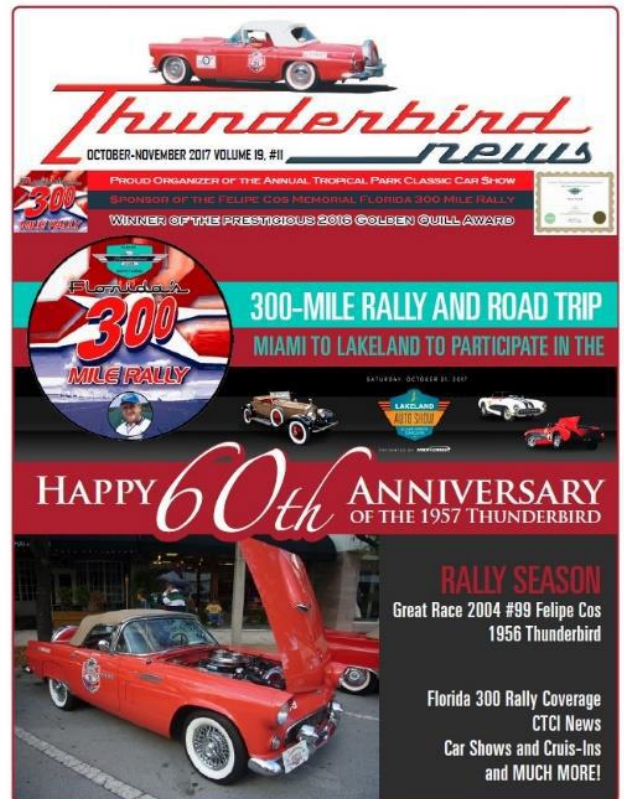


In Closing, every Thunderbird Club we belong to has wonderful members who love their cars and enjoy taking them to Club Events. In Florida I have the great privilege to know Club founders, Dave and Betty Tulowitzki of Trailbirds of Southwest Florida and Ron Davis Classic T Birds of Tampa Bay and have the opportunity to also attend their Events here.

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida is well known for the annual Felipe Cos Florida 300 Mile Rally, named in the club founder's honor. The current Club President is Jeff Luxenberg with Oscar Castro as Club Event coordinator. Oscar has, over the last 10 years, through his tireless effort has kept the vision of Felipe Cos alive by organizing the annual Rallye, Car Show, Outings, and the Fabulous Holiday Party.

The Thunderbird Culture is rich with members who are knowledge about cars and take pride in maintaining this Classic Ford icon.

We are all very fortunate to have a man like ITC Chairman Bart Bartasavich and his wife Vera to share the dream with us!



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President's Message

November - December 2023



Greetings and Salutations Fellow Club Members,

We have completed another successful year for the club! We were able to complete quite a few events and each was lots of fun for all who attended. The Annual Brunch, the July 4th Picnic, the Thunderbird Reunion in Michigan, the Lake Mirror Car Show, the CTCI Convention, the Festival Marketplace Car Show, the Holiday Party, and a whole bunch of other car shows in between!

Our Holiday party was great; despite the horrible weather we had a tremendous turnout. Everyone enjoyed the great food and the beautiful decorations! All who attended had lots of fun and almost everyone participated in all the festivities, dancing, and door prize raffles. I even got up to dance a couple of dances. We even did the conga around the salon!

As we discussed during the party, we have some wonderful events planned for the coming year; The Redlands Riot Road Rally, the Paella dinner after the rally, the Homestead Rodeo, a Dinner and a Show to see the Ed Sullivan Review, a Caribbean Cruise, the July 4th Picnic, the Lake Mirror Car Show, a trip to the Daytona Beach Turkey Run, and of course, another wonderful Holiday Party! We hope everyone will participate in as many of these events if they are able!



I also mentioned this at the party, but it's important that I repeat it here again; it would be great to try and solicit new members and help grow our membership. The more members we have, means more ideas, more events and more fun for everyone.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! Please drive safe!

Be well my T-Bird family,

Jeff Luxenberg

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FEBRUARY 2024

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Werner	Anita	2	26

Please note that the 2nd Wednesday meeting in February as been moved to the 1st Wednesday (Feb 7) because the 2nd Wednesday is Valentine's Day!



ALSO, there will not be a March Wednesday meeting because it will be replaced by another activity [The Ed Sullivan Review!]

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From the early years when our car show was just a vision in Felipe's imagination, to the grand spectacle it has become today, your support has been a constant source of inspiration. Your commitment to our cause has not only helped us grow but has also played a significant role in fostering a sense of community among car enthusiasts.

As we reflect on the incredible memories of our car show over the past 23 years, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for your unwavering support. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and generosity have been the driving force behind our event's success. We couldn't have achieved this milestone without your unwavering commitment. Whether you were an exhibitor, sponsor, a volunteer, or simply an attendee, your presence has enriched our show year after year and has been instrumental in making each edition a resounding success. We cannot thank you enough for the impact you have made, the memories we have created together, the camaraderie we have shared, and the passion for automobiles that binds us has all been enriched by your presence. The friendships forged, the memories created, and the funds raised for our charitable causes will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

As we bid farewell to this cherished tradition (hopefully only for 2024), we want you to know that your contributions have made a lasting impact. Thank you for 23 years of unwavering support. Here's to many more years of revving engines, gleaming chrome, and shared enthusiasm.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Members of the Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida



What We Did On Our "Summer" Vacation

By Paul and Anita Werner



Armed with a list of cool museums provided by Gail and Stuart, Anita and I left on our road trip on a Sunday in mid-August, in our brand spankin' new 2024 Subaru Crosstrek!

The first leg of the trip was to drive to my daughter and her family in Columbia, MD, with our youngest grandchild, Rose, in tow. We spent most of that week helping to prepare for the bar mitzvah of my oldest grandchild, Andrew. After a late afternoon service, we celebrated with a picnic. It was great to see family and friends, and I was so proud of Andrew.



Three days later we started on our travels. We spent our first night in Allentown, PA, visiting Geno, a roommate from dental school. After losing contact with him for over 40 years we reconnected about a year ago. We talked about old times as well as our practices and professions.

We then moved on to Freeville (near Ithaca, NY) to visit my cousin Allen and his wife, Alice. It was great to see them.



We then moved on to a bed and breakfast in Penn Yan where we met my oldest friend, Marcy, and her husband Mark. I have known her since I was an infant. It was great to see them also.

Anita is from Rochester, NY, and has family in Buffalo. We spent a day in each visiting family and friends.



We then crossed over into Canada at Niagara Falls and the adventure began. Though we had some things we wanted to see we had no concrete plans and never knew where would be spending the next night. Over the next few weeks, we wandered around Ontario, Wisconsin, and Michigan. We visited Bruce Peninsula National Park in Ontario and did quite a bit of hiking, in addition to a boat tour. We then took a ferry across Lake Huron and traveled on the Trans-Canadian Highway coming

back into Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I always wanted to see the Upper Peninsula, and it did not disappoint. We saw beautiful scenery, toured Pictured Rock National Lakeshore in the car and from a boat (it was magnificent), and toured a copper mine and old theatre.



We then headed to Wausau, Wisconsin. My brother had moved there two years ago to live with a son and his family. He seems to have settled in well there and is very happy. We spent four days there and got to know my young grand niece and nephew. For the first time I shot a crossbow.

Next, we headed to Mackinac Island. I always wanted to see the Grand Hotel with its longest porch in the world. Again it did not disappoint, and the bridge connecting both peninsulas of Michigan was impressive. We then spent some time in Northern Michigan, including Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. We then traded in the beauty of northern Michigan for the museums of the south.



The Gilmore Museum is located in the middle of nowhere. It has a very extensive collection of cars, mostly American, from every era. We were there from opening to closing. We never even made it to the open car show outside. They had whole buildings dedicated to just one make.



What We Did On Our "Summer" Vacation

We then headed to Dearborn for The Henry Ford, seeing all three of its attractions. First, we saw Greenfield Village, which was started by Mr. Ford in the late 20's. He moved many buildings to the site, including his own childhood home, Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Lab, both the Wright brother's home and bicycle shop, as well as numerous homes from around the country and a few from overseas. There are also numerous craft and historic stores. We spent the whole day there.



The next day we took a tour of the factory where F150 trucks are assembled. A catwalk above the factory floor shows a great deal of the process, and it is fascinating. We spent the whole next day in The Ford Museum and only saw about half of it. There were many cars there, as well as all of the presidential limos; including the one Kennedy was in when he was assassinated. (They also had the chair Lincoln was sitting in when he was shot.) There are also trains and planes, as well as



heavy machinery, farm vehicles, historical objects, and even a 1952 Oscar Mayer Weiner Mobile. We could have spent another day there. The next morning we went to see the Ford House. It was Edsel Ford's mansion. Unlike other mansions we have seen, it was tasteful rather than gaudy.



That afternoon we went to the Sloan Museum. Their car collection was small, but they were arranged to tell a story. There was an interesting exhibit about the development of the child safety seat.



We were next off to Ypsilanti. The Yankee Air Museum was small as most of the larger planes were not viewable, but they did have an excellent exhibit on Rosie the Riveter and the role of women in the war effort. We then went to the Michigan Firehouse Museum which was very impressive, followed by the Hudson Museum.



We then drove to Auburn, IN. We started there with the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Impressive as the car collection was, the building is equally impressive. It is a beautiful Art Deco building that was the corporate headquarters of the company. We then walked across the parking lot to the National Car and Truck Museum. They had an extensive collection, but the highlight for me was one of the GM Metroliners.



The next day we went to the Air Force Museum in Ohio. We spent the whole day there and saw about half of it. It was surprising the first exhibit that we saw was about the Holocaust. Their collection includes just about every major presidential airplane, as well as just about every airplane the Army and Air



Force ever had.



We then returned to my daughter's home in Maryland in time for her elective surgery (She's fine, thanks for asking.) We helped out with the kids for about 10 days, and then headed home, arriving over 8 weeks later we left. What a trip!



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Festival Marketplace Car Show

By Paul Werner

On Sunday, December 10th some members had a short notice get together, at the short notice announced car show at the Festival Flea Market, in Pompano Beach. There were about 200 cars there. About 10 members, couples or singles, attended, Anita and I brought our Thunderbird, as Bob, and Jean Claud did. Stuart and Gail brought their truck. Don brought his sedan delivery, and Mike brought his Mercury. It was a good show with some interesting cars. There was also some shopping. We all had a great time.





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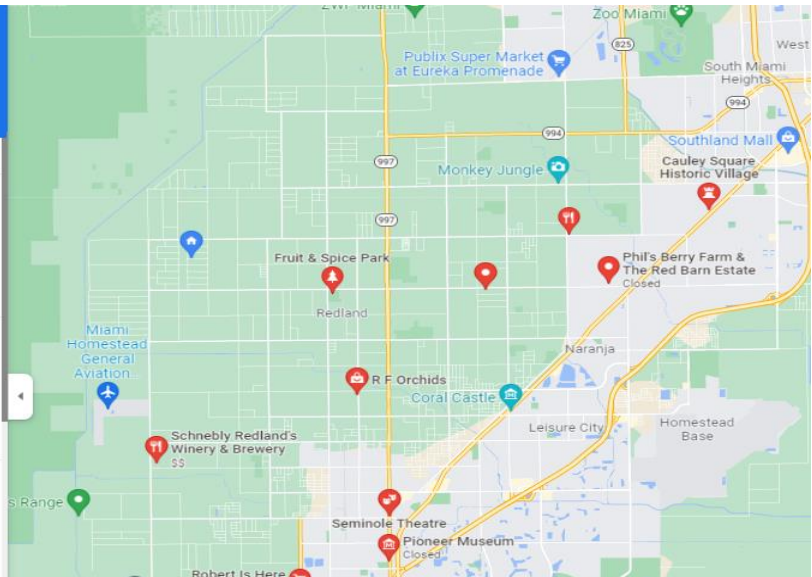
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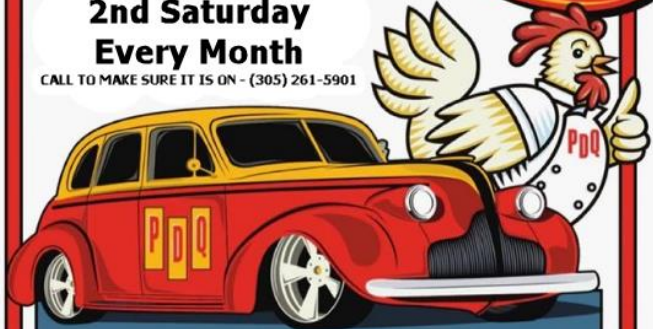

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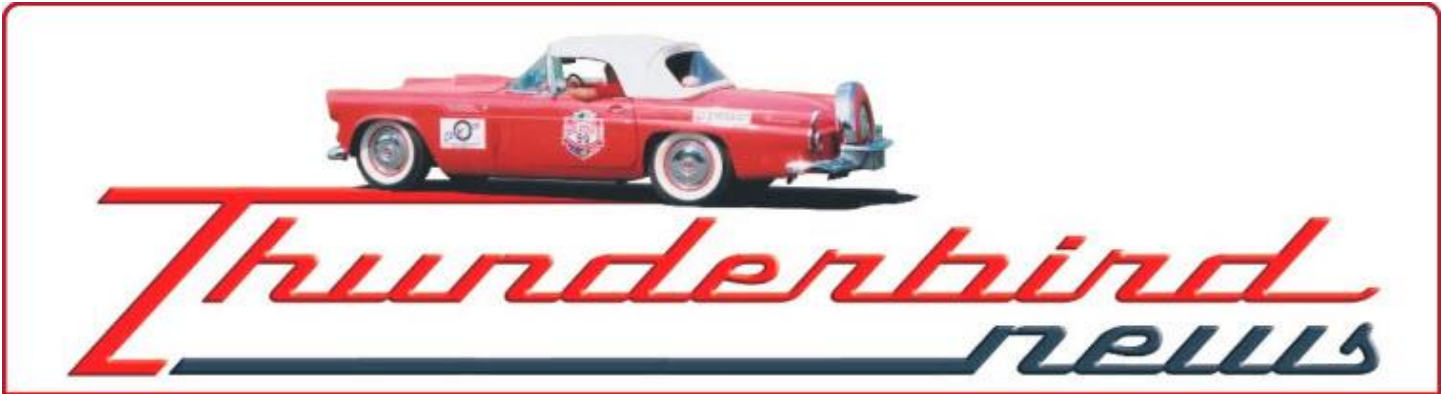
WE ARE FREQUENTLY ASKED FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHERE TO GO TO GET YOUR CAR SERVICED. WE HAVE COMPILED A LIST BASED ON INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR MEMBERS. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED THESE NAMES BASED ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES AND LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WHEN THEY HAVE DEALT WITH THESE SHOPS. THE THUNDERBIRD CLUB DOES NOT ENDORSE OR RECOMMEND THESE SHOPS AND IT CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR SATISFACTION WHEN DEALING WITH THEM. WE ARE SIMPLY PROVIDING THIS LIST FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND TO CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF EMAILS WE RECEIVE. USE YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT WHEN DEALING WITH ANY OF THE SHOPS AND MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION.

MEMBERS – PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO emails@thunderclubsouthflorida.com

Shop Type	Shop Name	Address	Phone No.	Contact	Notes	Recommended by
Air Conditioning	Aaron Air	7200 NW 29 Ave	305-691-4991	Scotty	I wouldn't go anywhere else. Honest, reasonable.	Stuart Corenblum
Alignment	5 Star Alignment	2664 NE 189th St, 33180	305- 337-4523		They are good! Our 39 Packard isn't easy to keep aligned, and they go above and beyond!	Stuart Corenblum
Alternators and Starters	Universal Parts	1013 Hialeah Dr.	305-884-3844	Andy	Island guy. No Espanol. Wonderful work!	Stuart Corenblum
Auto Glass	A Plus Auto Glass	15538 SW 112th Dr, 33186	305-825-7733	Omar	Installed windshield on Stuart's '57	Stuart Corenblum
Chassis & Rear Ends			305-775-9780	Steve	Differentials	Stuart Corenblum
Chrome Plating	Action Plating Corp	1220 All Baba Ave, Opa Locka 33054	305-685-6313	Larry	Reasonable for top quality work!	Stuart Corenblum
Parts	K.A.M. Auto	13771 NW 13th Ave, Opa-locka, FL 33054	305-687-2400	Miguel	Really helpful! Some of the parts I need often present quite a challenge, but Miguel never lets me down!	Stuart Corenblum
Power Steering Systems	P.S. Systems	1180 NW 163rd Ave, Miami 33169	954-922-7166	Jorge		Stuart Corenblum
Radiator Shop	Lazaro Radiators	4336 E 10th Ln, Hialeah, FL 33013	305-688-0740	Lazaro		Stuart Corenblum
Radio Conversions	Tayman Electrical	4411 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232	941-371-8924	Gary Tayman	Did the conversion on our 57 Bird. Knowledgeable and honest	Stuart Corenblum
Radio Repairs on Originals	Bill Abate	Pennsylvania	215-896-5386	Bill Abate		Stuart Corenblum
Restoration	Harbor Auto Restoration	2121 US-1, Rockledge, FL 32955	321-633-3227	Billy Tetro	Their work is incredible. And they do everything from total restorations down.	Stuart Corenblum
Restoration	Graveyard Classics	921N 21st Ave, Hollywood, FL 33020	954-613-9810	Joseph Shulman	Repaired the back half of Leo's '56 Bird after a collision. Good work!	Stuart Corenblum
Sway Bars	formerly Addco		772-708-8977	John Carlson	VERY knowledgeable!	Stuart Corenblum
Upholstery & rag top	Fuzco 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	MCHUGH AUTOMOTIVE	25TH ST. WEST PARK, FL	954-989-4285	Jim McHugh		John Virginio
MECHANICAL	ANDY'S PLACE	25TH ST. WEST PARK, FL	954-983-2698	Andy Aceturo		John Virginio
UPHOLSTERY	AUTO UPHOLSTERY BY HOWARD	845 NW 7TH AVE FT LAUDER	954-7618375	Howard		John Virginio
Classic car General Mechanical	Prime Tune	2620 NE 5th Ave Pompano Bch FL 33064	954-785-7773	Paul & Kathy Oliva		Ed Raabe
Tires -Suspension	CK Tee	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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Remember - our monthly club meetings are held the **SECOND** Wednesday of each month (except May and December) at The Trattoria Pampered Chef, 7347 Miami Lakes Dr. Miami Lakes FL 33014, and our Host is Gabriel Nash. Always check <http://www.tbirdfl.com/TBIRD/Calendar.htm> for any last minute schedule changes!

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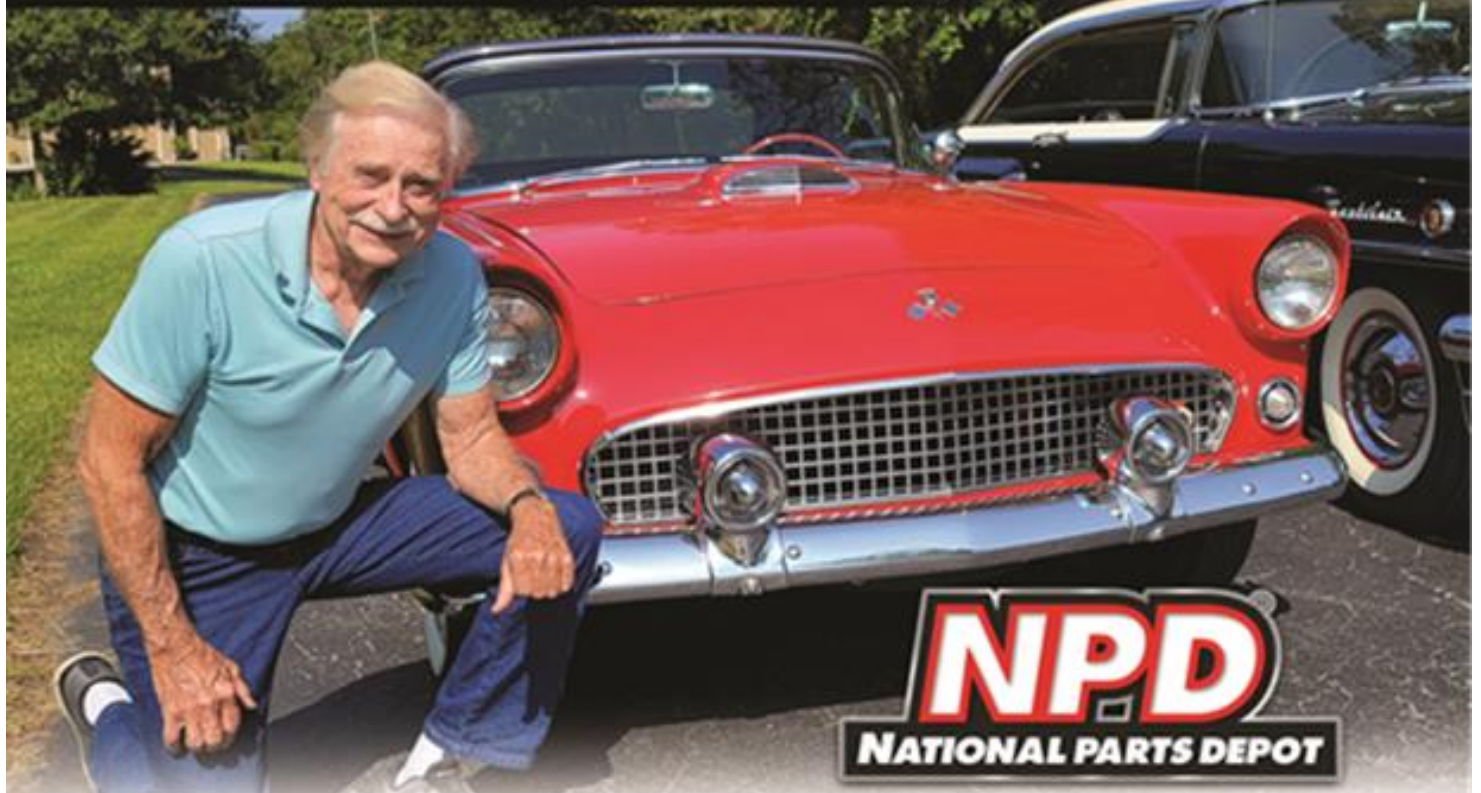


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