Happy 60th Anniversary of the 1956 Thunderbird
“Hello, I just wanted to give praise to your company and the great job you do. In a world that seems to lack in customer service, as well as a complete business plan, your company is head and shoulders above the rest. Being a long time car restorer, tech advisor and a shop supervisor, it is a pleasure to deal with a company of your quality. Through the years I have tried other companies but your company is the best... Once again thanks for providing a great service to the car hobby.”

Brent B. – Iowa

Make your dream happen.

- 3 LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE
- HUGE IN-STOCK INVENTORIES
- 24/7 PHONE SUPPORT
- LOW SHIPPING RATES

FREE Parts Catalogs Call 24/7 800-874-7595

Follow Us On

National Parts Depot

Restoration/Performance Parts & Accessories

VISIT US AT WWW.NATIONALPARTSDEPOT.COM

3 LOCATIONS
WALK IN HOURS
Mon.-Fri. 8am-7pm
Sat.-Sun. 9am-5pm

FLORIDA DEPOT
800-874-7595
900 SW 38th Ave
Ocala, FL 34474

MICHIGAN DEPOT
800-521-6104
2435 S Haggerty Rd
Canton, MI 48188

N CAROLINA DEPOT
800-368-6451
7000 MacFarlane Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28262

Copyright © 2016 by National Parts Depot, All Rights Reserved
Hello Club Members,

The April issue will feature coverage of the Annual Boca Raton Concours d’Elegance. Arlene and I offered both our ’55Thunderbird and ’59 Edsel this year for the judges’ consideration.

There is, as well, a story from Frank Jones and Bridget Hagood recounting their adventures at the Concours with their award winning ’66 Dodge Charger!

Pictures are also available for viewing on our Club Facebook Page www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida

and our club Website www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com

I surely appreciate the articles that are being contributed to our Thunderbird News by our members. Please keep them coming! Top priority will go to articles about a Classic Thunderbird of South Florida Events and we welcome any story about a Classic Car Event where Thunderbirds appear. Technical articles are much appreciated, as some of us do get our fingernails dirty and our knuckles bloodied!

This year I look forward to a short story from EVERY CLUB MEMBER who owns a 1956 T-Bird for the 2016 Thunderbird News

Tell us how you found it and why you bought it.

Where and from whom you bought it. i.e. (a nice couple living in Indianapolis who had owned it for 20 years)

If it has “history” or “celebrity”

What condition was it in when you bought it?. What you have had done to it since you became the owner of it.

What your plans are for the car in the future

Believe me, we want to hear about YOUR car!

You don’t need to be a ‘literary genius’ to write a few lines. I can fix up if you like. Please use Microsoft Word or the Apple Pages.

If you have favorite pictures of your “baby” please send those also, 1mb or smaller. Deadline is the 3rd Thursday of the month right after or month club meeting.

Thanks to you all for contributing to this month’s edition,

Ed Raabe
INTERNET PAGE

Have you seen our internet page? We have changed our address www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com and we have a Facebook page too! Search Classic Thunderbird Club South Florida or www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdClubSouthFlorida

We encourage participation on our Facebook page. Send Posts about everything Thunderbird related and we will enjoy other “car stuff too.

Like Museum Visits, Car shows and Cruise Ins you attend. And other stuff you think we T-Bird lovers would like. Just keep it as clean as your T-Bird on “Detail Day”!

NUMBERS TO KEEP

The following are contact numbers and e-mail address you need to have on file:

AACA Ft Lauderdale Region. President Bob Dunn 954-563-7696 www.ftlauderdaleaaca.com

AACA South Florida Region. President, Ron Mitro 305-467-8196 www.aaca.org/southflorida


Benefit Car Shows: Oscar Castro 305-467-8196 www.benefitcarshows.com oscar@benefitcarshows.com

Gerry Car Show: Gerry Perez 786 344-4228 email gerrycarshow@bellsouth.com

Magic Mustangs: Frank Alonso 305 551-6077 Fadatec@aol.com

Muscle Stangs of Miami: Ayanidys Martinez 305 321-0437

Jumpin’ Jack Productions: Jack Corssino 305-214-2277 www.jumpinjackproductions.com

DB Entertainment Inc.: Dick Barten 954-563-4000 Bandsouth@bellsouth.net

Cruisin South Florida: Scott the MusicMan scott@cuisinsouthflorida.com

Ft Lauderdale Mustang Club: Mark Patterson www.filmustangclub.com

Cobra Joe Productions: Joe Bevelacqua jbevsr@msn.com

VMCCA Sun Coast Chapter. President David Bobbitt 305 661-1340 bobbitt@comcast.net

Russ G Events: Russ Gagliano III russ@russevents.com

CTCI NEWS

DUES ARE DUE in NOVEMBER each year
$35.00 MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE By DEC. 1st,
To become a member or renew your membership
Please go online to
www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com
Checks may be sent to:
THE CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB of
SOUTH FLORIDA
Attention: Peter Klein, Treasurer
4133 Park Ave. Miami FL 33133

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN

APRIL 2016

Robin Gabe 4/18
Felix Hernandez 4/29
John Lucey 4/04

My apologies,
If I have missed your birthday it
is because I do
not have your
information.
Please contact me
to update your
records.
ABOVE THE TOP AND AWESOME is the only way to describe the response we’ve had to our request for help during the upcoming RM auction, a major source of financing for our club. We asked for your help participation and we could not be more pleased with the response we received! Peter, Mike, and Leo are doing a tremendous job of coordinating all the participants for this event and it is not an easy task. There are many different activities going on at all times and they have to make sure that we have enough people on hand and at the right place to cover all of them. Thank You to all that volunteered and THANK YOU to Athos, Porthos and Aramis for coordinating it all!

I believe that it is important for us to invest our time to help the club prosper and to participate in our fund raising efforts, and I also believe that it is equally as important for the club to “invest” in our members by providing a Club where they can feel good, enjoy a pleasant atmosphere, and where there are plenty of activities for them to participate. This year the second of such activities, will be the LUAU in the summer, the first will be the annual Sunday Brunch!

Daisy will soon, if she has not already started, be working on the Annual Sunday Brunch, this year, we will have to find another location because the Hillcrest was sold to developers and it will not be available to us.

The Luau (which will be our “summer picnic”) will be on a Saturday evening so that we can escape the summer heat. The troupe of Polynesian dancers and the exciting fire-knife warrior are confirmed and so is the food caterer, we just need to set the date and find a location, but we are working on it. Marcia and I already pulled out our festive Island wear and we are ready to (try to) learn the Hula, so start looking for that special shirt or skirt or nice flower for the hair and come ready to sway to the sounds of the islands!

We will always have the details on all of our activities, posted on our website www.thunderbirdclubsouthflorida.com!

Thank you all for being members of the best Classic Thunderbird Club in South Florida!

Happy Birding!

Oscar Castro
President - 2016

Classic Thunderbird Club of South Florida
President Oscar Castro called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Poppy Madden, our Secretary was not present. Ed Raabe recorded the Meeting Minutes.

Oscar began by reviewing the January Club Show held at Tropical Park.

Our net profit was reported as $1,294.

We were lucky to get 147 cars to attend despite the low early registrations and picking the wrong day.

Next year we will reserve the Sunday before Super Bowl.

Oscar asked if anyone had information about another Venue to consider.

Ed Raabe mentioned the town of Miami Lakes, explaining there would be good exposure, room for 200+ cars with plenty of shade trees and a the overhead would be reduced by eliminated the Park Fee.

There would be no need to have a food vendor. The restaurants would love the business. We would need to pull permits and have security and that would be it. Oscar said the food vendor was a source of $500.00 income for us and we would most likely lose that because the town would probably not approve that.

Georgina Dominguez was recognized and stated that when she worked the table at the last show, many participants said they thought the show would be on the following weekend and they plan for that each year. She stated we should stay with tradition and keep it at the park.

Peter Klein was recognized and said our greatest variable, the weather, is beyond our control and would be the only reason why we might have a loss. Norm Gabe told the story about the Show he attended at Tradewinds park where the weather was terrible, but because the Grand Prize was $1000.00 there were 600 cars in attendance! Ed Raabe suggested we could offer a 40” Big Screen TV as a prize for just around $200.00 cost as a “hook”, which Jumpin Jack has been very successful with. Oscar said we could include a ticket for the BTV raffle with early registration. As discussion followed speaking of the advantages of the location that draws a few thousand spectators as well as last minute participants each year.

Oscar called for a “Straw vote” for keeping it at Tropical park. The vote was unanimous to keep it at Tropical Park!

Peter Klein was recognized to discuss the RM auction participation. “We good news and bad news”. “The good news we have drivers; the bad news we have too many drivers!” He said we have great Thunderbird club participation, so much so, that we may have not needed to invite some of the other clubs we did. Peter acknowledged the great job Mike and the Mercury Club has done and that they are invaluable, as well the job that Mike and Leo do on behalf of our Club to organize the event. He told us all participants will be issued a rules sheet when they sign in and that signing in and out is most important for us to properly invoice RM for our time. Mike clarified the difference between the Cruisers Club and the Marauders Club.

Oscar opened a discussion about the Luau event planned for our Summer Cookout. A Venue has not been found and he said if you find a place it can’t be public and there needs to be a place for the dancers to change wardrobe. “Be sure you tell them there will be Fire Dancers, there can be no surprises” He said Ed Raabe’s Development would not approve any outdoor activities at the Club house there and indoor Fire dancing was out of the question!

Stuart Corenblum was recognized and said he and Gail had a great time at the Boca Raton Concours d Elegance with Ed and Arlene Raabe. He told everyone about how Ed and Arlene’s thunderbird, up against a field of beautiful Corvettes, won best of class, American Sports cars 1946-60! Even Jay Leno said as their car dove past him, “Hey look at THAT Baby Bird!” Ed told everyone there will be coverage of the event in the next issue of Thunderbird News.

Oscar said everyone about the Show April 17th on Virginia Key to Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. There will be a class just for Thunderbirds and asked for club members to participate. The show will be from 8am to 12 noon and if you want to go to arrive by 7am. He will be there at 5:30!

Oscar asked for new business and with none adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm for dinner.
It has been said that you don’t always get “for what you ask”, but will receive that which you need. I know this, but at times I challenge the stars to send my first wish as I did when Bridget and I applied for the Boca Raton Concours d’ Elegance. We submitted three cars and hoped that our 1957 Thunderbird, “Thor” would be the one that they selected. Now don’t get me wrong, like the Oscars, it is honor enough to be nominated so when we received word that the committee selected our 1966 Dodge Charger “ Earl “ we were thrilled. The car would have to be readied after our 100 mile jaunt the weekend before to Lake Mary for the show “Cars for the Cure”, a benefit function for lung cancer.

We had to spiff up the grill (it is love bug season in Florida), detail and paint the hood latch and safety catch (something we noticed during the last show), but that and routine maintenance with a thorough cleaning when we arrive in Boca would do the trick.

We had recently replaced the gas tank, fuel lines, sending unit, and filler hoses so of course the gas gauge felt neglected and decided to challenge our math skills at miles driven verses tank capacity refined by gallons added. Prior to departure, we had located three non-ethanol stations between Cocoa and Boca Raton, so with plenty of refuel options the lack of a functioning gage was no problem.

The drive down was splendid with no problems at all. We secured covered protected parking at the beautiful Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Boca where the Concours is held and we’re ready to thoroughly enjoy this prestigious event. Sunday dawned bright, clear, and beautiful, a perfect day! We had put our car on the field the day before to help free up parking in the garage for classic beauties such as this year’s featured marquee, the Packard, as well as a few Auburn Boattail Speedsters. Settled as we were on the Concours, we watched the vehicles arrive, then it happened, a 1967 Dodge Charger pulled in right beside us. Oh well, the owner was a great guy, Dave, who graciously showed Bridget and me the subtle differences between the 1966 and 1967 year models; to any but the most scrutinizing they appear the same. Dave also carried a battery jump box in his trunk and told me he never leaves home without making sure it is there and fully charged.

What a great surprise when Ed and Arlene Raabe drove onto the show field. Arlene was behind the wheel of her 1955 Thunderbird (Bo’s Bird, after her nickname) and Ed was proudly piloting his 1959 Edsel Ranger (Nicky after his daughter who pushed him to the winning bid). The day just got better, a great show and now great friends with which to share all the joy.

Remember fate? Well she just had shown on us as Bridget and I would not want to compete with the Raabe’s Baby Bird as it is immaculate! Thank goodness the committee selected the Charger.

The Judges showed up and did a fine job and as always I tried to bribe them, but they would not accept my American Express. But to Bridget’s and my great astonishment during the show this gentleman with an entourage came over to check out our faithful MOPAR. We were completely flattered that Jay Leno not only liked “Earl” but was very interested in the story of how Bridget found the car and how we rebuilt it.

We were relieved to be in a category not competing against our friends and their fine machines. As the loud speakers were all a blare with class winners, etc., we hear it, Ed and Arlene Raabe, 1955 Thunderbird, best in class, wow, congratulations! The Boca Raton Concours is being equated to Pebble Beach and a member of our Thunderbird Club is in the winner’s circle! Not bad for a small car club in south Florida.

As we watched the procession of beautiful machines parade by, an official walked up to Earl, our 1966 Charger, with a ribbon and told us that Jay Leno said “get that car up to the award’s circle.” To say we were flabbergasted is an understatement, you know that cartoon character, whose jaw unhinges and drops to the floor; that was Bridget and me! Yes, we were as giddy
The time came for our return trip to the paddock. The “Gods” frowned upon us, returning us to earth and a gearhead’s worst nightmare; the engine wouldn’t turn over. Jay threatened to take the award back, but a jump box was quickly secured (remember Dave’s admonition?) and we were on our way with the award secured in our clutches. The ammeter was not moving left or right of center as we returned the Charger to its assigned spot, a possible charging problem. Bridget told me that she saw the ground cable move when we jump started the engine. Of course that was too easy and I was checking everything else. When I got around to the battery, sure enough the cable was loose. The terminal on the body ground wire had deformed and prevented the main cable from tightening securely. A little hacksaw surgery on the main clamp and a lock washer provided by Ed and Arlene, secured the battery cable. Once again a jump box was required to fire the engine. As the engine roared to life, the electrical system as witnessed by the ammeter showed that the battery was charging. Celebratory hoots and hollers were followed by peace in our realm over the easy fix.

As we left the show many well-wishers wanted to know the story so we shared the field repair that got us on our way. Once northbound on 95, we encountered a huge wreck that caused us to creep along for about 30 minutes. Past the accident, as we got to speed, we heard a loud thump, shortly after Bridget said “do you feel the car floating?” A Nano second later the left rear went to tire heaven with an explosive bang. Bridget wrestled the 2-ton monster to the shoulder in a manner that would have impressed Richard Petty. We installed the 10-year-old plus spare, that we had never used, and were able to make it home. We realized that the loud noise we heard which precipitated the blowout was Bridget running over debris left in the road by the tow truck. Now, for an explanation as to the Kismet at play. At a small gathering Jay Leno was sharing stories about the lack of knowledge people have about their vehicles. To illustrate he told a story about helping a young man with a flat. This man was on the ground under his car looking for the lug nuts on the back of the wheel. Jay took off his jacket and changed the tire for this clueless individual, teaching him along the way. He queried the audience asking the last time someone had a flat, not a hand was raised. Again insights into our future!

As we started to the winner’s circle and Bridget fired Earl’s Big Block to life I noticed something amiss; therefore, we kept the engine running in the queue at the expense of a little heat build-up en route to our award. We cruised to the Award’s Stage in great shape and quieted Earl’s “glass-packs”. Jay was very complimentary and as we basked in the glow of the moment all was right in the world. With award in hand, flattering rhetoric complete, and our heads in the sky, as five year olds on Christmas morning. Jay selected us for the Big Dog Garage award not only for the quality of the machine but also for the fact that we did the rebuild; as Jay would say, “a Mom and Pop restoration with busted knuckles and spray paint, not merely check writers.” We were stunned and very proud to have our efforts recognized. Now if we would have brought the Thunderbird, this award would not have applied. You see, we bought our baby bird at auction 90% complete. Again Lady Luck was with us! Bridget often says, “I would much rather be lucky than good, as you can’t buy Luck! “

To sum up it was an outstanding experience and everyone in attendance agreed that the 10th annual Boca Raton Concurs de Elegance was the best to date. I need to learn that fate has everything planned and to leave well enough alone and not to tempt providence. This adventure surely demonstrated the wisdom of the universe. Who are we to doubt?
The 10th Annual Boca Raton Concours d’ Elegance was held on February 21st. This year’s Hollywood Celebrity in attendance was Jay Leno!

Wayne Carini of “Chasing Classic Cars” fame was this year’s Grand Marshal joined by Chief Honorary Judge, Jay Quail, and Chief Judge Dr Paul Sable. Among the 40 Show Car judging staff were our own Thunderbird Club Members, Mike McNeal and John Layzell as well as many friends and members of the AACA South Florida Region including Cindy Endres, Manny and Millie Garcia, Phillip Williams, Ron Mitro, Bob Mayer, Bob Squire, President of the AACA Ft Lauderdale Region, Jim Wright and Gregg Kersul. Among the 30 Distinguished Judges were former Chief Judge Ira Shapiro and Mel Mann.

Hagerty Insurance was in attendance with the popular Youth Judging program, Operation Ignite. 30 kids were selected from the Broward Boys and Girls Clubs to participate in judging the Show Field and Hagerty Awards are presented for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best of Show choices. Operation Ignite was created to introduce the Classic Car Hobby to the next generation, in the effort to keep it growing, thriving and evolving.

There were 12 Motorcycle and 21 Judged Classes of Automobiles, from Brass Era and Vintage through 1924, American Classic 1925-1948, American Production- Pre and Post war, American Sports and Muscle cars.

Foreign classes include Touring Cars to 1942, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Sports and Estate cars. Unique and Limited production cars including American “Hot Rods” and Concept cars as well as Preservation Class Cars were to be seen with over 150 Automobiles participating.

There is the Jay Leno “Big Dog” Award for his choice of Car and Motorcycle.

The Event, in its 10 year, was founded by Rick and Rita Case and is presented by Auto Nation and Mercedes Benz. The Case’s received a Lifetime Achievement Award for their contribution and success in the retail Automobile Industry as well as their Philanthropy, having raised over 50 million dollars for the boys and Girls Clubs of Broward county.

Incidentally, all funds generated by this event go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County FL.

The Boca Raton Concours d’ Elegance has the distinction of raising the most money ever raised for a charity at an annual Concours event anywhere in the world! This is the 50th Anniversary of the Broward County Boys and Girls Club.

This year’s Marque of the Year was the Packard Motor Car.
Among the Pre Concours Events there are a DuPont registry Hanger Party, Dinner Gala, Packard Museum tour and Automotive Seminars covering Insurance, valuation and an introduction to the Classic Car Club of America by Jay Quail.

I attended the Seminar headed by Wayne Carini covering the iconic American Hot Rod and Custom Cars. I joined Bridget and Frank Jones right up front so we wouldn’t miss a thing!

Wayne along with the owners and or builders of several significant Custom and Hot Rod cars attending the Concours spoke about the history of their cars and why they were special. Don Norton’s “Goldenbird” would be of special interest to us Thunderbird owners.

It was a Custom Concept typical of the mid to late 1950’s Built in Detroit by Ron Clark & Bob Kaiser from 1955-56 it was “smoothed”, “lowered” and “stretched” then sprayed with a pearlescent white paint, making it the first car east of California with that kind of finish. The pearlescence came from mixing fish gills into the paint and the color would change from gray to White to Pearl depending on the lighting!

We were joined by Stuart and Gail Corenblum owners of a ’57 Thunderbird for over 45 years and a 1948 Packard “Resto-Mod” They were especially thrilled to see all the Packards on display and were getting some great ideas for their car.

We arrived around 8:30am to the show field and got escorted to our 2 spots, Arlene and the T-Bird to American Sports Cars 1946-1960 and me in the Edsel to American Production 1946-1959

Frank already had their 1966 Dodge Charger, “The Earl” set up and ready to go by the time we arrived.

Here Frank is giving Jay Leno a MOPAR lesson!

Bridget can’t believe what she is seeing!

The over 50 Judges descended on the Field with visits from the Judges assigned to our Class we are happy to answer their questions and tell a little story about our cars.

The ‘Goldenbird’ features a pearlescent paint the changes color from gray to white to gold pearl with the available lighting.

Frank already had their 1966 Dodge Charger, “The Earl” set up and ready to go by the time we arrived.

Here Frank is giving Jay Leno a MOPAR lesson!

Bridget can’t believe what she is seeing!

With our cars judged, we were able to join Stuart and Gail to look at all the fabulous Classic Automobiles on Display! You can join too! Below is John and Celia’s 1937 Alvis Vanden Plas Speed 25
We were thrilled to win “Best in Class” American Sports 1946-1960

Bridget and Frank Accept the Jay Leno “Big Dog” Award for their 1966 Dodge Charger that Frank and Bridget restored themselves. The Big Dog Award is Jay’s way to recognize those who do it themselves and, as he said, “don’t just write out a check!”

John and Celia win the Foreign Pre-War Touring Best in Class Award for their all original, not restored 1937 Alvis Vanden Plas Speed 25

Some of the Classics I liked, the Judges agreed!
The CTCI Board of Directors has voted to approve the sanctioning of the 2016 International Convention in San Diego, California. It will be co-hosted by the Earlybirds of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego, to be held September 13-18, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 Phone 1-800-2- Crowne. The room rate is $124 per night, promo code ‘2016 Thunderbird Convention’. The Hotel will start taking reservations in October 2015. Registration forms will be in the January-February 2016 Early Bird.

Plans for the event include a Polynesian style welcome pool party, a tour of the USS Midway, including a luncheon at the Bow area, the Corvette Challenge at the Corvette Diner, a Scenic coastal drive to the San Diego Botanical Garden, an Outing to the Viejas Casino and Outlet Center, finishing off with the Concours d’ Elegance and Awards Banquet.

For further information look for updates at www.CTCI.org

Or contact Martha Lazdins 949-6611426 hmlazdins@att.net or Alan Custinger, 760-745-9345 1940mv8@cox.net

---

**ANNUAL RATES for advertising in the newsletter**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Format</th>
<th>Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FULL PAGE</td>
<td>$675.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2 PAGE</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/4 PAGE</td>
<td>$250.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Card Size</th>
<th>Rate</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CARD SIZE</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CARD SIZE (Mem)</td>
<td>$95.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---
CAR SHOWS
APRIL 3RD
Hollywood Blvd. Hollywood, Fl
www.cobrajoeproductions.com

APRIL 10TH
CARS FOR A CURE, Miami Lakes, FL

APRIL 3RD
Festival Flea Market
Sample Road, Pompano Bch, FL

APRIL 7TH-10TH
Miami -Naples-Ft Myers-Miami
www.floridacarmarathon.net

CAR SHOWS
APRIL 3RD
Festival Flea Market
Sample Road, Pompano Bch, FL

APRIL 10TH
TAVOLINO DELLA NOTE,
Coral Springs, FL

APRIL 10TH
2nd Annual Miami Lakes CARS FOR A CURE

APRIL 7TH-10TH
Miami -Naples-Ft Myers-Miami
www.floridacarmarathon.net

CLASSIC CAR EVENTS
EARLY SUNDAY - MORNING
APRIL 17
INCLUDES BREAKFAST & LUNCH
FOR EVERYONE IN THE CAR!
4020 Virginia Bch Dr. Virginia
Key Bch Miami FL 8am-12 Noon

FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW
SATURDAY MAY 28, 2016
UPCOMING CLASSIC CAR EVENTS

CRUISE-INS

CARS & COFFEE
Palm Beach Outlets
2350 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Monthly Gathering of South Florida’s Finest Auto Enthusiasts

www.carsandcoffeepb.com

CAR CRUISING
Food, Drinks & Hot Cars
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH FROM 6-10
2610 N. Westover Rd., Weston, FL 33331

Wheels ’n Rides Cruise-In at PDQ
Cruise-in at PDQ
CRUISE-IN AT PDQ

Join us for a night of
CARS • FRIENDS
FOOD • FAMILY FUN

Last Saturday of Every Month
6:00pm - 10:00pm
ALL CARS • ALL YEARS
ALL CLUBS ARE WELCOME

PDQ MIAMI
10121 W. Flagler St. • 305.257.3032
eatPDQ.com

Timeless Wheels Cruise-In
Palmetto Bay Village Center
First Friday Every Month
5:30 - 10:00 pm
18001 Old Cutler Road

The Big Apple Shopping Bazaar Car Show
Every 2nd Saturday
12:00-5:00

CARS & COFFEE MIAMI
SECOND SATURDAY
8-11 AM
8202 Mills Drive
Miami, FL 33183
To all members

Remember that this newsletter goes to press the 15th of each month. Please remember the date!

If you want your article to appear, I need it by the 15th!

We welcome any contributions that members can make to our newsletter!

This year We want to feature stories about YOUR 1955 Thunderbird

Do you have any interesting photos of your car? Send it to me!

Do you have any interesting story about your car? Send them to me!
**Your Classic Thunderbird Parts Leader!**

**EXHAUST MANIFOLD**
New reproductions with original engineering numbers in the castings!
- LH manifold is for Thunderbirds with 272, 292, & 312 Y-Block Engines.
- RH manifold can be used on all 272, 292, & 312 Y-Block Engines with dual exhaust.

**COWL MOUNT ANTENNA**
We have a high quality reproduction antenna for your 1955-1957 T-Bird!
- FM/CW cowl mount antenna has the “ring”, As Original.
- Our kit includes antenna with plastic base & rubber pad.

**TOP WEATHERSTRIP KITS**
We have been told that all of our hardtop & soft top weatherstrips are “The Best Available.”
We carry both types of hardtop weatherstrips.

**HARDTOP KITS**

**SOFT TOP KIT**
- 55/56: 10 Pcs. Kit: $39.95

**UPHOLSTERY KIT**
Upholstery kit includes:
- Seat Covers, Backrests, Front, Door Panels, Quarter Panel Carbins, Windshield, Cowl Rail Covers, Arm Rest Covers, Wall Cords, Beading, Vinyl Floor Cover, Dash Cover, Deep Ceiling & Carpet. Call for Pricing!

**UPPER & LOWER BALL JOINT KIT**
Upper & lower ball joint original style washers & seals.
- 55/56: New: 144.95

**REAR SPRING MAJOR OVERHAUL KIT**
- Kit Includes:
  1. Rear shock absorber
  2. Front bushing bolt & nut
  3. Front bushing
  4. Spring seat
  5. Spring seat retainer
  6. Spring seat retainer
  7. Center bolt & nut

**RADIATORS**
- We have 3 & 4 row core radiators available for your Thunderbird!
- Hayward: 5 row, 3 row, 2 row, 1 row, 1/2" tubes on 3/4" centers
- New: 5 row, 4 row, 2 row, 1 row, 1/2" tubes on 3/4" centers
- Design: 4 row, Maximum efficiency core, 1/2" tubes on 5/8" centers

**FRONT & REAR BRAKE DRUMS**
- 55/56: New: 129.95
- 55/56: Rear: 129.95

**SERVICING ALL YOUR PARTS NEEDS FOR:**
- 1955-1957 Thunderbird
- 1948-1972 Ford Truck
- 1953-1966 Thunderbird
- 1960-1972 Galaxie
- 1949-1959 ‘Big Ford’ Car
- 1962-1972 Fairlane
- 1949-1956 Mercury Car
- 1968-1971 Torino

**AIR CONDITIONING KIT**
This kit includes all necessary parts to install Air Conditioning on 55/57 Thunderbirds with 12 volt electrical systems.
- Our kit uses the rotary type compressor to eliminate vibration!
- Guaranteed to keep you COOL!

**FRONT DISC BRAKE KIT**
Give your T-Bird the stopping power it deserves! Everything you see is included in the kit, from rotors & calipers to bearings & seals, it’s all there. With easy to follow instructions, you’ll be back on the road with a superior braking system in no time.
- 55/56: 55/56: 1078.00

**CALL FOR YOUR FREE CATALOG!**
(300) 722-0009

Order Online at www.concoursparts.com

**Concours Parts & Accessories**
3655 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89706

---

**Thunderbird News**