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The Central Florida Thunderbird Club Newsletter

Hello,

On **Sat, Sept 16th** there were eleven classic Thunderbirds on **Spanish Springs Square**. As usual it rained on our parade, but only briefly. There were lots of towels, squeegees, and whatever else was at hand to dry the cars off. Only one Bird was caught with it's top down!





On **Sunday, Sept 17**, 26 members and some guests had lunch at **Sakura Restaurant**. It's always fun at this Japanese hibachi restaurant. Everyone cleaned their plates and had lots of fun while dodging the flames in front of them! Joel and Sandy McShane were special guests. They restore Tbirds, They've restored and are now painting Marty and Sue Phelps '57 Dusk Rose and getting it ready for the Convention.





On **Saturday, Sept 23**, Craig Cook attended the monthly cruise-in at Markets of Marion. Worth a visit to see some nice old cars and trucks.



The regular **last-Monday-of-the-month meeting was on Monday, Sept.26**, at the Wildwood Community Center. It was well attended since this was our last meeting before the Convention. Food was provided by Publix and was delicious. We all went downstairs so everyone could see the physical layout of the Center so we know what to expect when the Convention is going on. Individual groups (registration, setup etc) will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize everything.

Convention Registration Table Needs Volunteers!!

The following dates/times are needed:

- Tuesday, October 24: 9am – noon
- Wednesday, October 25: 9am-noon; noon-3pm; 3-5pm
- Thursday, October 26: 9am-noon; 3-5pm; 3-5pm
- Friday, October 27: 9am-noon; noon-3pm

Please contact Sharon Whittle (jshwhittle@comcast.net) .

Tech Tip.... #0006 A few miscellaneous thoughts....

First item is to relay a very good recent experience working with Lake Sumter Transmissions in Leesburg. They rebuilt both the trans. and torque converter in my '57 car with very good results. A good outfit to work with!

When traveling with our cars it might help to have a few important items in the trunk for emergencies:

1. A small, lightweight trolley jack. The original factory jack is perfectly fine to display, except it's simply unsafe as it only raises car at the bumper. (also just an expensive item you want to keep in pristine condition with the car).
2. A pair of gloves, simply a good idea for many reasons.
3. Some rags and roll of paper towels
4. A great item to carry is a "multi-tool" wrench for pliers, knife, etc.
5. A couple of screwdrivers, flat and Philips
6. Always have a flashlight with good batteries
7. Duct tape, bungies and tie wraps can save the day for those emergency repairs
8. A great aid can be one of those \$3.00 stick-on lights from the dollar store mounted under the trunk lid

Just a few other items for thought.....

- The factory glass bowl fuel filter can quickly indicate whether or not fuel is getting to carb. If factory bowl missing, install one of the inline aftermarket filters
- Place a strong magnet on oil pan of plug to capture small metal filings, easy item to protect engine, often done on diesel trucks
- Use Rain-X on windshield and WD-40 on wiper blades

As always, a reminder to just drive the cars, even if only a few times a month. But be sure to drive long enough to heat up exhaust system good and hot as that dries up the moisture that causes rust.

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A busy month and a busier one coming up. See YOU at the Convention!