

THUNDER ROAD, VOL 33

The Central Florida Thunderbird Club

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On Aug 17th, 9 Club members took a trip to Tavares for a cruise on the Dora Queen. It was a perfect day to spend with friends while cruising on Lake Dora. After the cruise seven of us were able to go to O'Keefe's Restaurant. Unfortunately, the restaurant was quite dark (some used phone flashlights to read the menu) so no pictures from there.



Craig Cook
Justine

Don Ferguson
Carole

Doug Terry

Don LaPierre
Vicky

Steve Nelson
Marlena



**There is little that is better than a relaxing cruise with friends.
(and a spicy Bloody Mary)**



These cruisers look pretty relaxed!



And, from Ralph Simonson, who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday:

August 15, 1933/2025.

This is what 92 looks like, with the loves of my life, except for daughter Julia (taking the picture).

No pain, no problems.
Fit as a Fiddle.
My wish is that all my friends are this lucky.

Fondly, Ralph



NEW MEMBERS

New members bring excitement, knowledge and fame to Central Fl. Classic T - Bird Club and they join CTCI.

New club members, Captain Randy Banger, Jerry Cumbers and Bob Marsh, take our club to a new level of excitement. Captain Randy was the Captain for John Travolta's yacht. He is a master mechanic and only works on classic cars. Along with John Travolta's right hand man, Jerry Cumbers, they maintain Travolta's three classic T- Birds: a 55 T- Bird blue, a 56 Fiesta Red and a rare yellow 57. Through their relationship with John Travolta, our club is privileged to be able to show his three Birds at our cruise-in events.

And, Bob Marsh's Black 55 has Sinatra history as the car was owned by a record company in Miami and Frank had access to use the Bird. Rat Pack is on the plate.

These famous Thunderbirds draw a lot of attention and interest for the fabulous Thunderbirds of all years that are on display. This is one way to increase club membership! We recommend that all new club members join CTCI for additional information & events. All new members are given a back issue of the Early Bird and are told the magazine alone is worth the price of admission to CTCI!



Randy and Jerry working on putting a new engine in Larry Dambrose's '57 TBird

Remember our First-Monday-of-the-Month on Oct 6th at Gio's Deli.

RSVP MUST be made for this.

UP-COMING EVENTS

*****Here is the listing of the Club Events through the end of the year.** Be sure to set these dates aside as most are very popular and sometimes are limited in attendance.

September 16th Tuesday Yalaha German Bakery & Deli. Some inside seating- picnic tables outside- Parking on grassy area past black top area outside – great food. Details regarding this were sent out re: time, place to meet, etc.

October 6th – First Monday-of-the-month meeting at Gio's. This is our final meeting of the year. **MUST RSVP Ralph** if you are going.
(rotaryralph@hotmail.com)

October 17th Friday, 1pm Our #1 repeat event Warren Wubker's Street of Dreams @ 6300 Dora Drive 32757 on Lake Beauclair 1 407-808 2410 Parking @ the entrance on the left.

November 15th Saturday First Club Awards banquet & pot luck desert bar @ Randy & Kelly's Hippie Hideaway Rt 102 Oxford. There will also be an auction of the collectibles and car parts of Jeff Burgy's. Jeff recently passed away and his collections have been given to the Club.

December 11th Thursday Mt Dora Sunset cruise & Christmas lights-dinner on your own

December Saturday 13th Christmas party and gift exchange at Carole & Don Ferguson's. This is a potluck affair. Further details TBA.

We hope to see you at many, if not all, of these fun gatherings!