

# Thunder Bolts



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- This is where you can send questions regarding the stories and their characters’
- Send in comments on what you liked or didn’t like
- Share ideas for future stories – etc.

## Answers to some questions so far:

- **NEW - Q** – Tom Thunder is not married, but in the photo with the convertible Thunderbird he is wearing a wedding ring. Is he in disguise or are you making us question everything?  
**A – Congratulations on your superior observation work.** It is true that Thunder has not revealed his status. Perhaps there is more to the relationship between he and his ‘Gal Pal’ Birdie, than he has let on. Obviously this would be for safety and security reasons. **Or**, this is just another ruse or hidden clue for you to track down. There are many hidden clues with inside information in every story and this could be one of those. You are encouraged to continue your search for these hidden clues which will lead you to more information. **STAY TUNED !!**

**Q** – Just what is a 390 Boys style hat?

**A** – The official look for a 390 Boys style hat is a **'MADE IN AMERICA'** – Stetson. It is a fedora style with a 1 ¾ inch brim, with a center dent. Black is the color and can be worn with the brim turned up or down as preferred. During the summer months, a straw Panama hat in the same shape can be substituted. Thunder Bolts are encouraged to don their 390 Boys style hats when attending Thunder Bolt activities.



- **Q** – Are the places mentioned in episodes 4 and 5 in the “Keys To Success” real? Is there really a Coral Castle?

**A** - Yes. There is really a place called the Coral Castle and it is in the city of Homestead just outside of Miami. Click on the web link to find out more about it. It is an Amazing place. [www.coralcastle.com](http://www.coralcastle.com) - Prepare To Be Amazed.

Little Havana is also a real location and the directions are accurate. Raul’s cigar shop is not a real store, and neither is Raul. But, there are many cigar shops that hand roll cigars in Little Havana. Raul was fashioned from a statue in one of the Cigar shops on SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street. There are big chickens and Domino Square.

The BALL & CHAIN is real and a great place to have a drink, dine and listen to some old-school jazz. It has much history going back to 1937.

- **Q** - What happened to the Esteemed Dr. Hardino, PHD, ADD (Code name Thunder Bolt Woody) from the ‘Case of the Secret Society’ – he was my favorite. Do you foresee expanding his role? Perhaps another series of stories – his sidekick should be a mysterious Caliente Latina, along the lines of Selma Hayak.

**A** Thunder has many Thunder Bolts- each with their own unique talents that can be used to fight evil doers. There will be times when Thunder will require the special talents of Thunder Bolt Woody. What Woody does together with his mysterious Latina sidekick is his business.

**P.S.** – I think The Esteemed Dr. Hardino PHD, ADD is still in protective custody with the Feds.

- **Q** – Is the real ‘Lightning’ as bold and heroic as the dog in the stories?
  - A** – The real Lightning is as fictitious as the rest of the Thunder characters. But, there are similarities. He is very smart, easy going, and very cool, just like his owner (LOL). All in all, he is a great family dog.
  
- **Q** – What is the relationship between Birdy and Thunder? What does Gal Pal mean? Is there a romantic aspect between the two?
  - A** – That was a three in one question – but here goes.
  - **Their Relationship** - It is somewhat complicated in the sense that during business hours it is all business between the two. But, after hours it is open to your imagination.
  - **Gal Pal** – It is a loose ended term that is used as a generalization of the friendship between a man and woman, who are not married, but care for each other and not necessarily in a romantic capacity. Basically, they are friends with mutual respect for one another. It also lends itself to a little flirtation from time to time.
  - **Romantic Aspect** – Maybe yes – maybe no. Stay tuned!
  
- **Q** – In the story ‘The Secret Society’ at the end Thunder received a package with a fishing lure in it. It had a barcode with the numbers 33040 – what did that mean?
  - A** – That was the clue to the next location – it is the zip code of where he will be going for the next adventure. You can now crack the code!
  
- **Q** – How do you crack the secret messages? Can you give us a hint.
  - A** – You need a hint – Okay. Think in reverse (rednuht =thunder)
  
- **Q** – Is there a membership card for the Fan Club?
  - A** – That’s a good idea. But, not at this time as this is still growing. But, I can see that happening. There is a membership certificate available.
  
- **Q** – How do you become an “OFFICIAL MEMBER” of the fan club? Is there a certificate?
  - A** – Yes there is an official membership certificate (no cost involved) – to obtain one simply send in your request and include what you would like your personal “Thunder Bolt” CODE name to be.  
Send it to: [thunderboltfanclub@gmail.com](mailto:thunderboltfanclub@gmail.com)

- Q** – Is there or was there a ‘Keyhole Gang’ like the one in the 390 Boy’s story.

**A** – Yes. The Keyhole Gang was based on a small group of kids who grew up together and spent much of their youth living the American Dream on a street that was a Cul-De-Sac. They were nothing like the gangs of today – just good kids having fun.
- Q** – The cover picture shows Thunder and Lightning sitting in the car. Are there any other photos?

**A** – Yes. Check out the full photo shoot at the end of the story “Tom Thunder & The 390 Boy’s”. Here you can put a face to the names of the 390 Boy’s.
- Q** – Are there hidden inside jokes or messages in some of your references or drawings? If so can you point them out?

**A** – Clever of you to see that. So, yes there is. But, a gentleman never tells. You will have to figure them out and solve the clues yourself.
- Q** - Who does the illustrations in the stories?

**A** – All the illustrations are done by the in-house art department artist, using the creative talents of Pop Thomas.
- Q** - What kind of dog is Lightning?

**A** – Lightning is an Australian Shepard. He is 4 1/2 years old. He is oversized for his breed standard and as a puppy everybody thought he was a St. Bernard.
- Q** – How long did it take to learn all of those Karate moves?

**A** – It took over 20 years of training to master one martial art – if one ever truly masters a martial art.
- Q** – Are any of these characters’ real people?

**A** – No. Although some traits may be a computation of several real individuals and there may be similarities, **all storyline characters are fictitious**. However, in the story of “Tom Thunder and the 390 Boy’s” these are real individuals, but their names have been changed to protect the innocent or the guilty depending on how you look at it. Thunder and the 390 Boys grew up on the same block and it is a closed set.
- Q** – How old is Thunder?

**A** – As old as you want him to be.

- **Q**- How do you become a Thunder Bolt?  
**A** – Send in your request using the fan club email or the secret code text line with the secret hand sign (the thumbs up) with your contact info. Then continue to stay tuned for further instruction.
- **Q** - Is Lightning a real dog?  
**A** – Yes and No. Name has been changed and yes he already has a manager and an agent.