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Deadline for submitting
Newsletter photos, articles,
etc., is the 20th of each
month.

MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- January 3, 1999: Retro Thunderbird concept introduced at North American International Auto Show (Detroit).
- January 8, 2001: Order bank opens for 2002 Thunderbird.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Third Thursday Thunderbird Breakfast **Thursday-January 16, 2024 @ 9:30 am******

Bob Evans: 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, @ MD Rt 24, Bel Air, MD 21014

Note: This is a new venue that seems to be working out OK.

Please let Cathy know if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can be prepared.

2024 Kick-Off Meeting and \$2 Pot-Luck Social **Sunday, February 2 @ 1:00 PM**

Bel Air United Methodist Church, Room 202

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

(at the intersection of Rt. 924 & Linwood Ave)

Inclement Weather Date: Feb 16th

This is a General membership meeting to review club events for 2025 and report on the MATC Officer's Planning meeting. We request a \$2 contribution to help offset meeting expenses. If rescheduling is required due to inclement weather or COVID issues, see the MATC Website, Facebook page, or call a club officer. Please note that the meeting will be in Room 202 in the education building. Elevator service to the second floor is available. Once the upper parking lot entrance is entered, drive past the church and social hall. Entrance to the building requires going down a flight of stairs or adjacent ramp. Please bring a mask for possible use.

Please bring a Pot-Luck Dish in the category designated by the first letter of your last name:

"H to P" Salad "Q-Z" Main "A to G" Dessert

Please RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, cathykelley49@gmail.com by January 29th.



President's Message January 2025

Happy New Year!

First and foremost we want to thank **Ron Hill for stepping up to be our new treasurer**. We thank Frank Long for taking over after the death of Harry Skruch and doing a great job for couple years. Also, **Barb Panowitz is now our new Sunshine Lady**, so be sure to let her know of any sickness, death or good news so she can get a card out to you. Thanks to Peg Long for handling those duties in the past.



MATC's annual **Christmas Dinner at the Dobbin House Sunday Dec 8** was a great day with lots of folks attending, although we missed our LVTC friends due to a scheduling conflict. We recapped all the events for the past year and recognized award winners, veterans and first responders. Frank Toth brought a framed photo of a rare PA stamp that he presented to the manager at the restaurant since it is in line with their décor and ambiance.

Due to several members' generosity and lots of you buying raffle tickets to the quilt this summer, we raised \$500 for Save the Hobby's Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation to help in training young people how to work on the classics.

Our annual **Members General Meeting** will be Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 1pm at the Bel Air United Methodist Church. Skip has more info on the front page with the food assignment. We'd like to see lots of you attend to socialize and plan the year's activities. We value your input. Snow date will be 2/16.

By the way, our attendance at the Third Thursday MATC Breakfast has dwindled drastically. Here is a picture of the latest group. Would you folks rather meet for lunch somewhere instead? Give us your thoughts as we'd like to see you and chat more often, and you need a reason to take those Birds out.

Please keep Zoanne and Dan Denham in your prayers, as well as Lynn and John Horn.

Cathy & Steve



EVENTS CALENDAR

*Official MATC/ITC activities are marked with *** and printed in bold. Our Thunderbird Club events are open to all years of Thunderbirds. Other events such as "AACA" events adhere to the 25-year rule or other designation. Applicable restrictions will be noted with each event.*

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location	Additional Information
Third Thursday 9:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	***MATC	Bob Evans 14 Bel Air So Pkwy Bel Air, MD 21014	@ intersection of MD Rt 24 and Bel Air South Parkway
May thru October	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
2025				
February 2	MATC Kick-Off Meeting	***MATC	Bel Air UMC	Inclement Weather Date February 16th
TBD	Harford Co 911 Ctr Tour	***MATC	Hickory, MD	More Details Soon
April 12	Romancing The Chrome	Various	Jarrettsville, MD	See flyer in newsletter. Rain date April 19 th .
May 18	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	TBD	TBD
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	See hotel reservation and event registration info below.
July 11	National Collector Car Appreciation Day	—	TBD	TBD
Sept 9-13	VTCI/CTCI Convention	VTCI	Grapevine Texas	Details To Follow
Dec 14	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Friendly Farm	Additional Details Forthcoming

There are many car shows and cruise nights in our service area on a weekly basis. Some of the more popular events are listed above. Please also check out the complete list of events on the Car Show & Cruise Guide website @ www.cruiseguide.com. If you know of a "local" show that you think will be of interest to our membership, please provide the information to Skip.



Save the hobby.org

This is our new charitable partner beginning in 2024.

Registry of Retro Thunderbirds By Color:

MATC is developing a register of 2002-05 Retro Thunderbirds owned by our members by year, color, and specialty model as applicable (Niemann Marcus, 007, Pacific Coast Roadster, Cashmere). If your retro Thunderbird year and color are not indicated on the previously distributed roster of members, please notify Skip @ skip.panowitz@yahoo.com with the information so that the register is as accurate as possible.



The officers and members of MATC wish the following member(s) a very happy birthday:

January Birthdays:

+Cathy Kelley +Peg Long +Dan Luber

If your birthday was overlooked, please let the editor know ASAP.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip

- John Horn continues to recuperate at the Care Center at Oakcrest recovering from a fall and other medical issues.
- Dan Denham is currently in hospice care at home. He can have visitors but Zoeanne requests to coordinate visits with her first.
- Congratulations to MATC Board of Directors member and prior president Tom Young. His 1975 Dodge Coronet is the recipient of the AACA National Award for Eastern Division Race Cars for 2024. This is a very significant recognition and honor as it means his car is the best of the best to be featured in AACA competition in 2024. Tom's 1960 won the AACA National Thunderbird award in 2012.
- MATC now has two new officers/board members:
 - Thanks to Ron Hill for agreeing to step up to the plate and assume the treasurer's responsibility for Frank Long. Ron will complete the remainder of Frank's term and hopefully will consider running in the next election to continue in this important position.
 - Barbara Panowitz has assumed the responsibility of Sunshine Lady from Peg Long. MATC members are encouraged to provide Barb with any important information regarding health, special occasions, awards, etc., for appropriate recognition.

Please keep our convalescing members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with their medical issues.

Please submit your news, special occasions, etc., to the editor for publication in the Newsletter to keep the membership up to date on member happenings, health, and well-being. Remember, inquiring minds want to know!

When Thunderbirds Ruled Nascar!!



Fuse box location and diagrams **Ford Thunderbird (2002-2005)**



Fuse-Box.info

MATC Christmas Luncheon - Dobbin House - Gettysburg, PA
December 8, 2024



Long time MATC member Frank Toth presented a framed lithograph photo of civil war soldiers (North and South) commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg (1863) to the Dobbin House assistant manager. Along with the lithograph was a mint mounted 3 cent US postage stamp issued in 1963. The Asst Manager was to present it to the Dobbin House General Manager.



Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2025

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 6-8, 2025

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2025 Carlisle Ford Nationals. We have again secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, 2025. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc. We have a block of 25 rooms guaranteed which can be increased as deemed necessary. The rate is \$185 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate, plus taxes. Room reservations can be cancelled up until 6 PM the night of the reservation. So there is no reason not to make reservations even if you are not sure you can make it. The rate includes breakfast and other amenities. We will also have the use of a meeting room as a hospitality room. There is plenty of free parking. The "host" hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81
1501 Commerce Ave
Carlisle, PA
717-241-0052

The hotel is an easy drive from the Carlisle Fairgrounds right off of I-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before June 6th it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, **like right now**, even if you are not certain you can be there. The sooner reservations are made, the better the chance of increasing the number of rooms in the block if needed. It is fortunate that we were able to reserve a block of rooms and at a favorable rate. The online reservation link is below:

[Thunderbird Friends Reunion](#)

If the link does not work, call the hotel direct at the above number. We will provide more details as they become available. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, like this year, and Friday night too. We hope to have a larger tent this year as multiple clubs are expected to be included. **Please get your reservations taken care of early.**

Restaurant reservations have already been secured for Saturday night at the popular Rustic Tavern. It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a dedicated menu, with advance selection required, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

We look forward to even more Fun, Fun, Fun in 2025.



Join fellow VTCI members at the **Carlisle All-Ford Nationals, June 6-8, 2025**, for the **VTCI's Thunderbird Family Reunion**, hosted by the VTCI's local chapter, the **Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club (LVTC)** as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the T-Bird.



Register your T-Bird under the **Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club** and join us at our tent for some "Bird Banter." Carlisle Events has some special activities to recognize this milestone. Register at www.carlisleevents.com.



MATC is now officially a part of Ford Performance-Club Connect. This is another opportunity for Thunderbird owners to learn about our club and top promote events. Check it out at:

www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com



2025 VTCI/CTCI JOINT THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION

September 9-13, 2025
Grapevine, Texas

Inaugural, Joint International Thunderbird Club Event: Where Thunderbird enthusiasts from around the world are invited to this first-ever joint Thunderbird Club event hosted by VTCI and CTCI to promote camaraderie, share experiences, renew old and make new friendships and most importantly just to have some FUN! Trailer or drive your Thunderbird to participate in Concours. Or, drive your Thunderbird and take part in two driving tours of North Texas.

Central Location – Grapevine, Texas

The premier visitor destination in North Texas. The city welcomes 12 million visitors annually and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North Texas. Stroll the award-winning Urban Wine Trail, the Historic Main Street District, the Grapevine Mills Shopping Mall, and a host of other attractions and restaurants that are all accessible on the Free Grapevine Visitors Shuttle.

Concours d'Elegance: It's a Joint Thunderbird Event to mix, meet other Thunderbird owners and just have fun. But, VTCI and CTCI Concours judging activities will be conducted separately per each organization's time-honored standards.

Event Hotel: The Embassy Suites, North Grapevine provides guests with a two-room suite, fitness facility, pool, complimentary made-to-order breakfast, and drinks/snacks at night; room rate is \$159.00/night. The hotel offers Suite accommodations, is pet friendly, with plenty of FREE car parking, FREE, ample trailer and tow vehicle parking for those bringing their car in a trailer, FREE shuttle to the Historic Grapevine shopping/entertainment district; FREE shuttle to/from the DFW airport for those flying in, and adjacent to Bass Pro Shop for all your sporting needs shopping/browsing.

Embassy Suites, North Grapevine, Texas

2401 Bass Pro Drive

Grapevine, Texas 76051

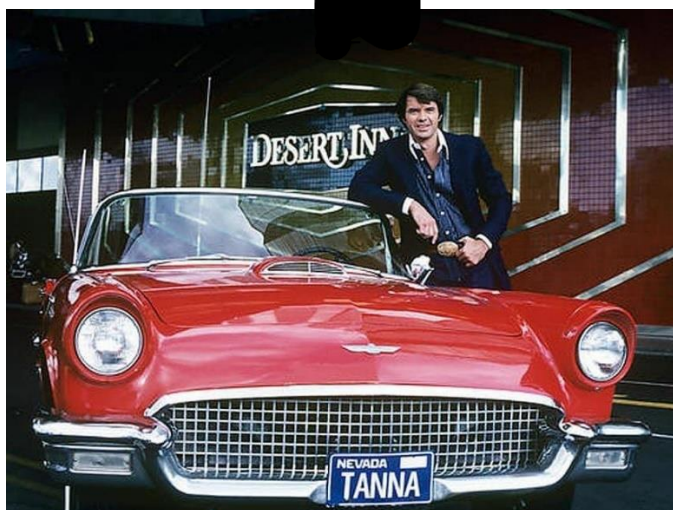
Group Rate: **\$159** per night.

(972) 724-2600, Option 1 Group Code: C 90E

Weblink: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/all-thunderbird-club-2025/>

Cutoff Date: August 12, 2025

January
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity with The TBird?

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What is the name of the TV show that featured the actor and the TBird?:

*Respond to Skip with your guesses...er
answers.*

It is never too late to submit your answer.

December
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Celebrity behind the wheel of the TBird?: **Nicolas Cage**

What year is the TBird?: **1965**

Bonus: Who is the female actor standing by the TBird: **Laura Dern**

Extra Bonus: What movie is the screen shot from?: **Wild At Heart**

Congrats to Cathy Kelley for the correct response.

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Previous Winners:

2023

May: Judy Dickinson & Steve Kelley
June: Tom Young
July: Mike Melnyk
August: Al Herman
September: Bob Bossoli
October: Phyllis Cherry
November: Dwight Dixon

2024

February: Judy Dickinson
March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert
April: Marsha Dixon
May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert
June: Dave Thomas
July: Cathy Kelly
August: Phyllis Cherry
September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli
October: Dave Thomas
November: Barb Melnyk
December: Cathy Kelley







CLASSIFIEDS

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club 50th Anniversary Shirts

Here you see a picture of the latest MATC 50th anniversary polo shirts that we have ordered Listed are your options. They are of nice quality. Another order is in progress. At least six items are required to place an order.

<p>Men's Polo XS –XL \$22 2x \$24, 3X \$27, 5X \$32</p> <p>Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest green Red</p> <p>Ladies Polo XS – XL \$22 2X \$24, 3X \$27</p> <p>Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest Green Red</p>		<p>Ladies Scoop Tee XS – XL \$17</p> <p>Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest Green Red Azelea Pink</p> <p>Sweatshirt Unisex S-XL \$28 , 2X \$33, 3X \$35</p> <p>Black Navy Charcoal Gray Forest green</p>
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Collector's Corner:

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <p>1974</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <p>1976</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">These are 1:64 scale produced by Greenlight. Price will be about \$7.00 each. <u>The 1974 is now available.</u></p>	<p>These are by Goldvarg. They are superb quality and are very well detailed. And they are pricey, about \$80 each to MATC members, retail is \$100+.The model year is 1976. <u>Now expected to be available in early 2005.</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
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Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

"A Club for Enthusiasts of the Ford Thunderbird of all years"

Application for Membership

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth month: _____

Spouses Name: _____ Birth month: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home _____ - _____ - _____ Work _____ - _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____ - _____

Email : _____

Your occupation _____ Spouse occupation _____

I was referred by: _____

List your Thunderbirds:

Car	Year	Style (HT, Conv, Landau, color)	Use (show, pleasure, restoring)	VIN
1				
2				
3				
4				

Annual Dues: \$25 due each January. MATC newsletter is only delivered electronically.

\$15 if joining after June 1st of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1st, (*INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR (3 months free)*)

Name Tags \$10 each: _____

Please PRINT names for tags above. Separate by comma if more than one.

Send To: Please Mail Application with your check payable to **MATC** to:

Ron Hill, Treasurer; 1905 Cypress Drive, Bel Air, 21015; 410-569-0106

Visit us at www.midatlantictbirdclub.org Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club is a tax-exempt Association under IRC 501 (c) (7).

(Revised January 2025)

Vintage Thunderbird Club International



VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable & mail to:
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.



MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

& Facebook Too

Serving 1955-2005 Ford Thunderbird Owners and

Enthusiasts in The Mid-Atlantic Area:

MD, VA, DE, WV, So.PA

Affiliated With:



VTCI



ITC

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Tech support for all generations of Thunderbirds
- Social Gatherings
- Monthly Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

