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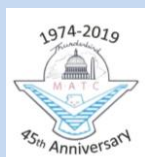
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Newsletter photos, articles,
etc., is the 20th of each
month.**

MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
Charter Member, International Thunderbird Club



**MATC THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**

46TH ANNIVERSARY

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org/>

<http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/>



Thunderbird Bird Breakfast in Bel Air,

Mar 17, 9:30 AM, Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21214

America on Wheels

5 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA

For hours see the website www.americaonwheels.org

Green Turtle Fundraiser

Thursday March 19

696 Bel Air Rd., Bel Air, MD

[Check you email from Cathy Kelley](#)

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 17, 11:00 AM

Brunch @ John Wright Restaurant, Wrightsville PA.

RSVP to Lynn Horn by May 10, lynnhorn704@gmail.com 410-818-6113

MATC is supporting the promotional day at the John Wright Restaurant.

Romancing the Chrome

Saturday, April 25, Rain Date May 2

Jarrett's Field – 3791 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Car Registration only Gate 8:00-10:00AM day of show, \$20. Spectators are FREE.

Romancing the Chrome is a Classic Car Show and Flea Market event. The show benefits the Jarrettsville Lions Club and Bel Air Corvette Club. If you plan to attend, please notify Dan Denham, garagex4@yahoo.com or call 410-592-2030. MATC attendees will meet at the 7-11 parking lot at Rts 165 & 23 at 9:00 AM, caravan to the show field and park our TBirds as a group.

2020 Officer Election Results

President: Steve and Cathy Kelley

Secretary: Lynn Horn

Board of Directors: Phyllis Cherry

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Earl Zastrow

2020 TENTATIVE 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	Details
Feb 29	America on Wheels		5 N. Front Street Allentown, PA 18102-5303	www.americaonwheels.org
Saturday March 14	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Ct. Fairgrounds Rte 144, West Friendship	http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2015fleamarket.pdf
Tues March 17	T Bird Breakfast		Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071
Thurs March 19	T Bird Fundraiser		Green Turtle Restaurant 696 BelAir Rd, BelAir, MD	http://thegreenturtle.com
Saturday April 25, Rain D. May 2	Romancing the Chrome		Jarrett's Field 3719 Norrisville Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084	10AM – 4 PM www.facebook.com/romancingthechrome.com
Thu to Sun May 14 - 17	30 th Cruisin O.C. (Rods, Customs, Classics 1976 -older)		Ocean City Md	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
Sunday May 17	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	ITC	John Wright House Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
Fri to Sun Jun 5 - 7	All Ford Nationals With 65th Thunderbird Celebration	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx
Sat June 13 9 AM – 2:30 PM	Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show		21 Linwood Avenue Bel Air, MD 21014	www.belairumc.org
July 5 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	garagex4@yahoo.com
Jul 31 - Aug 2 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie Memorial Park Macungie, PA	See website for registration. http://awkscht.com/
Jul 31 - Aug 2 Fri to Sun	International Thunderbird Convention	ITC	Double Tree Hotel Detroit, Michigan	Sponsor: Water Wonderland TBird Club http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/
Sunday Sept	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	MATC	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Sep 17 – 20	International Thunderbird Convention	ITC	Double Tree Hotel Detroit, Michigan	Sponsor: Water Wonderland TBird Club http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/
Oct 7 - 11	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Oct 8 – 11 Thu to Sun	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	https://ococean.com/events/endless-summer-cruisin2020
Oct 17 Sat	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show
Nov – Jan 1st Fri, Sat, Sun	Koziars Christmas Village	MATC	782 Christmas Village Rd. Bernville, PA 19506	https://www.koziarschristmasvillage.com/home/
Dec 5	Weekend in Gettysburg	MATC		Steve is checking motels and activities in Gettysburg
Sunday December 6 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter
Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071

Suggestions: Car Museum St. Michaels <https://www.classicmotormuseum.org/visit>

Other Events: Car Cruise and Show Guide: <http://carmacruise.com/>

Hunt Valley Horsepowering: Every Saturday 8:00AM to 10:00AM, Location: Hunt Valley Town Center parking lot between the Iron Rooster and Marshals / Pier One. <http://horsepowering.com/every-saturday-morning>

THUNDERBIRD FEBRUARY DATES IN THUNDERBIRD HISTORY

- February 12, 1958: Squarebird introduced – first 4 seat TBird
- February 19, 1954: TBird prototype completed
- February 20, 1954: TBird debuts @ Detroit Auto Show

FOR SALE:

1964 Thunderbird: Older restoration and still shows and runs well. Wimbledon White with a black landau roof and black interior. Has power windows and power driver seat. Recliner passenger seat with head rest. Owned by same family since 1965. Have documented history from restoration in 1998 to present. Call Earl or Judy Dickinson @ 717 767 2973. (9/19)



2003 Thunderbird: Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net (1/18) See attached flyer.



2002 Thunderbird: Asking 13,500, 34,600 miles, excellent condition, with boot and storage rack. Dave LeKites, rundpl@gmail.com (7/19)



1966 Thunderbird Convertible: Red with Red Interior and White Top. 390 CID Engine, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Electric Windows. Lots of New Parts. 80,000 Miles, \$28,000. Richard Trimble, Hampstead, Telephone: 410 – 374 – 6037



New Charity Interest: Miracle League of Harford County The Miracle League of Harford County is working to raise \$800,000 to build a custom-designed baseball field for players with special needs at the county's Schucks Regional Park near Harford Community College.

FORD DROPS 2-SEAT THUNDERBIRD FOR 'SQUARE BIRD',

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FORD MOTOR CO

The last of Ford Motor Co.'s two-seat Thunderbirds is built Dec. 13, 1957, as production shifts to the larger, second-generation, four-seat "Square Bird."

While there are [various tales](#) about the [Thunderbird's origins](#), it was largely created to compete with Chevrolet's Corvette. Ford designers began sketching the car in the fall of 1952. That was more than a year after consulting designer George Walker and Henry Ford II strolled through the 1951 Paris auto show and decided that Ford should imitate the snazzy European roadsters on display.

The first Thunderbird prototype was completed Feb. 19, 1954, and it was introduced the next day at the Detroit auto show. Ford began building the Thunderbird the following fall, and it officially went on sale as a 1955 model on Oct. 22, 1954.

For the 1956 model year, the car received a 12-volt electrical system, the famous porthole hardtop and a "continental kit" — a covered spare tire perched on the rear bumper. Larger but graceful tail fins arrived for 1957. The 1957 Thunderbird was the last two-seater Ford sold until the 1982 Ford EXP sport compact car.

4-seat success

The second-generation four-seat Thunderbird was produced for the 1958 to 1960 model years as a successor to the popular 1955-57 two-seater. Responding to company surveys, Ford made two major changes to the Thunderbird to attract more buyers: two rear seats were added, and the amount of luxury and features of a full-size car were incorporated into a midsize platform. Because it weighed more than a big Ford sedan, it also lost some of its sports car zeal.

But sales soared, and the new model dramatically expanded the personal luxury car market. Over 200,000 Thunderbirds were produced during the three-year model run, quadruple that of the two-seater over a three-year span.

Along with the 1958 Lincolns, the ['58 Thunderbird](#) was the first Ford Motor vehicle designed with unibody construction.

Over time, Ford designed and engineered 11 generations of the Thunderbird. The final Thunderbird, produced from 2001 to 2005, paid homage to the original cars of the mid-1950s.



President's Message

Steve & Cathy Kelley

Hello MATC! We started the year with a great board meeting where we discussed many ideas for T-bird trips this year. Sunday we had our first members' meeting. We were glad to see so many members turn out. We were glad to welcome Calvin and Pat Hansford at the meeting and our very new member, Ernie Papadopoulos was there also. It turned out that the weather was great, and the food was wonderful!!

We announced two appointment changes to our staff also. Peg Long has stepped up to be our new 'Sunshine Lady' to replace Cathy. Please contact Peg if you have any news of sickness or death. And Zoanne Denham has agreed to work as our advertising coordinator.

There was a lot to talk about. We had a special guest speaker, Katie Walls, who is the General Manager at Plaza Ford in Bel Air. She was there to tell us about the "The Miracle League" of Harford County. They are an organization that provides opportunities for children with disabilities to play Miracle League Baseball, regardless of their abilities. She has spearheaded the building of a very special \$800,000 ball field that will open this May in Harford Co. Although they have raised most of the initial money, it will take about \$25,000 each year to maintain the program. The members at the meeting felt it would be a great fundraiser for MATC to support. Coupons were passed out for a **fundraiser** to be held at The **Greene Turtle in Bel Air on March 19** where 20% of profits will go to The Miracle League. That happens to be our Third Thursday T-bird Breakfast day in Bel Air and we figured we should meet for lunch at the Greene Turtle instead. If you would like to join us, please let Cathy know on cathykelley49@gmail.com. There is a coupon later in the newsletter that you need to print and bring with you. Our breakfast will be Tuesday, March 17.

We set up a visit to **America on Wheels Museum** in Allentown, PA on **Feb. 29, 2020**. Two of our members, John and Tom Young have Thunderbirds on loan to the museum. Watch for an email for more details and a map. We will be stopping at the Starlight Dinner on the way home. We'd like a head count for this event too, so please RSVP to Tom Young at tbirdtoms60@verizon.net.

Also this year on **Thunderbird Appreciation Day, May 17th**, we will be going to **Wright's Restaurant in Wrightsville PA** again for their outstanding Breakfast Buffet. We'll reserve tables overlooking the Susquehanna River. Be sure and check out the latest calendar in this newsletter for other upcoming events.

At the meeting, Phyllis Cherry won the \$45 50/50 pot and made the first donation to the "The Miracle League"!! Thank you Phyllis!!

As always, please continue to visit, use and contribute to the MATC website and Facebook pages.

Steve & Cathy



FUNDS for FRIENDS

Come out for food, fun and fundraising!
Present this flyer on the date below and
The Greene Turtle will donate 20% of the sale.

Miracle League of Harford County

ORGANIZATION

Thursday, March 19th

DATE OF EVENT

**696 Bel Air Road | Bel Air, MD 21014
410-638-0300 | thegreeneturtle.com**



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 _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Month _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home: ____ - ____ - _____ Work: ____ - ____ - _____ Cell: ____ - ____ - _____

Email: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

I was referred by: _____

List Your Thunderbirds:

Car	Year	Style (HT, Conv, Landau, etc.)	Comment (Show, Pleasure, Under Restoration, etc.)
1			
2			
3			
4			
Attach additional sheet if necessary.			

Annual Dues: \$25.00 due each January, newsletter delivered electronically, or
\$40.00 due each January, newsletter delivered by US Postal Service

New Members Partial Year Dues:

\$15.00 if joining after June 1st of the year

Full dues if joining after October 1st of the year, BUT

IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR DUES (3 months Free)

Name Tags \$10.00 each: _____

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

Send to: Make your check payable to **MATC.**

Please Mail Application with your check to:

Harry Skruch, Treasurer

4804 Torpoint Road

Nottingham, MD 21236

410-256-2740

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

2003 Ford Thunderbird

Maryland State Inspected and Ready to Roll



Asking Price:

\$12,300.00

Contact:

Steve Kelley

410-812-5596

443-371-3030

VIN: 1FAHP60A23Y100879

Mileage: 82000

Warranty: Does NOT have an existing warranty

Vehicle Title: Maryland—Clear

Engine: 3.9L V8 Gasoline 282 H.P.

Transmission: Automatic with Manual Shift Option

Interior Color: Black w/Red Inserts/Trim

Exterior Color: Torch Red

Body Type: Power Convertible w/ OPT. Red Hardtop

Sub Model: Two Door - Premium

For Sale by: Owner

Present Location: Bel Air, MD—Delivery available

OPTIONS: 17" 7 Spoke Chrome Wheels— Anti-Spin Brakes— AM/FM Stereo w/6-CD Changer— Audio-phile 9 Speaker Sound System— Heated Seats— Engine Oil Cooler—Thunderbird Branded Floor Mats— Perimeter Anti-Theft—Supplemental Fog Lights—Daytime Running Lights - About 8000 miles on tires.

I'm the second owner and I have always kept it in the garage. It has seen no snow and very little rain. It is clean inside and out.

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5626 Williams Road
Hydes, MD 21082-9533

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