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47th ANNIVERSARY

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This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

-March 14, 2001: First day of production - 2002 retro Thunderbird

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

March 18: MATC Monthly ZOOM Meeting

Zoom Video calls are in lieu of our monthly breakfast meeting. Calls will be on the third Thursday at 9:30am. You will be sent a Zoom link a few days before. The next Zoom Meeting is March 18, 2021. Hope you can join us!!

Annual Dues Reminder:

Because of the reduced activities in 2020 the MATC Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to **waive membership dues for 2021**. Please **do not** send your dues to Treasurer Harry Skruch. If you have already sent your dues, he will shred your check or return it to you if you prefer. Harry is still accepting checks for Miracle League of Harford County donations and for name tags.

2021 MATC Kick-OFF Meeting

Thanks to all who participated the Zoom Kick-Off Meeting on February 20th. The COVID 19 Pandemic has resulted in many changes to how MATC does business like most other organizations. We had 22 members participate. As typical, the status of the club was reviewed with presentations by various officers and members with official responsibilities. Also as typical the activity plans for the year were reviewed. These are somewhat in limbo because of COVID restrictions. Minutes of the meeting are included with this newsletter along with a screenshot photo.

Due to the Corona Virus, the events listed below may be cancelled. Look for Schedule updates

2021 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
April TBD	Romancing The Chrome		Jarrett's Field Jarrettsville, MD	
April 21-25	Spring Carlisle Flea Market, Corral & Auction	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	CarlisleEvents.com
May 16	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	TBD	A socially distanced outdoors gathering is being planned
May 20-23	Cruisin OC	Cruisin OC	Ocean City, MD	https://specialeventpro.com/cruising-ocean-city
June 4-6	All Ford Nationals (Register with Lehigh Valley TBird Club as club affiliation)	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	https://carlisleevents.com/events-detail/index?id=ford+nationals
June TBD	CANCELLED Bel Air UMC Car Show	BAUMC	21 Linwood Ave Bel Air, MD 21014	www.belairumc.org
July 9	Collector Car Appreciation Day	SEMA	TBD	
July 18	Potluck Social Hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	***MATC	Hydes, MD	Details will be provided soon.
September TBD	Potluck Social Hosted by Phyllis & John Cherry	***MATC	Cascade, MD	
September 25 (tentative)	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Co Fairgrounds Rt 144, W. Friendship	https://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2021fleamarket.pdf
September 29 – October 3	Fall Carlisle Flea Market, Corral & Auction	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	CarlisleEvents.com
October 6-9	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	AACA	Hershey, PA	AACA.org
October 15-17	Ocean Grove New Jersey Weekend w/ NJTA and LVTC	No Jersey TB Assoc	Ocean Grove, NJ	Details to be provided as finalized
October 16	Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show	***MATC	Rockville Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville, MD 20851	https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show
December 5	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Upperco, MD	Details to follow as finalized
Third Thursday Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering Will Resume after COVID 19 hazard ends	***MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	(https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071)

Note: The calendar includes prospective events based on prior year calendar input and activities. Those that are not certain are listed as dates TBD. The calendar will be revised to add specific details, or the event deleted, as applicable. As always, we welcome information on new events and activities to add to the calendar.



February 2021 "Kick-OFF" Zoom Meeting

March Birthdays



The officers and members of MATC wish the following members a very happy birthday

Alan Herman
Joe Zentgraf
Tom Marcelino
Dan Denham

Barbara Panowitz
Ray Raeke
Joanne Day
Earl Dickinson

Note: If we missed your birthday please advise the editor. We are sorry for the oversight. Thanks!

Welcome Aboard To Our New Members

There were no new members for February. Please remember to carry and use the MATC recruitment business cards and/or a membership application to distribute to perspective members. If you need more of the cards or applications please contact a MATC officer.

Membership Roster

The current MATC roster is included with this newsletter. It is a separate attachment. Please review the information and advise of any needed corrections or revisions in your information. The roster is typically distributed twice per year in the spring and fall.

Member News & Happenings:

MATC treasurer **Harry Skruch** continues to recuperate at home. He is doing well, but is still receiving treatment. He thanks MATC members for their cards, calls and well wishes.

MATC VP **Mike Melnyk** also continues to recuperate from COVID19. Unfortunately, Mike took a spill on the ice in late February resulting in a head injury that was serious enough to require staples to close the wound. He is recovering from both at home and is in good spirits. He thanks MATC members for their cards, calls and well wishes. Mike would appreciate hearing from members.

Anne Collins is recovering from COVID19 at home.

MATC Sunshine Lady **Peg Long** is doing well since recovering from COVID19.

MATC past president and current newsletter editor **Skip Panowitz** underwent carpal tunnel and Cubital tunnel surgery as is recovering well.

Best wishes for a quick and successful recovery for our members.

Congratulations to:

Dan Denham who received the well-deserved MATC Presidents Award for 2020. The award is presented given annually to that member that the president(s) feels has gone above and beyond in his/her service to MATC and the Thunderbird hobby. Dan has been a very active member of the club since joining about 10 years ago. He volunteered to be newsletter editor when that opportunity became available shortly after joining the club. He has always been willing to assist members with issues concerning their cars and even installing hardtop hoists. Dan has been a very valuable member of MATC.



Judy Dickinson, Barb Melnyk, and Ron Davis each of whom correctly identified a Thunderbird historical trivia event that occurred in February. Each received a gift card for providing the correct answer. The historical items appeared in the MATC Newsletter. This only goes to prove how important and beneficial it is to read the newsletter. Stay tuned for future contests.

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!

We Need Your Help

The Board of Directors of MATC needs the assistance of the membership with the following projects:

- 1) **Service & Maintenance Resources**: When members need assistance with service or repairs to their cars it is very beneficial, and comforting, to have a “go to” source recommended by others with similar issues. MATC is compiling a list of locations that members have successfully used to work on their cars. If you have a favorite service shop or maintenance facility please share this information with the rest of the membership. It makes no difference if your car is a 1955 or 2005 or everything in between. Plans are to publish the initial list in the April newsletter.
- 2) **Articles**: We are always looking for articles that might be of interest to other members of the club. Especially topics concerning your car(s). It can be about a service or repair situation or an interesting trip or event that you participated in. Please be sure to include photographs if possible. Members of MATC are always interested in knowing what has worked well for others concerning keeping their cars in good condition as well as interesting adventures they have enjoyed.
- 3) **Biographies**: This is your ***last chance*** to volunteer to provide us with a photograph of your car(s) with a brief history of the car as well as your involvement in the Thunderbird/special interest car hobby. ***If no responses are received by March 15th, the editor is going to start a “volunteer list”.*** This is a great way for members to get to know each other – you may be surprised what you find out about your Thunderbird aficionado peers. The bios will be shared in a future newsletter as well as posted to the MATC website. Please submit your info to the editor, or any MATC officer, ASAP.
- 4) **VIN Numbers**: MATC is developing a list of VIN (Vehicle Identification Numbers) of members cars for current and future reference. Please make certain that we have the correct VIN for your Thunderbird(s), even if they are not roadworthy or are in the process of restoration. Many car clubs compile these lists to help in identifying prior owners of cars, to verify production dates and equipment, to determine production seniority of cars, etc. All information submitted will only be used for MATC purposes.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. Please submit the requested information to MATC newsletter editor Skip Panowitz @skip.panowitz@yahoo.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

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)

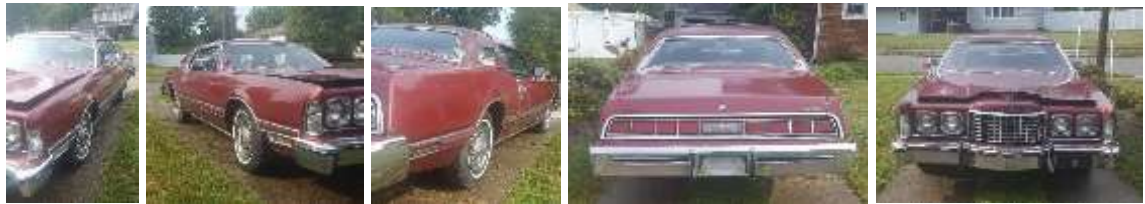


2003 Thunderbird: Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net (1/18) See car here: www.classicautomall.com/vehicles/2003-ford-thunderbird-convertible



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 (3/20)

1976 Thunderbird:




This message was received a few days before newsletter publication:

My name is Judy Wright. I'm Ken Leaman's daughter. Dad is fine. He has Alzheimer's but is doing ok. He has a 76 t-bird in his back garage. I know it runs because we put a new starter in it recently. I think there is even an extra quarter panel in the garage. It's been sitting in the garage so long I know nothing else about it. It looks good. There's only 37,992 miles on it. I was wondering if any of you would know someone who might be interested in it? If you could let me know I would appreciate it. Thank you so much for your help. Asking price is \$7000 but an appraisal has been ordered.

Judy Wright 973-303-5662, email: wrightfamily5@mswn.com

Ken is a longtime member and important part of the TBird hobby. He has been a key member of the North Jersey Thunderbird Association. He was a founding member and the first president of ITC. (2/21)

	<p><u>Rare & Unique Thunderbird Collectibles</u></p> <p>Plush models of the 1955 and 2002 Thunderbirds. Produced as promotional items for and officially licensed by Ford. Each car is about 7 inches long.</p> <p>\$20 each or both for \$35. Plus shipping</p> <p>As usual, many, many other Thunderbird collectibles and memorabilia are available. The list is being updated but will be available soon. Let me know what you are interested in. Skip (skip.panowitz@yahoo.com) (3/21)</p>
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Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold as long as there is enough space. Non-member cost to advertise is \$10 for three months. This policy is subject to change.

MATC General Membership Meeting
10:00 AM Saturday, February 20, 2021

Held over Zoom

Present: Co-Presidents Steve and Cathy Kelley, Skip and Barbara Panowitz, Harry and Celeste Skruch, Mike and Barbara Melnyk, Lynn and John Horn, Tom Young and Linda Rodgers, Ron and Jean Hill, Dan and Zoanne Denham, Earl and Judy Dickinson, David Shelton, Reginald Maulsby, and Ron Davis.

The meeting was opened at 10:15 by Steve Kelley. The board was introduced, and members welcomed. Also noted that Anne Collins is at home recovering from Covid and request made to please let the Chapter know how members are doing.

The first order of business was to recognize Dan Denham for his 10 plus years of service as Newsletter Editor and announce that he is the recipient of the 2020 President's Award. Dan displayed the award during the call.

In lieu of the 50/50 raffle, members were challenged to answer three trivia questions. Answers had previously been published in the newsletter and on face book. The reward being a \$20.00 gift card. Winners were: Judy Dickinson, Ron Davis and Barbara Melnyk. The first two winners donated their money to Barbara Panowitz's Church's Food Drive. MATC has held meetings at this church in previous years.

Membership – It was noted that dues for 2021 were waived due to the lack of activity in 2020. Mike Melnyk had no further comments.

Treasury Status – It was reported that that the club is good financial health. Harry Skruch had no further comments.

Website and Face Book– Steve Kelley requested that people go to website, highlighted section – “Did I ever Tell you”. There are also plans in place to open face book posting to all members.

Newsletter – Skip spoke about the shop list being compiled and where it might be posted. The need to request information for upcoming roster. Possible member profiles each month.

Advertising – Zoanne has been unable to pursue due to Covid. Skip will contact Plaza Ford.

Charity – Miracle League of Harford County. Their mission discussed, MATC donated \$225. Members polled about attending TBird outing there eventually this year.

ITC Update – Brief mention, Discussion only revealed that the situation changes daily. Still need officers.

By Laws – Still need to be organized and revised. Board input requested. Send to Tom, Skip and Phyllis Cherry to meet and begin process

Schedule – Tentatively decided:

Romancing the Chrome Car Show – TBD April

TBird Appreciation Day – Sun, May 16th, Deer Creek Park in Susquehanna State Park. *Picnic pavilion will be reserved, and Chapter will reimburse the cost. Cathy & Harry*

Crusin' OC – May 20-23, Ocean City, MD

All Ford Nationals- June 4-6

Denham's Annual Picnic – July 18th

Cherry's Annual Picnic – TBD September

Christmas Party – December 5th. The pros and cons of going to Friendly Farms was discussed. It was decided to go to there this year. May be in banquet room if enough people participate.

Events being looked into:

- 1) Ron Davis will continue to investigate Old Time World in Upper Marlboro for possible visit.
- 2) Outing to Miracle League field
- 3) Fall Progressive Ride with stops at member's homes. Possibly dessert and massages.
- 4) October at NJ shore trip with NJTC – Members polled with October 15th being best date for our chapter. *Cathy to advise Marsha Dixon*
- 5) Suggestion from Floor, Judy Dickinson – Visit to Classic Auto Mall, with stop at Shady Maple for food – Possibly in August.

Submitted by Lynn Horn, Secretary



President's Message

March 2021

It's March already and this terrible pandemic has been around for a year already. I remember thinking that we would probably change our life for a few months...I never would have thought it would go on this long. We recently heard that another member, Anne Collins, had contracted the virus but luckily she is recovering now and we are thankful for that. We saw the Melnyks on the Zoom call and they are looking fine now. Please stay safe everyone and hopefully the vaccine will work to bring things back to normal soon.

If you missed the Members General Meeting via Zoom on Feb 20 you will find Skip has included the minutes in this newsletter. Please review them and let us know if you have questions or additions. We only had about 12 families join and were hoping for more. If the link we provided didn't work for you or you had issues with using Zoom, please let us know.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation to Dan Denham of the President's Award. Dan spent over 10 years putting out the MATC newsletter, which is no easy job and we thank him for his exemplary performance! You can see a photo of Dan and his award in this newsletter somewhere as well as the screenshot of the whole meeting.

We have a lot of ideas for outings and get-togethers, some of them outdoors as soon as the weather gets nicer. Please try to join us for Thunderbird Appreciation Day in May for a picnic in a great little park. It's where we went last summer and we had a very nice time. We are also planning the Denhams' and the Cherrys' outings in July and September so please put them on your calendars. The NJTC has invited us again to join them for a bed and breakfast weekend at the Jersey Shore Oct 15. We had 8 couples express interest at the meeting, so let us know if you might want to join us. Details coming later.

Check the calendar in this newsletter also. Lots of things coming up soon and many added although some still need details. We'll keep you informed as more planning is done. We can't wait to see you folks in person again! We still hope you members south of Baltimore and north of DC get together for lunch or even informal dinner in the near future like those of us north of Baltimore used to do for breakfast (and plan to restart soon). It's fun to get to know other club members better.

Skip will send out the MATC 2021 Member Directory in a separate mailing soon. Please make sure your information there is accurate. Use the directory to reach out to other members in your area.

One last thing: if you should get an email from any MATC member asking you to send money or gift cards DO NOT REPLY. It's a scam. Most times these scammers get names of the Board and Staff from the internet, so that's why we send the member lists to you in separate email so your information is not out there.

Stay safe and hopefully you'll have the wind in your hair soon,

Steve & Cathy Kelley



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Application for Membership

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, newsletter delivered electronically, or
\$40 due each January, newsletter delivered via US Postal Service

New Members Partial Dues:

\$15 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 each:

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

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