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Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

48TH ANNIVERSARY

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



This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- March 10, 2005: Ford Motor Co announces that production 11th generation “retro” Thunderbird to end July 1, 2005.
- March 14, 2001: First day of manufacturing for pre-production 2002 Thunderbird.

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

Please see calendar of events included with the newsletter.

A Gentle Reminder: **DUES ARE DUE!!!!**

***If You Have Not Paid Your Dues This Is Your Last
Newsletter!***

***Not sure if you have paid?
Contact Harry Skruch @
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MATC Articles of Association

The revised MATC Articles of Association were reviewed and unanimously approved at the February kick-off meeting. This is the document that provides guidance and structure for the operation of our club. It was last revised in 2014. A Policy & Procedures Manual is currently being developed to provide guidance for the day to day needs of the club. Once completed it will be provided to the club membership. A copy of the revised Articles of Association are included with this edition of the MATC Newsletter.



President's Message March 2022

By-Law Changes Approved, Lots of Outings Planned

Thanks to everyone that came out for the Kick-Off Meeting Feb 6. Not a big crowd but a good number attended to vote on the changes to our by-laws. They were approved. We will be working on a Policies and Procedures Manual next, which will have day-to-day operations instructions. We could use help with that if you would like to volunteer.

We are actively working on becoming a member chapter of Vintage Thunderbird Club International. Once a member chapter we will have the advantage of participating with them in rallies and activities bigger than what our club can offer. Many of our MATC members are individual members already. We will keep you posted.

In our email with the minutes from our Kick-Off meeting we mentioned that **Thunderbird Appreciation Day is Sunday, May 22** this year. We found out that the **USAF Thunderbirds will be performing at Dover Air Force Base** that weekend, so are planning a get-away then, to include overnight for those interested. We are working on a t-shirt with both Thunderbird car and plane on it. It will be a classy, collector's item we are sure you will all want...More details as soon as available.

Other things in the works are a day (maybe overnight too) trip to **Hickory Bridge Farm** for a scrumptious lunch. They have a farm museum and a gift shop and there is an outdoor theater nearby (Totem Pole Playhouse). Phyllis Cherry is going to plan something for us there for when the weather warms up. Tom Young is looking into a **trip in the fall to Western Maryland** to include a steam engine train ride while the leaves are beautiful. Look for more on that soon. Lots more things being planned because we want to see you out and about in those T-Birds!

The Board has agreed that since many people prefer Dobbin House for **Christmas dinner** and many prefer Friendly Farms we will alternate places each year. This December we will arrange to have it at Dobbin House.

Please keep Phyllis & John Cherry in your prayers. As of this writing, John is in hospice, pain free but declining. We wish them peace and comfort.

Cathy & Steve

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2022 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
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
April thru October	Weekly Cruise Night		Arctic Circle Drive In Churchville, MD	Wednesday Evenings Weather Permitting
March 12	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Co Fairgrounds Rt 144, W. Friendship	https://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2021fleamarket.pdf
April 23	Romancing The Chrome	Jarrettsville Lions	3719 Norrisville RD Jarrettsville, MD	www.romancingthechrome.org
April 20-24	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle Events	Fairgrounds Carlisle PA	CarlisleEvents.com
May 19-22	Cruisin' OC	Cruisin' OC	Ocean City, MD	infoevent@specialeventpro.com
May 22	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	Dover DE	USAF Museum & Show Weekend Details To Follow Soon
May/June	Driving Tour of Maryland Eastern Shore	***MATC	TBD	TBD
June 3-5	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle Events	Fairgrounds Carlisle PA	CarlisleEvents.com
July TBD	4 th of July Parade		Towson, MD	Participate in Annual Parade
July 17	Potluck Social Hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	***MATC	Hydes, MD	Details Available Soon
August 5-7	Das Awscht Fest		Macugie, PA	dasawkschtfest.com
September TBD	Potluck Social Hosted by Phyllis & John Cherry	***MATC	Cascade, MD	Details Available Soon
Sept/Oct TBD	Driving Tour of Western: Foliage & Train Trip	***MATC	TBD	TBD
Sept 28-Oct 2	Fall Carlisle Flea Market, Corral & Auction	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	CarlisleEvents.com
Oct 4-7	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	AACA	Hershey, PA	AACA.org
October 6-9	Endless Summer Cruisin'	Cruisin' OC	Ocean City, MD	infoevent@specialeventpro.com
October 2022 Date TBD	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
November	Election of Officers	MATC		Consider running for an office
December 4	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	TBD	Details To Be Provided Later
Third Thursday 9:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	***MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071

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.

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MATC Kick-Off Meeting

February 6, 2022





MATC Co-Presidents Cathy & Steve Kelley presented Tom and Katie Walls of Plaza Ford the MATC contributions for 2021.

Birthdays



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

March

Al Herman (3) Barb Panowitz (5) Joe Zentgraf (8) Ray Raeke (14)

Tom Marcelino (16) Joanne Day (14) Dan Denham (20) Earl Dickinson (24)

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

Welcome Aboard to Our New Members:

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 any MATC officer.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- John Cherry is now in hospice care and Phyllis indicates he is comfortable and pain free. He is at home under Phyllis' caring nursing. Please keep John and Phyllis in your thoughts and prayers.
- Several of our members are continuing to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham, Mike Melnyk, Ray Raeke and Harry Skruch. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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!

Who's Who In MATC

Featured Member(s): Cathy & Steve Kelley, MATC Co-Presidents

By Cathy Kelley, MATC Co-President



We are Steve and Cathy Kelley, MATC co-presidents right now. We used to ride motorcycles which required wearing helmets so we never really felt the wind in our hair. Then we got a 2003 Torch Red Thunderbird convertible to experience that feeling while riding on 4 wheels. We fell in love with T-bird life! Since then we sold the '03 and now have a 50th Anniversary Edition '05, still red but with sand interior and sand soft top. We are grandparents 7 times so we will probably never sell this one since the grandkids love it too.

We met on a blind date, August 5, 1966 and after some college decided to get married in 1969. This was while we lived in Charleston WV. We eventually had a couple kids and our careers started to take off, Cathy in IT with the phone company and Steve full time with the National Guard. In 1984, Cathy's job moved us to Maryland and Steve retired from the military in 1988, starting up a computer company. Cathy retired in 2004 and Steve retired from his computer business soon after, but has never really stopped working since he drove a school bus for a while and is now a travel agent. Cathy loves to quilt and read, and Steve loves his ham radio and travelling.

We learned about MATC from Skip Panowitz when a mutual friend invited us to a party (while still riding the motorcycle) with other folks who owned 'interesting' vehicles. We joined in 2012 and soon took on duties like Webmaster, Facebook admin and Sunshine Lady. The folks in MATC are wonderful people from many backgrounds and the personalities and talents make it a fun group to hang out with. Some people like car shows, some like road trips and some just like the social life. We like all that and hope to enjoy the friendships and fun for many more years.

We've made some wonderful friends.

CLASSIFIEDS

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)



A

B

T-Shirts

While They Last!

A = 45th MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$15 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H

B = Retro TBird Logo T-Shirt; XXL only; \$10 each plus S&H

Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models **Coming Early 2022**



UPDATE: Greenlight will be producing several versions of the Thelma & Louise '66 Thunderbird in their Hollywood Cars series. There will be 1:64 and 1:43 versions, top up and top down. There will also be a '64 hardtop in red and '65 convertibles in black and white. I will have some of each when they become available. I am not certain of pricing yet as it will be affected by increasing shipping costs. Figure about \$7-8 for the 1:64 and \$17-18 for the 1:43. Promotional and packaging photos are attached. It is really great that a toy company is tooling up for this vintage TBird for a change rather than a 55-57. Let me know if you think you might be interested. I do not order this stuff in large quantities like before because of the constantly changing (read that as increasing) item and shipping costs. Projected arrival date to me is now April and May forward.

Skip (3/22)

Shop Equipment

MATC Member Ron Davis is assisting a friend in selling some used shop equipment. The items include a blasting cabinet and the paint booth with a separate photo of the ventilator at the top of the paint booth. This is a stand-up booth for painting small parts. The contact person is Karen Holmes who wants to sell the equipment at any reasonable "best offer". Her phone # is (703) 403-2075. She lives in the Burke, Va. area of Fairfax County.



Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold depending on space. Non-member cost to advertise is complimentary for the first month then \$10 for each three months thereafter. This policy is subject to change.



Spread your wings.

There have been many exciting, innovative Thunderbirds over the past 25 years, and those of 1980 are destined for fame all their own. One is the beautiful Silver Anniversary Thunderbird, below, which commemorates the first quarter century of a great Ford Better Idea. All the excitement, prestige and pace-setting ideas that Thunderbird has always represented are here in extra measure for 1980. If this is your year to become a new Thunderbird owner, you have chosen the greatest year yet to "spread your wings."

The Silver Anniversary, unique in its styling, treatment and ornamentation, is equipment is also unique, even among Thunderbirds. One example is the new engineering breakthrough, Automatic Overdrive, teamed with the 5.0 liter (302 CID) V-8. It has remarkable highway gas mileage estimates. Automatic Overdrive is standard on Silver Anniversary and an option on all other Thunderbirds.

Thunderbird Silver Anniversary in Anniversary Silver (Gloss) (MSRP) is also offered only on this model, with matching vinyl roof, unique wrapover roof molding and "Twinhead" taillight. For Silver Anniversary interior features, see pages 4 & 5.

Available standard features appear on page 13. Measurements on page 53. Options list appears on pages 16-19.

See your dealer for actual samples of colors and trims coded by letter in the text.

19% Gas Mileage Estimates listed on back cover.

1980 FORD THUNDERBIRD 25TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EDITION

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AND THIS IS THE MODEL FROM THIS GENERATION TO OWN (ED. OPINION!)



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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, 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**

Please Mail Application with your check to:

Harry Skruch, Treasurer; 4804 Torpoint Rd.; Nottingham, MD 21236; 410-256-2740

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