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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 45TH ANNIVERSARY



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

Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

March 21, 9:30 AM & April 18, 9:30 AM

Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21214

2019 Membership Renewal

The 2019 Membership is included as part of the newsletter. Fill in the information and mail the notice along with your payment to the treasurer. Payment was due by March 1, 2019. **March / April Newsletter is the last if you have not renewed.**

Weaver and Mench Collection Tour

Starting 10:00 AM Saturday, April 6 @ Dick Weaver's

RSVP: Skip Panowitz 410-638-6446, skip.panowitz@yahoo.com By April 1st

We have been invited to experience two great car and memorabilia collections in the Smyrna, DE area. In the morning we will visit the large classic and antique car and memorabilia collection of Dick Weaver. We will then travel a short distance to the memorabilia collection of MATC member Bob Mench. Lunch will be ordered in on a pay as you go basis. Bob also advises that he is in the process of liquidating his collection and will have some great deals for the attendees. Both of these collections are worth the trip alone and we are going to double header them into one event. A caravan will be coordinated from northeast MD for those interested. Additional information to follow prior to the event.

Dick Weaver: 6 Manor Drive, Smyrna, DE

Bob Mench: 1120 Clayton Greenspring Road, Smyrna, DE

Romancing the Chrome

Saturday, April 13, Rain Date 21

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

Car Pre-registration/online by Apr 8, \$15

Car Registration at Gate 8:00-10:00AM, \$20, Admission: Free

Romancing the Chrome is a Classic Car Show and Flea Market event benefitting of the Harford County Public Library Foundation. 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 65 & 23 at 9:00 AM and caravan to the showfield so our TBirds will be parked as a group.

Save the Date!

MATC is planning to celebrate our 45th Anniversary with an amazing trip to the Skyline Drive area (down around Front Royal, VA and Luray Caverns) this summer, June 21-23. We have a team working out the details, and we are planning to offer many different things to do as well as an anniversary celebration.

We'll give you all details in the May newsletter, so mark this date on your calendars now. We're hoping for a nice turnout so we can show off all our 'birds'.

March Birthdays

Alan Herman 3	Barb Panowitz	J. Zentgraf 8	Ray Raeke 14	Tom Marcelino 16
Joanne Day 14	Dan Denham 20	Earl Dickinson 24	George Masser	

April Birthdays

Ron Davis 6	Phyllis Cherry 25	Skip Panowitz 27
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2019 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

Official MATC activities are 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
March 21 9:30 AM	Third Thursday Breakfast	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	(https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071)
April 18 9:30 AM	Third Thursday Breakfast	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	(https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071)
Saturday April 6	Mench Collection Weaver Collection	MATC	Mench Collection: 1120 Clayton Greenspring Road, Smyrna, DE	Weaver Collection: 6 Manor Drive, Smyrna, DE
Saturday April 13	Romancing the Chrome	Harford Library Foundation	Jarrett's Field 3719 Norrisville Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084	10AM – 4 PM http://romancingthechrome.org/
Thu to Sun May 16 - 19	Cruisin O.C. (Rods, Customs, Classics 1976 -older)		Ocean City Md	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
Sunday May 19	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	ITC	John Wright House Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
Fri to Sun May 30 - Jun 2	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx
Sat June 8 9 AM – 2:30 PM	Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show		21 Linwood Avenue Bel Air, MD 21014	www.belairumc.org
Sat June 8 9 AM – 3 PM	Thunderbird Car Show	NJTA	Pompton Valley Pres. Ch. 60 Sunset Road Pompton Plains NJ	www.njtbird.com
Fri to Sun June 21 - 23	Luray Caverns Car & Carriage Museum	MATC	Luray, VA	
Fri July 12	10th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day			
July 14 / 21 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	garagex4@yahoo.com
Aug 2 – 4 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie, PA	See website for registration. http://awkscht.com/
Aug 6 - 11	International Thunderbird Convention	ITC	Cleveland, Ohio	http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/
Aug 8-10	VTCL Regional Meet	VTCL	Princeton, New Jersey	
Sunday Sept 8	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	MATC	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Sunday Sept 22	Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation	MATC	Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918	https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/
Oct 9 - 12 Thurs to Sun	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Thu to Sun Oct 10 - 13	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Saturday Oct 19 Rain Date: 27	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	http://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classical-Car-Show
Sunday Nov 10	Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation	MATC	Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918	https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/
Sunday December 15 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter

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 in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

FOR SALE:

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



Free: 1967 Ford FE 390/428 cast iron intake manifold that I do not need. Rather than recycling it, if any local club member wants to come get it, FREE, it is all theirs!! They get to pick it up and put in their vehicle. Fits all Ford 352, 390, 410 and 428 engines. Thnx Thomas Potter, thomas.c.potter@usps.gov

2004 Thunderbird: Very desirable Merlot with Sand interior. Has hardtop. Just under 29K miles. CD player does not work. Has been stored outside so may need TLC. No accidents. Seller is second owner-purchased in 2006. Located in Pikesville, MD area. Sellers are former MATC members. Asking \$16,550, but price is negotiable. Contact Allen Kroopnick, 410-484-5590 (home), 410-570-1788 (cell), or kroopnickgroup@yahoo.com. (2/19)



1955 Thunhderbird: Overall the body is in very good condition, including the floor boards and trunk. No cancer, very hub caps. Ed Berry 410-409-6745 (cell)



2002 Ford Thunderbird T-Bird Blue (\$19,000 O.B.O.) One Owner, Garaged, 84,000 miles, Premium Interior Trim Package, soft and hard tops (with Lifts), NM Limited Series Wheels, Chrome Hood Scoop, Custom Head Rest and Visor Covers, Borla Exhaust System with K&N Air Filter, Two Car Covers (heavy weight and light weight), T-Bird Embossed Floor and Trunk Mats, Wind Baffle, 4 Tonneau Covers: 2002 Original semi-rigid, 2003 folding style, Hard Parade Style, T-Bird Roadster Style, and much more. Contact Bill, Home Tel: 301 – 904 – 9083. (3/15)



FEBRUARY 2019 KICKOFF BUSINESS MEETING



FEBRUARY 28 LUNCHEON

Six MATC ladies met for lunch on Feb 28 at One Eleven Main in Bel Air. Cathy Kelley arranged the lunch, attended by Lynn Horn, Carol Schroll, Jean Hill, Barbara Panowitz and Celeste Skruch. Cathy Kelly.



FYI : UPDATE 11/19/18: Marilyn Monroe's Ford Thunderbird sold at auction last week for \$490,000, almost reaching the Julien auction firm's top estimate of \$500,000. That's not far from the most valuable Thunderbird ever sold: the first Thunderbird for sale to the public rolled off the production line in 1954 and sold for \$660,000 at a Barrett-Jackson auction in 2009.

President's Message – March / April 2019

Thanks to all that attended the 2019 “kick-off” meeting in Bel Air. We covered a great deal of new and old business which was necessary because of all of the great activities planned and several important issues that needed to be discussed. I know the business portion was a little longer than the twenty minutes as planned, but this is technically our only business meeting of the year. Specifics are outlined in the attached minutes.

Several of the most important topics were reviewed at length. These included:

- **MATC Anniversary**: We have settled on 1974 as the official start date for MATC. Therefore 2019 is our 45th anniversary year. Several anniversary events are being planned as well as anniversary themed T-shirts.
- **ITC**: Your MATC Board of Directors has decided to remain affiliated with ITC for the time being even though there is much dissension and turmoil within ITC and the ITC Board. Options continue to be evaluated including affiliation with another national Thunderbird club (VTCl) as well as the cost of obtaining liability insurance independently for MATC.
- **All Thunderbird Alliance**: This is a new Thunderbird organization consisting of former ITC general and Board of Directors members who have left the club. The purpose is to support the Thunderbird automobile and hobby on a friendly social and informational basis with being burdened with the formalities of a traditional club. MATC members are encouraged to support this effort.

Check out the attached calendar for more specific information and dates. And please mark the dates on your calendars (paper and electronic) as a reminder.

Barb and I just had a very unique experience I want to share with you. On March 10th we attended the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in Amelia Island Florida. The show and supporting activities feature some of the most unique and premier cars from all over the country and world. Cars are shown by invitation only. Our own Bill Clark's 1963 Studebaker Avanti R2 was one of the featured vehicles. Jim Wulf, a good friend and supporter of MATC had a vehicle featured as well-an extremely rare 1938 MG TA Tickford Drophead Coupe. Former MATC members Amy and Jim Lohr showed their beautiful '66 TBird convertible at the Cars and Coffee event on the Saturday before the concours event. Barb and I enjoyed spending time with them and catching up. They are enjoying life in Florida and have a great home. It was also great to spend time in a place 30-40 degrees warmer than Maryland. We are looking forward to a return trip. Soon! We have several great activities planned for the near future. The Weaver and Mench collections are not to miss. And the Romancing the Chrome show has always been a popular event. Barb and I look forward to seeing you at these as well as the monthly Third Thursday TBird breakfast. Please be careful and be safe!!!

Skip



AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show

June 9, 2018 9:00 AM – 2:30PM

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

Open to All Vehicles, Years & Models

Awards for Top 20 & "Best of Show"



Pre-Registration: \$15 per vehicle - Must receive registration by June 1, 2018

Day of Show Registration: \$20 per vehicle

Staging 8 – 11AM Dash Plaques to first 75 vehicles

Sponsors- Jones Junction, Plaza Ford, Thompson Toyota, Window World, G&M Auto

Proceeds- Welcome One Emergency Shelter and Chabadza Medical Clinic in Zimbabwe

Food and Music

Rain Date: June 23

Check Facebook under events or www.belairumc.org for inclement weather --- Please, no canopies

CAR SHOW ENTRY FORM: *Make checks payable to:* Bel Air United Methodist Church

Mail entry & check to : Bev Talbot, 1536 Parkland Dr., Bel Air, MD. 21015

Name _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Year /Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

++++SPECTATORS WELCOME TO ENJOY THE EVENT++++



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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Application for Membership

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth Month _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Month _____ S

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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

Email: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

I was referred by: _____ I

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.**

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