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## This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

- **April 21, 2003:** Ford Motor Co announces retro Thunderbird production to cease in model year 2005 or 2006.

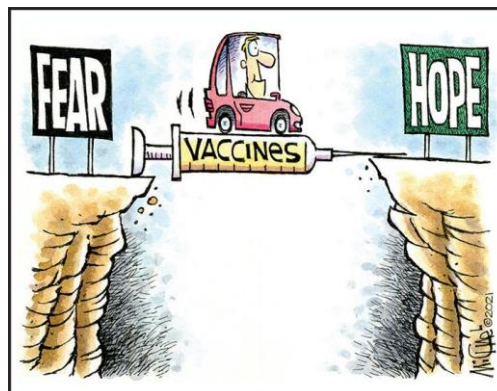
## Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

### April 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 April 18, 2021. Hope you can join us!!

### Third Thursday Thunderbird Breakfast

As you know, our traditional monthly gathering at the Greek Village Restaurant in Bel Air, MD has been on hold for nearly a year. We know that many MATC members miss this opportunity to socialize with their friends and colleagues in the Thunderbird hobby. The MATC Board of Directors is monitoring vaccine administration schedules and the trending of the pandemic in general in an effort to determine the best time to resume the breakfast social gatherings. Your input is appreciated as well. Have you been vaccinated? Do you feel comfortable joining with others that have been vaccinated for the monthly breakfast? Please let Cathy, Steve or any officer know your thoughts about attending.





### **MATC Picnic In The Park**

To celebrate Thunderbird Appreciation Day this year, we have reserved a pavilion for Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 11am to 3pm at Deer Creek Picnic Area in Susquehanna State Park. The picnic area address is just Halls Crossroads MD 21078. The best way to get there without winding through the park is to take Price Rd off Darlington Rd (Rt 161) which you will turn onto either from Rt 1 or from Rt 155 coming from I95 or Bel Air. At the dead-end of Price Rd, bear to the right onto Stafford Rd. After you cross a small bridge, look for the picnic area sign on your right. There is a \$2 per vehicle entrance fee unless you have a MD Golden Age Pass or are a veteran in which case you note that on the envelope at the gate and tear off the tab to put on your rearview mirror. Everyone must stop at the gate to get that tab for your vehicle.

The club will provide plates, napkins, silverware, cups, etc and some drinks. We ask each family to bring their own food once again. Just to be safe. Bring lawn chairs if you can. There are nice bathrooms.



**Playtime Dates: April 6, 2021 @ 10 AM  
April 24 2021 @ 11AM**

Activity on the athletic field for our community charitable partner, The Miracle League of Harford County, will begin soon. Athletes from several local organizations including the Harford Center and Harford County ARC will be participating in play times on April 6 and 24. This will provide an opportunity for interested MATC members to individually observe the playing field and facilities in action. We will plan a specific date and time to gather at the field as a group in the near future. If you would like to volunteer your time to assist with the MLHC check out the organization website at [miracleleagueharford.org](http://miracleleagueharford.org). Thanks to all who have supported this wonderful community project for those with special needs. Masks and social distancing are required for visitors.

**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	Ams
May thru October	<b>Cars &amp; Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun &amp; Socialization</b>		Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
April 6 10 AM	Miracle League of Harford County	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Game Day For Local Special Needs Teams
April 11 8am – 4pm	Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet	Classic Auto Mall	Classic Auto Mall 6180 Morgantown Rd. Morgantown, Pa. 19543	Vendor space avail. Paul 610-430- 8432 <a href="http://www.classicautomall.com">www.classicautomall.com</a>
April 24 11 AM	Miracle League of Harford County	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Game Day For Local Special Needs Team
April 21-25	Spring Carlisle Flea Market, Corral & Auction	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	CarlisleEvents.com
May 16	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	Deer Creek Picnic Area Susquehanna State Park	See Details In This Newsletter
May 20-23	Cruisin OC	Cruisin OC	Ocean City, MD	<a href="https://specialeventpro.com/cruising-ocean-city">https://specialeventpro.com/cruising-ocean-city</a>
June 4-6	All Ford Nationals (Register with Lehigh Valley TBird Club as club affiliation)	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	<a href="https://carlisleevents.com/events-detail/index?id=ford+nationals">https://carlisleevents.com/events-detail/index?id=ford+nationals</a>
June TBD	<b>CANCELLED</b> Bel Air UMC Car Show	BAUMC	21 Linwood Ave Bel Air, MD 21014	<a href="http://www.belairumc.org">www.belairumc.org</a>
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 12	Potluck Social Hosted by Phyllis & John Cherry	***MATC	Cascade, MD	Details will be provided soon
September 25 (tentative)	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Co Fairgrounds Rt 144, W. Friendship	<a href="https://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2021fleamarket.pdf">https://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2021fleamarket.pdf</a>
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	<a href="https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show">https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show</a>
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	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071</a>

**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.

## April Birthdays



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

**Ron Davis**  
**Phyllis Cherry**

**Skip Panowitz**  
**Charles Samorodin**

*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 March. 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.

## Membership Roster

The current MATC roster was included with the March newsletter. Please keep it in a convenient location so that you can access it as needed. We will be providing updates as applicable. Please advise VP Mike Melnyk, Treasurer Harry Skruch, or newsletter editor Skip Panowitz of any needed changes in your information. 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:

- Former member and friend of MATC **Bill Clark** is recovering from COVID 19 at home. Bill has an outstanding collection of Thunderbirds. He is the coordinator of the Cars & Coffee at the Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center.
- Those who attended the Virginia trip coordinated by the ladies of MATC in the spring of 2019 will recall visiting the car collection and museum of **Bruce Elder** in Staunton, VA. Sadly, we have learned that Bruce passed away February from complications related to cancer. Bruce had been a real force in the collector car hobby for along time. Some folks may remember that he was a guest speaker at the VTCL (pre-ITC) convention in Fairfax, VA in 1991. The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club/Chapter hosted that event, He will be missed. .

Best wishes for a quick 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!*

## MATC Membership Profile

For several years there has been an effort to obtain profiles of of MATC members to include in the newsletter, on the Facebook page, etc. The purpose has been to get to know our fellow TBirders better. This has been attempted on a volunteer basis. To date, the results have been...well, there are no results. The gentle persuasion method has not worked. So Plan B is being initiated as threatened...er, promised.

Beginning with the May 2021 edition, a member "volunteer" will be selected to complete and submit their profile each month. Members will be selected on a random, impartial, democratic (not to be confused with Democratic) basis. Possibly a name drawn from a hat. A schedule will be established as to what months the members profile will appear in the newsletter.

In order to assist members in preparing their profile, attached is a list of suggested information topics to be included. This is just a guide. The more information you provide, the more we know about you. Remember if you are a couple this is about **BOTH** of you. Please type the information in paragraph format and keep the profile to a maximum of one page. Do not hesitate to contact newsletter editor Skip Panowitz with any questions. If you are uncomfortable composing a report, contact Skip and he will interview you.

Finally, don't panic. You can breathe easy for a while. Profile presentations will initially feature members of the Board of Directors so there will be a little bit of a grace period before the general membership is included. Begin organizing your biography so you are ready. And we are still very receptive to volunteers.

### Member Profile Topics

- Photo of your car(s) with member(s) included. (some images may be in MATC archives if needed).
- Member Name(s):
- Occupation/profession:
- Hobbies (in addition to cars, TBirds)
- Reason for joining MATC
- Number of years as an MATC member:
- Benefits of MATC membership
- Features you like best about MATC
- Membership in other car clubs:
- Number and type TBirds owned.
- How long have you owned your current and other TBird(s).
- Other special interest cars owned.
- Changes you would like to see in MATC activities, etc.

# 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) **Member Profiles**: See additional information in this newsletter.
- 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 to those who have submitted this information already.

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

**CLASSIFIEDS**

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**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](mailto:skelley@gottogotravel.net) (1/18) See car here: [www.classicautomall.com/vehicles/2003-ford-thunderbird-convertible](http://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](mailto: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)*



**[Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models](#)**  
**[Coming Late 2021](#)**

Just a heads up. Greenlight will be producing several versions of the Thelma & Louise '66 Thunderbird in their Hollywood Cars series later this year. There will be 1:64 and 1:43 versions, top up and top down. I will have some of each when they become available. I am not certain of pricing yet but estimate about \$6-7 for the 1:64 and \$16 -17 for the 1:43 for you folks. Packaging photo is attached. Let me know if you think you might be interested. I don't order this stuff, even TBird items, in the large quantities like I have in the past.

**Skip**

**(4/21)**

*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.*



## President's Message April 2021

Since most of our MATC members are 'of a certain age' we feel safe is asking 'have you had your covid vaccine yet?' It seems to be more and more available, so we hope you have had or soon will have your shot(s). Once that has happened we should be back to 'in person' gatherings. Be sure to check the calendar in the newsletter and also our Facebook page for the latest happenings.

Our first 'in person' order of business is Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 16, 2021. We have once again reserved a pavilion at Deer Creek Picnic Area in the Susquehanna State Park in Havre de Grace MD. This is where we picnicked last October and had a great time. So get out to the garage, shed or storage space and get those 'birds' ready to ride! Include your magnetic signs if you have them, so folks who see us will know who we are. If you have room, please bring some lawn chairs so we can sit out in the sun after we eat. See the details on the front page of this newsletter.

Another important event is to meet up at the AACCA Museum near Hershey PA to 'plant' the brick we presented to Skip Panowitz to honor him as he stepped down as the club's president back at the end of 2019. We are planning that trip for mid June and will let you know the date as soon as confirmed. We'll of course plan lunch with that outing.

Skip has let us know that the first event at the Miracle League Field in Harford County is April 6. That's a little early to plan to attend as a club, but as soon as we get the rest of their schedule, we'll see if maybe a group of us can take the T'birds to show our support of the charity we chose again this year, a field that offers persons with disabilities a chance to play sports.

Please continue to stay safe and wear your masks. We also hope to get back to our Third Thursday Tbird Breakfasts at Greek Village in the next few months, but until then, be sure to join our Zoom calls on those mornings. Details will always go out in an email a few days in advance.

Thanks to all those who sent corrections to the member list we sent out last month. A corrected list will be coming to you via email (or snail mail if you don't use email).

Thanks for all your support for this wonderful club. Be sure to let us know if you think of somewhere we can meet up as a club and we'll help get the details on it. Remember, we don't all have to do everything on the calendar – there's something for everyone. We can't wait to see you in person.

***Steve & Cathy Kelley***



***Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club***

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



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month: \_\_\_\_\_

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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				

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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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year

Full dues if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, BUT

IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR DUES (3 months free)

**Name Tags \$10 each:** \_\_\_\_\_

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