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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 48TH ANNIVERSARY

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



This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **April 21, 2002:** Ford Motor Co announces that production 11th generation “retro” Thunderbird to end in 2005 or 2006.
 - **April 2017:** Thunderbird Appreciation Day introduced by Tom Prezedewski of the Northwest TBird Club. It is to be held on the third Sunday in May as an opportunity for Thunderbird owners and enthusiasts to display and share their iconic cars with each other and the public.
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Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

April 23, 2022: Romancing The Chrome

This popular annual event has always been supported by MATC members. We will stage at the 7-11 located nearby at the intersection of routes 23 and 165 at 9:15 am so we can caravan to the show. Let's have another great showing. Can we outnumber the Corvettes? See the attached flyer and registration form for more details.

Thunder Over Dover Airshow Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 22, 2022

This year we will be celebrating Thunderbird Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Thunder Over Dover Air Show at Dover Air Force Base in nearby Dover DE. Attractions will include the USAF Thunderbirds, the USN Blue Angels, a parachute show by the Black Dragons, vendors and static displays. Admission is free. We will attend the air show on Sunday. For those interested, arrangements have been made for an overnight stay at the nearby Hampton Inn on Sunday night with activities being planned for Monday in the area. More details will be provided as soon as they are available. Please let Cathy & Steve know if you plan to attend as soon as possible.

Note: The hold on a block of rooms has been cancelled. block of rooms hold has been cancelled. But if you would like a room for Sunday night please let Cathy and Steve know ASAP.



President's Message April 2022

Gearing Up For Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 22

Folks, we have gotten some plans firmed up for our trip to Dover AFB for the **Thunder Over Dover Airshow** to celebrate **Thunderbird Appreciation Day on May 22**. We are still waiting on the schedule of the fly-overs but the show opens at 9am. AND another act has joined the show. Not only will the USAF Thunderbirds be showing off, but so will the USN Blue Angels! The free admission entitles us to sitting in our lawn chairs near the flight line. There will be vendors with things like souvenirs and food and drink. There will be many static displays of various planes and helicopters and a parachute show by The Black Dragons. We are working on MATC t-shirts also to have in advance so you can wear them to the show.

We have 15 people planning to spend the night, most of us at the Hampton Inn in Milford. Then several are joining us for the air show and dinner at Surf and Turf in Milford at 6pm Sunday. Maybe we will be joined by some folks from the new Delmarva Thunderbird Club. Bob Mench has invited us to his place on Monday so we are looking for a place to have lunch before or after the visit there. If you are interested and haven't told us yet, please do so soon.

Skip is coordinating MATC's grand entrance to the **Romancing the Chrome Show** on April 23 in Jarrettsville. Let's see how many cars we can get there that day. He has details in this newsletter. We know we have some folks who will win some prizes!

Lots of other plans are in the works like the fall trip to Western MD and Towson's 4th of July parade. Marsha and Dwight Dixon are planning a return trip to Ocean Grove NJ in September, either the 9th or 23rd weekends. If you want to go and have a preference, let us know. Several single day rides are in the works too.

You'll notice that Skip has included the latest member list with this newsletter. We thank all those who have paid dues for 2022. Please use your MATC business cards to recruit other Thunderbird owners you might see around.

Many folks in the club are experiencing health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially John Cherry, Ray Raeke, Harry Skruch and Dan Denham. If any other MATC family need our support please let us know. We care about you all.


Cathy & Steve

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
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.

	<h3 style="color: green;">2022 Season Starts Soon</h3> <p style="color: green;">April 13, 10 AM: Wednesday Playdates Begin</p> <p style="color: green;">April 16th: Saturday Playdates Begin</p> <p style="color: green;">To check the schedule:</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 5px;">miracleleagueharford.org</p>
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**Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club at
Dover Air Force Base, Dover DE
USAF Thunderbirds & USN Blue Angels
Thunder Over Dover**



**Thunderbird Appreciation Day
May 22, 2022**

Shows are free starting at 9 am, both air show and static displays. Thunderbirds, Blue Angels, Black Dragon parachute team and many unique planes on the ground.

Could This Be A MATC Member? And If So, Who?



Let's see, who owns a **Torch Red** retro Bird?
Then again, who doesn't!!??

Birthdays



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

April

Ron Davis (6) Phyllis Cherry (25) Skip Panowitz (27) 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:

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 at home in hospice care. Phyllis indicates he is comfortable and pain free. He is under Phyllis' very attentive 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): Zoeanne & Dan Denham, Former MATC Newsletter Editor
By Zoeanne Denham



CARS! Danny has enjoyed working on cars since he was a young child. He had a red metal pedal car that he would prop up and pretend to work on just like his dad. Then in college he bought a beautiful, sleek, black impala. That's when we met, sort of. He was in college at the University of Maryland and living at the Sigma Pi house. One day a girlfriend of mine and I were walking down the street and noticed these 3 guys calling out to all the girls going by. This beautiful shiny car caught my eye and I wanted to see it so we went over. It was an awesome, absolutely beautiful, 1960 Chevy Impala. Couldn't have told you much about the guys but I remembered the car. Fast forward, after we were married 5 years and Danny pulled out his college pictures and I yelled, " I know that car". To both our amazement he was one of the 3 guys calling to girls and that was his car. How cool!

That started us on a quest to find an antique vehicle. In a major stroke of luck we placed a silent, sealed bid on a '55 Chevy Belair and won by \$1. We were ecstatic! Some years later we went to a family reunion in Delaware. I was talking to Danny's cousin who mentioned he was selling a '66 T-Bird that had been in his garage for 20 years, so I said we'd take it. The only issue was, I hadn't told Danny about it yet, so he was a bit confused when his cousin asked him, " when are you picking up the car". Surprise! But we did and that's our Blue Bird. We had a good time cleaning it up and Danny put a lot of time in on the engine.

It was after that Danny decided we should join the T- Bird club and then another surprise. He already knew Skip. What are the chances. They were friends growing up, lived in the same neighborhood and attended boy scouts together. So, it was a natural fit and we enjoyed going to shows. Then several years ago I was saying that I needed a car to show. So we purchased our '02 Retro Bird, our Black Bird. I've had a great time driving that.

Cars have just been something fun we could share together and joining the T- Bird club family was one of the best things we ever did. Thanks



AACA Thunderbird Award



In 2012 the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) introduced a new National Award - The Thunderbird Award. It is presented in the name of the Earl Tindol Family, in recognition of the Ford Thunderbird and its role in automotive history. This award is given to the most outstanding Thunderbird at one or more of the 15 annual judged events sanctioned by the AACA each year. The candidates are subject to a very stringent judging process to be considered for the recognition. The Thunderbird Award was first awarded in 2012 based on candidates from the 2011 show season. I am surprised it took this long for the AACA to give special recognition these iconic automobiles. MATC is very fortunate to have two winners of this prestigious award associated with our club. In 2012, Tom Young and his late wife Linda were the second winners of the award for their phenomenal 1960 Hardtop. Bill Clark and his wife Charisse received the award in 2017 for his very rare 1957 F Code. The award as shown in the above photos is on display at the brand new AACA Headquarters and Library facility in Hershey PA. I wonder when we will see a retro TBird owner as the recipient of the award?



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 Very Soon



UPDATE: The Greenlight 1964-66 model

Thunderbirds will be arriving soon. There will be 1:64 and 1:43 versions, top up and top down. The series will include several versions of the famous (infamous?) TBird featured in Thelma and Louise. There will also be a '64 hardtop in red and '65 convertibles in black and white. I will have all of them available for sale when they become available at very attractive pricing for MATC members. It is really great that a toy company is tooling up for this vintage TBird for a change rather than a 55-57. Of course I would like to see more retro versions too. Projected arrival date to me is now April and May forward. Some have popped up on various online sites so I should be seeing my order soon.

Skip (4/22)

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.

The Perfect Special Rental Car For Your Next West Coast Vacation?

1955 Ford Thunderbird



\$440 for half-day (4hrs) rental. It's hard to picture a car that represents classic Americana more than the Ford Thunderbird. A classic two-door-sports-car, and the first of its kind for an American automobile since 1938, which offers a stout 4.8L V8 with a 2-speed automatic transmission. Our example is presented in the vibrant two-tone color combination of Goldenrod Yellow over white and gives you a host of options during your rental. Do you want the rare 'Porthole' hardtop on for privacy (*not available until 1956 -ed. note*), or do you want the top down for total freedom? Don't worry, you can have it any way you like – just ask the day of. The T-Bird is a beautiful ride that will attract every onlooker you pass. Easy to drive, easy to park and enough power to have you keep up with modern traffic, effortlessly. Sounds like a slice of Americana to us – we think you'll agree!



This beautiful 1964 Thunderbird Convertible is also available. Same price.

Monterey Touring Vehicles, Monterey California, <https://www.montereytouringvehicles.com>



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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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