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Newsletter photos, articles,
etc., is the 20th of each
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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
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**MATC THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER
45TH ANNIVERSARY**



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

Bel Air Cars and Coffee

Begins May 5th @ Bel Air Plaza SC, 7 - 9 AM

Shriners Hospital Tour, Friday May 10

A date has been set for a tour of the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, Friday, May 10, 2019. We will be leaving from the Boumi Temple 5050 King Ave. Baltimore, MD 21237 at 6:00am. LUNCH IS INCLUDED in this free trip.

Seats are limited and I need to have names ASAP. Call or email Steve Kelley 410-812-5596 or 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net. Thanks, Steve Kelley

Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

May 16, 9:30 AM

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

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 AM

Brunch @ John Wright Restaurant, Wrightsville PA.

RSVP to Judy Dickinson by May 17, ewdjad@hotmail.com, 717-767-2973

MATC is supporting the promotional day at the John Wright House Restaurant. Cost is \$19.95 per person + taxes + tip.

May 31 – June 2, All Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA.

Register with Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club.

<https://carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=ford+nationals>. Meet and mingle with TBird owners and enthusiasts from all over the US and the world.

Bel Air United Methodist Church

June 8, 9:00AM – 2:30 PM, Rain Date June 23

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

Open to all vehicles, years and models. Awards for top Twenty and “Best of Show”.

Registration: \$15 per vehicle, staging 8 – 11AM. Proceeds to benefit missions.

<https://belairumc.org/>

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 21 - 23

See MATC 45th Anniversary Trip Registration Form & Itinerary

Located after the Presidents Message

Make hotel reservation ASAP

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Loving 21
Vivian McKee

Betty Marcelino 30
Elias Aivais

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
May 10 6:00 AM	Philadelphia Shriners Hospital Tour	Shriners	Meet at: Boumi Temple 5050 King Ave. Baltimore, MD 21237	Lunch Provided, RSVP: Steve Kelley, 410-443-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net
May 16 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)
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	MATC	John Wright Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
Fri to Sun May 31 - Jun 2	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle, PA	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	https://carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=ford+nationals
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	MATC 45th Anniversary Celebration Weekend	MATC	Harrisonburg / Staunton 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	VTCI Regional Meet	VTCI	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

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)



2002 Ford Thunderbird (\$18000 O.B.O) 30K miles, garage kept, T-Bird blue with hardtop and cart. Call Marge at 410-282-1020

WEAVER - MENCH COLLECTION TOUR – APRIL 6

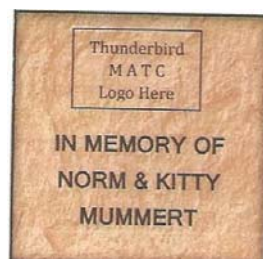




Thunderbird Collection of our other Host/ Club Member Bob Mench

MUMMERT/ZASTROW COMMENMORATIVE BRICKS@ THE AACA MUSEUM

We have been notified that the commemorative bricks honoring Kitty & Norm Mummert and Bea & Orville Zastrow are in the process of being prepared. They will be ready for placement in May. We hope to have a large contingent of MATC members at the Museum for this event. The membership will be notified by email because there will likely not be a newsletter published before the bricks are placed. Please watch for the announcement.



BRIEF HISTORY of the MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB, By Bea Zastrow

In the early '70's or before, Carl Davis, (now deceased), formed the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club of America, MAC Chapter-VTCA. Sometime later the VTCA expanded and changed its name to Vintage Thunderbird Club International VTCL.

Carl led the MAC Chapter until the mid 1980's when he said that he wanted to step down, and asked for a volunteer to take his place. No one stepped up and I finally offered to do it, hopefully assuming that my gender would not be a problem. Carl accepted my offer and declared me President of MAC in 1986. Kitty Mummert became the Club treasurer. It was all very informal.

Starting in 1991, Sandy Schatz, the treasurer of VTCL, felt that some of the expenditures she was asked to pay did not conform to the VTCL bylaws. She was told to shut up and pay them. She refused and the VTCL seized the books. The MAC Chapter and several other VTCL chapters asked for an explanation from the VTCL Board of Directors. We heard nothing, so, without taking sides, we then made a formal request for an audit. Again no response, so the chapters decided/voted to withdraw as chapters from the VTCL. These chapters then became part of the nucleus of the International Thunderbird Club which was formed in late 1993. The first ITC convention was held in the summer of 1994 in Syracuse, NY.

The VTCL Mid-Atlantic Chapter became the independent Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club. I felt we needed some formal paperwork identifying the Club and I consulted one of our members, Bob Amos, who was an attorney. He said that MATC doesn't do anything that requires the formality of incorporation, which can be a hassle with its legal requirements, so he helped to set up our Rules for Operation.

President's Message – May 2019

Well the car show and cruise season is upon us. I finally got the top off of the '02 and we are ready to hit the road. Now if only the weather will cooperate!

There is a lot to talk about regarding MATC future plans. But first, I want to convey the sincere thanks of the MATC membership to Dick Weaver and Bob Mench of Symrna, DE. They opened their homes and garages to share their collections with nearly 30 MATC members and friends on April 6th. The weather was perfect. Dick's collection of 61 cars, signs, and other memorabilia was a sight to behold. Located in four garages, the cars are all ready to hit the show circuit or cruise nights. Most of the cars were located in one building which is where the signs and other memorabilia were displayed as well. The photos attached don't begin to tell the whole story. As for Bob's collection, many of us have visited his museum before but I personally never tire of viewing the 1000s of items, actually tens of thousands, on display, especially the TBird items. A special thanks goes to Bob and Esther for making accommodations for the group to enjoy lunch at the "museum". And most of Bob's items are for sale too. I think a return visit may be in order at both of these venues. All of Bob's items are for sale. Several members that missed this outing have expressed an interest in making a trip to Bob's which we are working on coordinating.

Please make sure that the great activities and events coming up in the near future are on your calendars. Next is the Thunderbird Appreciation Day gathering in Wrightsville, PA, now a tradition for the club. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter. After that is the All Ford Nationals in early June. And then the 45th anniversary weekend in the Luray/Staunton VA area. The planning committee has been hard at work arranging and coordinating a fabulous event. Please make your reservations early as so that adjustments can be made should the reserved block of rooms sell out. See the specifics regarding this great event in the newsletter.

Regarding the 45th anniversary of MATC, commemorative T-shirts will be available soon. Ordering information is included in the registration form for the anniversary weekend. We will also provide order forms in the newsletter and via email. The anniversary T-shirts can be worn to other MATC events, car shows, cruise nights, etc.

As you should be aware, editor Dan Denham and others spend much time and effort in preparing the monthly newsletter. This is the primary method we use to keep you aware of the events and news of the club and TBird hobby. Please read your newsletter when it arrives and save it somewhere on your computer and/or as a hard copy where you can easily access it, especially for the calendar and details on upcoming events. I bring this to your attention because I, and others, routinely get questions and inquiries about items that appeared in recent editions of the newsletter. It's not that we don't like talking or communicating with the membership, but usually the information has already been made available to you. Thanks for your consideration.

As always, Barb and I look forward to seeing you at the great events and activities planned as well as the monthly Third Thursday TBird breakfast. Please be careful and be safe!!

Skip



MATC 45th Anniversary Trip Registration

June 21-22, 2019

Harrisonburg/Staunton VA

Names _____

Address _____

Phone numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____



Please fill out this registration form and mail with a check paid to MATC for signs and t-shirts to:

Harry Skruch, 4804 Torpoint Rd, Nottingham MD 21236. **Deadline May 24.**

I/We agree to hold harmless MATC and property owners for loss or injury incurred through participation in event activities.

Number Magnetic Car Signs at 2/\$35 _____

Size crew neck t-shirt for him \$15 _____

Size V-neck t-shirt for her \$15 _____

Shirts are turquoise w/white 45th anniversary logo

How many will join us for dinner Fri 4pm
at Thunderbird Café ?

Pay your own dinner. _____

How many will join us at the Bruce Elder Antique
and Classic Automobile Museum on Saturday?

Pay \$5 per person at the door _____

How many will join us for lunch at the
Clocktower Restaurant after the Car Mu-
seum Tour Sat?

Pay your own lunch. _____

How many will join us for dinner Sat 6pm at Vito's
Restaurant ?

Pay your own dinner.



MATC 45th Anniversary Trip to Harrisonburg/Staunton VA June 21-22, 2019



**Host Hotel,
June 21-22,
2019**

**Friday Dinner,
June 21, 4pm**

**Friday Cruise-
In, June 21**

**Friday 9pm
Hospitality
Room**

**Saturday June
22**

**Saturday
Caravan to
Staunton VA,
Antique Car
Museum**

**Saturday lunch,
12:30pm**

Hampton Inn Harrisonburg University, 85 University Blvd, Harrisonburg VA 22801, 540-432-1111. A block of 15 rooms is held until May 24 (4 with 2 double beds, 10 with king beds, and 1 accessible), discount rate \$124 +tax, meeting room in addition to use of breakfast area after hours. Hot, full breakfast included, free wifi, 24 hr. coffee/tea bar. **Members must ask for MATC rate.** Get your t-shirts and magnetic car signs from Skip when you arrive.

<https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/hampton-inn-harrisonburg-university-HSBUVHX/index.html>

Thunderbird Café, 42 Island Ford Rd, McGaheysville VA 22840, 540-289-5094. www.thethunderbirdcafe.com Meet **4pm** after hotel check-in. GPS instructions are confusing after turn off highway, but it's in a small shopping strip on the right - keep driving around the building and you will find it!

Caravan from Thunderbird Café to **9th Annual Keezleville Ruritan Club Cruise In**, Ruritan Park, 1118 Indian Trail, Keezletown VA. If you didn't make it to dinner, food and drinks including fried country ham, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, white beans, ice cream, iced tea, lemonade, and soft drinks will be available to purchase. <https://www.evensi.us/9th-annual-cruise-keezletown-ruritan-club/289193995>

There is a meeting room just down the hall from the registration desk at the **Hampton Inn Harrisonburg University** that we have been assigned as our hospitality room. We will open it Friday evening after the Cruise In.

Hot breakfast at hotel. →Please put some quarters in your pocket/purse. It seems that is what the Staunton meters require.

Line up in hotel parking lot no later than 9:30am, tanks full and bladders empty. **Caravan to Bruce A. Elder Antique and Classic Automobile Museum**, 114 S New St, Staunton VA 24401, 540-885-0500. Appointment 10:30 am. City parking lot across street will be reserved.

Clocktower Restaurant & Bar, 27 W Beverly St, Staunton VA 24401, 540-213-0665, on-street parking or building across the street. We will have a private room. <https://clocktowerstaunton.com/>

**Saturday Free
time**

**Saturday Night
Dinner 6pm,**

**Saturday Evening
Anniversary
Celebration,
7-10pm**

Options: All of these except Wilson Library and Frontier Museum are with a couple blocks walking distance from the Clocktower Restaurant.

Sunspots Studio, 540.885.0678

202 S. Lewis St., Staunton, VA 24401 open 10am - 6pm, shopping, glass blowing demo or make your own ornament (\$50 fee) <https://www.sunspots.com/>

L. Oppleman's America's Oldest Pawn Shop (540) 886-9527

26 Byers St, Staunton VA 24401 <http://www.lopplemanstaunton.com/>

Rachel's Quilt Patch, 4258, 40 Middlebrook Ave, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 886-7728, <https://www.rachelsquiltpatch.com/>

Appalachian Piecework & Antiques, 38 Middlebrook Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 688-9347 <http://www.appalachianpiecework.com/visit-us>

Camera Heritage Museum, Self-guided tours lead through exhibits devoted to the history, science & art of photography. 1 W Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 886-8535. Featured on TV, <https://www.cameraheritagemuseum.com/>

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, 20 N Coalter St, Staunton, VA 24401, (parking in corner lot), Curator - (540) 885-0897, tours from \$25- \$40. <https://www.woodrowwilson.org/>

Frontier Culture Museum of VA, 1290 Richmond Ave, Staunton, VA 24401, <http://www.frontiermuseum.org/> You'll enjoy "living history" as communicated through costumed interpreters in both the Old World and American sections of the Museum. We recommend allowing 3-4 hours to see everything by foot. Shuttle carts run continuously in the event you want a lift. Golf carts can be rented for a nominal fee. Advance Registration requested for all guided tours. 540-332-7850. **If done on foot, this could make you late for dinner.**

Ox-Eye Vineyards Tasting Room, 44 Middlebrook Ave, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 849-7926, outdoor patio for snacking and tasting. <https://www.oxeyevineyards.com/visitng-ox-eye>

Vito's Italian Kitchen, 1047 Port Republic Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, 540-433-1113. <https://www.vitositaliankitchen.com/> **Probably should leave Staunton no later than 5:30 pm.** We have reserved a private room. Special directions: Restaurant sits way back in Deer Run Shopping Center which is opposite Sentara Park.

At the **Hampton Inn - University Hospitality Room**. Conversation and slide show. Anniversary cake and drinks. Members, please think of some of the fun or interesting times you have had as a MATC member and share those with the group as we celebrate. If you have photos, please bring those to share also.

Sunday Plans

Other places near Harrisonburg

Check out at noon.

Possibly go straight home via I81 or Rte. 340 or :

1. Enjoy leisurely drive to **Luray Caverns and Car Museum**, 101 Cave Hill Rd, Luray, VA 22835, 540•743•6551, admission \$28. <https://luraycaverns.com/>

2. **Cooter's** in Luray 4768 US Highway 211, W, Luray VA 22835
<https://cootersplace.com/> Dukes of Hazard fun.

3. Proceed to **Skyline Drive** and take it north to Front Royal VA and pick up Rte. 340 there. **Shenandoah Entrance Fee - Single Vehicle - \$30.00** or use your Golden Age Pass if you have one. This fee covers unlimited entry for one vehicle and passengers for seven consecutive days, beginning on the day of purchase.

4. **Blue Wing Frog**, 219 Chester St, Front Royal, VA 22630.
<http://www.bluewingfrog.com/> Fun, eclectic stop for drinks and food.
Fresh Food. Real Food. Food that is good for you and your soul. Not fast. Not easy.
Not cheap. Not fake. (their words, not ours)

5. **Blue Ridge Parkway** starts in Staunton and goes south. You may want to plan an extra night stay if you want to drive this. There is no fee to travel the Blue Ridge Parkway and entrances and exits are available at intersections with all major highways.

- White Oak Lavender Farm and Tasting Room, 2644 Cross Keys Rd, Harrisonburg VA 28801. <https://whiteoaklavender.com>
- Hardesty-Higgins House Visitors Center, Civil War Info. 212 S Main St, Harrisonburg VA 28801,
<https://www.virginia.org/listings/HistoricSites/HarrisonburgRockinghamCivilWarOrientationCenter/>
- Virginia Museum of Civil War, 8895 George Collins Parkway, New Market, VA, interprets the 1864 Civil War Battle of New Market and the role of the Virginia Military Institute Cadets in it.
<https://www.visitshenandoah.org/poi/virginia-museum-civil-war/>
- Patchwork Plus Quilt Shop, 17 Killdeer Ln, Dayton, VA 22821,
<https://patchworkplus-quilting.com/>
- Virginia Quilt Museum, 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, \$7,
<http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>. Closed Sunday

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