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This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

- **May 2017:** *Thunderbird Appreciation Day* initiated to recognize this iconic marque.

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

May 16: Thunderbird Appreciation Day

See the article in this edition of the newsletter with information about the Picnic in the Park to celebrate Thunderbird Appreciation Day.

May 20: Return To The Third Thursday Thunderbird Breakfast

For nearly a year we have been conducting a Zoom Video call in lieu of our monthly breakfast meeting at the Greek Village in Bel Air. This has been because of the COVID 19 pandemic which resulting in members quarantining, restaurants being closed, etc. Our plan for May is to resume the **Third Thursday Thunderbird Breakfast** gatherings. Most of our members have been completely vaccinated and are willing to consider meeting with others in a social setting. If there is a change in this plan the membership will be notified.





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.

Vehicle Depreciation by Car Color

RANK	COLOR	AVG PRICE NEW	AVG PRICE USED	3-YEAR % DEPRECIATION	COMPARED TO OVERALL
1	Yellow	\$37,742	\$30,027	20.4%	0.54x
2	Beige	\$28,487	\$22,004	22.8%	0.61x
3	Orange	\$30,714	\$22,400	27.1%	0.72x
4	Green	\$35,012	\$24,052	31.3%	0.83x
5	Gray	\$35,096	\$22,331	36.4%	0.97x
6	Red	\$35,295	\$22,255	36.9%	0.98x
7	Blue	\$35,061	\$22,100	37.0%	0.98x
8	Silver	\$35,026	\$21,847	37.6%	1.00x
	Overall Average	\$37,144	\$23,187	37.6%	
9	White	\$39,167	\$24,279	38.0%	1.01x
10	Black	\$39,447	\$24,309	38.4%	1.02x
11	Purple	\$36,159	\$21,263	41.2%	1.1x
12	Brown	\$42,369	\$24,517	42.1%	1.12x
13	Gold	\$39,868	\$21,693	45.6%	1.21x

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	Am
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
May 4 10 AM	Miracle League of Harford County	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Game Day For Local Special Needs Teams
May 8 11 AM	Miracle League of Harford County	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Game Day For Local Special Needs Teams
May 16	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	Deer Creek Picnic Area Susquehanna State Park	See Details In This Newsletter
May 19 10 AM	Miracle League of Harford County		Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Game Day For Local Special Needs Teams * Volunteer help is needed!
May 22 11 AM	Miracle League of Harford County		Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Game Day For Local Special Needs Teams * Volunteer help is needed!
May 20-23	Cruisin OC	Cruisin OC	Ocean City, MD	https://specialeventpro.com/cruising-ocean-city
June 4-6	All Ford Nationals (Register with Lehigh Valley TBird Club as club affiliation)	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	https://carlisleevents.com/events-detail/index?id=ford+nationals
June TBD	CANCELLED Bel Air UMC Car Show	BAUMC	21 Linwood Ave Bel Air, MD 21014	www.belairumc.org
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	https://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2021fleamarket.pdf
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	https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show
December 5	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Upperco, MD	Details to follow as finalized
Third Thursday 9:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering Resuming On May 20th	***MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071

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.

May Birthdays



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

Linda Loving

Betty Marcellino

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

Welcome Aboard To Our New Members

Sara & Daniel Forte, Bel Air, MD: 2005 Cashmere

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:

- Zoeanne Denham is recuperating from a fractured wrist that required significant surgery to repair. The injury occurred as a result of a fall.
- Ron Hill is nearly fully recovered from fractured wrist surgery related to a fall that also involved a significant surgery to repair. During the process a repair was also made to a previous carpal tunnel procedure.

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!



**Game Dates: May 4, 2021 @ 10 AM; May 8, 2021 @ 11AM
May 19, 2021@10AM*; May 22 @ 11 AM***

****Volunteer Assistance Is Needed For These Games***

Several more game dates have been scheduled for the athletic field established by our community charitable partner, The Miracle League of Harford County, as noted above. There is a need for volunteers on several of the dates as noted above. The field was designed to provide an opportunity for those with special needs to participate in athletic activities. This will provide an opportunity for interested MATC members to 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. The organizers advise that May 4th would be a good time to visit if you plan to volunteer as training will be available. Thanks to all who have supported this wonderful community project for those with special needs. Masks and social distancing are required for visitors.

I visited observed the game action recently. Photos are attached. What a great opportunity is being provided for those that might not otherwise have an opportunity to actively participate in sports. Seeing these sponsors and kids in action is a sight to behold.



Who's Who In MATC

By Skip Panowitz, editor

Featured Member(s): Jean & Ray Raeke

This is the first in a continuing series of articles featuring individual MATC members and member couples. The goal is for the membership to get to know each other better.

In my travels to various Thunderbird events and activities, especially outside of the primary service area of MATC, I am often asked "how are Ray and Jean Raeke doing?". Jean and Ray are almost synonymous with the Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club and the TBird hobby. They have been members of MATC for almost 40 years which certainly puts them in the legacy status of club members. Both have served on the MATC Board as officers and Ray is currently a director. They have been VTCl and ITC members and were there when the transition occurred in 1993.

Ray became involved in the Thunderbird hobby like many others. His first TBird was previously owned by a family member. The 1963 landau that most of us are familiar with was purchased new by Ray's dad for his mother, but she did not like driving it, so it was passed on to Ray. It is truly a single family, almost single owner, car. Jean and Ray also own a 1968 Landau that they purchased when they first were married nearly 50 years ago. It is currently under restoration. And there is a third Thunderbird in their collection too. It is a 1961 convertible that is a parts car.

From a personal standpoint, Ray is a retired master plumber. He owned Raymond Raeke & Son until his retirement. Ray is the son in the company name-the business was established by his father. An interesting extension to typical plumbers' responsibilities for Ray was the installation and service of roof drains for large commercial structures. I know many of us can recall Ray discussing some of the interesting projects he was involved. Jean was a beautician, a career she mostly discontinued after their son Chuck was born. Many of us remember seeing Chuck at Thunderbird functions in the past when he was a youngster. Chuck is now married and has three children which are the pride and joy of Jean and Ray.

Jean and Ray have stayed involved with MATC for many reasons. These include the people they have met, the friends they have made, and attending the many social events, conventions and gatherings they have participated in over the years. They are somewhat limited in how much participation they will be able to be involved in going forward because of Ray's health. I know I can speak for all of the MATC members and others in the TBird hobby that have known Jean and Ray for a long time in saying that we look forward to enjoying their involvement for a long time into the future.



Jean & Ray Raeke Prepping The '63 for Judging

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We (Still) Need Your Help

The Board of Directors of MATC needs the assistance of the membership with the following projects:

- 1) **Service & Maintenance Resources**: 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**: In process. You could be next.
- 4) **VIN Numbers**: All information submitted will only be used for MATC purposes. Thanks to those who have submitted this information already.

Please submit the requested information to MATC newsletter editor Skip Panowitz
@skip.panowitz@yahoo.com.

CLASSIFIEDS

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 (1/18) See car here: www.classicautomall.com/vehicles/2003-ford-thunderbird-convertible

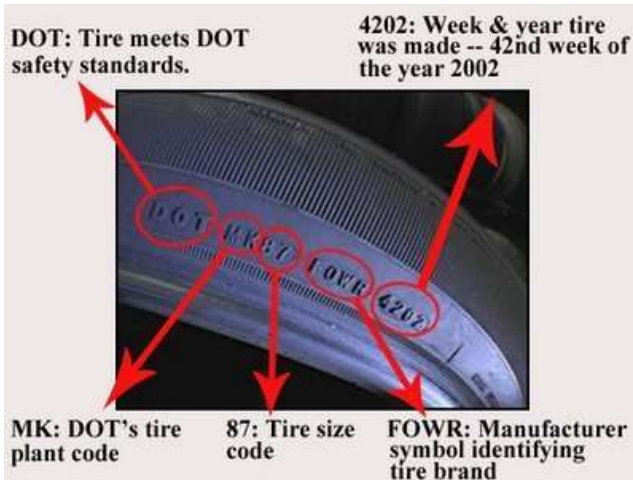


1966 Thunderbird Convertible: Red with Red Interior and White Top. 390 CID Engine, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Electric Windows. Lots of New Parts. 80,000 Miles, \$28,000. Richard Trimble, Hampstead, Telephone: 410 – 374 – 6037 (3/20)

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.

Is It Time To Retire?

- If your tires are older than 6-7 years, you should consider replacing them. Check with the tire manufacturer or a reputable tire dealer for specific recommendations for your specific tires brand. The below photo shows how to tell how old your tires are.
- Even if the tire has a lot of tread, but the tire sidewall is old, dry and has small cracks, it would be better to replace the tire with a new one.
- The recommended minimum height of a tread is 3 mm (4/32") for summer tires and 4 mm (5/32") for winter tires. An easy way to gage whether it might be time to replace your tires is to use the penny rest. Place a penny Lincoln's head first in between the tire treads. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, it is probably time to replace the tires. See diagram below. Check with a reputable tire dealer too.





President's Message May 2021

The weather is turning nice and we look forward to taking the T-birds out for some rides. It's time for **Thunderbird Appreciation Day** and we are celebrating with a picnic on **Sunday, May 16**. Join us at **Deer Creek Picnic Area in Susquehanna State Park near Havre de Grace MD from 11-3**. Go 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 and chat. We'll do a 50/50 drawing too. The club will provide paper products and drinks. **Bring your own food** to be safe. Hopefully soon we'll be able to share our favorite dishes with each other, but not yet. If you want to caravan to the Park, you can meet up at our house about 10:15 that morning. Let us know if you will be joining us. We've heard from a good number of you and expect to have a nice turnout.

We've found out our charity, Miracle League of Harford is not planning a regular season of games after all. They will be there on Saturdays and Wednesdays but don't have a posted schedule. Skip sent an email about a game on April 24 and will keep us informed of others scheduled. Hopefully a few of us can get to a game in the T-birds. The field is just outside Bel Air.

Many of you will remember at our 2019 Christmas party we presented our past president, Skip Panowitz, with a commemorative brick to be placed at the AACA Museum in Hershey PA. That, of course, did not happen in 2020 due to Covid19, but we have a date scheduled this summer. **Please join us on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the AACA Museum, 161 Museum Dr., Hershey PA at 11 am.** After the ceremony we plan to stop at the **Soda Jerk Diner in Hummelstown PA** for lunch and some fabulous ice cream. Plan to drive those T-birds if you can! So far we have 14 folks going. If you want to caravan to the museum, we could meet at the Cracker Barrel off I-83 at Shrewsbury. You must let us know to wait for you if you want to meet there. So far I have a count of 16 going. Please let us know if you would like to go.

Hopefully you noticed on the front page that we will be meeting again in person at the **Greek Village Restaurant in Bel Air for our Third Thursday breakfast**. This month that will be May 20. Be there at 9:30. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you!



Steve & Cathy Kelley



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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				

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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:

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