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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

48TH ANNIVERSARY

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



This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **June 5, 2001:** Official production start date for the 11th generation "retro" Thunderbird.
- **June 16, 1903:** Ford Motor Company begins operations.

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

June 3-5: All Ford Nationals: Carlisle PA

CarlisleEvents.com. At gate vehicle registration available. Let Skip know if you plan to attend. Skip, Tom Young, Steve Dameron and Calvin Hansford will be there at least Friday, weather permitting.

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June 13th, 1:00 PM:

Luncheon @ McGregor's Restaurant – Havre de Grace, MD

This typically ladies' day out event will include the gents of the club this time. Segregated seating will likely be the order of the day. Please let Cathy know if you plan to attend.

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July 4th Parade – Towson, MD

Here is an opportunity to drive your Thunderbird in the **July 4 parade in Towson**. The committee loved us last year and has invited us back! Anne, Phyllis, Cathy and Skip are going for sure, and we are hoping to get some veterans to ride with us. If you know a veteran, please ask if they would like to participate with you. Let Cathy know ASAP as we have to get the paperwork in. Send email or text 443-417-0441.

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President's Message June 2022

We have got to have the best people of any car club ever! You folks who came to the Thunder Over Dover air show to celebrate Thunderbird Appreciation Day with us on May 22 were so much fun. Didn't the Blue Angels and the Thunderbirds just give you chills?? We were so fortunate to find a place to sit in the shade at the Air Mobility Command Museum, thanks to Ron and Diana Davis who scouted the place out the day before. The conversation was great, food truck food was OK, and the show was amazing, thanks to all of you who turned out. We are so glad that Marsha and Dwight Dixon from NJ were able to attend with us, although our communications didn't work so well and they didn't end up sitting with us. The president of the new Harrisburg PA Thunderbird Club and his wife joined us, thanks to Calvin Hansford inviting them, so we had a caravan of 9 T-birds entering the site. People were impressed. Check out the photo Cathy managed to get of the Thunderbirds Over Thunderbirds.



We met at Surf & Turf Steakhouse for dinner after the air show and had a yummy time there. We stopped at Bob Mench's on Monday to see his memorabilia collection and then he joined us as we lunched at one of the club's favorite restaurants, the Smyrna Diner. Thanks to everyone that showed up!

Cathy is making reservations for **lunch at MacGregor's Restaurant on the water** in Havre de Grace, 331 St John's St, on **Monday, June 13 for 1 pm**. Not just for the ladies; gentlemen are invited. Website: <https://www.macgregorsrestaurant.com/>. Let Cathy know ASAP if interested.

We are also looking for folks who want to drive their T-bird in the **July 4 parade in Towson**. The committee loved us last year and has invited us back! Anne, Phyllis and Cathy are going for sure and we are hoping to get some veterans to ride with us. If you know a veteran, please ask if they would like to participate with you. Let Cathy know ASAP as we have to get the paperwork in. Send email or text 443-417-0441.

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
See Below	Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shuck's Road Athletic Facility – Churchville, MD	See Below
May 22	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	Dover DE	USAF Museum & Show Weekend See Details Attached
TBD	Driving Tour of Maryland Eastern Shore	***MATC	TBD	TBD
June 3-5	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle Events	Fairgrounds Carlisle PA	CarlisleEvents.com
June 13	MATC Lunch Gathering	MATC	McGregor's Restaurant Havre de Grace, MD	
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		Macungie, PA	dasawkschtfest.com
September TBD	Potluck Social Hosted by Phyllis 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.



2022 Season Schedule

Saturday Mornings Through June:

Ages 5 - 13: 9:30 am

Ages 14 and up: 10:45 am

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Thunder Over Dover

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

May 22, 2022

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club at Dover Air Force Base, Dover DE

USAF Thunderbirds & USN Blue Angels



Twenty-one MATC members in nine Thunderbirds celebrated **Thunderbird Appreciation Day 2022** by attending the Thunder Over Dover Air Show at Dover AFB, DE on May 22nd. The air show featured the USAF Thunderbirds as well as the US Navy Blue Angels, a rare experience. It was a great day from a weather, experience and social standpoint. The food was pretty good too.





Photo credit: Cathy Kelley & Earl Dickinson



June Birthdays



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

Carol Schroll (16)

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

Recruitment of 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:

- 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!



Quiz

I have a Thunderbird related prize for the first person who correctly identifies

- 1) the actress perched on her 1955 Thunderbird and**
- 2) the location of the photo shoot and its significance.**

Who's Who In MATC

For the last year or so "Who's Who In MATC" has been a special feature of the MATC newsletter each month. The purpose of the feature has been to acquaint MATC members with other members that they might not know and/or to make them aware of interesting information about members that they did know. The officers, past and current, have been featured so far. Moving forward we will concentrate on the general membership. I learned a long time ago that asking for volunteers is often an exercise in futility. Directly asking folks to participate usually has better results. Below is a list of the members we are requesting to provide information about themselves for the remainder of the year. If the timing is not good, or you are uncomfortable providing the information, let me know. Not certain what to say or how to say it? I have attached some suggestions below. Thanks for your anticipated support of this effort.

- Photo of your car(s) with member(s) included. (Some images may be in MATC archives if needed).
- Member Name(s):
- Occupation/profession:
- 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.
- **The best resource is to review the prior articles**

Assigned Membership Article Months - 2022:

Please submit your profile to Skip by the 25th of the month before the publication month. Thank you for providing this information. The membership looks forward to hearing about you.

July – Kathy & Bob Ridolfi

August - Diana & Ron Davis

September – Sherry & Phil Hack

October – Miriam & Joe Zentgraf

November – Lois & Allen Herman

December – Frank Toth

Ford Thunderbird To Return As Corvette-Fighting Sportscar

MAY 16, 2022 BY [JARRYD NEVES RUMOR](#) / [31 COMMENTS](#)

Chevrolet should be worried.

At the 1954 Detroit Auto Show, Ford lifted the lid on a two-seater convertible that, to this day, is much loved by enthusiasts and collectors alike. Introduced as the Thunderbird, the gorgeous styling and V8 powertrains brought many into Dearborn's fold and, interestingly, the Blue Oval's offering outsold the Corvette of the day by thousands. Cut to 2022 and things couldn't be more different. The new [Corvette Stingray](#) is in high demand (even the drop-top is [posting remarkable sales figures](#)) and it's only set to skyrocket with the arrival of the high-performance Z06. Over at Ford, the [Thunderbird is all but forgotten](#). Last seen in 2005 when the brand tried (halfheartedly) to revive the iconic nameplate, many thought we'd seen the last of it.

However, that may change soon. According to news reports, a return is in the cards, with Ford considering a new Thunderbird as a Corvette rival of sorts. While it wouldn't boast a mid-engine layout, it would indirectly rival the Corvette as a halo grand tourer.

Last year, we [unearthed something to suggest this](#). Ford filed the name with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in January 2021, piquing our interest and sending our imagination into overdrive. At the time, we suggested the nomenclature may return as an all-electric sports car. That's still a strong possibility, especially as GM has said the Corvette will be [offered as a fully-electric variant](#) too.

We wouldn't be surprised if the Thunderbird name does make a comeback. After all, Ford has a rich history of bringing back iconic badges, such as the Bronco and Maverick nameplates. Currently, Ford has not got a vehicle to rival the Corvette (the Mustang is as good as it gets) but the introduction of another passenger car will go against the company's current direction - SUVs, crossovers, and trucks are the way forward (for the Blue Oval, at least).

Certainly, if the Thunderbird does return in the future, it's highly unlikely that it will sport a roaring V6 or V8 engine. An electric Thunderbird could do well, especially if it's positioned as a luxurious personal luxury coupe. Then again, Ford could do what it did with the Mustang and create a spin-off electric car, in the style of the Mustang Mach-E.

A potential Thunderbird Mach-E could be positioned above the aforementioned electric crossover and take on the likes of the Tesla Model X and Cadillac Lyriq. Hopefully, it will retain the retro styling cues that made past models so aesthetically appealing.

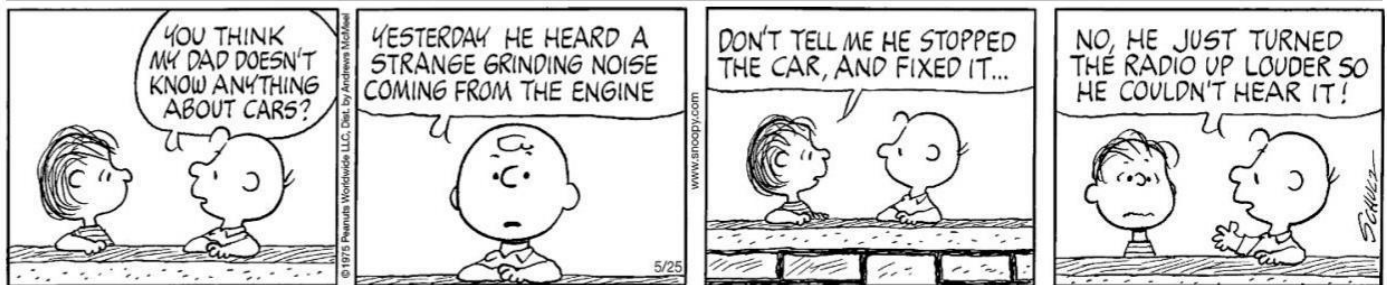
If Ford is serious about this, we'll likely see the arrival of an exciting concept car soon. The company's design guru said he wants to see the [return of radical concept cars](#), especially as we head into the electrified era. We sincerely hope the Thunderbird returns and, if so, makes a splash as a sleekly styled riposte to the all-dominating Corvette.

Ed Note: Unfortunately, I would not get too optimistic or excited about this happening. Filing the name with the US Patent Office does not necessarily mean there is a product using the name in the works. This allows Ford to collect royalties for model cars, apparel, etc., using the Thunderbird name and logo. But we can hope, I guess. I would expect if it happens it will be an electric vehicle. Hopefully **NOT** a SUV, CUV, or pick-up truck



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CLASSIC PEANUTS CHARLES M. SCHULZ



REMINDER: Please Send US Your VIN Number!!!!

The MATC Board of Directors continues its effort to develop a directory of VIN data (Vehicle Identification Number/ serial number) for members vehicles. If you have not submitted yours yet, please send it Skip, Cathy, Steve, or any officer. This information can be beneficial as a reference future owners when a car changes hands. New owners often inquire back to clubs like MATC to determine if the prior owner was a club member. This information can be very helpful in tracing the history of the vehicle.

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**



Coming 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.



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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

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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