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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

47th ANNIVERSARY

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This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

- **July 1, 2005:** Official last day of production for the retro Thunderbird.
(actual last car likely produced a few days later.)

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

July 3: Towson, MD, 4th of July Parade

Several MATC members are registered to participate in the Towson Parade on July 3. If you would like to join us, please tell Cathy right away. The ladies will be wearing 1950's costumes. If you can't enter your car, why not be a spectator?

July 18, Sunday, 1:00 PM: Annual Potluck Social @ Denham's

\$2 a Plate POTLUCK SOCIAL
Hosted by Zoeanne and Dan Denham,
5626 Williams Rd, Hydes MD, 21082

(Note: their house is at the end of a long driveway that goes between other houses)

Please RSVP at least 5 days in advance if you will be attending
Home Telephone: 410-592-2030 email: zoeanne9@yahoo.com

Please bring a dish in the food category listed by the first letter of your last name. The \$2 goes to the host to offset costs. Zoeanne and Dan will be providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

"A - G" Salad "H - Q" Main Dish "R - Z" Dessert

If bringing a salad or main dish, please provide enough to serve at least 8 people. If bringing a dessert, please provide enough to serve at least 10 people. You may be asked to bring a different item once members respond that they plan to attend. The alphabet range is based on typical and historical member attendance experience.

Directions: To Dan and Zoeanne

From Beltway 695: Exit 29A, onto Cromwell Bridge Road, turn left.
Follow Cromwell Bridge Road to the end and turn left onto Glen Arm Road (cross over the bridge).
Follow Glen Arm Road to Long Green Pike (4-way Stop). Turn left onto Long Green Pike.
Follow Long Green Pike to Williams Road. Make a right turn.
From York PA: South on Int 83 to Maryland Line Exit, Route 439.
Follow Route 439 to Route 23 (Norrisville Road), turn Right,
Follow Route 23 to Route 146 (Jarrettsville Pike), turn right.
Follow Route 146 to Route 152 (Fallston Road), turn left.
Follow Route 152 to Route to Route 165 (Baldwin Mill Road) turn Right.
Follow Route 165 to Long Green Pk, turn Right.
Long Green Pike to Williams Road, turn Left.

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	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
To Be Announced	Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Games will be pop-up until fall because of heat.
July 3rd	Towson, MD 4 th of July Parade		Towson, MD	Several MATC member's cars will be featured in the parade
July 9	Collector Car Appreciation Day	SEMA	TBD	
July 18	Potluck Social Hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	***MATC	Hydes, MD	See Details Above
July 3	Towson, MD 4 th of July parade		Towson, MD	Specific location and time to be provided as available.
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 7-10	Endless Summer Cruisin'	Cruisin' OC	Ocean City, MD	infoevent@specialeventpro.com
October 15-17	Ocean Grove New Jersey Weekend w/ NJTA and LVTC	No Jersey TB Assoc	Ocean Grove, NJ	http://thecarriagehouseoceangrove.com/
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	***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.

All Ford Nationals - 2021

Things appeared to be close to back to normal at the 2021 edition of All Ford Nationals. After a restricted version in 2020, Ford and Thunderbird enthusiasts certainly to participate in this annual homage to Ford Motor Company products. Mustangs still dominated the examples of the marque that were present, but there was a very strong showing of Thunderbirds. MATC attendees included the Ridolfis, Tom & John Young, Calvin Hansford, Dan Luber and Skip Panowitz. This is a great event to showcase the truly iconic Ford products from all eras and all makes and models. Let's shoot for a bigger participation in 2022.





And speaking of the All Ford Nationals...

Congratulations to MATC member Dan Luber. His beautiful 1964 Thunderbird received third place honors in the 1964-1966 Thunderbird Class.



The editor received this note from member Debbie Kleim recently..

Hello! Attached is a picture I took a few weeks ago. I live in Hunt Valley and took a ride to Westminster for a little retail therapy. I arrived at the time Belk opened, went in and shopped a few hours and when I came out, I had to do a double take! My Thunderbird is the pretty one! Just thought you would get a kick out of it!

Debbie Kleim



Looks like two retro owners with great taste in cars. And colors. Debbie's car is named "Charlie".

July Birthdays



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

Tom Young

Zoeanne Denham

John Horn

Bob Ridolfi

Kathy Ridolfi

Robert Hydorn

Reginald Maultsby

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

Welcome Aboard To Our New Members

No new members this month. Editor Skip spoke with several prospective members at All Ford Nationals. Keep those recruitment cards handy. And please don't ask Barb about the embarrassing recruitment opportunity that might have been missed while she and your editor were in Ocean City recently.

Membership Roster

As a reminder, 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.

Member News & Happenings:

- Lynn Horn, MATC Secretary, is recuperating from surgery as a result of a leg fracture from a fall. It happened while attending an event for another car marque, but we all know diversification is good. Recovery will take a while, but it is progressing well. She appreciates the calls, cards, and well wishes from club members. She did have what looked to be a little setback, but prompt medical attention was sought and she continues to recover.
- Zoeanne Denham continues to recuperate from a fractured wrist that required significant surgery to repair. The injury also occurred as a result of a fall. And being the trooper she is, she and Dan will be hosting the annual gathering at their home this month.

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: To Be Announced

Volunteer Assistance Is Always Welcome & Appreciated For These Games

The coordinators of the Miracle League of Harford County appreciate the participation of MATC members as both helpers and observers. This is a great opportunity to assist those that might not otherwise have an opportunity to actively participate in sports. Although a formal schedule for games has been suspended until the Fall, there may be pop-up games that occur on short notice. As soon as MATC is advised of the dates and times the information will be passed on to the membership. These will likely be evening games because of heat concerns.

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What Is Your Retro TBird Worth??



This Torch Red 2002 TBird pictured sold for an eye popping, eye watering \$41,800 (including the 10% buyer's premium: \$38,000 + \$3800) at the recent Barrett-Jackson auction. The car had 9100 miles, certainly a factor in the very healthy price. It is similar to mine, except for the Performance White hardtop and apparently it has only the partial accent interior. As a point of reference, the MSRP for mine was \$39,795. Before you get ready to put yours on eBay, or register it at Barrett-Jackson, several other 2002s with more typical mileage for this vintage retro (30 – 40K range) sold in the mid \$20K range which is still a bump (jump?) over the more typical price range for these cars. Either way, there seems to be an interest in these iconic cars. Let's hope this is not just a passing fancy. Maybe the great color is what made the difference.....For more info:

https://www.barrett-jackson.com/Events/Event/Details/2002-FORD-THUNDERBIRD-CONVERTIBLE-248463?fbclid=IwAR0sc_kuY1pI7OCi-MT4DLkxEJCUFLRiO0JS63oEnz1LRCqJ16zbYZY4BIA

Brick Setting – AACA Museum – June 12, 2021

About 16 MATC members attended the commemorative brick placement ceremony at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA on June 12th recognizing the 14 years of service by Skip Panowitz as club president. The group then lunched at the Soda Jerk, a 50s style diner, in nearby Hummelstown. And of course the lunch included delicious homemade ice cream, a specialty of the restaurant. It was a great day and a great event.







Note from the Editor:

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the recognition regarding my time as President of MATC. To now be memorialized in stone, sort of, especially at the AACA Museum is just an unbelievable tribute. I could not have been as successful or handled the responsibility of president without the support and assistance of the Board of Directors as well as you, the members. It was very heartening, and frankly a relief, when early on in my presidency so many members stepped up to the plate to assume the important, actually critical, functions necessary to keep the club operating and vibrant. And many of those folks were new members to MATC when they agreed to take on the various challenges. A special thanks is extended to Barbara who was still very new to the collector/special interest car hobby, as well as very new as my wife, when I became the president. She was, and continues to be, an invaluable source of support and assistance. I think she still finds it hard to believe that beautiful red convertible spends most of its time in the garage. But I think she is catching on. There were some great times and unfortunately some sad times during my tenure. The great times were the club gatherings, attending conventions, weekend trips to interesting venues, having so many great folks as friends and TBird colleagues, etc. On a sad note we lost several important key members including the Zastrows and the Mummerts. They laid the foundation for MATC back in the day 47 years ago and provided the rails that kept the engine and all the cars on track. Their support and assistance to me was invaluable. I am pleased that the club is now in such good hands with Cathy and Steve at the helm. And of course I didn't stray too far or too long before agreeing to take on a new responsibility as newsletter editor for however long I am needed. I look forward to many, many more years as a MATC member, enjoying the camaraderie with the membership as well as enjoying these great, iconic cars.

Skip

Who's Who In MATC

By Phyllis Cherry, MATC Board of Directors Member

Featured Member(s): Phyllis and John Cherry



About 1998 I told John I needed additional forms of transportation. Besides my Ford Explorer I needed an old pickup truck and a new sports car. Shortly later I found the truck at a yard sale, a 1985 Ford F-150 with the shift on the floor and a giant firebird decal on the hood. Sometimes I drove it to school, not exactly what one would expect to see parked in the principal's parking space. The sports car took more effort until I heard Ford was going to put the Thunderbird back into production. After working with middle and high school students for 32 years I decided a new T-bird would be the ultimate retirement present. John and I went to Crouse Ford in Taneytown where my family has purchased our cars for many years. At the time there was such a demand for the car I needed to enter a lottery resulting in being placed third to receive a car. I ordered the car in 1999 and took delivery January 11, 2002.

My love of cars started with my 1960 yellow Metropolitan convertible and I wanted my thunderbird to look as much like my Met as possible. Therefore color choices were not an issue, yellow with a black top. When we picked up the car I told the dealer I was going to drive it south until I could put the top down. Being January he thought we might need to drive quite a distance. We waited until March and took it to New Bern, North Carolina and one sunny afternoon we were able to lower the top (also wearing jackets). I had purchased a special notebook to take picture of all the places the bird got to go. By the third stop I realized the Bird only goes to parking lots so I stop taking pictures of it parked at far as possible from any other car.

In 2002 John and I decided to attend our first Thunderbird convention. It was located in Watkins Glen and where we met Tom Young who was directing cars into areas for judging. While we didn't see the purpose on having a new car judged we did enjoy our conversation with Tom. He suggested we might want to check out MATC. Joining has led to many adventures and lifelong friendships. John retired in 2012 as a systems analysis working on defense contracts. Being a Floridian he finds Maryland winters much too cold and spends as much time as possible at our place in Venice Fla. While there he plays tennis, enjoys community activates and watches the boats pass on the Intercoastal Waterway.

I taught middle school social studies before working as an administrator in both middle and high schools. I also worked as a consultant at the state and national level. Currently I am active in community service. I am on the Board of Directors for the Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association; the Maryland State Retired Teachers Association, and The Blue Ridge Summit Public Library. I volunteer as a Liaison for the Senior Box Office in Baltimore County organizing tours at several locations. Finally, once a month I stock shelves at the Cascade Food Bank. We are members of several car clubs besides MATC. They include, The International Metropolitan Owners Club, the Maryland Metropolitan Club, AACA, and the Mason and Dixon Antique Car Club.

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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, **SOLD!!**
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.

We (Still) Need Your Help

The Board of Directors of MATC continues to need 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.
- 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).
- 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.

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This was forwarded to the editor by Carol and Marvin Schroll. It is not car related, but we can all relate to the importance of the message. As some of us have already.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T * Ask the person to **TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (i.e. **Chicken Soup**)

R * Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS..**

If he or she has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: **Ask the person to 'stick' out his/her tongue**. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this message sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.



President's Message July 2021

What a great day we had to visit the AACCA Museum for the planting of Skip's brick on June 12. I'm sure Skip has the many photos somewhere else in this newsletter for those of you who couldn't make it to see how nice it was. We had a great lunch at the Soda Jerk Diner after the ceremony and there are pics of the ice cream eaters. Thanks again to Skip for all his years of service as president of the club. We are beginning to get a taste of what all that entailed.

The club is registered to participate in the Towson Parade on July 3. Right now we have 5 cars. If you would like to join us, please tell Cathy right away. We are going to have the ladies wearing 1950's costumes, like poodle skirts to tie in our retro cars to the original little birds! Maybe we could win a prize...

Our next outing is the picnic at the Denham's house on Sunday, July 18 at noon. Skip has the food assignments and more details on the front page. Don't forget they have a pool...At least wear short pants so you can get your legs in. There might be a hot weather game too. No, not a watermelon eating contest! Please let us know if you plan to attend so Dan and Zoeanne know how many to expect.

Our charity, Miracle League of Harford County, has suspended Saturday games as the weather is getting warmer. They will resume again in the fall. Volunteering makes you feel real good so let Cathy know if you want to come out and help these special needs folks play ball.

We have 8 couples signed up to go to Ocean Grove NJ, October 15-17 with the North Jersey Thunderbird Association: the Kelleys, the Panowitzes, both Youngs, the Longs, the Damerons, the Melnyks and the Dickinsons. The Carriage House Bed and Breakfast looks like it's a really nice place just off the beach and I know the Dixons from the NJTA are a lot of fun and Marsha is trying to set up some neat things to do. So if you haven't registered (the website is <http://thecarriagehouseoceangrove.com>) you might want to think about it. Let us know if you plan to go.

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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\$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.

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