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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

48TH ANNIVERSARY

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



This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

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



Happy 4th Of July

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

July 17, 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.

"S-Z" Salad "A-H" Main Dish "I-R" 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.

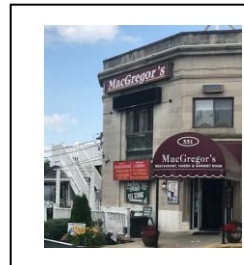
Long Green Pike to Williams Road, turn Left.



President's Message July 2022

The 4th of July saw some of our club in 2 parades, Towson and Bel Air. The veterans in the cars with us in Towson got a lot of applause, salutes and handshakes. We had a 100-year-old veteran from WW2 (thanks Doug Read), a 90-year-old Korean vet (thanks Anne Collins), 2 Vietnam vets (thanks Phyllis Cherry and Skip Panowitz) and a pilot from MD Air National Guard (Thanks Steve Kelley). The pilot looked like Maverick from Top Gun and got a lot of shout outs. We were so proud and honored to carry these veterans who served to make 4th of July parades possible. We only had Skip and Cathy in the Bel Air parade, but we were used as escorts, Skip carrying Susan McComas, a delegate in the House, and Cathy carrying 2 beauty queens. Thanks to Anne Collins for signs identifying our veterans. The crowd was very interested and called out their names often.

Our lunch at MacGregor's Restaurant on the water in Havre de Grace on June 13 was a big success. Hopefully those folks on Facebook saw all the wonderful photos Anne Collins posted. Tom and John Young were there as Skip and Barb Panowitz, Lynn and John Horn, Harry and Celeste Skruch, Ron and Jean Hill, Anne and Cathy. Food was great and the water view so nice. We'll do this again soon, maybe south of Baltimore somewhere.



Don't forget the Denham's picnic on Sunday, July 17 starting at 1pm. Skip has the directions and food info at the front of this newsletter. There might be games... See you there!

Making plans for a weekend trip to Western Maryland in October. Details soon.

Please keep those members with illnesses and problems in your prayers. God knows who they are.

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
July 4	4 th of July Parade		Towson, MD	Participate in Annual Parade
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July 17	Potluck Social Hosted by Dan & Zeanne Denham	***MATC	Hydes, MD	Details Available Soon
August 5-7	Das Awscht Fest		Macungie, PA	dasawkschtfest.com
September 11	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

Games Suspended Until September

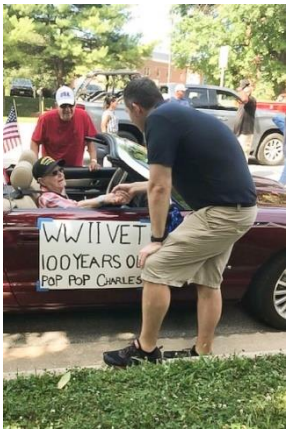
miracleleagueharford.org

MATC 4th Of July Parade Participation

This year MATC had the distinct honor of being asked to participate in two 4th of July parades. In the morning it was the long running Towson, MD parade. In the afternoon it was the also long running Bel Air, MD parade. At the Towson parade MATC members Phyllis Cherry, Anne Collins, Cathy Kelly, Skip Panowitz and Doug Read had the honor of chauffeuring military veterans Charles Flook (Phyllis' brother), Jack Murphy (Anne's friend), Tom Fargo (Steve and Skip's friend), Charles Pusey (Doug's **100-year-old!** father-in-law, Sandy's dad), and Jim Butcher (Skip's friend). At the Bel Air event Cathy drove two local beauty and talent contest winners and Skip's passenger was local MD House of Delegates representative Susan McComas. These were great, fun, events. Some MATC members could not participate because of health issues or other commitments. We hope to have an even bigger showing of MATC members and their cars next year.

Towson Parade







Bel Air Parade



July Birthdays



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

Tom Young (5) Zoeanne Denham (9) John Horn (14)

Bob Ridolfi (16) Kathy Ridolfi (31) Regina Maultsby (28)

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:

- MATC Treasurer Harry Skruch is currently recovering from hip replacement surgery and in rehab at Good Samaritan in Baltimore. Please keep Harry in your thoughts as he goes through this process. The surgery was successful and Harry is looking forward to continuing his recovery at home soon. We know that Celeste will take good care of him and expedite the process as much as possible.
- Several of our members are continuing to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham, Mike Melnyk, and Ray Raeke. 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.

We have a Winner! The winner's name will be announced and the prize presented at the Denham gathering.

Congratulations Are In Order.....

...for long time MATC member, past president and current Board of Directors member Tom Young. We all know Tom as a died in the wool Thunderbird guy. Hey, he owns two of them! But Tom also has a penchant for Mopars too. As many of you may know Tom, along with brother John, have been working on restoring a 1975 Dodge Coronet race car that their late brother ordered new that was spec'd and built exclusively for the drag strip. Tom and John's effort has paid off. The car has recently won both the prestigious AACA junior and senior designation awards. Tom has been approached by the editor of the AACA magazine, Antique Automobile, about doing an article on the car and its restoration in a future issue. Tom also received a top 10 award for the early Mopar class at a dealer sponsored all MOPAR show this past weekend. The recognition of this unique car is well deserved. But I for one am certainly glad Tom has room in his life (and pocketbook) for Thunderbirds too.



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

Now Arriving



Now Arriving!

UPDATE: The Greenlight 1966 model Thelma & Louise Thunderbirds in 1:64 scale are in – finally!. Both top down and top up versions. I will have them available at the Denham's and future MATC events. The other versions should be arriving soon. These include '64 hardtop in red and '65 convertibles in black and white. If you will not be attending an event but are interested in any of the items please advise me and I will hold them for you.

Skip (7/22)

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.

How a Utah woman inspired a famous Beach Boys song

Danielle MacKimm and Nexstar Media Wire



Shirley England, the Salt Lake City woman behind a 1964 Beach Boys hit. (Shirley England)

SALT LAKE CITY ([KTVX](#)) – Though you may not know her by name, Shirley England, a Utah native, is acknowledged nationwide as the girl who had “fun, fun fun”, ‘til her daddy took her T-Bird away.

When sitting down with Shirley, she chuckled when discussing the worldwide hit, giving a nod to her claim to fame.

“Yeah, that was a few years ago,” she laughed.

So, how did a Salt Lake City girl become the focus of one of America’s most renowned rock bands in music history?

“It was 1964 and my dad owned a radio station here in Salt Lake, KNAK radio. At the time, it was the number one rock station in the Valley. His business manager, Bill Hesterman, was friends with Murry Wilson, the father of Brian Wilson, Carl Wilson, and Dennis Wilson – three of the Beach Boys,” she explained.

“Bill would bring The Beach Boys to town five or six times a year to perform at a local amusement park called Lagoon, or the Terrace Ballroom – either one,” Shirley continued.

“They would come down to the radio station and do interviews. This station had a great big window where the public could come and look in and see the interviews as they were going on.”

Shirley, then a twenty-something college student at the University of Utah, went on, saying she would sit in the window and listen to the interviews. That’s how she got to know the Beach Boys a bit.

Little did Shirley know, the boy band noticed her just as much as she noticed them.

When asked how the song came to be, Shirley let Nexstar's KTVX in on a little family secret.

"So, I was going to school at the University of Utah where my father was also on faculty. He drove a T-bird, and he would get a new one every single year. Because of the fact that he had the T-bird, he had a faculty sticker – it was a driving campus at the time. Basically, I could take his car and park in front of every classroom and every building I wanted to go to. So, I would trade him my little Ford Falcon for his T-bird and go to my classes. From there, I'd meet him down at the station after my morning at school for work. I was kind of selfishly using his car all the time," she admitted.

Though even the sweetest of us were once guilty of some juvenile shenanigans, back in her day, the convertible-cruisin' college kid had a little rebellious streak.

"One day I went down to the station, and I was driving my little Ford Falcon, not the T-bird. Word got around that the night before I had supposedly gone to the library with my friends. Instead of going to the library, we hitched up and went to a local drive-in that had some really great food and kids," she laughed. "I got in trouble, so I didn't get the [T-Bird] that day."

That afternoon, the radio station's gossip was that daddy's little girl was grounded. According to Shirley, that's where the band got their inspiration for "Fun, Fun, Fun."

"When they were leaving town, Bill, their manager, was taking them to the Salt Lake airport and they were talking about me. I think it was Brian Wilson and Mike Love that made up the song on the drive," she noted, adding, "it was just kind of a fast quick thing. I didn't realize they had done that."

Shirly continued, "A little while later that song came out. I turned to Bill and said 'Hey, that could be my song,' and he said, 'Yeah it sure could be.'"

"Fun, Fun, Fun" was released as a single in 1964 and peaked at the number 5 spot on the [Billboard Hot 100](#).

Well she got her daddy's car
And she [cruised](#) through the [hamburger](#) stand now
Seems she [forgot](#) all [about](#) the library
Like she told her old man now
And with the [radio](#) blasting
Goes [cruising](#) just as fast as she can now

And she'll have fun fun fun
'Til her [daddy](#) takes the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun 'til her [daddy](#) takes the T-bird away)

Opening lyrics to 'Fun, Fun, Fun' by the Beach Boys, courtesy [Lyrics.com](#)

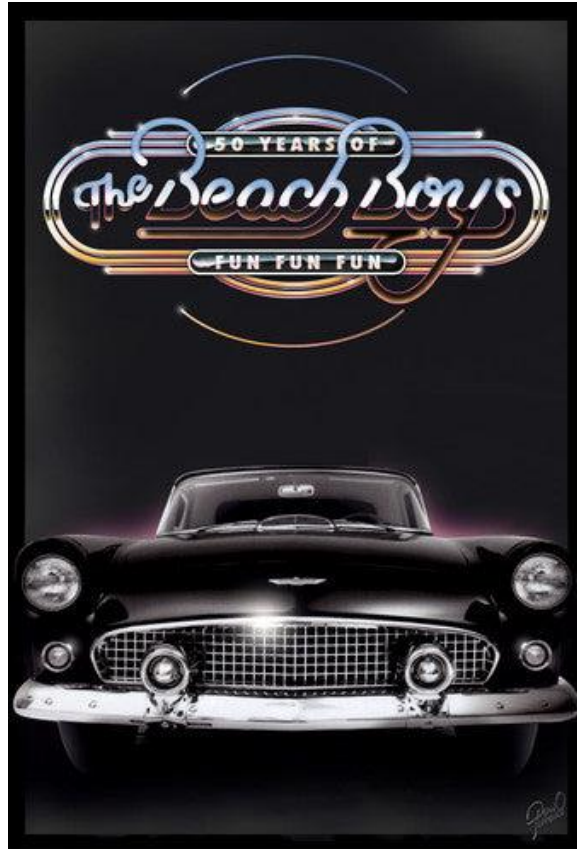
"And it wasn't until a few years later when I was attending a concert and the Beach Boys were there at the University of Utah for the 4th of July. I opened up the program and there was the whole story of Bill driving them to the airport and how the song was really written for me," Shirley recalls. "I looked at that and turned to my daughter, saying, 'Oh my gosh! Bill said it was for me, but I guess it's true!' That's how I heard about it."

From there on out, Shirley has been the subject of interviews time and time again for her underground fame.

“The last interview I had I actually mentioned that I had not been told by the band themselves that they had written that song for me,” she shared. “The interviewer actually said ‘Well Shirley, let me tell you, I was with Mike Love yesterday and he said that one of the guys in the band thought they wrote it on a plane. Mike said ‘No, we wrote it about a Salt Lake City girl.’ He confirmed it for me, so now I’m going to take it.” she said, playfully.

Today, Shirley goes about her happy life in Salt Lake working as a physician’s office manager. However, she’s keen on keeping her legacy alive, joking with her husband that she wants her tombstone to read “She had fun, fun, fun.”

Looking back on her rise to underground stardom, Shirley notes, “They were a great group of guys. It was just a really fun association, as was working at that station. It was a nice ride.”



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.



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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

Application for Membership

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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