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Newsletter photos, articles,
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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

47th ANNIVERSARY

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org/>
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This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

- **August 18, 2000:** Nieman Marcus edition of 2002 Thunderbird introduced at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

August 21: Covered Bridge Tour

See Attached Flyer. Please RSVP Cathy & Steve by August 14th if you plan to participate!! This is one of our signature annual events.

Sunday, September 12, 1:00 PM: Annual \$2 Potluck Social

Hosted by Phyllis & John Cherry
14401 Water Company Road, Cascade MD, 21719
(Near Thurmont, MD).

So our hosts can prepare, please RSVP by September 7th

Home Telephone: 410-747-1209, email: pacherry@comcast.net
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. John and Phyllis are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

"H to P" Main Dish "Q to Z" Salad "A to G" 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.

September 11, 2021: Romancing The Chrome

This popular annual event has always been supported by MATC members. It is returning after a two year sabbatical because of the pandemic and inclement weather See attached flyer for more details. Let's have another great showing. There will be more details in the September newsletter regarding registration and staging so we can have our cars located together on the show field.

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club

Covered Bridge Ride 2021



Led by Steve and
Cathy Kelley.
Steve's cell phone
410-812-5596
or Cathy's email
cathykelley49@gmail.
com

Please let us know if
you will be joining us
so we can make
reservations at Shady
Maple for our group
lunch.

Please join us for a ride to view and drive through many of the Covered Bridges in Lancaster County, PA. Meet us in the parking lot across from the Royal Farms at the intersection of Routes 1 and 222 in Conowingo MD at 9am on Saturday, August 21, 2021. We'll lead you on some winding roads to about 6 bridges that we think you will like. Then we will head to Shady Maple Smorgasbord in Blue Ball, PA for a nice lunch. They have a gift shop and farmers' market also.

We will set up a meeting place for those north of the area. We'll provide written driving instructions.

Please RSVP Cathy or Steve by August 14th if you plan to participate!!

10th ANNUAL CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB & THE BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

Rain Date 9/18

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More Details To Follow As They Become Available

2021 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
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.
August 6,7,8	Das Awkscht Fest		Macungie, PA	https://awkscht.com/
August 21	Covered Bridge Tour	***MATC	Lancaster County, PA	See Attached Flyer
September 11	Romancing The Chrome	BACC & Jville Lions	Jarrettsville, MD	See Attached Flyer
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)



Game Dates: To Be Announced

Volunteer Assistance Is Always Welcome & Appreciated For These Games

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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.

August Birthdays



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

Sara Forte

Lois Herman

Ron Hill

Steve Kelly Dave Shelton

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

Welcome Aboard To Our New Members

Gary & Rose Amato, Broomall, PA: 1964 White Landau

Thomas & Audrey Vandell, Bastin, VA: 2002 Evening Black

Member News & Happenings:

- Lynn Horn, MATC Secretary, continues to recuperate from surgery as a result of a leg fracture from a fall. It happening while attending an event for another car marque, but we all know diversification is good. She now has a cast on her leg/foot which helps a little with mobility. 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. Additional surgery was performed in late July. She reports it has resulted in better flexibility but there is still some discomfort. She currently is in a cast, which will be replaced in a few weeks by a brace. We wish her the best for a prompt and complete recovery.
- Several of our members are receiving on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include John Cherry, 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!

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MATC At The Towson 4th Of July Parade

What a fun time this was.





Let's hope we get invited back !!!

Potluck Social @ The Denham's - July 18th

What a great time was had by all of the MATC members that attended. The weather cooperated, and TBirds appeared. This is always one of the best activities with great participation each year. And this year's gathering included an activity that kept folks "on their toes". Thanks to Zoeanne and Dan for hosting this annual signature event.







Who's Who In MATC

By Tom Young, MATC President Emeritus

Featured Member(s): Tom Young & Linda Rodgers



My interest in Thunderbirds started in 1988 when my Brother John decided to purchase a 1957 Thunderbird like our Uncle had in 57. I was involved with the hunt for the right car, and trailered it home for him from Virginia. In 1992 I decided I wanted an old car to tinker with and found my 1960 Thunderbird. I did not set out to buy a Thunderbird, I just wanted an old car to drive. For 15 years previous to purchasing my Thunderbird, I was Drag Racing a Dodge Charger that I bought new in 1973

Now I have 2 cars with a limited budget, a wife and a daughter to occupy my time and money. As far as cars, the racing was first, so I had little time and money for the Thunderbird until 1997, when I stopped racing. The Thunderbird was already apart in my garage, so I got serious about building the Bird as a show car for the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA).

I watched the progress on my Brother's car being professional restoration by Marvin Hill. I did my best to replicate the finish the Pro's were getting on my own car. This was my first restoration, and it turned into a long process that was not finished until 2006.

I have been very fortunate to win "The AACA Thunderbird Award", which is given to one Thunderbird a year, out of many shown. I also won "Best of Show " in 2009 at the Vintage Thunderbird Club International Convention in Ohio.

In 2005 my wife Linda was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and I spent the next 10 years caring for her. We were both active in MATC, and the ITC club, attending 14 ITC Conventions, and making some great friends along the way. The MATC people were always supportive and helpful to Linda and I through the years.

After Linda passed in 2016, I continued being active in multiple car clubs. I was fortunate to meet Linda Rodgers who is now my Thunderbird Partner in crime! In 2017 I decided to buy a Retro Bird to drive since my 60 Bird is a "Trailer Queen" with only 170 miles on the odometer since 2006! Linda likes an "old guy" with a red convertible!

I am a past President of MATC & The Chesapeake Region AACA. I am a current Board member, and Swap Meet Chairman for the Chesapeake Region. I was also Concourse Chairman for the ITC from 2007 till 2017.

Linda and I continue to make new friends at the various car events we attend, and the MATC folks are our favorite group!



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)



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)

2002 Thunderbird Premium: Evening Black with charcoal interior. Original Owners. No major repairs. Regular service. Never modified. Includes roof storage rack and car cover. Battery replaced within the last two years. It has always been stored inside a heated building. Asking \$22,000. Negotiable. Located at 2730 Spring Hill Lane, Enola, PA. Tom & Mary Jo Sharretts: Mary Jo: 216-219-5468, Tom: 717-378-0671 (8/21)



1957 Ford Thunderbird: D7FH394113, Azure Blue, 7783 miles since 1975 restoration, 312 - 4 barrel V8, 3 Speed Ford-O-Matic Transmission, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Engine Dress-Up Kit, Porthole Hard Top, Two Tone Blue interior (stock), Select Air Heater/Defroster, American Classic radial whitewall tires, new Spare Tire, Service Records, original factory Gate Release, asking \$42,500. Located in Manassas, VA. Many more details available. Contact Warren Hayes, (703) 853-6512. (8/21)



TBird T-Shirts For Sale – While They Last!!



A



B



C

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

C = “Old Man” TBird T-Shirt; Size XXL, ONE ONLY!!; \$10 plus S&H

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Tampa Bay Automobile Museum -Pinellas Park, FL.



While in Florida earlier this year, O'Rean & I visited the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum in Pinellas Park, FL. The museum is privately owned and quite unique in a number of ways. The collection is focused primarily on early automotive engineering achievements, and most of the collection are 1920 – 1930 era European and American vehicles. All of the vehicles are fully restored (or in the process), and they are said to be driven routinely, including the reproduction 1770 prototype steam powered cart proposed for the French military. Technical displays also include a cut away sleeve valve engine design and a number of items relating to rear engine and front wheel drive engineering developments. No T-birds, of course, but I was intrigued by this Model A Ford modified to run on gas or charcoal for use in South America when gas availability was sparse. Bags of charcoal, or charred nutshells, were carried on the roof rack. You can view most of the collection on their web site: <https://www.tbauto.org/>.

Submitted by Dave Shelton



President's Message August 2021

It's been a long time since MATC was in a parade, but we were asked to join the Towson parade this year on July 3 and we are so glad we decided to participate. Steve was with the Shriners in the Catonsville parade, but our granddaughter joined Cathy and the Hansfords, Cherrys, Skip and Anne Collins rounded out our top-down group. Anne had a Vietnam veteran, Jack Murphy, with her and the lady passengers wore 1950's attire to show the connection of the retro birds to the original birds of the 50's. We were very popular with the crowd and have been asked to return next year. We're thinking about the Bel Air parade also since a lot of us live nearby. Check out the photos of the parade that Skip has on another page of the newsletter.

We are also glad to see that our Third Thursday Tbird (TTT) Breakfast was very well attended in July. It's good to see folks out and about again. Ray & Jean Raeke joined us with her brother, Bob, who was their driver. We've been meeting at the Greek Village in Bel Air for about 5 years now, so if you have an idea for a different place, please let us know.

Of course we have to mention the MATC picnic at the Denhams' July 18. Great turnout, lots of good food, gorgeous weather and fabulous friends. We had that special drawing thing we do and Skip graciously added items to it. 'What's your favorite color?' was the saying of the day... AND we had a balloon toss game that was won by Mike Melnyk and Ron Davis. They got Royal Farms gift cards. See, it pays to play! This may become an annual game...

We had such a great turnout and so much fun 7 years ago when we led a ride through some covered bridges in PA and ended up at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch that we've decided to do it again. Saturday, August 21 is the date and we will meet in Conowingo MD. We sent an email and Skip has the flyer in this newsletter too. The folks who live farther north will meet us at another spot. We'll send driving directions to those who RSVP.

Third Thursday Tbird Breakfast at The Greek Village. Ladies' table, men's table



Steve & Cathy Kelley





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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

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