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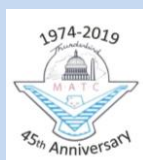
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etc., is the 20th of each
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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



MATC THUNDERBIRD

NEWSLETTER

49TH ANNIVERSARY



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **August 7, 2001:** the 2002 Thunderbird of MATC newsletter editor and past president Skip Panowitz is produced. (Sorry, I could not resist. ed)

Thursday – August July 17 @ 9:30 AM - Third Thursday TBird Breakfast

Greek Village Restaurant - 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

Please let Cathy know if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can be prepared.

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

Sunday, September 17, 1:00 PM

Annual \$2 Potluck Social

Hosted by Phyllis Cherry

14401 Water Company Road, Cascade MD, 21719

(Near Thurmont, MD).

Please RSVP by September 11th So our hosts can prepare,

Phyllis Cell: 443-831-2194 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. Phyllis and family are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

"H to Q" Main Dish "A to G" Salad "R to 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.

Note: Depending on attendance you might be contacted and asked to bring a different item.

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New Jersey Adventure With The North Jersey TBird Association,

September 20-23, 2023:

See details below.



President's Message Aug 2023

Thanks to all those who turned out to represent MATC in both the Towson and Bel Air MD 4th of July parades. Anne Collins, Celeste Skruch, Calvin & Pat Hansford, Doug Read, Skip Panowitz and Cathy were in the Towson parade with our veterans, who were once again a big hit. Lots of applause, salutes and handshakes. Dan Luber joined Skip and Cathy in the Bel Air parade where we were well received also. Please think about joining us next year.

The **annual picnic at the Denhams'** was held on Sunday, July 16. There was a little rain so we held the gathering indoors, where we had good food, great conversations and a few games of bingo and 'Guess Whose Car'. You missed a good time if you weren't there.

The Dickinsons and Kelleys are going to the **VTCl convention** in August since we are a new chapter with them. Thanks to our members that recently joined VTCl.

Don't forget The **Cherry Festival** annual picnic at Phyllis Cherry's camp in Western MD on Sunday Sept 17. This is a stunning place to spend an afternoon so please plan to join us there. Directions and food assignments will be in September's newsletter.

Also coming up in September is our trip to NJ that Marsha Dixon is planning. It will be Sep 20-23 with our lodging at Hampton Inn Parsippany NJ. We will see Paterson Falls and Garrett Mountain, Edison Museum, visit a couple car cruise-ins, eat some great food and have ice cream! Marsha has put a lot of effort into finding great restaurants and lodging as well as activities and we are looking forward to the get-away. Please let us know if you plan to go as we need to get our reservations right.

Please keep all our members who are going through illness, emotional issues, financial issues and other problems in your thoughts and prayers. And please let us know if you are struggling in any way – we may be able to help.

Cathy & Steve


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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
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)
May - Oct	3 rd Friday Cruisers		Town of Perryville, MD Lower Ferry Park	AGAPERRYVILLEMD.org
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
July 4	Towson 4 th of July Parade	***MATC	Towson, MD	Details forthcoming
July 4	Bel Air 4 th of July Parade	***MATC	Bel Air, MD	Details forthcoming
July 16	Pot Luck at Denham's	***MATC	Hyde's MD	See details on first page.
August 16-19	VTCI International 2023 Convention	VTCI	Cartersville, GA	Vintagethunderbirdclub.net
August 22-27	Thunderbird Reunion	ITC	Dearborn, MI	
September 17	"Cherry" Festival	***MATC	Cherry's Cabin	Details forthcoming
September 20- 23	Joint event with NJTA	NJTA	Patterson and/or Edison NJ	See info below. More details ro follow.
October 14	Rockville Classic & Antique Car Show	City of Rockville	Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Drive	specialevents@rockvillemd.gov
November	Election of Officers	***MATC		Consider running for an office
December 3	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Restaurant	More Details Later
2024				
May 19	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	TBD	TBA
May 31-June 2	Carlisle Ford Nationals		Carlisle, PA	Make Your Hotel Reservations Now!!
July 14	National Collector Car Appreciation Day		TBD	

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.

 <p style="text-align: center; background-color: yellow; margin-top: 10px;">miracleleagueharford.org</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4b0082;">OPENING DATE APRIL 15, 2023</h3> <p style="text-align: center; color: #666;">Ages 5 – 13 Saturday Mornings 10:00 am Ages 14 and up Saturday Mornings 11:15 am</p>
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August Birthdays



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

Sara Forte Lois Herman Ron Hill Steve Kelley Dave Shelton

If your birthday was overlooked, please let the editor know ASAP.

Membership:

Please welcome new members **Scott Mummert** and **Stephanie Nagy**. Scott has been a sort of defacto member most of his life because of the long time association of his mom & dad, Kitty and Norm Mummert, with MATC. And Scott has just purchased a '66 Thunderbird from member John Horn that had previously been his dad's. We look forward to seeing them at future MATC events.

Be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or flyer when you see prospective members and their cars.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- MATC VP Mike Melnyk recently had a hospital stay because of a really bad bladder infection. When he arrived at the ER his temperature was 103.2. He is home now and says he feels better. He can be reached by cell phone at 610-574-5738. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for his continuing recovery.
- Continued thanks to all of the well wishes from MATC members regarding my diagnosis of .pulmonary embolisms in my lungs. A follow-up CT scan and hematologist visit indicated that the volume of blood clots has decreased. Good news. But I am not out of the woods yet as the reason(s) for the blood clots has yet to be determined. Until then, I am at a high risk for recurrence. A series of blood tests hopefully will help with the diagnosis. I still generally feel OK and continue to limit my activities to what I am comfortable with. *ed.*
- Please continue to keep Christine Young, John and the Young family in your thoughts and prayers. Christine has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Treatment has begun and she has a positive attitude regarding her recovery. We will keep you aware of her progress and condition. Many of you understand and can relate to what she is experiencing because of your own experience or that of friends and relatives.
- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham and Mike Melnyk. 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!

Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2023

Vintage Thunderbird Club International Annual Convention, Cartersville, GA, August 16-19

Many MATC members, especially newer members, have never attended a national Thunderbird Club Convention. In the past, it was a major activity for MATC each year when there was an ITC convention. There was always a great showing of MATC members and TBirds. The convention will include great events, great venues, a chance to socialize with TBird owners from all over the country and world. And a judged car show too. A real unique, gratifying but teeth gnashing experience everyone with a special interest car, especially a Thunderbird, should participate in at least once. Several MATC members plan to attend. For more specific information check out the VTCL website at www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net. If you are not yet a VTCL member, please consider joining today. There is an application attached.

Thunderbird Reunion, Dearborn, MI, August 22-27, 2023

Sponsored by ITC, this is being promoted as a gathering of Thunderbirds and Thunderbird owners. Activities will include several dinners and an all Thunderbird display at Ford World Headquarters. It is open to all clubs and all Thunderbird owners. There is a "host" hotel, but all venue visits are on your own. For more information contact **intl-thunderbirdclub.com**. Registration forms and agenda are available from the newsletter editor.

New Jersey Adventure With The North Jersey TBird Association, September 20-23, 2023:

Marsha Dixon has scouted out some places in the Morristown/Parsippany NJ area for us for an outing we hope many of you would like to attend. The main idea was to see the Edison Museum which the Damerons recommended to us last year. Plans are for Wed 9/20 – Sat 9/23.

1. Hotel will be Hampton Inn, Parsippany. Marsha will block rooms and everyone will make their own reservations. Stay tuned for specifics.
2. On Wed eve Jim Johnson's Steak House has a car show on their lot or we can go to Rod's Steak House in Convent and eat in a plush railroad car (not beans and franks hobo meal!)
3. Thursday we plan to see Paterson Falls and Garrett Mountain area in a driving tour. Dinner at 4:30 at Arthur's.
4. Friday will be Edison Museum tour. Dinner at 4 at Reservoir Tavern. Cruise in at Boonton Walmart. Ice Cream at Curly's.
5. Saturday, Marsha has some local things we can do like a cooking class, apple picking, ceramics...Then home or stay another night.

Rockville, MD Annual Car Show, October 14, 2023

The Rockville Show was always a major annual event for MATC in the past. Many of our members still attend as well as our friends from the Potomac Thunderbird Club. Participation was dwindled a little as our membership became more central Maryland focused and many of our newer members have newer cars which do not meet the minimum 25-year-old requirement of the show management and AACA. But now every Thunderbird meets the 25 year requirement except the retros, and some of us are only a few years away. The Board and officers of MATC would like to get more involved in this very large, well-attended, and important car show if only as visitors. The number and variety of cars on the show field is overwhelming, plus there are automotive themed vendors too. It is well worth the trip. Check out the registration form at www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow. It is too extensive to include in the newsletter plus it is fillable. Bea and Orville Zastrow were very actively involved with the show in the past and their son Earl has taken on some of those responsibilities. Plans are being considered to make this a MATC event even for those who do not show a car. Stay tuned.

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #2, Carlisle, PA, May 31-June 2, 2024

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2024 Carlisle Ford Nationals. This time we started our homework early and have been able to secure a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, May 31 and Saturday June 1, 2024. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc., which was not the case this year. We have a block of 25 rooms guaranteed which can be increased as deemed necessary. The rate is \$185 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate, plus taxes. Room reservations can be cancelled up until 6 PM the night of the reservation. The rate includes a breakfast and other amenities. We will also have the use of a meeting room as a hospitality room. There is plenty of free parking. The "host" hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81
1501 Commerce Ave
Carlisle, PA
717-241-0052

The hotel is an easy drive from the Carlisle Fairgrounds right off of I-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before May 31st, so it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, like right now, even if you are not certain you can be there. The sooner reservations are made, the better chance for increasing the number of rooms in the block if needed. It is fortunate that we were able to reserve a block of rooms and at a favorable rate. The online reservation link is below:

[Thunderbird Friends Reunion](#)

If the link does not work, call the hotel direct at the above number. We will provide more details as they become available. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, like this year, and possibly Friday night too. We hope to have a larger tent this year as multiple clubs are expected to be included.

Please get your reservations taken care of early. We look forward to lots of Fun, Fun, Fun in 2024.

Annual Pot-Luck Gathering At The Denham's

Even threatening weather did not hinder the Friends – Food – Fun tradition.



July Thunderbird Quiz



Winner: Mike Melnyk. Mike not only got the actor-Clark Gable-and car year correct-1955, but also identified it as a rare supercharged model. Mike's Prize: A diecast 1955 Thunderbird model.

Editor's Note: There were a lot of responses this month, and most were correct. Mike was just first. Thanks for your responses-and reading the newsletter!!

August Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Actor? What Year Is The Thunderbird?

Bonus: What TV show is he best known for starring in?

Respond to Skip with your guesses...er answers.

Note: All previous winners are not eligible to participate.

CLASSIFIEDS



2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Thunderbird: MATC friends and Thunderbird enthusiasts Sandi & Walt Fries are selling their 2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Edition Ford Thunderbird. Owned since new, the car has 23,330 mostly highway mile, plus custom features including color-keyed car cover, boot, seat covers, dash cover and front-end cover. Asking price is \$32,500. Contact Walt at 610-759-4997 (h), 484-515-4008 or wfriesjr@aol.com

Also, Walt's extensive collection of Thunderbird model cars and memorabilia is now being auctioned by Tom Hall Auctions in Pennsylvania (tomhallauctions.com). Check it out. There are so many items they are being auctioned in three sections. The auction is "live" now.

For Sale

Set of four BFGoodrich Silvertown 14-inch whitewall tires on Thunderbird (58- 60) rims for \$560.00 or best offer. Deliverable within reasonable distance. Contact Frank Toth at 202-329-5473 and leave voice mail message.



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Still Available
MATC & TBird T-Shirts
While They Last!

A = 45th MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$10 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H

B = Retro TBird Logo T-Shirt; XXL only; \$10 each plus S&H

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: Please Mail Application with your check payable to **MATC** to:

Frank Long, Treasurer; 331 Sullivan Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009; 410-569-8539

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The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club is a tax-exempt Association under IRC 501 (c) (7).

(Revised September 2022)

Vintage Thunderbird Club International



VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable & mail to:
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.

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<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

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Benefits of Membership Include:

- Tech support for all generations of Thunderbirds
- Social Gatherings
- Monthly Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

