

## SEPTEMBER 2016

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## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB *Charter Member, International Thunderbird Club*



### MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER



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

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### Monthly Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air **Will be on the FOURTH Thursday September only** September 22, 9:30 AM

Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

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### October Event: October 15 (rain Oct 22)

Saturday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

All Cars Must be on the Field by 11:00

Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show

603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville MD 20850

The Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show is a premier car show very popular with MATC members. A large variety of high end classic and antique automobiles are displayed at this event. The best antique vehicles in the Maryland / Virginia area attend this event and the MATC / PCTC representation is one of the BEST.

Registration fee is, \$20 after Sept 12.

Registration on the internet. URL is posted below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show-tickets-26179829575>

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### Condolences: With sadness we remember Linda Young

Linda Lee Young, 69 years old of Pikesville, died Monday, August 29, 2006 at the Woodholme Springs Assisted Living in Pikesville. Born May 11, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Earl VanGuilder and Frances Elizabeth Klinger VanGuilder. She was the beloved wife of Thomas W. Young.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter Amy Davis and her husband Christopher, grandson Caleb Joseph Frederick, her Aunt Jean VanGuilder and cousin Jerry VanGuilder.

The family request donations to: Alzheimer's Association of Maryland, 1850 York Rd., Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celeste Skruch 9	Read Van Zile 12
Judy Dickenson 12	Lynn Horn 16
Marvin Schroll 17	Jean Raeke 28
Mike Meknyk 30	

## 2016 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

*Official MATC/ITC activities are 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	Details
<b>Thursday, Sep 22 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Third Thursday Breakfast Gathering</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/</a>
Sept 17	41 st Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Bull Run AACA	9101 Prince William St. Manassas, Virginia	<a href="http://www.bullrunaaca.org/">www.bullrunaaca.org/</a>
Oct 5 - 8 Wed - Sat	Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	<a href="http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html">http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html</a>
Oct 6 – 9 Thurs - Sun	Endless Summer	<b>Special Event Productions</b>	Ocean City MD \$45 by April 30	<a href="https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin">https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin</a>
<b>Saturday Oct 15 Rain Date: 22</b>	<b>Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p</b>	<b>MATC</b>	Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville MD	See website for registration. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm">http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm</a>
<b>Oct 22 - 23</b>	<b>Shenandoah Valley Tour</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Nov</b>	<b>Tech Session</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Nov</b>	<b>Officer Election</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Sunday December 4 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA</b>	<b>Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter</b>
<b>Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Breakfast Gathering</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/</a>

### Other Events:

**CRAACA:** See <http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/calendars/craaca/default.html>

**September 10:** Autumn Harvest Collector Car Show – 10:00A to 2:00P. Manchester Carnival Grounds, York Street, Manchester, MD

**October 1:** Antique Car Show, Sunshine Grill Restaurant, 12607 Fork Road, Fork, MD, 11:00A – 3:00P

**Hunt Valley Horsepowering:** Every Saturday 8:00A to 10:00A, Location: Hunt Valley Town Center (Shawan Road) in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

**Lowes' Cruise:** Friday Nights, 4:30 – 11:00 , All Vehicles, 414 Constant Friendship Blvd, Abingdon, MD

**Car Cruise and Show Guide:** <http://carmacruise.com/>

**September 23, 5:00P -9:00P: Motor Menders Rod & Custom Cruise Nights** At the Markets of Shrewsbury, 4th Friday of month. Rain Date following Friday, no rain date Sept. [www.marketsatshrewsbury.com](http://www.marketsatshrewsbury.com)

**Pleasant Valley Fall Fest Car Show: Saturday, October 8:** Sponsored by Saint Matthew's United Church of Christ, Car Show location: Pleasant Valley Fire Company, 2030 South Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster MD 21158, Registration \$10 advance before Oct 7, \$15 thereafter, internet registration <http://saintmatthewsucc.org/carshow/registration/>

**For Sale:** 55 Thunderbird Project Car, Disassembled, Have soft and Hard top. Have most all parts to rebuild. \$10,500. Dan Denham, 410-592-2329,

**For Sale:** A 35 year collection of T Bird Parts ,many NOS. For sale individually or by lot. Contact; 703-560-8014, Frank Toth or email [frankttoth@AOL.Com](mailto:frankttoth@AOL.Com) for an email list of parts,

**For Sale:2002 Thunderbird** . We are the original owners – purchased April 10, 2002; Current mileage: 9063; Black with White Hardtop – also comes with Black Soft-top and dark grey leather interior; Premium Model; Includes Storage Cart and Car Cover; Stored in climate controlled garage; Full service records (Serviced at Battlefield Ford); Car in excellent condition and treated as a Classic T-Bird should be; Price: \$ 25,000; Contact Warren Hayes at (703) 368-0170 or [warrenhayes@aol.com](mailto:warrenhayes@aol.com)

**Free:** 1965 fender skirts. Contact, Don Bowersox 443 – 974 – 6021, Price: free

**For Sale: 2002 Thunderbird** with 47,588 miles on the odo as of this moment. Everything on the car is stock, clean and beautiful. I've We have the hardtop and storage stand, as well as the original owners manual and associated documents. \$18K, but will entertain reasonable offers. Walt Going, [wgoing@verizon.net](mailto:wgoing@verizon.net) (H) 703-255-7164, (M) 631-241-8799, Photos available from newsletter Editor.



## **“The Cherry Festival” Pot Luck Social August 28**



**Congratulations Phil and Sheely**







## From Zoeanne:

**Calling all Cooks!** Thank you to Betty Marsellino for the recipes. We have a lot of great cooks in our Club. Every Pot Luck Social is highlighted by great food. I still need more to organize a Pot Luck Recipe Book. Send me one or two of your best recipes. There were two delicious versions of Broccoli salad at our house on July 10. Whoever brought the salads, please send the recipes. Please email the recipes to me [zoeanne9@yahoo.com](mailto:zoeanne9@yahoo.com).

Thank You, Zoeanne



## Tech Session @ Phil Hack's Garage

Friday, August 5 we had a tech session at my home in Timonium. It was attended by Dan Denham, John Horn and Harry Skruch. The session was intended to be a water pump replacement for my '63. It wasn't to be. For those of you that didn't know, way back in January on a brisk 17 degree morning, my cooling system let loose with a vengeance. I had coolant and steam blowing out from the front of the engine about 20 miles from home. The water pump had let up...so I figured. I sat in the cold and waited for a tow. We put the car on a roll back, brought it home and it sat while I was busy with other more important things. A couple months back, I bought a new pump and started the process. I found the Ford engineers had done a marvelous job at burying all the bolts and hose clamps on the pump. My car is equipped with air conditioning which made the task even worse. For those of you who have never changed a water pump on a 390 FE, it ain't easy. I just didn't have the time. At the last breakfast meeting, Skip suggested scheduling a tech session to get it done. Great idea!

First up on Friday was to refill the cooling system and verify exactly where the leak was. Smart idea. It wasn't the pump after all. It was the expansion tank. We removed the tank in about 10 minutes with the aid of Dan's handy right angle socket extension. This thing looked like a normal 1/4" ratchet but was actually a right angle driver. You attach your socket normally, but attach your ratchet into the end of the handle. Down inside the head is a ring and pinion gear providing a 90 degree angle. Dan explained that this was made by AC-Delco for changing spark plugs in Corvettes. It worked fine on a Ford, too.

With the tank removed, we were able to locate not one but two separate leaks. Since I did not have a replacement tank on hand, we decided to take some time hanging out under the dashboard diagnosing the problem with my heater temperature control. The lever or cable had broken. We diagnosed the problem to be a worn control mechanism and bent cable. I may have to live with this one awhile as the whole dash and heater must be removed to replace them. The temperature control valve can be adjusted manually by removing a small access panel under the dash. Fine for now. I want to get the car back on the road and drive it!

After some over the phone advice from Mike Melnyk about the virtues of used and new tanks, a new tank was sourced from a nearby vendor. Much more expensive than a water pump, but much easier to replace.

We finished the day with lunch on the porch and conversations on old Fords, personal health issues and which presidential candidate is the worst. What an afternoon!

I've since finished the tank replacement and driven the car about 100 miles without incident. Safe to declare success.

Thanks again Dan, John, Harry and Mike.

Phil Hack

## President's Message

### September 2016



What a great turnout and what great weather we had for the annual “Cherry Fest” at Phyllis and John Cherry’s cabin, great food, great socialization and great fun. It might have been the best weather day ever. Even the pesky insects cooperated although I missed wearing a dryer sheet all day too. We were again joined by some of our friends from the Potomac Classic Thunderbird Club Chapter of CTCL. It was great seeing folks we don’t see often as well as some new faces and prospective member Don and Angie Bowersox. This is one of the annual events we all look forward too.

One new member that it was a pleasure to meet (finally) was Shelley, now Mrs. Phil Hack. They were married on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and are enjoying their honeymoon in Florida as I write this. Thanks to all who welcomed her to our group. Unfortunately she is not a monthly breakfast candidate because she still works but we hope to see her at the Christmas gathering and other special events.

The ITC convention is in progress as I write this. I will be heading up to it later today and will provide a report. I know I will be seeing some of you there as well as at the Lehigh Valley convention. Both are well organized and planned events and will provide excellent opportunities to see lots of great TBirds and meet and socialize with great TBird people. Barb and I will be attending a third TBird event later in the month, sponsored by the TBN group, so we will have had a significant dose of TBirding in a short time period.

Steve Kelley and I are about ready to finalize the apparel ordering information. We hope to have it for you soon.

Please, please support your club by regularly visiting the MATC website and Facebook page at least weekly. This will not only help you keep up to date, but will also help make certain that these important MATC sources will be ranked as high as possible on the internet listings when folks are searching for TBird clubs and activities in our area. Please post information and photos on the FB page regarding events or TBird activities you participate in. Be sure to check out the ITC Facebook page as well. And as a reminder, submit your car and event photos and a profile of yourself and your car to Dan and Steve Kelley for inclusion in the newsletter and website.

Remember that we are changing the date of the TBird breakfast this month by one week because it conflicts with the Lehigh Valley Club convention. The breakfast will be the 4th Thursday, September the 22nd. Remember also that there are lots of TBirds in our area so there are lots of prospective members out there. The new recruitment cards are now be available. See you soon. And, as always, be careful out there – and have fun, fun, fun.

*Skip*