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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

47th ANNIVERSARY

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

- **September 7, 1954:** Thunderbird Production Begins
- **September 25, 2000:** Nieman Marcus Model Orders Begin and End. All 200 available cars sold out within two hours
- **September 27, 2001:** Nieman Marcus Model Delivery to Owners Begins

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

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 registration form for more details. **We will meet at the 7-11 located at the intersection of RTs 23 & 165 in Jarrettsville at 9 AM for staging so we can enter together and have our cars located together on the show field.**

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).

Please RSVP by September 7th 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. John and Phyllis are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

"Q to Z" Main Dish "H to P" 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 18: Covered Bridge Tour (New Date)

This Covered Bridge Tour has been rescheduled because of forecasted inclement weather. See Attached Flyer. **Please RSVP Cathy & Steve by September 12th** if you plan to participate!! This is becoming one of our signature annual events.



President's Message September 2021

We had such great plans for our **Covered Bridge ride** in August, but Mother Nature had to throw a wrench in the works. Not really bad weather, but a prediction of it caused us to postpone the ride until **September 18**. Most everyone on the original list plans to join us again, so if the August date was not good for you and September 18 is better, please let us know. It should be a great ride, ending at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord in Blue Ball, PA, which is a wonderful eating experience. The flyer can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Don't forget **Romancing the Chrome** on **Sept 11** in Jarrettsville MD. Skip is coordinating the club's gathering in advance and arriving together. It's always a nice event, so be sure to let Skip know if you will be attending. I expect we may have some awards there.

The next day, **Sept 12**, is the annual **picnic at the Cherry's camp on the mountain**. One of our favorite places to meet and we hope to see lots of you there. The details should be on the front page of this newsletter. Maybe there will be another picnic game...

A real Thunderbird enthusiast, Malcolm Green, passed away in August. Skip did an excellent job writing a tribute to him for both the MATC and ITC Facebook pages as well as this newsletter which will be posted to the MATC website. We didn't know Malcolm personally but it seems like he was a legend and will be greatly missed.

In October we have planned a get-away with the New Jersey Tbird club in Ocean Grove, NJ at the Carriage House Bed & Breakfast. We sent an email with the suggested plans for activities there and it sounds like it's going to be a great time. Hopefully everyone going has their room reservation. If you are still thinking about this, there are only a few rooms left.

We had a board meeting in August to approve the updates being made to the by-laws. A few edits are still in the works, but members should soon receive an email copy to review and approve. We will include a date to have your reply to approve or disapprove. We are attempting to make the by-laws match the way the club works today and we will be creating a Policies and Procedures Manual soon after.

Steve & Cathy Kelley

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club

Covered Bridge Ride 2021

NEW DATE



Led by Steve and Cathy Kelley.
Steve's cell phone
410-812-5596,
Cathy's cell 443-417-0441
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 at 390 Conowingo Rd at the intersection of Routes 1 and 222 in Conowingo MD at 9am on Saturday, September 18, 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.

Folks from the north, meet us at McDonalds, 1880 Hempstead Rd, Lancaster about 10am. We'll provide written driving instructions.

Please RSVP Cathy or Steve by September 12th if you plan to participate!!



Send Check to:
Cat Woods
1217 Midwood Court
Bel Air, MD 21014

(You Can Also Register Day Of Show)



REGISTRATION FORM

Return your completed form along with a check made payable to Jarrettsville Lions Club in the amount of \$20.00 to the registration desk.

*THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB and THE BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB
PROUDLY PRESENTS*

ROMANCING THE CHROME CAR SHOW

NAME _____ CLUB AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS _____

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MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____

Place an "X" next to the class which would apply to your vehicle:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAR – MOPAR 55-85 | <input type="checkbox"/> CAR: FORD 55-85 |
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The vehicle owner signing above agrees to expressly and forever waive and release any and all claims against, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Jarrettsville Lions, Jarrett's Field Owners, Bel Air Corvette Club and all their respective officers, directors, board members, employees, agents, representatives, successors or assigns of any kind, with regard to any and all claims and /or liabilities associated with any loss, damage or injury, including any third party claims, claims for consequential damages, and/or claims for loss of revenue that may occur during the Romancing the Chrome Car Show Event. Vehicle owner(s) do hereby grant permission for photos of owner(s) and/or entered vehicle(s) to be taken during the car show and utilized at the discretion of Jarrettsville Lions and Bel Air Corvette Club and owner(s) expressly agrees to waive any and all rights to any compensation for such photos. Please submit a separate entry form for each vehicle that you wish to enter. All vehicles entered in the car show must be insured, and owners may be asked for proof of insurance at any time during the show. Vehicle owner(s) signing above also agrees that Jarrettsville Lions and Bel Air Corvette Club reserves the sole and undisputed right and discretion to exclude and/or reject any car show participants and/or vehicles at any time for any reason.

Show date is September 11th. We will meet at the 7-11 at the intersection of RTs 23 and 165 in Jarrettsville at 9AM to caravan to the show. Please advise Skip 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

2020 PRESENTING SPONSORS:

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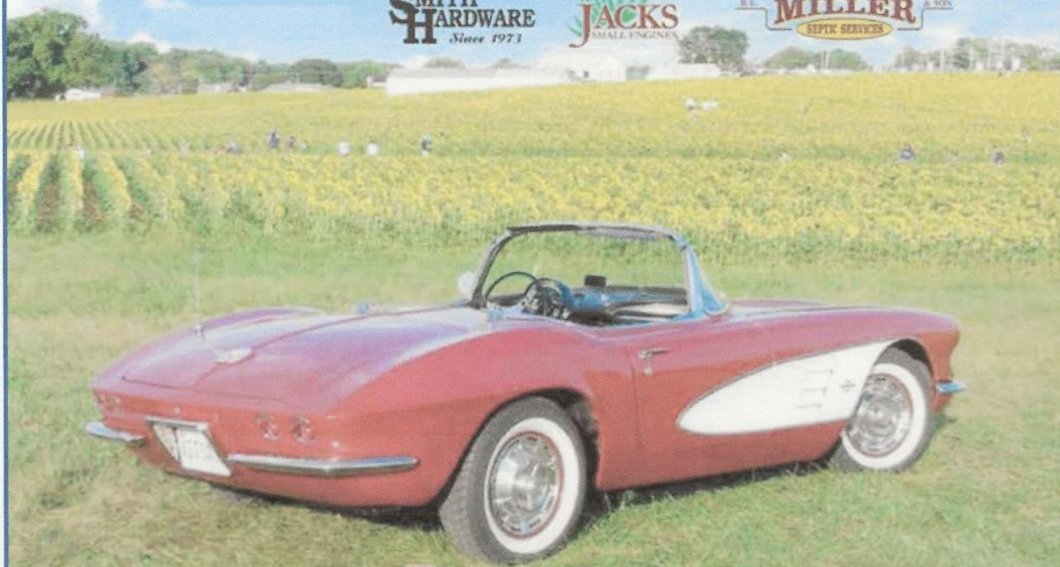
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More Details To Follow As They Become Available



The Long Island Thunderbird Club
and
Thunderbird Owners of New York
present the

**15th ANNUAL
SIBEN & SIBEN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
THUNDERBIRD & ALL FORD CAR SHOW**

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Rain Date October 10th)

**58 Indian Head Road
Kings Park, New York 11754
(in the Keyfood Shopping Center)**

VEHICLES MUST BE ON SHOW
FIELD BY 10AM IN
ORDER TO BE JUDGED

FACE MASKS,
SOCIAL DISTANCING &
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Goodie bag with
T-shirt to the first
100 Vehicles

Judging by



Awards in all classes

Food and restrooms on site ■ 50/50 drawing ■ Door Prizes

Portion of the proceeds to Building Homes for Heroes

Vendors welcome – Call ahead

Contacts: Elliott Weiner, 631-724-3756 or Dennis Benfante, 631-447-3847

**Music by:
DJ Bob Marketta**

Registration Info: Pre-Register: \$15.00 Day of Show: \$20.00 Voluntary Donation to Charity: \$5___ \$10___ \$25___ Other \$___

Make checks payable to Dennis Benfante and send to: 15 Foxcroft Lane, East Patchogue, NY 11772

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Street _____

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Year & Model _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

Shirt Size: (check one) - Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

From Our Friends Up North – Stop By If In The Area. They would Be Happy To Have You Show Your Car Too.

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
September 4	Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Games to resume in September on Saturdays weather permitting.
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 18 New Date!	Covered Bridge Tour	***MATC	Lancaster County, PA	See Attached Flyer
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 3	All TBird & Ford Show	LITC	Kings Park, LI, NY	See Flyer Attached
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

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.



Game Dates: September 4th, 10 AM

Consideration is being given to have multiple games each Saturday in September & October. The teams will be divided by age into two groups. More information to come.

Volunteer Assistance Is Always Welcome & Appreciated For These Games

miracleleagueharford.org

September Birthdays



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

Celeste Skruch Judy Dickinson Lynn Horn Marvin Schroll

Jean Raeke Mike Melnyk Frank Long O'Rean Fiedler

Thomas Vandell

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. Keep those recruitment cards handy.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Lynn Horn, MATC Secretary, continues to recuperate from surgery as a result of a leg fracture from a fall. 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. It was good to see her at the Third Thursday TBird Breakfast in August.
- 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. Her wrist is currently in a brace as she recovers. We wish her the best for a continuing 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!

Who's Who In MATC

By Peg Long, MATC Sunshine Lady

Featured Member(s): Peg & Frank Long



My life began in Pittsburgh, Pa., then we moved to McDonald Ohio, and finally to Poland, Ohio. By the time I was even remotely interested in cars, at the age of 16, I was one of those that DID drive through the back of the garage. I earned the name Peg Leg with the heavy foot. I met Frank at Youngstown State University in 1962 and we “cruised around” in his 1962 Corvair throughout our college years. We married in 1966. I was teaching in Ohio at that time. While residing in Ohio, we had 3 children and I was a stay at home mom. In 1972, we moved to Maryland. I continued to be fortunate enough to stay at home and we had another child born in 1975. I began teaching nurse school, volunteering for scouts, teams, room mom... until I returned to full time teaching in 1980. I taught 7-8 Reading Literature and Reading enrichment for all grades in a private school and was assistant principal for 2 years. I worked on my Master's Degree in Reading, Special Ed. and Gifted and Talented. In 1985 I transferred to Harford County Public schools. I taught grades K-5 all subjects then all grades in the gifted and talented program. Retirement in 2006 offered new opportunities with more time with family, traveling, biking, hiking, kayaking, reading, painting and gardening. We bought our Thunderbird from our son in 2017. Shortly after, we joined the club and have had many great times with the group.



Malcolm E. Green
1935-2021

Founding ITC member and the first vice-president Malcolm Green passed away on August 19th after a recent, serious illness that included an extended hospital stay. Malcolm was one of the leaders of a group of TBird owners and enthusiasts that took the brave step of establishing a new national/international Thunderbird Club in 1993. They named it the International Thunderbird Club (ITC). A requisite goal of the new club was to serve owners and enthusiasts of all year Thunderbirds. In addition to being the first ITC vice-president he also served as president and as a District Advisor. Malcolm was also a long time member and officer of the North Jersey Thunderbird Association. I know some of you did not know him, but others knew him very well. He was one of the key players in keeping ITC, and to some extent the TBird hobby, vibrant and relevant for over twenty years. He was responsible for organizing and coordinating the ITC annual conventions for many years. He was dedicated to making certain these events were at interesting venues, had great tours and events, and were as much fun as possible for the attendees. He wanted conventions to be well organized, efficiently carried out, and enjoyed by the attendees. And they were. He probably can best be described as a no nonsense curmudgeon. He would sometimes come across as being tough as nails, but beneath this veneer was a heart of gold. He had a collection of many TBirds, including one of the earliest delivered 2002s. ***He was totally dedicated to Thunderbirds and the TBird hobby. No one has done more for the hobby. He never cared about, wanted, expected or took any credit for all of his efforts to support and enhance the value and benefits of ITC and the Thunderbird hobby.*** He separated from ITC and to some extent from the Thunderbird hobby a few years ago when he became discouraged with the actions and direction being taken by the new "administration" that assumed control of the club he helped found. He was a key element in the Thunderbird hobby and will be fondly remembered by many. A memorial service for Malcolm is being planned for a later date.

A memorial brick at the AACA Museum in Malcolm's memory is being planned. If you would like to contribute to this effort please contact MATC VP Mike Melnyk.

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)



Take Your Pick From *Two* 2005 Cashmere 50th Anniversary Thunderbirds: Only one is being sold, but you get to pick the one you want to buy. Both are indicated tooo be in excellent condition. All service and maintenance is up to date. Both cars are identical except for mileage. Very low mileage. No accidents,,, always garaged, used only for car shows, stored in winter. Located in Boonton, NJ
 Prices as follows: **Car #1: 4,531 miles, Price \$41,000; Car #2: 13,317 miles, Price \$35,000.**
Contact: Frank at fraef@aol.com for more information.



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

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.

YOU GOTTA LOVE INSURANCE COMPANIES

by: Charles Samorodin, M.D.

It was 7:00 a.m. Saturday, July 27, 2019, and I was going to "Cars and Coffee" in "my" '57 T-Bird. Stopped at a red light at Beaver Dam Road where the light rail parallels Gilroy Road, I was looking forward to a nice day; there were no other cars on the road.

Glancing at the rear-view mirror, I noticed a fast-appearing Jeep. In a fraction of a second, my foot came off the brakes and my '57 T-Bird convertible and I wound up across the tracks and Gilroy Road about 300 yards away from the impact. Miraculously, I was not hurt, despite being struck at about 50 mph. It reminded me of getting hit in the Gwynn Oak Amusement Park bumper-cars when I was ten.

The Jeep followed and stopped alongside. I was able to force my door open. The young Jeep driver said he thought he had a green light. But with a phone next to him, I suspect he was texting, especially since there are no hills in this area. There is simply no way he couldn't have seen me had he been paying attention. I obtained his name and other accident-related information.

Fortunately, the car was drivable, so I drove to a friend's house nearby to look the car over. It appeared I could drive home. So off I went with my friend following as I drove the nine miles, mostly on I-83, back to my house, stopping to pick up my driver's side rear hubcap on the way.

The fun began when I called the Geico Insurance Company with the Jeep driver's information. In the hour and a half since the accident, Geico had not been contacted by the Jeep driver. The woman at Geico first asked me if the police had come. I explained to her in Baltimore County there must be an injury for the police to respond. Then, she wanted to know if my airbag deployed. She was surprised to find out there are no air-bags in a '57 T-Bird.

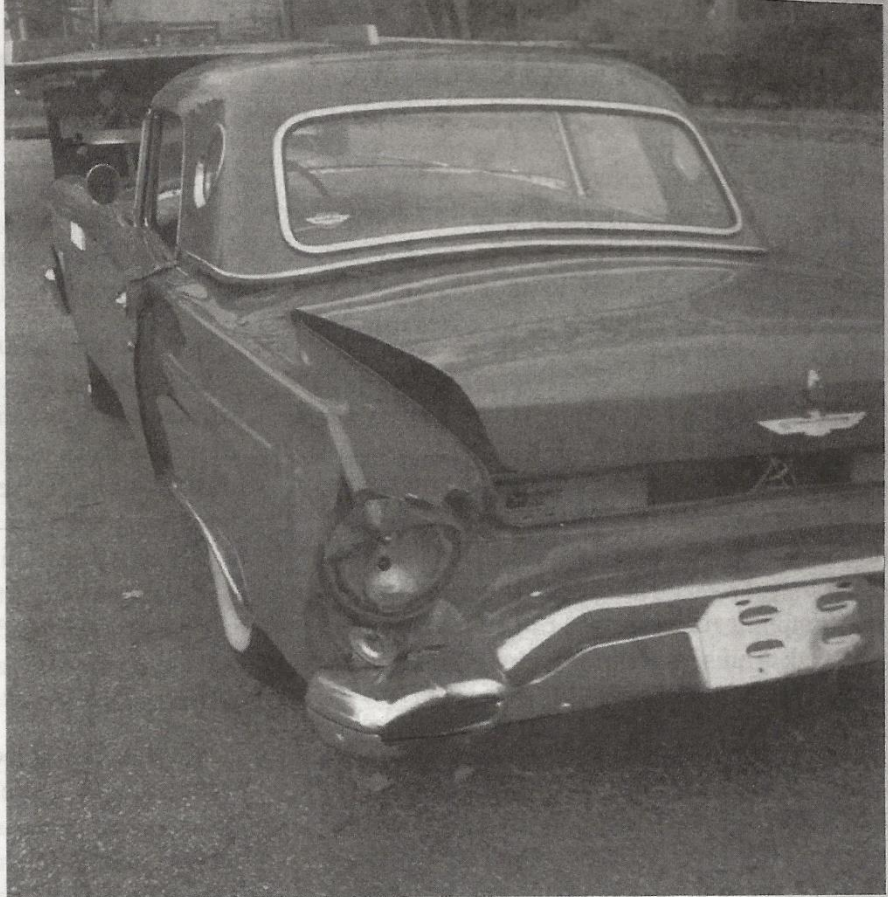
The reader at this point may wonder why I'm writing about an accident with a 1957 T-Bird. Because, what happened to me could happen with any classic car that is driven on public roads.

To add interest to this story—the car was actually not mine! It belonged to my medical school lab partner, Steve, whom I met in 1964 in our first year of medical school. He had purchased the car in the mid-1980s in the New Jersey area for \$26,000. He used it sparingly for several years and then covered it and stored it in climate-controlled storage for 25 years. When he had to move it, I helped him get the car running again after its hibernation and make it drive-able. I used it and took care of it for him over the next six years. But I never owned the car.

Two days after the accident, Scott, a local Geico representative, came to my garage. He was a young guy and admitted that he did not know about older, classic cars as proven by asking if it had an FM radio. He wanted an estimate of the damages but could not recommend anyone for the task. I finally found Steel Farm Customs in Pennsylvania who said they could provide an estimate. Scott said Geico would pay to tow car tow the car there but cautioned me that Geico had already decided from his pictures that the car was only worth \$40,000 and that they would only pay 75% of \$40,000 for any repairs. In the meantime, Chris White from Steel Farm said he would personally come to my house to see the car.

The next day, Geico informed me that they would refuse to pay for anything including the towing that was just authorized. They had determined that they did not actually insure the Jeep that caused the damage! The young man was driving his father's Jeep, not his. After a heated exchange, the Geico representative did reveal the father's name as well as his insurance information.

The '57 T-Bird after the accident. The force of impact has pushed the rear quarter panel forward. Note that the hardtop is no longer attached in the back. Also, note that the driver's door has been pushed out by the rear quarter panel when it was driven forward.



The '57 T-Bird before the accident at a local show.

Chris White gave me an estimate for \$47,734.08, which I had when I called the new insurance company in Ohio. I spent an hour on the phone explaining the last twelve days. I was directed to contact their local representative, Aaron. He had twenty years' experience and after his inspection and damage documentation, I received a call from Ohio. The company representative wanted more information about the car, beginning with the engine displacement in liters. I told her it was a 312 with a four-barrel (trying to differentiate the D code 4-barrel from the E code two 4-barrels, and the F code with a supercharger).

She wanted to know what a 4-barrel was. When I said a carburetor, she wanted to know what that was. Then, I nicely asked if there was anyone on their staff knowledgeable about classic cars. Within a few days, someone in North Dakota called and talked with me for 30 minutes. Then a local appraiser, Chris Bavis, from Frederick came over and spent an hour with the car. He was impressed with the original paint and no previous damage. He noted the low mileage, 47,039. I also pointed out a three-core radiator, a new battery and four Coker tires with less than 100 miles driven on them.

Aaron called on August 20 to tell me that the North Dakota estimate was \$61,000 and Chris Bavis said \$65,000. He understood this was not my car and that I was handling things for Steve since I felt responsible. He offered \$50,000 if the car was retained by Steve or \$63,000 if the insurance company took the car.

After conversing with Steve, I told Aaron \$63,000 was fine. He knew I was going out of town for three weeks. That left us twelve days to settle this claim. Aaron said I should be contacted right away by Meisha. After four days of no calls, I got her direct number; made multiple calls, all unreturned. I left August 31 on my three-week trip.

When I returned on September 23, I finally talked to Meisha. She said she would have to talk to Aaron. Four days later, I called her again. Then, she said if I signed a "no injury release" (even though the car belonged to Steve) she would mail a check

to Steve that afternoon. I faxed the release back immediately. I also asked her about picking up the car, and she said I could keep it even though Aaron said the company wanted it. I asked her to put that in writing, but that was never done. Interestingly, she sent Steve a letter saying the company was no longer responsible for storage fees.

Steve did not get a check. Again, I made multiple calls, sent emails and even mailed a certified letter. I began to think about filing a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner. On October 24, I contacted Aaron to get Meisha's supervisor's number. I was finally able to contact Jennifer, Meisha's supervisor. She apologized for the run-around, now going on for three months from the day of the accident. Jennifer wanted a signed title prior to paying for the car and also indicated she would pay for towing and storage in my garage.

The forms were returned to her, but it took another couple of weeks to arrange for the car to be towed. Aaron wanted the hardtop on the car even though I explained the body damage would not allow it to be on secured. After the car was loaded on the carrier, the top was installed, covered with blankets and secured with straps.

Jennifer called the next day to tell me a check was issued as promised, but it would take ten days to receive it. Steve finally received a check for \$63,000 over four months after the accident occurred. I received a \$3,000 check for storage and towing (and a lot of aggravation).

This kind of experience could happen to any owner of a classic car. Admittedly, there were some complications in this situation, but insurance companies not familiar with collector cars are a problem. The one lesson I learned from this fiasco was the need to maintain an up-to-date appraisal of each collector car's value. I had Chris Bavis do official appraisals on my three classics and shifted my insurance for them to Hagerty, a collector car insurance specialist, should I have any future mishaps. ■

Thanks to new MATC member Charles Samorodin for sharing his classic auto insurance claim repair adventure with us.



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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