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

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 48TH ANNIVERSARY

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



This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **September 7, 1954:** Thunderbird production begins.
- **September 25, 2000:** The limited edition Niemann Marcus 2002 Thunderbird goes on sale in the NM 2000 Christmas catalog. All 200 available editions were sold out within 2 hours.

Sunday, September 11, 1:00 PM **Annual \$2 "Cherry Fest" Potluck Social**

Hosted by Phyllis 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. Phyllis and family are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

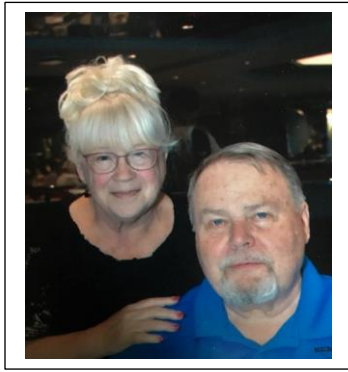
"H to Q" Main Dish "A to G" Salad "R to Z" Dessert

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.*



**Ride The Rails With MATC
Cumberland, MD Train Excursion
October 12 to 14, 2022**



President's Message September 2022

We want to thank and congratulate Frank Long for stepping up to be our Treasurer after the passing of Harry Skruch. Frank has over 40 years in the financial world and we feel he will do a great job as treasurer. Our by-laws dictated that we, as presidents, choose someone for the position and the board must approve. They have. We want to thank Celeste for allowing us to call on Harry as often as we needed through the last 7 years.

We also want to thank those members who drove in the caravan behind the hearse twice for Harry's funeral, from the funeral home to the church and from the church to the gravesite. Thanks to Anne Collins, Skip & Barb Panowitz, Frank & Peg Long, Ron & Jean Hill, Earl & Judy Dickinson, Tom Young, John & Christine Young for joining us. It meant a lot to Celeste to see that tribute to Harry.

Coming up next is the annual 'Cherry Fest' picnic at Phyllis' camp in Western MD on Sunday, Sept 11. This is always a fabulous event so be sure to come. Skip has the food assignment and address on the front page. Be sure to RSVP so Phyllis will know how many to expect. Should we have games with prizes??? If we can park all the Tbirds together (don't park your Buick or Chevy next to a Tbird please) we could take another group picture since there will probably be a lot of folks we haven't seen for a while.

In October we have planned a trip to Cumberland to ride the Western Maryland Steam train to Frostburg and back on Oct 12-14, riding the train on Wed Oct 13. About 18 folks have already booked rooms at the Hampton Inn Cumberland and booked train tickets at <https://wmsr.com/>. We have planned dinner on both Tues and Wed evenings and lunch will be in the famous Princess Restaurant in Frostburg during the break in the train ride. It's where President Truman stopped on his way from the White House to visit his home in Missouri. If you haven't booked and are interested, please do so right away and let us know. It should be beautiful in western MD in October.

This year's Christmas dinner will once again be at The Dobbin House in Gettysburg on Sunday, December 4 starting at 1pm. Please note your calendars.

Ray Raeke is recovering from covid at Oakwood Care Center in Middle River after going to the hospital when he collapsed in the bathroom at home, and Jean is recovering at home. Keep them and the Denham's in your prayers as Zoeanne is caring for Dan as his dementia worsens.

Cathy & Steve

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
September 1-11	Cars At the Capitol		The Mall Washington DC	See article below. MATC is planning a trip to the exhibit.
September 11	Potluck Social Hosted by Phyllis Cherry	***MATC	Cascade, MD	Details On Front Page
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 12-14	Ride The Rails with MATC	***MATC	Cumberland and Frostburg, MD	See Details in Newsletter
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	Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA	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.



MATC Christmas Party December 4, 2022 Dobbin House Tavern & Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA

Please mark your calendars for the date. Specific information will be forthcoming in future MATC newsletters. We are returning to Dobbin House after a several year absence because of the pandemic. The MATC Board of Directors has decided that the Christmas party will alternate between Dobbin House and Friendly Farms in the future. Friendly Farms was very accommodating during the pandemic when Dobbin House could not be.



2022 Season Schedule

Games Will Resume In September

Wednesday September 7th & 28th @ 10 AM

Saturdays through October, weather permitting:

9:30: Up to Age 13 45

10:45: Ages 14 +

miracleleagueharford.org

Bel Air High School Drama Club No Drama While Driving Car Show August 28, 2022



Dan Luber's '64



Skip's '02



Guess Who Brought This?

Several MATC members participated in the first "No Drama While Driving" Car Show held at Bel Air High School on Sunday, August 28, 2022. MATC member Dan Luber and his family were involved in coordinating and assisting on show day for this great event. One of our members apparently overslept, and/or was a little disoriented, and was confused as to which vehicle was their Thunderbird to bring to the show. There were several other Thunderbirds participating and their owners were made aware of the benefits of MATC membership. Maybe we'll get a new member or two.

MATC Bids Harry Skruch Farewell



Cars at the Capital 2022

Sharing America's automotive heritage is an integral part of ensuring it is never lost or forgotten. Through our annual Cars at the Capital exhibition, vehicles added to the National Historic Vehicle Register are exhibited in a beautifully lit glass enclosure one at a time. Join us to celebrate and enjoy this year's automotive icons!

- **When:** September 1 – 11, 2022
- **Location:** Washington, DC. National Mall between the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum and the National Gallery of Art.
- **Entrance:** Free and open to the general public

Week 1 (September 1-6)

1952 Hudson Hornet (7B-185596) "Fabulous Hudson Hornet," Raced by Herb Thomas

Herb Thomas built a legendary reputation at the wheel of this Hudson Hornet. The Hudson story lives on today through the Pixar Cars franchise that recalls Herb's domination in the early days of NASCAR.



Week 2 (September 7-11) **Chrysler Corporation Turbine Car (Serial No. 9912-31)**

Chrysler built just fifty-five of these groundbreaking cars. Part of the company's decades long effort to develop a mass-market gas-turbine powered automobile, Chrysler loaned them out in an unprecedented public test program.



This is a great opportunity to see several unique and historically important automobiles.

MATC is planning a trip to visit the exhibit. More details to follow. Unfortunately, there is no longer an opportunity to display your vehicle on the Mall in DC as the limited space available has been filled.



**Ride The Rails With MATC
Cumberland, MD Train Excursion
October 12 to 14, 2022**

Join MATC for a fun filled excursion to Western Maryland. Cumberland MD will be our rendezvous point. The trip will include a train trip on the Frostburg Flyer as well as time to visit other scenic points of interest in the area. But do not delay in making your train and hotel reservations as they are filling up fast. Go to <https://wmsr.com/> and click 'book now' for the Frostburg Flyer. Arrow over to October and select Thursday the 13th @ 11:30 AM. You will see coach seats are \$45. That's what you want to reserve. Our hotel is the Hampton Inn Cumberland. Please reserve for Oct 12 and 13. Please let Cathy know when you are confirmed so she can keep track for restaurant reservations. We hope to have a great turnout and it is already shaping up that way.

September Birthdays



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

Celeste Skruch (9) Judy Dickenson (12) Lynn Horn (16)

Marvin Schroll (17) Jean Raeke (28) Mike Melnyk (30)

Frank Long O'Rean Fiedler Dave Thomas

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:

- Congratulations and many thanks to Frank Long. Frank has graciously accepted the position and responsibilities of MATC treasurer. We are fortunate to have someone with Frank's experience to assume this important responsibility.
- 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!

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

. Available. I will have all at the Cherry Fest in September.



Now In Stock & Arriving!

UPDATE:

The 1:64 scale Thelma & Loise '66 Thunderbirds are now available. The '64 hardtop in the package with advertising artwork have just arrived and are available. I will have them t all future MATC events including the Cherry Fest in September.

Skip (9/22)

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.

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

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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