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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

47TH ANNIVERSARY

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

- **October 1, 1908:** Production of the Ford Model "T" begins.
- **October 22, 1954:** 1955 Thunderbird goes on sale

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

October 15-17, 2021 NJTA Weekend Gathering-Ocean Grove, NJ

If you miss socializing with TBirders from other clubs like the good old days, this is your opportunity. The North Jersey Thunderbird Association (NJTA), in conjunction with MATC, has planned a **get-away in Ocean Grove, NJ at the Carriage House Bed & Breakfast**. Based on developing plans for activities while there it sounds like it's going to be a great time. Hopefully everyone going has their room reservation. <http://thecarriagehouseoceangrove.com/>



Saturday, December 11, 2021 1-5 PM / Annual Christmas Dinner Friendly Farms – 17434 Foreston Road -Upperco, MD 21155

This year it has been decided to change the venue for the annual MATC Christmas gathering. Friendly Farms Restaurant is located in a country setting in the rolling hills of northern Baltimore County. We know that some folks will miss the tradition of dining at the Dobbin House, but Friendly Farms was able to accommodate us last year when Dobbin House could not because of the pandemic. Our 2020 event was ultimately cancelled because of lack of participation as members were concerned about social gatherings as a result of the pandemic. This new location will be more convenient for most of our members and offers much of the same ambience as Dobbin House. Yes folks, there is a gift shop. And the food is great. Unfortunately, the first Sunday date was not available, but we are on the books for that date in 2022. It was decided to give this new location a try to see how the membership likes it.



President's Message October 2021

The club has really been busy this past month. It was so good to see folks we had not seen for a while. Skip has posted photos of the folks that attended **Romancing the Chrome** on September 11. We had a couple awards there. Congrats to both Skip and Doug Read!

Another beautiful day for our annual **picnic at the Cherry's camp** in the mountains on September 12. Great food and a wonderful time. Thanks to Phyllis and John who put a lot of hard work into getting ready for us. We missed a lot of you that are usually there. Maybe you are still being very careful due to Covid and we hope to see you real soon. Some folks from the Potomac Thunderbird Club joined us again this year. We played the water balloon toss game again. Phyllis and Carol Schroll were the winners!

The **Covered Bridge ride** finally happened on September 18. The day started out overcast as we met in Conowingo MD but soon became gorgeous. We took a leisurely ride through Lancaster County in PA, winding around back roads to go through 7 bridges. We saw fabulous farms and some gorgeous homes. We ended the ride at Shady Maple Smorgasbord where we ate and ate and ate. We had 6 retro Tbirds (the Reads, Anne Collins, Damerons, Panowitzs, Dickinsons and us) an interloper (friends of ours in a Miata) and the Melnyks in their van. Perfect size caravan.

After that busy September, 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.



Steve & Cathy Kelley

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
Thru October	Miracle League of Harford Co Game Days	MLHC	Shucks Road Complex Harford Co Parks & Rec	Saturdays 9:30 & 11:00 AM Weather Permitting
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
November	Election Of Officers	MATC	N/A	Details to follow
December 11	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: Saturdays through October, weather permitting
9:30 AM – Ages 5-13 / 11:00 AM Ages 14 and Up**

This is a great opportunity to watch and/or provide assistance with baseball games featuring young folks with disabilities who would not otherwise be able to participate in team sports. You will be awed by what you see and glad you attended. Or participated. MLHC is the MATC charitable partner.

Volunteer Assistance Is Always Welcome & Appreciated For These Games

miracleleagueharford.org

October Birthdays



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

Elizabeth Kilullen John Loving Lucy Samorodin

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

Welcome Aboard To Our New Members:

Gail & Dave Thomas, White Hall, MD, 2002 Thunderbird Blue

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Lynn Horn, MATC Secretary, continues to recuperate from surgery as a result of a leg fracture from a fall. Her cast has been removed which has benefitted her mobility. It has been good to see her at various MATC events.
- 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.
- VP Mike Melnyk underwent surgery for a right inguinal hernia on October 1st. He advises that he is very uncomfortable but looks forward to fully recuperating. Please keep him in your thoughts as he recuperates and recovers.
- 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!

Romancing The Chrome Show

September 11, 2021 – Jarrettsville, MD

MATC had a very good showing of members as well as award winners at this annual show. MATV attendees included Charles Samorodin with his beautiful 1957 Thunderbird along with the retro Birds of Doug Read, Ron Browning, Peter Greenfield and Skip Panowitz. Doug and Skip won 1st and 3rd place awards, respectively, in the 1986 and newer Ford class. A special thanks goes out to Ron and Peter who travelled from Hyattsville and Rockville to attend the show.



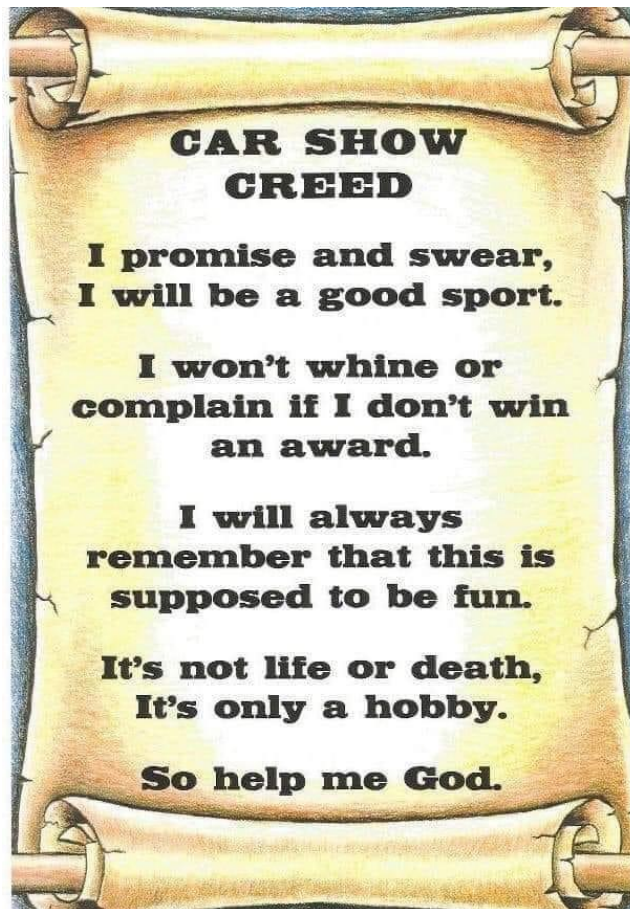
The Gangs All Here



Congratulations Doug



And just down the road a bit, MATC member Dan Luber entered his very nice 1964 hardtop in the annual Bel Air Moose show and captured a top 25 award out of a field of 300 cars. It was a good day for MATC members on the car show circuit.

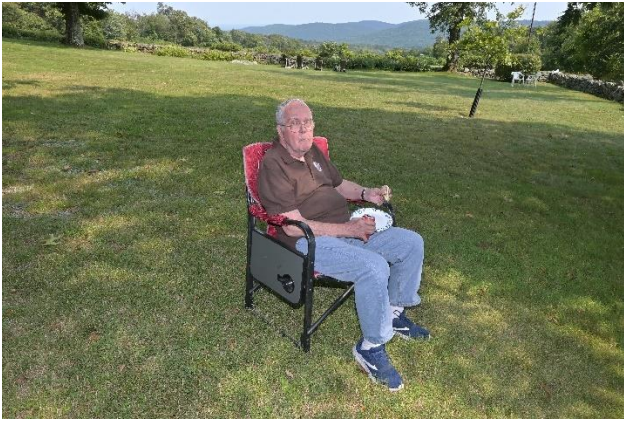


Courtesy of Car Show and Cruise Guide

Cherry "Festival" 2021

Thanks to John and Phyllis Cherry for again hosting the annual gathering of MATC members at their beautiful cabin near Cascade, MD. We were again joined by our friends of the Potomac Classic Thunderbird Club (PCTC). Great socialization and food abounded as usual. A large array of Thunderbirds was on display plus a very unique 1955 (or is it a 1956?) Ford station wagon. The weather was perfect with sunshine and comfortable temperatures. This event has become a MATC tradition that is always looked forward to by our members.







Balloon Toss Contest



The Winners: Phyllis & Carol!!



Covered Bridge Tour – Lancaster PA Area

September 18, 2021



Judy & Earl Dickinson



Anne Collins



Linda & Steve Dameron



Kathy & Tom Cochran (in wannabe TBird)



Sandy & Doug Read



Barb & Mike Melnyk

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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)



1976 Thunderbird:



Ken Leaman's family is selling his 1976 Thunderbird for him because of health reasons. Ken is a longtime member and important part of the TBird hobby. He has been a key member of the North Jersey Thunderbird Association. He was a founding member and the first president of ITC. They know it runs because a new starter was installed recently. There is even an extra quarter panel in the garage. It's been sitting in the garage so long the family does not know much else about it. Only 37,992 miles on it. Asking price is \$7000, but an appraisal has been ordered. If interested please contact Judy Wright 973-303-5662, email: wrightfamily5@msn.com.

Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models Coming Late 2021



UPDATE: Greenlight will be producing several versions of the Thelma & Louise '66 Thunderbird in their Hollywood Cars series later this year. There will be 1:64 and 1:43 versions, top up and top down. I have just learned that there will also be a '64 hardtop in red and '65 convertible in black. I will have some of each when they become available. I am not certain of pricing yet as it will be affected by increasing shipping costs. Figure about \$7-8 for the 1:64 and \$17-18 for the 1:43. Promotional and packaging photos are attached. Let me know if you think you might be interested. I don't order this stuff, even TBird items, in large quantities like before because of the constantly changing item and shipping costs. I hope to have them in time for the Christmas gathering but that does not look promising right now.

Skip

(10/21)

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



A

B

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

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.



MATC Election 2021

In November of each year the membership of MATC elects half of the officers of the club for a two year term. The ballot for the 2021 election will be included with the November newsletter. The positions to be elected this year include Vice-President, Treasurer and one Director. If you are interested in running for one of the available positions please advise MATC Secretary Lynn Horn no later than October 25th. As typical, the winners will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Long term MATC member and Board of Directors member Ray Raeke has decided to retire from this position at the conclusion of his term in office this year. Ray, [and](#) his wife Jean, have been fixtures in MATC and the Thunderbird hobby for over 40 years. Ray & Jean will continue to participate in MATC activities as much as possible. The MATC membership and Board of Directors send their heartfelt thanks to Ray and Jean for their service to and support of the club over the many years of their participation. We look forward to seeing them at future events and activities.



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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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