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Deadline for submitting
Newsletter photos, articles,
etc., is the 20th of each
month.

MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **October 22, 1954:** Sales of the iconic 1955 Thunderbird commences. And the **Fun, Fun, Fun** begins.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Thursday-October 17, 2024 @ 9:30 am****

Bob Evans: 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, @ MD Rt 24, Bel Air, MD 21014

Note: This is a new venue that seems to be working out OK.

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

Saturday, October 19th 11:00am-3:30pm

Rockville (MD) Car Show.

Rockville Civic Ctr Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851

This was an annual tradition for MATC for many years. Many of our members were recruited from this show. And several of our members have been regulars for a long time. There is always a good showing of Thunderbirds of all generations (Except 2002-05 as the show follows AACA guidelines-cars must be 25 years or older). Plus the mansion and a very nice park are adjacent. There is parking available but it is limited. We will consider gathering for dinner if there is enough interest. Various food vendors are available on sight. Please let Cathy or an officer know if you plan to attend and would like to consider gathering afterwards for dinner.

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December 8, 2024 – 11am to 3 pm

2024 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner

See attached response form. You can also pay your 2025 dues and support our charitable partner "Classic & Custom Car Educational Foundation".

Also attached is the ballot for the 2025-2026 slate of officers.

Many responses can be completed electronically online.



President's Message Oct 2024

Still Time to Ride!

What a beautiful day for our annual **Cherry Fest at Phyllis Cherry's camp** on the mountain in western MD, one of the club's most popular events. An absolutely stunning view from the top of a mountain, with sunshine and a robust wind led to a wonderful day! Those who attended I'm sure will agree we had a great time. Thanks to Phyllis' family for help setting things up, thanks to Steve Dameron and Kathy for handling the 50/50 fundraiser and thanks to Stephanie Nagy for help with the bingo. Sandy Read won both bingo games we played! We would have played more but the wind kept sweeping the markers off our cards... It was nice to see some folks from the Potomac Classic Thunderbird Club there again this year. Lots of Tbirds out in the field!

We didn't get any interest in **St Michael's Classic Car show** so we cancelled plans to go there. Maybe another year. We do however now have plans to meet for ice cream again **at Bomboys in Havre de Grace on Saturday October 12 at 2 pm.** (Saturday, Dave Thomas!) If it's a nice day, let's drive the 'Birds and see if we can park out front for a good picture. Please let Cathy know (443-417-0441 text) if you will be there.

Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show is October 19, 2024. Some of our folks have been attending for years and we'd like to see a nice group from MATC there this year. Our retros are not eligible for judging, but the Ridolfis, Scott Mummert and Steve Dameron will have entries. We didn't get much interest for staying overnight, but would love to see some of you as spectators there – it's free to look.

The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club and Central PA Thunderbird Club would like to join us for a visit to the **Classic Auto Mall** in Morgantown PA. They are closed on Sunday and only open til noon on Saturday, so this will likely be a weekday trip, maybe around Nov 7. Stay tuned for details.

Don't forget elections will be coming up in November. If you'd like to serve your club in any way, let us know, we'll put you on the ballot.

Also, **Christmas Dinner will be at Dobbin House Sunday Dec 8, 11-3.** (early again)
The registration form is in this newsletter.
Please return to Frank by Nov 24. You can renew your club dues at the same time.

And don't forget our charity, **Save the Hobby.**
You could bring a check to the Christmas Dinner.

Happy Fall, Y'all!

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
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 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
2024				
October 12	Bomboy's Ice Cream	***MATC	322 Market Street, Havre de Grace, MD	2:00 PM. More Details via email. TBirds optional but encouraged.
October 19	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville & AACA	Rockville Civic Ctr Park 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851	https://www.facebook.com/RockvilleCarShow/
November 2	4H Camp Fall Car Show	4H	6 Cherry Hill Road Street, MD	See Details In Flyer Below
December 8	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA	Details and reservation info to be provided as available
2025				
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	See hotel reservation and event registration info below.

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.



Save the hobby.org

This is our new charitable partner beginning in 2024.

This One Is Close For Many Of Our Members!!
And yes, that Is MATC Member Dan Luber In The Yellow Shirt!!
No, Not That One, The Other Yellow Shirt!!

4H FALL CAR SHOW

**MUSIC VENDORS
RAFFLES 67 TROPHIES**

**November 2
9AM TO 3PM
4H Camp
6 Cherry Hill Rd Street Md**

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In Memorium
Don Holton

May 3, 1958-September 22, 2024

Many of long term members of MATC, ITC and VTCl will remember Don. Don was a long-time aficionado of Thunderbirds and the classic/antique car hobby in general. He was a founding and charter member of ITC where he served in many capacities including District Advisor. He and his ex-wife Kathy were previously active in VTCl as well. Don established the presence of ITC and Thunderbirds in general at the Ford Carlisle Nationals from the first year and was a presence there until his health began to fail. He was also a regular at Hershey and Charlotte promoting the club and Thunderbird hobby. He was a certified classic car appraiser. He retired as a correctional officer in the New York state corrections system after a 30 year career. He attained the rank of Lieutenant/watch commander. He was a long-time member of the Hershey Antique Automobile Club of America which he was very proud of. He was an avid car lover with a special affection for Fords that he shared with his parents. His favorites were Thunderbirds and convertibles. He even owned a rare 1979 Thunderbird convertible conversion. Don was well known in the automotive community having long running memberships, serving officer positions and AACA judge, managing websites, an antique car appraiser and historian. Don had a great passion for photography and he loved and supported his family throughout all their endeavors. Don will be remembered as being the type of person who always tried to help, protect and take care of others

Anyone wishing to send a card can mail his companion Jessica at the following:
Jessica Corder 606 W. Washington Ave Elmira, NY 14901



The officers and members of MATC wish the following member(s) a very happy birthday:

October Birthdays:

+John Loving +Lucy Samorodin

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

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip

- Welcome aboard to **Nicolas and Cindy Lou Perugini** of Reading, PA. We look forward to seeing them and their 2005 Cashmere, #1406, at future MATC events.
- MATC had a great attendance at the VTCI convention in Grand Rapids, MI.
- At the VTCI convention Tom Young received Authentication status as well as won the Best in Show award for his outstanding 1960 Thunderbird.
- See VTCI Convention and photos and details elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham, and Christine Young. . 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!

Registry of Retro Thunderbirds By Color:

MATC is developing a register of 2002-05 Retro Thunderbirds owned by our members by year, color, and specialty model as applicable (Niemann Marcus, 007, Pacific Coast Roadster, Cashmere). If your retro Thunderbird year and color are not indicated on the previously distributed roster of members, please notify Skip @ skip.panowitz@yahoo.com with the information so that the register is as accurate as possible.

2024 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



The Dobbin House
89 Steinwehr Ave.
Gettysburg PA

Earlier Time!

Sunday, Dec 8, 2024

Social Hour 11-11:30pm – cash bar

Dinner at 11:30pm – 2 pm

Presentations and comments 2-3 pm

Holiday Buffet Menu

Salad and Bread Bars

Entrees

Chicken coq au vin
Ham w Pineapple Raisin sauce
Penne Pasta w Tomato sauce

Vegetables

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Buttered Dill Carrots
Green Beans Almondine

A variety of Holiday Desserts

Beverages

Coffee, Ice Tea, & Soda

Directions

From PA, come across Rt 30 or down Rt 15.

From the South, come up Rt 15.

From the East you can come over I70 and up Rt 15 or use GPS and the back roads.

Set your GPS to Dobbin House, 80 Steinwehr AV, Gettysburg PA



Member Name(s) _____

_____ Number of adults @ \$30.00 = \$_____

_____ 2025 Membership Renewal (optional)

\$25 includes email newsletter

Please include Membership Application found in newsletter

Total Remittance \$_____

Please send bottom of form and check made out to MATC,

by Nov 24, 2024 to:

Frank Long, 331 Sullivan Dr, Abingdon MD 21009

Don't forget our charity this year has been Save The Hobby, who support The Custom and Classic Educational Foundation. The vision of that organization is to bring in and inspire future generations of youth into the car hobby. They also publish the Car Show and Cruise Guide.





Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot For the 2025 Term

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Lynn Horn by November 30, 2024.

Send via **email** to: secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org, or

mail to 8810 Walther Blvd, Apt 2209, Parkville, MD 21234

(If you Write in a candidate, make sure they have given you permission.)

A) For President (vote for one):

Steve & Cathy Kelley _____

_____ (Write in Candidate)

B) For Secretary (vote for one):

Lynn Horn _____

_____ (Write in Candidate)

C) For Board of Directors (vote for two):

Phyllis Cherry _____

Ron Hill _____

_____ (Write in Candidate)

Member Name (printed) _____

Signature _____

Member Name (printed) _____

Signature _____

Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2025

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 6-8, 2025

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2025 Carlisle Ford Nationals. We have again secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, 2025. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc. 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. So there is no reason not to make reservations even if you are not sure you can make it. The rate includes 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 June 6th 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 the chance of 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.**

Restaurant reservations have already been secured for Saturday night at the popular Rustic Tavern. It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a dedicated menu, with advance selection required, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

We look forward to even more Fun, Fun, Fun in 2025.

Cherry Fest 2024









Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz Winners





MATC Treasurer Available

Here is your chance to be an important, active system has been designed for an easy transition to, involved part of the MATC operations and leadership team. Frank Long, who agreed to assume the treasurer's position after former treasurer Harry Skrch's passing has decided to relinquish this position because of availability reasons. We very much appreciate his willingness to accept this position. Finance, accounting or bookkeeping experience is suggested but not required. Harry was an engineer. The system has been designed for a smooth transition for most backgrounds. Frank has agreed to mentor the person who agrees to accept the position. It will be a one year commitment initially as the candidate will complete the remainder of Frank's two year term. The position will be on the ballot for a full two year term in the 2025. It is hoped that the new treasurer can assume the position by January 1, 2025. Please contact Cathy or Steve if interested.

Treasurer Duties As Outlined in MATC Articles of Association:

6.4 The TREASURER

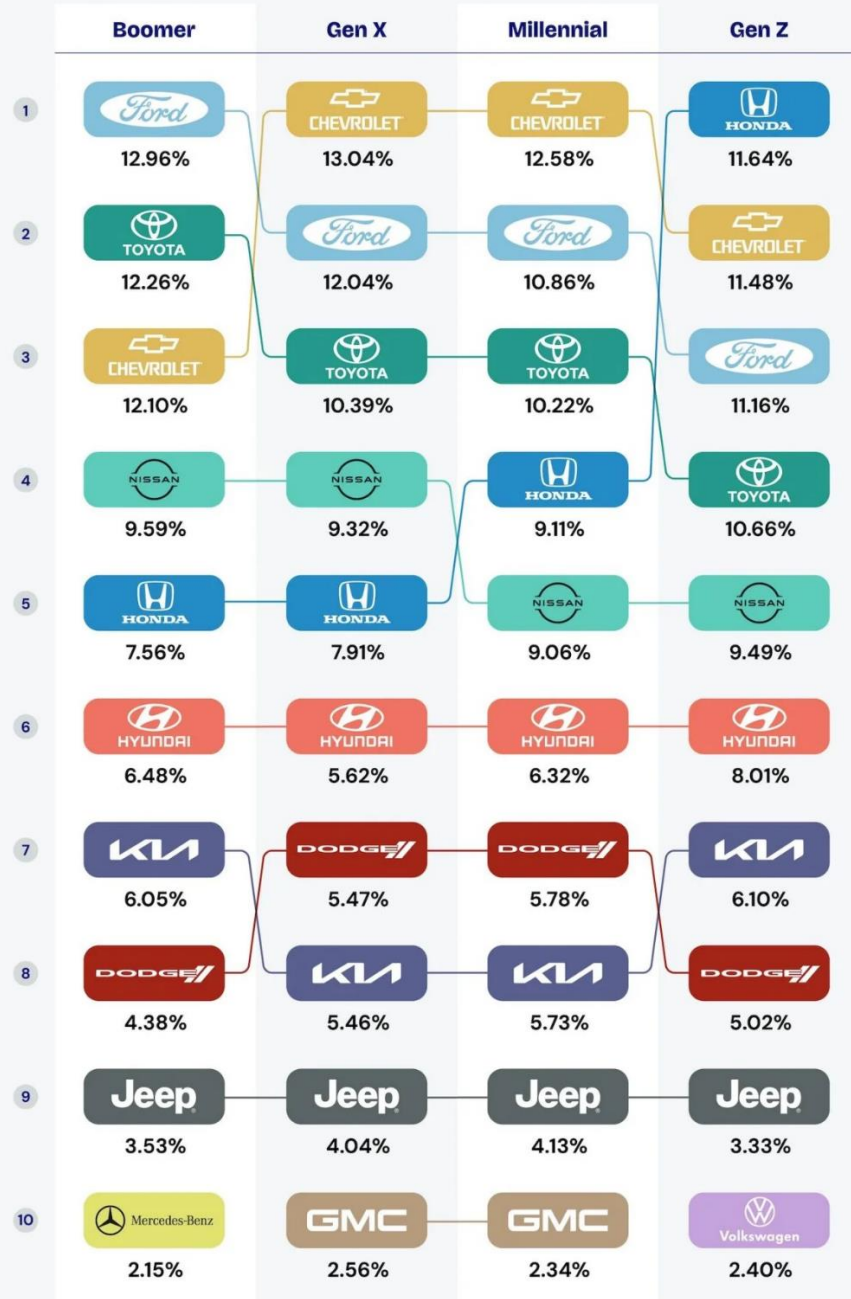
- will maintain a Club checking account that shall have a minimum of two authorized signers with one authorized signature required on every Club check;
- will notify members of their dues renewal each year and inform the Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor of the status of each members renewal;
- will collect, and deposit, dues and all other monies received in the Club checking account;
- will make payment from the Club funds upon receipt of proper invoices and,
- will keep proper record of income and expenses; and
- will report the Club's financial status to the Board of Directors at each Board meeting and the Club membership at least once a year.

THE MOST POPULAR Car Brands *Per* Generation in the United States

The preferences for car brands by generation become clear when analyzing ownership rates. **11.64%** of **Gen Z** drivers own a **Honda** car, the only generation for whom this brand is the most popular. The luxury **Mercedes-Benz** brand only appears in the **Baby Boomer** bracket, owned by **2.15%** of that generation's drivers. It could be that this brand is out of budget for younger people on the road.



*Ownership (%)



Methodology: We analyzed Insurify data to rank each generation's most popular car brands by the rate of ownership by that generation's drivers. We used the Pew Research Center's definition of each generation as follows: Baby Boomers (born between 1946 and 1964), Generation X (1965-1980), Millennials (1981-1996) and Generation Z (1997-2012).



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John Travolta's Home/Estate

Not only is John an aficionado of our favorite "Birds", but the big ones that actually fly. He is a licensed pilot, holder of 8 licenses, up to and including the Boeing 747.

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MATC is now officially a part of Ford Performance-Club Connect. This is another opportunity for Thunderbird owners to learn about our club and top promote events. Check it out at:

www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com

September Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who is the Candidate in The TBird? **Gerald Ford**

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: **1956**

Bonus: What office is the candidate campaigning for?: **Congress-Michigan**
Congrats to Scott Mummert and Bob Bossoli with the correct response.

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

It is never too late to submit your answer.

October Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Celebrity in the passenger seat of the TBird?:

What Is Unique About The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: Who is behind the wheel?

Extra Bonus: What is his associatioion with the car?

Previous Winners:

2023

May: Judy Dickinson & Steve Kelley

June: Tom Young

July: Mike Melnyk

August: Al Herman

September: Bob Bossoli

October: Phyllis Cherry

November: Dwight Dixon

2024

February: Judy Dickinson

March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert

April: Marsha Dixon

May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert

June: Dave Thomas

July: Cathy Kelly

August: Phyllis Cherry

September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli

CLASSIFIEDS

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club 50th Anniversary Shirts

Here you see a picture of the latest MATC 50th anniversary polo shirts that we have ordered Listed are your options. They are of nice quality. Another order is in progress. At least six items are required to place an order.

<p>Men's Polo XS –XL \$22 2x \$24, 3X \$27, 5X \$32 Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest green Red</p> <p>Ladies Polo XS – XL \$22 2X \$24, 3X \$27 Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest Green Red</p>		<p>Ladies Scoop Tee XS – XL \$17</p> <p>Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest Green Red Azelea Pink</p> <p>Sweatshirt Unisex S-XL \$28 , 2X \$33, 3X \$35</p> <p>Black Navy Charcoal Gray Forest green</p>
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Collector's Corner:

<div data-bbox="126 1318 207 1350" data-label="Text"> <p>GREENLIGHT 1:64 SCALE COLLECTIBLES</p> </div> <div data-bbox="305 1329 394 1371" data-label="Text"> <p>SHOWROOM <i>Floor</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="147 1430 394 1493" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="222 1547 287 1577" data-label="Text"> <p><i>1974</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="418 1356 638 1482" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="427 1499 630 1524" data-label="Text"> <p>39150E - 1:64 1976 Ford Thunderbird "Treat Yourself to One of the World's Great Luxury Car Bays"</p> </div> <div data-bbox="513 1547 574 1577" data-label="Text"> <p><i>1976</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="102 1612 670 1736" data-label="Text"> <p>These are 1:64 scale produced by Greenlight. Price will be about \$7.00 each. <u>Should be available soon.</u></p> </div>	<p>These are by Goldvarg. They are superb quality and are very well detailed. And they are pricey, about \$80 each to MATC members, retail is \$100+.The model year is 1976. <u>Expected to be available soon.</u></p> <div data-bbox="716 1461 1008 1661" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1036 1444 1325 1661" data-label="Image"> </div>
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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. MATC newsletter is only delivered electronically.

\$15 if joining after June 1st of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1st, (INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR (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

Visit us at www.midatlanticbirdclub.org Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

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

(Revised November 2023)

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.



MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

& Facebook Too

Serving 1955-2005 Ford Thunderbird Owners and

Enthusiasts in The Mid-Atlantic Area:

MD, VA, DE, WV, So.PA

Affiliated With:



VTCI



ITC

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

