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



### MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER



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

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## November Tech Session: Cylinder Head Removal Project

**Thursday, November 10, 9:00 AM – Until !!!!**

**Location: Dan & Zoeanne's Garage  
5626 Williams Road Hydes MD 21082**

I was encouraged by some club members to have a Tech Session for this task. For years, my 1966 Thunderbird has had a serious exhaust manifold leak on the right bank. The bolts securing the exhaust manifold to the cylinder head are solidly rusted in place. I have tried prolonged soaking with WD-40, Kerosene, PB blaster and applied heat to break the bolts loose without success. I have decided to remove the cylinder heads and let the cylinder head folks drill out the bolts and rebuild the cylinder heads. I can use the help disassembling and lifting the heads. Please come and help or just come and enjoy the company of other club members.

**The invitation to socialize is extended to the Ladies also.  
Coffee and lunch provided. RSVP by Nov 7 so we can prepare.**

## November Event: Officer Election

The November Ballot for Vice President, Treasurer, and two Board of Director's positions is included in newsletter. Please complete the ballot submit it to Judy Dickinson.

## 2017 Membership Renewal

The 2017 Memberships is included as part of the newsletter. Fill in your personal information and mail the notice along with your payment to the treasurer. Payment is due by March 1, 2017. Membership payment may be included with your Christmas Party reservation. Thank you for your continued support of MATC.

## December Event

**Annual Christmas Party**

**December 4, Sunday 1:00 PM**

**The Dobbin House, 89 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg PA**

***Prepaid reservation are required by November 23***

***Menu, Reservation Form and directions in this Newsletter.***

*This is one of MATC members' favorite events. We have been going to the Dobbin House for our Christmas Party for many years and each year members vote to return the next year. The historic Dobbin House is beautifully decorated and you may also browse their unique gift shop. Come and enjoy a good meal and fellowship with fellow Thunderbird fans.*

**Welcome New Members**

**Robert Hedrich & Melanie Santiago-Hedrich  
Columbia, Maryland, 2004 Thunderbird**

## 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, Nov 17 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/page/s/Greek-Village-Restaurant/">https://www.facebook.com/page/s/Greek-Village-Restaurant/</a>
<b>Nov 10</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>Thursday, Dec 15 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/page/s/Greek-Village-Restaurant/">https://www.facebook.com/page/s/Greek-Village-Restaurant/</a>
<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/page/s/Greek-Village-Restaurant/">https://www.facebook.com/page/s/Greek-Village-Restaurant/</a>

### Other Events:

**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/>

### Classic Motor Museum

102 E. Marengo Street, St Michaels, MD 21663

The Classic Motor Museum is hosting the Third Annual Thanksgiving Parade of Classic Cars on **Sat., Nov.**

**19.** Beginning at 9:00 a.m. cars will line up at the Perry Cabin Ball Fields. At 10:30 the parade will proceed down Talbot St. and finish at E. Marengo St. at the Classic Motor Museum where refreshments will be enjoyed. Registration is required, and the deadline is Nov. 16. E-mail [classicmotormuseumstmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:classicmotormuseumstmichaels@gmail.com) or call 410-745-8979. Donations are appreciated as we continue to raise funds to have the Museum doors open by the spring.



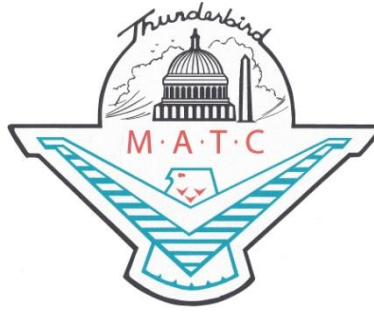
### From Zoeanne:

**Calling all Cooks Again!** Thank you to all who have responded with Recipes. If you have additional recipes please send them. Hopefully I can publish a booklet by the Christmas Party. [zoeanne9@yahoo.com](mailto:zoeanne9@yahoo.com) .  
Thank You, Zoeanne

### From Phyllis: In Memory of Linda Young

I participated in the Annapolis Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 23rd. Our retired school personnel organization has participated the last two years in memory of loved ones either living with the illness or who have been lost to it. May there soon be a cure.





## Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot

### November 2016

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Judy Dickinson by November 25, 2016. Send via email at ewdjad@hotmail.com, or mail to 1783 Candle Lane, York, PA 17404 )

A) For Vice-President (vote for one):

\_\_\_ Mike Melnyk \_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

D) For Treasurer (vote for one):

\_\_\_ Harry Skruch \_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

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

\_\_\_ Ron Hill \_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

\_\_\_ Ray Raeke \_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

Note: Newsletter Editor is an appointed position. The immediate past MATC President automatically becomes a member of the Board of Directors.

Member Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR SALE

**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.

### Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show



## Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club



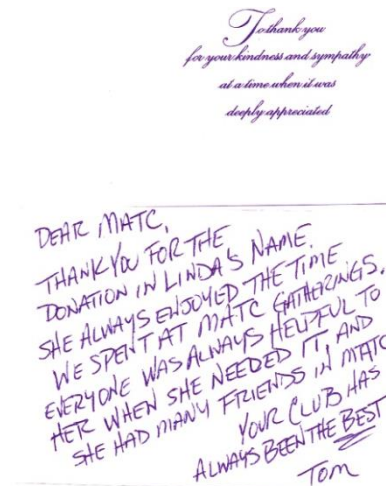
## Potomac Chapter Classic Thunderbird Club



## Bob & Kathy Ridolfi's 1955 Thunderbird in the Iconic Car Feature Section



## Thank You note from Tom Young



# LEHIGH VALLEY ALL THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION

As observed by Frank Starkes

The Lehigh Valley All Thunderbird Convention (What was the original ITC Convention) was held in Bethlehem, Pa. Sept. 12-17<sup>th</sup> with 58 registered Thunderbird's attending, and was an outstanding Show from start to finish. The year and a half of planning by the Convention Committee proved to be one of the best organized and best event planned shows ever; certainly ranking in the top 10. Near perfect weather, fantastic food, and great entertainment and tours gave all the attendees some wonderful memories to cherish.

**Monday** was highlighted with a tour of the Martin Guitar manufacturing plant; where you could watch actual making and assembling of Martin guitars, followed by a tour of the Mack Truck museum. The evening found everyone in the Hospitality Room getting reacquainted.

**Tuesday** offered a "by invitation only" to the Bulgari compound and tour through his many garages, restoration, and upholstery shops. What a treat that was. Then in the evening the group was invited to a wonderful picnic at the home of Walt and Sandy Fries; complete with a tour of his amazing collection of over 2500 Thunderbird model cars, Thunderbird memorabilia, and gardens, etc. What a real Thunderbird home should look like. It was especially fun for me, because it was my Birthday and Sandy brought me a special piece of cake complete with candle and everyone sang Happy Birthday.

**Wednesday** we boarded a bus to travel to the Philadelphia area to visit another massive collection of everything Americana. It was so big they took you through the collection by tram. Cars, airplanes, all kinds of collections, toys, stuffed animals, models, etc. You couldn't possibly see it all in two days. It was a man's 50 years of collecting, all in one gigantic building and highlighted with a section consisting of 157 turn of the century Band Organs.

**Thursday** was another exciting day beginning with a tour of the Historic Stacks of Bethlehem; the now defunct Bethlehem Steel Mills that once employed up to 18,000 workers. This plant produced huge girders, castings, and all kinds of iron and steel products. During World War II, they produced enough steel for one Battleship a day. The huge Battleship guns were cast there, and then sent to the Watervliet Arsenal near Albany, N.Y. for final machining. Working in the steel mill was very dangerous very hot work and hard to imagine this plant in full operation. We then traveled to near-by Emmaus, complete with a six man motorcycle police escort, which allowed us to travel full bore through red lights, stop signs, and intersections. Great fun. Here we enjoyed a deli sandwich in the Park, before entering the local movie theater for a private showing of the movie American Graffiti.

**Friday** was the usual day for Meetings, Seminars, and car cleaning. Topics covered in the seminars were oil and gas treatments, new car care products, legislation concerns, and maintenance procedures. Then at 4:30 it was wine tasting time. Each guest received a large complimentary wine glass nicely engraved from the Lehigh Club, with six sample wines to taste from a nearby vineyard. A very busy day, left many good appetites for the cheese steak, sausage/pepper, and meatball sandwiches for dinner, which were so big they had to be eaten with knife and fork. Lastly, 10 gallons of ice cream arrived, with all the trimmings to make your own sundaes and banana splits. Wow!!!! What a day.

**Saturday** was "Show Time", with so many beautiful Thunderbirds gleaming in the morning sun. Three teams of five judges each, a couple of runners, and a crew in the tally room working the numbers to make the decisions for the awards got busy early. The job was done shortly after noon, when all workers and attendees were treated to an extensive buffet lunch. The Banquet Saturday evening was the best ever. An open bar, waitresses coming around with appetizers of shrimp, crab, chicken fingers, steak strips, and a veggie platter; and pitchers of a special Thunderbird blue drink. It was on the order of a fine wedding. The meal was a Grand Buffet with prime rib, salmon, and turkey with all the trimmings; and finished up with coffee and a big cake. After dinner we were entertained by a special guest from Lehigh U. who told some unbelievable stories; followed by a professional magician whose tricks were beyond your imagination. Finally, it was award time, with most participants receiving a gold, silver, or bronze award.

Every good Convention should have a special guest. We had two. One evening Larry Holmes, past heavyweight boxing champion of the world, paid us a visit. Jerry Engle, Walt Fries and myself, among others got to visit with him and pose for pictures. Then on Saturday, J.T. Carter, lead singer of the group "The Crests" made famous by the song "16 Candles" stopped by to view our Birds. These were two big men, but very humble and polite.

The week flew by, with everyone wearing a big smile. The Hospitality Room was busy every night with folks visiting, making puzzles, snacking on candy, cookies, and chips till eleven o'clock or after. Special guest Doug Bradley came all the way from Australia, with some others coming long distances from Canada, Wisconsin, Michigan, Virginia, etc. So many groups were sharing memories of past Conventions and Meets over the last 20, 25, 35, or more years. Good times, happy faces, great visiting made for a super week. As we said our good-byes and headed for home

**Sunday** morning, it was with much sadness for many of us; knowing that this was probably the last time that we would see one another. However, we were also grateful to the folks from the Lehigh Valley Club that put on a great show for all to enjoy, with all the proceeds going to Alzheimer's research and the Pediatric Children's Cancer fund of Lehigh Valley. Thank-you all.