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



MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org/>
<http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/>

November Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

November 15, 9:30 AM

Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21214

November Event: Officer Election

November is election for the offices of President, Secretary and the Board of Director's position. Election ballot is this Newsletter. Please complete the ballot submit it to Judy Dickinson.

2019 Membership Renewal

The 2019 Membership 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, 2019. Membership payment may be included with your Christmas Party reservation. Thank you for your continued support of MATC.

December Event

Annual Christmas Party

December 2, Sunday 1:00 PM

The Dobbin House, 89 Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg PA

Prepaid reservation is required.

Menu, Directions , and Reservation Form Attached.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Cherry

Jean Hill

Robin Luber

2018 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
Sat Nov 3	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles	LVTC NJTA	85 South Walnut Street Boyertown PA 19512	www.boyertownmuseum.org
Nov 4, 11, 18, & 25 7AM to 9AM	Cars & Coffee	MATC	Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD	
Nov 15 9:30 AM	Third Thursday Breakfast	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	(https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071)
November	Officer Election	MATC		
Sunday December 2 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwehr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter
Aug 6 – 11 2019	International Thunderbird Club Convention	ITC	Cleveland, Ohio	

Other Events:

Car Cruise and Show Guide: <http://carmacruise.com/>

Hunt Valley Horsepowering: Every Saturday 8:00AM to 10:00AM, 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/>

Cars & Coffee: November 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 – 9:00 AM, Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD 21214

The shopping center is located at the intersection of Rts 24 and 1. McDonald's, StarBucks and IHOP are located there. The gathering will be on the lot across from Starbucks.

FOR SALE:

2003 Thunderbird: Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net (1/18)



1962 Thunderbird Convertible: with factory Tonneau cover, all power equipment, and factory AC. New Powder blue interior, Strong running gear. Have complete work history since 2001, 110,500 miles, Asking \$26,000 (offers) **Victor Morino**, cell 410-802-9078. (1/18)



1966 Thunderbird Convertible: new white paint exterior, new white top; 67,000 miles; well maintained; garage kept; wire wheel covers, interior is like new. Car is very sharp; Asking \$40,000 / best offer Alan Fishbein(443)803-3595 (5/18)

MATC APPAREL

A number of MATC members have asked when there is going to be another apparel order. The order forms are available at most MATC functions or from Skip or Steve. However, as an additional option, the vendor has indicated that members may contact them directly to place orders. The price will be the same as if it was part of a larger MATC order. The vendor is:

EmbroidMe

2216 Commerce Rd, #3

Forest Hill, MD 21050

Located in Forest Hill industrial park, near airport. Ask for Candace, Tel: 443-640-6414

This option gives members an opportunity to stop in their shop to see what is available. There are also a few of the sample items available for sale.

NAME BADGES

Name Badges: If you are interested in having one of the new name badges, please contact Mike Melnyk (thunderbirdmike@juno.com). The price is \$10 each. They have magnetic fasteners, are metal and measure 2"X3". Please send payment to Harry Skruch (hskruch@verizon.net, 4804 Torpoint Road, Nottingham, MD 21236), MATC Treasurer. Your name badges will not be ordered without payment. A photo of the new name badges appears to the right.
Skip



OCTOBER 22, 1954

1955 THUNDERBIRD begins Sales. Total Thunderbird sales for 1955 was 16,155.



ENDLESS SUMMER AT OCEAN CITY, OCTOBER 4 – 7

Zoanne and I and our grandson Dawson O'Neill drove "Blue Bird" to the Endless Summer Weekend in Ocean City Md. We arrived on Thursday, October 4th. The first place we visited was the Convention Center to sign in and pick up our registration packet. While parking the car, Kathy Ridolfi saw us. She and Bob and a grandson were there looking at the cars. After picking up our packet and event tickets we looked at all the cars in Convention Center Parking Lot. Friday morning we drove the car to the Ocean City Inlet Parking lot, where we met again with the Ridolfi's. In the afternoon we went to the Convention Center Lot, where we found Phil and Sherry Hack. On Saturday we went to Downtown Car Show in Berlin, Md. We met with the Ridolfi's again. Pictured below is their Black Thunderbird Convertible in Berlin. Also pictured below is Blue Bird viewed through the open hood of a Viper.



President's Message – November 2018



Where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday the 2018 car show, cruise night, and just enjoy your ride(s) season started and now it is coming to an end. There are still some events remaining, but many will be putting our cars away for the winter soon. That won't stop MATC and other car club activities, but it might involve the "other vehicle" instead of the TBird. Very soon it will be time to start planning the 2019 MATC agenda of activities. Do you have any suggestions? Please let your Board of Directors know what your ideas are.

Congratulations to MATC member Bill Clark. His award winning, superlative '57 F Code TBird has achieved the Gold Medallion Award in its class at the recent CTCL convention in Tennessee. To achieve this distinction a car must score 290 points out of 300 in the original division. This is a well-deserved honor and recognition for the car and owner.

As traditional, in addition to the registration for the annual MATC Christmas gathering at The Dobbin House, also included in this newsletter is the 2018 officer election ballot. Even though all of the positions are uncontested, the MATC Board felt that it is important that members participate in the election process. Plus, it serves as a reminder of who the officers are that keeps the club running. And, of course, there is the write-in option also. Please be certain to complete the ballot and return it per the instructions indicated. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers who serve on the Board of Directors for their service.

In a previous newsletter I related concerns about what is happening within ITC. Things continue to be in turmoil primarily within the Board of Directors. Two more large chapters have resigned from ITC or are in the process. One of these is an original, charter, ITC chapter. MATC members as well as other members are not renewing their memberships. Most rank and file members are not aware of the issues and concerns regarding the administration of the club because of the lack of transparency on the part of the leadership. Your Board of Directors will be addressing the position of MATC with ITC after the first of the New Year. It will also be addressed in more detail at the 2019 kick-off meeting. We will try to have a date for the meeting by the time of the Christmas gathering. Please make every effort to attend that first meeting of 2019 as we need your input.

Please continue to visit, use and contribute to the MATC website and Facebook pages. And let us know your suggestions for activities. We will make every effort to schedule activities that are more convenient for our Delaware and Virginia members. Your suggestions for venues will be helpful to this effort.

Barb and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party. Please be careful and be safe!!

Skip

LADIES LUNCHEON

The MATC Ladies Luncheon at Manor Tavern was Thursday, October 11, 2018. In attendance were: Anne Collins, Zoeanne Denham, Lynn Horn, Kathy Kelley, Barb Panowitz, Sandy Read, Carol Schroll, & Celeste Skruch. A nice meal was had, everyone enjoyed the social aspect of the get together and our new MATC member, Anne Collins, enjoyed meeting us and knowing that although we are a car club, there are good times and friendships to be had sans cars. A special Thanks Cathy for organizing the luncheon.



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot November 2018

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Judy Dickinson by November 23, 2018. 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 _____



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 _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Month _____ S

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home: ____ - ____ - _____ Work: ____ - ____ - _____ Cell: ____ - ____ - _____

Email: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

I was referred by: _____ I

Car	Year	Style (HT, Conv, Landau, etc.)	Comment (Show, Pleasure, Under Restoration, etc.)
1			
2			
3			
4			

Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Annual Dues: \$25.00 due each January, newsletter delivered electronically, or
\$40.00 due each January, newsletter delivered by US Postal Service

New Members Partial Year Dues:

\$15.00 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 \$10.00 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 Road

Nottingham, MD 21236

410-256-2740

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2018 MATC Christmas Party



The Dobbin House
89 Steinwehr Avenue
Gettysburg, PA

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Social Hour and Cash Bar at 1 p.m.
Dinner at 2 p.m.

Cost: Adults - \$30.00, Children 4-10 years - \$15.00, Under 4 years no charge.

Holiday Buffet Menu

Salad and Bread Bar

Entrees

Roasted Pork Loin with Cranberry Chutney
Stuffed Chicken Breast with Prosciutto,
 Mozzarella & Spinach
Salmon with Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze

Vegetables

Mashed Sweet Potatoes with candied Walnuts
 Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
 Sautéed Squash Medley
 (Zucchini, Yellow & Butternut Squash)
 Green Beans Casserole with crispy onions

Desserts

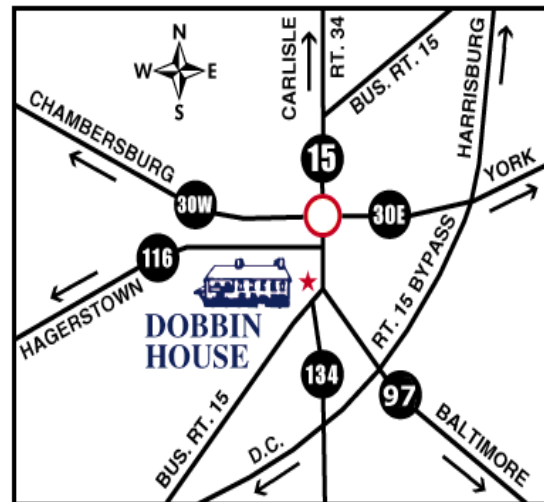
Honey Cinnamon Banana Bread Pudding
 Pumpkin Cheesecake with Gingersnap crust
 Triple Chocolate Layer Cake with Raspberry coulis

Beverages

Coffee, Ice Tea, & Lemonade

Map and Directions

For directions please see this link:
<http://www.dobbinhouse.com/map.htm>



Member Name _____

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

_____ Number of children @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

There is no charge for children under 4 years old.

_____ 2019 Membership Renewal (optional) \$25/\$40 \$ _____

Please include Membership Application

Total Remittance \$ _____

Please send form and check, by November 22, 2018 to:

Harry Skruch • 4804 Torpoint Road • Nottingham, MD 21236



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 this year will again be the
 Shriners Hospitals for
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 check with the Christmas
 Party registration or bring
 it to the Dobbin House
 payable to:

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Hydes, MD 21082-9533

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