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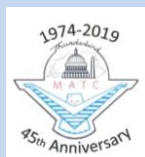
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Deadline for submitting
Newsletter photos, articles,
etc., is the 20th of each
month.

MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB Charter Member, International Thunderbird Club



MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 45TH ANNIVERSARY

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

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



Thunderbird Bird Breakfast in Bel Air,

Nov 21, 9:30 AM Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21214

Conowingo Veterans Center

Sunday, November 10, 1:00 pm

775 Ragan Road, Conowingo, MD 21918

We will be spending the afternoon with the veterans who live in the Conowingo Veterans Center in Cecil County. We will treat them to a Fried Chicken Dinner with all the extras and give them a chance to view our cars. Phyllis Cherry is coordinating our visit. Please make every effort to attend this important event as we honor our veterans. **ITEMS TO BRING:**

- * **A-M:** Salad or Casserole, **N-Z:** Desert
- * Large bottle of Soda or iced tea or water bottles
- * MATC will provide Fried Chicken, Plates, Cups, Utensils,, Napkins, etc.
- * Books, Magazines, Puzzles, Games, Art Supplies, DVDs, or Toiletries for Veterans.
- * Your Thunderbird to display and share with the Veterans
- * If you are a Veteran, wear or bring something symbolic of your service.
- * Wear your MATC 45th Anniversary T-Shirt

RSVP to Skip, (skip.panowitz@yahoo.com) or Phyllis, (pacherry@comcast.net) by Nov 7.

If you are not able to attend but would like to support the Veterans send a check or money order to the Treasurer, Harry Skruch, to offset the cost of the event. You can also provide some of the items noted above

November Event: Officer Election

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

2019 Membership Renewal

The 2019 Membership Application 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 15, 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

2019 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

Official MATC 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
Sunday Nov 10	Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation	MATC	Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918	https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/
Sunday December 15 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwehr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter

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 in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

FOR SALE:

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)



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



2002 Thunderbird: Asking 13,500, 34,600 miles, excellent condition, with boot and storage rack. Dave LeKites, rundpl@gmail.com (7/19)



2003 Thunderbird for parts: Drive able but needs mechanical work to meet emissions standards and needs detailing. High mileage car (225k). Contact: Anthony Foster, 703-298-8152 (9/19)

THUNDERBIRDS AT THE SUNSHINE GRILL, OCT 26



Tom and Judy Dawson
1967 Thunderbird



John and Lynn Horn
1966 Thunderbird



Dan And ZoeanneDenham
1966 Thunderbird

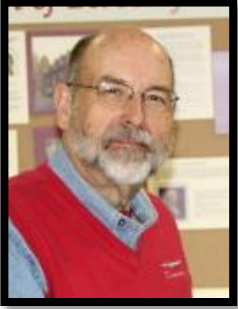
Phil Hack
NOT his Thunderbird



THUNDERBIRD YouTube VIDEO

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNad-X_jYY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019



We have had some great fall weather for cruising and enjoying our cars so far. Except for the much needed rain. But it won't last for long, so enjoy it while it lasts.

MATC had a great showing at the brunch gathering on October 20th sponsored by the North Jersey Thunderbird Association. The North New Jersey Thunderbird Club, the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club and the Open Road TBird Club were represented along with MATC. It was great to see old friends from the Thunderbird hobby that we have missed since the glory days of national conventions before the recent changes in national club management and philosophy. It was like the good old days of the Thunderbird hobby. These folks represent the heart and soul, the brain trust, of the hobby, in my opinion. Like me, many have been part of, have supported, and have been instrumental in moving appreciation for the iconic Thunderbird forward for 40 years or more. Dwight and Marsha Dixon did a great job in choosing a venue that was perfect for the event. They have indicated that consideration is being given to expanding it to an overnight or even weekend event in the future. Sounds like a great idea to me!!

In case you didn't know, **October 22** is an important day in Thunderbird and automotive history. On that day in **1954**, 65 years ago, the iconic **Ford Thunderbird** went on sale. And the rest is history as they say. Certainly a day to celebrate.

The annual election ballot is included with this newsletter. You will note that my name does not appear as a candidate for president. I have given this some hard and long thought and have decided it is time for someone else to take the reins. Change is often very good with new players bringing new ideas and a new perspective to an organization's operations. I have enjoyed being your president for the past 14 years (*yes-14 years!*) and I appreciate the support of the Board of Directors and membership during this time. I know the new president will carry on the traditions and spirit of the club, and the Thunderbird hobby for the future. Please extend the same support to the new incumbent. Oh, and just in case you are thinking "finally, we're getting rid of him!", I am not going away. It is the MATC policy for ex-presidents to be part of the Board after their last term in office. I plan to continue to work with and support the club's objectives and activities in the future.

Barb and I wish each of you and yours a Merry Christmas. We hope you have a happy holiday season, and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all of you at a future MATC event. And enjoy those Birds while the weather is still cooperating.

Skip

2019 MATC Christmas Party



The Dobbin House
89 Steinwehr Avenue
Gettysburg, PA

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Social Hour and Cash Bar at 12:30 p.m.
Dinner at 1:30 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

Sauteed 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
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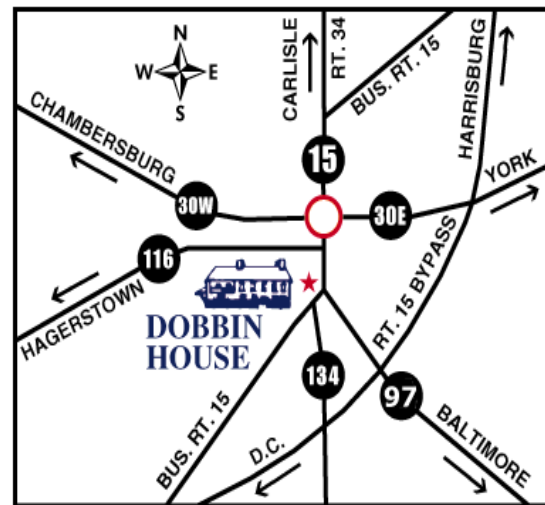
Beverages

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.

_____ 2020 Membership Renewal (optional) \$25/\$40 \$_____

Please include Membership Application

Total Remittance \$_____

Please send form and check, by **December 6, 2019** to:

Harry Skruch • 4804 Torpoint Road • Notingham, MD 21236



Shriners Hospitals
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year's community
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check payable to
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Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot

November 2019

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Judy Dickinson by December 6, 2019. Send via email at ewdjad@hotmail.com, or mail to 1783 Candle Lane, York, PA 17404)

A) For President (vote for one):

Steve and Cathy Kelley _____ (Write in Candidate)

_____ (Write in Candidate)

D) For Secretary (vote for one):

Lynn Horn _____ (Write in Candidate)

_____ (Write in Candidate)

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

Phyllis Cherry _____ (Write in Candidate)

_____ (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 _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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

Email: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

I was referred by: _____

List Your Thunderbirds:

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)

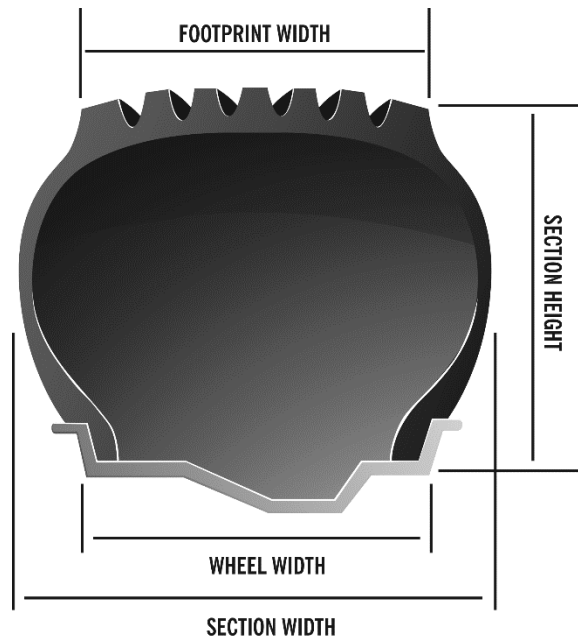
Name Tags \$10.00 each: _____

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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One aspect of tire sizing that is often confused is aspect ratio. The aspect ratio is a tire's section height as compared to its section width. The aspect ratio is often referred to as the tire's "series." With that in mind a 50-series tire has a section height that is 50-percent of the section width.

Of course, the section width can change on a tire in relation to the width of the wheel on which it's mounted. As the aspect ratio decreases, it is important to use a wheel that is closer to the section width. For example, a 50-series tire and larger should have a wheel that measures 70-percent of its section width, and a 45-series tire should have a wheel that measures 85-percent of its section width.

The ratio between the section width and the wheel width is very important in selecting the right wheels and tires for your ride. Choosing a wheel that is too narrow will cause the sidewall to balloon and will allow the tire to distort excessively under hard cornering, resulting in sloppy handling. Choosing a wheel that is too wide for the tire can cause it to pull away from the wheel at high speed and will give the car a much harsher ride. The loss of curvature in the sidewall will not allow the tire to flex as far, resulting in a ride where every pothole feels like a crater.

Most tire manufacturers publish guides for their various tire lines, complete with the range of wheel widths that are best suited for each tire size. Sometimes the best tire for your car is not necessarily the biggest tire that will fit, and taking the time to thoroughly explore your options before you pull out your wallet will reap far greater rewards down the road. <https://www.classiccarrestorationclub.com/article/understanding-tire-aspect-ratio/>

2003 Ford Thunderbird

Maryland State Inspected and Ready to Roll



Asking Price:

\$12,300.00

Contact:

Steve Kelley

410-812-5596

443-371-3030

VIN: 1FAHP60A23Y100879

Mileage: 82000

Warranty: Does NOT have an existing warranty

Vehicle Title: Maryland—Clear

Engine: 3.9L V8 Gasoline 282 H.P.

Transmission: Automatic with Manual Shift Option

Interior Color: Black w/Red Inserts/Trim

Exterior Color: Torch Red

Body Type: Power Convertible w/ OPT. Red Hardtop

Sub Model: Two Door - Premium

For Sale by: Owner

Present Location: Bel Air, MD—Delivery available

OPTIONS: 17" 7 Spoke Chrome Wheels— Anti-Spin Brakes— AM/FM Stereo w/6-CD Changer— Audio-ophile 9 Speaker Sound System— Heated Seats—Engine Oil Cooler—Thunderbird Branded Floor Mats— Perimeter Anti-Theft—Supplemental Fog Lights—Daytime Running Lights - About 8000 miles on tires.

I'm the second owner and I have always kept it in the garage. It has seen no snow and very little rain. It is clean inside and out.

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