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Newsletter photos, articles,  
etc., is the 20th of each  
month.**

## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



## MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

**46<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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

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



## This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

**-November 1 2001:** 2002 Thunderbird named Motor Trend “Car Of The Year”

**-November 5, 2004:** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Edition Unveiled at Wixom Plant & Miami Auto Show. (*Your editor was there!!*)

**-November 14, 2002:** Production of 2002 Thunderbirds Ends.

**-November 18, 2002:** Production of 2003 Thunderbird begins.

## Upcoming MATC Activities

### Mark Your Calendar(s)!!

## **Third Thursday Thunderbird Breakfast in Bel Air**

**Temporarily Canceled because of Corona Virus Issues**

## November 19<sup>th</sup>: MATC ZOOM Meeting

Zoom Video calls are in lieu of our monthly breakfast meeting.

Calls will be on the third Thursday at 9:30am. You will be sent a Zoom link a few days before. The next Zoom Meeting is October 19, 2020.

Hope you can join us!!

## December 12<sup>th</sup>: MATC *Christmas* Dinner

Because the Dobbin House will not be able to accommodate our group this year, we have reserved the banquet room at Friendly Farms Restaurant, Upperco, MD. Details and reservation form are included in this newsletter.

**Reminder:** Our Community Outreach partner is the **Harford Miracle League**. Even if you do not plan to attend the Christmas Dinner, you can still contribute to this very unique and worthwhile organization. They have completed the athletic field and now only need to get past the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions to initiate its use. The field is designed to give those who are handicapped an opportunity to participate in popular sports.

**Due to the Corona Virus, the events listed below may be cancelled. Look for Schedule updates**

<b>2020 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR</b>				
Official MATC/ITC activities are marked with *** and printed in bold. Our <i>Thunderbird Club</i> 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
November 6-7	<b>Special Fall Nationals</b>	AACA	Wyndham Hotel Gettysburg, PA	<a href="http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html">http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html</a>
November 19	<b>MATC Zoom Meeting</b>	MATC	Your home or other favorite place	Call In details will be provided by email
Saturday December 12 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Friendly Farms Restaurant 17434 Foreston Road Upperco, MD 21155	Menu, registration, directions in November Newsletter. <i>Because of COVID19 Dobbin House currently cannot handle groups as large as ours</i>
Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM	Monthly Breakfast Gathering Breakfast will resume after Corona Virus hazard ends.	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/ Greek-Village- Restaurant/203026953055071</a> )

## Welcome Aboard To Our New Members

Debbie & Tim Kleim, Cockeysville, MD, 2002

## November BIRTHDAYS

*Note: If we missed your November birthday, or the specific date noted is incorrect or missing, please advise the editor with the correct information. Thanks!*

Jean Hill – 4  
John Cherry – 25

## Member News:

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to our treasurer Harry Skruch. Harry has been in Greater Baltimore Medical Center hospital for nearly two weeks as of the publication date for the newsletter because of gall bladder and kidney complications. Harry cannot have visitors because of the COVID 19 pandemic, but well wishes can be sent to him at his home address noted on the attached application. Harry may be relocated to a transitional facility, or home, by the time you are reading – a phone number will be provided when appropriate.

*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.*

## MATC Newsletter Advertising:

Steps are being taken to expand the amount and scope of advertising in the MATC newsletter. The goal is to not only provide a source of additional income for the club, but also provide resources for parts, services, memorabilia, etc., for the membership from local and national vendors. Zoeanne Denham has agreed to initiate this effort, but would welcome assistance. In addition, recommendations for potential advertisers can be referred to Zoeanne Skip, Cathy or Steve.

### 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](mailto:skelley@gottogotravel.net) (1/18) See attached flyer.



**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)

*Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold as long as there is enough space. This policy is subject to change.*

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A large promotional graphic for the Ford Thunderbird 65th Anniversary. At the top is the Thunderbird winged logo. Below it, the word "THUNDERBIRD" is written in large, metallic, block letters. Overlaid on this is the text "65th Anniversary" in a green, cursive script. The central image is a black and white photograph of a classic 1966 Ford Thunderbird convertible, shown from a side profile. In the background, there are faint, stylized images of bridges and a cityscape. At the bottom left is the "Forney Museum of Transportation" logo and address: "4303 Brighton Boulevard, Denver, CO 80216". At the bottom right is the date "October 1 – December 30, 2020" and a small logo for "The Ford Center SCFD".



## **President's Message November 2020**

We were so pleased to see many of you join us on a beautiful October day for the Picnic in the Park, as Skip named it, on October 4. Lots of 'Birds in the parking lot got lots of attention by passers-by. We all had our own food and drink and sat well apart from each other for a nice lunch in the pavilion. Then we took our lawn chairs out and sat in 2 circles (men's and women's of course) in the bright sunshine. Steve had his birthday present drone out and got a few good pictures from the air! We saw Anne Collins, the Denhams, Dickinsons, Hills, Horns, Longs, Melnyks, Panowitzs, Shelton/Fiedlers, Skruchs, and Young/Rogers couples. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing. The view was not as spectacular as at the Cherrys' camp, but it was refreshing to see everyone there and the weather helped to keep us smiling.

It won't be long until we have our Christmas Dinner. We mentioned last month that our usual venue, Dobbin House, will not be open much longer due to the quarantine. We have made reservations for the Banquet Room at Friendly Farm Restaurant in Upperco MD for Saturday, December 12 from 1-4 pm. They have a huge room so social distancing will be easy. There will be a buffet so you will need your mask except while at your table. The menu will include roast beef, BBQ ribs and fried chicken with all the sides that many of you are familiar with. They serve coffee and tea, iced tea and soft drinks. Ice cream and cake for dessert. You will find the flyer with reservation form elsewhere in the newsletter.

Many of you know that we used to ride motorcycles and were part of a club similar to MATC. Our Gold Wing group was looking for a place to hold their Christmas Dinner and we mentioned that there would be room in the Friendly Farm's Banquet room for more people than we expect from MATC. So, guess what! They are going to join us! The room is very big so we will have the tables configured to the two groups are separate, but we think both groups will get along well. When we joined MATC we soon noticed that some people are just like folks we knew well in the GW club. It might be fun to try to figure out who your doppelgänger is.

We hope you all have a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Even through this pandemic and quarantine we hope you have much to be thankful for. We do, and you folks are a big part of the reason we give thanks.

As usual, don't forget to check the MATC website, <https://midatlantictbirdclub.org/>, and our Face Book page. Send Steve photos of your cars too.

*Steve & Cathy Kelley*



**MATC "Social Distanced" Picnic In The Park  
October 4, 2020**







# 2020 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



**Friendly Farm Restaurant**  
**17434 Foreston Rd**  
**Upperco, MD 21155**

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**  
**Social Hour 1-1:30pm – NO alcohol**  
**Dinner at 1:30pm – 3 pm**  
**Presentations and comments 3-4 pm**  
**Cost: \$30.00**

## Holiday Menu

### Entrees

**Roasted Beef with gravy**  
**Fried Chicken**  
**BBQ Pork Ribs**

### Country Sides

Apple Butter, Cottage Cheese, Cole Slaw, French  
Fried Potatoes, Hot Vegetables like corn and green  
beans, Hot Rolls, Sugar Biscuits

### Desserts

Cake & Homemade Ice Cream & Sherbet

### Beverages

Coffee, Ice Tea, & Soda

## Directions

Follow I-83 to Exit 27, Mt Carmel Rd  
Head West for 5 miles  
Turn Right onto Foreston Rd (small sign, hard to  
see, just past Gorsuch Mill Rd on Left)  
The restaurant will be ½ mile on the Left.

For Google Maps directions please see this link:  
<https://goo.gl/maps/Na3rMEKfaVTr3a5i9>



Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 2021 Membership Renewal (optional) \$25/\$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please include Membership Application*

Total Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send bottom of form and check made out to MATC by Dec 1, 2020**

**Send to: Harry Skruch**  
**4804 Torpoint Road**  
**Nottingham, MD 21236**

Don't forget this year's charity  
outreach. Bring check payable to:  
***Miracle League of Harford Co.***

Miracle League's goal is to  
provide children and adults  
of all abilities the chance to  
play baseball.





# ***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:** 1FAHP6CA23Y100879

**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.

**Note:** Car will soon be located at Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA, 19543. Website: [www.classicautomall.com](http://www.classicautomall.com). The car can be viewed virtually and in person.





# 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year  
Full dues if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> 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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