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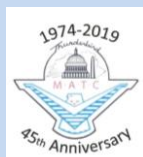
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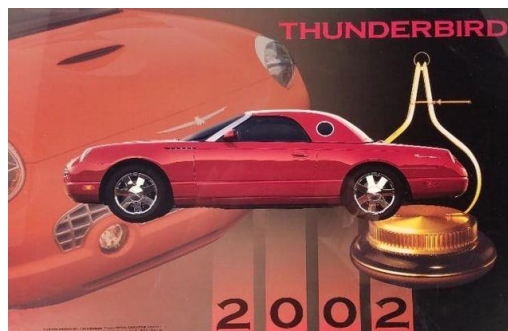
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This Month In *Thunderbird* History:

- **November 21, 2001:** The 2002 Thunderbird is named "Car of The Year" by Motor Trend Magazine.



This was the fourth time the Thunderbird had been awarded this honor on a standalone basis. COTY awards included 1958, 1987 Turbo Coupe, 1989 Super Coupe and 2002. It was honored a fifth time in 1964 as part of the COTY award given to the entire Ford Motor Company line up.

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Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities



**Saturday, December 11, 2021 1-5 PM / Annual Christmas Dinner
Friendly Farms – 17434 Foreston Road -Upperco, MD 21155**

This year it has been decided to change the venue for the annual MATC Christmas gathering. Friendly Farms Restaurant is located in a country setting in the rolling hills of northern Baltimore County. We know that some folks will miss the tradition of dining at the Dobbin House, but Friendly Farms was able to accommodate us last year when Dobbin House could not because of the pandemic. Our 2020 event was ultimately cancelled because of lack of participation as members were concerned about social gatherings because of the pandemic. This new location will be more convenient for most of our members and offers much of the same ambience as Dobbin House. Yes folks, there is a gift shop. And the food is great. Unfortunately, the first Sunday date was not available, but we are on the books for that date in 2022. It was decided to give this new location a try to see how the membership likes it. **Registration form is included with this newsletter.**



President's Message November 2021

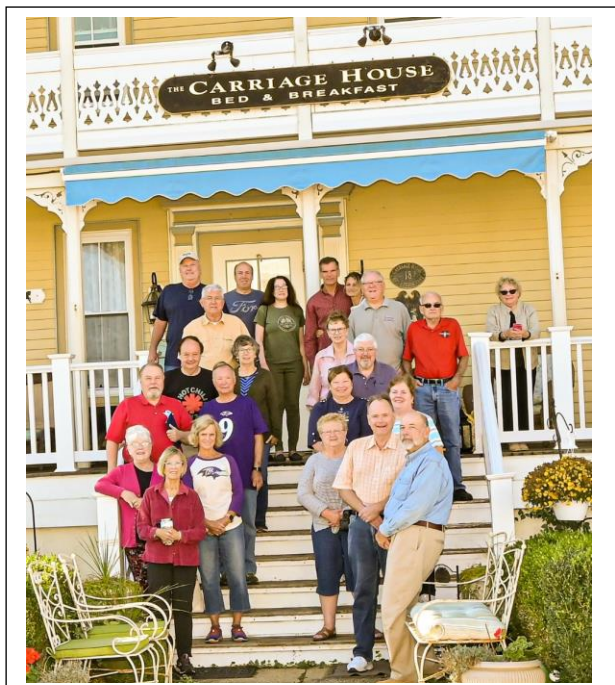
If you didn't join us in Ocean Grove NJ in October you missed a great weekend with the North Jersey Thunderbird Club. We met at the Carriage House Bed and Breakfast, which is a beautiful facility, and the breakfasts were delicious. The town is very quaint, and the boardwalk is fabulous! Of course the weather was perfect because Skip was there... Some of us rode bikes, some went to the lighthouses and some learned to paint fans in a sweet little hippy shop with the nicest proprietor. Oh yeah, some of us just enjoyed the front porches and great conversation with friends. We met and got to know a little about one of our new members, Daniel Forte also. We thank Marsha and Dwight Dixon of NJTA for their great job in planning the trip. We understand there might be plans to go back next year, so watch for something about it in a few months.

Our Christmas Dinner at Friendly Farm Restaurant in Upperco MD is coming up on Saturday, December 11. This is a great place to eat with good country food. Our menu will be Fried Chicken and Ham with lots of side dishes served on the table, like green beans, cottage cheese and apple butter, sugar dusted rolls and much more. Plan to be there at 1pm and park in the banquet room lot. There is a separate entrance and bathrooms just for banquet room customers, so we will be isolated from the rest of the restaurant. The registration form is in this newsletter, so fill it out and send your check to Harry Skruch soon so we know the exact count. We must have at least 50 people to get the room for free and so far we've heard from only 36.

Also in this newsletter is the official election ballot, which covers VP, Treasurer and a board member this year. Be sure to fill it in and send to our secretary, Lynn Horn, whose address is on the ballot. You will notice that Ray Raeke is stepping down as a board member due to health issues. We want to thank Ray for the many years he has served, giving much needed advice and ideas.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Steve & Cathy Kelley



2021 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



Friendly Farm Restaurant

17434 Foreston Rd

Upperco, MD 21155

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Social Hour 1-1:30pm – NO alcohol

Dinner at 1:30pm – 3 pm

Presentations and comments 3-4 pm

Cost: \$30.00, Children up to 10 years - \$10.00

Holiday Menu

Entrees

Fried Chicken

Ham

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 = \$ _____

_____ Number of children up to 10yrs @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

_____ 2022 Membership Renewal (optional) \$25/\$40 \$ _____

Please include Membership Application

Total Remittance \$ _____

Please send bottom of form and check, **by December 1, 2021** to:
Harry Skruch • 4804 Torpoint Road • Notingham, MD
21236

Don't forget this year's
community charity. 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.



2021/ 2022 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
February Date TBD	MATC Kick-off Meeting	MATC	TBD	TBD
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
April thru October	Weekly Cruise Night		Arctic Circle Drive In Churchville, MD	Wednesday Evenings Weather Permitting
June 3-5, 2022	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle Events	Fairgrounds Carlisle PA	Reduced Price Registration Fees Before January 1, 2022.
May 15, 2022	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	TBD	TBD	TBD
May 19-22, 2022	Cruisin' OC	Cruisin' OC	Ocean City, MD	infoevent@specialeventpro.com
October 6-9 2022	Endless Summer Cruisin'	Cruisin' OC	Ocean City, MD	infoevent@specialeventpro.com
October 2022 Date TBD	Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show	***MATC	Rockville Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville, MD 20851	https://10times.com/rockville- antique-and-classic-car-show
November	Election of Officers	MATC		Ballot Included with Newsletter
December 11 (Saturday)	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Upperco, MD	See Attached Registration Form
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

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.



Congratulations to long time MATC member John Young. His beautiful 1957 Thunderbird received a repeat Preservation Award at the AACA Eastern Regional Meet in Hershey, PA in October. In addition to this recognition, his car has been nominated for the prestigious AACA Annual Thunderbird Award which recognizes that Thunderbird considered the best of the best shown at an AACA event during the year. Many MATC members will recall that John's brother Tom's 1960 Thunderbird achieved this award in 2012.



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Thank you for your financial and personal support of this great important program. As soon as information is available for the 2022 season, we will include it in the newsletter. It will also be available on the Miracle League of Harford County website.



November Birthdays



The officers and members of MATC wish the following members a very happy birthday

John Cherry

Daniel Forte

Jean Hill

Robin Luber

Note: If we missed your birthday, please advise the editor. We are sorry for the oversight. Thanks!

Welcome Aboard To Our New Members:

There were no new members for October. Please remember to carry and use the MATC recruitment business cards and/or a membership application to distribute to perspective members. If you need more of the cards or applications, please contact any MATC officer.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Lynn Horn, MATC Secretary, continues to recuperate from surgery as a result of a leg fracture from a fall. Her cast has been removed which has benefitted her mobility. It has been good to see her at various MATC events.
- Zoanne Denham continues to recuperate from a fractured wrist that required significant surgery to repair. The injury also occurred as a result of a fall. Additional surgery was performed in late July. She reports it has resulted in better flexibility but there is still some discomfort. Her wrist is currently in a brace as she recovers. We wish her the best for a continuing and complete recovery.
- VP Mike Melnyk, who underwent surgery for a right inguinal hernia in October, continues to improve. Although still experiencing discomfort, he looks forward to a full recovery.
- Several of our members are receiving on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include John Cherry, Dan Denham, Mike Melnyk, Ray Raeke and Harry Skruch. 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!

North Jersey Thunderbird Association Weekend Gathering

Technical issues with members cars did not spoil the weekend fun.

Ocean Grove, NJ / October 15-17, 2021

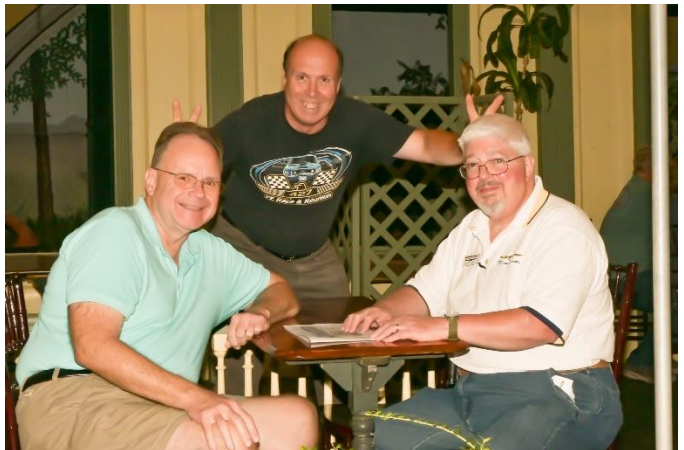
What a fantastic weekend it was. Carried over from 2020 because of the Covid 19 pandemic, it finally took place on a beautiful Fall weekend on the Jersey Shore at quaint, beautiful Ocean Grove. Twenty-one Thunderbird enthusiasts, including members of three TBird clubs, enjoyed great socialization, activities, food and relaxation. And the accommodations at the Carriage House B&B were just fabulous. A few technical issues with some attendees' cars did not spoil the fun. It was a great opportunity to meet with old friends, make new ones, and even talk about cars. This could become an annual event. Many thanks to Marsha & Dwight Dixon, NJTA, for making the arrangements.



After Dinner, Night #1. A Great Fun Evening. Then On for Ice Cream!!



What's A Trip To The Beach Without Great Ice Cream!!



A Little Horsing Around Among Old Friends



Breakfast accommodations were elegant, and the food was unique and excellent





Beautiful Scenery A Short Walk Away

Earl discovers his family name on a Memorial Brick



Who's Who In MATC

By Lynn Horn, MATC Secretary

Featured Member(s): Lynn & John Horn



After a childhood attraction to bicycles, John promptly shifted his attention to cars. A committed “Car Guy”, as are the other guys of MATC, the attraction continued through the years and a variety of classic and collector cars have filled the garages. Actually, our first date was the result of his needing a navigator for a car cruise – and we were going in a car model that I had never heard of – a Hudson Hornet. Guess one of us didn’t have the all the same interests.

Our introduction to MATC was through a member of the local AACA region who was also a member of MATC. We had just gotten a ’65 Thunderbird and gradually met other members of the club that we “had to join”. We joined but sold the Thunderbird after a few years as she never really grew on us. We did, however, continue to enjoy the members and events of MATC. After a few years of being “birdless”, I surprised myself by telling John that he needed to buy another TBird. Now we own a ’66 Thunderbird coupe and a 2004 retro bird.

We belong to the Local AACA, the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club and the Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club. Membership has given us reason to travel to places we might not have seen on our own, do some very interesting things and we have found many good friends along the way.

John spent his career as a maintenance mechanic – making good use of his mechanical skills. I spent my career working for an electronics manufacturer as a Quality Engineer. Clearly, telling people what to do must be in my DNA. We enjoy traveling, spending time with family and car related activities. We’re both retired and fully enjoy what we want to do, with a few exceptions. I edit the Chesapeake Bay Chapter Newsletter of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club and am currently secretary for MATC. The later requiring little of my time and the former requiring too much.

Joining MATC has provided us with a fun way to enjoy the cars we own while going places and seeing good friends! All good things in our book!

CLASSIFIEDS

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)



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)

2002 Thunderbird Premium: Evening Black with charcoal interior. Original Owners. No major repairs. Regular service. Never modified. Includes roof storage rack and car cover. Battery replaced within the last two years. It has always been stored inside a heated building. Asking \$22,000. Negotiable. Located at 2730 Spring Hill Lane, Enola, PA. Tom & Mary Jo Sharretts: Mary Jo: 216-219-5468, Tom: 717-378-0671 (8/21)

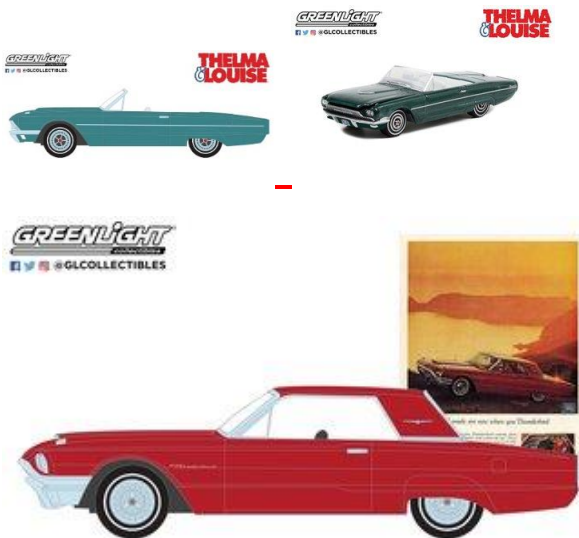


1976 Thunderbird:



Ken Leaman's family is selling his 1976 Thunderbird for him because of health reasons. Ken is a longtime member and important part of the TBird hobby. He has been a key member of the North Jersey Thunderbird Association. He was a founding member and the first president of ITC. They know it runs because a new starter was installed recently. There is even an extra quarter panel in the garage. It's been sitting in the garage so long the family does not know much else about it. Only 37,992 miles on it. Asking price is \$7000, but an appraisal has been ordered. If interested please contact Judy Wright 973-303-5662, email: wrightfamily5@msn.com.

Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models Coming Late 2021



UPDATE: Greenlight will be producing several versions of the Thelma & Louise '66 Thunderbird in their Hollywood Cars series later this year. There will be 1:64 and 1:43 versions, top up and top down. I have just learned that there will also be a '64 hardtop in red and '65 convertible in black. I will have some of each when they become available. I am not certain of pricing yet as it will be affected by increasing shipping costs. Figure about \$7-8 for the 1:64 and \$17-18 for the 1:43. Promotional and packaging photos are attached. Let me know if you think you might be interested. I don't order this stuff, even TBird items, in large quantities like before because of the constantly changing item and shipping costs. I hope to have them in time for the Christmas gathering but that does not look promising right now.

Skip

(10/21)

TBird T-Shirts For Sale – While They Last!!



A

B

A = 45th MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$15 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H

B = Retro TBird Logo T-Shirt; XXL only; \$10 each plus S&H

Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold depending on space. Non-member cost to advertise is complimentary for the first month then \$10 for each three months thereafter. This policy is subject to change.



MATC Election 2021

In November of each year the membership of MATC elects half of the officers of the club for a two year term. The ballot for the 2021 election will be included with the November newsletter. The positions to be elected this year include Vice-President, Treasurer and one Director. If you are interested in running for one of the available positions please advise MATC Secretary Lynn Horn no later than October 25th. As typical, the winners will be announced at the Christmas Party.

Long term MATC member and Board of Directors member Ray Raeke has decided to retire from this position at the conclusion of his term in office this year. Ray, [and](#) his wife Jean, have been fixtures in MATC and the Thunderbird hobby for over 40 years. Ray & Jean will continue to participate in MATC activities as much as possible. The MATC membership and Board of Directors send their heartfelt thanks to Ray and Jean for their service to and support of the club over the many years of their participation. We look forward to seeing them at future events and activities.



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot

For the 2022 Term

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Lynn Horn by December 1, 2021. Send via email to: lynnhorn704@gmail.com, mail to 704 Walker Ave. Baltimore, MD 21212, or submit with your Christmas Party registration)

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

A) For Vice President (vote for one):

Michael Melnyk _____

_____ (Write in Candidate)

B) For Treasurer (vote for one):

Harry Skruch _____

_____ (Write in Candidate)

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

Tom Young _____

_____ (Write in Candidate)

Member Name (printed) _____

Member Signature _____

Member Name (printed) _____

Member Signature _____



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

"A Club for Enthusiasts of the Ford Thunderbird of all years"

Application for Membership

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, newsletter delivered electronically, or
\$40 due each January, newsletter delivered via US Postal Service

New Members Partial Dues:

\$15 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 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 Rd.; Nottingham, MD 21236; 410-256-2740

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