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

## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

### This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **December 13, 1957:** The last 1957 two seat original generation "early Bird" is produced.

### Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

**Thursday-December 19, 2024 @ 9:30 am\*\*\*\***

Bob Evans: 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, @ MD Rt 24, Bel Air, MD 21014

**Note: This is a new venue that seems to be working out OK.**

**Please let Cathy know if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can be prepared.**



**December 8, 2024 – 11am to 3 pm**

**2024 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner**

See attached response form. You can also pay your 2025 dues and support our charitable partner "Classic & Custom Car Educational Foundation". **Response Revised to December 1.** Also attached is the ballot for the 2025-2026 slate of officers.

Many responses can be completed electronically online.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS





## President's Message December 2024

*Merry Christmas!*

We had a gorgeous day for the **Veteran's Cruise to Perry Point on November 9**. Skip joined us and some non MATC friends also. The veterans and staff were so appreciative of our 'parade'. There must have been 300 cars and motorcycles. Skip has photos elsewhere in the newsletter. Please think of joining us next year.

Several members of the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club joined us for a visit to the **Classic Auto Mall** in Morgantown PA on **Friday, November 15**. This is an old shopping mall converted to just show (and sell) lots of cars. Afterwards Steve Dameron, Doug and Sandy Read, Earl and Judy Dickinson and Skip joined us for a fabulous lunch at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord.

We really **need a new club treasurer**. Frank Long has so much going on in his life, he needs to give up the position. We hope to be able to announce the new treasurer at our MATC Christmas Dinner.



We hope to see you at MATC's annual **Christmas Dinner at the Dobbin House Sunday Dec 8, 11-3**. (early again!)

You can renew your club dues at the same time. And don't forget our charity, **Save the Hobby**. You could bring a check to the Christmas Dinner.

Look for information about our annual Members General Meeting in February in our January newsletter. We'd like to see lots of you attend to socialize and plan next year's activities.

Please keep Zoanne and Dan Denham in your prayers. She's had skin cancer surgery and now Dan is in hospice at home.



*Cathy & Steve*

## 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
Third Thursday 9:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	***MATC	Bob Evans 14 Bel Air So Pkwy Bel Air, MD 21014	@ intersection of MD Rt 24 and Bel Air South Parkway
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
<b>2024</b>				
December 8	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA	Details and reservation info to be provided as available
<b>2025</b>				
February ?	MATC Kick-Off Meeting	***MATC	TBA	TBA
April 12	Romancing The Chrome	Various	Jarrettsville, MD	See flyer in newsletter. Rain date April 19 <sup>th</sup> .
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	See hotel reservation and event registration info below.

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](http://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.



**Save the hobby.org**

This is our new charitable partner beginning in 2024.



The officers and members of MATC wish the following member(s) a very happy birthday:

**December Birthdays:**

+Nicholas Balint    +Candice Bossoli  
+Barb Melnyk        +Mariam Zentgraf

*If your birthday was overlooked, please let the editor know ASAP.*

**MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:**

*Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip*

- John Horn is now recuperating at the Care Center at Oakcrest recovering from a fall and other medical issues.
- Dan Denham is currently in hospice care at home. He can have visitors but Zoeanne requests coordinate visits with her first.

Please keep our convalescing members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with their medical issues.

*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!*

**Registry of Retro Thunderbirds By Color:**

MATC is developing a register of 2002-05 Retro Thunderbirds owned by our members by year, color, and specialty model as applicable (Niemann Marcus, 007, Pacific Coast Roadster, Cashmere). If your retro Thunderbird year and color are not indicated on the previously distributed roster of members, please notify Skip @ [skip.panowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:skip.panowitz@yahoo.com) with the information so that the register is as accurate as possible.

# 2024 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



**The Dobbin House**  
**89 Steinwehr Ave.**  
**Gettysburg PA**

**Earlier Time!**

**Sunday, Dec 8, 2024**

**Social Hour 11-11:30 AM – cash bar**

**Dinner at 11:30 AM – 2 PM**

**Presentations and comments 2-3 PM**

## **Holiday Buffet Menu**

Salad and Bread Bars

### **Entrees**

Chicken coq au vin  
Ham w Pineapple Raisin sauce  
Penne Pasta w Tomato sauce

### **Vegetables**

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes  
Rice Pilaf  
Buttered Dill Carrots  
Green Beans Almondine

### **A variety of Holiday Desserts**

### **Beverages**

Coffee, Ice Tea, & Soda

## **Directions**

From PA, come across Rt 30 or down Rt 15.

From the South, come up Rt 15.

From the East you can come over I70 and up Rt 15 or use GPS and the back roads.

Set your GPS to Dobbin House, 80 Steinwehr AV, Gettysburg PA



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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 2025 Membership Renewal (optional)

\$25 includes email newsletter

*Please include Membership Application found in newsletter*

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

**Please send bottom of form and check made out to MATC,**

**by Dec 1, 2024 to:**

**Frank Long, 331 Sullivan Dr, Abingdon MD 21009**

Don't forget our charity this year has been Save The Hobby, who support The Custom and Classic Educational Foundation. The vision of that organization is to bring in and inspire future generations of youth into the car hobby. They also publish the Car Show and Cruise Guide.







# Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot For the 2025 Term

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Lynn Horn by November 30, 2024.

Send via **email** to: [secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org](mailto:secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org), or

**mail** to 8810 Walther Blvd, Apt 2209, Parkville, MD 21234

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

A) For President (vote for one):

Steve & Cathy Kelley \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

B) For Secretary (vote for one):

Lynn Horn \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

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

Phyllis Cherry \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Hill \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Classic Auto Mall Excursion: November 15, 2024



MATC Members "Road Test" Future Rides



Shady Maple Is Prepared For MATC Customers!



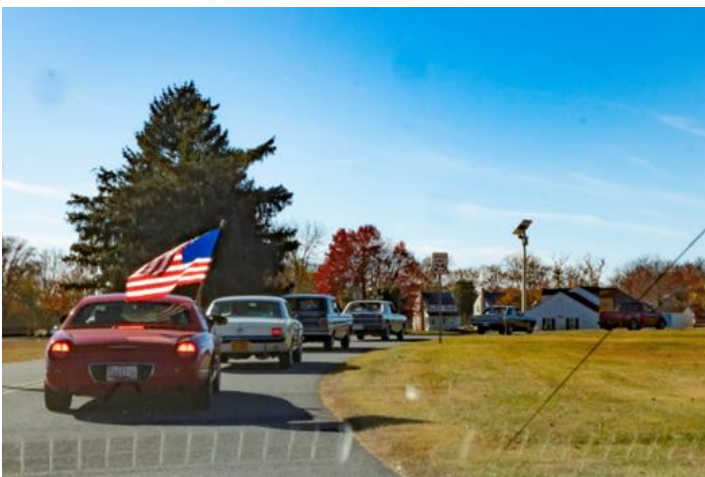




Perryville, MD Veteran's Center Veteran's Day Salute Cruise  
November 9, 2024









## Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2025

### **Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 6-8, 2025**

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2025 Carlisle Ford Nationals. We have again secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, 2025. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc. We have a block of 25 rooms guaranteed which can be increased as deemed necessary. The rate is \$185 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate, plus taxes. Room reservations can be cancelled up until 6 PM the night of the reservation. So there is no reason not to make reservations even if you are not sure you can make it. The rate includes breakfast and other amenities. We will also have the use of a meeting room as a hospitality room. There is plenty of free parking. The "host" hotel is:

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81**  
**1501 Commerce Ave**  
**Carlisle, PA**  
**717-241-0052**

The hotel is an easy drive from the Carlisle Fairgrounds right off of I-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before June 6th it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, **like right now**, even if you are not certain you can be there. The sooner reservations are made, the better the chance of increasing the number of rooms in the block if needed. It is fortunate that we were able to reserve a block of rooms and at a favorable rate. The online reservation link is below:

### [Thunderbird Friends Reunion](#)

If the link does not work, call the hotel direct at the above number. We will provide more details as they become available. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, like this year, and Friday night too. We hope to have a larger tent this year as multiple clubs are expected to be included. **Please get your reservations taken care of early.**

Restaurant reservations have already been secured for Saturday night at the popular Rustic Tavern. It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a dedicated menu, with advance selection required, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

We look forward to even more Fun, Fun, Fun in 2025.



# Ford Files To Trademark Thunderbird In Mexico

By [Brett Foote](#), Ford Authority  
November 21, 2024 11:40 am

Ford Motor Company has filed to trademark “Thunderbird” with IMPI (Instituto Mexicano de la Propiedad Industrial) in Mexico, *Ford Authority* has learned. The application was filed on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and assigned serial number 0119853236404. The filing carries the goods and services category of vehículos – aparatos de locomoción terrestre, aérea o acuática (excepto sus motores), or vehicles – land, air or water locomotion devices (except their engines).

## The Ford Authority Take

Over the past few years, Ford has filed to trademark Thunderbird on numerous occasions, starting [back in 2016](#), with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and subsequently, [in early 2021](#), once again with the USPTO. Now, Ford has once again filed to trademark Thunderbird – this time, in Mexico, albeit with the same type of goods and services description. For some time, this led many to believe that the Ford Thunderbird may be set to make a comeback following 11 prior generations – the last being discontinued following the 2005 model year, but nothing has come to fruition yet.

Regardless, as *Ford Authority* [reported back in 2022](#), FoMoCo has been considering reviving the Ford Thunderbird nameplate – perhaps even a high-performance halo car this time around. The Ford Thunderbird project was reportedly being conceptualized as a far more performance-oriented vehicle than its direct predecessor, potentially as a two-seater designed not as a luxury coupe like previous generations, but rather, a roadster that will be more than capable on the track. Much like the original, first-generation T-Bird was a direct Corvette competitor, that would once again be the case in some regards.

However, some years have passed since then and nothing has come to fruition with the Thunderbird name, even as Ford continues to trademark it in various parts of the world. The automaker may still be considering a Thunderbird revival as something of a range-topping sports car sitting in the lineup above the Ford Mustang, though The Blue Oval has also been keen to expand the pony car lineup in a big way over the past year or so, too.

***Editors note: Ford must keep the Thunderbird name trademarked to give permission for its use, and collect royalties, for anything with the Thunderbird name, logo or identity. This includes apparel, model cars, memorabilia, accessories, etc.***

## Oil Viscosity Comparison

Oil viscosity grades are a numerical system that indicates how thick a liquid is and how easily it flows. The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) developed the system, which uses the following classes:

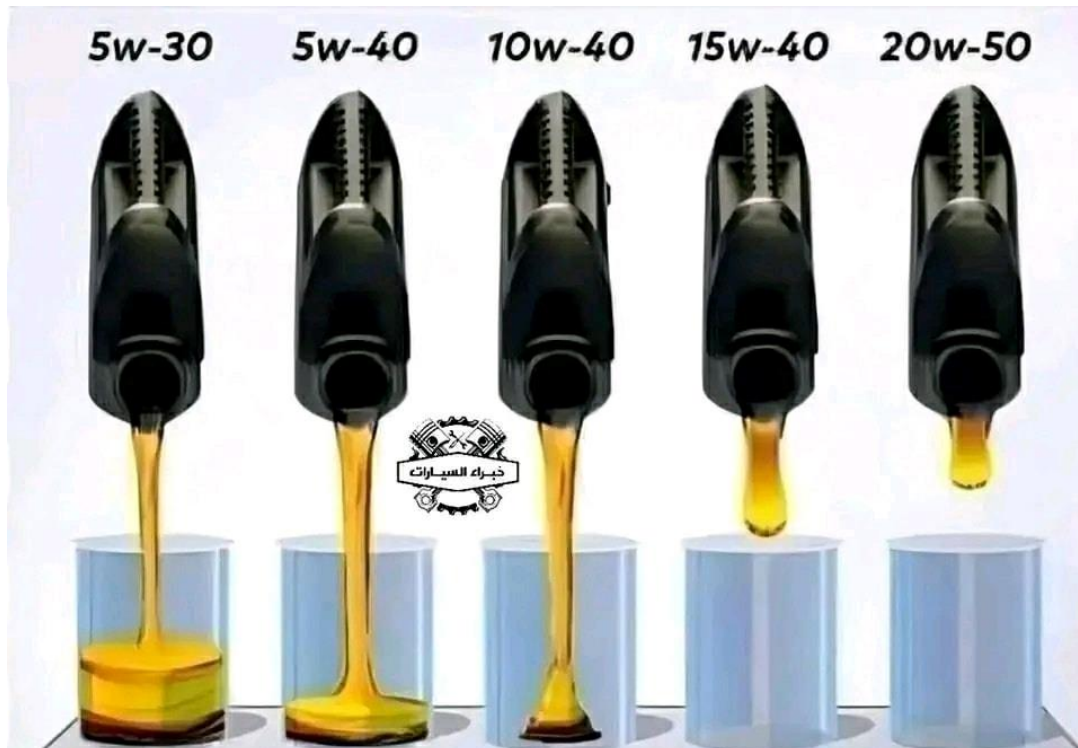
- **Winter classes:** 0W, 5W, 10W, 15W, 20W, and 25W
- **Summer classes:** W-8, W-12, W-16, W-20, W-30, W-40, W-50, and W-60

The number before the "W" indicates how the oil flows when it's cold, while the number after the "W" indicates how it flows at normal operating temperatures. A lower number indicates lower viscosity and better flow. For example, 5W-30 oil flows more easily than 10W-30 oil at start-up temperatures.

Here are some more tips for choosing the right oil viscosity:

- **Multi-grade oils:** These oils provide protection across a wide range of temperatures.
- **Fuel economy:** Lower viscosity oils can result in better fuel economy.
- **Vehicle owner's manual:** You can find the correct oil for your vehicle in your vehicle owner's manual.

The smaller the number, the better it will flow. So a 5W-30 will flow easier than a 10W-30 at start-up temperatures and a 10W-30 will flow easier than a 10W-40 at normal engine operating temperatures. This is important, as engine oils naturally thicken as they cool and thin as they are heated.



## **MATC Treasurer Position Available**

Here is your chance to be an important, active, involved part of the MATC operations and leadership team. Frank Long, who agreed to assume the treasurer's position after former treasurer Harry Skruch's passing has decided to relinquish this position because of availability reasons. We very much appreciate his willingness to accept this position. Finance, accounting or bookkeeping experience is suggested but not required. Harry was an engineer. The system has been designed for a smooth transition for most backgrounds. Frank has agreed to mentor the person who agrees to accept the position. It will be a one year commitment initially as the candidate will complete the remainder of Frank's two year term. The position will be on the ballot for a full two year term in the 2025. It is hoped that the new treasurer can assume the position by January 1, 2025. Please contact Cathy or Steve if interested.

### **Treasurer Duties As Outlined in MATC Articles of Association:**

#### **6.4 The TREASURER**

- will maintain a Club checking account that shall have a minimum of two authorized signers with one authorized signature required on every Club check;
- will notify members of their dues renewal each year and inform the Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor of the status of each members renewal;
- will collect, and deposit, dues and all other monies received in the Club checking account;
- will make payment from the Club funds upon receipt of proper invoices and,
- will keep proper record of income and expenses; and
- will report the Club's financial status to the Board of Directors at each Board meeting and the Club membership at least once a year.



MATC is now officially a part of Ford Performance-Club Connect. This is another opportunity for Thunderbird owners to learn about our club and top promote events. Check it out at:

[www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com](http://www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com)



November  
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity in The TBird? **Chuck Berry**

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: **1964**

Bonus: What is his unofficial nickname? **The Father of Rock and Roll**

***Congrats to Barb Melnyk for the correct response.***

***Respond to Skip with your guesses...er answers.***

***It is never too late to submit your answer.***

December  
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Celebrity behind the wheel of the TBird?:

What year is the TBird?:

Bonus: Who is the female actor standing by the TBird

Extra Bonus: What movie is the screen shot from?:

**Previous Winners:**

**2023**

May: Judy Dickinson & Steve Kelley  
June: Tom Young  
July: Mike Melnyk  
August: Al Herman  
September: Bob Bossoli  
October: Phyllis Cherry  
November: Dwight Dixon

**2024**

February: Judy Dickinson  
March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert  
April: Marsha Dixon  
May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert  
June: Dave Thomas  
July: Cathy Kelly  
August: Phyllis Cherry  
September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli  
October: Dave Thomas  
November: Barb Melnyk





## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts**

Here you see a picture of the latest MATC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary polo shirts that we have ordered Listed are your options. They are of nice quality. Another order is in progress. At least six items are required to place an order.

<p>Men's Polo XS –XL \$22  2x \$24, 3X \$27, 5X \$32  Black  Navy  Graphite Gray  Forest green  Red</p> <p>Ladies Polo XS – XL  \$22  2X \$24, 3X \$27  Black  Navy  Graphite Gray  Forest Green  Red</p>		<p>Ladies Scoop Tee  XS – XL \$17</p> <p>Black  Navy  Graphite Gray  Forest Green  Red  Azelea Pink</p> <p>Sweatshirt Unisex  S-XL \$28 , 2X \$33, 3X \$35</p> <p>Black  Navy  Charcoal Gray  Forest green</p>
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### *Collector's Corner:*

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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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. MATC newsletter is only delivered electronically.

\$15 if joining after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup>, (INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR (3 months free))

Name Tags \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Please PRINT names for tags above. Separate by comma if more than one.

**Send To:** Please Mail Application with your check payable to **MATC** to:  
Frank Long, Treasurer; 331 Sullivan Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009; 410-569-8539

Visit us at [www.midatlanticbirdclub.org](http://www.midatlanticbirdclub.org) Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club is a tax-exempt Association under IRC 501 (c) (7).

(Revised November 2023)



# Vintage Thunderbird Club International



## VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from above-please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable & mail to:  
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

\*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.





## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

*& Facebook Too*

Serving 1955-2005 Ford Thunderbird Owners and

Enthusiasts in The Mid-Atlantic Area:

MD, VA, DE, WV, So.PA

### Affiliated With:



VTCI



ITC

### Benefits of Membership Include:

- Tech support for all generations of Thunderbirds
- Social Gatherings
- Monthly Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

