

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



**MATC  
THUNDERBIRD  
NEWSLETTER**



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

**February 18, 9:30 AM**

**Monthly Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air**  
Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

**February Event: Business Meeting and \$2 Pot-Luck Social**  
**1:00 PM Sunday, February 28, 2016**

This is a General membership meeting to review club events for 2016 and report on the January 16th MATC Officer's meeting. We will be asking for a \$2 contribution to help offset meeting expenses. If rescheduling is required due to inclement weather see the MATC Website or call a club officer.

**Mt. Ararat Masonic Lodge**  
**136 East Gordon St**  
**Bel Air , MD 21014**

*Bring a Pot-Luck Dish in the category designated by the first letter of your last name:*

*"R to Z" Salad      "G to Q" Main      "A to F" Desert*

**2016 Membership Renewal**

The MATC Application for Membership is attached to the Newsletter and also available on the MATC website at <http://midatlantictbirdclub.org/Application.html> . Please fill in the application and mail it along with your payment to the treasurer. Renewal Payment is due by March 1, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Harry Skruch at 410-256-2740 or [hskruch@verizon.net](mailto:hskruch@verizon.net).

Thank you for your continued support of MATC.  
Mike Melnyk, Membership Chair and Harry Skruch, Treasurer

**##### 2016 Valentine's Day Cruise #####**

Steve Kelley has put together a Valentine's Day Cruise for MATC. An information sheet and application are enclosed in the Newsletter.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Cathy Kelly

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Earl Zastrow, 15

## 2016 TENTATIVE 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
<b>Thursday, Feb 18 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Third Thursday Breakfast Gathering</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/">(https://www.facebook.com/pages/ Greek-Village-Restaurant/</a>
<b>Feb 13 - 20</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Cruise on MSC Cruiseline</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>MSC Divina to Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, &amp; Bahamas</b>	Contact Steve Kelly 443-371-3030 <a href="mailto:skelley@gottogotravel.net">skelley@gottogotravel.net</a>
<b>February 28 1:00 PM</b>	<b>BUSINESS MEETING, POT-LUCK Membership Meeting</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Mt. Ararat Masonic Lodge 136 E. Gordon St Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	
March 12 Sat	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Ct. Fairgrounds Rte 144, West Friendship	<a href="http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2016swapmeet01.pdf">http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pag es/activities/flyers/2016swapme et01.pdf</a>
<b>March TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>MATC</b>		<b>TBD</b>
April 9, Sat Rain: 16	Romancing the Chrome	Harford Co. Library	3719 Norrisville Rd Jarrettsville, MD 21084	<a href="http://romancingthechrome.org/">http://romancingthechrome.org/</a>
May 19-22 Thurs - Sun	Cruisin O.C.	Special Event Productions	Ocean City Md \$60 by April 1	<a href="https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city">https://www.specialeventpro.co m/cruisin-ocean-city</a>
June 3 - 5 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	<a href="http://store.carlisleevents.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=24">http://store.carlisleevents.com/S earchResults.asp?Cat=24</a>
<b>June TBD</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Orphan Car Tour		Williamsport, MD <a href="http://www.orphancartour.org">www.orphancartour.org</a>	Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 <a href="mailto:TourDirector@orphancartour.org">TourDirector@orphancartour.org</a>
<b>June xx</b>	Celebrate Gaithersburg Classic Cars Show		Gaithersburg, MD	Email Kristen Hux <a href="mailto:KHux@gaitersburgmd.gov">KHux@gaitersburgmd.gov</a>
June 21	Sully Plantation		Chantilly VA	
<b>June xx</b>	<b>Railroad trip</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>New Freedom PA</b>	
<b>July 10 Sun</b>	<b>Potluck Social hosted by Dan &amp; Zoeanne Denham</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Hydes, MD</b>	
Aug 5,6,7 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie Mem. Park Macungie, PA	<a href="http://awkscht.com/entertainment.html">http://awkscht.com/entertainme nt.html</a>
<b>Sept 13-18</b>	<b>LVTC TBird Convention</b>	<b>LVTC</b>	<b>Bethlehem, PA</b>	
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)</b>	
Oct 5 - 8 Wed - Sat	Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	<a href="http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html">http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet. html</a>
Oct 6 - 9 Thurs - Sun	Endless Summer	Special Event Productions	Ocean City MD \$45 by April 30	<a href="https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin">https://www.specialeventpro.co m/endless-summer-cruisin</a>
<b>Saturday Oct 15 Rain Date: 22</b>	<b>Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a - 3:30p</b>	<b>MATC</b>	Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville MD	See website for registration. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm">http://www.rockvillemd.gov/eve nts/carshow.htm</a>
<b>Oct 22 - 23</b>	<b>Shenandoah Valley Tour</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Nov</b>	<b>Tech Session</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Nov</b>	<b>Officer Election</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Sunday December 4 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA</b>	<b>Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter</b>
<b>Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Breakfast Gathering</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/ Greek-Village- Restaurant/203026953055071</a>

**For Sale:** 62 Kelsey wire; asking 4 for a \$1000 and a 57 T&C radio His name Dan 703-862-8868.

**For Sale:** A 35 year collection of T Bird Parts ,many NOS. For sale individually or by lot. Contact; 703-560-8014, Frank Toth or email [franktoth@AOL.Com](mailto:franktoth@AOL.Com) for an email list of parts,

**For Sale:2002 Thunderbird** . We are the original owners – purchased April 10, 2002; Current mileage: 9063; Black with White Hardtop – also comes with Black Soft-top and dark grey leather interior; Premium Model; Includes Storage Cart and Car Cover; Stored in climate controlled garage; Full service records (Serviced at Battlefield Ford); Car in excellent condition and treated as a Classic T-Bird should be; Price: \$ 25,000; Contact Warren Hayes at (703) 368-0170 or [warrenhayes@aol.com](mailto:warrenhayes@aol.com)

**For Sale: 2004 Thunderbird—Only 3,850 miles.**

One owner car with both tops. Exterior color is Merlot. Light Sand Interior Package including cream-colored gauges and bronze metallic trim. 17" - Spoke polished aluminum wheels. Heated driver and passenger seats. Select Shift Automatic Transmission. LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System. Always garaged in north central Texas, in "like new" condition. \$28,000 (MSRP was \$43,200). Contact Al Macdonald at 214-354-5121.



## 2015 Christmas Party at The Dobbin House, Gettysburg PA







Barb Panowitz and Grand Children dropping off Club donations at 'Toys for Tots'



MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB  
2016 PLANNING MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2016, York, Pennsylvania  
Minutes submitted by Judy Dickinson, secretary MATC

President Skip Panowitz welcomed MATC Officers and Board of Directors  
Verified everyone had a copy of the *2016 Planning Meeting Agenda* and *Tentative Events Calendar*

**Membership**

Mike Melnyk reported total membership of 62  
Current membership dues unpaid 23  
March 1 deadline for dues payment

- Discussed best method to remind members dues are not paid
  - List members already paid in newsletter
  - Sent unpaid members email reminders after February 21
- MATC phone chain will need to be updated after March 1
- MATC business cards available
  - Have old email address so change .com to .org
  - Take business cards and MATC membership applications to cars shows
- Ask ITC to refer new members in our area to MATC

#### **Treasury**

- Harry Skruch reported current balance of \$2300
- Christmas party favors largest club expense
- Expenses decreased because newsletters primarily sent by email
- Consider 50/50 at MATC events
  - Discuss at general membership meeting
- Charity
  - Continue with Toys for Tots
  - Discuss other possibilities focused on children at the membership meeting

#### **Rules for Operation:** No change

#### **Website**

- Steve Kelley requests more stories, profiles, and pictures from members
- Membership application on website
- Check site weekly
  - Go to page, click on link
  - More frequent visits will increase standing on search sites
- Generate interest for perspective members

#### **Facebook**

- Increased visits and likes over last March
- More posts would generate more interest in MATC
- Currently only website administrator can add information
- Discussed change to allow friends to add information
- Members can send Steve Kelley items to add
- Videos generate more views
- Dan Denham suggested adding newsletter or president's message

#### **Newsletter**

- Dan Denham reported newsletter due this week
- Will include MATC Planning Meeting Minutes and Tentative Events Calendar
- Photos good addition to newsletter
- Open to suggestions and articles
  - Check for helpful software
  - Add Articles Profiling officers

#### **Election of Officers**

- Need to generate interest
- Positions available: Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Two Directors

#### **New Business**

- Skirts and apparel
  - Require 12 items to place order
  - Items do not have to all be the same
- Cruise
  - 29 people going in our MATC group
  - Suggestions for next adventure/trip

#### **Schedule of Tentative Events Calendar**

- See separate schedule
- Members Business Meeting February 28, 2016, Mt. Ararat Masonic Lodge, Bel Air, MD
- Additional events to consider
  - Cherry Blossoms Cruise Tour
  - Shoe House and John Wright Restaurant
  - Railroad Trip
  - Shenandoah Valley Trip
  - St. Michaels, MD, new car museum to open this year

## Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Judy Dickinson, secretary MATC

Officers/Members present:

Skip and Barb Panowitz  
Harry and Celeste Skruch  
Judy and Earl Dickinson  
Tom Young and Linda Rogers  
Mike and Barb Melnyk  
Dan and Zoeanne Denham

Ray and Jean Raeke  
Lynn and John Horn  
Steve and Cathy Kelley  
Kitty Mummert  
Phyllis Cherry  
Ron Hill

## Election Results:

We had a total of 11 ballots returned. All candidates on the ballot were unanimously elected.

President Skip Panowitz

Secretary Judy Dickinson

Board of Directors Phyllis Cherry



## President's Message January 2016



Thank you so much for all of the kind and thoughtful phone calls, cards, flowers and well wishes during my recent gall bladder surgery, hospitalization and convalescence. What should have been a relatively routine procedure had some unexpected complications. It did put a little bit of a crimp in the Christmas season for me, however I am feeling good now and have had a complete recovery.

As typical, we had a great turnout a great time at the Christmas Party. We again enjoyed the hospitality and great food of the Dobbin House. Congratulations to Harry Skruch, recipient of the 2015 President's Award. The honor is well deserved. And thanks to all of the participants for your generous support of the Toys for Tots program. The toys and monetary donations were very much appreciated when Barb and I along with our grandkids delivered the donated items. It was unanimously decided that the 2016 Christmas Party would be held at Dobbin House again.

Your MATC Board of Directors recently met to plan the activities for the 2016 year. There are great events scheduled, some new, some traditional favorites. The proposed schedule is included with this newsletter. Please remember that we are always open to suggestions for new activities including car shows, cruise nights, etc., throughout our service area. Plus, as the Mid-Atlantic District Advisor, I am preparing a calendar of activities of events throughout the district. Keep an eye out for it in a future newsletter or via email.

An important way that you can help to support your club is by regularly visiting the MATC website and Facebook page. Visiting them at least weekly will help you keep up to date. This will also help make certain that these important MATC sources will be listed as high as possible on the internet listings when folks are searching for TBird clubs and activities. Also, Dan Denham continues to need photos and articles for the newsletter. All of these are great recruitment resources for the club as they provide the best picture of who we are and what we do. Please submit your car and event photos and a profile of yourself and your car to Dan and Steve Kelley so you are not left out.

There are still several cabins available for the MATC Caribbean cruise that Steve Kelley is coordinating. This is a great opportunity to get away from the winter blues as well as socialize with fellow TBirders. Contact Steve soon to join in on the fun.

Barb and I look forward to seeing everyone at the kick-off meeting in February and at the Third Thursday TBird Breakfast. Although the weather does not look promising for the near future, cruising season will be here before we know it. In the meantime, as always, be careful out there - But have fun.

***Skip***