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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



**MATC THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**

48TH ANNIVERSARY

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **February 12, 1954:** : Public Introduction of the first 4 place Thunderbird, nicknamed "Squarebird".
- **February 15, 1954:** "Thunderbird" name officially selected for the new Ford sports car.
- **February 19, 1954:** Thunderbird prototype completed.
- **February 20, 1954:** Thunderbird debuts @ Detroit Auto Show.

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

2022 Kick-Off Meeting and \$2 Pot-Luck Social

Sunday, February 6 - 1:00 PM

Inclement Weather Date: Feb 20th

RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, cathykelley49@gmail.com by February 4th

This is a General membership meeting to review club events for 2022 and report on the January 22nd MATC Officer's Planning meeting. We request a \$2 contribution to help offset meeting expenses. If rescheduling is required due to inclement weather or COVID issues, see the MATC Website or call a club officer. Please note that the meeting will be in Room 202 in the education building. Elevator service to the second floor is available. Once the upper parking lot entrance is entered, drive past the church and social hall. Entrance to the building requires going down a flight of stairs or adjacent ramp. Please bring a mask for possible use.

Bel Air United Methodist Church, Room 202

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

(at the intersection of Rt. 924 & Linwood Ave)

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

"H to P" Salad "Q-Z" Main "A to G" Dessert

Please RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, cathykelley49@gmail.com by February 4th



President's Message February 2022

Plans, Plans and More Plans!

Folks, we are hoping to have a lot of things on the schedule this year so you can pick and choose what you want to do. We recognize that Covid is still a very important concern with the new variants spreading so easily, even among those vaccinated. However, our outlook is that we can't live our lives in fear and we can take precautions to stay as safe as we can. Outdoor car shows, group rides and picnics should give us some healthy options.

Please join us at our Kick-Off General Meeting on Sunday, February 6 at 1pm at Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Av, Bel Air MD 21014. Skip has some info about where to park and enter posted on front page of the newsletter with the potluck food assignments. This is where we'll talk about all the plans for the year and get your input. We are excited to see many of you again!

At the meeting we hope to have copies of our revised by-laws for you to review and approve. They will be sent via email also. We're looking for some assistance with things like advertising too, and hope someone will step up to help. Also, you are encouraged to bring up anything you think would be good for the club and we'll consider it, especially if it means getting more folks together.

Happy New Year!
Cathy & Steve

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
January 22, 2022	MATC Officer's Planning Meeting	MATC	Green Turtle Bel Air, MD	Please submit your ideas for activities to an officer.
February 6, 2022	MATC Kick-off Meeting	MATC	Bel Air United Methodist Church	See Details In This Newsletter
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		Consider running for an office
December 4, 2022	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	TBD	Details To Be Provided Later
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.

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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.

Birthdays



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

February

Rose Amato Gregg Jensen Gail Thomas Earl Zastrow

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

Welcome Aboard to Our New Members:

Ben Wisler, Potomac, MD: 1966 convertible for pleasure *(corrected from previous newsletter)*

Paul Monty, Freeland, MD: 1956 Thunderbird for pleasure

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:

- John Cherry has improved from his previous medical situation but has now contracted COVID. He is recuperating at home under Phyllis' caring nursing. We wish him all the best for continued improvement and prompt Covid recovery.
- Several of our members are continuing to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include 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!

Who's Who In MATC

Featured Member(s): Barbara & Mike Melnyk. MATC Vice President

By Mike Melnyk,. MATC VP



Hello, I'm Mike Melnyk, the MATC Vice President and Membership Chairperson. Next to me in the above photo is my wife, Barb.

By profession, I am a Chrysler Service Manager.

I'm lucky that I still have my first car and it's my Wimbledon White '64 /Thunderbird! When I was in school working on it, I wondered if there were any local clubs for T-Birds. I contacted Ford Motor Company and I was advised that MATC was the closest club in my area. In 1977, I contacted MATC and the rest is history. In 1981, Barb joined the fun with me! I have installed factory a/c in this car from a donor car. Currently this car is undergoing a re-restoration. We also have a candy apple red '66 Town Landau with a 428 that was a California car. That car also needs a restoration. This car is rust free and fully loaded.

Some of the benefits of belonging to this club are learning about various generations of T-Birds, getting technical help, and lots of socializing. It seems that no matter what problem you have with your car someone else has experienced the same one.

We also belong to the Vintage Thunderbird Club International, the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club, North Jersey Thunderbird Association, Plymouth Barracuda/'Cuda Owners Club, AACA, Chesapeake Region AACA, and All Thunderbird Alliance.

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)





1978 Diamond Jubilee Thunderbird

Rare bird indeed! No rust. No wrecks. Garaged its entire life. New A/C compressor and condenser coil with thermal clutch switch added and all upgraded to R134a. New fuel tank, tie rod ends, air shocks with onboard compressor. Power windows, power trunk release work. Power seats work. Power locks need new solenoids in door. Cruise control works but will creep up in speed. Clock does not work. Car has been resprayed at some point. Small dent in hood and upper windshield trim (see in pictures). I purchased from the daughter of the original owner. Selling because it is kept in storage and owner does not get to drive it as much as hoped. Mileage: 84,500; Asking price: \$11,900
 Contact: Greg Simmons: email:vtgregory67@gmail.com (preferred contact method); phone:443-203-8603
 (1/22)



A

B

T-Shirts

While They Last!

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

Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models Coming Early 2022



UPDATE: Greenlight will be producing several versions of the Thelma & Louise '66 Thunderbird in their Hollywood Cars series. There will be 1:64 and 1:43 versions, top up and top down. 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. It is really great that a toy company is tooling up for this vintage TBird for a change rather than a 55-57. Let me know if you think you might be interested. I do not order this stuff, even TBird items, in large quantities like before because of the constantly changing (read that as increasing) item and shipping costs. Projected arrival date to me is now likely early February.

Skip (10/21)

Shop Equipment

MATC Member Ron Davis is assisting a friend in selling some used shop equipment. The items include a blasting cabinet and the paint booth with a separate photo of the ventilator at the top of the paint booth. This is a stand-up booth for painting small parts. The contact person is Karen Holmes who wants to sell the equipment at any reasonable "best offer". Her phone # is (703) 403-2075. She lives in the Burke, Va. area of Fairfax County.



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.

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Cars Of The Stars



Marlon Brando & His '55 THunderbird



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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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