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**MATC
THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**



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

March 17, 9:30 AM

Monthly Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

Saturday, March 12, 7:00-3:00AM

CRAACA Antique and Classic Car Swap Meet

Howard County Fairgrounds

Route 144, West Friendship, Maryland 21794

The Antique and Classic Car Swap Meet is an Annual event sponsored by the Chesapeake Region AACA. The event is characterized by a large auto parts **Flea market** inside, undercover, and outside that takes hours to see. There is also an Antique Car Corral and Food provide by the AACA Volunteers.

Romancing the Chrome

Saturday, April 9, Rain Date 16

Jarrett's Field – 3791 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Car Pre-registration/online by Apr 3, \$15

<https://donate.hcplonline.org/RTCregistration/>

Registration at Gate 8:00-10:00AM, \$20

Admission: Free

Romancing the Chrome is a Classic Car Show and Flea Market event for the benefit of the Harford County Public Library Foundation. The event features hundreds of cars, contests, vendors, Beer Garden, Pit Beef and more.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alan Herman 3

Joe Zentgraf 5

Joanne Day 14

Dan Denham 20

Mary Markowski

Barb Panowitz 5

Ray Raeke 14

Tom Marcellino 16

Earl Dickenson 24

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
March 12 Sat	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Ct. Fairgrounds Rte 144, West Friendship	http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2016swapmeet01.pdf
Thursday, Mar 17 9:30 AM	Monthly Third Thursday Breakfast Gathering	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/
April 9, Sat Rain: 16	Romancing the Chrome	Harford Co. Library	3719 Norrisville Rd Jarrettsville, MD 21084	http://romancingthechrome.org/
May 19-22 Thurs - Sun	Cruisin O.C.	Special Event Productions	Ocean City Md \$60 by April 1	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
June 3 - 5 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://store.carlisleevents.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=24
June 4 Sat	25 th Orphan Car Tour		Annapolis, MD www.orphancartour.org	Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 TourDirector@orphancartour.org
June 21	Sully Plantation		Chantilly VA	
June xx	Railroad trip	MATC	New Freedom PA	
July 10 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	
Aug 5,6,7 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie Mem. Park Macungie, PA	http://awkscht.com/entertainment.html
Sept 6 - 11	ITC Convention	ITC	Harrisburg, PA	
Sept 13-18	LVTC TBird Convention	LVTC	Bethlehem, PA	
Aug 28 (order only)	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	MATC	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Oct 5 - 8 Wed - Sat	Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Oct 6 – 9 Thurs - Sun	Endless Summer	Special Event Productions	Ocean City MD \$45 by April 30	https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Saturday Oct 15 Rain Date: 22	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville MD	See website for registration. http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Oct 22 - 23	Shenandoah Valley Tour	MATC		
Nov	Tech Session	MATC		
Nov	Officer Election	MATC		
Sunday December 4 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter
Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/

Other Events:

Hunt Valley Horsepowering: Every Saturday 8:00a to 10:00a, Location: Hunt Valley Town Center (Shawan Road) in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

Lowes' Cruise: Friday Nights, 4:30 – 11:00 , All Vehicles, 414 Constant Friendship Blvd, Abingdon, MD

Car Cruise and Show Guide: <http://carmacruise.com/>

For Sale: 55 Thunderbird Project Car, Disassembled, Have soft and Hard top. Have most all parts to rebuild. \$11,000.
Dan Denham, 410-592-2329,

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 franktotoh@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

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.



For Sale: 1966 Thunderbird Convertible miles. It is an extremely rare car with a Q-Code , 428 engine, and Factory A/C. The color is a Thunderbird only 1966 color called Sapphire Blue with a White Interior. Some other rare highlights are the factory 8-track radio, Power Antenna, Power Windows. We repainted it the original color about 6 years ago but the interior is completely original. If you need more info, please David at 615-566-1975, Georgia.



February 28th Business Meeting



Skip presenting Service Award to Harry as Treasurer



Harry presenting Service Award to Skip for 10 years of Service as MATC President



Women's Table



Men's Table



Other Men's Table

The Cruise, Feb 13 – Feb 20



Ramada *Inn



Waiting and waiting



Part of the Crowd



The Entire Group



The MSC Sunshade Expo



Pool Deck Overview



Thursday Breakfast Women's Table Aboard Ship



Other Women's Table Aboard Ship



Thursday Breakfast Men's Table Aboard Ship



Other Men's Table Aboard Ship

President's Message

March 2016

First, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the award given to me by the Board of Directors and officers of MATC recognizing my 10 years as president. It was certainly a surprise and very much unexpected. I also appreciate the confidence that the Board and membership have in me to keep re-electing me. The job is made much easier because of the support that is provided by those that provide assistance with the many important responsibilities that make for such an efficient, satisfying and fun, organization. As I have mentioned previously, it is time for someone to take over the reins in the not too distant future to keep things moving forward. I am continuing to work toward an easy transition for the next person.

The MATC cruise coordinated by Steve and Cathy Kelley was a great, fun event. About 20 members enjoyed great weather, great food, exotic and exciting destinations and great comradery. The ship was a unique adventure in itself, providing activities from dawn to dusk and beyond, or the opportunity to do just nothing but relax. Several members, including Barb and I, had friends join us that were not TBirders, or even car people. But it didn't seem to matter and new friendships were formed. We even saw a TBird, a retro, in San Juan Puerto Rico. There are some photos of our trip included in this newsletter. Stay tuned, because Steve has another event in the planning stages.

Thanks to Harry and Ron for attending the Car Show & Cruise Guide annual club breakfast. This is always a good opportunity to socialize with other car folks and learn what local clubs have planned for the coming year. There was also some information on proposed collector and special interest car legislation presented which is addressed elsewhere in this newsletter. The Guide is available at local automotive supply outlets, car dealers and car shows.

We had a good turnout at our first meeting on February 28th. During the meeting we reviewed the tentative schedule of events and activities for the year. A copy is attached and will be posted on the website as well. It is fluid, with new items to be added, or dates revised, as final arrangements are made. Please check the website often, as well as for email messages, to keep up to date as to what is happening.

The two earliest events on the calendar are the Romancing the Chrome car show in Jarrettsville, MD, on April 9th and the Clock Museum Tour, date TBD. Let's try to have a strong turnout of TBirds for the [Romancing the Chrome](#) show. I would like for us to stage near the event then caravan to it together. We will lunch at a nearby restaurant. Stay tuned for more info, but please register for the event ASAP @ [romancingthechrome.org](#). More info on the clock museum tour will be posted as soon as available.

I have received many inquiries and questions about the two conventions that have been promoted and appear on the schedule of events. I tried to give a fair and impartial overview of the reason this has occurred during the February 28th meeting. It is an unfortunate situation that developed because of disagreements between the ITC Board of Directors and the organizers of the event for the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. The LVTC group thought that specifics such as registration fees, distribution of income and fees, and the length of the convention had been resolved previously, but questions and concerns arose that could not be satisfactorily resolved. As a result, the LVTC relinquished the ITC sponsorship of their event. In response, several ITC Board of Directors members planned another event that will now be the official ITC convention. They are both close in time and in geographic proximity. This situation puts many MATC members in a quandary, and I empathize with this. We have a close relationship with LVTC and its members, but we are still an ITC chapter. Many of you have made plans to attend the LVTC convention, and cannot accommodate attending both. Because of this, MATC will not be exclusively supporting either one of the conventions. Instead, MATC members are being asked to choose which of them best suits their time schedules and comfort level. I will be attending both because of my previous commitment to LVTC as well as because I am a member of the ITC Board. Both should be great events, with interesting activities plus concours judging for your car. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

We are in the process of preparing another apparel order. Please let Steve Kelley or I know what you might be interested in so that we can gauge what the interest is. Items include men's and ladies polo shirts, golf shirts, denim shirts and other items. We need at least 12 items to place an order. We hope to have images and pricing soon.

Please support your club 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. .

Barb and I look forward to seeing everyone at a MATC activity and at the Third Thursday TBird Breakfast. Even though snow is in the forecast as I write this, the weather does look promising for the future. Cruising season will be here before we know it. In the meantime, as always, be careful out there - But have fun.

Skip