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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 49TH ANNIVERSARY



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **March 10, 2005:** Ford announces that production of the 11th generation "retro" Thunderbird will end July 1, 2005.
- **March 14, 2001:** First day of manufacturing of the pre-production retro Thunderbirds. And the "Fun, Fun, Fun" continues.

Thursday – March 16, @ 9:30 AM - Third Thursday TBird Breakfast
Greek Village Restaurant - 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

April 15, 2022: Romancing The Chrome

This popular annual event has always been supported by MATC members. We will stage at the 7-11 located nearby at the intersection of routes 23 and 165 at 9:15 am so we can caravan to the show. Let's have another great showing. Can we outnumber the Corvettes? The event registration form will be distributed as soon as it becomes available. See the attached flyer.

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MATC Social Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2023 / 2-5 PM

Greene Turtle, 7556 Teague Road,

Arundel Mills Mall, Hanover, MD, 410-799-5001 (near BWI)

Our recent kick-off meeting was not as well attended as has been typical. Many of our members had conflicting commitments on that date. Because we missed seeing everyone, and there are important items to be discussed, a new gathering has been scheduled for April 16th at 2 PM at the Greene Turtle restaurant in the Arundel Mills complex near BWI airport. It was felt that this new date, and a venue convenient for most members, would hopefully be attractive to many members. No potluck, just order from the menu. And no club business (well, maybe a little), mostly a social gathering. Please RSVP to Cathy by XXXXXX. We hope to see you there.

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JUST A REMINDER - DUES ARE DUE!!!

If you have not paid your dues yet, this will be your last newsletter. Please submit by March 15, 2023. We are preparing the new roster and want to be certain it is accurate as to the current membership.



President's Message March 2023

Thanks to all who attended the annual Kick-Off meeting Sunday, Feb 26. It was a smaller crowd than in the past, but we covered a lot of news and events. Thanks to the many folks who researched various ideas and provided info for planning. Here's a recap of the things we have in mind for this year. Skip will keep the newsletter calendar updated, but this is an overview, not cast in stone, but please pencil in your calendars. We think there is something for everyone.

Mar – no events scheduled yet, maybe cleanup day, lunch and Tbird display at Taylor Chapel, a historical church Barb Panowitz supports

Apr – Romancing the Chrome car show, Jarrettsville MD 4/15

Get-Together at Green Turtle, Linthicum MD - 4/16

LVTC Hex Sign Ride – 4/29

British Car Show and lunch, Lorton VA – 4/30

May – Tbird Appreciation Day brunch at John Wright Rest. 5/21

Barry's Car Barn & lunch, Intercourse PA date tbd

Jun – All Ford Nationals Reunion, Carlisle PA 6/2-4

Susquehanna River outing – date tbd

July - Parades for 4th of July – Towson & Bel Air MD

Denham's picnic – 7/16

Aug – Das Auchfest, Macgungie PA 8/4

VTCl convention, Cartersville GA 8/16-19

ITC reunion, Dearborn MI 8/22-27

Sep – NJ trip to Edison museum and Patterson Falls – date tbd

Oct - Rockville Classic Car show – 10/14

Nov - no events scheduled yet

Dec 3 – MATC Christmas Dinner

We hope many of you can join us in these events, some revived from past MATC favorites and some new.

We had a moment of silence at the kickoff meeting to honor those club members that we have lost in the last year. We certainly miss our dear friends John Cherry, Harry Skruch, Ray Raeke and Linda Dameron. Thanks to all who brought their 'birds out for the funeral caravan for Ray on a cold, rainy day and who stopped by for lunch. Also, please note that the club made a donation to the Gunston Hall Riverside Garden restoration project where Linda was a docent. Steve will be notified of our donation.

Cathy & Steve



MATC is Now A VTCI Chapter

You may have noticed that there is a new, additional logo in the header for this newsletter. MATC is now officially a chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI). Your officers and Board of Directors have been working on this for a long time. VTCI is the oldest, longest running club representing all years and vintages of Thunderbirds. It was originally established to support owners of 1958-60 Thunderbirds and was called the "Squarebird Society" in reference to the nickname designated to the first generation of 4 seat TBirds. As interest in later versions of TBirds developed collectible and special interest status they were included as well. MATC was formerly the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club of America (VTCA) which was the forerunner of VTCI. With the establishment of the International Thunderbird Club (ITC) 30 years ago, the officers of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of VTCI decided to become associated with ITC because of disagreements regarding the management of VTCI at the time. VTCI offers lots of benefits to Thunderbird owners. These include an excellent bi-monthly publication, the Thunderbird Scoop, an annual convention with a judged car show, a Facebook page, technical assistance for all year Thunderbirds, and much more. Check out VTCI at vintagethunderbirdclub.net. **And please consider joining. The application is attached below.**

MATC will continue to be a chapter of ITC.

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	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	(https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071)
May - Oct	3 rd Friday Cruisers		Town of Perryville, MD Lower Ferry Park	AGAPERRYVILLEMD.org
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
March 11	Chesapeake Region – AACA 48 th Collector Car & Swap Meet	CRAACA	Howard County, MD Fairgrounds Friendship, MD	Our Own Tom Young Tbirdtoms60@verizon.net 443-744-6338
April 15	Romancing The Chrome	Various	Jarrettsville, MD 3719 Norrisville Road	Registration form and more info to follow. See flyer.
April 15 (Thru October)	Opening Day – Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shuck's Road Athletic Facility – Churchville, MD	Check website for future dates miracleleagueharford.org
April 15	Harford Winery Cruise	Harford Winery	1311 Jarrettsville Rd, FH	Showtime 4-8 Other Dates: 5/20, 6/17, 7/15
April 16	MATC Social Gathering	***MATC	Greene Turtle Arundel Mills, MD	See Details On Cover Page
April 29	Hex Sign Ride	LVTC	Someplace In PA you won't know	See Flyer
April 30	British On the Green Car Show	***MATC	Gunston Hall Lorton, VA	More Details Forthcoming
May 21	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	John Wright Restaurant Wrightsville, PA	More Details Forthcoming
June 2-4	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle Events	Carlisle PA	Carlisle events.com See Article For More Details
June 2-4	Thunderbird Reunion A Gathering Of TBird "Old Friends", New Friends Welcome	ATA	Carlisle PA In Conjunction With All Ford Nationals	See Article For Specific Details
June 17	Cooptown Show		Wm Watters Meth Church 1452 Jarrettsville Road	Showtime 9-1
July 4	Towson 4 th of July Parade		Towson, MD	Details to follow
July 4	Bel Air 4 th of July Parade		Bel Air, MD	Details to Follow
July 16	Pot Luck at Denham's	***MATC	Hyde's MD	Details to follow
August 16-19	VTCl International 2023 Convention	VTCl	Cartersville, GA	Vintagethunderbirdclub.net
August 22-27	Thunderbird Reunion	ITC	Dearborn, MI	
September 17	"Cherry" Festival	***MATC	Cherry's Cabin	Details to follow
September?	Joint event with NJTA	NJTA	Patterson and/or Edison NJ	Detail to Follow
October 14	Rockville Classic & Antique Car Show	City of Rockville	Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Drive	specialevents@rockvillemd.gov
November	Election of Officers	***MATC		Consider running for an office
December 3	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Restaurant	More Details Later

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.



HEX BARN SIGN

"RUN TOWARDS THE SUN"

Road Rally

Saturday April 29, 2023

Join your fellow Lehigh Valley Club Members for an enjoyable run through the back roads of Pennsylvania, admiring the scenic lush countryside as it is coming into bloom. Oh, yes, you have to look for the Hex Signs on the barns, watch for animals in the road, maneuver some nice corners and even see some birds (real ones) in your travels.

Look for final details in the April THUNDERWORD Newsletter, for starting location and finish locations. The Rally is not about speed, it is about accuracy and safety.

Please note you can bring whatever vehicle you want, but since it is a THUNDERBIRD Club, T-Birds are preferred!

Also, each vehicle will have to pass Tech Inspection to participate. A Copy of inspection form for Tech Inspection can be found on next page.

Please let me, Vince Luppino, know if you are going to participate by 4/22/23.

Note: A vehicle inspection is part of this event.

11th ANNUAL CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT



JARRETTSVILLE
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SATURDAY, APRIL 15th

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10AM-4PM

RAIN DATE: APRIL 22

Romancing the Chrome

February/March 2023

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Registration forms will be distributed when available or register at the show.

Be Sure to Put This Date On Your Calendar!!

May 21, 2023

MATC will be gathering at the John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville, PA on this date for their fantastic brunch. We have met there before. It is a great venue, with a great view. More details regarding time and advising your participation will be included in the April and May newsletters.



7th Annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day

It's time for our Thunderbirds to spread their wings and for us to celebrate our
"Unique In All The World" cars!

Get together with fellow club members or take a solo flight. Take your car to the grocery store, to the local burger stand, meet up with another T-Birder at a park for a picnic or cruise with others...maybe even take it to the discotheque! Use your Thunderbirds like folks did when they were brand new. Let everyone see why we love our Thunderbirds!

March Birthdays



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

Dan Denham(20)

Earl Dickinson(24)

Alan Herman(3)

Tom Marcelino(16)

Barb Panowitz(5)

Joe Zentgraf(8)

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

Membership: **New Recruitment Flyer**

In an effort to enhance recruitment efforts, a flyer has been developed to provide prospective members with information about MATC. This will supplement the recruitment business cards already in use. A copy is included with the newsletter for your reference and use. Because of high printing costs we are requesting that members print copies to distribute at car shows, cruise nights, etc. Please make copies as needed. Copies will be available at MATC events. The flyer was developed in color, but copies in black & white show well also.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham and Mike Melnyk. 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!

REMINDER: Please Send US Your VIN Number!!!!

The MATC Board of Directors continues its effort to develop a directory of VIN data (Vehicle Identification Number/ serial number) for members vehicles. If you have not submitted yours yet, please send it Skip, Cathy, Steve, or any officer. This information can be beneficial as a reference future owners when a car changes hands. New owners often inquire back to clubs like MATC to determine if the prior owner was a club member. This information can be very helpful in tracing the history of the vehicle.

In Memoriam

Ray Raeke

March 14, 1943 – February 13, 2023

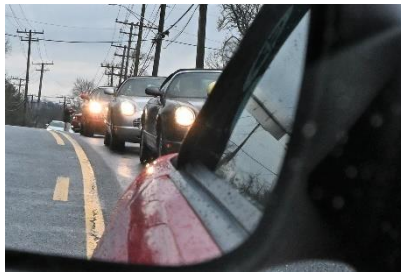


Long time MATC member and Thunderbird enthusiast Ray Raeke passed away on February 13, 2023, at Harbor Hospital Center in Baltimore, Maryland after a long illness. Ray worked as a master plumber and operated a roofing and plumbing business. In addition to the Thunderbird hobby (I didn't realize until recently he owned four! Ed.), he enjoyed carving leather, skating and playing the accordion. Ray and Jean served on the MATC official Board of Directors. They were active participants in local club functions as well as the national club conventions. We will miss Ray. In addition to Jean, Ray is survived son, Raymond C. III; daughter-in-law, Cara; grandchildren, Zane, Caspian, and Ember Raeke.

Condolences and messages of support can be sent to: Jean Raeke, 1114 Clayton Road, Joppa, MD 21085

Saying Goodbye To Ray





In Memorium

Linda Marie Dameron

DECEMBER 6, 1951 – FEBRUARY 15, 2023



It is with great sadness and sympathy that we must acknowledge the passing of MATC member Linda Dameron. Linda passed suddenly while she and Steve were travelling. Linda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She was a former teacher for 20 years. She and husband Steve were devoted members of the First Baptist Church of Springfield, VA. She was also a devoted member and volunteer of Gunston Hall Community Center. The members of MATC feel very fortunate to have had her as part of our club. Linda and Steve were very active in club events and activities, usually driving the longest distance to get to them. Linda and her husband Steve are relatively new members but have been very active in supporting club activities.. We will certainly miss her smiling face and spirit. Messages of condolence and support can be sent to: Steve Dameron, 5917 Hallowing Road, Lorton, VA, 22079.

MATC has sent a donation in Linda's memory to the Gunston Hall Community Center. We have received the following thanks and recognition:

Thank you very much for supporting the restoration of the historic riverside garden at Gunston Hall. The restored walled garden includes a pleasure garden, kitchen garden, lawns, and a terrace system with a viewing mound, all arranged on a central theatrical axis extending from the center hall of George Mason's home.

We are very grateful for your generous donation of \$100.00 in support of this work.

MATC members may also send donations in Linda's memory to:

George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, VA, 22079

Please designate that your donation should be designated to support restoration of the historic riverside garden, a project very important to Linda.

Special Thunderbird Events 2023

There are several, major, Thunderbird events in 2023 that should be of interest to Thunderbird owners and club members. These include:

Thunderbird Friends Reunion Carlisle, PA, June 2-4, 2023:

This is a gathering of long term Thunderbird owners and club friends that gathered every year in the past as part of national club conventions and other events. Since there has not been an opportunity to gather and socialize for over 5 years, a group who has missed this annual ritual decided to try to recreate it as part of the All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA, this year. Many will be spending the weekend there, staying at local hotels. A list of hotels can be provided upon request. But they are filling up fast as the event dates approach. Sorry, we could not secure a host hotel that could accommodate a large group. We will work on that for next year. We have made arrangements for a group dinner at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant near Carlisle for Saturday, June 3. ***Please advise if you would like to participate in the dinner by May 1, 2023.*** The group will gather on the showfield in a tent provided by the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. If you plan to display your car on the showfield please register ASAP. **Carlisleevents.com**. Please indicate LVTC as your club as they are accommodating and supporting this event. This will be a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome. Come for the weekend. Come for a day.

Vintage Thunderbird Club International Annual Convention, Cartersville, GA, August 16-19

Many MATC members, especially newer members, have never attended a national Thunderbird Club Convention. In the past, it was a major activity for MATC each year when there was an ITC convention. There was always a great showing of MATC. The convention will include great events, great venues, a chance to socialize with TBird owners from all over the country and world. Oh, and a judged car show too. A real unique, gratifying but teeth gnashing experience everyone with a special interest car, especially a Thunderbird, should participate in at least once. For more specific information check out the VTCI website at www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net. If you are not yet a VTCI member, please consider joining today. There is an application attached.

Thunderbird Reunion, Dearborn, MI, August 22-27, 2023

Sponsored by ITC, this is being promoted as a gathering of Thunderbirds and Thunderbird owners. Activities will include several dinners and an all Thunderbird display at Ford World Headquarters. It is open to all clubs and all Thunderbird owners. There is a "host" hotel, but all venue visits are on your own. For more information contact **intl-thunderbirdclub.com**.

CLASSIFIEDS

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)



2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Thunderbird: MATC friends and Thunderbird enthusiasts Sandi & Walt Fries are selling their 2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Edition Ford Thunderbird. Owned since new, the car has 23,330 mostly highway mile, plus custom features including color-keyed car cover, boot, seat covers, dash cover and front-end cover. Asking price is \$32,500. Contact Walt at 610-759-4997 (h), 484-515-4008 or wfriesjr@aol.com (1/23)



1955 Thunderbird: Frame off restoration, 3 speed transmission, soft and hardtops, white, 38,000 miles, asking \$43,000. Contact Steven Roemer @ 484-716-5992 or stevenroemer@comcast.net (1/23)



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

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Vintage Thunderbird Club International



VTCI Membership Application Form

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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

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	US and Canada	All Other Countries
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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



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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.

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