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**MATC
THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**



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

Monthly Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air
May 19, 9:30 AM

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

26th Annual Cruisin' Ocean City, MD
May 19, 20, 21, 22, 2016

The 26th Annual Cruisin Ocean City, one of the hottest hot rod shows on the East Coast, is returning to the resort town of Ocean City Maryland, May 19-20-21-22. The only address for this event is Ocean City, it consumes the entire town. This event attracts more than 3,500 customs, hot rods, street machines, classics from over 20 states plus Canada. Vehicle registration is sold out. Spectator Admission: \$10 per Day May 19, 22 and \$15 per day May 20, 21 or \$25 for a Weekend Pass per person in advance by internet purchase.

<https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-oc-spectator-application>

Orphan Car Tour

Saturday, June 4 @ 10:00AM

Participants will meet at the Annapolis Moose Lodge at 1980 Crownsville Rd. starting at 9:00 AM. At noon, after the two-hour "orphan" car show, cars will be released onto the tour one by one. Drivers are given printed directions and can proceed at their own pace along a scenic route, pausing at points of interest along the way. This year's stops include at least one antique car collection, a historic one-room schoolhouse, and various scenic spots. In addition, the directions contain "queries" about objects glimpsed along the route, testing participants' observational abilities. The afternoon ends with the buffet dinner. For more information see Registration Form or website, www.orphancartour.org. Registration for each car is \$10 and can be paid day of the tour. Dinner reservations must be made and paid in advance, posted by May 28th.

ALL FORD NATIONALS

June 3, 4, 5, 2016

See Gate-N-Go registration at the Carlisle Event Website.

<http://store.carlisleevents.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=2016%2D027>

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Loving 21

Betty Marcelino 30

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
Thursday, May 19 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/
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
May 20 - 22	Upstate NY Thunderbird Club Annual Spring Fever 2016		1000 Islands New York	See Details in Your Script
June 3 - 5 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx
June 4 Sat	25 th Orphan Car Tour		Annapolis, MD www.orphancartour.org	Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 TourDirector@orphancartour.org
June 19	43 rd Father's Day Antique Car Show, Sully Plantation		3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly VA 20151	
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
Aug 28	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	MATC	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Sept 6 - 11	ITC Convention	ITC	Harrisburg, PA	
Sept 13-18	LVTC TBird Convention	LVTC	Bethlehem, PA	
Sept 17	41 st Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Bull Run AACA	9101 Prince William St. Manassas, Virginia	www.bullrunaaca.org/
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 Steinwehr 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:

CRAACA: Hampton Mansion, May 22, 535 Hampton Lane, Towson MD,

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 franktth@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: 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.



For Sale: 1994 Thunderbird LX, 4.6 V8, about 75K miles (odometer does not work, speedo does), White Opalescent exterior, gray leather interior, good tires, aftermarket wheels - OEM wheels come with car, garage kept, some previous front end damage that has been repaired, asking \$3000, negotiable. Contact Rick: Phone: 301-809-1220, email rjshort413@verizon.net.



ROMANCING THE CHROME



Belongs to Earl & Judy, Not Me



Belongs to John & Lynn, not Me



Belongs to Joe & Miriam

Not Pictured: Joanne Day, Read Van Zile and Ole Gal



Belongs to Dan & Zoe, Got that one right

JOHN WRIGHT RESTAURANT



The John Wright Restaurant, Attendees: Mike & Barb Melnyk, Marvin & Carol Schroll, Harry & Celeste Skruch, Skip & Barb Panowitz, Ron & Jean Hill, Steve & Cathy Kelley, Earl & Judy Dickinson, The Red Cars WIN

From The Editor:

Remember John Marowski in your prayers. He is still recovering from spinal surgery. He is recuperating at the Forest Hill Recuperation Center, 109 Forest Valley Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050. He expects to return home on May 17.

The 26th Ocean City Crusin' is coming May 19 -22. This the largest Car Show Zeanne and I have ever attended. There number of registered vehicles is 3500. The number of old vehicles that come to the show is more than that, beyond comprehension. Most vehicles, although old, are modified; but they are still beautiful and quite loud. Zeanne and I met the Bob and Kathy Ridolfi at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot in 2008 at the Crusin' Show. We had just purchased our 66 Thunderbird and had many questions to ask Bob. He convinced us to join MATC. Zeanne and I will be attending the Show this year. We will be staying with her Father at the Excaliber, 13200 Coastal Highway, Apartment 101 in Ocean City, Md. We can gather there in the evening and watch the cars cruise and rumble on Coastal Highway. Skip and Barb also plan to attend the show. They will be staying at their house in West Fenwick. They would like to host a gathering at their house one evening. If you are going to the Show please contact Zeanne and I or Skip and Barb. Zeanne's cell phone number is 443-823-3190 if you are trying to contact us while in Ocean City. Hope to see some of you there. We can meet and have a Thunderbird caravan in the Boardwalk Parade.

June 4, 2016: The annual Orphan Car Tour:

What is it? Looking for a fun way to enjoy your antique car? You may want to consider a day of country roads, private car collections and dinner with other car enthusiasts; and to make the day more interesting, a scavenger hunt is added for those teams up to the challenge. Since 1990 various orphan car clubs have organized tours of private car collections, and historic sites somewhere in the tri-state area. This year the tour will take place in Anne Arundel County. There are stops throughout the day at private car collections, historic sites, and at least one ice cream shop. Depending on how long one chooses to linger at a certain site the tour may take 3-5 hours

Who is eligible: The tour is open to cars at least 25 years old and produced by now- defunct manufacturers, or by the discontinued divisions of still existing companies. Each year the event draws an amazing variety of cars. Studebaker, Kaiser, Hudson, Willys, DeLorean, etc. Interestingly, the thunderbird was eligible to participate until 2002 when the retro-bird was produced, but not from 2002 until 2006. . Now that it is again out of production, T-birds built before 1992 are again eligible.

What to expect: To participate in the scavenger hunt, each car needs a driver and navigator; extra passengers are welcome. When a car is released from the staging area the driver is given route directions and a list of clues. It becomes the responsibility of the navigator to alert the driver of upcoming turns as well as read the clues aloud. As the navigator reads the clues everyone in the starts looking for the answer. Some participates enjoy the tour and do not attempt to answer the clues. (Many teams. stop attempting to find the clues in the middle of the tour to prevent even more arguments between the driver and navigator.) Finally, there is a dinner at which the answers are checked and the team with the most correct answers announced.

Examples of clues:

What does Gary Smith do? (On a mailbox is written "Gary Smith -Barber")

Who guards the house at 345 Mitchan Ave.? (A cement lion in the yard)

Usually there are questions pertaining to cars, signs, and awards found at of the various car collections and historic sites. These are the hardest!

Cost: The registration fee is \$10 per car and drivers can register on the day of the tour. Dinner is extra and dinner reservations must be made by May 28. **Additional Information:** [www orphancartour.org/tour](http://www.orphancartour.org/tour)

President's Message

May 2016

What a great month for MATC activities! The first was the Romancing the Chrome car show in Jarrettsville, MD. Where we had a good showing, despite the fact that due to inclement weather the show was rescheduled and we lost a few attendees. The weather was perfect. Thanks to Dan and Lynn for coordinating the caravan to the show and the lunch afterwards. The next event was the John Wright Restaurant brunch buffet then the Watch & Clock Museum Tour, both near York, PA. The luncheon was superb as usual. And the Watch & Clock Museum was a very pleasant surprise. The displays and artifacts were Smithsonian quality. And when we arrived, lo and behold, there parked on the lot was a beautiful '04 Merlot retro Bird. Investigation revealed it belonged to a member of the volunteer staff at the museum. He and his wife were our tour guides. Naturally, we provided them with MATC membership information (thank you Cathy and Steve). And subsequent information indicates they will join MATC. A big thank you to Judy & Earl Dickinson for coordinating this great day.

The day was not all roses however. JoAnne Day and Read Van Zile were enroute to join our group at the restaurant. Unfortunately, they could not avoid a stray muffler that came off of another vehicle which resulted in transmission damage. Fortunately, there was only vehicle damage and no personal injury. Unfortunately the car needed to be towed as it was not drivable. Hopefully repairs have been made and we will see them and "Ole Gal" at a MATC event soon.

If you are planning to attend either or both of the Thunderbird conventions this summer please get your hotel reservations made and your registration submitted ASAP. This helps the coordinators with planning. Registration and hotel information are include with this newsletter. They are also available on the ITC and Lehigh Valley TBird Club websites. Both are well planned and organized events.

Steve Kelley or I are still working on another apparel order. We should have some additional ordering information for you by the next edition of the newsletter,

Please support your club by regularly visiting the MATC website and Facebook page at least weekly. This will not only help you keep up to date, but will also help make certain that these important MATC sources will be ranked as high as possible on the internet listings when folks are searching for TBird clubs and activities. Also, please submit your car and event photos and a profile of yourself and your car to Dan and Steve Kelley for inclusion in the newsletter and website.

Don't forget the All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA, June 3-5. This is always well attended by Thunderbird enthusiasts with their cars. Visit the ITC and LVTC tents on the show grounds to socialize with old friends and make new ones. The 34th annual North New Jersey Thunderbird Association all TBird show is the following weekend. This is a great show, and worth the trip. Usually 100 or more cars participate.

Barb and I look forward to seeing MATC members at one of the great May and June events and the Third Thursday TBird breakfast. We have already had several top down cruises in the past several weeks, so it looks promising for the future. Cruising season must be here! As always, be careful out there - But have fun.

Skip

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