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**MATC
THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org/>
<http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/>

Cars & Coffee

May 6, 7:00 – 9:00 AM

Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD 21214

The shopping center is located at the intersection of Rts 24 and 1. McDonald's, Starbucks and IHOP are located there. The gathering will be on the lot across from Starbucks.

MAY Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

May 17, 9:30 AM

Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21214

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 20, 11:00 AM @

Brunch @ John Wright House Restaurant, Wrightsville PA.

RSVP to Judy Dickinson by May 12, ewdjad@hotmail.com, 717-767-2973

ITC, CTCI and VTCI clubs have agreed to set aside Sunday, May 20st, as "Thunderbird Appreciation Day". MATC is supporting the promotional day at the John Wright House Restaurant. Cost is \$19.95 per person + taxes + tip.

June 1-3, All Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA.

Be sure to register and indicate your club affiliation. <http://bit.ly/1hDJCRS>. Meet and mingle with TBird owners and enthusiasts from all over the US and the world. ITC will have a tent in the Thunderbird area that will feature food and fun. Check out the ITC Script and website for more info. Again when registering, don't forget to show your club affiliation.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Loving 21
Vivian McKee

Betty Marcelino 30
Elias Aivais

2018 TENTATIVE 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	Details
May 6 7AM to 9AM	Cars & Coffee	MATC	Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD	
May 17 9:30 AM	Third Thursday Breakfast	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071
May 17 - 20	Cruisin O.C. (Rods, Customs, Classics 1976 -older)	MATC	Ocean City Md	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
May 18	Thunderbird Exhibit Grand Opening 5:30 PM	AACA	AACA Museum Hershey, PA	See May Presidents Message
Sun May 20th	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	MATC	John Wright House Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
June 1 - 3 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx
Sat June 2	28 th Orphan Car Tour		Balt & Harf Counties, MD www.orphancartour.org/	Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 tourdiretor@orphancartour.org
Sat June 9 9 AM – 2:30 PM	Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show		21 Linwood Avenue Bel Air, MD 21014	www.belairumc.org
TBD	Glenn L Martin Aviation Museum	MATC	701 Wilson Rd, Middle River, Md	https://www.mdairmuseum.org/
July 8 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	garagex4@yahoo.com
July 11 - 14	AACA Eastern Spring Meet	Chesapeake AACA	Gettysburg, PA	http://2018eastspringmeet.aaca.com/
Aug 3 -5 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie, PA	See website for registration. http://awkscht.com/
Aug 7 – 12	International Thunderbird Convention	ITC	Buffalo, New York	http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/
Aug 26 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	*** MATC ***	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Oct 10 - 13 Thurs to Sun	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Oct 4 - 7	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Saturday Oct 20 Rain Date: 27	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	See website for registration. http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Sat Nov 3	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles	LVTC NJTA Assn	85 South Walnut Street Boyertown PA 19512	www.boyertownmuseum.org
November	Officer Election	MATC		
Sunday December 2 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	See 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/203026953055071)

Other Events:

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

Hunt Valley Horsepowering: Every Saturday 8:00AM to 10:00AM, 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/>

2018 "Local" Car Shows:

May 6: Cars & Coffee, Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air MD

May 6: Car Show & Cruise Guide Car Show, Harford Vineyard & Winery, Forest Hill, MD

May 12: Beers & Gears Spring Car Show, Delaware Park Casino, Wilmington, DE

May 19: Chariots of Fire Car Show, New Holland, PA

May 20: West Friendship Car Show, Howard County Fairgrounds

May 26: Sons of American Legion Post #455 Annual Car Show, Stewartstown, PA

May 26: Bel Forest Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD

June 6: Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show, 21 Linwood Ave, Bel Air, MD 21014

June 9: Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Drags & Car Show, Cecil County Dragway, Rising Sun, MD

June 16: Cooptown Car Show, Jarrettsville, MD (this is one MATC should try to participate in)

June 16: Salem United Methodist Church, Newark, DE

June 22 & 23: Southern DE Street Rod Assoc Rod & Custom Jamboree, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE

July 1: Delaware Street Rods, New Castle, DE

July 8: Baltimore Cancer Support Group Car Show, Joppatowne Plaza Shopping Ctr, Joppa, MD

July 29: Reisterstown Regional Park All Vehicle Show, Reisterstown, MD

August 4: Elkton Moose Lodge Car Show, Elkton, MD

August 11: Lower Ferry Festival, Perryville, MD

August 25: Chesapeake City Lion's Club Car Show, Chesapeake City, MD

September 8: Fairhaven Car Show, Sykesville, MD

September 15: Breast Cancer Awareness Car Show, Davidsonville, MD

FOR SALE:

2003 Thunderbird: Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net



1962 Thunderbird Convertible: with factory Tonneau cover, all power equipment, and factory AC. New powder blue interior, Strong running gear. Have complete work history since 2001, 110,500 miles, Asking \$26,000 (offers) **Victor Morino**, cell 410-802-9078.



2003 Thunderbird premium, 3.9l v8, no damage, no door dings, 48000 miles, black with white trim interior, both tops, excellent tires, color is Desert Sky Blue. Asking \$16,000 negotiable. Mike Flynn Tel: 770-487-9669



2004 Merlot: Sand Soft top and Sand interior. Merlot Hard Top included. Approximately 55,000 miles. Very nice car, although not perfect, but near. It has a few minor scratches and stone chips. 4 coils have been replaced. Upgraded Radio professionally installed that accepts flash drive and blue tooth. Original radio will go with the car. Want to sell it soon. Asking \$14,500 for a quick sale. Additional info 414-425-1008 or 262-613-0411 mhoerig@wi.rr.com



1966 Thunderbird Convertible: new white paint exterior, new white top; 67,000 miles; well maintained; garage kept; wire wheel covers, interior is like new. Car is very sharp; asking \$40,000 or best offer Alan Fishbein(443)803-3595

MATC APPAREL

A number of MATC members have asked when there is going to be another apparel order. The order forms are available at most MATC functions or from Skip or Steve. However, as an additional option, the vendor has indicated that members may contact them directly to place orders. The price will be the same as if it was part of a larger MATC order. The vendor is:

EmbroidMe

2216 Commerce Rd, #3

Forest Hill, MD 21050

Located in Forest Hill industrial park, near airport. Ask for Candace, Tel: 443-640-6414

This option gives members an opportunity to stop in their shop to see what is available. There are also a few of the sample items available for sale.

NAME BADGES

Name Badges: If you are interested in having one of the new name badges, please contact Mike Melnyk (thunderbirdmike@juno.com). The price is \$10 each. They have magnetic fasteners, are metal and measure 2"X3". Please send payment to Harry Skruch (hskruch@verizon.net, 4804 Torpoint Road, Nottingham, MD 21236), MATC Treasurer. Your name badges will not be ordered without payment. A photo of the new name badges appears to the right.

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THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION DAY

Wixom, Mich –Owners of Ford's Thunderbird from around the world will be sharing their iconic cars with the public on "Thunderbird Appreciation Day" May 20th, 2018. The three large Thunderbird clubs; Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI), Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI) and International Thunderbird Club (ITC) are encouraging their members to take their Thunderbirds out, individually or in groups, to places for the general-public to see, to learn more about and to just plain enjoy. "2017 was the inaugural year for "Thunderbird Appreciation Day" and it was a great success!" reports Chuck Thompson, CTCI president. "Owners world-wide took their cars to diners and parks, museums and on road trips, anywhere folks don't usually get to see these types of cars."

With over 4 million Thunderbirds produced by Ford Motor Company from 1955 to 2005, it is still not common to see a Thunderbird on the road today, even later models. This is the reason that the three Thunderbird clubs have agreed on May 20th as a day to share their Thunderbirds with the world.

"As a Thunderbird owner for many years, you don't have to tell me it is a unique car" adds VTCI president Rod Wake. "This day gives Thunderbird owners worldwide the opportunity to let others see and learn why Ford touted these cars as "Unique in all the world!"

For a vehicle that has been out of production for over a decade, their presence is still felt worldwide. Thunderbird owners can be found in all over North and South America as well as Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East and Europe.

"Many of our club members were excited for Thunderbird Appreciation Day last year and I think the number of members taking their Thunderbirds out will only increase this year!", said ITC president Gerard Bartarsavich. "Members were posting pictures and writing about their experiences for days on social media!"

For more details go to the VTCI website or the VTCI's Facebook page. Thunderbird owners are asked to share pictures and stories that occur during Thunderbird Appreciation Day on the club's Facebook page.

THIRD THURSDAY BREAKFAST, APRIL 19

The Third Thursday Breakfast on April was again well attended this month. We had two hours of friendly conversation. For those of you that find this location a little too far to travel, suggest a location in your area that you think might work. Bill Clark suggested having a Cars & Coffee meeting. See below:

CARS & COFFEE: MAY 6, 2018 - 7 TO 9AM

Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center-Bel Air MD

This is the initial, informal, gathering being proposed by MATC member Bill Clark. He is testing the waters to see how much interest there is. Although the hope is that attendees will drive their antique/collectible/special interest cars, any vehicle is welcome. It will be a time to socialize, enjoy and talk special cars. I hope we get a good MATC showing to support this effort. The shopping center is at the intersection of Rts 24 and 1, where the McDonald's, StarBucks and IHOP are located. The gathering will be on the lot across from Starbucks.

MATC BURMUDA CRUISE APRIL 8 - 15



MATC TOUR APRIL 22



ALL FORD NATIONALS

List Club affiliation as **Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club** when registering.

<http://store.carlisleevents.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=2018%2D027>

Hotel reservations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 1528 Commerce Avenue, Carlisle, PA. 717-243-2080 Mention Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club for room rate of \$144.00 + txs

OR

List Club affiliation as **International Thunderbird Club** when registering.

Free food and refreshments at the ITC tent.

<http://store.carlisleevents.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=2018%2D027>

Hotel reservations at the Country Inn & Suites, Carlisle, PA. Mention International Thunderbird Club for the special discount rate. <https://www.countryinns.com/carlisle-hotel-pa-17015/pacarlis>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2018



April has been a very busy month for MATC, which I expect will be the norm for the next 6 months or so as we get into the car show, cruise night and general special interest car season. Twenty MATC members and a few others enjoyed a great 8 day cruise to Bermuda early in the month. Although it was a little cool, the weather in Bermuda was great. In addition to making new acquaintances and renewing a few old ones, we learned about the history of the Thunderbird, especially the 2002-05 retro Birds. Thanks to Steve Kelley for coordinating this great event and to all that participated. See a more detailed article and photos elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

Toward the end of the month a group of 14 MATC members, driving seven TBirds, enjoyed a trek through central Maryland countryside culminating in a visit to Harper's Ferry. We had dinner at a great restaurant near Harper's Ferry. Many thanks to Lynn and John Horn for coordinating this event. Unfortunately, the tour was not without a mishap involving one of the cars. The Denham's beautiful '66 convertible was sideswiped by a vehicle on the trip home resulting in quarter panel damage. Fortunately, Dan & Zoeanne were not hurt, and the damage was minor. But then again, is damage to one of our Birds ever minor? I am guessing Dan will post some photos.

For those of you that are ITC members, you likely noted that the national club recognized Kitty Mummert with a memorial article in a recent edition of the Script. They are also having a brick placed in her memory at the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA. Your MATC Board of Directors is planning to recognize Kitty, and of course Norm too (how can you do one without the other?!), along with Bea & Orville Zastrow for their long support of MATC and the Thunderbird hobby in general. We are a little disappointed that the ITC Board did not make us aware of their plans to recognize Kitty so we could possibly make this a joint effort. I understand that there was no input from her family either. We will keep you posted regarding our plans. Regarding the AACA Museum, the much promoted Thunderbird exhibit will open on May 18th with a special grand opening event at 5:30 in the evening. MATC member Tom Young's award winning 1960 hardtop will be featured in the initial group of cars on display. We will plan a chapter visit at some point in the future so keep an eye on the calendar and announcements. The exhibit will include memorabilia and other exhibits in addition to the cars.

MATC member Bill Clark is initiating an informal Cars & Coffee event at the Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center in Bel Air, MD. The kick-off event will be Sunday, May 6, from 7-9 AM. He is testing the waters to see how much interest there is. Although the hope is that attendees will drive their antique/collectible/special interest cars, any vehicle is welcome. It will be a time to socialize, enjoy and talk special cars. I hope we get a good MATC showing to support this effort.

Please remember to check out the MATC and ITC Facebook pages and websites on a regular basis. And please consider supporting your club by assisting with coordination of events, apparel sales, advertising, etc. If everyone does a little bit to help no one person (or persons) is over burdened with responsibilities. Thank You! Barb and I look forward to seeing you at one of the 2018 events. Please be careful and be safe!!

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Bel Air, MD 21014

Dear Friends:

On behalf of myself and *all* the patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children, thank you for your hard work and your generous \$500.00 donation. I want to express to you our deepest appreciation and gratitude on behalf of our organization and the children we have the privilege of caring for.

Your gift will help enable Shriners Hospitals for Children to deliver life-changing medical care without placing burden on the families of our patient and every gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children makes a difference in the life of a child. There are many children smiling today because of our donors.

As you know, Shriners Hospitals for Children is changing lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research and outstanding medical education. Our health care system provides advanced care for children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on the generosity of donors. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I can be reached at 215-430-4055 or tdiamond@shrinenet.org if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Terry Diamond
Director of Development

We can't thank you
& your friends enough!
Our finance dept will
send all checks/donations
A letter.
Thank you!



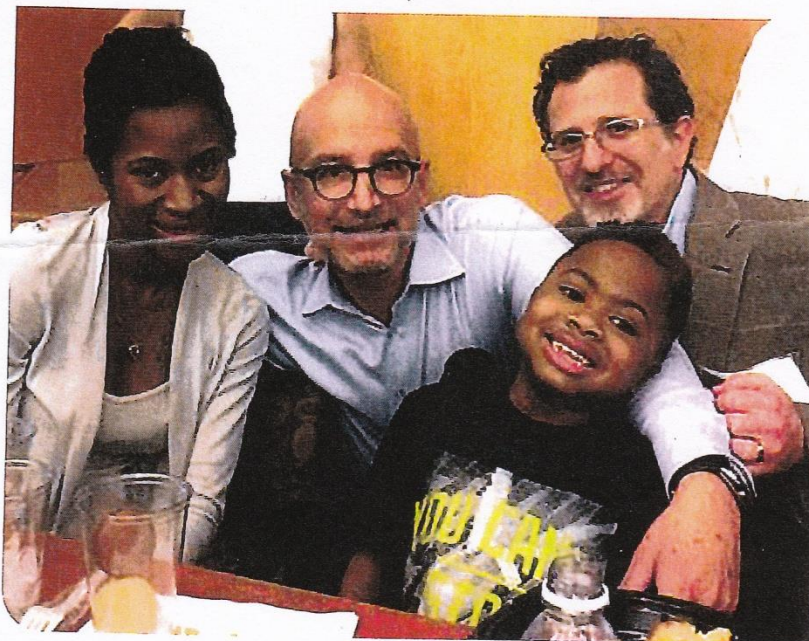
Shriners Hospitals Advances Tradition of Innovation

In July of 2015, Shriners Hospitals for Children participated in the world's first double hand transplant on a child, Zion Harvey, and the results are extraordinary.

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health recently published a study reflecting on the 18-month patient outcomes of the bilateral hand transplant. The case report acknowledges all collaborating institutions involved in Zion's surgery, including Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, and Gift of Life. The article discusses the "robust microsurgical expertise" needed to perform the surgery and the intense pediatric-specific rehabilitation techniques required to see progress in the functionality of Zion's new hands.

The study's findings recognize that hand transplantation in a child can be surgically, medically, and functionally successful under carefully considered circumstances. The researchers report that as of 18 months after the transplant, Zion has exceeded his previous adapted abilities. He is able to write and can feed, toilet and dress himself more independently and efficiently than he could prior to surgery. Long-term data is still needed to support the broader implementation of pediatric hand transplants, therefore cementing Zion's place in medical history.

"The publication represents another achievement in the story of Zion Harvey. The article emphasizes the proverb that 'It take a village to raise a child,'" said Scott Kozin, M.D., chief of staff of Shriners



Zion and his mother share a moment with Scott Kozin, M.D. (left) and Dan Zlotolow, M.D. (right).

Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia and a participant in the historic surgery. "Zion required the coordinated effort of physicians from numerous subspecialties, devoted nurses and talented therapists. Zion's success is a credit to his determination, his mom's support, and all those individuals involved in his care."

PARTICIPATING IN MEDICAL HISTORY

Philadelphia Shriners Hospitals for Children staff, including Dr. Kozin and Dan Zlotolow, M.D., joined a collaborative team of 40 medical experts from Philadelphia to perform the first-of-its-kind surgery in which the surgeons successfully transplanted donor hands and forearms onto 8-year-old Zion, who at the age of 2, had undergone amputation of his hands and feet following a serious infection. During the 11-hour procedure, four teams of doctors worked to secure first the bones, then the arteries and veins, muscles, tendons and nerves.

"The collaboration between these institutions was necessary to assemble

the team and organize the players to orchestrate such a complex and demanding procedure that had never been performed on a child," said Dr. Kozin.

Drs. Kozin and Zlotolow initially evaluated Zion as a possible candidate for the first pediatric hand transplant. Zion, who had previously received a kidney transplant from his mother, was already taking anti-rejection drugs, which made him a strong candidate for this procedure.

MAKING DREAMS A REALITY

"Today, Zion is able to better care for himself, interact with his peers and even shake hands," said Dr. Kozin. "Shriners Hospital for Children continues to support Zion and his family with his new hands and new prosthetic legs that allow him to run and participate in sports. Zion is proud of his hands and delighted with his innovative prosthesis, fabricated at Shriners Hospitals for Children."

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Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show

June 9, 2018 9:00 AM – 2:30PM

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

Open to All Vehicles, Years & Models

Awards for Top 20 & "Best of Show"



Pre-Registration: \$15 per vehicle

Must receive registration by June 1, 2018

Day of Show Registration: \$20 per vehicle

Staging 8 – 11AM Dash Plaques to first 75 vehicles

Food and Music

Proceeds to benefit missions

Rain Date: June 23

Check Facebook under events or www.belairumc.org for inclement weather --- Please, no canopies

CAR SHOW ENTRY FORM: *Make checks payable to: Bel Air United Methodist Church*

Mail entry & check to : Bev Talbot, 1536 Parkland Dr., Bel Air, MD. 21015

Name _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Year /Make _____ Model _____ Color _____



The Buffalo Thunderbird Club is proud to host the Silver Anniversary edition of the International Thunderbird Club's Annual Convention and we invite all ITC members and friends for a fun-filled stay in the Buffalo-Niagara region!



Host hotel is the brand new Hyatt Place Buffalo/Amherst! Convention highlights include the Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum, an architectural tour including Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House, dinner harbor cruise on the Miss Buffalo, and of course, a visit to Niagara Falls!



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