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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:

- **May 2017:** Thunderbird Appreciation Day initiated on the third Sunday in May. Launched by Tom Predzowski to encourage universal recognition of the iconic marque.

Thursday – May 18, @ 9:30 AM - Third Thursday TBird Breakfast

Greek Village Restaurant - 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

Please let Cathy know if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can be prepared.



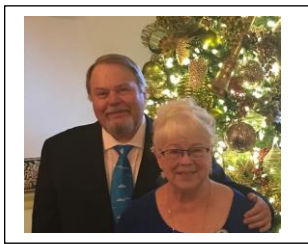
May 21, 2023: Thunderbird Appreciation Day
Brunch At John Wright Restaurant
234 N. Front Street, Wrightsville, PA
Sunday, May 21, 11:00 AM

This popular annual event has always been well supported by MATC members. RSVP to Cathy Kelley, cathykelley49@gmail.com by May 17th. Cost is \$25.95 per person + taxes + tip.

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.

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President's Message May 2023

We had a great Get-Together at Greene Turtle Restaurant on April 16. We saw some folks we had not seen in some time, Al and Lois Herman, and they were in their beautiful '56 Tbird! We were joined by Bill Loving also, whom Steve and I had never met. Then we had an unexpected guest we had been texting with about her Tbird problems, Allison Brown, who joined us later in the week for breakfast in Bel Air. These all joined the Kelleys, the Panowitzs, the Melnyks, the Horns, the Hills, Phyllis Cherry, Celeste Skruch and Anne Collins for a very nice meal and great fellowship.

The British Car Show and lunch visit to Lorton VA was called off due to lack of interest. We thank Steve Dameron for all his investigation and planning. Maybe next year we can plan an overnight visit there.

Coming up in **May**

May 4 - some ladies lunching at John Wright Restaurant for recon on the gift shop.

May 6 – Sat - plan to be there at 10am - Barry's Car Barn & lunch, **3504 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse, PA 17534** . Who's going to join us?

May 21, 11am - Tbird Appreciation Day brunch at John Wright Restaurant. We need your RSVP to get the reservation right.

Don't forget in **June** – June 2-4 - All Ford Nationals Reunion, Carlisle PA. It looks like we have a nice crowd planning to be there.

Hopefully you saw the email Earl and Judy Dickinson sent about the VTCI convention. Here's what they provided. We plan to go since we are a new chapter with them and hope to see many of you join us. Thanks to our members that recently joined VTCI.

2023 VTCI International Convention Registration **August 16th-19th 2023**. Make your checks payable to NORTH GEORGIA VINTAGE T-BIRD CLUB, Send to Pricilla Brott, 3195 Galts Rd Acworth GA 30102. Cutoff Date for registration is July 16th, 2023

click here for the registration form and hotel information

[**2023 VTCI International Convention Registration August 16 -19 20...**](#)



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
May 6 (New Date)	Hex Sign Ride	LVTC	Some Place In PA	See Attached Flyer
May 6	Barry's Car Barn & lunch	***MATC	3504 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse, PA 17534	See President's Message. Advise Cathy if you plan to participate.
May 21	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	John Wright Restaurant Wrightsville, PA	More Details On First Page
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	***MATC	Towson, MD	Details forthcoming
July 4	Bel Air 4 th of July Parade	***MATC	Bel Air, MD	Details forthcoming
July 16	Pot Luck at Denham's	***MATC	Hyde's MD	Details forthcoming
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 forthcoming
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.



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OPENING DATE APRIL 15, 2023

Ages 5 – 13 Saturday Mornings 10:00 am
Ages 14 and up Saturday Mornings 11:15 am

RESCHEDULED - NEW DATE!!!

Saturday May 6, 2023



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.

Catch-Up Meeting, Greene Turtle, Arundel Mills Mall April 16, 2023



The Boys...



And The Girls

A memorial gathering was held in John Cherry's memory on May 1, 2022. At that time a dogwood tree was presented to Phyllis and her family by MATC co-Presidents Cathy and Steve Kelley on behalf of the MATC membership to be planted in John's memory. John and Phyllis are long time MATC members and Phyllis currently serves on the Board of Directors.



Here is the dogwood tree at the time of the presentation



And here it is today, a year later. A great memorial.

Special Thunderbird Events 2023

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 Skip if you would like to participate in the dinner by May 7, 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. **New guidelines require determining total club attendance for assigning specific size tents.** 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 members and TBirds. The convention will include great events, great venues, a chance to socialize with TBird owners from all over the country and world. 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. Several MATC members plan to attend. For more specific information check out the VTCL website at www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net. If you are not yet a VTCL 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**. Registration forms and agenda are available from the newsletter editor.

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. See details regarding time on the first page.



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!

May Birthdays



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

Linda Loving (21)

Betty Marcellino (30)

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

Membership:

Welcome aboard to new member: Gary Faircloth, Sanatoga, PA, no TBird - yet

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!

May TBird Quiz



This screen shot is from a very popular TV show that is no longer on the air. Please name the TV show and the year of the Thunderbird. Hint-TBird is a one year color. First person to respond with the correct answer to both questions will receive a prize to be determined.

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

Also, Walt's extensive collection of Thunderbird model cars and memorabilia is now being auctioned by Tom Hall Auctions in Pennsylvania (tomhallauctions.com). Check it out. There are so many items they are being auctioned in three sections. The auction is "live" now.



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Still Available
MATC & TBird T-Shirts
While They Last!

A = 45th MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$10 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H

B = Retro TBird Logo T-Shirt; XXL only; \$10 each plus S&H

New Thunderbird Collectible Models Now Available: Contact Skip if Interested.



1965, 1:43, \$18.00



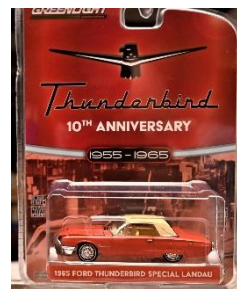
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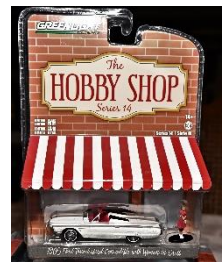
1966, 1:43, \$18.00



1966, 1:43, \$18.00



1965, 1:64, \$7.00



1964, 1:64, \$7.00

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.

LADIES!!

Just In Time For Father's Day or Any Other Gift Giving Occaision. Or No Special Reason At All
A Unique TBird Item For Your Special Guy!!

Breitling's Thunderbird watch.

BREITLING.COM

Top Time B01 Ford Thunderbird Stainless steel - White AB01766A1A1X1 | Breitling US



Oh, yes. The price? Are you ready? Only **\$8500!!**

ROMANCING THE CHROME 2023

Thanks to Ron Hill and Doug Read for representing MATC. Photo credit-Ron Hill





Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

"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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The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club is a tax-exempt Association under IRC 501 (c) (7).

(Revised September 2022)

Vintage Thunderbird Club International



VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

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

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
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



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

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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OUR 49TH ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

& Facebook Too

Serving 1955-2005 Ford Thunderbird Owners and

Enthusiasts In The Mid-Atlantic Area:

MD, VA, DE, WV, So. PA

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ITC

Benefits of Membership Include:

- **Tech support for all generations of Thunderbirds**
- **Social Gatherings**
- **Monthly Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)**
- **Monthly Newsletter**
- **Affiliation with national clubs**
- **Tech Sessions**
- **Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips**
- **Community Activity and Support**
- **“Fun, Fun, Fun” with your Thunderbird**

