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Deadline for submitting  
Newsletter photos, articles,  
etc., is the 20th of each  
month.

## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

### This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **September 9, 1954:** Production of iconic 1955 Thunderbird commences. And the **Fun, Fun, Fun** begins.
- **September 25, 2000:** 2002 Niemann Marcus Thunderbird goes on sale in the NM Christmas catalog. Only 200 are available. They are sold out in about an hour.

**Thursday-September 19, 2024 @ 9:30 am\*\*\*\***

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.*

### **Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities**

**Sunday, September 15, 1:00 PM**

**Annual \$2 Potluck Social**

**Hosted by Phyllis Cherry**

**14401 Water Company Road, Cascade MD, 21719  
(Near Thurmont, MD).**

***Please RSVP by September 9th So our host can prepare,***

**Phyllis Cell: 443-831-2194 email: [pacherry@comcast.net](mailto:pacherry@comcast.net)**

*Please bring a dish in the food category listed by the first letter of your last name, The \$2 goes to the host to offset costs. Phyllis and family are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.*

**"H to Q" \* Main Dish "A to G" Salad "R to Z" Dessert**

*If bringing a salad or main dish, please provide enough to serve at least 8 people. If bringing a dessert, please provide enough to serve at least 10 people.*

***Note:** Depending on attendance you might be contacted and asked to bring a different item.*

***\*Important:** If you are assigned a main dish please, please advise Phyllis and/or Cathy that you will be attending by September 9<sup>th</sup>. It has been agreed that the hostess will NOT be supplementing the main dishes with hot dogs and hamburgers this year.*



## President's Message Sep 2024

### *It's 'Bird Season!'*

We had an impressive representation from MATC at the **VTCL convention** in Grand Rapids MI! Thanks to the Panowitzs, Dickinsons, Dixons, Melnyks, Steve Dameron & Kathy and Tom Young & Rosemary who joined us. We looked pretty cool in our club shirts. Tom won for the Authenticity Award and Best of Show Award and Skip and Earl also won awards for their retro birds. Congrats to all. The activities that were planned were excellent and we had a great time. Tom also won the quilt raffle, which proceeds we will donate to Save the Hobby.

A few of us took our Birds out for exercise and met for **Ice cream** in Havre de Grace at **Bomboys on Saturday, August 18 at 1 pm**. It was a beautiful day and we had good conversation with Lynn & John Horn and Doug & Sandy Read. Unfortunately, we didn't get a picture there, even though we parked the Birds with in front of the store, but Dave & Gail Thomas did their own ice cream run and sent us the picture below.

Coming up is our annual **Cherry Fest at Phyllis Cherry's camp** on the mountain in western MD. An absolutely stunning view from the top of a mountain lends to a wonderful day, so plan to join us, **Sunday, September 15 at 1pm**. It will be a potluck and Skip has your food category and directions listed in this newsletter. Don't forget your \$2 per person donation to the hostess for her expenses.

Also in September we plan to go to **St Michael's Classic Car show** at the St Michael's Motor Museum on **Saturday, September 21**. Skip has the flyer in this newsletter. Probably a 2 or 3 hour drive for most folks. We'd check out the show about 10am and do lunch after. You can also register your car for display. We are still waiting to hear of your interest so we can set up lunch reservations.

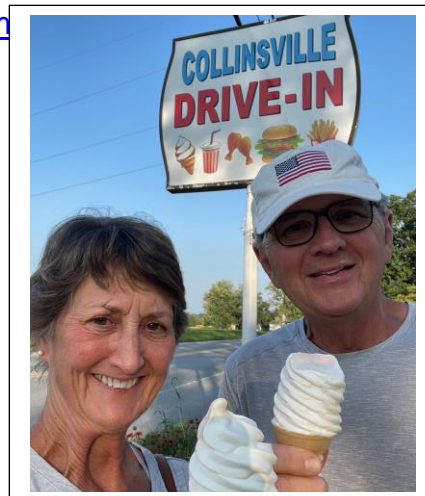
**Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show is October 19, 2024.** Some of our folks have been attending for years and we'd like to see a nice group from MATC there this year. You might win an award like the Ridolfis have in the past. Here is a link to the hotel with rates we've been offered as a club. If we book 10 rooms we get a \$10 discount. We'd like to go down Friday before traffic gets bad, have dinner together, spend the night (after some conversation and games) and go to the show Saturday. The hotel is only 3 miles from the show.

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-room](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-room)

Let us know if you plan to go and we can block some rooms.

Have fun, but stay safe.

*Cathy & Steve*



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## 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	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071</a>
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
<b>2024</b>				
September 15	"Cherry Fest" @ Phyllis Cherry's Cabin	***MATC	Cascade, MD	More details as we get closer
September 21	St. Michael's Classic	Classic Motor Museum	St. Michael's, MD	See Flyer In Newsletter
December 8	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA	Details and reservation info to be provided as available
<b>2025</b>				
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	Details and reservation info to be provided as available

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](http://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.



**Save the hobby.org**

**This is our new charitable partner beginning in 2024.**

### Registry of Retro Thunderbirds By Color:

MATC is developing a register of 2002-05 Retro Thunderbirds owned by our members by year, color, and specialty model as applicable (Niemann Marcus, 007, Pacific Coast Roadster, Cashmere). If your retro Thunderbird year and color are not indicated on the previously distributed roster of members, please notify Skip @ [skip.panowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:skip.panowitz@yahoo.com) with the information so that the register is as accurate as possible.



The officers and members of MATC wish the following member(s) a very happy birthday:

**August Birthdays:**

+Celeste Skruch      +Judy Dickinson   +Lynn Horn   +Marvin Schroll  
+Jean Raeke   +Mike Melnyk   +Frank Long   +O'Rean Fiedler  
+Bob Bossoli   +Dave Thomas

*If your birthday was overlooked, please let the editor know ASAP.*

**MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:**

*Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip*

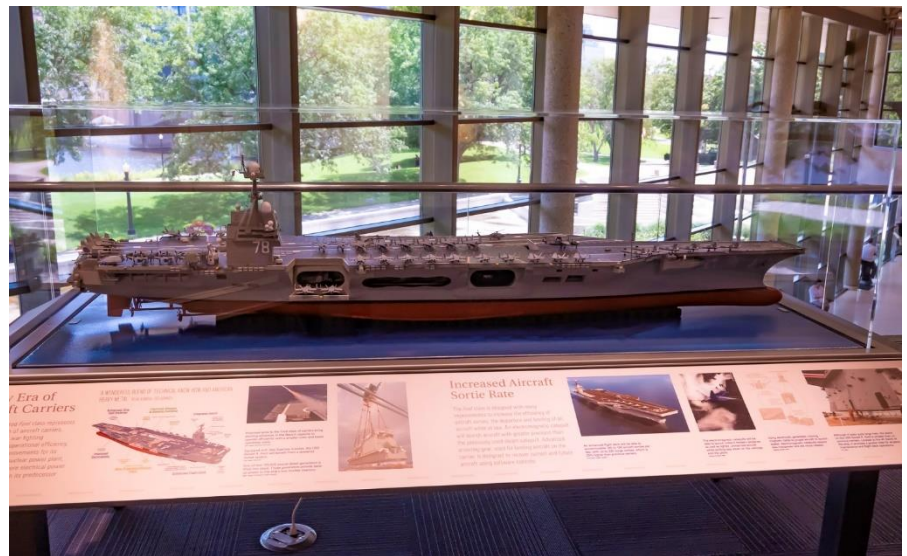
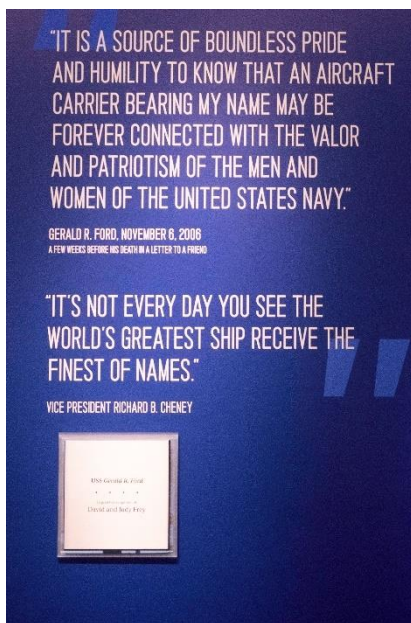
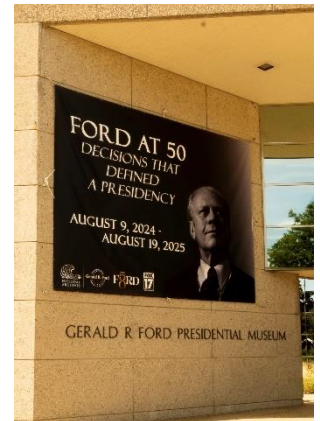
- Welcome aboard to **Nicolas and Cindy Lou Perugini** of Reading, PA. We look forward to seeing them and their 2005 Cashmere, #1406, at future MATC events.
- MATC had a great attendance at the VTCI convention in Grand Rapids, MI.
- At the VTCI convention Tom Young received Authentication status as well as won the Best in Show award for his outstanding 1960 Thunderbird.
- See VTCI Convention and photos and details elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham, and Christine Young. . 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!*

# VTCTI Convention, Day #1

## Gerald Ford Museum



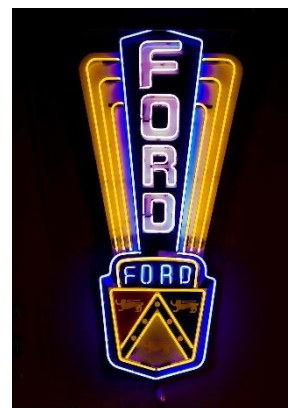
## VTCT Convention, Day #2 Gilmore Museum



*This young man, 22 years old, is now the caretaker for this 1956 Thunderbird, purchased new by his grandfather.*



*Yes, the original selling dealer was in Westminster, MD!*



**1928 Ford Dealership Replica**





**Anyone See A Little Thunderbird Influence Here??**

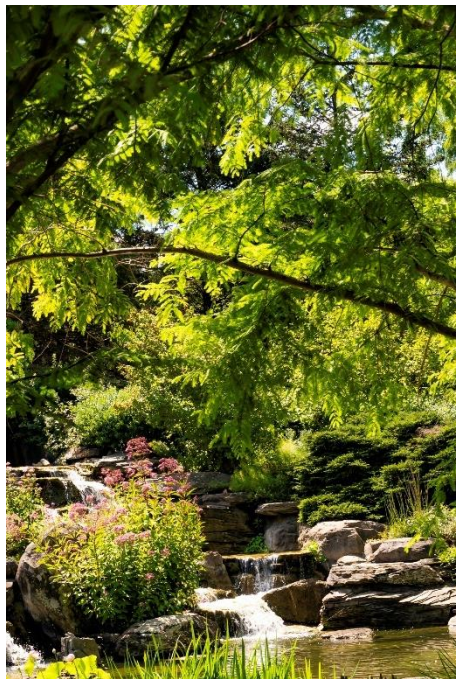
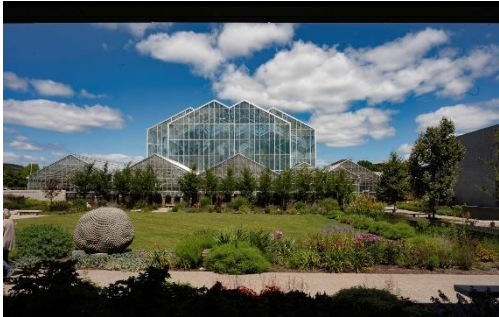


## A real treat at the Gilmore-Riding In The Classics



# VTCT Convention, Day #3

## Meijer Sculpture Museum & Gardens



## VTCTI Convention, Day #4 Judgement Day



**Tom's 1960**



**Earl Puts Finishing Touches On The '05"**



**Judges Comparing Notes**





## The Awards Banquet



## MATC Was Well Represented



# The Winners!!



Tom Young & Rosemary – Quilt Winners



Tom Young & Rosemary – Authentication & Best In Show  
Barb & Skip Panowitz – 1st Place  
Earl & Judy Dickinson – 1st Place



Tom Young – Authentication Award & Best In Show



*And Just To Toot My Own Horn a Little.....ed.*

# Pre-register **NOW** for ***The St. Michaels Classic***

***At the Classic Motor Museum in St.  
Michaels, Maryland.***

*This all-day family-friendly fundraiser takes place on September 21, 2024. It is attracting interest from all over the Eastern Shore!*

**Don't miss the opportunity to enter your car in this special, juried event.**

*We need pre-registrations early to select final entrants and set up classes.*

***To pre-register your vehicle go to:***

[classicmotormuseum.org](http://classicmotormuseum.org)

102 E. Marengo St. St. Michaels, MD 21663;  
info@classicmotormuseum.org; 410-745-8979



## Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts

Here you see a picture of the latest MATC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary polo shirts that we have ordered Listed are your options. They are of nice quality. Another order is in progress. At least six items are required to place an order.

Men's Polo XS –XL \$22

2x \$24, 3X \$27, 5X

\$32

Black

Navy

Graphite Gray

Forest green

Red

Ladies Polo XS – XL

\$22

2X \$24, 3X \$27

Black

Navy

Graphite Gray

Forest Green

Red

Ladies Scoop Tee

XS – XL \$17

Black

Navy

Graphite Gray

Forest Green

Red

Azelea Pink

Sweatshirt Unisex

S-XL \$28 , 2X \$33, 3X

\$35

Black

Navy

Charcoal Gray

Forest green



## September Thunderbird Quiz



Who is the Candidate in The TBird?

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What office is the candidate campaigning for?:

*Respond to Skip with your guesses...er answers.*

*It is never too late to submit your answer.*

## June Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Celebrity with his TBird?:

**Marlon Brando**

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: **1955**

Bonus: The Thunderbird is a gift from the gentleman standing to the left of the celebrity (right in the photo). Who is he?

**Sam Goldwynn of MGM.**

Extra Bonus: What was the gift for? **Sam was so impressed with Brando's performance in the movie "Guys & Dolls"**  
**Congrats to Phyllis Cherry with the correct and only response.**

### Previous Winners:

May: Judy Dickinson & Steve Kelley

June: Tom Young

July: Mike Melnyk

August: Al Herman

September: Bob Bossoli

October: Phyllis Cherry

November: Dwight Dixon

February: Judy Dickinson

March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert

April: Marsha Dixon

May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert

June: Dave Thomas

July: Cathy Kelly

August: Phyllis Cherry

## **CLASSIFIEDS**



**A**

**B**

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

**A = 45<sup>th</sup> MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$10 each - 2 for \$15 plus S&H**

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

*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.*

## **Collector's Corner:**

For those of us that are collectors of Thunderbird models and memorabilia, the diecast model makers have finally discovered that there is a market for the "big" Birds, the 1972-76 versions of this great marque. These are previewed below. Let me know in advance if you are interested in any of them to be certain I have enough to meet demand. *Skip*

**GREENLIGHT**  
1:64 SCALE DIECAST CARS  
EX @GLCOLLECTIBLES

**SHOWROOM**  
*Floor*



**1974**

These are 1:64 scale produced by Greenlight. Price will be about \$7.00 each. I expect to have them available mid-year.



39150E - 1:64 1976 Ford Thunderbird  
"Treat Yourself to One of the World's Great Luxury Car Buys"

These are by Goldvarg. They are superb quality and are very well detailed. And they are pricey, about \$80 each to MATC members, retail is \$100+. Other manufacturer models of the same quality are 2-3 times more expensive. The model year is 1976. I expect to have these later this year. A very limited quantity of about 150 each is being produced so if interested let me know ASAP. They are sold out at Goldvarg and my source only has a few still available from their allotment.





# 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. MATC newsletter is only delivered electronically.

\$15 if joining after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup>, (INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR (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

Visit us at [www.midatlanticbirdclub.org](http://www.midatlanticbirdclub.org) Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

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

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# 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.



## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> 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

### Affiliated With:



VTCI



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

