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**MATC
THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**



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

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

October Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air
October 18, 9:30 AM

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

Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show

Saturday October 20, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

All Cars Must be on the Field by 11:00

603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville MD 20850

The Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show is a premier car show very popular with MATC and Potomac Chapter Thunderbird Club members. A large variety of high end classic and antique automobiles are displayed at this event. The best antique vehicles in the Maryland / Virginia area attend this event. Registration fee is \$10 prior to Sept 11 and \$20 after Sept 11. Last registration date is Oct 17. Registration required by mail or by the Rockville Civic Center website. Registration form is attached to the newsletter. URL is posted below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show-tickets-47189037682?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

Saturday November 3, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

85 South Walnut Street, Boyertown PA 19512

With LVTC, NJTA

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Aivais
John Loving

Elizabeth Kilcullen

Gretchen LeKites
James McKee

2018 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
Oct 7, 14, 21, & 28 7AM to 9AM	Cars & Coffee	MATC	Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD	
Oct 4 - 7	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Oct 10 - 13 Thurs to Sun	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Oct 18 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)
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	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
Aug 6 – 11 2019	International Thunderbird Club Convention	ITC	Cleveland, Ohio	

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/>

Cars & Coffee: October 7, 14, 21, & 28, 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.

2018 Car Shows:

Oct 14 Chesapeake AACA, [Excursion: Historical Car Club of PA Car Show - Media, PA](#)

Oct 27 Chesapeake AACA, [Antique Car Show: Sunshine Grille - Fork, MD](#)

MESSAGE FROM TOM YOUNG



I would like to thank all the MATC members that attended the AACA Museum tour on September 8th. It was a honor for me to be invited to show my car for the summer at the museum. It was just as much an honor to have so many friends from MATC come to view the display, and share the day with me and my family.

Thanks to everyone! Tom Young

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.



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 airpark. 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.
Skip



VISIT TO CONOWINGO VETERANS CENTER

Coordinated by Phyllis Cherry

Our visit to the Conowingo Veterans Center was perfect. Of course there was the rain, uncertainty as to go ahead or postpone the event, whether to bring the cars, our failure to let the staff know our decision, moving the picnic inside, and taking over the facility like an invading army. Again it was perfect because it was all about providing for our veterans.

Skip asked me to write an article mentioning everyone who helped, an impossible task because everyone identified a job that needed to be done and did it. Carol and I cooked hamburgers. With the help of the other MATC ladies present the tables got set, the drinks served or the buffet got set up. This included Barbara P., Barbara M., Peg, Kathy, Cathy, Celeste, Lois, Zoeanne, Lynn and Shirley. I just knew it would because that is the way our club operates. Everyone supports one another.

I expected engaging the residents in conversation would be difficult. It was not and listening to their life stories interesting. Most have been in the center for years with most days like the one before. I am sure they were more confused by why we were there than we were about our purpose. At one point I looked into the living room and saw our members in casual conversation with the residents. It looked like old friends chatting. That was the moment I realized the importance of the day. We provided food, friendship and a diversion for those who may consider themselves forgotten. What a perfect day. *Phyllis Cherry*



The Cooks



and The Feast



Conowingo Veterans Center Residents



Conowingo Veterans Center dining area



Shirley Riffle, most recent MATC Member

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM

Carol Butler, Assisted Living Manager, Conowingo Veterans Center

Our guys more than enjoyed themselves on Sunday! Even though we didn't get to everything exactly as planned the guys still had a good time talking and eating with everyone. It's great to hear laughing and conversation throughout the house! We were more than happy to accommodate anything that you needed from us to make it a great event for you all as well as the gentlemen. I think everyone had a wonderful time and we would be happy to have you all come back again whenever you would like to. We look forward to hearing from you to plan the next event! , Carol

SEPTEMBER 7, 1954
1955 THUNDERBIRD begins Production



THUNDERBIRD DISPLAY @ AACA MUSEUM



President's Message – October 2018



We continue on a roll regarding new members. We have acquired 2 new members in the past month, 5 in the past several months. Welcome aboard and thanks to all of the new members for joining our ranks. Contrary to popular belief, however, a Torch Red 2002-05 retro TBird is not a requisite for membership. I mention this because that is the vehicle and color of choice for several of our new members. That is a great color choice, however. And several of the new members have attended recent club events. Please welcome these newest members as they attend MATC activities and our monthly breakfast.

Speaking of retro Birds, several of our “vintage” members have acquired new rides. The Zentgrafs have acquired a medium steel blue metallic 2005 (a one year only color), and the Horns have a beautiful light ice blue metallic 2004 (also a one year only color). Congrats on your new rides. Let's hope they will switch off driving them with their older vintage TBirds to MATC events so we can enjoy all of their fine TBirds.

This has been a banner month for MATC activities. On September 8th over 30 members, families and friends visited the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA to enjoy the ITC sponsored Thunderbird exhibit as well as the other vehicles on display. MATC member Tom Young, whose beautiful 1960 hardtop is on display, discussed the exhibit and Thunderbird history. After the museum visit, the group enjoyed a great social lunch at the Soda Jerk Restaurant, a group favorite, in nearby Hummelstown. The Thunderbird exhibit will be open until October 14th. This is a must see for Thunderbird enthusiasts. The AACA Museum is one of the best auto museums in the country and a premier venue on the East Coast. Be sure to check out the gift shop for Thunderbird memorabilia items for sale too.

On September 23rd about 25 MATC members had lunch with the veterans that live at the Conowingo Veterans Center in Conowingo, MD. MATC provided hot dogs and hamburgers. MATC members brought salads and desserts for the picnic type event. Unfortunately, rain prevented using the outdoor facilities for dining as well as viewing the Thunderbirds that several members drove to the event. I want to thank all of the MATC members that trekked out on such an unpleasant day weather-wise. This included a brand new member, Shirley Riffle, who drove from the Annapolis area. I also want to especially and sincerely thank Phyllis Cherry for discovering this venue and suggesting it as an opportunity for a public service activity for the club and leading us through it. Phyllis and her team (read that as the MATC ladies-thank you!) just grabbed the bull by the horns to get food cooked, the buffet set-up, and even helped with serving food even though there was no specific guidance from Center management. All of our members engaged the veterans throughout our visit. It was a very successful event all things considered, including the weather. And a special thanks to all of the members that participated, brought salads and desserts to share, brought books, magazines and DVDs, and socialized with the veterans. It was clear that they were happy to see us and appreciated our visit. It appeared that they were appreciative of a different lunch menu than they were typically accustomed to. We plan to make this an annual (or more often) event. Member input is welcomed and encouraged regarding this activity.

We are looking at adding an activity before the Christmas Party in December. There have been a few suggestions and we welcome others. Things are winding down as the weather changes (hopefully much less rain!) but there are still several car shows and cruise night opportunities on the calendar. And of course the Sunday morning Cars & Coffee at the Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to mention the importance of the Newsletter, website and Facebook page to MATC. Lots of time and effort are expended by Dan, Steve, Lynn and others in keeping these resources current. However, I often get calls and emails from members asking about club functions that have been addressed in detail in the newsletter, and often the website and FB page too. I always enjoy the opportunity to communicate with members about MATC and its activities but often I am referring the member to the newsletter or other resource they are more informative than me. Please read them, use them and contribute to them.

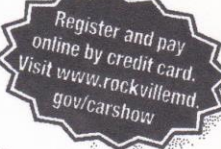
Barb and I look forward to seeing you at the remaining 2018 events. Please be careful and be safe!!

Skip

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Please Read

General Information, Eligibility and Policy:

- All registration fees are nonrefundable.
- The 2018 Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show is open to all motor vehicles up to and including the 1993 model year.
- No replicas, hot rods, custom/modified cars or any other inauthentic or altered vehicles will be admitted to the display field.
- Vehicles will not be judged. However, all vehicles admitted to the field must be in a condition of preservation or restoration that would not reflect discredit on the show or hobby. The Car Show Committee reserves the right to register and permit only those vehicles so described. All show vehicles are subject to final inspection and acceptance.
- All preregistered vehicle applications received by Sept. 11 and owners will be listed in the 2018 car show program.
- Day-of registration closes at 11 a.m. SHARP! No latecomers will be allowed on the show field.
- All preregistered vehicles must arrive on the field by 11 a.m. to receive solid brass-etched dash plaque awards.
- Preregistration tickets will not be mailed to registrants. Tickets will be distributed onsite the day of the show.
- Preregistration does not guarantee a reserved place at the show. The first-come, first-served rule applies.
- Please observe AACA safety standards. You are required to have a fire extinguisher and wheel chock for your vehicle.
- All participating vehicle owners and vendors are requested to remain for the entire length of the show.
- Car sales will not be permitted on the display field.
- Show cars must be driven onto the field. Trailers will not be allowed on the field. Off-field trailer parking will be available.
- Sponsoring clubs may award prizes to their participating members.
- All flea market vendors shall be in compliance with AACA rules regarding flea market sales. Flea market sale items must relate to motor vehicle parts or accessories ONLY. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the show. Available space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The show takes place on the Rockville Civic Center grounds. The field is grassy and hilly. Handicapped parking for spectators is available.
- No canopies or pop-up tents are permitted on the field.



----- Detach and send in the form with check. -----

I need a modification because of a disability: (please check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, a Recreation and Parks staff member will contact you before this event.

2018 ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

Early registration is encouraged to assure a commemorative plaque and a space on the field.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Car Club Affiliations (if any): _____

Show Car Registration: \$10 per car on or before Sept. 11 and \$20 after Sept. 11 (1931 & older vehicles FREE for preregistration only – must pay at gate on day of event). *Last day to preregister: Wednesday, Oct. 17 by 5 p.m. Must register at show after this date.*

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

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FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION

Flea Market Space – \$30 per space on or before Sept. 11 and \$40 after Sept. 11 (one space equals two 18' x 20' parking spaces.)

Items For Sale (Must be motor vehicle-related): _____

CAR SALE REGISTRATION

Car Sale Space – \$30 per space on or before Sept. 11 and \$40 after Sept. 11. (Space equals one 10' x 18' parking space.)

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE. Please fill out the applicable portion of this form, make checks payable to City of Rockville, and mail to Rockville City Hall, Events Specialist, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850



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