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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



### MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

### 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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



### This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **October 22, 1954:** 1955 Thunderbird goes on sale. \_And the Fun, Fun, Fun begins.

**Thursday, October 20, 9:30 AM**

### **Third Thursday Thunderbird Breakfast**

**Greek Village Restaurant**

**129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014**

*Please plan to attend our great monthly social (no business) gathering. Too far to travel? Suggest a venue closer to you and we will give it a try.*



**Ride The Rails With MATC  
Cumberland, MD Train Excursion**

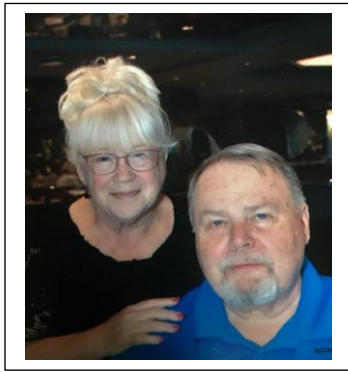
**October 12 to 14, 2022**

**(See details below)**

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### **2022 Election of Officers**

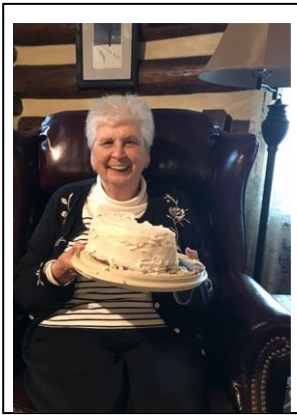
The ballot or the 2022 election of officers is included beginning with this newsletter. Please consider running for office to have a voice in the administration of your club. Positions available include President(s), Secretary, and two board members. Please advise Cathy or Steve if you would like to be a candidate for one of these positions.



## President's Message October 2022

We sang 'Rain, Rain Go Away' but it didn't, so Phyllis Cherry set up inside for our annual 'Cherry Fest' picnic at her camp in Western MD on Sunday, Sept 11. We had a nice turnout (no Tbirds though) and had a great time in that fabulous cabin with a beautiful front porch. We didn't play

games, but Cathy played a video of Lee Greenwood's 'Proud to Be an American' in honor of 9/11. Some folks sang along, like Chris Young. Betty Marcellino made her famous cake that she says she makes only once a year, just for us.



This month we plan to go to Cumberland to ride the Western Maryland Steam train to Frostburg and back on Oct 12-14, riding the train on Wed Oct 13. About 18 folks have already booked rooms at the Hampton Inn Cumberland and booked train tickets at <https://wmsr.com/>. Those folks have gotten an email with details, and we are hoping for great weather.

We have officer elections coming up in November. A ballot is in this newsletter. Listed are the incumbents who are glad to stay in their positions, but if you have someone in mind for a position and they want to run, please let us know so we can put their name on the ballot also. If we don't hear from anyone, this ballot will be official. You can print it or email to Lynn Horn, our secretary, whose info is on the ballot.

This year's Christmas dinner will once again be at The Dobbin House in Gettysburg on Sunday, December 4 from 1-4 pm. The flyer with the reservation form is in this newsletter. We hope many of you will join us there.

We have also planned next year's General Members Meeting on Sunday February 19. Details in a later newsletter.

*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
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
April thru October	Weekly Cruise Night		Arctic Circle Drive In Churchville, MD	Wednesday Evenings Weather Permitting
See Below	Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shuck's Road Athletic Facility – Churchville, MD	See Below
Sept 28-Oct 2	Fall Carlisle Flea Market, Corral & Auction	Carlisle Events	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	CarlisleEvents.com
Oct 4-7	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	AACA	Hershey, PA	AACA.org
October 6-9	Endless Summer Cruisin'	Cruisin' OC	Ocean City, MD	infoevent@specialeventpro.com
October 12-14	Ride The Rails with MATC	***MATC	Cumberland and Frostburg, MD	See Details in Newsletter
October 15	MATC Board of Directors Mtg	***MATC	Green Turtle Bel Air, MD	Member Input Is Appreciated.
October 2022 Date TBD	Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show	***MATC	Rockville Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville, MD 20851	<a href="https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show">https://10times.com/rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show</a>
November	Election of Officers	***MATC		Consider running for an office
December 4	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA	Details To Be Provided Later
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> )

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.



### MATC Christmas Party December 4, 2022 Dobbin House Tavern & Restaurant, Gettysburg, PA

Please mark your calendars for the date. Specific information will be forthcoming in future MATC newsletters. We are returning to Dobbin House after a several year absence because of the pandemic. The MATC Board of Directors has decided that the Christmas party will alternate between Dobbin House and Friendly Farms in the future. Friendly Farms was very accommodating during the pandemic when Dobbin House could not be.



**2022 Season Schedule**  
**Games Will Resume In September**

**Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM**

**Saturdays through October, weather permitting:**

**9:30: Up to Age 13 45**

**10:45: Ages 14 +**

**[miracleleagueharford.org](http://miracleleagueharford.org)**



**Ride The Rails With MATC**  
**Cumberland, MD Train Excursion**  
**October 12 to 14, 2022**

Check with Cathy to see if there are any rooms remaining. Also spots on the train. To book the train go to <https://wmsr.com/> and click 'book now' for the Frostburg Flyer. Arrow over to October and select Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 AM. You will see coach seats are \$45. That's what you want to reserve. Our hotel is the Hampton Inn Cumberland. Please reserve for Oct 12 and 13. Please let Cathy know when you are confirmed so she can keep track for restaurant reservations. We hope to have a great turnout and it is already shaping up that way.

## October Birthdays



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

**John Loving (20)**

**Lucy Samordin**

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

### **Recruitment of New Members:**

Please remember to carry and use the MATC recruitment business cards and/or a membership application to distribute to perspective members. If you need more of the cards or applications, please contact any MATC officer.

### **MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:**

- We have just learned that the health condition of long time MATC member and Board of Directors member Ray Raeke has gotten worse. After considerable time spent in both the hospital and a rehabilitation facility, he has now returned home in the care of home healthcare and hospice personnel. Please keep Ray, Jean and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Ray & Jean can be contacted at: 1114 Clayton Road, Joppa, MD 21085; 410-676-6055; raekej@aol.com.
- We also have just learned that MATC member Steve Dameron will be undergoing shoulder surgery on October 12<sup>th</sup>. As a result, unfortunately, Linda and Steve will miss the Western MD trip. Please keep Steve in your thoughts for a prompt and successful recovery. We wish Linda all the best too as she nurses Steve back to a full recovery.
- 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!*



## Cherry "Fest" 2022







## Who's Who In MATC

### Featured Member(s): Diana & Ron Davis



Ron and Diana Davis are long time MATC members. Ron is a retired US State Department economist. Ron was encouraged to join MATC by former club president Dan Garvey. The Davises also belong to the AACA Bull Run Region of Mannasa, VA. Ron's pride and joy is the 1968 Thunderbird that his dad bought new. It was passed on to Diane and Ron in 1985. It has been renovated over the past 10 years. Ron and Diane enjoy participating in MATC events and activities, especially trips like the recent Staunton VA weekend and national club gatherings like those at Lockport, NY, Dover, DE, and All Ford Nationals. The Davises also enjoy socializing with their Thunderbird owners and enthusiasts.



# FORD THUNDERBIRD PROJECT ENVISIONED AS HIGH-PERFORMANCE HALO

By [Brett Foote](#)

September 17, 2022

As *Ford Authority* reported back in January 2021, Ford Motor Company [filed to trademark](#) “Thunderbird” with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) last year, which seemed to indicate that there was at least a chance the iconic model – which has lived through 11 generations thus far – could be making a return to The Blue Oval’s lineup. Then, this past May, *Ford Authority* was the first to report that FoMoCo is considering reviving the Ford Thunderbird nameplate [on a performance-oriented vehicle](#). According to sources familiar with the matter, the Ford Thunderbird project is being envisioned as a high-performance halo car, too.

The Ford Thunderbird project is being conceptualized as a far more performance-oriented vehicle than its direct predecessor. In fact, according to sources, the project’s team is considering a two-seater designed not as a luxury coupe like previous generations, but rather, a roadster that will be more than capable in the twisties as well as on the track. The Thunderbird project is being conceived as a rival to the Corvette – along the lines of the C7 generation model – but one that’s distinctly Ford.

Visually speaking, a design direction is being adopted that has a long hood and muscular proportions, with wide fenders – particularly in the rear. One of the design studies being conducted is said to be somewhat reminiscent of the Shelby Cobra Daisy, [a highly-regarded 2004 one-off concept](#) that was created in conjunction with Carroll Shelby and [sold at auction last year](#).

In terms of performance, the Ford Thunderbird project would slot in the automaker’s lineup above the all-new, [recently-revealed](#) S650 [Ford Mustang](#), and is said to be FoMoCo’s last hurrah in terms of ICE-powered performance vehicles.

*Editors Note: By now most of you have probably seen this article. I thought I would run it anyway just in case you did not. Personally, I don’t see this happening. However, I did hear that a Ford representative indicated at AFN that there might be another “Bird” in the works but could not say more. I wonder who the market would be for this car in this era of SUVs, pick-ups, and EVs. And the price point would certainly take it out of my pocketbook range, likely in the \$75K+ range. Some folks note that Ford filed to renew the trademark for the Thunderbird name but that could be just to maintain ownership. And also to be able to collect royalties for merchandise i.e. model cars, apparel, memorabilia, etc. I stay in touch with an executive from the retro Thunderbird project, now retired from Ford, and he agrees with my assessment. Plus he thinks it might more likely be a luxury sedan like the Porsche Panamera. Time will tell.*

## **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)



**A**

**B**

### **T-Shirts**

#### **While They Last!**

**A = 45<sup>th</sup> MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$15 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H**

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

### **Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models**

#### **Now Arriving**

**. Available. I will have all at the Cherry Fest in September.**



### **Now In Stock & Arriving!**

#### **UPDATE:**

The 1:64 scale Thelma & Loise '66 Thunderbirds are now available. The '64 hardtop in the package with advertising artwork have just arrived and are available. I will have them t all future MATC events including the Cherry Fest in September.

***Skip (9/22)***

***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.***

### **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.

# 2022 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



**The Dobbin House  
89 Steinwehr Ave.  
Gettysburg PA**

**Sunday, Dec 4, 2022  
Social Hour 1-1:30pm – cash bar  
Dinner at 1:30pm – 3 pm  
Presentations and comments 3-4 pm**

**Cost: \$37.50, Children up to 10 years - \$13.00**

## **Holiday Buffet Menu**

Salad and Bread Bars

### **Entrees**

Chicken coq au vin

Beef stroganoff

Seafood Potpourri

### **Vegetables**

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes

Buttered Corn

Buttered Dill Carrots

Broccoli and Cauliflower with Cheese

### **A variety of Holiday Desserts**

### **Beverages**

Coffee, Iced Tea, & Soda

## **Directions**

From PA, come across Rt 30 or down Rt 15.

From the South, come up Rt 15.

From the East you can come over I70 and up Rt 15 or  
use GPS and the back roads.

Set your GPS to 80 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg PA



Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults @ \$37.50= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of children up to 10yrs @ \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2023 Membership Renewal (optional)

\$25 email newsletter or

\$40 USPS newsletter \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include Membership Application*

Total Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send bottom of form and check made out to MATC, by Nov 27, 2022, to:  
Frank Long, 331 Sullivan Dr, Abingdon MD 21009**





# Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot For the 2023 Term

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Lynn Horn by November 30, 2022. Send via email to: [secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org](mailto:secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org), or mail to 704 Walker Ave. Baltimore, MD 21212

***(If you Write In a candidate, make sure they have given you permission.)***

A) For President (vote for one):

Steve & Cathy Kelley \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

B) For Secretary (vote for one):

Lynn Horn \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

C) For Board of Directors (vote for two):

Phyllis Cherry \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Hill \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Write in Candidate)

Member Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year

Full dues if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> 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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(Revised September 2022)