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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:

- **November 21, 2001:** 2002 Thunderbird is named Motor Trend "Car of The Year"

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Thursday-November 21, 2024 @ 9:30 am****

Bob Evans: 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, @ MD Rt 24, Bel Air, MD 21014

Note: This is a new venue that seems to be working out OK.

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

Saturday Nov 9 - Ride for Veterans to Perry Point:

We will meet at the Perryville Vol Fire Co at 1pm. Then caravan from there to Perry Point, then go to 5th Company Brewing for food and drinks. See attached flyer for more details.

Friday November 15, 2024

Classic Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543.

This is a joint meeting with our friends from the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. We will meet at the venue at 10 AM. Please let Cathy know if you plan to attend to make plans for gathering afterwards for lunch.

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December 8, 2024 – 11am to 3 pm

2024 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner

See attached response form. You can also pay your 2025 dues and support our charitable partner "Classic & Custom Car Educational Foundation".

Also attached is the ballot for the 2025-2026 slate of officers.

Many responses can be completed electronically online.



President's Message Nov 2024

Don't Forget to Vote!

Only Dave and Gail Thomas made it to **Bomboys in Havre de Grace on Saturday October 12** for ice cream! They met us at the American Legion where we saw Bob and Candy Bossoli serving food at the **Italian Festival**. Skip and Barb also attended. It was a beautiful day for a ride and great meal with friends.

Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show was October 19, 2024. Our retros were not eligible for judging, but the Ridolfis, Scott Mummert and Steve Dameron had entries.

Veteran's Cruise to Perry Point is November 9. Skip has the flyer in the newsletter with details. We'd like to see a good representation from MATC so please plan to join us to honor the veterans there. Rain or shine. If it rains and you don't want to bring the 'Bird out, come in your daily driver. Bring some flags to wave or decorate the car if it's nice out. Meeting for food after if you want.

The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club and Central PA Thunderbird Club would like to join us for a visit to the **Classic Auto Mall** in Morgantown PA. This is an old shopping mall converted to just show (and sell) cars. This will be on **Friday, November 15**. They are located at 6180 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543 and we will meet there at 10 am. Let us know ASAP if you plan to go and we'll make reservations for lunch.

Don't forget MATC **elections** are this month. The ballot is in this newsletter. You can print and mail, or save just that page, edit it with Word for your signature, save it and email it to Lynn Horn. Info is on the ballot. Also don't forget to vote in America's election!

We really **need a new club treasurer**. Frank Long has so much going on in his life, he needs to give up the position. Please contact us if you have any interest. You do NOT have to have any accounting or financial background. We have a pretty simple program to track expenses and costs and you will get training on that. Just be available to accept and deposit funds and write checks when we need them. (via mail is OK)

Also, **Christmas Dinner will be at Dobbin House Sunday Dec 8, 11-3.** (early again!) The registration form is in this newsletter.

Please return to Frank Long by Nov 24.

You can renew your club dues at the same time.

And don't forget our charity, **Save the Hobby**.

You could bring a check to the Christmas Dinner.

Please keep Zoanne and Dan Denham in your prayers.

She's having a couple skin cancer surgeries and now

Dan is in hospital with kidney/bladder/sepsis issues.



Cathy & Steve

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	Bob Evans 14 Bel Air So Pkwy Bel Air, MD 21014	@ intersection of MD Rt 24 and Bel Air South Parkway
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
2024				
October 12	Bomboy's Ice Cream	***MATC	322 Market Street, Havre de Grace, MD	2:00 PM. More Details via email. TBirds optional but encouraged.
October 19	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville & AACA	Rockville Civic Ctr Park 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851	https://www.facebook.com/RockvilleCarShow/
November 2	4H Camp Fall Car Show	4H	6 Cherry Hill Road Street, MD	See Details In Flyer Below
November 9	Ride For Veterans To Perry Point	-	Meet @ Perryville Fire Co @ 1:00pm	See Details In Flyer Below
November 15	Classic Auto Mall Joint Meeting with LVTC	***MATC	6180 Morgantown Road Morgantown, PA 195436	Meet at Classic Auto Mall at 10AM
December 8	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA	Details and reservation info to be provided as available
2025				
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	See hotel reservation and event registration info below.

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.



Save the hobby.org

This is our new charitable partner beginning in 2024.



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

November Birthdays:

+Jean Hill +Daniel Forte

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

- **John Horn** is being treated for a recently experienced TIA.
- **Zoeanne Denham** advises that former MATC newsletter editor **Dan** is in hospital. He has inflamed kidney/bladder, 4mm kidney stone and an old stroke (the enzymes only show up for a short time so they can't tell exactly when it happened). On top of that he has severe sepsis. This all started on Tuesday, October 29. There is a good sign-his fever has decreased to around 99.
- **Tom Young** is in the running for top AACA honors- Senior Grand National Award - for his late brother Jim's 1975 Dodge Coronet race car. The car is entered in Class 24A race car class. Tom achieved the Grand National Award this past summer. He has worked very hard to achieve this honor. We wish him the best. Tom's 1960 Thunderbird achieved this recognition in 2012.

Best wishes for a quick, complete, and successful recovery for our members who are ill.

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!

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 with the information so that the register is as accurate as possible.

2024 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



The Dobbin House
89 Steinwehr Ave.
Gettysburg PA

Earlier Time!

Sunday, Dec 8, 2024

Social Hour 11-11:30 AM – cash bar

Dinner at 11:30 AM – 2 PM

Presentations and comments 2-3 PM

Holiday Buffet Menu

Salad and Bread Bars

Entrees

Chicken coq au vin
Ham w Pineapple Raisin sauce
Penne Pasta w Tomato sauce

Vegetables

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Buttered Dill Carrots
Green Beans Almondine

A variety of Holiday Desserts

Beverages

Coffee, Ice 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 Dobbin House, 80 Steinwehr AV, Gettysburg PA



Member Name(s) _____

_____ Number of adults @ \$30.00 = \$_____

_____ 2025 Membership Renewal (optional)

\$25 includes email newsletter

Please include Membership Application found in newsletter

Total Remittance \$_____

Please send bottom of form and check made out to MATC,

by Nov 24, 2024 to:

Frank Long, 331 Sullivan Dr, Abingdon MD 21009

Don't forget our charity this year has been Save The Hobby, who support The Custom and Classic Educational Foundation. The vision of that organization is to bring in and inspire future generations of youth into the car hobby. They also publish the Car Show and Cruise Guide.





Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot For the 2025 Term

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Lynn Horn by November 30, 2024.

Send via **email** to: secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org, or

mail to 8810 Walther Blvd, Apt 2209, Parkville, MD 21234

(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) _____

Signature _____

Member Name (printed) _____

Signature _____

Veteran's Cruise to Perry Point November 9



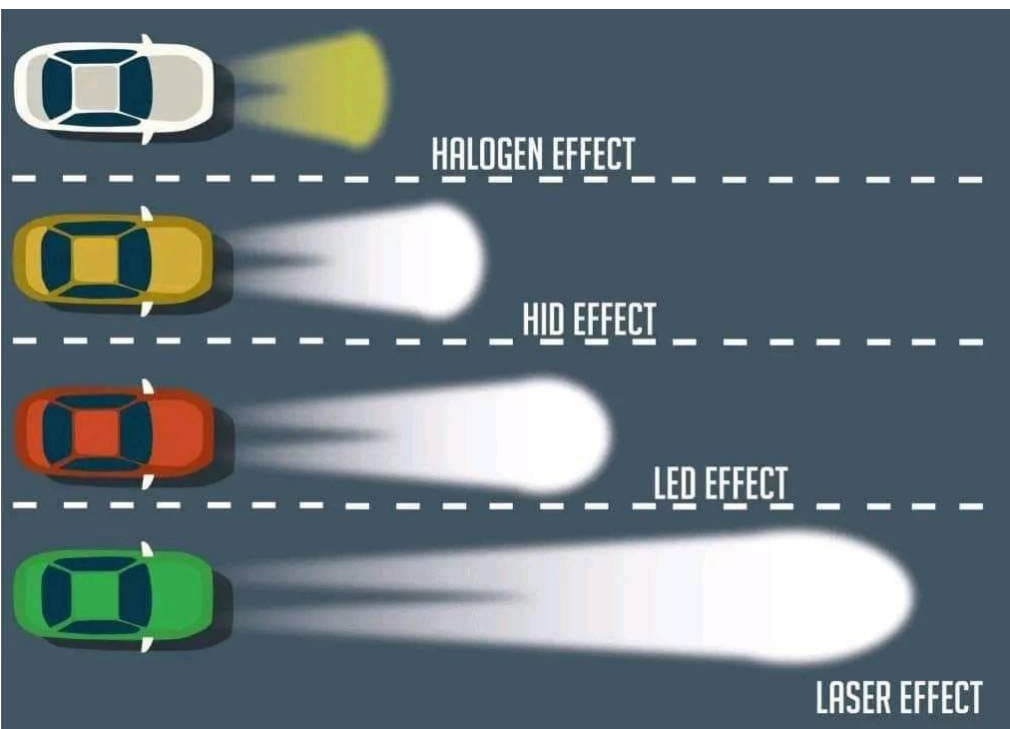
Sponsored by BWOODY Performance - A Veteran-owned Company

Staging Area: **Perryville Fire Company**

920 Principio Furnace Rd. Perryville, Md.

We meet up at 1pm for a short driver's meeting, then we exit lot together and drive through the facility to honor our Vets. This is a Rain or Shine Event; should it rain, please bring your daily driver. Let's show the Vets that the car community cares about those who served to protect our great country. Afterwards, we meet at the end of Broad St. at the 5th Company Brewing, 325 Front Street, Perryville, Maryland 21903. Drinks & food available, drink discounts for Vets.

Cruise Coordinator
Karen Shores -410-591-8099
Assistant Anita Hill -410-960-6294



Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2025

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 6-8, 2025

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2025 Carlisle Ford Nationals. We have again secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, 2025. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc. We have a block of 25 rooms guaranteed which can be increased as deemed necessary. The rate is \$185 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate, plus taxes. Room reservations can be cancelled up until 6 PM the night of the reservation. So there is no reason not to make reservations even if you are not sure you can make it. The rate includes breakfast and other amenities. We will also have the use of a meeting room as a hospitality room. There is plenty of free parking. The "host" hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81
1501 Commerce Ave
Carlisle, PA
717-241-0052

The hotel is an easy drive from the Carlisle Fairgrounds right off of I-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before June 6th it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, **like right now**, even if you are not certain you can be there. The sooner reservations are made, the better the chance of increasing the number of rooms in the block if needed. It is fortunate that we were able to reserve a block of rooms and at a favorable rate. The online reservation link is below:

[Thunderbird Friends Reunion](#)

If the link does not work, call the hotel direct at the above number. We will provide more details as they become available. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, like this year, and possibly Friday night too. We hope to have a larger tent this year as multiple clubs are expected to be included. **Please get your reservations taken care of early.**

Restaurant reservations have already been secured for Saturday night at the popular Rustic Tavern. It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a dedicated menu, with advance selection required, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

We look forward to even more Fun, Fun, Fun in 2025.

Rockville Car Show 2024

As typical, MATC had a good showing at this year's Rockville car show although not all members had Thunderbirds on the showfield. Thanks to Kathy Ridolfi and Al Herman for providing the below images. Al advises that "there were 18 Baby Birds this year. Best turnout in a long while. I think there were a half dozen other birds - a few 61-63, a couple 64-66 and a mid 70s. A 57 Vette won the Mayor's Award, but it wasn't done as nicely as a couple of the Baby Birds. Not that I'm partial or anything."

Editor's note: Only three more years before my 2002 is eligible for the showfield. I expect to have a lot of company from that point on at this and other AACA sanctioned events.





The one millionth Thunderbird, built June 22, 1972

This car was owned by Thunderbird Club member Bob Petersen for over 36 years and was exhibited at various shows and conventions. Bob donated the car to the Petetsen Museum in Los Angeles in 2022.





This 1964 Thunderbird is a victim of Hurricane Helene. Certainly not that important when considering the many deaths and injuries and property damage involved with the storm. This car was under 11 feet of water at one point.

MATC Treasurer Position Available

Here is your chance to be an important, active, involved part of the MATC operations and leadership team. Frank Long, who agreed to assume the treasurer's position after former treasurer Harry Skruch's passing has decided to relinquish this position because of availability reasons. We very much appreciate his willingness to accept this position. Finance, accounting or bookkeeping experience is suggested but not required. Harry was an engineer. The system has been designed for a smooth transition for most backgrounds. Frank has agreed to mentor the person who agrees to accept the position. It will be a one year commitment initially as the candidate will complete the remainder of Frank's two year term. The position will be on the ballot for a full two year term in the 2025. It is hoped that the new treasurer can assume the position by January 1, 2025. Please contact Cathy or Steve if interested.

Treasurer Duties As Outlined in MATC Articles of Association:

6.4 The TREASURER

- will maintain a Club checking account that shall have a minimum of two authorized signers with one authorized signature required on every Club check;
- will notify members of their dues renewal each year and inform the Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor of the status of each members renewal;
- will collect, and deposit, dues and all other monies received in the Club checking account;
- will make payment from the Club funds upon receipt of proper invoices and,
- will keep proper record of income and expenses; and
- will report the Club's financial status to the Board of Directors at each Board meeting and the Club membership at least once a year.



MATC is now officially a part of Ford Performance-Club Connect. This is another opportunity for Thunderbird owners to learn about our club and top promote events. Check it out at:

www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com

November
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity in The TBird?
What Year Is The Thunderbird?:
Bonus: What is his unofficial nickname?

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

It is never too late to submit your answer.

October
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Celebrity in the passenger
seat of the TBird?: **Ray Charles**
What Is Unique About The Thunderbird?:
**It is a Sport Roadster concept version of
the retro Thunderbird developed for the
car show circuit.**

Bonus: **J Mays**

Extra Bonus: **He was VP of design at Ford
during the development of the retro
Thunderbird.**

***Congrats to Dave Thomas for the correct
response.***

Previous Winners:

2023

May: Judy Dickinson & Steve Kelley
June: Tom Young
July: Mike Melnyk
August: Al Herman
September: Bob Bossoli
October: Phyllis Cherry
November: Dwight Dixon

2024

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
September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli
October: Dave Thomas





CLASSIFIEDS

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club 50th Anniversary Shirts

Here you see a picture of the latest MATC 50th 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.

<p>Men's Polo XS –XL \$22 2x \$24, 3X \$27, 5X \$32 Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest green Red</p> <p>Ladies Polo XS – XL \$22 2X \$24, 3X \$27 Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest Green Red</p>		<p>Ladies Scoop Tee XS – XL \$17</p> <p>Black Navy Graphite Gray Forest Green Red Azelea Pink</p> <p>Sweatshirt Unisex S-XL \$28 , 2X \$33, 3X \$35 Black Navy Charcoal Gray Forest green</p>
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Collector's Corner:

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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 1st of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1st, (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 Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

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

(Revised November 2023)

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 50TH 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

