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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP**

The 2017 Membership Registration Form is included in the newsletter. Fill in your personal information and mail the notice along with your payment to the treasurer. Payment is due by March 1, 2017. Thank you for your continued support of MATC.

**2017 Monthly Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air**

**January 19, 9:30 AM**

Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

Welcome New Members

Robert Hedrich & Melanie Santiago-Hedrich  
Columbia, Maryland, 2004 Thunderbird

**From the Editor:**

Happy New Year MATC members. In January the Club officers are having a planning meeting to work on the 2017 Club activities calendar. On the second page is a tentative 2017 Events Calendar. There are many annual events, but there are blank spaces for new activities. If you have an idea for new activity or Thunderbird destination we could visit please contact a club officer. Please remember to renew your annual 2017 Club Membership. Fill in the membership form and send your dues to Harry Skruch.

Congratulations to Bill Clark. Bill is a MATC member owning multiple Thunderbirds and he has one additional vehicle I did not know about. I was pleasantly surprised to see Bill's picture on page 55 of the December 2016 Hemmings Motor News. The picture showed Bill standing next to his 1964 Triumph TR4 at the 2016 Hemming Motor News Concours d'Elegance held at Saratoga Spa State Park in Saratoga Springs, New York. Triumphs were one of the featured car classes at the 2016 show. Vehicle participation in the Concours d'Elegance is by invitation of the Hemmings Motor News Staff. Congratulations Bill for your show entry.

## 2017 TENTATIVE 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	Details
<b>January 14</b> 1:00 PM	<b>Officer Planning/ BUSINESS MEETING,</b>	*** <b>MATC</b> ***	York, PA	
<b>January 19</b> 9:30 AM	<b>Officer Planning/ BUSINESS MEETING,</b>	*** <b>MATC</b> ***	<b>Greek Village Diner</b> 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>
<b>February 16</b> 9:30 AM	<b>Officer Planning/ BUSINESS MEETING,</b>	*** <b>MATC</b> ***	<b>Greek Village Diner</b> 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>
<b>February ??</b> 1:00 PM	<b>BUSINESS MEETING, POT-LUCK Membership Meeting</b>	*** <b>MATC</b> ***	<b>Mt. Ararat Masonic Lodge</b> 136 E. Gordon St 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>
Sat March 12	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Ct. Fairgrounds Rte 144, West Friendship	<a href="http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2015fleamarket.pdf">http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/a ctivities/flyers/2015fleamarket.pdf</a>
<b>March</b> TBD		<b>MATC</b>		<b>TBD</b>
Sat April 22	Romancing the Chrome	Harford Library Foundation	Jarrett's Field 3719 Norrisville Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084	10AM – 4 PM <a href="http://romancingthechrome.org/">http://romancingthechrome.org/</a>
<b>May 18-21</b>	<b>Cruisin O.C.</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Ocean City Md</b>	<a href="https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city">https://www.specialeventpro.com/c ruisin-ocean-city</a>
June 2 - 4 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	<a href="http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx">http://www.carlisleevents.com/carli sle-events/carlisle-ford- nationals/default.aspx</a>
<b>June x</b> Sat	28 <sup>th</sup> Orphan Car Tour		Williamsport, MD <a href="http://www.orphancartour.org">www.orphancartour.org</a>	Jon Battle, (540) 364- 1770 <a href="mailto:TourDirector@orphancartour.org">TourDirector@orphancartour. org</a> .
June 18	Sully Plantation		Chantilly VA	
<b>June ??</b>	<b>Railroad trip</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>New Freedom PA</b>	<a href="http://www.steamintohistory.com/">http://www.steamintohistory.co m/</a>
<b>July 9</b> Sun	<b>Potluck Social hosted by Dan &amp; Zeanne Denham</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Hydes, MD</b>	
Aug ? - ? Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie, PA	See website for registration. <a href="http://awkscht.com/">http://awkscht.com/</a>
<b>Aug 29 - Sept 3</b>	<b>International Thunderbird Convention</b>	<b>ITC</b>	<b>Fort Wayne Indiana</b>	<a href="http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/events.html">http://www.intl- thunderbirdclub.com/events.html</a>
<b>Sept ??</b> Sun	<b>Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry</b>	*** <b>MATC</b> ***	<b>Cascade, MD</b> (near Thurmont)	
Oct 4 - 7 Thurs to Sun	Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	<a href="http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html">http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.htm l</a>
Oct 5 - 8	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	<a href="https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin">https://www.specialeventpro.com/e ndless-summer-cruisin</a>
<b>Saturday</b> Oct 21 Rain Date: 28	<b>Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show</b> 8:30a – 3:30p	<b>MATC</b>	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	See website for registration. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm">http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/ carshow.htm</a>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>Officer Election</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Sunday</b> December 3 1:00 pm	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Dobbin House</b> 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	<b>See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter</b>
<b>Third</b> <b>Thursday,</b> <b>Every Month</b> 9:30 AM	<b>Monthly Breakfast Gathering</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner</b> 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>

## Other Events:

**Hunt Valley Horsepowering: ALL Winter except during Snow & Ice**, Every Saturday 8:00A to 10:00A, 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/>



## From Zoëanne:

**Thank You all Cooks!** Thank you to all who have responded with Recipes. Hope to have a booklet next Social if Dan gets his lazy self typing. Zoëanne

## FOR SALE

**For Sale:** 55 Thunderbird Project Car, Disassembled, Have soft and Hard top. Have most all parts to rebuild. \$10,500. Dan Denham, 410-592-2329,

**For Sale:** A 35 year collection of T Bird Parts ,many NOS. For sale individually or by lot. Contact; 703-560-8014, Frank Toth or email [franktoth@AOL.Com](mailto:franktoth@AOL.Com) for an email list of parts,

**For Sale:2002 Thunderbird** . We are the original owners – purchased April 10, 2002; Current mileage: 9063; Black with White Hardtop – also comes with Black Soft-top and dark grey leather interior; Premium Model; Includes Storage Cart and Car Cover; Stored in climate controlled garage; Full service records (Serviced at Battlefield Ford); Car in excellent condition and treated as a Classic T-Bird should be; Price: \$ 25,000; Contact Warren Hayes at (703) 368-0170 or [warrenhayes@aol.com](mailto:warrenhayes@aol.com)

**Free:** 1965 fender skirts. Contact, Don Bowersox 443 – 974 – 6021, Price: free

**For Sale: 2002 Thunderbird** with 47,588 miles on the odo as of this moment. Everything on the car is stock, clean and beautiful. I've We have the hardtop and storage stand, as well as the original owners manual and associated documents. \$18K, but will entertain reasonable offers. Walt Going, [wgoing@verizon.net](mailto:wgoing@verizon.net) (H) 703-255-7164, (M) 631-241-8799, Photos available from newsletter Editor.

### Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Tech Session

On Thursday Nov 10 we had a Tech Session at my home to work on the 1966 Thunderbird. It was attended by Phil Hack, John Horn and Harry Skruch. For five years my 1966 Blue Bird Convertible has had an exhaust manifold leak on the right side. For the past five winters I have tried to loosen the rusted manifold bolt without success. I tried WD40, PB Blaster, and Heat and candle wax to break through the rust. I decided to remove the cylinder heads rather than breaking bolts that I could not drill out. During a Tech Session at Phil Hack's home when we worked on repairing the coolant leak on his Thunderbird. I talked about removing the Cylinder heads. Phil encouraged me to pick a day for another Tech Session.

In preparation for the Session I drained coolant and disconnected the exhaust pipes a day in advance. On Thursday the cylinder head removal began and in four hours the cylinder heads were off the engine. If I had to accomplish this on my own I would have been working for about four days. I am very grateful for the help. Zoëanne prepared an excellent lunch of Hot Chicken Salad for everyone.

After the cylinder was removed it was easy to see why the exhaust leaked. The exhaust manifold was cracked. My next step is to take the heads to a machine shop, have the exhaust manifolds removed, have the valve guides checked, the seals checked, and valves replaced if required.



I took the cylinder heads to Swanner's Automotive Machine Shop, 8640 Quentin Ave. in Parkville 21234. Swanner base price is \$240 for cleaning the heads, grinding the valves and skim cleaning the cylinder head mounting faces. Upon inspection, Swanner's determined the valve stems and valve guides were worn and some valves should be replaced. They purchased new valves with .015 oversize valve stems from the original valves. The original valve guides will be reamed to accommodate the larger size and did not have to be replaced. Seven of the exhaust manifold bolts broke during extraction. The broken bolts had to be drilled out and the internal threads cleaned up. Final cost for both cylinder head refurbishment was \$450.

Thanks you for your assistance Phil, John and Harry.



## MATC 2016 Activities in Review



Feb 2016 Kickoff



The Cruise



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Romancing the Chrome



Thursday Morning Breakfast



Social at Denahm's



Cherry Fest



Bob & Kathy Ridolfi's 1955 Thunderbird  
at Rockville Iconic Car Feature Section



2016 Christmas Party @  
The Dobbin House In Gettysburg

