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

February Business Meeting and \$2 Pot-Luck Social
After 1:00 PM Sunday, February 26, 2017

Do Not Arrive Early, so we do not interfere with Sunday Church Activities

This is a General membership meeting to review club events for 2017 and report on the January 28th MATC Officer's meeting. We will be asking for a \$2 contribution to help offset meeting expenses. If rescheduling is required due to inclement weather see the MATC Website or call a club officer.

*Please note that the meeting will be in **Room 202** which is in the education building. Once the upper parking lot entrance is entered, drive past the church and social hall. Entrance to the building requires going down a flight of stairs.*

Bel Air United Methodist Church, Room 202

21 Linwood Avenue

Bel Air, MD 21014

(@ the intersection of Rt. 924 & Linwood Ave)

Bring a Pot-Luck Dish in the category designated by the first letter of your last name:

"R to Z" Salad

"G to Q" Main

"A to F" Desert

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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
February 16, 9:30 AM

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

From the Editor:

Happy New Year MATC members. January 28th the Club officers had a planning meeting to work on the 2017 Club activities calendar. On the second page is a 2017 Events Calendar. The calendar will be reviewed during the February Business Meeting. A few members have outstanding annual **2017 Club Membership Dues**. Send your dues to Harry Skruch.

2017 TENTATIVE 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 |
|--|--|-----------------------------|---|---|
| February 16 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 |
| February 18 9:30 AM | Auction @ Bob's Birdhouse | MATC | Bob's Bird House Chesapeake City, | http://www.auctionzip.com/cgi-bin/showimage.cgi?lid=2847611&type=at&in=1 |
| February 26 AFTER 1:00 PM | BUSINESS MEETING, POT-LUCK Membership Meeting | MATC | Bel Air United Methodist 21 Linwood Avenue Bel Air, MD 21014 | Room 202 |
| Sat March 11 | CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market | CRAACA | Howard Ct. Fairgrounds Rte 144, West Friendship | http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2015fleamarket.pdf |
| March 25 | AACA Museum Senior Admission \$11 | MATC | 161 Museum Drive Hershey, PA 17033 | http://www.aacamuseum.org/ |
| Sat April 22 | Romancing the Chrome | Harford Library Foundation | Jarrett's Field 3719 Norrisville Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084 | 10AM – 4 PM http://romancingthechrome.org/ |
| May 18-21 | Cruisin O.C. | MATC | Ocean City Md | https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city |
| Sun May 21 | Thunderbird Appreciation Day | ITC | John Wright House Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa | www.johnwrightrestaurant.com |
| June 2 - 4 Fri to Sun | All Ford Nationals | Carlisle | Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA | http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx |
| June 9 - 10 Sat - Sun | Ford 100 th Anniversary | Norris Ford | Norris Ford 901 Merrit Blvd Dundalk, MD | . |
| June 18 | Sully Plantation | | Chantilly VA | |
| July 9 Sun | Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham | MATC | Hydes, MD | |
| Aug 4 - 6 Fri to Sun | Das Awkscht Fescht | | Macungie, PA | See website for registration. http://awkscht.com/ |
| Aug 29 - Sept 3 | International Thunderbird Convention | ITC | Fort Wayne Indiana | http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/events.html |
| Sept 10 Sun | Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry | *** MATC *** | Cascade, MD (near Thurmont) | |
| Oct 4 - 7 Thurs to Sun | Fall Hershey | AACA | Hershey, PA | http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html |
| Oct 5 - 8 | Endless Summer Cruisin | | Ocean City MD | https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin |
| Saturday Oct 21 Rain Date: 28 | 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 |
| Nov | Officer Election | MATC | | |
| Sunday December 3 1:00 pm | Annual Christmas Party | MATC | Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA | See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter |
| April 8– 5, 2018 | BERMUDA MATC 2018 Cruise | MATC | Departs Baltimore April 8, 2018 @ 5:00PM | http://midatlantictbirdclub.org/pdfs/matc2018.pdf |

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/>

Lowes' Cruise: Friday Nights, 4:30 – 11:00 , All Vehicles, 414 Constant Friendship Blvd, Abingdon, MD

Shrewsbury 4th Friday: 5:00P -9:00P: Motor Menders Rod & Custom Cruise Nights At the Markets of Shrewsbury, 4th Friday of month. Rain Date following Friday, no rain date Sept. www.marketsatshrewsbury.com

FOR SALE

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 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

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 (H) 703-255-7164, (M) 631-241-8799, Photos available from newsletter Editor.



A few of the Girls had a Get-A-Way

President's Message February 2017

Happy New Year!! It is hard to believe that we are already into month #2 of 2017. There is a lot of information included in this newsletter so I will keep my comments brief. For those members that attended the annual Christmas Party you know it was, again, a great outing. It provided an opportunity for members to meet, socialize, dine and of course discuss Thunderbirds. This is one of the several annual events that are on the must do list for many members. It is always great to gather with folks that we see often, as well as those we don't see so often. Rest assured we are on the schedule for Dobbin House again next year.



Your Board of Directors met on January 28th to plan activities for 2017. We have some great events in the works. They are outlined on the attached schedule. Please take note of the dates and mark those that you plan to attend on your personal calendar. Items will be added to the calendar, or possibly changed, throughout the year so be certain to check the calendar when each newsletter is published. And check the website and Facebook page as well for information on new events and changes.

We will be taking apparel orders at the kick-off meeting later this month. We will then place an order after the meeting. Those of you that placed orders at the Christmas party, your orders will be placed at that time as well. The sample items will be available for sale at the meeting as well. There are some great selections now available. Members should be able to find something that meets their needs and taste.

The flyer for the MATC/TBN "Celebrity Cruise" is included with this newsletter. This should be a great week. Meeting and socializing with one of the retro Bird management team is a rare opportunity that is not to be missed even if you don't own a retro TBird. Yet. Remember that you can make a reservation with little obligation if you are not certain of your availability for the cruise dates. And the next block of cabins will likely be more expensive.

If you are an ITC member and live in Pennsylvania you may be wondering why you are getting communications from Phil Eastburn rather than me as your District Advisor. Late last year Pennsylvania was separated out because the Mid-Atlantic District was so large. As the Mid-Atlantic DA, I was responsible for over 1/3 of the entire ITC membership. There was also a realignment of some of the other districts in an effort to keep the number of members each DA was responsible for more manageable. So far, the changes seem to be working well.

As a reminder, if you have not paid your dues, please submit them to treasurer Harry Skruch ASAP. You don't want to miss out on any of the great benefits of MATC membership. And, again, please check the website and Facebook page regularly to keep you current on what's new in MATC and in the Thunderbird hobby. I hope to see you on February 26th.

Skip

ITC Convention Harrisburg PA, September 6 – 11

Here is a little reminiscence from late last summer. Amy and I participated in the ITC convention in Harrisburg, PA, in mid-September and we want to thank Bill Zieber, Michael Flynn and their team for putting together a really wonderful event. We can only imagine the hours, telephone calls, and trips to Harrisburg to confirm all the arrangements. Great Job!

We also want to acknowledge "Bart" Bartasavich, the Board of Directors, all the appointed officers, and volunteers for their unceasing dedication to the club and its members. Thank you! Our club is so much the richer for all of the things they do on our behalf. ITC wouldn't be what it is without them and their unceasing efforts.

Amy and I arrived on Thursday morning just in time for the tour of the AACA museum and the awesome display of all our Thunderbirds on the front lawn of the museum.



There were more than a few T-birds on display as well as a '63 and '57 in the lobby and a '66 convertible in the museum. As Amy and I were walking along with the tour guide, Amy said isn't that a '66 T-bird up ahead? Sure enough it was. Perhaps I am biased but I think ours is pretty amazing.

The museum also had several Stearns Knight autos. These were built from 1912 till 1929 and are remarkable for the sleeve valve engine. There was a functioning cut-away engine on display so you could see how the valve system worked. Really fascinating. Amy and I were particularly interested because we have a picture of her Grandfather sitting on the front bumper of his Stearns Knight ~1928.

The ITC display on the front lawn of the AACA caught the attention of the local TV news. Our ITC President, Bart Bartasavich, was interviewed on camera!

Friday morning, we convened for the annual General Membership meeting. Having driven our car from Ellicott City, I spent much of the rest of the day on Friday getting our car cleaned up in preparation for the car show on Saturday morning. Friday evening there was a riverboat mystery dinner cruise on the Susquehanna River in downtown Harrisburg. We filled all 40 seats on the boat! A fun time with our fellow T-bird enthusiasts both new and old.



The main events were on Saturday starting with the Car Show beginning @ 9AM. Tom Young did his usual superb job of organizing and supervising the judging in addition to bringing his concours winning 1960 two tone red and white hardtop. One of the more stunning retro bird examples was "Vintage Mint Green." This certainly gets your attention. Hard to believe when writing this in January that it was 90F on the show field by noon. One by one everyone decamped to the hotel for some A/C. The cars remained but the show field was virtually vacant by 1PM. Can't say I can blame anyone as we did the same thing.

Saturday night was the awards banquet. We received a first place in the Touring Modified class. We really enjoyed seeing and re-acquainting with all our friends.

Jim and Amy Lohr



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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Application for Membership

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth Month _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Month _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Home: ____ - ____ - _____ Work: ____ - ____ - _____ Cell: ____ - ____ - _____

Email: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

I was referred by: _____

List Your Thunderbirds:

| Car | Year | Style (HT, Conv, Landau, etc.) | Comment (Show, Pleasure, Under Restoration, etc.) |
|-----|------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |

Attach additional sheet if necessary.

Annual Dues: * \$25.00 due each January, newsletter delivered electronically, or
\$35.00 due each January, newsletter delivered by US Postal Service

New Members Partial Year Dues:

\$15.00 if joining after June 1st of the year

Full dues if joining after October 1st of the year, BUT

IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR DUES (3 months Free)

Name Tags \$5.00 each: _____

Please PRINT names for tags above. Separate by comma if more than one.

Send to: **Make your check payable to MATC.**

Please Mail Application with your check to:

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Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club 2018 Cruise



Joining us will be Special Guest Speaker will be Mr. Jim Youngs, Project Manager for the "Retro" 2002 -2005 Ford Thunderbird



Join us aboard the Carnival Pride departing Baltimore on April 8th, 2018 for a 7 day cruise to the beautiful Island of Bermuda. Spending 3 nights and 2 FULL days in Bermuda. Hold your spot by placing a \$25 ship deposit and a \$25 event fee per person. The ship portion of the deposit will refundable until full payment due date of January 23 2018.

| Day | Port of Call | Arrival Time | Depart |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Sun | Baltimore, | | 5:00 PM |
| Mon | Fun Day At | | |
| Tue | Bermuda | 5:00pm | |
| Wed | Bermuda | | |
| Thu | Bermuda | | |
| Fri | Bermuda | | 7:00am |
| Sat | Fun Day At | | |
| Sun | Baltimore, | 10:00 AM | |

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