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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
Charter Member, International Thunderbird Club



**MATC THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER
45TH ANNIVERSARY**



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

January Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

January 17, 9:30 AM

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

February Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

February 21, 9:30 AM

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

2019 Membership Renewal

The 2019 Membership is included as part of the newsletter. Fill in your personal information and mail the notice along with your payment to the treasurer. Payment is due by March 1, 2019. Membership payment may be included with your Christmas Party reservation. Thank you for your continued support of MATC.

February Business Meeting and \$2 Pot-Luck Social

After 1:00 PM Sunday, February 24

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

RSVP: Skip Panowitz 410-638-6446, skip.panowitz@yahoo.com

Before February 21th

This is a General membership meeting to review club events for 2019 and report on the January 12th MATC Officer's Planning meeting. We request 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** in the education building. Elevator service to the second floor is available. 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

(at 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

January Birthdays

Cathy Kelly Peg Long Alice Hydorn Dan Luber

February Birthdays

Earl Zastro David Lekites

2019 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

Official MATC 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
January 17 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
Sunday Feb 24 1:00 PM	BUSINESS MEETING, POT-LUCK Membership Meeting	MATC	Bel Air United Methodist Church, Room 202	
Saturday March 9	CRAACA Antique Auto Parts Flea Market	CRAACA	Howard Ct. Fairgrounds Rte 144, West Friendship	http://chesapeakeaaca.org/pages/activities/flyers/2015fleamarket.pdf
Saturday April 13	Romancing the Chrome <i>(not listed on Library Web Calendar)</i>	Harford Library Foundation	Jarrett's Field 3719 Norrisville Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084	10AM – 4 PM http://romancingthechrome.org/
TBD	Garthering @ Mench's	MATC	1120 Clayton Greenspring Rd Smyrna, DE	
Thu to Sun May 16 - 19	Cruisin O.C. <i>(Rods, Customs, Classics 1976 -older)</i>		Ocean City Md	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
Sunday May 19	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	ITC	John Wright House Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
Fri to Sun May 30 - Jun 2	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-e-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx
Sat June 8 9 AM – 2:30 PM	Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show		21 Linwood Avenue Bel Air, MD 21014	www.belairumc.org
July 14 / 21 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	garagex4@yahoo.com
Fri to Sun June 21 - 23	Luray Caverns Car & Carriage Museum	MATC	Luray, VA	
Aug 2 – 4 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie, PA	See website for registration. http://awkscht.com/
Aug 6 - 11	International Thunderbird Convention	ITC	Cleveland, Ohio	http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/
Sunday Sept 8	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	MATC	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Sunday Sept 22	Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation	MATC	Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918	https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/
Sept 27 - 29	VTCI Regional Meet	VTCI	New Jersey	
Oct 9 - 12 Thurs to Sun	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.htm
Thu to Sun Oct 10 - 13	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Saturday Oct 19 Rain Date: 27	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	http://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classical-Car-Show
Sunday Nov 10	Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation	MATC	Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918	https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/
Sunday December 15 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter
Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071

Suggestions: Car Museum St. Michaels <https://www.classicmotormuseum.org/visit>

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 in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

FOR SALE:

2003 Thunderbird: Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net (1/18)



2004 Thunderbird: Very desirable Merlot with Sand interior. Has hardtop. Just under 29K miles. CD player does not work. Has been stored outside so may need TLC. No accidents. Seller is second owner-purchased in 2006. Located in Pikesville, MD area. Sellers are former MATC members. Asking \$16,550, but price is negotiable. Contact Allen Kroopnick, 410-484-5590 (home), 410-570-1788 (cell), or kroopnickgroup@yahoo.com. (2/19)



1955 Thunhderbird: Overall the body is in very good condition, including the floor boards and trunk. No cancer, very hub caps. Ed Berry 410-409-6745 (cell)



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



2018 CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE DOBBIN HOUSE



President's Message – January/February 2019



Man, is it cold outside. Politically correct or not, the popular song “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” is very apropos as I write this. High will be only about 20 today, overnight temps in the single digits. Hard to believe that the car show and cruising season is only about 90 days away. But that certainly helps warm the soul if not the body. I am looking forward to temps in the 50s as a heat wave.

Your MATC Board held it’s annual planning meeting last week. We have planned some great new activities as well as included the traditional favorites. The calendar of events as well as information on some new activities and important news is included in this newsletter. I have highlighted some items below:

- **MATC Anniversary:** The search and research has ended. The MATC Board and I have been trying to nail down the origination date of MATC for several years. This has included reviewing documents, speaking with long term members, etc., etc. We have settled on 1974 as this is the earliest date that can be recalled or documented. So 2019 is our 45th anniversary year. To clarify, the club was initially the Mid-Atlantic chapter of VTCA/VTCI and became a separate, formal, incorporated organization about 1993 with the formation of ITC. But the intent, spirit, purpose and mission of the club, and even some of the membership has stayed the same for 45 years. My own membership started in 1975. Several anniversary events are being planned as well as anniversary themed T-shirts.
- **ITC:** Because of the dissension and turmoil within ITC and the ITC Board, whether or not to remain an ITC Chapter or be affiliated with ITC was discussed at the recent MATC Board of Directors planning meeting. It was decided that affiliation with another national Thunderbird club (VTCI) as well as the cost of obtaining liability insurance independently for MATC would be investigated before a final decision is made. This will be discussed further at our first meeting of the year.
- Continued recognition of Thunderbird Appreciation Day with additional activities on dates of more significance to the history of the Thunderbird.
- **All Thunderbird Alliance:** This is a new Thunderbird organization consisting of former ITC general and Board of Directors members who have left the club. The purpose is to support the Thunderbird automobile and hobby on a friendly social and informational basis "*without* being burdened with the formalities" etc. More on this at the next MATC meeting.

Check out the attached calendar for more specific information and dates. And please mark the dates on your calendars (paper and electronic) as a reminder.

Thanks to all that made donations to the Shriners Hospitals. This was the second year for our new charitable effort and the response was excellent. Checks totaling \$500 were presented to representatives of the Shriners. Along the lines of community support, we hope to increase our Veterans Home in Conowingo visits to two this year, with one to coincide with Veteran’s Day. Specific dates will be announced as soon as possible.

Please continue to visit, use and contribute to the MATC website and Facebook pages. And let us know your suggestions for activities. We will make every effort to schedule activities that are more convenient for our Delaware and Virginia members. Your suggestions for venues will be helpful to this effort.

Barb and I look forward to seeing you at the Kick-off meeting in February. Please be careful and be safe!!

Skip



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 _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birth Month _____ S

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

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

Email: _____

Your Occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

I was referred by: _____ I

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
\$40.00 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 \$10.00 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: Harry Skruch,
Treasurer
4804 Torpoint Road
Nottingham, MD 21236
410-256-2740

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