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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- January 3, 1999: Retro Thunderbird concept introduced at North American International Auto Show (Detroit).
- January 8, 2001: Order bank opens for 2002 Thunderbird.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Thursday- February 20, 2025 @ 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.

Fastnacht Day, March 4, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Joint Gathering with The Lehigh Valley TBird Club

Boyertown Museum

85 South Walnut Street, Boyertown, PA 19512

See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Let Cathy know by March 1 if you plan to attend. We will meet at the museum at 10am. (It's a Tuesday) This looks to be an interesting and fun outing.

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Tour Of Harford County 911 Operations Center

Tuesday March 18, 10:00 am

2220 Ady Road (Rt 543), Forest Hill, MD 21050

Have you ever wondered what happens on the other end of the call when you dial 911 with a police, fire or EMS emergency? This will be an opportunity to find out. The Harford County operations center is state of the art with a very dedicated professional staff. Even if you don't live in Harford County your local 911 center is like very similar from a facility and procedural standpoint. Please let Skip know by March 14th if you plan to attend. We will gather at a local restaurant for lunch after the tour for all that are interested.



President's Message February 2025

Happy Valentine's Day!

Our annual **Members General Meeting** was held Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the Bel Air United Methodist Church. The food was wonderful! Everything so delicious... We had about 20 folks attend and we were so glad to see everyone. Everyone had lots to say about our plans for this year. We implemented a survey form to get a better picture of what people are interested in. You will find that survey in this newsletter. We'd like you to review it and mark YES or NO to show your interest for each of the activities and send the form back to us via email (print that page, fill it out and scan it in to attach to email) or US mail to 415 Moores Mill Rd, Bel Air MD 21014. We value your input.

We want to thank and congratulate Steve Dameron for stepping up to fill the Board of Directors opening from Ron Hill becoming treasurer. Welcome aboard, Steve!

Our first outing of the year is a visit to **Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles** with LVTC for **Fastnacht Day on Mar 4**. This is like Mardi Gras for the PA Dutch. Many of us went to the museum last year and it's a great place, with lots of vehicles. We can get Fasthachts for 25¢ and coffee for 5¢ in the antique diner inside the museum. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter and let us know if we can meet you there at 10am. (It's a Tuesday)

Then **Romancing the Chrome in Jarrettsville is coming up April 19**. This is a fun show in a field in the country and we'd like to have a good showing again this year. Please let Skip know if you plan to go so he can arrange a meeting place and caravan.

We got no response to our question about Third Thursday MATC Breakfast so we are going to continue to meet at Bob Evans in Bel Air on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30, hoping to see some of you there. Please consider joining us and let Cathy know if you plan to.

Please keep Zoanne and Dan Denham in your prayers, as well as Lynn and John Horn.

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
2025				
February 2	MATC Kick-Off Meeting	***MATC	Bel Air UMC	Inclement Weather Date February 16th
March 4	Fastnact Day (meet at museum at 10 am)	LVTC	85 South Walnut St Boyertown, PA	See Additional Details In Flyer Below
March 18	Tour of Harford Co 911 Ctr (meet at location @ 10 am)	***MATC	2220 Ady Road Hickory, MD	Lunch to Follow. See Details On Coverage Page
April 12	Romancing The Chrome	Various	Jarrettsville, MD	See flyer in newsletter. Rain date April 19 th .
May 15-18	Ocean City Cruisin		Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	
May 18	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	John Wright Rest Wrightsville PA	More Details Later Possible Museum Tour After
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	See hotel reservation and event registration info below.
June 22	Pot-Luck @ Denham's	***MATC	Hydes, MD	Details To Follow
July 11	National Collector Car Appreciation Day	—	TBD	TBD
Sept 9-13	VTCI/CTCI Convention	VTCI	Grapevine Texas	See Details Below
September 21	Cherry Fest	***MATC	Cascade MD	Details To Follow
October 9-12	Endless Summer OC	Special Events Prod	Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	Specialeventpro.com
October 18	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville	603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD	More Details To Follow
Dec 14	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg PA	Additional Details Forthcoming

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



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

February Birthdays:

Earl Zastrow (15), Cindy Perugini

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 continues to recuperate at the Care Center at Oakcrest recovering from a fall and other medical issues.
- Dan Denham is currently in hospice care at home. He can have visitors but Zoeanne requests to coordinate visits with her first.
- Congratulations to MATC Board of Directors member and prior president Tom Young. His 1975 Dodge Coronet is the recipient of the AACA National Award for Eastern Division Race Cars for 2024. This is a very significant recognition and honor as it means his car is the best of the best to be featured in AACA competition in 2024. Tom's 1960 won the AACA National Thunderbird award in 2012.
- ***As a reminder, Barbara Panowitz has assumed the responsibility of Sunshine Lady. MATC members are encouraged to provide Barb with any important information regarding health, special occasions, awards, etc., for appropriate recognition.***

Please keep our convalescing members in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with their medical issues.

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!

Let's Get the Clubs Together !



Fastnacht Day

March 4 @ 10 AM

Visit the Museum on Shrove Tuesday from 10 AM - 1 PM! Attendees are invited to dine on Fastnachts and sip coffee in the historic Fegely's Reading Diner, which is part of the Museum's collection. Fastnachts will be available for just 25 cents and coffee for 5 cents. Regular Contribution rates apply.



Let's plan on getting out to this for a fun day!
LVTC will hand out Mardi Gras beads to all who attend.

Please do not flash or remove shirts or tops!

Boyertown Museum
85 South Walnut Street
Boyertown, PA 19512

Phone: (610) 367-2090

Email: mail@boyertownmuseum.org

Hours of Operation

9:30am-4pm daily. Closed major holidays.

Contribution

\$10- Adults

\$9 - Seniors (60+) or AAA

FREE - Children 12* and under

FREE - Members

Call (610) 367-2090 for special group rates

Ample free parking

*Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tallied from members at Feb meeting

MATC activities interest survey		
Name _____		
	reply yes or no	
Day trip?	9	2
Overnight/weekend away?	7	4
Short ride for ice cream/lunch?	10	1
Car places, museums, etc?	14	1
Just fun things like picnic?	10	2
Car shows?	6	5
Conventions?	4	5 maybe2
2025 plans, please show interest		
Romancing the Chrome April 19, Jarrettsville	3	8
Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 18		
lunch Wright's Resturant & Clock museum	10	1
weekend away?	3	2
AFN at Carlisle May 29-June 1		
Just a day		4
Entire show	7	4
Denhams picnic, June 22	9	1
4th of July Parades, Towson & Bel Air	5	6
Das Auchfest Aug 1-3	3	7
VTCl Convention, Grapevine TX Sept 9-13	3	8
Cherryfest Sept 21	10	1
Crusin' OC Oct	1	9
Overnight trip to Edison NJ area, Date TBD	4	6
Beyond the Battlefield, Gettysburg, Fall/Christmas	7	2
Rockville Antique Car Show Oct	2	7
911 Call Center	5	5
Havre de Grace day trip/lunch/ice cream	9	2
Dunbar Armored Car Museum & Fire Museum HV	4	3
(maybe with AACA in May)		
Fastnacht Day with LVTC Mar 4	4	5 maybe 1
Fords Garage restaurant, Richmond area	2	8

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FASTNACHT DAY WITH LVTC			
FORDS GARAGE RESTAURANT-RICHMOND VA			

MATC 2025 Kick-Off Meeting - February 2, 2025



Our stealth members....



Wonder what is being discussed here....



January TBird Quiz Winner-Earl Disckinson

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 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. Rooms are filling up now that VTCTI members have been notified of the reservation information. The earlier the room block fills up the better chance there is to expand it to add more rooms.**

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.



FUN, FUN, FUN
In the June Sun



CARLISLE[®]
NATIONALS



Join **VTCI** in Celebrating
the Ford Thunderbird's
70th Anniversary

1955—2025

Carlisle All Ford National
June 6 - 8, 2025
at VTCI's
THUNDERBIRD FAMILY REUNION



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NOTE: There is a showfield registration discount available at the current time. It is unknown how long that will be available. And VERY IMPORTANT: Register your club affiliation as VTCI



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

Romancing the Chrome



BEL AIR
CORVETTE CLUB



JARRETTSVILLE
LIONS CLUB

TO BENEFIT THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB & THE BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB

Saturday, April 12, 2025

10:00am - 2:00pm

Rain date 4/19/25

Headline Sponsor

JF
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Jarrettsville Federal
A Community Bank

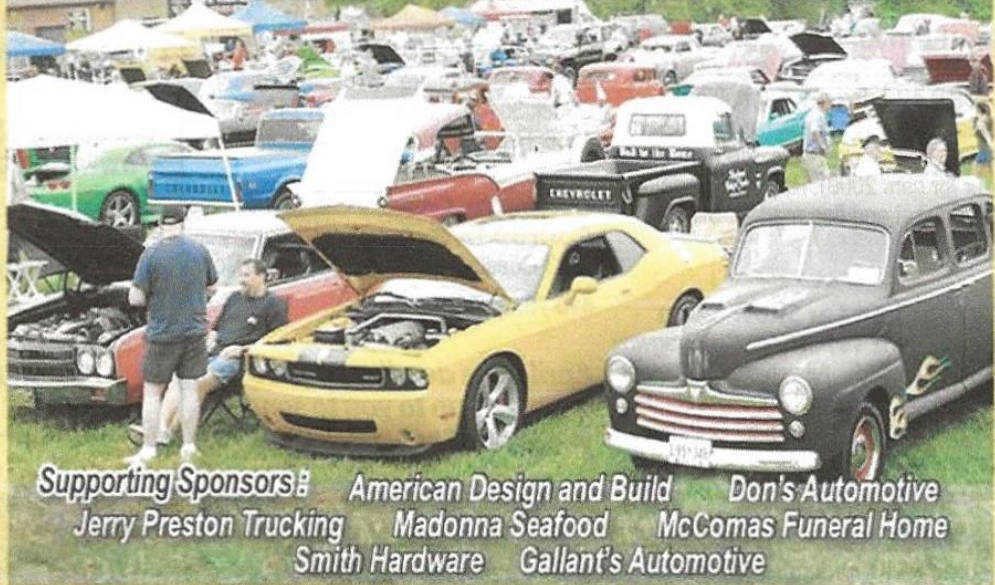
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Supporting Sponsors: American Design and Build Don's Automotive
Jerry Preston Trucking Madonna Seafood McComas Funeral Home
Smith Hardware Gallant's Automotive

3719 Norrisville Rd.

Jarrettsville, MD (Next to Smith Hardware)

7:00 am-10:00 am Registration \$25 Entry Fee

Best in Show - \$500

Other prizes for multiple classes



www.facebook.com/romancingthechrome

13th ANNUAL CAR SHOW



2025 VTCI/CTCI JOINT THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION

September 9-13, 2025
Grapevine, Texas

Inaugural, Joint International Thunderbird Club Event: Where Thunderbird enthusiasts from around the World are invited to this first-ever Joint Thunderbird Club Event hosted by VTCI and CTCI to promote camaraderie, share experiences, renew old and make new friendships and most importantly to just have some FUN! Trailer or drive your Thunderbird to participate in Concours Or, drive your Thunderbird and take part in two driving tours of North Texas.

Central Location - Grapevine, Texas

The premier visitor destination in North Texas. The city welcomes 12 million visitors annually and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North Texas. Stroll the award-winning Urban Wine Trail, the Historic Main Street District, the Grapevine Mills Shopping Mall, and a host of other attractions and restaurants that are all accessible on the Free Grapevine Visitors Shuttle.



Concours d'Elegance: It's a Joint Thunderbird Event to mix, meet other Thunderbird owners and just have fun. But, VTCI and CTCI Concours judging activities will be conducted separately per each organization's time-honored standards.



Event Hotel: The Embassy Suites, North Grapevine provides guests with a two room suite, fitness facility, pool, complimentary made to order breakfast, and drinks/snacks at night; room rate is \$159.00/night. Hotel offers Suite accommodations, is pet friendly, with plenty of FREE car parking, FREE, ample trailer and tow vehicle parking for those bringing their car in a trailer,

FREE shuttle to the Historic Grapevine shopping/entertainment district; FREE shuttle to/from the DFW airport for those flying in, and adjacent to Bass Pro Shop for all your sporting needs shopping/browsing.

Event Hotel Registration:

Embassy Suites, North Grapevine, Texas
2401 Bass Pro Drive
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Reservations:

Group Code: C 90E, All Thunderbird Club
(972) 724-2600

Convention Rate \$159 plus Tax and includes made to order breakfast.

Deadline for hotel reservations is Wednesday August 20th, 2025

Deadline for judged car entries: August 12, 2025.

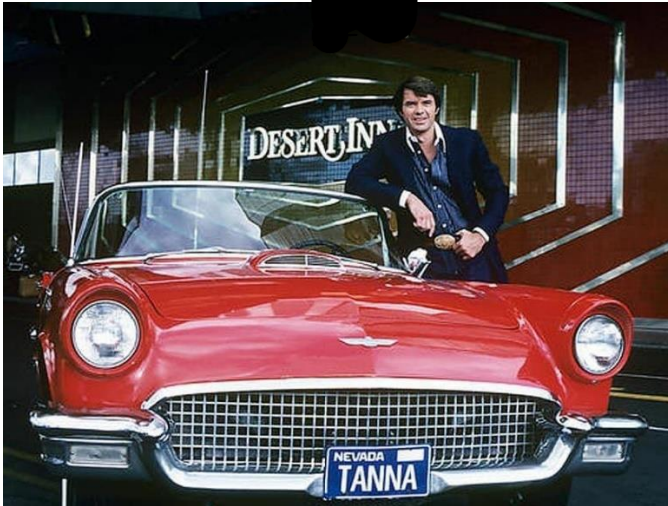
***no refund for car entry cancellations after August 12th 2025.

Convention News and Updates

Follow the VTCI and CTCI websites and Facebook pages; registration forms are available on the VTCI/CTCI websites and in the VTCI SCOOP and CTCI Early Bird.

For more specific information regarding the schedule of activities and events: vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2025internationalevents.pdf

January
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity with The TBird? **Robert Urich**

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: **1957**

Bonus: What is the name of the TV show that featured the actor and the TBird?: **VEGA\$**

Congrats to Earl Dickinson for the correct response

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

It is never too late to submit your answer.

February
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



What TV show did this Thunderbird regularly appear in?:

What year is the TBird?:

Bonus: What is the occupation of the occupants of the car?:

Extra Bonus: Who was the star of the show?:

Extra, Extra Bonus: What did the star drive (be specific-not just the make of the car)?:

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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

November: Barb Melnyk

December: Cathy Kelley

2025

January: Earl Dickinson

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</p> <p>Black Navy Charcoal Gray Forest green</p>
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Collector's Corner:

<div data-bbox="126 1224 207 1255" data-label="Text"> <p>GREENLIGHT 1:64 SCALE COLLECTIBLES</p> </div> <div data-bbox="305 1234 394 1276" data-label="Text"> <p>Showroom Floor</p> </div> <div data-bbox="147 1331 394 1394" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="222 1449 287 1480" data-label="Text"> <p>1974</p> </div> <div data-bbox="418 1255 638 1381" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="513 1449 574 1480" data-label="Text"> <p>1976</p> </div> <div data-bbox="427 1402 630 1428" data-label="Text"> <p>3915DE - 1:64 1976 Ford Thunderbird "Treasure Yourself to One of the World's Great Luxury Car Buys"</p> </div> <p>These are 1:64 scale produced by Greenlight. Price will be about \$7.00 each. <u>The 1976 is now available.</u> The 1974 is sold out.</p>	<p>These are by Goldvarg. They are superb quality and are very well detailed. And they are pricey, about \$80 each to MATC members, retail is \$100+.The model year is 1976. <u>Now expected to be available in early 2005.</u></p> <div data-bbox="716 1367 1008 1560" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1036 1346 1325 1560" data-label="Image"> </div>
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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:

Ron Hill, Treasurer; 1905 Cypress Drive, Bel Air, 21015; 410-569-0106

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

(Revised January 2025)

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

