#### **March 2025**

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#### MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club





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#### This Month in Thunderbird History:

- March 10, 2005: Ford Motor Co announces that production of 11<sup>th</sup> generation Thunderbird to end July 1, 2005.
- March 14, 2001: First day of manufacturing for pre-production 2002
   Thunderbird.

## Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

#### Thursday- March 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.



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.

Romancing The Chrome / Saturday April 12; 10 AM - 2 PM

Jarrettsville, MD

This popular annual event has always been supported by MATC members. We will stage at the 7-11 located nearby at the intersection of routes 23 and 165 at 9:15 am so we can caravan to the show. Let's have another great showing. See the attached flyer. Let Skip know by April 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan to participate. Registration is at the show.



## President's Message March 2025

Happy St Patrick's Day!



Our first outing of the year was to **Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles** with LVTC and Central PA Thunderbirds for **Fastnacht Day on Mar 4**. It was a nice mix of the clubs and such fun to eat at the diner where the fastnachts were 25 cents and the coffee was a nickle. (Fastnachts are donuts). Thanks to Vince Lupino of LVTC for picking up the bill! Skip has pictures elsewhere in the newsletter.

We really would like to know what you folks want to do as a club. Our territory covers MD, DE, VA, WV and southeast PA (with some members in NJ!). At our annual Members General Meeting we implemented a **survey form to get a better picture of what people are interested in.** You will find that survey in this newsletter and Steve is putting it on our website. 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.

Skip is setting up an outing to the **911 Center in Harford County MD for March 18** (a Tuesday) at 10 am. Please let him know your interest ASAP. We plan to go somewhere for lunch afterward.

Romancing the Chrome in Jarrettsville is coming up April 19. This is a fun show in a field in the country (with food trucks and porta-pottys) 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. It is rain or shine.

**Thunderbird Appreciation Day is Sunday, May 18** and we have reserved tables for 30 at the **John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville PA**. Try to park with other Tbirds and meet there for their **11am Prime Rib Buffett**. We are ordering **shirts and hats** for the occasion. We will be sending an email to get your shirt order after we get detailed pricing from Mike Melnyk.

**Third Thursday MATC Breakfast** meets at Bob Evans in Bel Air on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (Mar 20 this month) at 9:30, and we are hoping to see some of you there since the weather is getting nicer. Please consider joining us and let Cathy know if you plan to so we will have a big enough table. Don't make us eat alone again...

## 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 Additional Information Sponsor Location Event Third Thursday **Bob Evans** @ intersection of MD Rt 24 and **Monthly Breakfast Gathering** \*\*\*MATC 9:30 AM 14 Bel Air So Pkwy Bel Air South Parkway Monthly Bel Air, MD 21014 Cars & Coffee: No Competition, 7-9 Am, Every Sunday May thru **Bel Air Plaza SC** No Trophies, Just Fun & Weather permitting October Bel Air, MD Socialization 2025 **Fastnact Day** 85 South Walnut St See Additional Details In Flyer March 4 LVTC (meet at museum at 10 am) Boyertown, PA Below **Howard Co MD** Chesapeake Region AACA March 8 **CR-AACA** See Flyer Below for Info **Fairgrounds** Swap Meet Tour of Harford Co 911 Ctr 2220 Ady Road Lunch to Follow. See Details March 18 \*\*\*MATC (meet at location @ 10 am) Hickory, MD On Coverage Page See flyer in newsletter. **Romancing The Chrome** April 12 Various Jarrettsville, MD Rain date April 19th. **Ocean City Conv** May 15-18 **Ocean City Cruisin Center and Inlet** Thunderbird Appreciation John Wright Rest More Details Later \*\*\*MATC May 18 Wrightsville PA **Possible Museum Tour After** Day Carlisle See hotel reservation and Carlisle June 6-8 Carlisle Ford Nationals **Fairgrounds Productions** event registration info below. Carlisle, PA **AACA Museum** June 21 **Bill Smith Cruise-In AACA** Flyer Below Gettysburg, PA June 22 Pot-Luck @ Denham's \*\*\*MATC Hydes, MD **Details To Follow National Collector Car** July 11 **TBD TBD Appreciation Day** VTCI Sept 9-13 VTCI/CTCI Convention **Grapevine Texas** See Details Below Details To Follow \*\*\*MATC September 21 Cherry Fest Cascade MD **Ocean City Conv** Special October 9-12 **Endless Summer OC** Specialeventpro.com **Events Prod** Center and Inlet 603 Edmonston Dr City of October 18 More Details To Follow Rockville Car Show Rockville Rockville, MD Additional Details **Dobbin House** Dec 14 MATC Christmas Dinner \*\*\*MATC **Gettysburg PA 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 @ <a href="www.cruiseguide.com">www.cruiseguide.com</a>. If you know of a "local" show that you think will be of interest to our membership, please provide the information to Skip.



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

## **March Birthdays:**

Alen Herman (3), Barb Panowitz (5), Joe Zentgraf (8), Tom Marcelino (16), Dan Denham (20), Earl Dickinson (24)

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 continues in hospice care at home. He can have visitors but Zoeanne requests to coordinate visits with her first.
- 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!

# - 50TH ANNUAL - CHESAPEAKE COLLECTOR CAR SWAP MEET

**BUY/SELL/SWAP** 

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM ON OUR WEBSITE— ADDRESS BELOW

# FREE ADMISSION FREE PARKING



WHEN

March 8, 2025 7 am to 3 pm (Rain or Shine)

## WHERE

Howard County Fairgrounds 2210 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD 21794

SWAP MEET MANAGER: Tom Young 613 McHenry Road, Baltimore, MD 21208-4753 tbirdtoms60@verizon.net 443-744-6338

https://chesapeake.aaca.com

LARGE, POPULAR EVENT

**AUTO PARTS** 

**AUTOMOBILIA** 

**TOOLS** 

**CAR CORRAL** 

## **SPACES**

Inside Spaces Covered Spaces Outside Spaces Car Corral Spaces

## **SPONSOR**

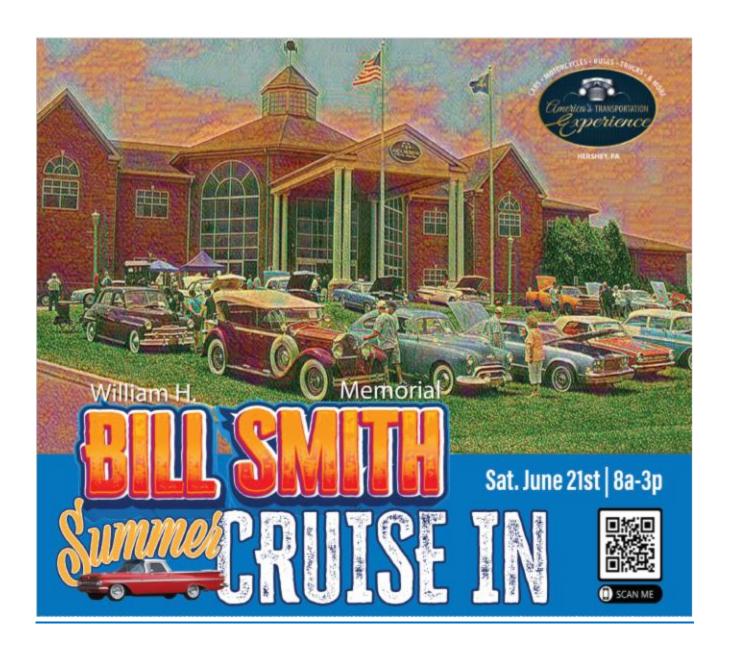
Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA)

## VENDOR REGISTRATION

1) Print form on website

2) Enter form information

3) Send with payment to the Swap Meet Manager.



More details to follow regarding MATC's particupation in this event.

## 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 th best to be featured in AACA competition in 2024. And yes, he is a Thunderbird guy too. Tom's 1960 won the prestigious AACA National Thunderbird award in 2012.





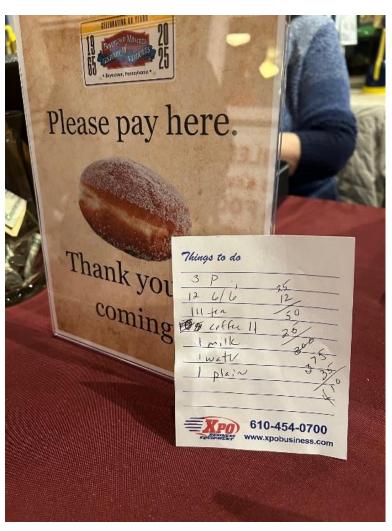


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	reply yes or no	
Day trip?		
Overnight/weekend away?		
Short ride for ice cream/lunch?		
Car places, museums, etc?		
Just fun things like picnic?		
Car shows?		
Conventions?		
2025 plans, please show interest		
Romancing the Chrome April 19, Jarrettsville		
Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 18		
lunch Wright's Resturant & Clock museum		
weekend away?		
AFN at Carlisle May 29-June 1		
Just a day		
Entire show		
Denhams picnic, June 22		
4th of July Parades, Towson & Bel Air		
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VTCI Convention, Grapevine TX Sept 9-13		
Cherryfest Sept 21		
Crusin' OC Oct		
Overnight trip to Edison NJ area, Date TBD		
Beyond the Battlefield, Gettysburg, Fall/Christmas		
Rockville Antique Car Show Oct		
911 Call Center		
Havre de Grace day trip/lunch/ice cream		
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## FastNacht Day - March 4, 2025











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## 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 1-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before June 6th it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, <u>like right now</u>, 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 VTCI 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 be 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.

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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



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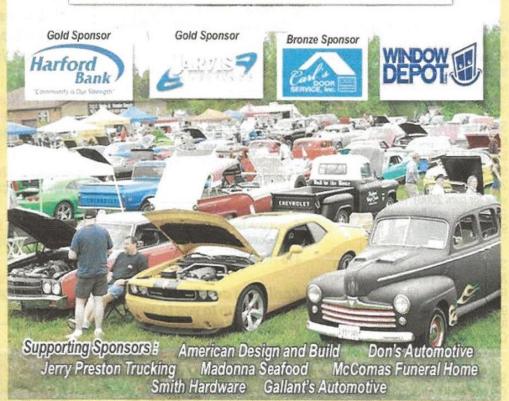
TO BENEFIT THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB & THE BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB

Saturday, April 12, 2025

10:00am - 2:00pm Rain date 4/19/25

Headline Sponsor

## **Jarrettsville Federal** A Community Bank



## 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



## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### Deadline for judged car entries: August 12, 2025.

\*\*\*no refund for car entry cancellations after August 12<sup>th</sup> 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



Who is the celerbrity with The TBird?
What Year Is The Thunderbird?:
Bonus: What is she most famous for?

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

It is never too late to submit your answer.

## <u>February</u> <u>Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz</u>



What TV show did this Thunderbird reguarly appear in?: Miami Vice

What year is the TBird?: 1961

<u>Bonus:</u> What is the occupation of the occupants of the car?: <u>Vice Squad Detectives</u> Larry Zito And Stan Switek

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

Extra, Extra Bonus: What did the star drive (be specific-not just the make of the car)?: 1972 Ferrari Daytona Spyder 365 GTS/4 Kit car replica.

After Ferrari threatened to file a law suit it was replaced by a Testarossa.

#### Congrats to Dan Luber & Earl Dickinson

## **Previous Winners:**

**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

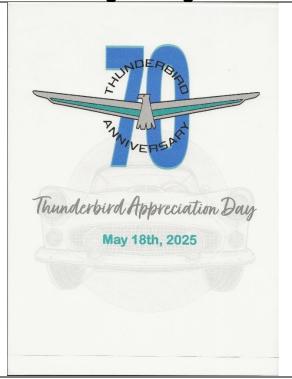
2025

January: Earl Dickinson

February: Dan Luber, Earl Dickinson

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

# **<u>Coming:</u>** Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club & Thunderbird 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Apparel. Pricing & Images Will Be Available Soon.



## **Collector's Corner:**



These are 1:64 scale produced by Greenlight. Price will be about \$7.00 each. The 1976 is now available. The 1974 is sold out.

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. Now expected to be available in early 2005.







Thunderbird owners are perfectionists. They have, in their T-birds, the world's most admired car and a spectacular performer—the car everyone would love to own!





## Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

## "A Club for Enthusiasts of the Ford Thunderbird of all years" Application for Membership

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**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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(Revised January 2025)



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## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**More Information and Application Available At:** 

http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org

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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

