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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



Our 52nd Year!!

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **March 10, 2005:** Ford Motor Co announces production of retro Thunderbird will cease July 1, 2005.
- **March 14, 2001:** Manufacturing of pre-production 2002 Thunderbirds commences.

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

**First Tuesday TBird Lunch – April 7, 2026 11:30 AM**

Leelyn's Dining Room, 9495 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City, MD  
RSVP Phyllis by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 410-747-1209, [pacherry@comcast.net](mailto:pacherry@comcast.net)

**Second Wednesday TBird Lunch – March 11 @ Noon**

Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA, 17350. RSVP Earl Dickinson @ 717-873-8051. Join the Dickinsons and Scholls.

**Third Thursday TBird Lunch- March 19, 11:30 AM\*\*\***

Madonna Seafood House, 4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161

RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, [cathykelley49@gmail.com](mailto:cathykelley49@gmail.com) by March 17th

**Romancing The Chrome / Saturday April 11; 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 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to participate. Registration is at the show. See attached flyer.

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**Thunderbird Appreciation Day**

**Sunday, May 17; 11 AM**

**John Wright Restaurant, 234 N Front Street,  
Wrightsville PA., 17368**

We have reserved tables for 40 at the John Wright Restaurant. This is an opportunity to get those Thunderbirds out and show them off, so (if it's running) be sure to drive yours! There are folks coming from LVTC and Central PA Thunderbird Club also. Try to arrive early so that we can park with the other Tbirds. And be in time for their **11am Prime Rib Buffett**. **Let Cathy or Steve know by May 14th if you plan to attend.**



## President's Message March 2026

*Happy St Patrick's Day* 

We don't have a lot on our calendar for March but that's probably good since this snow won't seem to go away. Hopefully the weather will clear up soon so we can get the 'Birds back out on the road. They need their exercise, as do we. Spring is scheduled to start March 20 and daylight savings time, when we 'spring forward', is March 8.

Romancing the Chrome Car Show is scheduled for April 11 at 3719 Norrisville Rd, Jarrettsville, MD from 10am-4pm. Cost is \$25. It is open to all makes/models. Prizes awarded for multiple classes and a grand prize of \$500 for Best in Show. Proceeds benefit the Jarrettsville Lions Club. Registration from 7am -10am Rain Date 4/18/26, 410-692-5151. Skip usually gets a group together to arrive at the same time.

We are hoping to hear from Scott Mummert and Stephany Nagle with a date for a spring pot-luck picnic at their house, which is Norm and Kitty's old place if you've ever been there, out in Hanover PA. We may include a short covered bridge ride in the morning before arriving at their house.

We've already made reservations at the John Wright Restaurant for our **Thunderbird Appreciation Day** outing on Sunday, May 17. It will be for the Sunday Prime Rib Buffet as we've done in the past. Tom Young suggested we do a ride after and we've discovered there are several covered bridges nearby there too, so look for that plan. Please mark your calendars now but there will be more info to follow. We will need an RSVP from you for the restaurant by May 3.

Steve is fighting off pneumonia, so keep him in your prayers. I saw Dan Denham last week when Zoanne stopped by the house. He looks as cute as ever, but Zoanne says he's getting a lot more unstable and of course the dementia is progressing. Keep them in your prayers also. Hope everyone else is well and anxiously waiting for spring.

*Cathy & Steve*

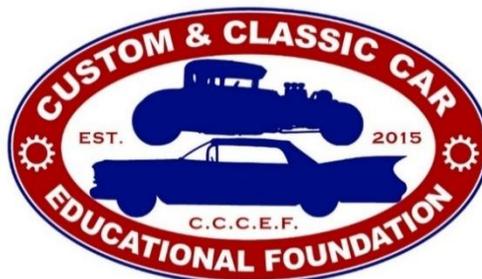


## MATC EVENTS CALENDAR

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 "ACA" events adhere to the 25-year rule or other designation. Applicable restrictions will be noted with each event.

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location	Additional Information
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 11:30 am</b>	<b>First Tuesday TBird Lunch</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<b>To Be Determined Each Month</b>	<b>Will be scheduled on an occasional basis</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Noon</b>	<b>Second Wednesday Lunch</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA, 17350.	<b>Contact: Earl Dickinson @ 717-873-8051</b>
<b>Third Thursday 11:30 AM Monthly</b>	<b>Monthly Lunch Gathering</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	Madonna Seafood House <b>4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161</b>	Just north of Jarrettsville on Rt 23. Just past the flashing red light.
<b>All Year 7-9 AM</b>	<b>Cars &amp; Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun &amp; Socialization</b>	-	<b>Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD</b>	<b>7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting</b>
<b>2026</b>				
<b>March 14</b>	<b>AACA Chesapeake Region Annual Swap Meet</b>	<b>***AACA</b>	<b>Howard County Fairgrounds</b>	See Flyer. MATC Board member, our own Tom Young is the Mgr.
<b>April 7</b>	<b>First Tuesday Lunch</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<i>Leelyn's Dining Room, 9495 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City, MD</i>	RSVP Phyllis by April 3rd
<b>April 11 10am-3pm</b>	<b>Romancing The Chrome</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>Jarrettsville, MD</b>	On site Registration Only. See Flyer.
<b>April TBD</b>	<b>Potluck @ Stephanie &amp; Scott's</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<b>Hanover PA</b>	<b>More Details To Follow</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Thunderbird Appreciation Day &amp; Covered Bridge Tour</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<b>John Wright Restaurant</b>	See Flyer In Newsletter
<b>June 5-7</b>	<b>Carlisle Ford Nationals</b>	<b>***MATC VTCI</b>	<b>Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds</b>	See Details In Newsletter
<b>June TBD</b>	<b>Potluck at Denham's</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<b>Hydes, MD</b>	Details Coming Soon
<b>Sept 8-13</b>	<b>VTCI Convention</b>	<b>VTCI/CTCI</b>	<b>Flagstaff, AZ</b>	<b>Details Below</b>
<b>September 26</b>	<b>Cherry Fest</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<b>Cascade, MD</b>	<b>Details To Follow</b>
<b>October ?</b>	<b>Endless Summer-Ocean City, MD</b>	<b>Special Products</b>	<b>Various-OC MD</b>	<b>Specialeventpro.com</b>
<b>October 17</b>	<b>Rockville Car Show</b>	<b>City of Rockville</b>	<b>603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD</b>	<b>More Details To Follow</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>MATC Christmas Gathering</b>	<b>***MATC</b>	<b>Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA</b>	<b>Additional Details Forthcoming</b>

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](http://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.



## **MATC MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:**



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

### **March Birthdays:**

**Alan Herman (3) Barbara Panowitz (5) Tom Marecelino (10)  
Dan Denham (20) Earl Dickinson (24),**

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### **Membership News:**

*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*

- Sunshine Lady Barb Panowitz has mostly recovered from her spill just before Christmas. The swelling and bruises are mostly gone, and the broken nose bones are healing without surgical attention. She is currently participating in PT to help improve her balance.
- MATC Co-President is recovering from a but with pneumonia. We wish him a prompt recovery.

Please keep our members dealing with a variety of medical issues in your thoughts and prayers:  
**Dan Denham, Mike Melnyk, Dwight Dixon**

***MATC members are reminded and encouraged to provide Barb with any important information regarding health issues, special occasions, awards, etc., for appropriate recognition. Barb's contact info: 443-504-5542 (phone or text); [ladyofthelake21014@yahoo.com](mailto:ladyofthelake21014@yahoo.com).***

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

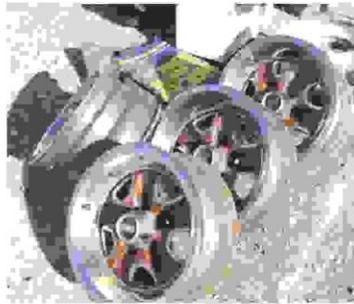
The most recent MATC Membership Roster was recently distributed in a separate email. It traditionally is distributed twice per year – in April after all renewals are confirmed and in November with any updates. It is updated on an ongoing basis. Can't find yours? Contact Cathy, Steve or Skip for another copy.

- 51ST ANNUAL -  
**CHESAPEAKE**  
**COLLECTOR CAR SWAP MEET**

**BUY/SELL/SWAP**

**VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM  
ON OUR WEBSITE— ADDRESS BELOW**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**FREE PARKING**



**WHEN**

**March 14, 2026**  
**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>

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**VENDOR  
REGISTRATION**

- 1) Print form on website**
- 2) Enter form information**
- 3) Send with payment to the Swap Meet Manager.**

# Romancing the Chrome



BEL AIR  
CORVETTE CLUB



JARRETTSVILLE  
LIONS CLUB

TO BENEFIT THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB & BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 (RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 18)

14th ANNUAL CAR SHOW  
Food - Vendors - Music



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3719 Norrisville Rd.

Jarrettsville, MD (Next to Smith Hardware)

Registration; 7:30 to 10AM Show Time 10:00 AM: to 3:00 PM

ENTRY FEE \$25 Credit Cards Accepted, **ON-SITE REGISTRATION ONLY**

**BEST IN SHOW \$500 BEST IN CLASS (1st Place) \$75**

1st - 4th Place each Class of 9 classes

Separate Awards for Corvette (C1 to C8) Classes



[www.facebook.com/romancingthechrome](http://www.facebook.com/romancingthechrome)



# Annual Car Show

Saturday – August 22, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Rain Date – August 23, 2026

Masonic Temple-1236 Holly Pike-Carlisle, PA 17013

**All Makes and Models Welcome**

*Shriner's Hospitals for Children -2026 Charity*

**Dash Plaques to first 100 Entrants - 25+ Trophies - 50/50**

**Door Prizes for All Entrants - Goody Bags - Silent Auction**

**Food Sale by Old Bellaire Chapter #375, OES**

**Join us for Fun, Good Food, Music, & Great Prizes**

Pre- registration Deadline – August 15, 2026 - Registration closes 11:00 day of show

For Information contact: Mike Fitzpatrick at 717-712-0963 or [mfitz64@yahoo.com](mailto:mfitz64@yahoo.com)

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**Registration Form – Return this section to: Mike Fitzpatrick-102 Strayer Drive-Carlisle, PA 17013**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Special

Features \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration: \$15.00 (Deadline – August 15, 2026)       Day of Show Registration: \$20.00

Checks payable to: **Central Pennsylvania Thunderbird Club** Please read and sign the following **WAIVER:**

As a participant I, and all who will be accompanying me, release the Central Pennsylvania Thunderbird Club, the Masonic Temple, & the Order of the Eastern Star Old Bellaire Chapter #375, their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, or anyone else connected with the management of this Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by participation in this event.

**SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# “Free Scale Model Ford In Every Box”

*By Skip Panowitz*

Collecting automotive memorabilia is a big part of the collector/special interest car hobby. Among the most common items are miniature model cars. The Thunderbird hobby is no exception. In the past 70 years the Thunderbird has been immortalized in various versions and various scales of model cars including diecast, promotional model cars, Hot Wheels, Matchbox, etc. But one of the very first TBird models is often overlooked, forgotten, even not known about. These are the “cereal cars.”

The first of the “cereal” cars was produced by F&F Mold company of Dayton, Ohio for Post cereal in 1950. Each is about 3 inches long. The cars were offered in cereal boxes in 1950, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1967 and 1969. The best known and most popular are the series produced from 1954 to 1969. In the first years you could send for a set of 5 cars for only 25 cents. **25 cents!!** The models came in different Ford factory colors each year. The initial 1954 series included 10 different Ford Motor Company vehicles: Ford models included a Sunliner, two door hardtop, 4 door sedan, station wagon and Thunderbird; Mercury models were a convertible, 2 door hardtop, 4 door sedan and XM concept car. And the iconic Ford Thunderbird featured the Fairlane side molding, indicating the cereal car was being planned before Ford made the final decision not to use this trim. The 1955 series also featured a Thunderbird along with a Sunliner, Crown Victoria, Two door sedan and station wagon.

There were no Thunderbirds in the 1957 series (darn!). It featured a Ford 4 door Victoria that is rather scarce, a police car, fire chief car and station wagon ambulance, all of which are popular. The 1959 series was exclusively Thunderbirds, however, featuring a hardtop and convertible. This was repeated in 1962 as well, featuring a convertible, hardtop and Sports Roadster. Some sources refer to this as the 1961 series, but all three versions of the cars were available as 1:1 models in 1962. This was the last series featuring Thunderbirds. Future series were: 1966-Mustangs, 1967-Mercury Cougars and 1969-various Mercurys. The 1960 series was exclusively Plymouths. The 1950 and 1951 models were all Fords. Although geared at kids, adults and model car and automotive memorabilia collectors found, and still find them, of interest too.

I have collected these from the beginning. The availability and values vary by model, color, scarcity. The average value can range between a few dollars to \$10-15. Thunderbirds and Mustangs tend to be the most popular with collectors for obvious reasons- the 1:1 Cars are popular. The most valuable, hands down, is the Fairlane trim 1954 Thunderbird. Prices for these can range from \$50 to over \$100, if you can find one. Some specific colors of the other models can command higher prices too. eBay is a good source for the Thunderbirds (and other F&F Mold models) as well as other, specific, Thunderbird club publications and online sites. What a great way to start or supplement a Thunderbird, Ford or Mercury model car collection.

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- Authentically styled with movable wheels
- All cars a big full 3 1/2" long
- Assorted colors

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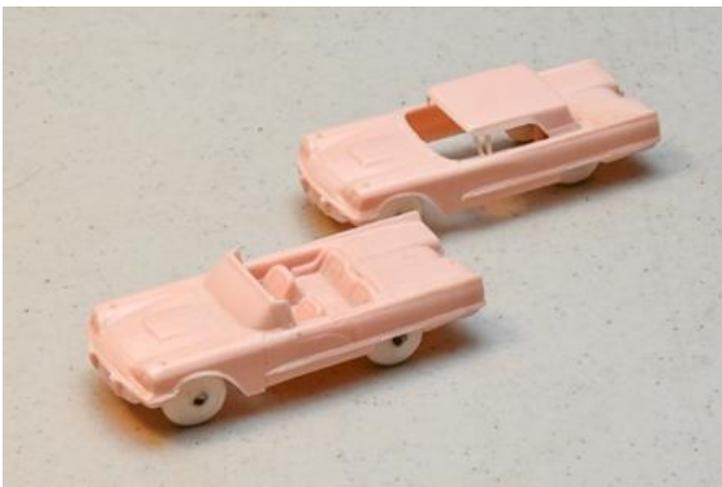
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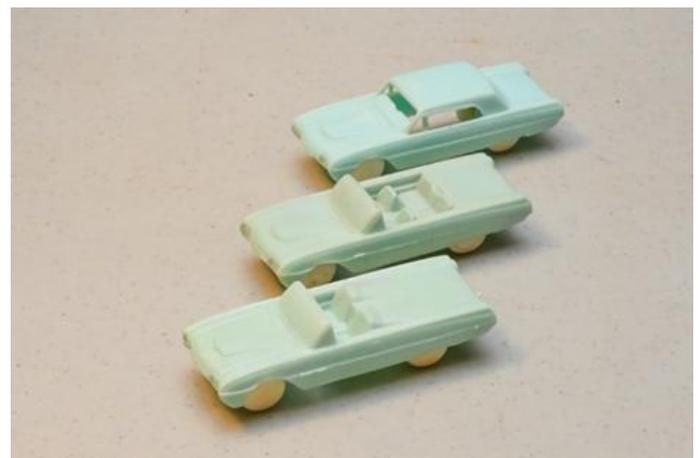
1954 & 1955 Series



Close-up of preproduction/prototype - Fairlane trim on '54 Series and actual production side trim on '55 Series



**1959 Series**



**1961-2 Series**

## Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2026

### Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 5-7, 2026

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2026 Carlisle Ford Nationals. A block of rooms has been reserved. The reservation link will be posted soon. We are again getting a special room rate and a hospitality room will be available. The host hotel information is listed below. [Ask for Thunderbird Friends group](#):

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81**  
1501 Commerce Ave  
Carlisle, PA  
717-241-0052

Hotel direct link: [Thunderbird Friends Carlisle 2026](#)

Restaurant arrangements:

Friday Night, June 5, Time & location TBD:  
Stay tuned for more details in the future.

Saturday Night, June 6, 6:30 PM:  
Rustic Tavern, 823 Newville Road, Carlisle, PA

It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a be dedicated menu, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

**Note:** Seating will again likely be very, very limited.

### **2026 Carlisle FORD Nationals** **June 5, 6, 7**

Check the Carlisleevents.com website for information regarding early registration discounts.

**VERY IMPORTANT: Register your club affiliation as VTCTI**

We had a great time this year (see photos) in spite of a little rain. Well, a lot of rain in a very short period of time. Plan to join us in 2026.



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](http://www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com)



### Preview of the 2026 VTCI/CTCI All Thunderbird Convention

In commemoration of the Route 66 Centennial, selecting a location for the 2026 Convention along this historic thoroughfare is notably significant. Hosting the event in Flagstaff, Arizona, a beautiful city located right on the “Mother Road”, will provide Thunderbird enthusiasts with an opportunity to experience travel along the “highway that’s the best.” Flagstaff is located along I-40, and is approximately 145 miles north of Phoenix, via I-17. This makes it a favorite recreation/vacation spot for residents of the Valley of the Sun trying to escape summer temperatures, or experience a snowy, winter wonderland. At a 7000-foot elevation, Flagstaff is surrounded by pine forests and majestic peaks. A perfect spot to gaze at the heavens since Flagstaff is recognized as the World’s First International Dark Sky City for its commitment to dark sky preservation.

#### **Convention Dates:**

Wednesday thru Sunday, September 8-13, 2026 – this is the week following Labor Day, which is 9/7/2026. Using these dates allows for lower room rates and temperate weather. Flagstaff hotels typically charge higher rates for the summer through Labor Day, and winter rates can climb during the ski season.

## **Hotel:**

We requested information from the larger hotels and contacted the Flagstaff tourism office. We visited properties that had the potential to handle our large group, considering meeting space and available parking. We hope you will agree that Little America is a perfect choice. Little America – Flagstaff sits on 500 acres of ponderosa pine forest and just received a multimillion-dollar renovation in 2024. It is the only hotel in Flagstaff to receive a 4-Diamond rating from AAA. Each of the 247 luxurious guest rooms features design and décor inspired by the surrounding pines and southwestern influences. Room amenities include large floor to ceiling windows, a sitting area, large bathroom, room safe, mini-fridge, coffee maker, steamer, premium bedding, and custom furnishings. The property has a Fitness Center, Large Heated Outdoor Pool and Hot Tub, Private 2-mile Hiking Trail, Volleyball Court, Horseshoe Pit, and Complimentary Wireless Internet. At the on-site Travel Center there is a 24-hour Convenience Store, offering packaged and fresh snacks, grocery items, and personal care items, along with Sinclair Collectibles. The Travel Center is where you will also find their Hot Grill & Deli. In the main building of the hotel features a large Gift Shop with men's and women's clothing, accessories, art, décor, toys, and gourmet snacks. The Silver Pine Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It also has an outdoor patio and bar. The venue offers more than adequate meeting and banquet space. A large, secure parking area, with only one way in, is available for our show field. They are happy to provide a DIY Car Wash Station with hoses. The property is largely surrounded by forest with virtually no other businesses encroaching on the property lines. Little America has offered a Special Thunderbird Club room rate of \$189, plus taxes. There are no additional resort fees.

## **Tours:**

There are many available and recommended tours and sightseeing opportunities. These include:

### **Grand Canyon National Park**

If you have never done so, we suggest you visit this Natural Wonder. We will include tour suggestions soon.

### **Travel Route 66**

Take time to plan your trip to the 2026 Convention. We soon will be offering a travel guide to make the drive to Flagstaff and beyond the trip of a lifetime.

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club

# Thunderbird Appreciation Day 2026

Arranged by Steve and  
Cathy Kelley.

RSVP via text or call to  
Cathy's cell  
443-417-0441  
or Cathy's email  
cathykelley49@gmail.com



Please join us in celebrating  
**Thunderbird Appreciation Day,**  
Sunday, May 17, 2026.

Meet us at John Wright Restaurant, 234 N. Front  
St, Wrightsville PA 17368 at 11am for their Prime  
Rib Brunch Buffet. \$28.95 + per person.

It has a beautiful view of the Susquehanna River,  
so makes for great pictures. Gift shop too!

Planning a ride through covered bridges in Lan-  
caster County after lunch.

**RSVP** is required by May 3 please.



Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity with the TBird?: Susan Cummings

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: 1955

Bonus: What is the celebrity famous for?  
Actress, featured on "The Twilight Zone".

*This may be the toughest one yet.*

*Congratulations to Cathy Kelly for answering all of the questions correctly!!*

March  
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who is the celebrity with The TBird?:

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What is the movie featured in the screen shot?

*This one is so easy I am going to limit responses to members who have not yet won. At least for a while anyway.*



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
- March: Bob Bossoli
- April: Bob Bossoli
- May: Scott Mummert
- June: Phyllis Cherry
- July: Bob Bossoli
- August: Phyllis Cherry
- September: Steve Dameron, Earl Dickinson
- October: Judy Dickinson
- November/December: Dave Thomas

2026

- January: Stephanie Nagy
- February: Cathy Kelley

# CLASSIFIEDS

## THUNDERBIRD PROMOTIONAL MODEL CARS

Through the very gracious generosity of club member Dave Shelton, we have four (now three-thank you Scott!) Ford Thunderbird promotional model cars available for purchase by club members. If you are not familiar with “promos”, they were produced by various model manufacturers for the car manufacturers from the late 1940s through 2017. They were most available and popular in the 1950s and 1960s. They are detailed, accurate models of the cars they represent. Car dealers gave them to customers who bought the real cars and they sold the models as well. The car manufacturers distributed them for promotional purposes, hence their name. They were also sold at various retail outlets, but these versions are slightly different in that they have flywheel motors to propel them. Although these versions were unfortunately often purchased as toys, they are still truly collector items. The cars MATC has available are true dealer promos, also referred to as coasters as they do not have the flywheel motors (with one exception, the 1957, which was only available in the version offered). The true dealer promos tend to be slightly more valuable, but condition, color, etc., is always the most important factor.

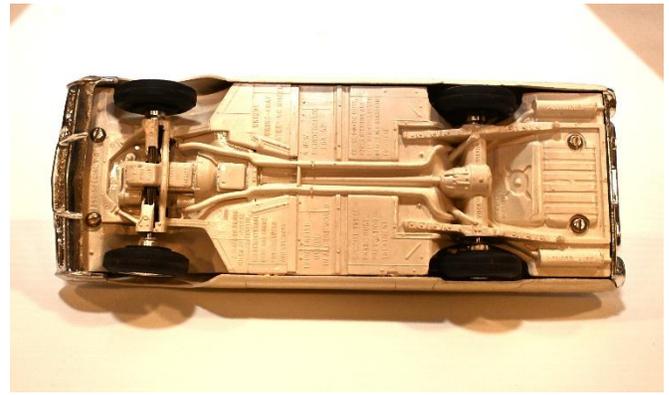
It has been decided the the funds from the sale of these cars would be donated to our charitable partner **“Custom & Classic Car Education Foundation”**(savethehobby.org). Checks for the purchase of the model cars should be made payable to the CCCEF. So you not only get a great collectible, but you support a great cause as well. The cars being offered are in very good to excellent condition. The price of the cars is **\$45** each. I will have them available at the Christmas Dinner as well as future MATC events.



1963 Thunderbird Hardtop

Color is Fieldstone Tan



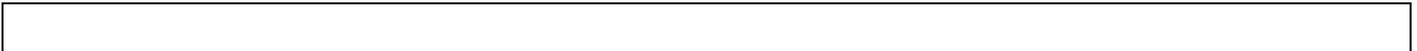


1962 Hardtop-Color is Sahara Rose: Note undercarriage detail & sales info on dealer version



1957 – Color is Flame Red

**Why not consider purchasing one of these great, collectible promotional model cars as your charitable partner donation? You get the deduction for your taxes as well as a great collectible.**



## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hats

**\$15 Each**

*(plus s&h as applicable)*

*While Supply Very Limited Lasts*

*Contact Cathy or Steve If Interested*

## Just A Pleasant Afternoon Drive .....



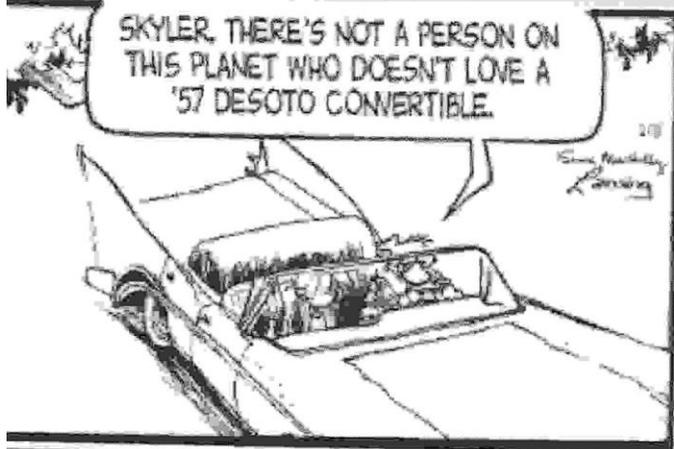
### **Women Wait Apprehensively As Rescue Proceeds**

Four little (*elderly !!??*) ladies rose to terrifying and totally unexpected prominence Tuesday afternoon Jan. 30, 1973- when the Treasure Island FL, Causeway bridge-tender cranked his span open beneath their car and then raised them majestically 35 feet in the air, where they remained stuck for two hours. The bridge warning gates came ringing down about 3:15 p.m. as the four Canadians were making their way across the bridge, at a sedate speed, in the congenial comfort of a 1963 Thunderbird.

MADLINE DOW, 74, was driving the car. Clayton Gignac, not a great deal younger, was at the controls of the bridge. Mrs. Dow said she didn't hear bells or see the gates come down until they were already past the first gate, and on the grated metal draw span headed toward the waterside condominium apartments. She immediately backed up. Only by then the bridge was open. Fortunately, the lip caught the undercarriage of the car, holding the front half on the bridge as it rose. Alerted by frantic signals from sailors, the bridgetender stopped the ascent. And there, perched in the opening, was a 1962 (*of course we know it is a 1963, ed*) Thunderbird containing four thoroughly frightened Canadians. The women dangled aloft for about two hours before the car was secured and they were rescued by firefighters working out of a snorkel truck. They later showed their gratitude by suing the city of Treasure Island, charging the bridgetender with negligence. Subsequently, three suits were dropped and the fourth, for medical bills, was settled "amicably" out of court.

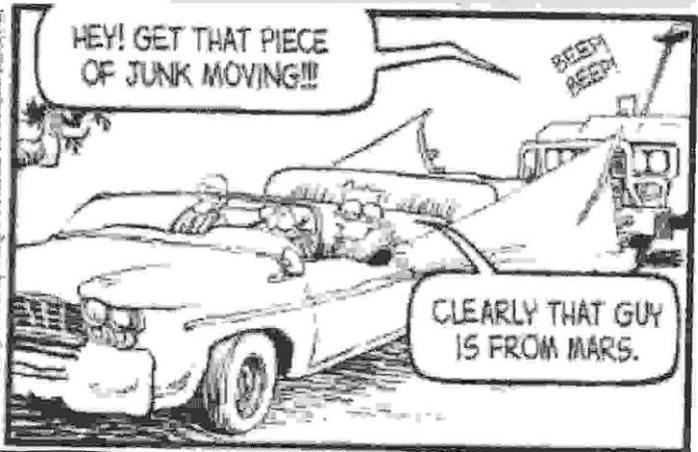
Source *St. Petersburg Times* - January 31, 1973

SHOE BROOKINS & MACNELLY



SKYLER, THERE'S NOT A PERSON ON THIS PLANET WHO DOESN'T LOVE A '57 DESOTO CONVERTIBLE.

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HEY! GET THAT PIECE OF JUNK MOVING!!!

CLEARLY THAT GUY IS FROM MARS.

SHOE BROOKINS & MACNELLY



WHY ARE YOU SMILING? WASN'T YOUR NEW ANTIQUE CONVERTIBLE STOLEN LAST NIGHT?

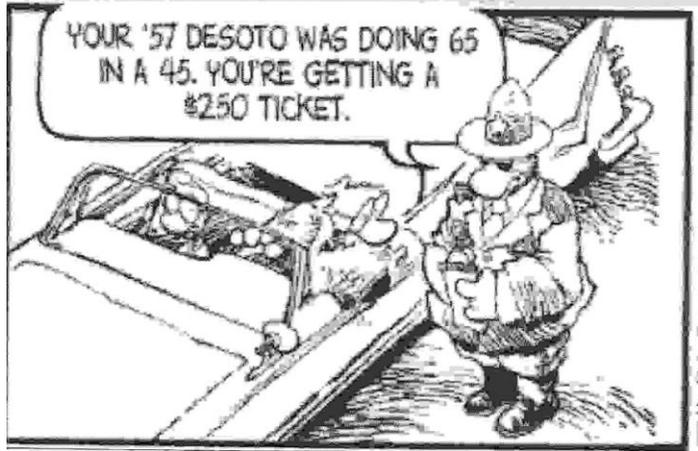
YEP! THAT'S RIGHT...

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THE THIEF MAY HAVE MY CAR, BUT HE ALSO HAS ALL OF THE PROBLEMS THAT COME WITH THAT CURSED PIECE OF JUNK.

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YOUR '57 DESOTO WAS DOING 65 IN A 45. YOU'RE GETTING A \$250 TICKET.

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PLEASE, SIR. HE'S NOT GOOD WITH NUMBERS. COULD YOU GIVE HIM A WARNING?

IS HE FAMILIAR WITH "ZERO CHANCE"?

# Need Technical Help with your Thunderbird??



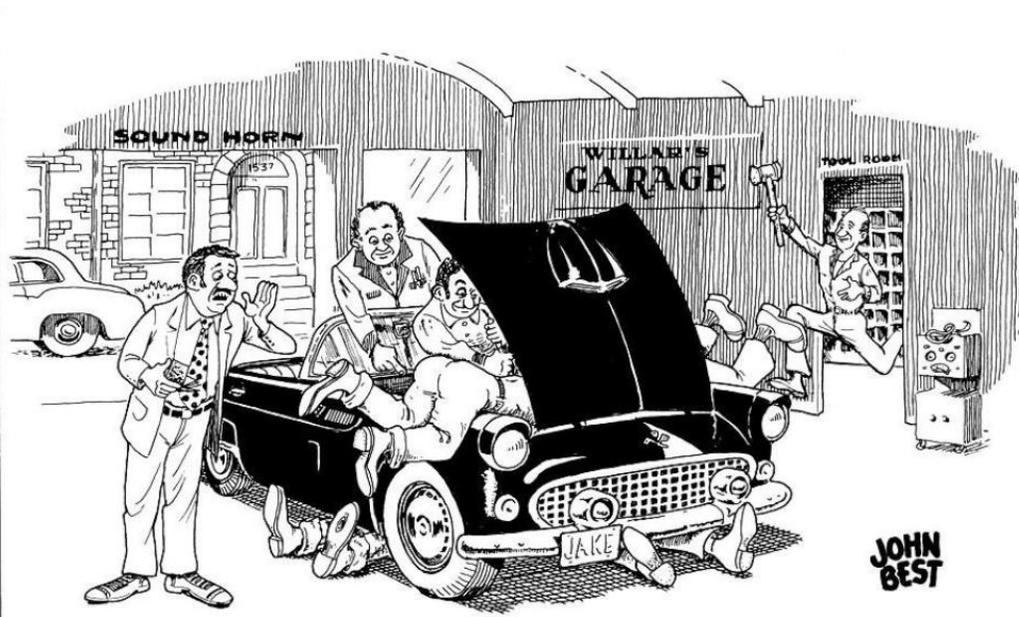
Are you sure this is how to change the oil?

Here are some MATC members that may be able to help:

<u>1955 – 1960</u>	<u>1961- 1966</u>	<u>2002-2005</u>
<b>Tom Young</b> <a href="mailto:Tbirdtoms60@verizon.net">Tbirdtoms60@verizon.net</a> <b>443-744-6338</b>	<b>Mike Melnyk</b> <a href="mailto:thunderbirdmike@juno.com">thunderbirdmike@juno.com</a> <b>610-574-5738</b>	<b>Skip Panowitz</b> <a href="mailto:Skip.panowitz@yahoo.com">Skip.panowitz@yahoo.com</a> <b>410-638-6446</b>
<b>Commercial Service Shops</b>		
Classic Car Shop 1413 Shoemaker Rd Baltimore, MD (Mount Washington area) 410-828-5165	Treasured Motor Cars 917 E. Tolna Road New Freedom, PA (near Maryland line) <u>717-227-6787</u>	

If these guys can't answer your question, they will sure know where to find it. If you know someone that we should add to the list, please share them with us.

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PLEASE TELL ME IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.

# From the Department Of "Good Luck With That" or "Wishful Thinking"?

## 2002 Ford Thunderbird Convertible

3.9 Ltr. V8  
Transmission Automatic  
Color RED  
Mileage 63 (Actual)  
VIN # 1FAHP60A02Y101057  
Stock # # 8374



**\$44,900**

Ford Thunderbird with an amazing ONLY 64.1 MILES on the odometer, having been primarily stored and maintained in collections rather than driven. Excellent condition Thunderbird, virtually flawless exterior Torch Red original and well-preserved interior with torch red accents. Comes with both the hard top and soft convertible top, in excellent condition. This car is very complete, including the factory window sticker still intact on the passenger door, the original dealership plates, tool kits, key fobs, foldable hardtop stand, and the original packaging for the soft top. 3.9L V8 engine, automatic transmission with overdrive, and all modern amenities such as power windows, mirrors, and seats, power tilt and telescoping steering column, and a functioning power convertible top. Exceptional condition, comparable to a showroom car from 2002.

2002 Ford Thunderbird with astonishingly low 64.1 miles, essentially "new" condition. One-owner car: originally owned by the selling dealership, then consigned to Unique Classic Cars. Comes with both hard top and soft convertible top, both in pristine condition with original packaging. Complete original accessories including window sticker, dealership plates, tool kits, and key fobs. Stock 3.9L V8 engine, automatic transmission with overdrive, and all original factory equipment. Features intact: power windows, locks, mirrors, seats, and power tilt/telescope steering.



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup>, (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

Visit us at [www.midatlantictbirdclub.org](http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org) Like us on Facebook: mid-Atlantic thunderbird club.

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 52ND ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:  
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*& 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 Lunch (Third Thursday @ Various Locations)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

