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NEWSLETTER



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org/>

April 21, 9:30 AM

Monthly Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air
Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

Romancing the Chrome

Saturday, April 9, Rain Date April 16

Jarrett's Field – 3791 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Car Pre-registration/online by Apr 3, \$15

Registration at Gate 8:00-10:00AM, \$20

Admission: Free

Romancing the Chrome is a Classic Car Show and Flea Market event for the benefit of the Harford County Public Library Foundation. The event features hundreds of cars, contests, vendors, Beer Garden, Pit Beef and more.

Cancellation of the event will be posted on the Library website at hcplonline.org. It is the responsibility of vendors and registrants to check the Library website for the latest information.

John Wright House Restaurant and Clock Museum Tour

Sunday, April 24 @ 11:00AM

We will meet at the John Wright Store and Restaurant overlooking the Susquehanna River in Wrightsville, Pa. The restaurant has a Sunday Brunch starting at 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. The store is located in the warehouse and features Cast Iron products, Unique gifts, and Lawn/Garden items. For more information visit: www.johnwrightrestaurant.com. After Brunch we will caravan to the Clock Museum for a tour. **RSVP by Apr 16** to Judy Dickinson by email or telephone. Tel: 717-767-2673, ewdjad@hotmail.com

DIRECTIONS:

From the west side of the Susquehanna River take Pennsylvania Rte. 30 towards Lancaster. Exit Rte 30 at Cool Spring Road and turn right. Go to Hellam Street, #462, and turn left. Go to North Front Street and turn left. Follow North Front Street to John Wright Restaurant and Store on the right.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

John Markowski 4
Phyllis Cherry 25
Kay Garvey 29

Ron Davis 6
Skip Panowitz 27

2016 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

Official MATC/ITC activities are printed in bold. Our Thunderbird Club events are open to all years of Thunderbirds. Other events such as "AACA" events adhere to the 25 year rule or other designation. Applicable restrictions will be noted with each event.

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location	Details
Thursday, Apr 21 9:30 AM	Monthly Third Thursday Breakfast Gathering	MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/
April 9, Sat Rain: 16	Romancing the Chrome	Harford Co. Library	3719 Norrisville Rd Jarrettsville, MD 21084	http://romancingthechrome.org/
April 24 Sunday	John Wright House Restaurant and Clock Museum Tour	MATC	Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
May 19-22 Thurs - Sun	Cruisin O.C.	Special Event Productions	Ocean City Md \$60 by April 1	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
May 20 - 22	Upstate NY Thunderbird Club Annual Spring Fever 2016		1000 Islands New York	See Details in Your Script
June 3 - 5 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://store.carlisleevents.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=24
June 4 Sat	25 th Orphan Car Tour		Annapolis, MD www.orphancartour.org	Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 TourDirector@orphancartour.org .
June 19	43 rd Father's Day Antique Car Show, Sully Plantation		3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly VA 20151	
June xx	Railroad trip	MATC	New Freedom PA	
July 10 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	
Aug 5,6,7 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie Mem. Park Macungie, PA	http://awkscht.com/entertainment.html
Aug 28	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	MATC	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Sept 6 - 11	ITC Convention	ITC	Harrisburg, PA	
Sept 13-18	LVTC TBird Convention	LVTC	Bethlehem, PA	
Sept 17	41 st Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet	Bull Run AACA	9101 Prince William St. Manassas, Virginia	www.bullrunaaca.org/
Oct 5 - 8 Wed - Sat	Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Oct 6 - 9 Thurs - Sun	Endless Summer	Special Event Productions	Ocean City MD \$45 by April 30	https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Saturday Oct 15 Rain Date: 22	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a - 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Park, Rockville MD	See website for registration. http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Oct 22 - 23	Shenandoah Valley Tour	MATC		
Nov	Tech Session	MATC		
Nov	Officer Election	MATC		
Sunday December 4 1:00 pm	Annual Christmas Party	MATC	Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA	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/

Other Events:

Hunt Valley Horsepowering: Every Saturday 8:00a to 10:00a, Location: Hunt Valley Town Center (Shawan Road) in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

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

Car Cruise and Show Guide: <http://carcruiseguide.com/>

For Sale: 55 Thunderbird Project Car, Disassembled, Have soft and Hard top. Have most all parts to rebuild. \$11,000.
Dan Denham, 410-592-2329,

For Sale: A 35 year collection of T Bird Parts ,many NOS. For sale individually or by lot. Contact; 703-560-8014, Frank Toth or email franktoth@AOL.Com for an email list of parts,

For Sale:2002 Thunderbird . We are the original owners – purchased April 10, 2002; Current mileage: 9063; Black with White Hardtop – also comes with Black Soft-top and dark grey leather interior; Premium Model; Includes Storage Cart and Car Cover; Stored in climate controlled garage; Full service records (Serviced at Battlefield Ford); Car in excellent condition and treated as a Classic T-Bird should be; Price: \$ 25,000; Contact Warren Hayes at (703) 368-0170 or warrenhayes@aol.com

For Sale: 1966 Thunderbird Convertible miles. It is an extremely rare car with a Q-Code , 428 engine, and Factory A/C. The color is a Thunderbird only 1966 color called Sapphire Blue with a White Interior. Some other rare highlights are the factory 8-track radio, Power Antenna, Power Windows. We repainted it the original color about 6 years ago but the interior is completely original. If you need more info, please David at 615-566-1975, Georgia.



June 4, 2016: The annual Orphan Car Tour:

What is it? Looking for a fun way to enjoy your antique car? You may want to consider a day of country roads, private car collections and dinner with other car enthusiasts; and to make the day more interesting, a scavenger hunt is added for those teams up to the challenge. Since 1990 various orphan car clubs have organized tours of private car collections, and historic sites somewhere in the tri-state area. This year the tour will take place in Anne Arundel County. There are stops throughout the day at private car collections, historic sites, and at least one ice cream shop. Depending on how long one chooses to linger at a certain site or how determined a team is in finding the answers to scavenger hunt, the tour may take 3-5 hours

Who is eligible: The tour is open to cars at least 25 years old and produced by now- defunct manufacturers, or by the discontinued divisions of still existing companies. Each year the event draws an amazing variety of cars. Studebaker, Kaiser, Hudson, Willys, DeLorean, etc. Interestingly, the thunderbird was eligible to participate until 2002 when the retro-bird was produced, but not from 2002 until 2006. . Now that it is again out of production, T-birds built before 1992 are again eligible.

What to expect: To participate in the scavenger hunt, each car needs a driver and navigator; extra passengers are welcome. When a car is released from the staging area the driver is given route directions and a list of clues. It becomes the responsibility of the navigator to alert the driver of upcoming turns as well as read the clues aloud. As the navigator reads the clues everyone in the starts looking for the answer. Some participates enjoy the tour and do not attempt to answer the clues. (Many teams. stop attempting to find the clues in the middle of the tour to prevent even more arguments between the driver and navigator.) Finally, there is a dinner at which the answers are checked and the team with the most correct answers announced.

Examples of clues:

What does Gary Smith do? (On a mailbox is written “Gary Smith -Barber”)

Who guards the house at 345 Mitchan Ave.? (A cement lion in the yard)

Usually there are questions pertaining to cars, signs, and awards found at of the various car collections and historic sites. These are the hardest!

Cost: The registration fee is \$10 per car and drivers can register on the day of the tour. Dinner is extra and dinner reservations must be made by May 28.

Additional Information: www.orphancartour.org/tour

President's Message April 2016

I will keep this one short. There are two great activities planned for April that are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The first is the Romancing the Chrome car show in Jarrettsville, MD, on April 9. It looks like MATC and TBirds will be well represented based on the early feedback I have received. We will stage for the event at the 7-11 shopping center at Rts 165 and 23 then caravan to the nearby show it together. We will lunch at a nearby restaurant TBD. The second activity will be the John Wright Restaurant buffet then the Clock Museum Tour, both near York, PA. The date is April 24. Both should be great events. We know the buffet is scrumptious from our prior visits. And the Clock Museum should be very interesting. Check the information elsewhere in the newsletter for specifics. Additional updates will be provided via email, the MATC website and the MATC Facebook page. Let's have a great turn-out for these two outstanding events.

I am still receiving many inquiries and questions about the two conventions that have been promoted and appear on the schedule of events. Information and registration forms for both have been distributed and are included in the newsletter. If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Both should be well planned and organized events.

Just a reminder that we are in the process of preparing another apparel order. Please let Steve Kelley or I know what you might be interested in by April 15 so that we can gauge what the interest is and provide styles and color selections that you can choose from. The sooner we know your interest, the sooner you will have the MATC apparel to wear at upcoming shows and events.

Please support your club by regularly visiting the MATC website and Facebook page at least weekly. This will not only help you keep up to date, but will also help make certain that these important MATC sources will be ranked as high as possible on the internet listings when folks are searching for TBird clubs and activities. Also, please submit your car and event photos and a profile of yourself and your car to Dan and Steve Kelley for inclusion in the newsletter and website.

Barb and I look forward to seeing everyone at Romancing the Chrome, the Wright Restaurant/Clock Museum outing and at the Third Thursday TBird Breakfast. We have already had here top down cruises in the past several weeks, so it looks promising for the future. Cruising season must be here! As always, be careful out there - But have fun.

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