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**MATC
THUNDERBIRD
NEWSLETTER**



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

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

APRIL Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

April 19, 9:30 AM

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

Diner Day at Boyertown Historic Vehicles

Saturday, April 7, 10 AM – 1 PM

Lehigh Valley Club and New Jersey Clubs have invited MATC to join them at Boyerstown Museum of Historic Vehicles, 85 South Walnut Street, Boyertown PA.

Enjoy pie and coffee at vintage in the 1938 Diner.

(There will be another visit November 3rd 10 AM - 1 PM)

www.boyertownmuseum.org

Romancing the Chrome

Saturday, April 14, Rain Date 21

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

Car Pre-registration/online by Apr 2, \$15

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

Romancing the Chrome is a Classic Car Show and Flea Market event benefitting of the Harford County Public Library Foundation. If you plan to attend, please notify Dan Denham, garagex4@yahoo.com or call 410-592-2030. Attendees should meet at the 7-11 parking lot at Rts 65 & 23 at 9:00 AM and caravan to the showfield so that our TBirds will be parked together.

MATC Driving Tour

Sunday, April 22 - Rain date April 29th

Tour begins in Jefferson, MD and ends in Harper's Ferry, WV.

We will meet before 12:00 at the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Co. From Rte. 340, take Landers Rd, Jefferson exit. Bear right and take almost immediate right into parking lot. We'll leave at 12:00. We'll travel some of the scenic back roads, find some one lane bridges and one lane tunnels and arrive Harper's Ferry, VA for a late lunch/early dinner. Afterwards, enjoy the town or head home.

Address of the Jefferson Vol. Fire Company: 4603 Lander Rd, Jefferson, MD. Lunch will be at a local Restaurant. So we know who to expect and how many for lunch, please RSVP to Lynn Horn, lynnhorn704@gmail.com or call 410-377-5824, leave message.

April Birthdays

John Markowski 4 (past member)

Phyllis Cherry 25

Ron Davis 6

Skip Panowitz 27

2018 TENTATIVE 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	Details
April 19 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
Sat April 7	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles	LVTC NJTAssn	85 South Walnut Street Boyertown PA 19512	www.boyertownmuseum.org
April 8– 15, 2018	BERMUDA MATC 2018 Cruise	MATC	Departs Baltimore April 8, 2018 @ 5:00PM	http://midatlanticbirdclub.org/pdfs/matc2018.pdf
Sat, April 14, Rain Apr 21	Romancing the Chrome	Harford Library Foundation	Jarrett's Field 3719 Norrisville Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084	10AM – 4 PM http://romancingthechrome.org/
April 22 Rain April 29	MATC Tour	MATC	Starting in Jefferson, Ending at Harpers Ferry, WV	RSVP lynnhorn704@gmail.com or call 410-377-5824 leave message.
May TBD	Garthering @ Mench's	MATC	1120 Clayton Greenspring Rd Smyrna, DE	
May 17 - 20	Cruisin O.C. (Rods,Customs,Classics 1976 -older)	MATC	Ocean City Md	https://www.specialeventpro.com/cruisin-ocean-city
Sun May 20th	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	MATC	John Wright House Restaurant Wrightsville, Pa	www.johnwrightrestaurant.com
June 1 - 3 Fri to Sun	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/carlisle-ford-nationals/default.aspx
Sat June 2	28 th Orphan Car Tour		Balt & Harf Counties, MD www.orphancartour.org/	Jon Battle, (540) 364-1770 tourdiretor@orphancartour.org
TBD	Glenn L Martin Aviation Museum	MATC	701 Wilson Rd, Middle River, Md	https://www.mdairmuseum.org/
July 8 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by Dan & Zoeanne Denham	MATC	Hydes, MD	garagex4@yahoo.com
July 11 - 14	AACA Eastern Spring Meet	Chesapeake AACA	Gettysburg, PA	http://2018eastspringmeet.aaca.com/
Aug 3 -5 Fri to Sun	Das Awkscht Fescht		Macungie, PA	See website for registration. http://awkscht.com/
Aug 7 – 12	International Thunderbird Convention	ITC	Buffalo, New York	http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/
Aug 26 Sun	Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry	*** MATC ***	Cascade, MD (near Thurmont)	
Oct 10 - 13 Thurs to Sun	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html
Oct 4 - 7	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin
Saturday Oct 20 Rain Date: 27	Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p	MATC	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	See website for registration. http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm
Sat Nov 3	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles	LVTC NJTAssn	85 South Walnut Street Boyertown PA 19512	www.boyertownmuseum.org
November	Officer Election	MATC		
Sunday December 2 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

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

2018 "Local" Car Shows:

April 28: Wheels & Waves AutoFest Show, Ocean Downs Racetrack & Casino, Ocean City, MD

April 28: CUZ WE CARE Car, Truck & Bike Show, Conowingo, MD

April 29: Chesapeake Classic Car Club Show, Easton, MD

April 29: Second Annual Diecast and Collector Toy Show, AACA Museum, Hershey, PA

May 6: Car Show & Cruise Guide Car Show, Harford Vineyard & Winery, Forest Hill, MD

May 12: Beers & Gears Spring Car Show, Delaware Park Casino, Wilmington, DE

May 19: Chariots of Fire Car Show, New Holland, PA

May 20: West Friendship Car Show, Howard County Fairgrounds

May 26: Sons of American Legion Post #455 Annual Car Show, Stewartstown, PA

May 26: Bel Forest Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD

June 9: Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Drags & Car Show, Cecil County Dragway, Rising Sun, MD

June 16: Cooptown Car Show, Jarrettsville, MD (this is one MATC should try to participate in)

June 16: Salem United Methodist Church, Newark, DE

June 22 & 23: Southern DE Street Rod Assoc Rod & Custom Jamboree, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, DE

July 1: Delaware Street Rods, New Castle, DE

July 8: Baltimore Cancer Support Group Car Show, Joppatowne Plaza Shopping Ctr, Joppa, MD

July 29: Reisterstown Regional Park All Vehicle Show, Reisterstown, MD

August 4: Elkton Moose Lodge Car Show, Elkton, MD

August 11: Lower Ferry Festival, Perryville, MD

August 25: Chesapeake City Lion's Club Car Show, Chesapeake City, MD

September 8: Fairhaven Car Show, Sykesville, MD

September 15: Breast Cancer Awareness Car Show, Davidsonville, MD

FOR SALE:

2003 Thunderbird: Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, skelley@gottogotravel.net



1962 Thunderbird Convertible: with factory Tonneau cover, all power equipment, and factory AC. New powder blue interior, Strong running gear. Have complete work history since 2001, 110,500 miles, Asking \$26,000 (offers) **Victor Morino**, cell 410-802-9078.



2003 Thunderbird premium, 3.9l v8, no damage, no door dings, 48000 miles, black with white trim interior, both tops, excellent tires, color is Desert Sky Blue. Asking \$16,000 negotiable. Mike Flynn Tel: 770-487-9669



2004 Merlot: Sand Soft top and Sand interior. Merlot Hard Top included. Approximately 55,000 miles. Very nice car, although not perfect, but near. It has a few minor scratches and stone chips. 4 coils have been replaced. Upgraded Radio professionally installed that accepts flash drive and blue tooth. Original radio will go with the car. Want to sell it soon. Asking \$14,500 for a quick sale. Additional info 414-425-1008 or 262-613-0411 mhoerig@wi.rr.com



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



THUNDERBIRD APPRECIATION DAY

Wixom, Mich –Owners of Ford’s Thunderbird from around the world will be sharing their iconic cars with the public on “Thunderbird Appreciation Day” May 20th, 2018. The three large Thunderbird clubs; Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI), Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI) and International Thunderbird Club (ITC) are encouraging their members to take their Thunderbirds out, individually or in groups, to places for the general-public to see, to learn more about and to just plain enjoy. “2017 was the inaugural year for “Thunderbird Appreciation Day” and it was a great success!” reports Chuck Thompson, CTCI president. “Owners world-wide took their cars to diners and parks, museums and on road trips, anywhere folks don’t usually get to see these types of cars.”

With over 4 million Thunderbirds produced by Ford Motor Company from 1955 to 2005, it is still not common to see a Thunderbird on the road today, even later models. This is the reason that the three Thunderbird clubs have agreed on May 20th as a day to share their Thunderbirds with the world.

“As a Thunderbird owner for many years, you don’t have to tell me it is a unique car” adds VTCI president Rod Wake. “This day gives Thunderbird owners worldwide the opportunity to let others see and learn why Ford touted these cars as “Unique in all the world!””.

For a vehicle that has been out of production for over a decade, their presence is still felt worldwide. Thunderbird owners can be found in all over North and South America as well as Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East and Europe.

“Many of our club members were excited for Thunderbird Appreciation Day last year and I think the number of members taking their Thunderbirds out will only increase this year!”, said ITC president Gerard Bartarsavich. “Members were posting pictures and writing about their experiences for days on social media!”

For more details go to the VTCI website or the VTCI’s Facebook page. Thunderbird owners are asked to share pictures and stories that occur during Thunderbird Appreciation Day on the club’s Facebook page.

ALL FORD NATIONALS

List Club affiliation as **Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club** when registering.

<http://store.carlislevents.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=2018%2D027>

Hotel reservations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 1528 Commerce Avenue, Carlisle, PA. 717-243-2080 Mention Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club for room rate of \$144.00 + txs

OR

List Club affiliation as **International Thunderbird Club** when registering.

Free food and refreshments at the ITC tent.

<http://store.carlislevents.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=2018%2D027>

Hotel reservations at the Country Inn & Suites, Carlisle, PA. Mention International Thunderbird Club for the special discount rate. <https://www.countryinns.com/carlisle-hotel-pa-17015/pacarlis>

THIRD THURSDAY BREAKFAST, MARCH 15

The Third Thursday Breakfast on March 15 was well attended this month. We had two hours of friendly conversation. Those attending were Skip, Phil, Duff, Ron & Jean, Frank & Peg, Ron & Jean, Steve & Cathy, Harry & Celeste, John & Lynn, Dan & Zoanne. For those of you that find this location a little too far to travel, suggest a location in your area that you think might work. Diner or family type restaurants tend to work best as do weekdays rather than weekend gatherings.

FRIENDLY FARMS RESTAURANT

Great food and great company is the best description for our trip to Friendly Farms Restaurant. Attendance was 23. Rather than listing names, I have posted photos of all present.



Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2018

Amy and I moved to Fernandina Beach, FL, in December, 2017, from Maryland where we were members of the Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club (MATC). Unfortunately, there isn't a local chapter here but as we get settled will look into trying to start one. Our '66 left Maryland via Reliable Carriers and arrived in Florida the next day before we did. Thankfully our new next door neighbor is a car enthusiast as well and he stored it in his garage until we arrived about a week later.



Figure 1 Leaving MD

We have wanted to see another major Concours d'Elegance since our first experience at the St. Michaels show in 2015 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Cambridge, MD. What better opportunity than Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance since we now live here.

There were many events planned beginning Thursday, March 8, through Sunday, March 11. Reliable Carriers sponsored the Eight Flags Road Tour on Friday. Those official entrants who are willing to drive their cars take a 3 hour tour through Amelia Island ending on Centre Street in downtown Fernandina Beach where the cars are put on public display for a couple of hours. The range of vehicles was amazing from 1912 Rolls Royce, 1929 Deussen, 1935 Auburn boatail, and 1930's Packards to a 1970 Maserati Ghibli spyder, numerous Porsches, Corvettes, and even concept cars 1960 Plymouth XNR, 1941 Chrysler Thunderbolt, and 1966 Bosley. On Saturday, March 10, Cars and Coffee at the Concours is a free event where local people can display their cars on the 1st and 10th fairways of the Golf Club of Amelia Island just across the driveway from the 18th fairway where the Concours is held. There were over 400 vehicles on display including our '66 convertible.

What a range of automobiles! Not the exotics and classics that are in the Concours but nevertheless an impressive set: Porsches, Corvettes, Mercedes Benz, Jaguar, and many '50's and 60's US marques, including a few Thunderbirds from '55, '65, '9x, '02, and our '66.



It was a great surprise when fellow ITC and MATC members Jim Wulf and Bill Clark stopped by. It was great to see them again. The Concours d'Elegance was moved from Sunday to Saturday due an



impending rain forecast. Among the showcase of cars were many classics. Here are just a few that I thought were particularly impressive.



Figure 2 '29 Deussen



Figure 3 '48 Saoutchik Cadillac Model 62



Figure 4 '66 Bosley



Bandit II

The Concours showcased some of Big Daddy Ed Roth's customized concept cars from the '50's and '60's. While I was perusing them, Amy spotted none other than Wayne Carini and we briefly discussed building the Revell plastic model kits growing up.

Figure 5 Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's Beatnik



Figure 6 Jim and Wayne Carini discuss Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's Surfie

Hagerty Insurance sponsored an event where we could drive a classic vehicle. I chose a 1960 Cadillac Eldorado. It was real hoot but our Thunderbirds are much superior.



We had a blast all day on Saturday. True nirvana for the automobile enthusiast. Please let us know if you are interested in coming down next year and we can help make arrangements.

Jim and Amy Lohr
862483 North Hampton Club Way
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
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Cell: 301-325-2423

james.lohr12@verizon.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message – April 2018



I am so tired of this winter. Last month I told you about taking a top down spin. It was nearly 80 degrees! Since then, cold temperatures, followed by disruptive snow events, followed by several days of significant winds have played havoc in our territory. The calendar may say it is spring, but the weather says something different. I think I am like most of you – true spring weather can't get here soon enough. I am looking forward to be complaining about a little heat, hopefully soon

What a great turnout for our trek to Friendly Farms on March 24th. See photos elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. And thanks to Peg and Frank Long for braving the residue of the recent snow event and in keeping with the true spirit of our event and actually driving their TBird! This is a great venue for dining, socializing and displaying our cars (weather permitting, of course). We will be doing this again.

I recently received a call from Gregg Mummert, Kitty's son. While preparing her house for sale the family discovered some Thunderbird and MATC memorabilia they thought that club members might be interested in. Some squarebird parts were included too. Barb and I met with Gregg and his wife to check out what was available. I was surprised at the number and type items still remaining as Kitty had given me the impression that most of it had been disposed of after Norm's passing. I am in the process of retrieving the items to make them available to MATC members. Some will be presented in memory of Norm & Kitty. Others will be sold, likely via an auction, or similar method, with the proceeds divided between MATC and the Mummert family. This will be accomplished at future club events.

As we approach the cruising and car show season there will be a number of great events to enjoy your car(s) and socializing with MATC and Thunderbird friends. Please check out the attached calendar and be sure to mark your calendars accordingly. If you know of a car show or car event not on the list, let Dan know so he can include it on the calendar.

Please remember to check out the MATC and ITC Facebook pages and websites on a regular basis. Information about events and of items of general interest to TBird owners and enthusiasts is being posted continually. And please consider supporting your club by assisting with coordination of events, apparel sales, advertising, etc. If everyone does a little bit to help no one person (or persons) is over burdened with responsibilities. Thanks You!

Barb and I look forward to seeing you at one of the 2018 events. Please be careful and be safe!!

Skip

2003 THUNDERBIRD 007 OWNERS



Do you own a 2003 James Bond "007" Thunderbird? Do you know someone that does? Would you like to help a very worthwhile charity as well as have your car showcased at a very special event? The ARC of Northern Chesapeake Region is sponsoring a fundraiser at the Maryland Golf and Country Club, near Bel Air, MD on Saturday, April 7th. The theme of the event is James Bond. The coordinators are looking for James Bond type vehicles for a display at the entrance to the venue. Of course, the "007" Bird would certainly be very appropriate among the Aston Martins, Jags, Bentleys, etc. If you would like to participate in the event, please let me know by March 24th @ 410-456-5276 or skip.panowitz@yahoo.com. I will put you in contact with the right folks to provide you with all the details.

Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show

June 9, 2018 9:00 AM – 2:30PM

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

Open to All Vehicles, Years & Models

Awards for Top 20 & "Best of Show"



Pre-Registration: \$15 per vehicle

Must receive registration by June 1, 2018

Day of Show Registration: \$20 per vehicle

Staging 8 – 11AM Dash Plaques to first 75 vehicles

Food and Music

Proceeds to benefit missions

Rain Date: June 23

Check Facebook under events or www.belairumc.org for inclement weather --- Please, no canopies

CAR SHOW ENTRY FORM: *Make checks payable to: Bel Air United Methodist Church*

Mail entry & check to : Bev Talbot, 1536 Parkland Dr., Bel Air, MD. 21015

Name _____

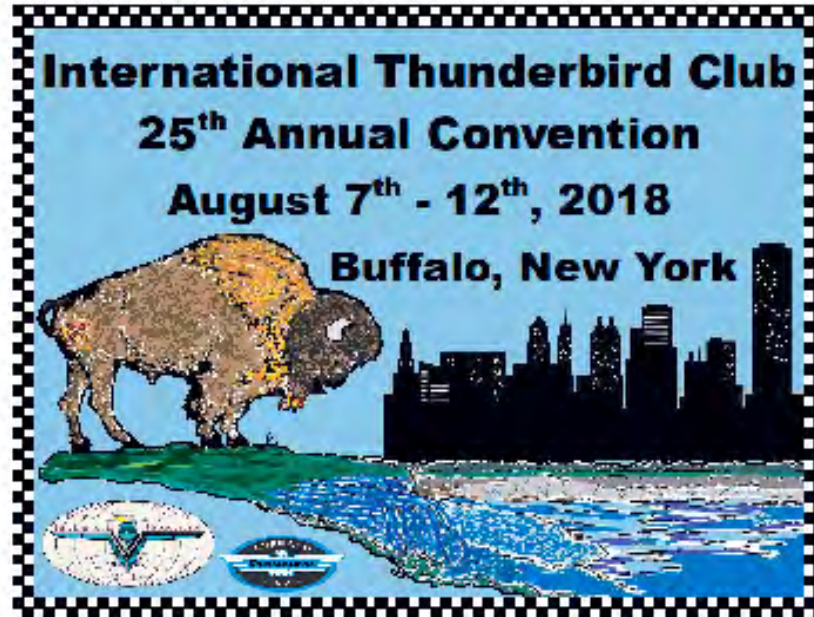
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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Year /Make _____ Model _____ Color _____



The Buffalo Thunderbird Club is proud to host the Silver Anniversary edition of the International Thunderbird Club's Annual Convention and we invite all ITC members and friends for a fun-filled stay in the Buffalo-Niagara region!



Host hotel is the brand new Hyatt Place Buffalo/Amherst! Convention highlights include the Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum, an architectural tour including Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House, dinner harbor cruise on the Miss Buffalo, and of course, a visit to Niagara Falls!



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