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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 49TH ANNIVERSARY



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **April 21, 2003:** Ford announces that production of the 11th generation "retro" Thunderbird will end July 1, 2005.

Thursday – April 20, @ 9:30 AM - Third Thursday TBird Breakfast
Greek Village Restaurant - 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

April 15, 2022: Romancing The Chrome

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. Can we outnumber the Corvettes? Registration is at the show-we are trying to get a copy of the form so it can be pre-filled. See the attached flyer.

MATC Social Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2023 / 2-5 PM

Greene Turtle, 7556 Teague Road,

Arundel Mills Mall, Hanover, MD, 410-799-5001 (near BWI)

Our recent kick-off meeting was not as well attended as has been typical. Many of our members had conflicting commitments on that date. Because we missed seeing everyone, and there are important items to be discussed, a new gathering has been scheduled for April 16th at 2 PM at the Greene Turtle restaurant in the Arundel Mills complex near BWI airport. It was felt that this new date, and a venue convenient for most members, would hopefully be attractive to many members. No potluck, just order from the menu. And no club business (well, maybe a little), mostly a social gathering. Please RSVP to Cathy by April 8, 2023. We hope to see you there.

Membership Roster

A revised membership roster is included with this newsletter. Please either save it to a file or print it out so you will have it as a reference when needed. It will be revised and updated as applicable.



President's Message April 2023

Cathy was returning from a quilt retreat on the western shore of MD one Sunday in March and the weather was beautiful. All of a sudden in the midst of the daffodils and dogwoods she saw a gorgeous aqua Tbird in a driveway. A quick turn-around down the road brought her back to this driveway. As she was getting out of the car a lady and her son came out of the house, saying they had just seen the red Tbird drive by! Needless to say, Cathy invited them to join MATC and left one of our club cards. Here's hoping we see Lorraine and Shane in the near future.

The Thunderbird driving season is opening up!!!

Lots going on in **April**

4/15 - Romancing the Chrome car show, Jarrettsville MD, contact Skip to arrive together.

4/16 - 2 – 5 pm, Fun Get-Together at Greene Turtle Restaurant, [Arundel Mills Corporate Park](#), 7556 Teague Rd, Ste 100, Hanover, MD – private room. Easy driving distance for many members. Hope to see you there!

4/29 – Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Hex Sign Rally – more details in their 'Thunderworld' soon.

4/30 - British Car Show and lunch, Gunston Hall, Lorton VA – Steve Dameron says there is a great restaurant in Mount Vernon only 20 min from the show. If we can get a head count he will make reservations for us. He recommends we meet at Gunston School, 10100 Gunston Rd, Lorton, VA 22079, on the road in to the show about 9:30 so we can drive in together. We need your RSVP on this also so we know to expect you.

Then in **May**

May 4 - some ladies lunching at John Wright Restaurant for recon on the gift shop.

May 6 – Sat - Barry's Car Barn & lunch, **3504 Old Philadelphia Pike,**

Intercourse, PA 17534 – they open at 9. Who's going to join us?

May 21 11am - Tbird Appreciation Day brunch at John Wright Restaurant. We need your RSVP to get the reservation right.

Finally, don't forget in **June** – June 2-4 - All Ford Nationals Reunion, Carlisle PA

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues early or just after the latest reminders. If you are not paid up at the time of this newsletter you will be dropped from the roster and will get no more newsletters.

Cathy & Steve



MATC is Now A VTCI Chapter

You may have noticed that there is a new, additional logo in the header for this newsletter. MATC is now officially a chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI). Your officers and Board of Directors have been working on this for a long time. VTCI is the oldest, longest running club representing all years and vintages of Thunderbirds. It was originally established to support owners of 1958-60 Thunderbirds and was called the "Squarebird Society" in reference to the nickname designated to the first generation of 4 seat TBirds. As interest in later versions of TBirds developed collectible and special interest status they were included as well. MATC was formerly the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club of America (VTCA) which was the forerunner of VTCI. With the establishment of the International Thunderbird Club (ITC) 30 years ago, the officers of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of VTCI decided to become associated with ITC because of disagreements regarding the management of VTCI at the time. VTCI offers lots of benefits to Thunderbird owners. These include an excellent bi-monthly publication, the Thunderbird Scoop, an annual convention with a judged car show, a Facebook page, technical assistance for all year Thunderbirds, and much more. Check out VTCI at vintagethunderbirdclub.net. **And please consider joining. The application is attached below.**

MATC will continue to be a chapter of ITC.

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	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	(https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071)
May - Oct	3 rd Friday Cruisers		Town of Perryville, MD Lower Ferry Park	AGAPERRYVILLEMD.org
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
April 15	Romancing The Chrome	Various	Jarrettsville, MD 3719 Norrisville Road	Registration form and more info to follow. See flyer.
April 15 (Thru October)	Opening Day – Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shuck's Road Athletic Facility – Churchville, MD	Check website for future dates miracleleagueharford.org
April 15	Harford Winery Cruise	Harford Winery	1311 Jarrettsville Rd, FH	Showtime 4-8 Other Dates: 5/20, 6/17, 7/15
April 16	MATC Social Gathering	***MATC	Greene Turtle Arundel Mills, MD	See Details On Cover Page
April 29	Hex Sign Ride	LVTC	Someplace In PA you won't know	See Flyer
April 30	British On the Green Car Show	***MATC	Gunston Hall Lorton, VA	More Details Forthcoming
May 6	Barry's Car Barn & lunch	***MATC	3504 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse, PA 17534	More Details Forthcoming
May 21	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	John Wright Restaurant Wrightsville, PA	More Details Forthcoming
June 2-4	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle Events	Carlisle PA	Carlisle events.com See Article For More Details
June 2-4	Thunderbird Reunion A Gathering Of TBird "Old Friends", New Friends Welcome	ATA	Carlisle PA In Conjunction With All Ford Nationals	See Article For Specific Details
June 17	Cooptown Show		Wm Watters Meth Church 1452 Jarrettsville Road	Showtime 9-1
July 4	Towson 4 th of July Parade		Towson, MD	Details to follow
July 4	Bel Air 4 th of July Parade		Bel Air, MD	Details to Follow
July 16	Pot Luck at Denham's	***MATC	Hyde's MD	Details to follow
August 16-19	VTIC International 2023 Convention	VTIC	Cartersville, GA	Vintagethunderbirdclub.net
August 22-27	Thunderbird Reunion	ITC	Dearborn, MI	
September 17	"Cherry" Festival	***MATC	Cherry's Cabin	Details to follow
September?	Joint event with NJTA	NJTA	Patterson and/or Edison NJ	Detail to Follow
October 14	Rockville Classic & Antique Car Show	City of Rockville	Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Drive	specialevents@rockvillemd.gov
November	Election of Officers	***MATC		Consider running for an office
December 3	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Restaurant	More Details Later

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.

MATC Annual "Kick-off" Meeting

February 26, 2023



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Special Thunderbird Events 2023

There are several, major, Thunderbird events in 2023 that should be of interest to Thunderbird owners and club members. These include:

Thunderbird Friends Reunion Carlisle, PA, June 2-4, 2023:

This is a gathering of long term Thunderbird owners and club friends that gathered every year in the past as part of national club conventions and other events. Since there has not been an opportunity to gather and socialize for over 5 years, a group who has missed this annual ritual decided to try to recreate it as part of the All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA, this year. Many will be spending the weekend there, staying at local hotels. A list of hotels can be provided upon request. But they are filling up fast as the event dates approach. Sorry, we could not secure a host hotel that could accommodate a large group. We will work on that for next year. We have made arrangements for a group dinner at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant near Carlisle for Saturday, June 3. ***Please advise if you would like to participate in the dinner by May 1, 2023.*** The group will gather on the showfield in a tent provided by the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. If you plan to display your car on the showfield please register ASAP. **Carlisleevents.com**. Please indicate LVTC as your club as they are accommodating and supporting this event. This will be a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome. Come for the weekend. Come for a day.

Vintage Thunderbird Club International Annual Convention, Cartersville, GA, August 16-19

Many MATC members, especially newer members, have never attended a national Thunderbird Club Convention. In the past, it was a major activity for MATC each year when there was an ITC convention. There was always a great showing of MATC. The convention will include great events, great venues, a chance to socialize with TBird owners from all over the country and world. Oh, and a judged car show too. A real unique, gratifying but teeth gnashing experience everyone with a special interest car, especially a Thunderbird, should participate in at least once. For more specific information check out the VTCl website at www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net. If you are not yet a VTCl member, please consider joining today. There is an application attached.

Thunderbird Reunion, Dearborn, MI, August 22-27, 2023

Sponsored by ITC, this is being promoted as a gathering of Thunderbirds and Thunderbird owners. Activities will include several dinners and an all Thunderbird display at Ford World Headquarters. It is open to all clubs and all Thunderbird owners. There is a "host" hotel, but all venue visits are on your own. For more information contact **intl-thunderbirdclub.com**. Registration forms and agenda are available from the newsletter editor.



HEX BARN SIGN

"RUN TOWARDS THE SUN"

Road Rally

Saturday April 29, 2023

Join your fellow Lehigh Valley Club Members for an enjoyable run through the back roads of Pennsylvania, admiring the scenic lush countryside as it is coming into bloom. Oh, yes, you have to look for the Hex Signs on the barns, watch for animals in the road, maneuver some nice corners and even see some birds (real ones) in your travels.

Look for final details in the April THUNDERWORD Newsletter, for starting location and finish locations. The Rally is not about speed, it is about accuracy and safety.

Please note you can bring whatever vehicle you want, but since it is a THUNDERBIRD Club, T-Birds are preferred!

Also, each vehicle will have to pass Tech Inspection to participate. A Copy of inspection form for Tech Inspection can be found on next page.

Please let me, Vince Luppino, know if you are going to participate by 4/22/23.

Note: A vehicle inspection is part of this event.

11th ANNUAL CAR SHOW TO BENEFIT



JARRETTSVILLE
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THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB & THE BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB



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SATURDAY, APRIL 15th

3719 Norrisville Rd Across from the Jarrettsville Library

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10AM-4PM

RAIN DATE: APRIL 22

Romancing the Chrome

February/March 2023

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Registration is at the show

Be Sure to Put This Date On Your Calendar!!

May 21, 2023

MATC will be gathering at the John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville, PA on this date for their fantastic brunch. We have met there before. It is a great venue, with a great view. More details regarding time and advising your participation will be included in the April and May newsletters.



7th Annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day

It's time for our Thunderbirds to spread their wings and for us to celebrate our
"Unique In All The World" cars!

Get together with fellow club members or take a solo flight. Take your car to the grocery store, to the local burger stand, meet up with another T-Birder at a park for a picnic or cruise with others...maybe even take it to the discotheque! Use your Thunderbirds like folks did when they were brand new. Let everyone see why we love our Thunderbirds!

April Birthdays



The officers and members of MATC wish the following members a very happy birthday

Ron Davis (6) Phyllis Cherry (25) Skip Panowitz (27)

Charles Samorodin Bob Wood

Note: If we missed your birthday, please advise the editor. We are sorry for the oversight. Thanks!

Membership: **New Recruitment Flyer**

In an effort to enhance recruitment efforts, a flyer has been developed to provide prospective members with information about MATC. This will supplement the recruitment business cards already in use. A copy is included with the newsletter for your reference and use. Because of high printing costs we are requesting that members print copies to distribute at car shows, cruise nights, etc. Please make copies as needed. Copies will be available at MATC events. The flyer was developed in color, but copies in black & white show well also.

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham and Mike Melnyk. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes for a quick, complete, and successful recovery for our members.

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!

REMINDER: Please Send US Your VIN Number!!!!

The MATC Board of Directors continues its effort to develop a directory of VIN data (Vehicle Identification Number/serial number) for members vehicles. If you have not submitted yours yet, please send it Skip, Cathy, Steve, or any officer. This information can be beneficial as a reference future owners when a car changes hands. New owners often inquire back to clubs like MATC to determine if the prior owner was a club member. This information can be very helpful in tracing the history of the vehicle.

CLASSIFIEDS

1966 Thunderbird Convertible: Red with Red Interior and White Top. 390 CID Engine, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Electric Windows. Lots of New Parts. 80,000 Miles, \$28,000.
Richard Trimble, Hampstead, Telephone: 410 – 374 – 6037 (3/20)



2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Thunderbird: MATC friends and Thunderbird enthusiasts Sandi & Walt Fries are selling their 2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Edition Ford Thunderbird. Owned since new, the car has 23,330 mostly highway mile, plus custom features including color-keyed car cover, boot, seat covers, dash cover and front-end cover. Asking price is \$32,500. Contact Walt at 610-759-4997 (h), 484-515-4008 or wfriesjr@aol.com (1/23)



1955 Thunderbird: Frame off restoration, 3 speed transmission, soft and hardtops, white, 38,000 miles, asking \$43,000. Contact Steven Roemer @ 484-716-5992 or stevenroemer@comcast.net (1/23)



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Still Available
MATC & TBird T-Shirts
While They Last!

A = 45th MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$10 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H

B = Retro TBird Logo T-Shirt; XXL only; \$10 each plus S&H

Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold depending on space. Non-member cost to advertise is complimentary for the first month then \$10 for each three months thereafter. This policy is subject to change.

Did You Know This?!!

EL UNIVERSAL, Sábado 23 de Diciembre de 1979 4-11



En estas confortables butacas usted viaja siempre en primera clase.
(Y vienen tapizadas en cuero o tela, a su elección.)

Son las butacas de un Conquistador. Diseñadas anatómicamente para su descanso y tapizadas, a su elección, en cuero legítimo o en fina tela. Los respaldos de los asientos delanteros tienen un revistero y un asa para comodidad de quienes viajan atrás. Y son reclinables. Para que usted se sienta realmente cómodo tras el volante, su asiento se ajusta en la posición ideal, moviéndolo eléctricamente en 6 direcciones. Los descansabrazos centrales independientes representan un doble confort para usted y su acompañante.

Las otras características del Conquistador son tan exclusivas como sus asientos. Detalles únicos como el proceso especial de pintura "clear coat"; un control de velocidad incorporado al volante; un completo panel de instrumentos; un control "climatizado" para mantener la temperatura interior; y detalles tan personales como una placa grabada con el nombre de su dueño en el tablero.

El orgullo de poseer un Conquistador está reservado a unos pocos hombres de buen gusto. Su producción es limitada. El Conquistador es un producto Guri, ensamblado en Venezuela por CIF-DIASA bajo licencia de tecnología de Ford Motor Company.



Conquistador

Distribuido por los Miembros de la Asociación Nacional de Concesionarios Ford.

No matter how long you have been a Thunderbird enthusiast, or part of the Thunderbird "hobby", and think you know everything or have seen it all suddenly, with no warning, something new pops up. This is the 1979 Thunderbird sold in Venezuela. It goes by the name **Conquistador**. An interesting discovery. Does anyone know of other names that may have been used in foreign markets?



MATC Newsletter Editor Skip Panowitz presents the MATC member checks to support the Miracle League of Harford County MHLHC representative, and Plaza Ford General Manager, Katie Walls Gugliotta . This is our club's charitable partner and has been for several years. The MLHC organization is very appreciative of our member's financial support. Plans are to coordinate a MATC activity with a Miracle League game this season. The purpose of the Miracle League is to provide a location and the opportunity for those with disabilities to participate in sports that would otherwise not have this opportunity. Whether or not you have an interest in sports, all members are encouraged to attend one of the Miracle League events. You may never have seen a more enthused and excited group of athletes. Not to mention the coaches and helpers.

PS: Your editor's expression in the photo in no way reflects his support of this organization. He is just more accustomed to being on the other side of the camera. Ed.



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, newsletter delivered electronically, or
\$40 due each January, newsletter delivered via US Postal Service

New Members Partial Dues:

\$15 if joining after June 1st of the year.

Full dues if joining after October 1st of the year, BUT

IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR DUES (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:

Frank Long, Treasurer; 331 Sullivan Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009; 410-569-8539

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(Revised September 2022)

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



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(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

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P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.

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- **Social Gatherings**
- **Monthly Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)**
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- **Community Activity and Support**
- **“Fun, Fun, Fun” with your Thunderbird**

