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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club





http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org

This Month in Thunderbird History:

April 21, 2003: Ford Motor Co announces that production of 11th generation Thunderbird to end in 2005 or 2006.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Thursday- April 17, 2025 @ 9:30 am****

Bob Evans: 14 Bel Air South Pkwy, @ MD Rt 24, Bel Air, MD 21014

Note: This is a new venue that seems to be working out OK.

Please let Cathy know if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can be prepared.

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

Jarrettsville. MD

This popular annual event has always been supported by MATC members. We will stage at the 7-11 located nearby at the intersection of routes 23 and 165 at 9:00 am so we can caravan to the show. Let's have another great showing. See the attached flyer. Let Skip know by April 10th if you plan to participate. Registration is at the show.

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 18; 11 AM

John Wright Restaurant, 234 N Front Street,

Wrightsville PA., 17368

We have reserved tables for 30 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 12the if you plan to attend.



President's Message April 2025

Happy Easter!



We had 7 folks for Skip's outing to the **911 Center in Harford County MD** on March 18 and all agreed it was very informative. So much technology involved! Then we went to The Lodge after the presentation for a delicious lunch. It was a beautiful day.

Romancing the Chrome in Jarrettsville is coming up April 12. This is a fun show in a field in the country (with food trucks and porta-potties) and we'd like to have a good showing again this year. Please let Skip know if you plan to go so he can arrange a meeting place and caravan.

Dave Thomas also shared this with us. There is a **car show at the Cecil County School of Technology May 3** that might interest you. It's at 912 Appleton Rd, Elkton MD. The flyer is elsewhere in the newsletter. We already have some folks interested so let us know if you plan to attend and maybe we can caravan there.

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

Third Thursday MATC Breakfast meets at Bob Evans in Bel Air on the 3rd Thursday of each month (April 17 this month) at 9:30, and we are hoping to see some of you there since the weather is getting nicer. Please consider joining us and let Cathy know if you plan to so we will have a big enough table. Lately this seems to be just board members but we would love to have more of you there.

Phyllis Cherry is recovering nicely from her knee surgery and we look forward to seeing her out and about soon.

Cathy & Steve

Official MATC/ITC activities are marked with *** and printed in bold. Our <u>Thunderbird Club</u> events are open to all years of Thunderbirds. Other events such

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location	Additional Information
Third Thursday 9:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	***MATC	Bob Evans 14 Bel Air So Pkwy Bel Air, MD 21014	@ intersection of MD Rt 24 and Bel Air South Parkway
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
	2025			
April 12	Romancing The Chrome	Various	Jarrettsville, MD	See flyer in newsletter. Rain date April 19 th .
April 26	Car Show With A Cop	MSP	MSP JFK Highway Barrack	See flyer below
May 3	Cecil County School Of Technology Car Show	CCST	912 Appleton Rd, Elkton MD.	See flyer below
May 15-18	Ocean City Cruisin		Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	
May 18	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	John Wright Rest Wrightsville PA	More Details Later Possible Museum Tour After
June 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle Productions	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA	See hotel reservation and event registration info below.
June 21	Bill Smith Cruise-In	AACA	AACA Museum Gettysburg, PA	Flyer Below
June 22	Pot-Luck @ Denham's	***MATC	Hydes, MD	Details To Follow
July 11	National Collector Car Appreciation Day		TBD	TBD
Sept 9-13	VTCI/CTCI Convention	VTCI	Grapevine Texas	See Details Below
September 21	Cherry Fest	***MATC	Cascade MD	Details To Follow
October 9-12	Endless Summer OC	Special Events Prod	Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	Specialeventpro.com
October 18	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville	603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD	More Details To Follow
Dec 14	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg PA	Additional Details Forthcoming

There are many car shows and cruise nights in our service area on a weekly basis. Some of the more popular events are listed above. Please also check out the complete list of events on the Car Show & Cruise Guide website @ 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.



Save the hobby.org



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

April Birthdays:

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

Member News & Happenings:

Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip

- Phyllis Cherry is recovering from knee surgery. We look forward to seeing her out and about soon. Editor's Note: Enjoy and tolerate the PT kiddo. It is the key to a successful recovery!
- John Horn continues to recuperate at the Care Center at Oakcrest recovering from a fall and other medical issues.
- Dan Denham continues in hospice care at home. He can have visitors but Zoeanne requests to coordinate visits with her first.
- As a reminder, Barbara Panowitz has assumed the responsibility of Sunshine Lady. MATC members are encouraged to provide Barb with any important information regarding health, special occasions, awards, etc., for appropriate recognition.

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

Please submit your news, special occasions, etc., to the editor for publication in the Newsletter to keep the membership up to date on member happenings, health, and well-being. Remember, inquiring minds want to know!





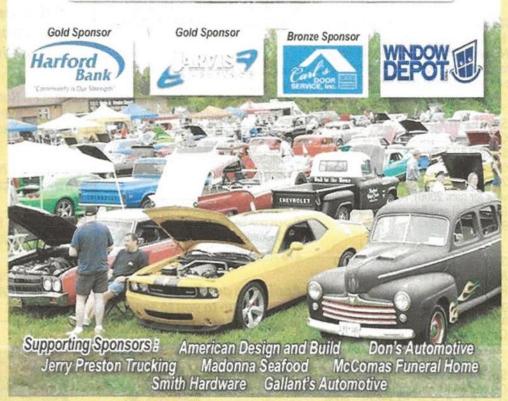
TO BENEFIT THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB & THE BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB

Saturday, April 12, 2025

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

Headline Sponsor

Jarrettsville Federal A Community Bank



3719 Norrisville Rd.

Jarrettsville, MD (Next to Smith Hardware)

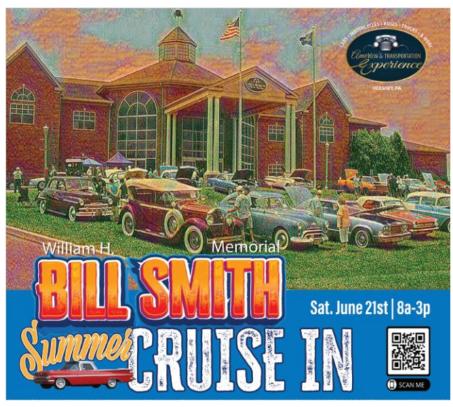
7:00 am-10:00 am Registration \$25 Entry Fee Best in Show - \$500 Other prizes for multiple classes



www.facebook.com/romancingthechrome

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1st Annual Cecil County Car Show with a Cop

Presented by the Maryland State Police



Date: Saturday April 26, 2025

Check-In Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Show Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Maryland State Police JFK Highway Barrack 15 Turnpike Drive, Perryville, MD 21903 (Rain Date: Sunday April 27, 2025)

The Maryland State Police are proud to host the 1st Annual Cecil County Car Show with a Cop, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Harford & Cecil Counties





Free for the Public!





Interested in showcasing your vehicle?

All car enthusiasts are encouraged to participate! Any vehicle, any class! A \$25.00 donation fee is requested to register your vehicle and will be collected by the Boys & Girls Club upon arrival.

To register, scan the QR Link to the right →

For general questions, please contact Corporal Adam Siemek of the Maryland State Police at adam.siemek@maryland.gov.

REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE HERE:



Harford County 911 Center Tour March 18, 2025



MATC Members & Friends Attend A Very Informative and Beneficial Tour of the Harford County 911 & Department of Energency Services Headquarters



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Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2025

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 6-8, 2025

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2025 Carlisle Ford Nationals. We have again secured a block of rooms in the Carlisle area for the nights of Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7, 2025. This allows for the group being together in the evening, for breakfast, etc. We have a block of 25 rooms guaranteed which can be increased as deemed necessary. The rate is \$185 per night, which is discounted from the standard rate, plus taxes. Room reservations can be cancelled up until 6 PM the night of the reservation. So there is no reason not to make reservations even if you are not sure you can make it. The rate includes breakfast and other amenities. We will also have the use of a meeting room as a hospitality room. There is plenty of free parking. The "host" hotel is:

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

The hotel is an easy drive from the Carlisle Fairgrounds right off of 1-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before June 6th it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, <u>like right now</u>, even if you are not certain you can be there. The sooner reservations are made, the better the chance of increasing the number of rooms in the block if needed. It is fortunate that we were able to reserve a block of rooms and at a favorable rate. The online reservation link is below:

Thunderbird Friends Reunion

If the link does not work, call the hotel direct at the above number. We will provide more details as they become available. There will be a dinner on Saturday night, like this year, and Friday night too. We hope to have a larger tent this year as multiple clubs are expected to be included. Please get your reservations taken care of early. Rooms are filling up now that VTCI members have been notified of the reservation information. The earlier the room block fills up the better chance there is to expand it to add more rooms.

Restaurant reservations have already been secured for Saturday night at the popular Rustic Tavern. It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a be dedicated menu, with advance selection required, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

We look forward to even more Fun, Fun, Fun in 2025.

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NOTE: There is a showfield registration discount available at the current time. It is unknown how long that will be available. And VERY IMPORTANT: Register your club affiliation as VTCI



MATC is now officially a part of Ford Performance-Club Connect. This is another opportunity for Thunderbird owners to learn about our club and top promote events. Check it out at:

www.FordPerformanceClubConnect.com



2025 VTCI/CTCI JOINT THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION

September 9-13, 2025 Grapevine, Texas

Inaugural, Joint International Thunderbird Club Event: Where Thunderbird enthusiasts from around the World are invited to this first-ever Joint Thunderbird Club Event hosted by VTCI and CTCI to promote camaraderie, share experiences, renew old and make new friendships and most importantly to just have some FUN! Trailer or drive your Thunderbird to participate in Concours Or, drive your Thunderbird and take part in two driving tours of North Texas.

Central Location - Grapevine, Texas

The premier visitor destination in North Texas. The city welcomes 12 million visitors annually and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North Texas. Stroll the award-winning Urban Wine Trail, the Historic Main Street District, the Grapevine Mills Shopping Mall, and a host of other attractions and restaurants that are all accessible on the Free Grapevine Visitors Shuttle.



Concours d'Elegance: It's a Joint
Thunderbird Event to mix, meet other
Thunderbird owners and just have fun. But,
VTCI and CTCI Concours judging activities
will be conducted separately per each
organization's time-honored standards.



Event Hotel: The Embassy Suites, North Grapevine provides guests with a two room suite, fitness facility, pool, complimentary made to order breakfast, and drinks/snacks at night; room rate is \$159.00/night. Hotel offers Suite accommodations, is pet friendly, with plenty of FREE car parking, FREE, ample trailer and tow vehicle parking for those bringing their car in a trailer,

FREE shuttle to the Historic Grapevine shopping/entertainment district; FREE shuttle to/from the DFW airport for those flying in, and adjacent to Bass Pro Shop for all your sporting needs shopping/browsing.

Event Hotel Registration:

Embassy Suites, North Grapevine, Texas 2401 Bass Pro Drive Grapevine, Texas 76051

Reservations:

Group Code: C 90E, All Thunderbird Club

(972) 724-2600

Convention Rate \$159 plus Tax and includes made to order breakfast. Deadline for hotel reservations is Wednesday August 20th, 2025

Deadline for judged car entries: August 12, 2025.

***no refund for car entry cancellations after August 12th 2025.

Convention News and Updates

Follow the VTCI and CTCI websites and Facebook pages; registration forms are available on the VTCI/CTCI websites and in the VTCI SCOOP and CTCI Early Bird.

For more specific information regarding the schedule of activities and events: vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2025internationalevents.pdf



Who is the celerbrity with The TBird? Milana Vayntrub

<u>What Year Is The Thunderbird</u>?: 1957 <u>Bonus:</u> What is she most famous for? AT&T <u>Spokesperson in commercials</u>

Congrats to Bob Bossoli

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

It is never too late to submit your answer.

April Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



What year is the TBird?: Who is the actor?:

<u>Bonus:</u> Name movie he starred in filmed in/around and set in the Baltimore area?

Daniel and Milana

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

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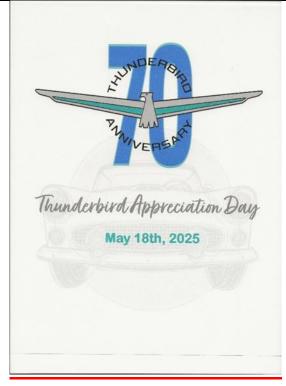
January: Earl Dickinson

February: Dan Luber, Earl Dickinson

March: Bob Bossoli

CLASSIFIEDS

Thunderbird 70th Anniversary T-Shirts



Shirt will be red in color with logo to left displayed on front.

<u>Prices:</u> S-XL = \$11

XXL = \$13

3XL = \$14

Please send number and size of shirts requested to Cathy via email. Copy Ron Hill. Send check payable to MATC for total order to:

> **Ron Hill 1905 Cypress Drive** Bel Air, MD 21015

Deadline For Orders Is April 20th

Collector's Corner:



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

These are by Goldvarg. They are superb quality and are very well detailed. And they are pricey, about \$80 each to MATC members, retail is \$100+. The model year is 1976. Now expected to be available in early 2005.





The Revival of a Classic: Why the Ford Thunderbird Remains the

American Dream on Wheels

The Ford Thunderbird is an enduring icon of American style, power, and freedom. From 1955 to today, it remains one of the most beloved classic cars. Rediscover the legend — find your Thunderbird today.



Ford Thunderbird. Source: Beverly Hills Car Club.

By Javier Cappiello

In 1955, Ford Motor Company introduced the Thunderbird, a model that not only rivaled the Chevrolet Corvette but redefined what it meant to drive a personal luxury car in the United States. Initially designed as a sporty roadster, the Thunderbird — or "T-Bird," as enthusiasts affectionately call it — captured the spirit of a postwar nation celebrating with style, power, and a sense of freedom.

Unlike its direct competitor, the Thunderbird emphasized comfort and elegance over pure aggression. Its aerodynamic design, luxurious interior, and powerful V8 engine made it an aspirational symbol of the American Dream. As noted by the Smithsonian Institution, "the Thunderbird not only represented a new type of car, but a new way of life."

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An Icon That Evolved Without Losing Its Soul



1960 Ford Thunderbird. Source: Gallery Aaldering.

Over eleven generations of production (1955–2005), the Thunderbird went through multiple transformations: from a two-seat convertible to a four-door sedan, from a muscle car to a retro-futuristic coupe. But what it never lost was its emblematic character. Every redesign of the T-Bird reflected the cultural trends of its time, from the chrome excesses of the 1950s to the clean, square lines of the 1980s.

According to Hagerty, one of the most respected insurers and analysts in the classic car market in the U.S., the Thunderbird is one of the most sought-after models among collectors: "Its historical significance, along with the variety of styles available over the years, makes it a must-have in any serious collection."



2005 Ford Thunderbird. Source: Reddit.

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The earliest generations (especially those produced between 1955 and 1957) are the most sought-after at auctions and collector events. Some examples have fetched over \$100,000 at auction houses like Barrett-Jackson and Mecum Auctions, particularly if they retain original parts or have been meticulously restored.



Why It Still Lives in America's Heart

1959 Ford Thunderbird. Source: Bring a Trailer.

The Ford Thunderbird is not just a museum piece — it's a time capsule representing a golden era of American automotive design. Its continued relevance is fueled by the booming classic car market, generational nostalgia, and its recurring presence in movies, TV shows, and vintage events.

For many, the Thunderbird represents an emotional connection to family history, youthful road trips, or the image of an optimistic and expanding United States. Its relative affordability (at least in later versions) has also made it an ideal entry point for new classic car enthusiasts.

Ultimately, the T-Bird secures its place as one of the most important classic cars in American history, and continues to be, in the words of automotive historian John Gunnell, "the car that made luxury a popular aspiration, and automotive design a part of everyday art."



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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

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Send To: Please Mail Application with your check payable to MATC to:

Ron Hill, Treasurer; 1905 Cypress Drive, Bel Air, 21015; 410-569-0106

Visit us at 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)



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