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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **May 2017:** Inaugural celebration of Thunderbird Appreciation Day on the third Sunday in May, the Sunday after Mother's Day to encourage universal recognition of the iconic marque.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Thursday- May 15, 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.



Meet at Royal Farm Store Rt 543 & Rt 1 By-Pass @ 8:45 to caravan to show

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 18; 11 AM

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

This is a reminder for those who are attending. All of the reserved spaces are full. If vacancies become available the membership will be advised. 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.**



President's Message May 2025

Romancing the Chrome in Jarrettsville saw one of our members be a winner in their class. Look for his picture that Skip has in this newsletter. Congrats to Charles Samoradin!

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 48 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! We know there are a lot of really nice cars in our club. There are folks coming from LVTC and Central PA Thunderbird Club also. Try to park with other T-birds and meet there a little early for their **11am Prime Rib Buffett**. We are counting on Skip to order up a beautiful day for us.

Shirts are being made and we expect to have them at the lunch, so wear your jeans, khakis or shorts so you can put them on there. Hats are available with the 70th anniversary logo.

Don't forget to get your field reservations and hotel reservations for **All Ford Nationals in Carisle PA Jun 6-8, 2025**. Another opportunity to show off those Birds and this year is a special celebration of the Thunderbird's 70th anniversary! Skip and Earl have put a lot of effort toward making this a fun weekend, so try to join us there with LVTC, Central PA Thunderbird Club and some folks from VTCL who have sponsored the tent this year.

Come out, enter your car and see if we can get as many winners as last year! More info on this from Skip elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our annual **picnic at the Denhams is June 22** this year. Make your favorite picnic food and join us for a lot of fun and comraderie, with games and 50/50 fundraising tix. Skip will have a food assignment and directions on the front page of the newsletter.

Cathy & Steve

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	Bob Evans 14 Bel Air So Pkwy Bel Air, MD 21014	@ intersection of MD Rt 24 and Bel Air South Parkway
All Year	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
2025				
May 3	Cecil County School Of Technology Car Show	CCST	912 Appleton Rd, Elkton MD.	See flyer below
May 4	Highland School Car Show	Highland School	2409 Creswell Road (rt 543) Bel Air	See Info Below
May 15-18	Ocean City Cruisin		Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	
May 18	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	John Wright Rest Wrightsville PA	Please arrive early to park TBirds together.
May 24 12-4PM	Harford Vineyard & Winery Car Cruise	Various Sponsors	1311 W. Jarrettsville Rd Forest Hill, MD	Various Dates See Attached
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 20	Save The Hobby Car Show	CCCEF	Parkton, MD	See Flyer 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:

May Birthdays:

Linda Loving (21), Betty Marcellino (30)

Member News & Happenings:

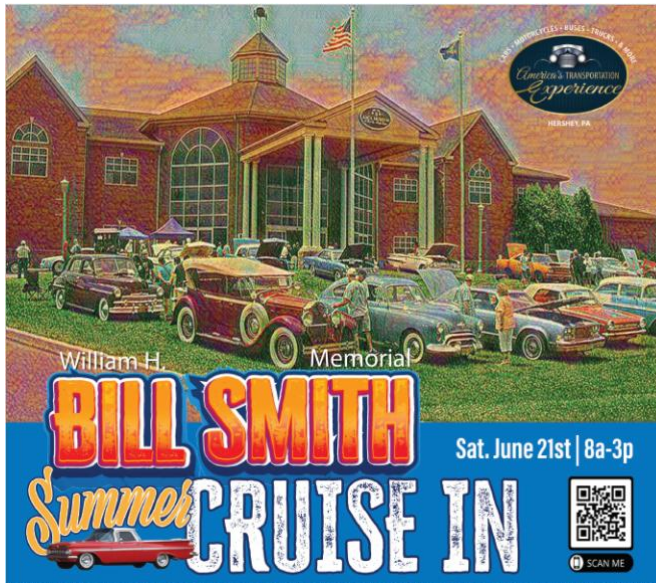
Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip

- Congratulations to Charles Samorodin. His 1957 Thunderbird won second place in its class at the Romancing the Chrome Car Show.
- 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. Barb's contact info: 443-504-5542 (phone or text); ladyofthelake21014@yahoo.com.**

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!



William H. Memorial
BILL SMITH
Summer CRUISE IN

Sat. June 21st | 8a-3p

SCAN ME



SAVE THE HOBBY CAR SHOW

September 20, 2025
from 12-4pm Rain date 9/21

• Door Prizes and Raffles • Trophies • Great Food • Beer • Music

19919 Cameron Mill Rd Parkton, MD 21120

\$20 car registration to benefit the Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation
Free for spectators Registration from 11-1
Activities all day and special music in the evening

SavetheHobby.org

For more information call
Doug 410-456-2227 or Dave 410-937-6866

CUSTOM & CLASSIC CAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



CECIL COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

2025 CCST SPRING SHOWCASE

Cecil County School of Technology 912 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD 21921

SATURDAY, MAY 3
10 AM - 2 PM

Rain Date: Saturday, May 17

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER & PLANT SALE

PETTING ZOO & ANIMAL DISPLAY

SHOWCASE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR TRACTOR

REGISTER TODAY

DELICIOUS TREATS FROM CULINARY ARTS CLASS & WAFFLE'N JOE

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM DISPLAYS

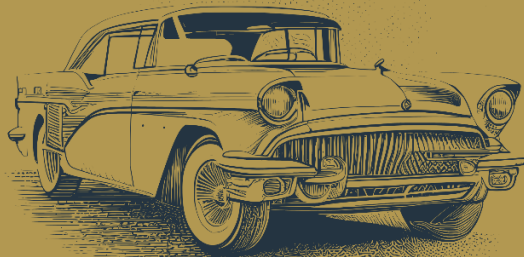
DJ MUSIC

CAR/TRUCK/TRACTOR SHOW

Questions? Call CCST @ 410-392-8879

THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

CLASSIC CAR REGISTRATION



Join us at our car show and help support our mission!
Car (not just Classics) Show

(Due to space, we are limited to 75 cars)

Sunday, May 4, 11-4

100% goes to scholarships

Awards for

Best of Show

People's Choice

(AWARDS BELOW MAY CHANGE DUE TO PARTICIPATION)

Best Original

Best Custom

Best Street Rod

Best GM

Best Ford

Best MOPAR

Oldest Car

Dash plaques for up to 50 cars.

Cars arrive at 10 am.

The Highlands School

2409 Creswell Road, Bel Air, MD 21015

Register @: <https://highlandsschool.net/car-show/>

2025 Car Cruises at Harford Vineyard

Come meet up at Harford Vineyard and relax with fellow car lovers!
Enjoy great local wines, amazing cars, and beautiful scenery.

Food by Fire on-site
No outside food | No outside alcohol by law!

Upcoming Car Cruise Dates:

April 26, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by Harford County Mopars

Rain Date: April 27th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

May 24, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by Save the Hobby

Rain Date: May 25th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

June 28, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by Passion 4 Pavement

Rain Date: June 29th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

July 26, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by Harford Mustangs & Our Friends

Rain Date: July 27th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

August 23, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by AACA

Rain Date: August 24th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

September 27, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by AACA / Save the Hobby

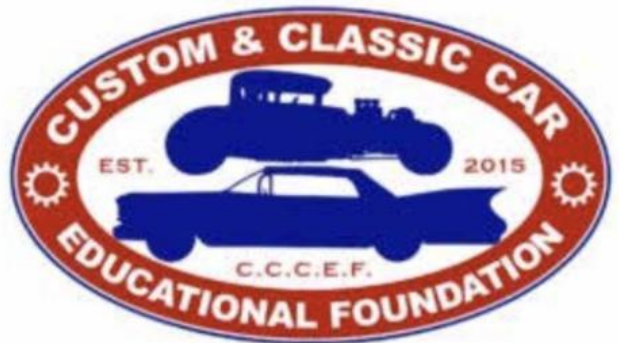
Rain Date: September 28th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

October 25, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Hosted by Corvette & Van Clubs (Trunk or Treat)

Rain Date: October 26th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for cars, wine, and fun!



Romancing The Chrome: April 19, 2025



Charles Samorodin



Doug Read



Gail & Dave Thomas



The "Judge"



Congrats to Charles Samorodin for winning second place honors for his 1957 Thunderbird. He also brought this unique 1959 Ford Skyliner which features a retractable hardtop. Many folks think the Thunderbird had the retractable hardtop but it was this model produced from 1957 to 1959. 1958 through 1966 Thunderbird convertibles used a similar system but with a fabric top.



You will be travelling light with this baby. Just like in retro Thunderbirds.



Car Show With A Cop – April 27, 2015

Only one lonely Thunderbird (guess whose it was?), but lots of interesting show cars and vintage and current police cruisers.



MATC activities interest survey

Name _____

	reply yes or no	
Day trip?		
Overnight/weekend away?		
Short ride for ice cream/lunch?		
Car places, museums, etc?		
Just fun things like picnic?		
Car shows?		
Conventions?		
2025 plans, please show interest		
Romancing the Chrome April 19, Jarrettsville		
Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 18		
lunch Wright's Resturant & Clock museum		
weekend away?		
AFN at Carlisle May 29-June 1		
Just a day		
Entire show		
Denhams picnic, June 22		
4th of July Parades, Towson & Bel Air		
Das Auchfest Aug 1-3		
VTCL Convention, Grapevine TX Sept 9-13		
Cherryfest Sept 21		
Crusin' OC Oct		
Overnight trip to Edison NJ area, Date TBD		
Beyond the Battlefield, Gettysburg, Fall/Christmas		
Rockville Antique Car Show Oct		
911 Call Center		
Havre de Grace day trip/lunch/ice cream		
Dunbar Armored Car Museum & Fire Museum HV		
FASTNACHT DAY WITH LVTC		
FORDS GARAGE RESTAURANT - RICHMOND VA		

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 I-81. The block of rooms will remain available until 30 days before June 6th it is imperative to make your reservations ASAP, **like right now**, 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 VTCT 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 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.



FUN, FUN, FUN
In the June Sun



CARLISLE[®]
NATIONALS



Join **VTCI** in Celebrating
the Ford Thunderbird's
70th Anniversary

1955—2025

Carlisle All Ford National
June 6 - 8, 2025
at VTCI's
THUNDERBIRD FAMILY REUNION



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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

May
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity with The TBird?
What Year Is The Thunderbird?:
Bonus: What is he most famous for?

*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?: **1955**
Who is the actor?: **Tab Hunter**
Bonus: Name movie he starred in filmed
in/around and set in the Baltimore area?
Polyester
**Congrats to Bob Bossoli (again, but no
one else responded)**

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Previous Winners:

2024

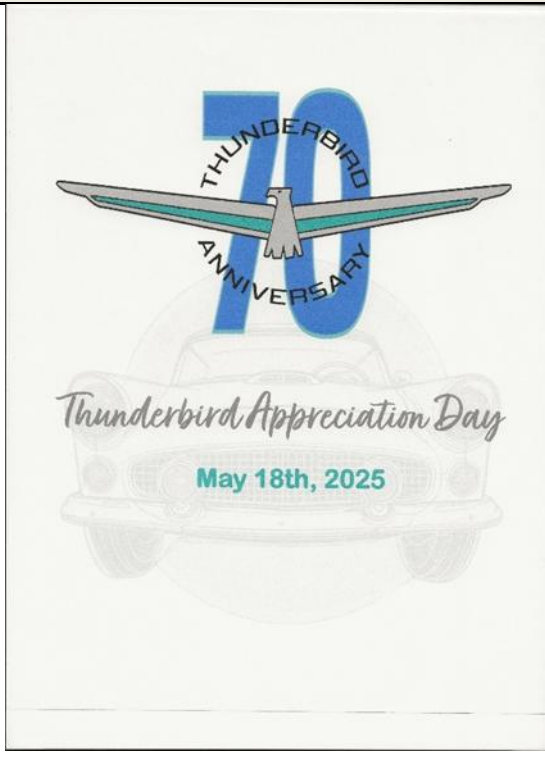
February: Judy Dickinson
March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert
April: Marsha Dixon
May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert
June: Dave Thomas
July: Cathy Kelly
August: Phyllis Cherry
September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli
October: Dave Thomas
November: Barb Melnyk
December: Cathy Kelley

2025

January: Earl Dickinson
February: Dan Luber, Earl Dickinson
March: Bob Bossoli
April: Bob Bossoli

CLASSIFIEDS

Thunderbird 70th Anniversary T-Shirts



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

Prices:

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



70th Anniversary Hats

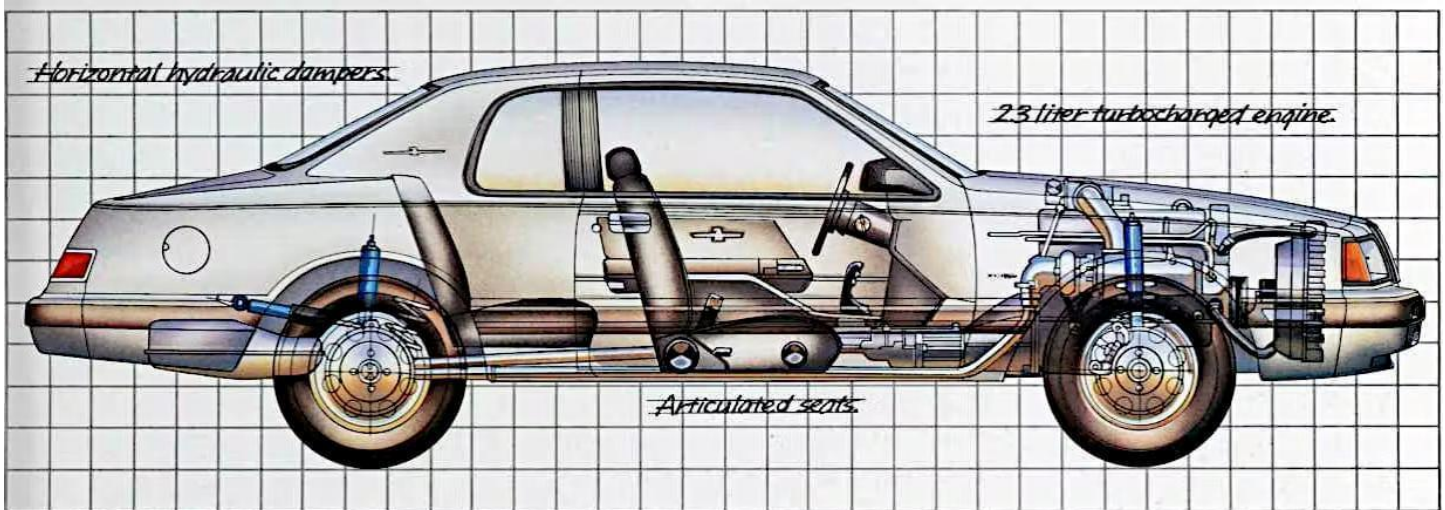
\$15 Each

(plus s&h as applicable)

While Supply Very Limited Lasts

Contact Cathy or Steve If Interested

Who Would Have Believed There Would Be A 4 Cylinder Thunderbird Before The 1983 Turbo Coupe?





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 1st of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1st, (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 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.

March/April 2020

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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

More Information and Application Available At:

<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

& 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 Breakfast (Third Thursday @ Greek Village-Bel Air)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

