

May 2026

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



Our 52nd Year!!

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

May 2017: Thunderbird Appreciation Day initiated. Designated as the third Sunday in May.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

First Tuesday TBird Lunch – June 9, 2026 11:30 AM

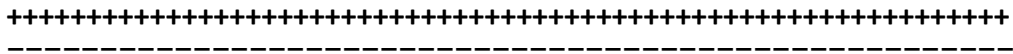
Leelyn's Dining Room, 9495 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City, MD
RSVP Phyllis by April 3rd, 410-747-1209, pacherry@comcast.net

Second Wednesday TBird Lunch – May 13 @ Noon

Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA, 17350. RSVP Earl Dickinson @ 717-873-8051. Join the Dickinsons and Scholls.

Third Thursday TBird Lunch- May 21 @ 11:30 AM***

Madonna Seafood House, 4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161
RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, cathykelley49@gmail.com by March 17th

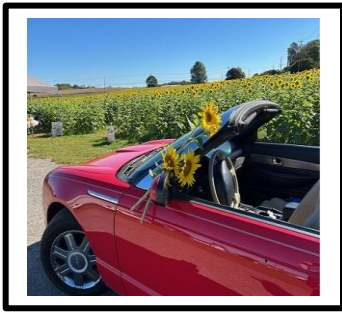


Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 17; 11 AM

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

We have reserved tables for 40 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 3rd if you plan to attend.**



President's Message May 2026

Romancing the Chrome Car Show was April 11. Only Skip and Doug Read attended from MATC. We'd like to see more folks attend next year to give the Corvettes a little competition.

We had a great turnout for the **picnic at Scott and Stephanie's** place April 25 at their house, which is Norm and Kitty's old place if you've ever been there, out in Hanover PA. Folks who had been there years ago noticed most of the purple is now gone... We had great food, including an immense charcuterie board Stephanie put together, and lots of great conversation. Skip presented some trivia prizes (some very nice and one very tacky, thank you very much!) We reviewed upcoming events, so be sure to keep checking the newsletters and emails for dates and times. We also played the 'Show Me' game with some creative answers and hilarious moments. And we celebrated Phyllis Cherry's birthday! We look forward to Scott and Stephanie hosting us again next year.

A few of us took a ride on the Gettysburg Railway before the picnic, which was very nice and relaxing.

Our next big event is for **Thunderbird Appreciation Day outing on Sunday, May 17**. It will be for the Sunday Prime Rib Buffet at the **John Wright Restaurant** in Wrightsville PA at 11am. Please come around 10:30 so we can get great pictures of the cars. Tom Young suggested we do a ride after and we've discovered there are several covered bridges nearby, so look for that plan soon. We will need an **RSVP** from you for the restaurant by **May 3**.

In June we look forward to **All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA June 5-7**. We will be in the VTCl tent which will be near the Thunderbird parking area, so if you have not already registered, but sure to mark that you are with them when you do. LVTC and CPTC will be there with us. We have some nice dinner plans for both Friday and Saturday, as well as maybe a game or 2 in the tent. Let us or Skip know if you are going so we know to count you for dinner reservations.

Also in June will be the **Denham's picnic, Sunday, June 14 from 1-5**. Skip will have the alphabetic food assignment in the June newsletter. Looking for good weather this year!

Cathy & Steve



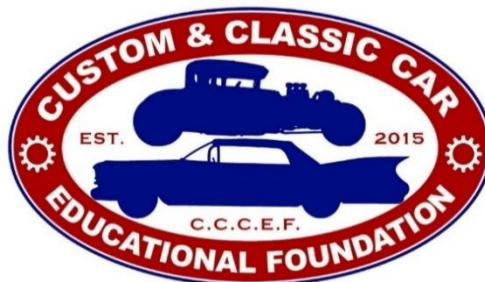
Winners of the Show Me game!

MATC 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
1st Tuesday 11:30 am	First Tuesday TBird Lunch	***MATC	To Be Determined Each Month	Will be scheduled on an occasional basis
2nd Wed Noon	Second Wednesday Lunch	***MATC	Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA, 17350.	Contact: Earl Dickinson @ 717-873-8051
Third Thursday 11:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Lunch Gathering	***MATC	Madonna Seafood House 4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161	Just north of Jarrettsville on Rt 23. Just past the flashing red light.
All Year 7-9 AM	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
2026				
May 17	Thunderbird Appreciation Day & Covered Bridge Tour	***MATC	John Wright Restaurant	See Flyer In Newsletter
June 5-7	Carlisle Ford Nationals	***MATC VTCI	Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds	See Details In Newsletter
June 14 1-5	Potluck at Denham's	***MATC	Hydes, MD	Details Coming Soon
June 20	Bill Smith Memorial Car Show	AACA	Hershey PA	See Flyer Below
August 22	Central PA TBird Club Car Show	CPTC	Masonic Temple Carlisle PA	See Attached Flyer
Sept 8-13	VTCI Convention	VTCI/CTCI	Flagstaff, AZ	Details Below
September 26	Cherry Fest	***MATC	Cascade, MD	Details To Follow
October 8-11	Endless Summer-Ocean City, MD	Special Products	Various-OC MD	Specialeventpro.com
October 17	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville	603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD	More Details To Follow
December 13	MATC Christmas Gathering	***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.



MATC MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:



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

April Birthdays:

Linda Loving (23), Betty Marcellino (30)

Membership News:

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

- Sunshine lady Barb Panowitz continues to work on getting her mobility and balance back on track since her falls last year.
- Dwight Dixon is recovering from a second cancer treatment series.

Please keep our members dealing with a variety of medical issues in your thoughts and prayers:
Dan Denham, Mike Melnyk.

MATC members are reminded and encouraged to provide Barb with any important information regarding health issues, 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.

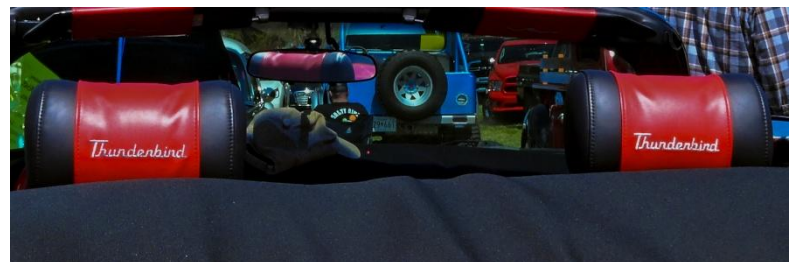
The most recent MATC Membership Roster was recently distributed in a separate email. It traditionally is distributed twice per year – in April after all renewals are confirmed and in November with any updates. It is updated on an ongoing basis. Can't find yours? Contact Cathy, Steve or Skip for another copy.

April Was A Busy Month For MATC

Romancing The Chrome - April 11th



The MATC regulars were there!!



**The biggest attendance ever-over 275 cars
There was not enough room on the showfield for all who wanted to
participate!!**

And a few non-MATC TBirds as well.
The owners were recruited for membership



Third Thursday Lunch-April 16th



April 24th:
A Busy Day For MATC Members

First: The Gettysburg Train Ride...



.... then to the Picnic At the Mummert's

(incelement weather sidelined outside activities, but it was still a great time. And like old times for some of us who remember socializing here with Kitty & Norm. Scott's Mom & Dad,



Members Were Engrossed With The "Show Me" Game



...and the winners of the *Celebrity Quiz Contest* were awarded their prizes.



Yes, there is a story related to this prize. It really had some teeth in it.



Kathy R was the only member to respond to the April Chip Foose, Speedbird quiz. And got it right. Bob should be proud.



We were playing catch-up awarding prizes to Bob B. He is a three time winner.

Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club

Thunderbird Appreciation Day 2026

Arranged by Steve and
Cathy Kelley.

RSVP via text or call to
Cathy's cell
443-417-0441
or Cathy's email
cathykelley49@gmail.com



Please join us in celebrating
Thunderbird Appreciation Day,
Sunday, May 17, 2026.

Meet us at John Wright Restaurant, 234 N. Front
St, Wrightsville PA 17368 at 11am for their Prime
Rib Brunch Buffet. \$28.95 + per person.

It has a beautiful view of the Susquehanna River,
so makes for great pictures. Gift shop too!

Planning a ride through covered bridges in Lan-
caster County after lunch.

RSVP is required by May 3 please.



MARYLAND HISTORIC TAGS UPDATE 🚗

From the Maryland Classic Cars FB site. Please don't ask me any questions or to explain it more-this is all I know.

The governor has signed the state's budget bills, and it includes the change restoring historic vehicle tag eligibility to a rolling 25-year standard.

That means the state is reversing course from last year's hard cutoff (1999 and older), which impacted tens of thousands of drivers.

So, if your car is 25 years or older, it will once again be eligible for historic tags BUT this doesn't take effect until July 2027.

Historic tags have lower registration costs (\$55.50 vs. \$120.50) and no emissions testing, but they're meant for limited use, not daily driving.

ed note: and exactly who is enforcing, or expected to enforce, the limited use requirement? Our overworked, understaffed police officers? Then there is the Virginia tag issue!!!



Annual Car Show

Saturday – August 22, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Rain Date – August 23, 2026

Masonic Temple-1236 Holly Pike-Carlisle, PA 17013

All Makes and Models Welcome

Shriner's Hospitals for Children -2026 Charity

Dash Plaques to first 100 Entrants - 25+ Trophies - 50/50

Door Prizes for All Entrants - Goody Bags - Silent Auction

Food Sale by Old Bellaire Chapter #375, OES

Join us for Fun, Good Food, Music, & Great Prizes

Pre- registration Deadline – August 15, 2026 - Registration closes 11:00 day of show

For Information contact: Mike Fitzpatrick at 717-712-0963 or mfitz64@yahoo.com

Registration Form – Return this section to: Mike Fitzpatrick-102 Strayer Drive-Carlisle, PA 17013

Name: _____ email: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Club Affiliations: _____

Vehicle Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Special

Features _____

Pre-registration: \$15.00 (Deadline – August 15, 2026) Day of Show Registration: \$20.00

Checks payable to: **Central Pennsylvania Thunderbird Club** Please read and sign the following **WAIVER:**

As a participant I, and all who will be accompanying me, release the Central Pennsylvania Thunderbird Club, the Masonic Temple, & the Order of the Eastern Star Old Bellaire Chapter #375, their officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, or anyone else connected with the management of this Car Show from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by participation in this event.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____ **Date:** _____

Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2026

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 5-7, 2026

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2026 Carlisle Ford Nationals. A block of rooms has been reserved. The reservation link will be posted soon. We are again getting a special room rate and a hospitality room will be available. The host hotel information is listed below. [Ask for Thunderbird Friends group](#):

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

Hotel direct link: [Thunderbird Friends Carlisle 2026](#)

Restaurant arrangements:

Friday Night, June 5, 6:30 pm:

Hoss' Restaurant (steakhouse), 909 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 (close to hotel)

Saturday Night, June 6, 6:30 PM:

Rustic Tavern, 823 Newville Road, Carlisle, PA

It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a be dedicated menu, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

Note: Seating is will again likely be very, very limited.

2026 Carlisle FORD Nationals **June 5, 6, 7**

Check the Carlisleevents.com website for information regarding early registration discounts.

VERY IMPORTANT: Register your club affiliation as VTCl

We had a great time this year (see photos) in spite of a little rain. Well, a lot of rain in a very short period of time. Plan to join us in 2026.



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



Huggy Bear Comes to Carlisle

Make Time to Visit with Antonio Fargas This June



As we celebrate **50 Years of the Starsky & Hutch Torino** this June, we're excited to share that Huggy Bear himself will be joining in on the fun. Make your plans today attend the **2026 Carlisle Ford Nationals, June 5-7 to meet Antonio Fargas.**

Find Antonio in Building T alongside three **screen-used Ford Torinos** from the hit series. Stop by for autographs, photos, and a chance to meet one of TV's most memorable characters.

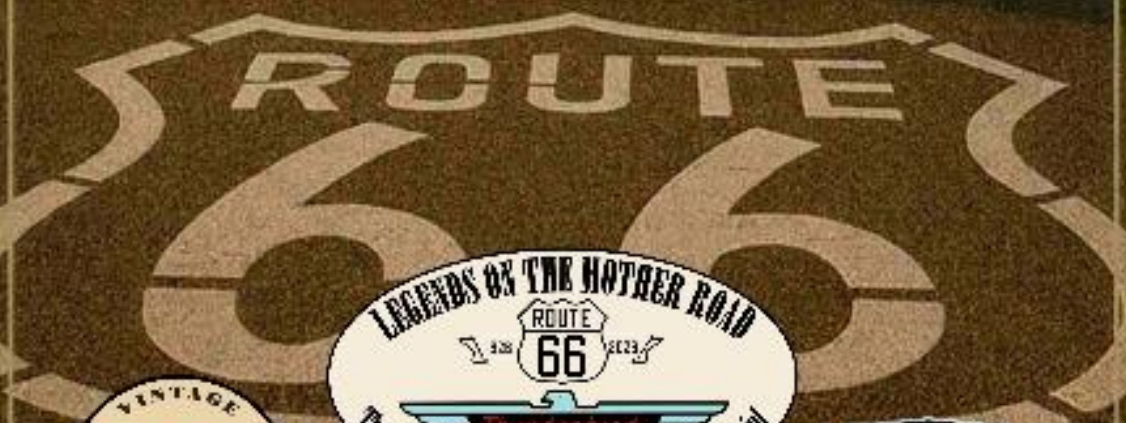
Don't miss your chance to connect with a true TV legend during this special anniversary weekend! While you're at Carlisle, give yourself ample time to **see the cool cars** within each and every special display, and of course all **the great rides that populate the National Parts Depot Showfield.**

[Antonio Fargas - Learn More](#)

[Register for the Showfield](#)

[Purchase Discounted Spectator Admission Tickets](#)

Save the Dates
September 8-13 2026
Flagstaff Arizona



VTCI/CTCI Combined 2026 Convention

Legends on the Mother Road: Thunderbirds Celebrate the Route 66 Centennial

September 8-13, 2026

Little America Hotel - Flagstaff, Arizona

Convention Agenda



Tuesday, September 8		
2 PM - 6 PM	"Bird Bath"	
2 PM - 6 PM	Convention Check-In & Packet Pickup	Multipurpose Room
	Explore Flagstaff Area - See Packet Inserts	
	Dinner on your own	

Wednesday, September 9		
8 AM - 5 PM	"Bird Bath"	
8 AM - 5 PM	Convention Check-In & Packet Pickup	Multipurpose Room
10AM-Noon	VTCI Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting	
	Lunch on your own	
2 PM - 5 PM	Tour to Lowell Observatory - includes "Cosmic Highways: A Centennial Tour Experience" - exploring how Route 66 paved a path of astronomical discovery	Lowell Observatory
	Dinner on your own (or eat at the Lowell Observatory Café)	
7PM - 9 PM	"Get Your Kicks at the Evening Mix" - Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar	Flagstaff Room (?)

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Convention Agenda

Thursday, September 10		
8 AM - 5 PM	"Bird Bath"	
8 AM - 5 PM	Convention Check-In & Packet Pickup	Multipurpose Room
8 AM - 10 AM	VTCI Judge Training	Flagstaff Room (?)
8 AM - 10 AM	CTCI Judge Training	Agassiz Room (?)
	Lunch on your own	
1 PM - 4 PM	Tour to Riordan Mansion - includes Route 66 Centennial Exhibit	Riordan Mansion
5 PM - 6 PM	Guest Speaker – Jim Hinckley , internationally acclaimed author, historian, expert on Route 66, the American Southwest, and the American automobile industry.	Flagstaff Room (?)
6 PM - 9 PM	"Fun, Fun, Fun" - Thunderbird Buffet with Cash Bar	Little America

Friday, September 11		
8 AM - 8:45 AM	VTCI Owners and Judges Meeting	
8 AM - 8:45 AM	CTCI Owners and Judges Meeting	
9:00 AM	9/11 Salute	Show Field - Hotel's East Parking Area
9:30 AM	Judging Begins	Show Field - Hotel's East Parking Area
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Swap Meet	Hotel Parking Lot
Noon	Judge's Lunch - All Others Lunch On Own	
2 PM - 5 PM	Tour to Museum of Northern Arizona - includes "Route 66: Wagon Road to the Mother Road" Exhibit	Museum of Northern Arizona
	Dinner on your own	

Saturday, September 12		
8 AM - 4 PM	Self Guided Driving Tour Choice #1	Route 66 - Williams, Ashfork, Seligman
	Detailed Descriptions of Suggested Stops will be provided.	
9:30 AM	Pick Up Boxed Lunch (ordered with Registration)	
10 AM - 2 PM	Self Guided Driving Tour Choice #2	Sunset Crater/Wupaki Ruins
	Detailed Descriptive Map with Scenic View Descriptions will be provided.	
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Social Hour - No Host Bar	Grand Ballroom
6:30 PM -	Awards Banquet - Dinner followed by Awards Program	Grand Ballroom

Sunday, September 13		
	Time to say Goodbye	
11 AM	Final Hotel Checkout Time	

Name _____ Phone Number _____
 Spouse/Guests _____ Phone Number _____
 Mailing Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 E-Mail Address _____ E-Mail Address _____
 VTCI Number _____ VTCI Chapter Affiliation _____

Are you a First Timer? yes no
 Are you willing to serve as a judge? yes no
 Do you want to be an exhibitor in the Swap Meet? yes no
 *Event Form for Non-VTCI Members Wishing to be Judged/Attend will be available at www.az.thunderbirdclub.com/registration

Non-Judged Divisions	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Participation	T-birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention
	<input type="checkbox"/> Display	Open to All Years
Judged Divisions VTCI Membership Required (See Volume 1 of the Concours Rules on the VTCI Website)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	T-birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention and eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" Award.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary	Eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award: 1955-1979. Path to obtain Senior Status.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver	1955-1979 only. Engine compartment, trunk & undercarriage not judged.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Late Model	1980-1997 300-point system; all areas judged.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Modified	1955-1997 only. 300-point system; all areas judged.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Touring	1955-1997 only. Undercarriage not judged; modifications for safety, reliability & comfort allowed. See Volume 1 Concours Rules.
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2002-2005	100-point system; undercarriage not judged
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2002-2005 Modified	100-point system; undercarriage not judged
<input type="checkbox"/> Wikom Preservation & Authenticity Award	Advance Notice / Separate Application Required; minimum 30 days in advance	

IMPORTANT - Registration deadline for cars to be judged-August 8, 2026 (No Exceptions)		QTY	COST	TOTAL				
Registration Fee								
Couple/Family (children under 18 included) (Enter #1 for a couple)			70					
Single (Individuals over age 18)			45					
Tuesday Sept 8th	3PM-6PM Convention Check-in Little American Hotel/Flagstaff; DIY "Bird Bath"							
	Explore Flagstaff Area or Historic Downtown (Convention Packet includes Flagstaff Route 66 Places of Interest & Restaurant Listing)			incl				
Wednesday Sept 9th	8AM-5PM Convention Check-in Little American Hotel/Flagstaff; DIY "Bird Bath"							
	10AM VTCI Board of Directors Meeting & General Membership Meeting			incl				
	2PM Tour - Lowell Observatory includes "Cosmic Highways: A Centennial Tour Experience"			30				
Thursday Sept 10th	7PM "Get Your Kicks at the Evening Mix" - Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar			27				
	8AM Convention Check-in Little American Hotel/Flagstaff; DIY "Bird Bath"							
	8AM-10AM VTCI Judge Training			incl				
	1PM-4PM Tour - Riordan Mansion - includes Route 66 Centennial Exhibit			18				
Friday Sept 11th	5PM Guest Speaker - Jim Hinckley			incl				
	6:30PM "Fun, Fun, Fun" - Thunderbird Buffet with Cash Bar			68				
	8AM-8:30AM Owners/Operators Meeting			incl				
	9:30 AM VTCI Concours Judging							
Saturday Sept 12th	9:30-11:30 Swap Meet			incl				
	2PM Tour - Museum of Northern Arizona includes "Route 66: Wagon Road to the Mother Road" Exhibit			18				
	8AM Driving Tour Option #1 - Route 66 Roadtrip - Seligman, Ashfork, Williams Breakfast & Shopping in Seligman, Visit Ash Fork's Route 66 Museum, Williams Lunch, Historic Route 66 Downtown District & Grand Canyon Railway Depot			N/C				
	9:30AM Pickup Box Lunch for Driving Tour Option #2			30				
	10AM Driving Tour Option #2 - Sunset Crater Volcano & Wupaki National Monuments National Park Service Requires Entrance Fee of \$25 per vehicle - Free w/America the Beautiful Pass.			N/C				
5:30PM Cocktails w/cash bar / 6:30PM Awards Banquet; Plated. Mark preference.			72					
Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL		38
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL		25
Hat								25
2027 Calendar								25

Make Check Payable to > VTCI (Vintage Thunderbird Club Int'l)
 Cutoff Date For Mail Registrations: August 8, 2026

MAIL to: VTCI c/o ROGER INGRAM
 6137 W Poinsettia Dr
 Glendale, AZ 85304-2515

HOTEL: Little America Hotel Rate: \$189 per night (Cutoff Date: August 8, 2026)
 2515 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86004 (800) 352-4386

Reservation Link: Thunderbirds International <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=5193916&hotelID=4649>
 (Please Let Reservation Clerk Know You Are With The Thunderbirds International Convention.)

\$ _____
 Total Enclosed
 (US Funds)

April Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity with the TBird?

Chip Foose

What Is Unique About This Thunderbird?:

Custom version - Speedbird

Bonus: What Is The Celebrity Famous For?

Custom car-Hot Rodbuilder

**Congratulations to Kathy Ridolfi !!
(PS: she states Bob helped her with the year.)**

**May
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz**



Who is the celebrity with The TBird?:

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What is the name of the TV show featured in the screen shot?

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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
- May: Scott Mummert
- June: Phyllis Cherry
- July: Bob Bossoli
- August: Phyllis Cherry
- September: Steve Dameron, Earl Dickinson
- October: Judy Dickinson
- November/December: Dave Thomas

2026

- January: Stephanie Nagy
- February: Cathy Kelley
- March: Dwight Dixon
- April: Cathy Ridolfi
- May: Will This Be You??

CLASSIFIEDS

THUNDERBIRD PROMOTIONAL MODEL CARS

Through the very gracious generosity of club member Dave Shelton, we have four (now three-thank you Scott!) Ford Thunderbird promotional model cars available for purchase by club members. If you are not familiar with “promos”, they were produced by various model manufacturers for the car manufacturers from the late 1940s through 2017. They were most available and popular in the 1950s and 1960s. They are detailed, accurate models of the cars they represent. Car dealers gave them to customers who bought the real cars and they sold the models as well. The car manufacturers distributed them for promotional purposes, hence their name. They were also sold at various retail outlets, but these versions are slightly different in that they have flywheel motors to propel them. Although these versions were unfortunately often purchased as toys, they are still truly collector items. The cars MATC has available are true dealer promos, also referred to as coasters as they do not have the flywheel motors (with one exception, the 1957, which was only available in the version offered). The true dealer promos tend to be slightly more valuable, but condition, color, etc., is always the most important factor.

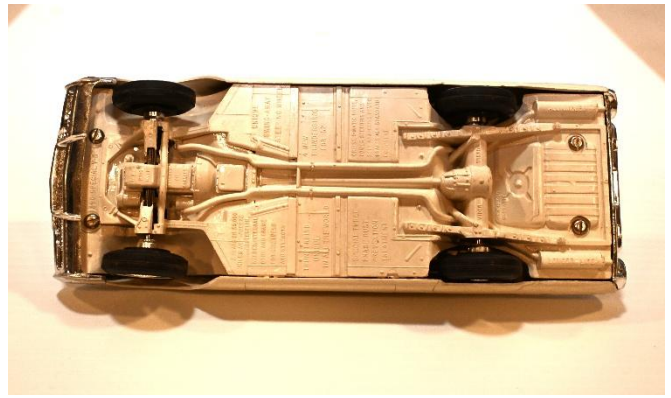
It has been decided the the funds from the sale of these cars would be donated to our charitable partner **“Custom & Classic Car Education Foundation”**(savethehobby.org). Checks for the purchase of the model cars should be made payable to the CCCEF. So you not only get a great collectible, but you support a great cause as well. The cars being offered are in very good to excellent condition. The price of the cars is **\$45** each. I will have them available at the Christmas Dinner as well as future MATC events.



1963 Thunderbird Hardtop

Color is Fieldstone Tan





1962 Hardtop-Color is Sahara Rose: Note undercarriage detail & sales info on dealer version



1957 – Color is Flame Red

Why not consider purchasing one of these great, collectible promotional model cars as your charitable partner donation? You get the deduction for your taxes as well as a great collectible.

Thunderbirds For Sale

As most of you know, long time MATC member Joe Zentgraf passed on last year. His two Thunderbirds are now for sale. The details and photos are listed below.



2005 Thunderbird

- **Medium Steel Blue-A one year color**
- **42K miles**
- **Two Tops**
- **Asking price: \$20k**

Contact is Joe's daughter for both cars
Both cars located in the Ellicott City, MD area
Deanna Smith 443-980-3129



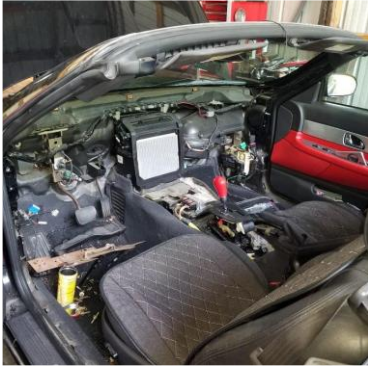
1957 Thunderbird

details:

- Colonial white
- White hard top
- Genuine Thunderbird soft-top w/ swing bar & tan canvas top installed by Prestige
- Black & tan interior
- Classic Auto Air AC & heat that utilizes stock controls
- Overdrive AOD automatic transmission
- Borgeson power steering box
- 5 wire wheels with new radial whitewall tires
- Original Town & Country radio converted to AM/FM. and transistorized
- 312 CI V8 rebuilt less than 1000 miles
- 312 heads reworked and valve seats hardened for no-lead gas
- Front brakes converted to Disc
- Dual master cylinder with power brakes
- Rear brake wheel cylinders replaced
- All front suspension bushings replaced
- Price: \$38,500.

ed note: This is likely one of the finest '57 Thunderbirds you will find. It was Joe's pride and joy. I talked often with him about the car and his efforts and challenges restoring it. The soft top repair story alone would have made for a good newsletter article. I am sure he would want to see it, and the '05, go to a good home.

Need Technical Help with your Thunderbird??



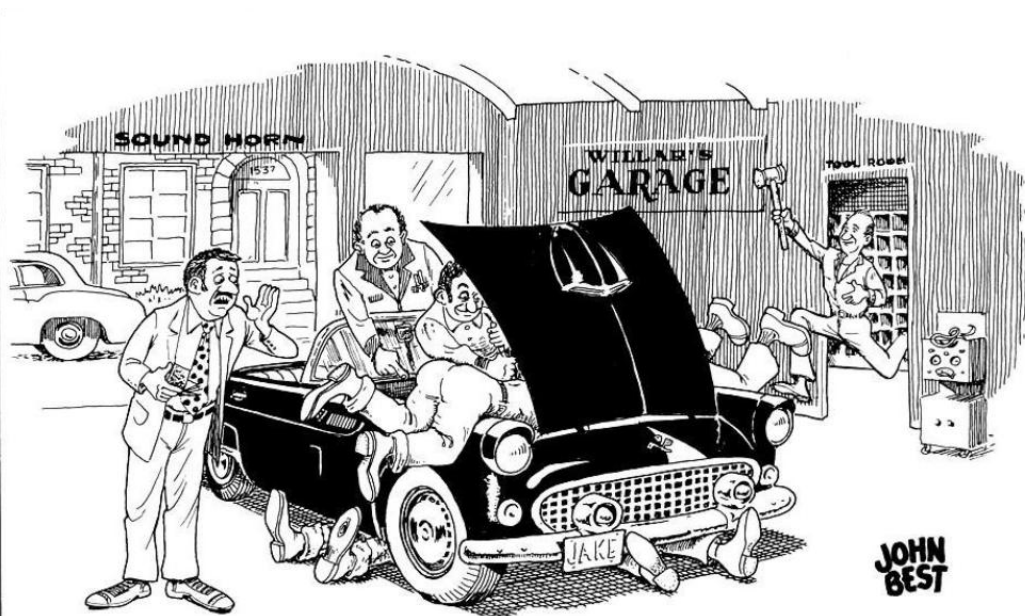
Are you sure this is how to change the oil?

Here are some MATC members that may be able to help:

<u>1955 – 1960</u>	<u>1961- 1966</u>	<u>2002-2005</u>
Tom Young Tbirdtoms60@verizon.net 443-744-6338	Mike Melnyk thunderbirdmike@juno.com 610-574-5738	Skip Panowitz Skip.panowitz@yahoo.com 410-638-6446
<u>Commercial Service Shops</u>		
Classic Car Shop 1413 Shoemaker Rd Baltimore, MD (Mount Washington area) 410-828-5165	Treasured Motor Cars 917 E. Tolna Road New Freedom, PA (near Maryland line) <u>717-227-6787</u>	

If these guys can't answer your question, they will sure know where to find it. If you know someone that we should add to the list, please share them with us.

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**JOHN
BEST**

PLEASE TELL ME IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.

Retro Thunderbird Spare Tire Replacement

Attached is the information on the full size spare tire I purchased at my Ford dealer in Bel Air with the price. This size regular tire will fit in the well and allows the cover to fit the same as with the OEM donut spare. It provides the confidence of now having a spare I can drive on without worrying how far and soon before I need to get it replaced, especially when travelling away from home. This price was less than what I paid for the OEM MAXXIS spare alone a few years ago. The price shown below is mounted and balanced and back in your car. I highly recommend changing out your spare if it is the original or even a newer MAXXIS. This not only provides you with the benefit of a full size spare, but the MAXXIS tires have been known to actually blow out in the trunk!!! See the photos attached. Even if you buy the tires somewhere else, I recommend replacing the factory spare tire. I know some of your cars still have the spare that was placed in the car at the factory which makes it 21 to nearly 25 years old.

If you decide to purchase from my dealer (Plaza Ford - soon to be Bob Bell Ford) there are several ways to do this:

- 1) take the car in. I will advise you who to contact.
- 2) Just take the spare in. Again, I will advise you who to contact.
- 3) I am willing to take the tires as a group if that works out.

Spare Tire Blowout In Trunk



New Spare in my car:



The tire being offered is a Uniroyal Tiger Paw A/S DT, size:205/55R17XL. 75K mile tread warranty, Speed rating H.

Price (mounted & balanced) = \$165.00



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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

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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.

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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.



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