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**MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
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**MATC THUNDERBIRD  
NEWSLETTER**

**45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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

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



**Bel Air Cars and Coffee**

Sunday Mornings @ Bel Air Plaza SC, 7 - 9 AM

**Bel Air United Methodist Church**

June 8, 9:00AM – 2:30 PM, Rain Date June 23

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

Open to all vehicles, years and models. Awards for top Twenty and “Best of Show”.

Registration: \$15 per vehicle, staging 8 – 11AM. Proceeds to benefit missions.

<https://belairumc.org/>

**Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air**

**June 20, 9:30 AM**

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

**MATC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip: JUNE 21 - 23**

**See MATC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip Registration Itinerary**

Located after the Presidents Message

Make hotel reservation for the Hampton Inn, Call Manuel 540-437-0143

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Loving 21

Betty Marcelino 30

Vivian McKee

Elias Aivais

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Steven & Linda Dameron

Lorton, Virginia 22079

Calvin & Pat Hansford

Dover, Pennsylvania 17315

Park Gray 2003

**Maybe the most important day in Automotive History**

**June 4 1896**

Henry Ford test-drives the “Quadricycle”

## 2019 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

Official MATC activities are printed in bold. Our *Thunderbird Club* events are open to all years of Thunderbirds. Other events such as "AACA" events adhere to the 25 year rule or other designation. Applicable restrictions will be noted with each event.

| Date                                         | Event                                                                | Sponsor     | Location                                                                         | Details                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat June 8<br>9 AM – 2:30 PM                 | Bel Air United Methodist Church<br>Car Show                          |             | 21 Linwood Avenue<br>Bel Air, MD 21014                                           | <a href="http://www.belairumc.org">www.belairumc.org</a>                                                                      |
| Sat June 8<br>9 AM – 3 PM                    | Thunderbird Car Show                                                 | NJTA        | Pompton Valley Pres. Ch.<br>60 Sunset Road<br>Pompton Plains NJ                  | <a href="http://www.njtbird.com">www.njtbird.com</a>                                                                          |
| <b>Fri to Sun<br/>June 21 - 23</b>           | <b>MATC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br/>Celebration Weekend</b>      | <b>MATC</b> | <b>Harrisonburg / Staunton<br/>VA</b>                                            |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Fri<br/>July 12</b>                       | <b>10th Annual Collector Car<br/>Appreciation Day</b>                |             |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>July 14 / 21<br/>Sun</b>                  | <b>Potluck Social hosted by<br/>Dan &amp; Zoeanne Denham</b>         | <b>MATC</b> | <b>Hydes, MD</b>                                                                 | <a href="mailto:garagex4@yahoo.com">garagex4@yahoo.com</a>                                                                    |
| Aug 2 – 4<br>Fri to Sun                      | Das Awkscht Fescht                                                   |             | Macungie, PA                                                                     | See website for registration.<br><a href="http://awkscht.com/">http://awkscht.com/</a>                                        |
| <b>Aug 6 - 11</b>                            | <b>International Thunderbird<br/>Convention</b>                      | <b>ITC</b>  | <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>                                                           | <a href="http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/">http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/</a>                                       |
| <b>Aug 8-10</b>                              | <b>VTCI Regional Meet</b>                                            | <b>VTCI</b> | <b>Princeton, New Jersey</b>                                                     |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Sept 8</b>                     | <b>Potluck Social hosted by<br/>John and Phyllis Cherry</b>          | <b>MATC</b> | <b>Cascade, MD<br/>(near Thurmont)</b>                                           |                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Sept 22</b>                    | <b>Conowingo Veterans Center<br/>Visitation</b>                      | <b>MATC</b> | <b>Conowingo Veterans<br/>Center<br/>775 Ragan Drive<br/>Conowingo, MD 21918</b> | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/">https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/</a>                             |
| Oct 9 - 12<br>Thurs to Sun                   | AACA Eastern Fall Hershey                                            | AACA        | Hershey, PA                                                                      | <a href="http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html">http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html</a>                                       |
| Thu to Sun<br>Oct 10 - 13                    | Endless Summer Cruisin                                               |             | Ocean City MD                                                                    | <a href="https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin">https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin</a>           |
| <b>Saturday<br/>Oct 19<br/>Rain Date: 27</b> | <b>Rockville Antique and Classic<br/>Auto Show<br/>8:30a – 3:30p</b> | <b>MATC</b> | Rockville Civic Center Pk<br><b>603 Edmonston Drive</b><br>Rockville MD 20851    | <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show">http://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show</a> |
| <b>Sunday<br/>Nov 10</b>                     | <b>Conowingo Veterans Center<br/>Visitation</b>                      | <b>MATC</b> | <b>Conowingo Veterans<br/>Center<br/>775 Ragan Drive<br/>Conowingo, MD 21918</b> | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/">https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/</a>                             |
| <b>Sunday<br/>December 15<br/>1:00 pm</b>    | <b>Annual Christmas Party</b>                                        | <b>MATC</b> | <b>Dobbin House<br/>89 Steinwahr Avenue<br/>Gettysburg, PA</b>                   | <b>See Menu, registration and<br/>directions enclosed in<br/>November Newsletter</b>                                          |

**Other Events:** **Car Cruise and Show Guide:** <http://carcruiseguide.com/>

**Hunt Valley Horsepowering:** Every Saturday 8:00AM to 10:00AM, Location: Hunt Valley Town Center in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

## **FOR SALE:**

**2003 Thunderbird:**Red Hardtop, Steve Kelley 443-371-3030, [skelley@gottogotravel.net](mailto:skelley@gottogotravel.net)  
(1/18)



**Free: 1967 Ford FE 390/428** cast iron intake manifold that I do not need. Rather than recycling it, if any local club member wants to come get it, FREE, it is all theirs!! They get to pick it up and put in their vehicle. Fits all Ford 352, 390, 410 and 428 engines. Thnx Thomas Potter, [thomas.c.potter@usps.gov](mailto:thomas.c.potter@usps.gov)

**2002 Ford Thunderbird T-Bird Blue (\$19,000 O.B.O.)** One Owner, Garaged, 84,000 miles, Premium Interior Trim Package, soft and hard tops (with Lifts), NM Limited Series Wheels, Chrome Hood Scoop, Custom Head Rest and Visor Covers, Borla Exhaust System with K&N Air Filter, Two Car Covers (heavy weight and light weight), T-Bird Embossed Floor and Trunk Mats, Wind Baffle, 4 Tonneau Covers: 2002 Original semi-rigid, 2003 folding style, Hard Parade Style, T-Bird Roadster Style, and much more. Contact Bill, Home Tel: 301 – 904 – 9083. (3/15)



**2002 Ford Thunderbird (\$18000 O.B.O)** 30K miles, garage kept, T-Bird blue with hardtop and cart. Call Marge at 410-282-1020

## **JOHN WRIGHT RESTAURANT**



## **ANN LEAMAN**

Ann Leaman passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. She was the beloved wife of Kenneth G. Leaman who was the first president of ITC. Ann was a familiar sight at all of the ITC conventions, who along with Ken spent many hours manning the ITC merchandise table. She also attended the All Ford Nationals and of course the North Jersey Thunderbird Association annual All Thunderbird show. Ann and Ken were long time members of the NJTA. Ken was the first president of ITC which made Ann the first First Lady. Ann and Ken's early guidance was instrumental in the initial success of the club. Ann will be missed by her friends in the Thunderbird hobby.

## President's Message – June 2019

Our annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day recognition brunch at the John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville, PA, was again well attended by MATC members. We even gained two new members and had several Thunderbird owners “drive by” to check us out. Thanks to Judy and Earl Dickinson for again coordinating the event, and to Cathy Kelley for following through on the prospective, now new member, inquiries. And to Marvin Schroll for promoting MATC to the “drive by” prospective members.

Our big 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in Virginia is approaching rapidly. Please make certain that you have made your hotel reservations and gotten your registration form to Harry ASAP. Even if you can't attend, please consider purchasing a 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary T-shirt to promote this important event in our club's history. I have actually been a member almost since the beginning, but more on that at a later time. Reaching 45 years for a local specific marque car club is a very significant event. MATC has changed national affiliations and its organizational structure over the years, but it operates much the same as it did when I joined in 1975. It is still great folks socializing around and enjoying these iconic vehicles.

In addition to the Virginia event, there are several other great events coming up in June. First is the All Ford Nationals at Carlisle. This is always well attended by MATC members and we will be gathering with our friends at the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. They will have a tent on the show field. If you have not registered yet please show your club affiliation as LVTC. ITC will also have a tent on the show field. This will also be the first gathering of folks from the newly formed All Thunderbird Alliance which MATC is affiliated with. Check out their Facebook page for more info.

I hope you will be able to participate in the Bel Air UMC Car Show on June 8<sup>th</sup>. OK, this is a little bit of shameless self-promotion since I am a co-chair of the event. Last year we had a good showing of TBirds by MATC members and otherwise. The show supports several important church programs – Welcome One Emergency Shelter and a medical clinic in Zimbabwe.

The AACA Museum advises that the commemorative bricks for the Mummerts and Zastrows are now available for “planting”. The plan is to get this done in June. I have contacted their families to determine their availability. Once a date has been set the membership will be notified via email. I hope that we have a good turnout.

As always, Barb and I look forward to seeing you at the great events and activities planned as well as the monthly Third Thursday TBird breakfast. Please be careful and be safe!!

*Skip*

# **Bel Air United Methodist Church Car Show**

**June 8, 2019 10:00 AM – 2:00PM**

21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

**Open to All Vehicles, Years & Models**

**Awards for Top 20 & “Best of Show”**



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**Pre-Registration: \$15 per vehicle - Must receive registration by June 1**

**Day of Show Registration: \$20 per vehicle**

staging 9 –

11AM

**Proceeds- Welcome One Emergency Shelter and Chabadza Medical Clinic in Zimbabwe**

**Food and Music**

**Rain Date: June 22**

Check Facebook under events or [www.belairumc.org](http://www.belairumc.org) for inclement weather --- Please, no canopies

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

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

**Name**

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year /Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

**++++SPECTATORS WELCOME TO ENJOY THE EVENT++++**



## MATC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip to Harrisonburg/Staunton VA

June 21-22, 2019



**Host Hotel,  
June 21-22,  
2019**

**Friday Dinner,  
June 21, 4pm**

**Friday Cruise-  
In, June 21**

**Friday 9pm  
Hospitality  
Room**

**Saturday June  
22**

**Saturday  
Caravan to  
Staunton VA,  
Antique Car  
Museum**

**Saturday lunch,  
12:30pm**

**Hampton Inn Harrisonburg University**, 85 University Blvd, Harrisonburg VA 22801, 540-432-1111. A block of 15 rooms is held until May 24 (4 with 2 double beds, 10 with king beds, and 1 accessible), discount rate \$124 +tax, meeting room in addition to use of breakfast area after hours. Hot, full breakfast included, free wifi, 24 hr. coffee/tea bar. **Members must ask for MATC rate.** Get your t-shirts and magnetic car signs from Skip when you arrive.

<https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/hampton-inn-harrisonburg-university-HSRUVHX/index.html>

**Thunderbird Café**, 42 Island Ford Rd, McGaheysville VA 22840, 540-289-5094. [www.thethunderbirdcafe.com](http://www.thethunderbirdcafe.com) Meet **4pm** after hotel check-in. GPS instructions are confusing after turn off highway, but it's in a small shopping strip on the right - keep driving around the building and you will find it!

Caravan from Thunderbird Café to **9th Annual Keezleville Ruritan Club Cruise In**, Ruritan Park, 1118 Indian Trail, Keezletown VA. If you didn't make it to dinner, food and drinks including fried country ham, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, white beans, ice cream, iced tea, lemonade, and soft drinks will be available to purchase. <https://www.evensi.us/9th-annual-cruise-keezletown-ruritan-club/289193995>

There is a meeting room just down the hall from the registration desk at the **Hampton Inn Harrisonburg University** that we have been assigned as our hospitality room. We will open it Friday evening after the Cruise In.

Hot breakfast at hotel. →Please put some quarters in your pocket/purse. It seems that is what the Staunton meters require.

Line up in hotel parking lot no later than 9:30am, tanks full and bladders empty. **Caravan to Bruce A. Elder Antique and Classic Automobile Museum**, 114 S New St, Staunton VA 24401, 540-885-0500. Appointment 10:30 am. City parking lot across street will be reserved.

**Clocktower Restaurant & Bar**, 27 W Beverly St, Staunton VA 24401, 540-213-0665, on-street parking or building across the street. We will have a private room. <https://clocktowerstaunton.com/>

**Saturday Free  
time**

**Saturday Night  
Dinner 6pm,**

**Saturday Evening  
Anniversary  
Celebration,  
7-10pm**

Options: All of these except Wilson Library and Frontier Museum are with a couple blocks walking distance from the Clocktower Restaurant.

**Sunspots Studio**, 540.885.0678

202 S. Lewis St., Staunton, VA 24401 open 10am - 6pm, shopping, glass blowing demo or make your own ornament (\$50 fee) <https://www.sunspots.com/>

**L. Oppleman's America's Oldest Pawn Shop** (540) 886-9527

26 Byers St, Staunton VA 24401 <http://www.lopplemanstaunton.com/>

**Rachel's Quilt Patch**, 4258, 40 Middlebrook Ave, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 886-7728, <https://www.rachelsquiltpatch.com/>

**Appalachian Piecework & Antiques**, 38 Middlebrook Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 688-9347 <http://www.appalachianpiecework.com/visit-us>

**Camera Heritage Museum**, Self-guided tours lead through exhibits devoted to the history, science & art of photography. 1 W Beverley St, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 886-8535. Featured on TV, <https://www.cameraheritagemuseum.com/>

**Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library**, 20 N Coalter St, Staunton, VA 24401, (parking in corner lot), Curator - (540) 885-0897, tours from \$25- \$40. <https://www.woodrowwilson.org/>

**Frontier Culture Museum of VA**, 1290 Richmond Ave, Staunton, VA 24401, <http://www.frontiermuseum.org/> You'll enjoy "living history" as communicated through costumed interpreters in both the Old World and American sections of the Museum. We recommend allowing 3-4 hours to see everything by foot. Shuttle carts run continuously in the event you want a lift. Golf carts can be rented for a nominal fee. Advance Registration requested for all guided tours. 540-332-7850. **If done on foot, this could make you late for dinner.**

**Ox-Eye Vineyards Tasting Room**, 44 Middlebrook Ave, Staunton, VA 24401, (540) 849-7926, outdoor patio for snacking and tasting. <https://www.oxeyevineyards.com/visitng-ox-eye>

**Vito's Italian Kitchen**, 1047 Port Republic Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, 540-433-1113. <https://www.vitositaliankitchen.com/> **Probably should leave Staunton no later than 5:30 pm.** We have reserved a private room. Special directions: Restaurant sits way back in Deer Run Shopping Center which is opposite Sentara Park.

At the **Hampton Inn - University Hospitality Room**. Conversation and slide show. Anniversary cake and drinks. Members, please think of some of the fun or interesting times you have had as a MATC member and share those with the group as we celebrate. If you have photos, please bring those to share also.

## Sunday Plans

## Other places near Harrisonburg

Check out at noon.

Possibly go straight home via I81 or Rte. 340 or :

1. Enjoy leisurely drive to **Luray Caverns and Car Museum**, 101 Cave Hill Rd, Luray, VA 22835, 540•743•6551, admission \$28. <https://luraycaverns.com/>

2. **Cooter's** in Luray 4768 US Highway 211, W, Luray VA 22835  
<https://cootersplace.com/> Dukes of Hazard fun.

3. Proceed to **Skyline Drive** and take it north to Front Royal VA and pick up Rte. 340 there. **Shenandoah Entrance Fee - Single Vehicle - \$30.00** or use your Golden Age Pass if you have one. This fee covers unlimited entry for one vehicle and passengers for seven consecutive days, beginning on the day of purchase.

4. **Blue Wing Frog**, 219 Chester St, Front Royal, VA 22630.  
<http://www.bluewingfrog.com/> Fun, eclectic stop for drinks and food. Fresh Food. Real Food. Food that is good for you and your soul. Not fast. Not easy. Not cheap. Not fake. (their words, not ours)

5. **Blue Ridge Parkway** starts in Staunton and goes south. You may want to plan an extra night stay if you want to drive this. There is no fee to travel the Blue Ridge Parkway and entrances and exits are available at intersections with all major highways.

- White Oak Lavender Farm and Tasting Room, 2644 Cross Keys Rd, Harrisonburg VA 28801. <https://whiteoaklavender.com>
- Hardesty-Higgins House Visitors Center, Civil War Info. 212 S Main St, Harrisonburg VA 28801, <https://www.virginia.org/listings/HistoricSites/HarrisonburgRockinghamCivilWarOrientationCenter/>
- Virginia Museum of Civil War, 8895 George Collins Parkway, New Market, VA, interprets the 1864 Civil War Battle of New Market and the role of the Virginia Military Institute Cadets in it. <https://www.visitshenandoah.org/poi/virginia-museum-civil-war/>
- Patchwork Plus Quilt Shop, 17 Killdeer Ln, Dayton, VA 22821, <https://patchworkplus-quilting.com/>
- Virginia Quilt Museum, 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, 57, <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/>. Closed Sunday



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**5626 Williams Road**  
**Hydes, MD 21082-9533**

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