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**Deadline for submitting  
Newsletter photos, articles,  
etc., is the 20th of each  
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## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



## MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

### This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **June 5, 2001:** Official production start date for the 11<sup>th</sup> generation, 2002 Thunderbird. Included cars for dealers, customers and special order.

### **Thursday – June 15, @ 9:30 AM - Third Thursday TBird Breakfast**

Greek Village Restaurant - 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014

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

### **June 2-4: All Ford Nationals: Carlisle PA**

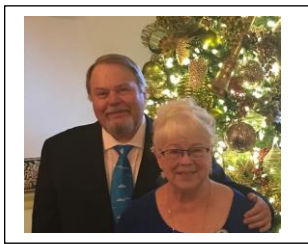
Includes the **Thunderbird Friends Reunion** of long time Thunderbird owners and club members. Also includes a special attraction—a dinner gathering on Saturday of long time and new Thunderbird friends. The restaurant advises there is still room for a few more folks to be added to our already substantial group. If you have never been to All Ford National, this is a great opportunity. See the article in the newsletter for additional information.

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### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – Towson & Bel Air MD**

### **Put The Date On Your Calendar Now!!**

Here is an opportunity to drive your Thunderbird in two great parades: the July 4 parade in **Towson MD** and the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in **Bel Air, MD**. We made a great impression on the organizers of the events and have been invited back to participate for the third time in Towson and second time in Bel Air. Anne, Phyllis, Cathy, Doug, Calvin and Skip have participated previously. Sandy Read's dad rode with Doug last year – he was 100! We are hoping to get some veterans to ride with us like in prior years. If you know a veteran, please ask if they would like to participate with you. Let Cathy know ASAP as we have to get the paperwork in. Send email or text 443-417-0441.



## President's Message June 2023

May was another busy month for the club. On Thursday, May 4, Phyllis, Anne, Lynn, Cathy & Celeste lunched at the John Wright Restaurant to check out gift shops nearby since theirs closed down during the pandemic. Another beautiful day, May 6, we had a nice turn-out for Barry's Car Barn and lunch in Bird-In-Hand PA. It was good to see Calvin Hansford again, along with the Reads, Dickinsons, Dave & O'Rean and a new member, Bob Free. That same day, the Melnyks were picking up 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the LVTC Hex Sign Rally. Congrats to them.

The big event in May was the Annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day at Friendly Farm Restaurant. What a huge turnout we had, which is why John Wright Restaurant couldn't accommodate us. We had a reservation for 24 and when we tried to add on to that, they said 'sorry'. Joining us for lunch were the Panowitz, Longs, Hills, Dickinsons, Reads, Melnyks, Horns, Schrolls with daughter and son-in-law, Tom Young, Steve Dameron, Phyllis Cherry, Celeste Skruch, Stephanie and Scott Mummert (Norm & Kitty's son) and Bob & Candy Bosoli from the Thunderbird Nest.

June 2-4 - **All Ford Nationals Reunion**, Carlisle PA. It looks like we have a nice crowd planning to be there. See Skip's notes about that.

Please let us know if you would like to participate in the **4<sup>th</sup> of July parades** carrying veterans. We put on a nice show the last couple years and we think you would enjoy it.

Reminding you again about the VTCL convention. We plan to go since we are a new chapter with them and hope to see many of you join us. Thanks to our members that recently joined VTCL. **2023 VTCL International Convention Registration August 16th-19th 2023**. Make your checks payable to NORTH GEORGIA VINTAGE T-BIRD CLUB, Send to Pricilla Brott, 3195 Galts Rd Acworth GA 30102. Cutoff Date for registration is July 16th, 2023

Click here for the registration form and hotel information

[2023 VTCL International Convention Registration August 16 -19 20...](#)

Please keep Christine Young in your thoughts and prayers as she is just beginning treatments for breast cancer.

At Barry's Car Barn



*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	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071</a> )
May - Oct	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Cruisers		Town of Perryville, MD Lower Ferry Park	AGAPERRYVILLEMD.org
May thru October	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
June 2-4	All Ford Nationals	Carlisle Events	Carlisle PA	Carlisle events.com See Article For More Details
June 2-4	Thunderbird Reunion A Gathering Of TBird "Old Friends", New Friends Welcome	ATA	Carlisle PA In Conjunction With All Ford Nationals	See Article For Specific Details
June 17	Cooptown Show		Wm Watters Meth Church 1452 Jarrettsville Road	Showtime 9-1
July 4	Towson 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	***MATC	Towson, MD	Details forthcoming
July 4	Bel Air 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	***MATC	Bel Air, MD	Details forthcoming
July 16	Pot Luck at Denham's	***MATC	Hyde's MD	Details forthcoming
August 16-19	VTCl International 2023 Convention	VTCl	Cartersville, GA	Vintagethunderbirdclub.net
August 22-27	Thunderbird Reunion	ITC	Dearborn, MI	
September 17	"Cherry" Festival	***MATC	Cherry's Cabin	Details forthcoming
September?	Joint event with NJTA	NJTA	Patterson and/or Edison NJ	Detail to Follow
October 14	Rockville Classic & Antique Car Show	City of Rockville	Glenview Mansion 603 Edmonston Drive	specialevents@rockvillemd.gov
November	Election of Officers	***MATC		Consider running for an office
December 3	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Restaurant	More Details Later

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



[miracleleagueharford.org](http://miracleleagueharford.org)

### OPENING DATE APRIL 15, 2023

Ages 5 – 13 Saturday Mornings 10:00 am  
Ages 14 and up Saturday Mornings 11:15 am

## Special Thunderbird Events 2023

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

This is a gathering of long term Thunderbird owners and club friends that gathered every year in the past as part of national club conventions and other events. Since there has not been an opportunity to gather and socialize for over 5 years, a group who has missed this annual ritual decided to try to recreate it as part of the All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA, this year. Many will be spending the weekend there, staying at local hotels. A list of hotels can be provided upon request. But they are filling up fast as the event dates approach. Sorry, we could not secure a host hotel that could accommodate a large group. We will work on that for next year. We have made arrangements for a group dinner at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant near Carlisle for Saturday, June 3. ***Please advise Skip if you would like to participate in the dinner by May 7, 2023.*** The group will gather on the showfield in a tent provided by the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. If you plan to display your car on the showfield please register ASAP. **Carlisleevents.com.** Please indicate LVTC as your club as they are accommodating and supporting this event. **New guidelines require determining total club attendance for assigning specific size tents.** This will be a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome. Come for the weekend. Come for a day.

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

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

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

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



**Thunderbird Appreciation Day**  
**May 23, 2023**  
**Friendly Farms Restaurant**

Even though the increased size of our group (a good thing) required a change of venue, we still had a great turnout for this year's event. Some old friends and some new ones were included. Among the "old friends" were Stephanie and Scott Mummert (Norm & Kitty's son) and Bob & Candy Bosoli from the Thunderbird Nest. And we had a great showing of Thunderbirds too.



## June Birthdays



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

**In memory of Kitty Mummert (8)**

**Carol Schroll (16)**

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

## Membership:

Welcome back to former MATC members **Calvin & Pat Hansford**. They were very active members previously and we look forward to seeing them at future MATC events.

Be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or flyer when you see prospective members and their cars.

## MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- A great big thanks to all of the visits, calls, cards, emails and prayers from MATC members. For those that don't know, I was diagnosed in early May with pulmonary embolisms in my lungs. A CT scan indicated my lungs are completely filled with blood clots. I spent 4 days in the hospital and was prescribed blood thinners (Eliquis) in an effort to break up and dissolve the clots. The recovery process will take at least 6 months according to the docs. Pulmonologist and Hematologist visits are scheduled for July. I generally feel OK and limit my activities to what I am comfortable with. *ed.*
- Please keep Christine Young, John and the Young family in your thoughts and prayers. Christine has been diagnosed with breast cancer with treatment to begin soon if not already. We will keep you aware of her progress and condition. Many of you understand and can relate to what she is experiencing because of your own experience or that of friends and relatives.
- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham and Mike Melnyk. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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

## May TBird Quiz



This screen shot is from a very popular TV show that is no longer on the air. Please name the TV show and the year of the Thunderbird. Hint-TBird is a one year color. First person to respond with the correct answer to both questions will receive a prize to be determined.

**Answers: TV show** – The Sopranos; **Year of Thunderbird:** 2002 Thunderbird Blue

**Winners: (TIE)** Judy Dickinson & Steve Kelley. .

Editors note: Only Judy and Steve responded I expected to be swamped with responses, at least for the TBird model year.

## June Thunderbird Quiz



This screen shot is also from a very popular TV show that is no longer on the air. Please name the TV show and the year of the Thunderbird. First person to respond with the correct answer to both questions will receive a prize to be determined.



**Note: All previous winners are not eligible to participate.**  
Someone else **MUST** be reading the newsletter too!!

## **CLASSIFIEDS**



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

Also, Walt's extensive collection of Thunderbird model cars and memorabilia is now being auctioned by Tom Hall Auctions in Pennsylvania ([tomhallauctions.com](http://tomhallauctions.com)). Check it out. There are so many items they are being auctioned in three sections. The auction is "live" now.

### **For Sale**

Set of four BFGoodrich Silvertown 14-inch whitewall tires on Thunderbird (58- 60) rims for \$560.00 or best offer. Deliverable within reasonable distance. Contact Frank Toth at 202-329-5473 and leave voice mail message.



**A**

**B**

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

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

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





**What??**

**Can You Believe it?**

**A Retro Thunderbird Barn Find??!!**

**Already??**

**Well, the oldest are now 21 model yeas old,  
and depending when delivered some are  
close to 22 years old.**

**This one is a 2003 Desert Sky Blue.**

**Sorry, no additional details**

**Congratulations to Barb and Mike  
Melnyk for winning second place in the  
Hex Sign Barn Rally sponsored by the  
Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club in  
May.**



# 2002 Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona Race Pace Car



## Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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

### Application for Membership

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse occupation \_\_\_\_\_

I was referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

#### List your Thunderbirds:

Car	Year	Style (HT, Conv, Landau, color)	Use (show, pleasure, restoring)	VIN
1				
2				
3				
4				

Annual Dues \$25 due each January, newsletter delivered electronically, or  
\$40 due each January, newsletter delivered via US Postal Service

#### New Members Partial Dues:

\$15 if joining after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Full dues if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, BUT

IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR DUES (3 months free)

Name Tags \$10 each:

Please PRINT names for tags above. Separate by comma if more than one.

**Send To:** Please Mail Application with your check payable to **MATC** to:  
Frank Long, Treasurer; 331 Sullivan Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009; 410-569-8539

Visit us at [www.midatlanticbirdclub.org](http://www.midatlanticbirdclub.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 September 2022)



# Vintage Thunderbird Club International



## VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



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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### OUR 49<sup>TH</sup> 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

