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



MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 49TH ANNIVERSARY



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **July 1, 2005:** Official last day of production the 11th generation, 2002-05 Thunderbird. The actual last car was produced later.

Thursday – July 20, @ 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.

Mark Your Calendars-Upcoming MATC Activities

July 16, Sunday, 1:00 PM: Annual Potluck Social @ Denham's

\$2 a Plate POTLUCK SOCIAL
Hosted by Zoeanne and Dan Denham,
5626 Williams Rd, Hydes MD, 21082

(Note: their house is at the end of a long driveway that goes between other houses)

Please RSVP at least 5 days in advance if you will be attending
Home Telephone: 410-592-2030 email: zoeanne9@yahoo.com

Please bring a dish in the food category listed by the first letter of your last name. The \$2 goes to the host to offset costs. Zoeanne and Dan will be providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

"S-Z" Salad "A-H" Main Dish "I-R" Dessert

If bringing a salad or main dish, please provide enough to serve at least 8 people. If bringing a dessert, please provide enough to serve at least 10 people. You may be asked to bring a different item once members respond that they plan to attend. The alphabet range is based on typical and historical member attendance experience.

Directions: To Dan and Zoeanne
From Beltway 695: Exit 29A, onto Cromwell Bridge Road, turn left.
Follow Cromwell Bridge Road to the end and turn left onto Glen Arm Road (cross over the bridge).
Follow Glen Arm Road to Long Green Pike (4-way Stop). Turn left onto Long Green Pike.
Follow Long Green Pike to Williams Road. Make a right turn.
From York PA: South on Int 83 to Maryland Line Exit, Route 439.
Follow Route 439 to Route 23 (Norrisville Road), turn Right.
Follow Route 23 to Route 146 (Jarrettsville Pike), turn right.
Follow Route 146 to Route 152 (Fallston Road), turn left.
Follow Route 152 to Route to Route 165 (Baldwin Mill Road) turn Right.
Follow Route 165 to Long Green Pk, turn Right.
Long Green Pike to Williams Road, turn Left.

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President's Message July 2023

At the Thunderbird Appreciation Day lunch we met Bob and Candy Bossoli from the Thunderbird Nest. Really nice people. Since then they have joined MATC! We hope to see them at lots of events.

Earl & Judy, Skip & Barb did a great job organizing a 'reunion' at the All Ford Nationals in Carlisle PA this year. Great job! We had a wonderful dinner Saturday evening, which included folks from several thunderbird clubs. They are already making plans for next year's reunion, so mark your calendars for that first week in June. Skip has photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have our information for the Towson and Bel Air 4th of July parades. In the morning in **Towson** we have: Doug Read carrying his 101-year-old father-in-law, who is a veteran; Skip Panowitz carrying Jim Butcher, a friend who is a veteran; Anne Collins, carrying the same veteran who has been with her the past 2 years and who just recovered from pneumonia; Cathy Kelley carrying a friend who is a veteran fighter pilot; Celeste Skruch carrying Jack Diggin, a veteran friend of Steve's; and Calvin and Pat Hansford. We would love to have you join us. In the evening we will be in the **Bel Air** parade. So far we have only Skip and Cathy attending. In this parade we carry politicians and beauty queens. **Sure could use more of you folks nearby to join us.** I was told they were moving us near the front of the parade! It's a short parade and in the evening when it's cooling down, and it's exciting!

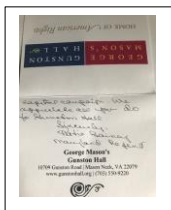
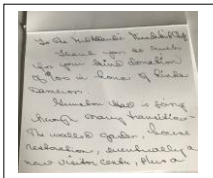
Coming up on Sunday, July 16 at 1pm is the **annual picnic at the Denhams'**. This is always a fun event so please plan to join us. Skip has the food assignment on the front page of this newsletter and we need a head count so please RSVP so everyone knows how much food to bring. We will have games and prizes!

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 all our members who are going through illness, emotional issues, financial issues and other problems in your thoughts and prayers. And please let us know if you are struggling in any way – we may be able to help.

We received a very nice thank you note from Gunston Hall where we sent a donation when Linda Dameron passed. They are very grateful to us.



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	https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071
May - Oct	3 rd 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
July 4	Towson 4 th of July Parade	***MATC	Towson, MD	Details forthcoming
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July 16	Pot Luck at Denham's	***MATC	Hyde's MD	See details on first page.
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. If you know of a "local" show that you think will be of interest to our membership, please provide the information to Skip.



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OPENING DATE APRIL 15, 2023

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



July Birthdays



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

**Tom Young (5) Zoeanne Denham (9) John Horn (14)
Bob Ridolfi (16) Kathy Ridolfi (31)**

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

Membership:

Welcome to Robert & Candice Bossoli of Havre de Grace, MD. They joined us at Friendly Farms for Thunderbird Appreciation Day with their 2003 Whisper White Thunderbird. We look forward to seeing them at future events.

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

MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Continued thanks to all of the well wishes from MATC members regarding my diagnosis of pulmonary embolisms in my lungs. A CT scan to be scheduled in July will provide a better picture as to how successful the blood thinners have been in dispersing the blood clots and will help provide guidance as to my future treatment. The recovery process will take at least 6 months according to the docs. I generally feel OK and continue to limit my activities to what I am comfortable with. *ed.*
- Please continue to keep Christine Young, John and the Young family in your thoughts and prayers. Christine has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Treatment has begun and she has a positive attitude regarding her recovery. 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!

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Special Thunderbird Events 2023

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 VTCI website at www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net. If you are not yet a VTCI 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.



Carlisle Ford Nationals
June 2-4, 2023
Carlisle, PA

Several MATC members attended the Carlisle Ford Nationals. We shared the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club tent. Other attendees represented the North Jersey Thunderbird Association and the Long Island Thunderbird Club. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. We also had a great dinner on a great restaurant on Saturday night. Plans are in the works to make it a weekend event next year with hotel accommodations, etc. Stay tuned.





Congratulations to MATC member Calvin Hansford for placing second in the retro Thunderbird class at the Carlisle Ford Nationals. Congrats also to our friend Paul Rosina of the Long Island Thunderbird Club who won first place in his (or is it Felicia's?) beautiful 2002 Thunderbird Blue. And Elliott Weiner, president of the Long Island TC, who won third place for his gold two tone 1976 "big bird". It was a great time for Thunderbird enthusiasts. Stay tuned for info on the big plans for next year.

CORVETTE RIVAL NOT NEEDED DUE TO FORD MUSTANG: BILL FORD JR.

By [Brett Foote](#), Ford Authority

June 5, 2023



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Ford Authority has spotted The Blue Oval benchmarking both a [C8 Corvette Stingray](#) and [the new Z06](#) over the past couple of years, which poses the question – would the automaker consider making a proper rival for its cross-town competitor's long-running sports car? Back in May 2022, *Ford Authority* also exclusively reported that Ford was [considering reviving the Thunderbird name](#) on a vehicle that could rival the Corvette, though at this time, there's no clear indication that such a thing will actually happen. Recently, the company's executive chairman – Bill Ford Jr. – threw even more cold water on that notion while speaking at its annual shareholder meeting, too.

"Why are you not building a sports car similar to Corvette?" Ford Jr. said. "Are you kidding? We have the Mustang, which I think is by far the best sports car in America and frankly, the world now. It's affordable. It's faster than all get out. And it's about as good as you could possibly get. And we're going racing with Mustang. For the enthusiasts, we have an EcoBoost Mustang, we now have an electric Mustang and the Mach-E, and we have our all-new five-liter Mustang Dark Horse, which we just introduced. And we have more coming. So, I wouldn't trade our sports car for anybody else's, let's put it that way."

Indeed, the [Ford Mustang](#) was once again [the best-selling sports car in the world](#) last year, a title that it has now held for a solid decade. And that was before the launch of the all-new, S650 2024 model, which brings about a host of changes to FoMoCo's iconic pony car, which is [designed to appeal more to younger customers](#) – all while retaining its traditional, core buyer.

As for the new Dark Horse, it will not only serve as the range-topping model in the Mustang lineup for now, but it also marks the beginning of [a big motorsports push](#) that will see the arrival of the new the Dark Horse S and the Dark Horse R, and the pony car will compete in a number of series such as [GT3](#), GT4, NASCAR, and NHRA Factory X racing, as well as IMSA events and the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

We'll have more on the Mustang and Ford's future plans soon, so be sure and [subscribe](#) to *Ford Authority* for more [Ford Mustang news](#) and non-stop [Ford news](#) coverage.

Does this put the rumors of an imminent next generation Thunderbird to rest? Ed.

June Thunderbird Quiz



Answers: TV show – 77 Sunset Strip Year of Thunderbird: 1958

Winners: Tom Young

Editors note: There were several responses this month. Most had one or the other of the answers correct. Thank you for trying and thanks for reading the newsletter. The prizes for the May and June contests will be awarded to the winners at the Denham's gathering.

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

July Thunderbird Quiz



Who Is The Actor?
What Year Is The Thunderbird?

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

What Is Torque? Why It's Important for Cars and How It Works

Often overshadowed by horsepower, torque defines the strength and character of engines and electric motors.



Matthew ChudzinskiWriterMotorTrend StaffPhotographer

May 31, 2023

Torque is the unsung hero of engine specifications, and we talk about it often. But does it get the recognition it deserves? Too often it ends up playing second fiddle to horsepower in the symphony of engines, when in fact it should be first chair of its own section. In automotive circles, there's a tendency to gloss right over it with generalizations: People might call an engine "torquey" or a "torque monster" without quoting real numbers. Yet usually those same people don't refer to cars as "horsepower monsters" that are "super horsepowery," so it's time to take a closer look at the overall concept of torque.

What Is Torque?

In the simplest terms, torque represents how strong an engine is. It's the rotational force that translates into acceleration and, ultimately, speed. Torque determines how quickly a car launches off the line or how easily a vehicle can begin to move a heavy load.

Demystifying The Torque Monster

We'll spare you a full-on physics lesson, but some science concepts can't be avoided in this discussion. Torque travels from the engine into the transmission, then through the driveshafts and into the tires, where it reaches the road as the force that propels a car. This force determines whether a car accelerates, maintains its speed, or slows down. A car speeds up when the force delivered to its tires is greater than wind resistance, the friction in the powertrain and drivetrain, and the tires' rolling resistance. If the engine output matches those external forces, speed remains the same. When the force from the engine drops below the forces due to drag and friction, the vehicle decelerates.

How Does Torque Relate To Horsepower?

Good question. We already established torque determines if a car accelerates, but ultimately horsepower gives a better idea of *how quickly* that car accelerates from 0 to 60 mph or through the quarter mile. Horsepower represents how quickly an engine can generate its torque, introducing time into the equation. In other words,

torque represents the work an engine can do, and horsepower is its ability to do that work quickly. If you want to move heavy loads, you need a lot of torque. If you want to move heavy loads fast, get more horsepower. Indeed, torque and horsepower are inseparable. A simple mathematical relationship reveals how closely tied they are: $\text{horsepower} = \text{torque} \times \text{rpm} / 5,252$. Horsepower can't be directly measured, either—it can only be calculated from measured torque. Want to dive deeper into the science of horsepower? [Read our explainer on horsepower and how it affects acceleration.](#)

How Is Torque Measured?

Measuring the constantly changing torque of an accelerating engine isn't something you do in your backyard. [You need a dynamometer](#), or dyno, which measures torque by resisting the rotational force of an engine or motor. The resistance can come from an electric motor, a heavy weight, or an oil- or water-filled fluid brake.

You can measure torque at an engine's crankshaft (or an electric motor's output shaft) or at its wheels. A reading taken at the wheels always results in a larger number because the engine's torque is multiplied by the gearing in the drivetrain. This is true for both gas and electric vehicles, but some automakers recently began advertising monstrous—and misleading—numbers for their electric vehicles simply by reporting the wheel torque. [When the GMC Hummer EV made its debut, GM claimed it made 11,500 lb-ft of torque.](#) If the industry followed GM's lead and reported torque at the wheels, a Dodge Charger SRT Hellcat would boast 8,021 lb-ft of torque instead of 650 lb-ft.

Peak Torque And Torque Curves

An internal combustion engine's visceral sounds are some of the biggest contributors to a car's fun factor. But despite the auditory and tactile experience they provide, we are all just drooling over simple air pumps. Four-cycle engines bring air and fuel into a cylinder, squeeze it, blow it up, and shove it back out. Engines do this with varying efficiency throughout their operating range. The peak torque (the number we see advertised) happens at the point when the engine can draw the most air and fuel and ignite the most complete burn. The biggest explosion produces the most torque.

As the engine speeds up, faster-moving air encounters more friction in the intake tract; there's less time available to complete the four-cycle process with the efficiency needed for peak torque production. The engine generates less force because the cylinder pressures aren't as high. Below engine speed at peak torque, the pistons don't move with a high enough velocity to draw in the most air possible. Less air means less fuel and lower cylinder pressures.

The range of torque produced across different engine speeds is referred to as the torque curve. The torque curve's shape is a key part of an engine's character. In an anemic economy car, the torque might peak in the middle of the rev range and then drop quickly. A turbocharged SUV might deliver a sustained plateau of torque across the entire rev range, while torque in a sports car might steadily build to a high-rpm climax. Electric vehicles are known for delivering big hits of torque the instant you step on the accelerator pedal. If you pay attention, you can feel these differences as you accelerate.

CLASSIFIEDS



2005 50th Anniversary Cashmere Thunderbird: MATC friends and Thunderbird enthusiasts Sandi & Walt Fries are selling their 2005 50th 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

Also, Walt's extensive collection of Thunderbird model cars and memorabilia is now being auctioned by Tom Hall Auctions in Pennsylvania (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.



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

A = 45th 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

Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold depending on space. Non-member cost to advertise is complimentary for the first month then \$10 for each three months thereafter. This policy is subject to change.



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 1st of the year.

Full dues if joining after October 1st 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

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(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 _____

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(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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- 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