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



Our 52nd Year!!

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This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

July 1, 2005: Last official production date for the 11th generation "retro" Thunderbird and Thunderbirds in general. A few cars may have been produced past this date.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Tuesday TBird Lunch – August 18, 2026 11:30 AM

Leelyn's Dining Room, 9495 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City, MD

RSVP Phyllis by August 17th, 410-747-1209, pacherry@comcast.net.

Note: The first Tuesday lunch has been every other month so far.

Consideration is being given to having a lunch in the intervening months in the same area. Stay tuned.

Second Wednesday TBird Lunch – July 8 @ 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- July 16 @ 11:30 AM***

Madonna Seafood House, 4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161

RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, cathykelley49@gmail.com by July 14th

MATC now has three lunch opportunities for members to attend. Through the gracious research and support of members there are three geographically diverse locations available. At least in Maryland. Virginia & Delaware folks-have an idea in your area? Pass it on and we will give it a shot. Without regular monthly meetings these luncheons are a great way for the membership to stay connected. Prefer breakfast meets? A different day? Let us know.

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Pot Luck Picnic @ Stephanie & Scott's Saturday, September 26, at 1pm

Stephanie & Scott have graciously stepped up to host a second event at their home this year to replace the traditional Cherry Fest @ Phyllis Cherry's cabin. It is anticipated that the gathering at Phyllis' will return next year when construction and remodeling at her cabin is completed. More specific information and guidelines as to what to bring will be provided in future newsletters. The date stays the same, just the venue has changed.



President's Message July 2026

We had a good turnout at **All Ford Nationals in Carlisle PA Jun 5-6, 2026**, although not as good as the past couple years. We missed some of our 'regulars'. We fellowshipped with LVTC, Central PA Thunderbird Club and Tom Przedwojewski from VTCL who sponsored the tent again this year. The meals shared with friends on both Friday and Saturday nights were very good with some fun conversations.

Our annual **picnic at the Denhams was June 14**, hoping it would be cooler than in the past but it wasn't. Zoeanne once again welcomed us into their home and we had great food and lots of fun and conversation. Dan was looking good and getting around well, although not always sure why we were there. Skip presented trivia prizes as has become tradition at our gatherings. If you are a trivia winner, you better show up!

The weather was outrageously hot for the **4th of July parades** and our participation was down because of that. We only had 4 cars in the Towson parade, thanks to Anne Collins, Doug Read, Skip Panowitz and Cathy. Once again we carried veterans and their names were on signs on our cars, thanks to Anne, and were called out at the reviewing stands. Due to the heat we decided not to participate in the Bel Air parade this year. Skip has photos in this newsletter.

We hope to get the birds out for an **ice cream run** sometime in August. We'll keep you posted via newsletter when we come up with something.

Also on August 22 our friends at **Central PA Thunderbird Club are having a car show** in Carlisle PA. Looks like food, music, fun and prizes. Let's get some folks together and support our fellow Tbird friends. See flyer elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks,

Cathy & Steve

MATC getting the cars all decorated ahead of Towson's parade.

Anne's hood ornament

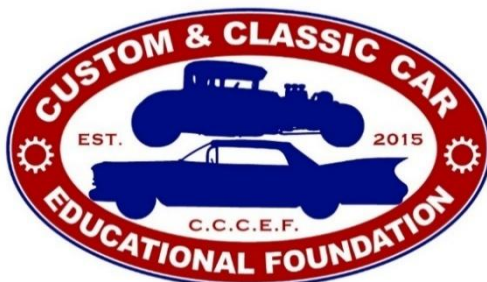


MATC EVENTS CALENDAR

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
Tuesdays @ 11:30 am	Southside 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.
Sundays 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				
July 4th	July 4th Parades	***MATC	Towson & Bel Air	Contact Cathy For Details
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	Pot Luck @ Scott & Stephanie's (this replaces the Cherry Fest this year only)	***MATC	Hanover, PA	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
2027				
June 4-6	Carlisle Ford Nationals	***MATC VTCI	Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds	Details To Follow. Reduced price Gate Passes available now.

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:

July Birthdays:

**Tom Young (5), Zoeanne Denham (9), Bob Ridolfi (16), Kathy Ridolfi (31)
Anne Collins**

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

- Lots of recent activity at the Hill's:
 - First, treasurer Ron had cataract surgery on both eyes over a two week period. The results have been successful. Ron says he enjoys his new view on life. On the other hand, Jean wonders when she can expect to stop hearing him singing "I can see clearly now..." all day long.
 - Speaking of Jean, she also had a surgical experience in preparation for her future cataract surgery.
- Congratulations to our favorite boy racer Tom Young who recently won First Place in his class at the Mid-Atlantic Stock/Super Stock Series competition held in Hagerstown. There were 40 cars running that day. As most of you know Tom restored the 1975 Dodge Coronet that his late brother purchased exclusively to race. Tom has restored and campaigned it in his brother's memory. And it was raced very successfully. Tom has taken this labor of brotherly love to numerous awards and recognition including winning its class in AACA competition. See photos of Tom and the car elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Betty Marcellino is recovering from a recent fall. We wish her the best for her continuing recovery.
- 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.

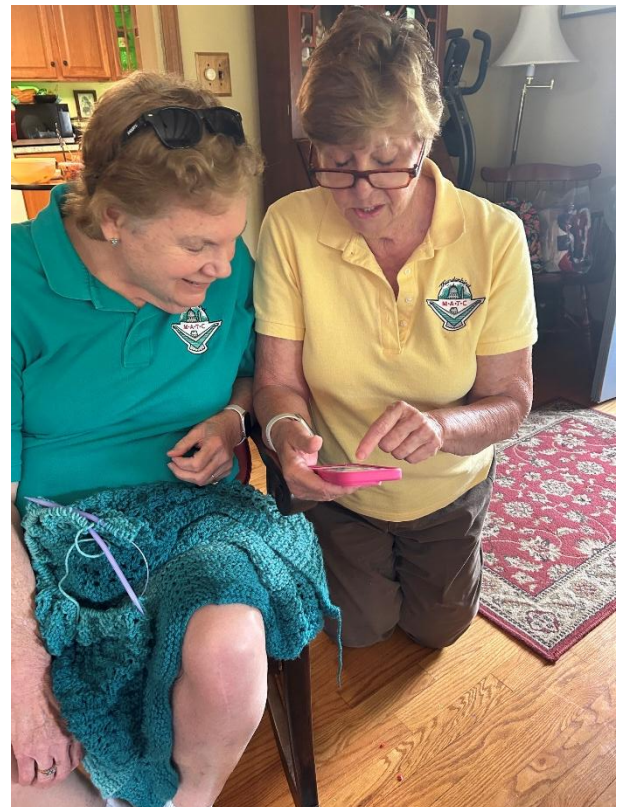
Annual Denham's Pot-Luck Gethering June 15, 2026



The meeting comes to order



Judy - TBird Celebrity Quiz Winner





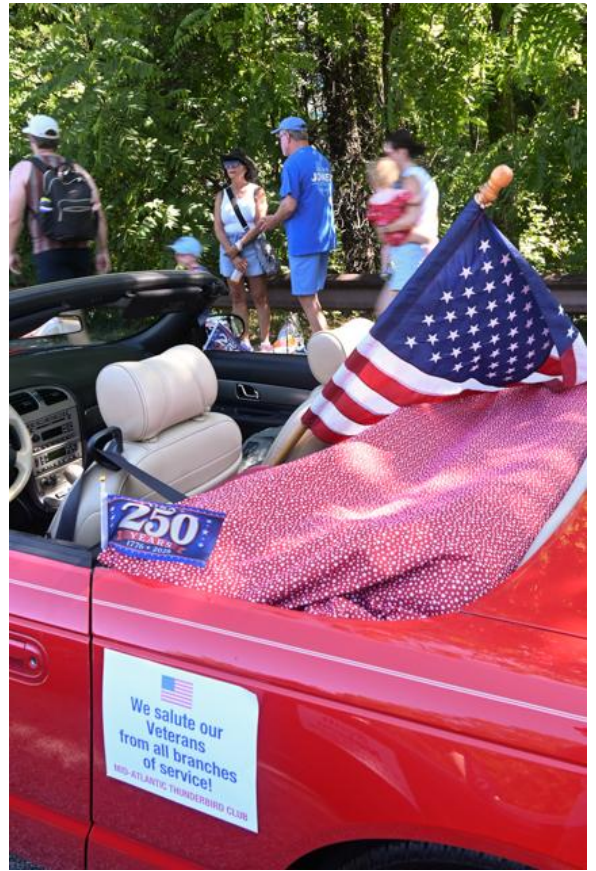
Always plenty of great food



Towson 4th of July Parade 2026













Congratulations to Tom Young for winning his class at the Mid-Atlantyc Stock/Super Stock competition held at Mason-DixonDragway in Hagerstown.





Candid Camera
Our "eyes" are everywhere!!



Cathy & Steve before Thunderbirds



*Al & Lois at a recent
southside luncheon*



Charles S. at recent Hunt Valley Cars & Coffee

CARS AND COFFEE SHOW

Featuring **FEATURING CLASSIC
FORD THUNDERBIRDS!**



SATURDAY

AUGUST 8, 2026

9:00AM - 12:00PM • FREE ADMISSION



MONTGOMERY MALL



10327 WESTLAKE DRIVE, BETHESDA, MD 20817

PRESENTED BY



JOIN THE GATHERING!

ALL CLASSICS & EXOTICS WELCOME



This looks real interesting & is right in our back yard.



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:** _____



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

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Retro Thunderbird Headlight Bulb Replacement

One of the complaints often heard from Retro owners is how weak the illumination is from the headlights on their cars. Our member Tom Young has resolved this problem by replacing the factory bulbs with state of art LED versions. The cost of doing this is about \$185 for the headlights and running lights. Tom has graciously agreed to assist all members interested in making the change. We are considering a tech session depending on how many folks are interested.

The procedure is relatively simple. It only requires removing both front fenders, hood, valance panel, grille radiator and fan. **JUST KIDDING!!** Tom says all that is needed equipment wise is a screwdriver and gloves.

I am going to contact the seller when I see what interest there is to see if we can get a break on the price. Or at least save on shipping. The cost for the headlight bulbs is \$126.40, for the running light bulbs \$28.78. Tom says you don't need to do both, but he thought the running light upgrade made a bigger difference than the headlights.

Please let me know your interest by July 15th if possible.

Skip

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	VTCL 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 (?)

VTCl/CTCl 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

Thursday, September 10		
8 AM - 5 PM	"Bird Bath"	
8 AM - 5 PM	Convention Check-In & Packet Pickup	Multipurpose Room
8 AM - 10 AM	VTCl Judge Training	Flagstaff Room (?)
8 AM - 10 AM	CTCl 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 - 845 AM	VTCl Owners and Judges Meeting	
8 AM - 845 AM	CTCl Owners and Judges Meeting	
900 AM	9/11 Salute	Show Field - Hotel's East Parking Area
930 AM	Judging Begins	Show Field - Hotel's East Parking Area
930 AM - 1130 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.	
930 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.	
530 PM - 630 PM	Social Hour - No Host Bar	Grand Ballroom
630 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 Judged Divisions VTCI Membership Required (See Volume 1 of the Conours Rules on the VTCI Website)	☐ Senior Participation	T-birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention
	☐ Display	Open to All Years
	☐ Senior	T-birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention and eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" Award.
	☐ Primary	Eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award: 1955-1979. Path to obtain Senior Status.
	☐ Driver	1955-1979 only. Engine compartment, trunk & undercarriage not judged.
	☐ Late Model	1980-1997 300-point system; all areas judged.
	☐ Modified	1955-1997 only. 300-point system; all areas judged.
	☐ Touring	1955-1997 only. Undercarriage not judged; modifications for safety, reliability & comfort allowed. See Volume 1 Conours Rules.
	☐ 2002-2005	100-point system; undercarriage not judged
	☐ 2002-2005 Modified	100-point system; undercarriage not judged
☐ 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	
	7PM "Get Your Kicks at the Evening Mix" - Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar		27	
Thursday Sept 10th	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	
	5PM Guest Speaker - Jim Hinckley		incl	
	6:30PM "Fun, Fun, Fun" - Thunderbird Buffet with Cash Bar		68	
Friday Sept 11th	8AM-8:30AM Owners/Operators Meeting		incl	
	9:30 AM VTCI Conours Judging			
	9:30-11:30 Swap Meet		incl	
	2PM Tour - Museum of Northern Arizona includes "Route 66: Wagon Road to the Mother Road" Exhibit		18	
Saturday Sept 12th	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	
	Chicken ☐ Salmon ☐ Prime Rib ☐ Vegetarian ☐			
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)

MAIL to: VTCI c/o ROGER INGRAM

Cutoff Date For Mail Registrations: August 8, 2026

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>

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(Please Let Reservation Clerk Know You Are With The Thunderbirds International Convention.)

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(US Funds)

June Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity in the TBird?
(the guy) **John Forsythe**

What year is the Thunderbird?: **1957**

Bonus: What Is The Celebrity Famous For?
(in addition to the show noted on the rear deck)

Bachelor Father, Dynasty. He also had a prominent role in the movie "...and Justice For All" which was filmed and set in Baltimore.

Congratulations to Sandy Read for the winning answers.

July Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who are the celebrities with The TBird?:

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What is the name of the TV show they appeared in?

Previous Winners:

2025

January: Earl Dickinson
February: Dan Lubber, 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: Judy Dickinson
June: Sandy Read
July: Will this be you?

Ford Abandoned One Thunderbird Trademark Two Years Ago

By **Brett Foote**

June 3, 2026 7:09 am



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Back in January 2021, Ford filed to trademark "Thunderbird" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office under the goods and services category of "motor vehicles, namely, concept motor vehicles; four-wheeled motor vehicles." This conjured up plenty of speculation that the Ford Thunderbird was set to make a return as a result, and as *Ford Authority* previously reported, that nameplate was being considered for a performance-oriented vehicle - and perhaps even a new halo car.

Now, however, we're learning that this very same Ford Thunderbird trademark filing was abandoned by the automaker on September 16th, 2024, "because no Statement of Use or Extension Request timely filed after Notice of Allowance was issued," according to the latest update. This is just one of several trademarks Ford has abandoned over the years, a common practice when companies opt not to move forward without using those pieces of intellectual property.

Ad ends in 11

Mark: THUNDERBIRD		THUNDERBIRD	
US Serial Number:	90463054	Application Filing Date:	Jan. 13, 2021
Register:	Principal		
Mark Type:	Trademark		
TM5 Common Status Descriptor:		DEAD/APPLICATION/Refused/Dismissed or Invalidated	
		This trademark application was refused, dismissed, or invalidated by the Office and this application is no longer active.	
Status:	Abandoned because no Statement of Use or Extension Request timely filed after Notice of Allowance was issued. To view all documents in this file, click on the Trademark Document Retrieval link at the top of this page.		
Status Date:	Sep. 16, 2024		
Publication Date:	Jun. 15, 2021	Notice of Allowance Date:	Aug. 10, 2021
Date Abandoned:	Sep. 16, 2024		

It is worth noting that Ford still holds a number of other Thunderbird trademarks for things like parts and merchandise, so it hasn't completely given up on that historic name. However, this abandonment does seem to signal that The Blue Oval has opted not to use the Ford Thunderbird name on a future vehicle, which would make sense given the company's preference to conjure up new nameplates these days, rather than revive old ones.

Regardless, this isn't exactly great news for fans of the T-Bird hoping that it would make a comeback in the future. It's one that has a long history in the automotive realm, living from the 1955 to 2005 model years, with a hiatus from 1998 to 2001. Those 11 generations are book-ended by two-seat convertible sports cars, with various other models sprinkled in between - including a four-seat hardtop coupe, a four-seat convertible, a five-seat convertible and hardtop, a four-door hardtop sedan, a six-passenger hardtop coupe, and a five-passenger pillared coupe.

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THUNDERBIRD PROMOTIONAL MODEL CARS

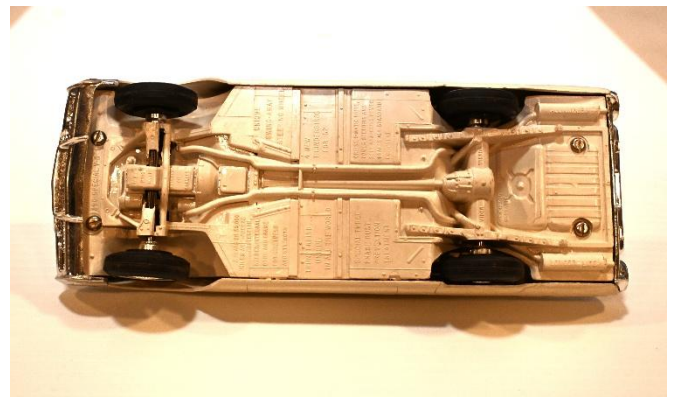
Through the very gracious generosity of club member Dave Shelton, we have four (now three-thank you Scott!) Ford Thunderbird promotional model cars available for purchase by club members. If you are not familiar with “promos”, they were produced by various model manufacturers for the car manufacturers 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.

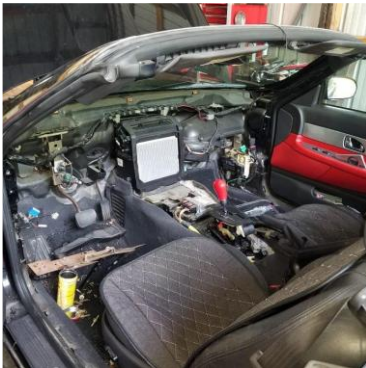
ed note: This is likely one of the finest '57 Thunderbirds you will find. It was Joe's pride and joy. I talked often with him about the car and his efforts and challenges restoring it. The soft top repair story alone would have made for a good newsletter article. I am sure he would want to see it, and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

2005 Thunderbird

- Medium Steel Blue Metallic-one year color
- 74,800 miles
- Hardtop and stand, Blue Accent Interior.
- Service records available
- Asking Price: \$15,000. Car is located in Hagerstown, MD
- Contact: Craig Wachter, 240-520-8753, c.wachter@myactv.net



Need Technical Help with your Thunderbird??



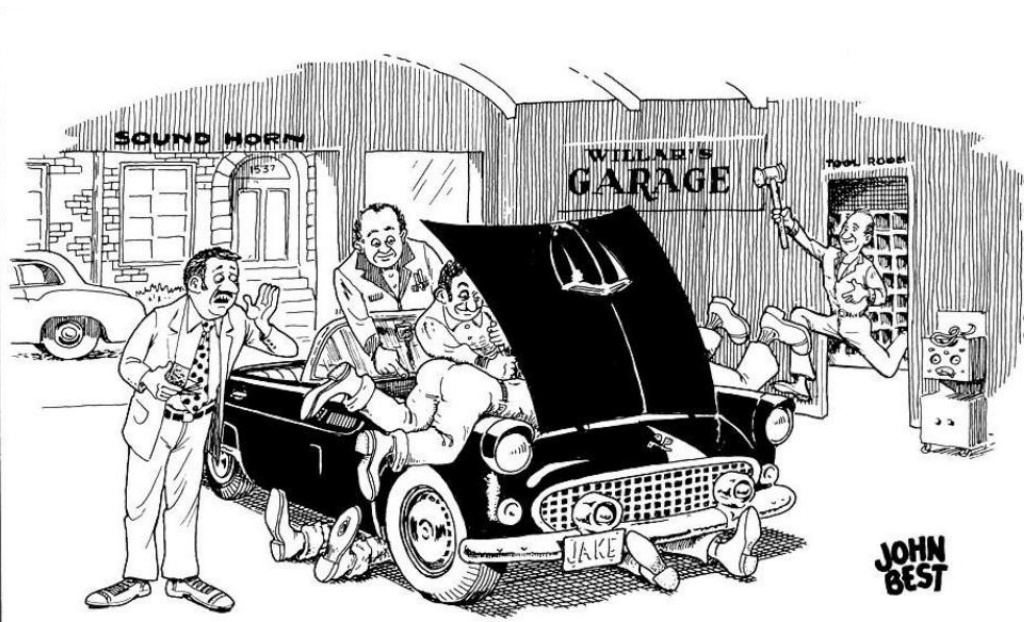
Are you sure this is how to change the oil?

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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PLEASE TELL ME IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.



Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club

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

Application for Membership

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Birth month: _____

Spouses Name: _____ Birth month: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home _____ - _____ - _____ Work _____ - _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____ - _____

Email : _____

Your occupation _____ Spouse occupation _____

I was referred by: _____

List your Thunderbirds:

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

Annual Dues: \$25 due each January. MATC newsletter is only delivered electronically.

\$15 if joining after June 1st of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1st, (*INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR (3 months free)*)

Name Tags \$10 each: _____

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

Send To: Please Mail Application with your check payable to **MATC** to:

Ron Hill, Treasurer; 1905 Cypress Drive, Bel Air, 21015; 410-569-0106

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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.

	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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- Tech support for all generations of Thunderbirds
- Social Gatherings
- Monthly Lunch (Third Thursday @ Various Locations)
- Monthly Newsletter
- Affiliation with national clubs
- Tech Sessions
- Great, Exciting Excursions and Field Trips
- Community Activity and Support
- "Fun, Fun, Fun" with your Thunderbird

