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September Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air

September 20, 9:30 AM

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

AACA Museum Visit – September 8, Saturday 10 AM

161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

**RSVP To Skip by Sept 1**, if you plan to attend and if you are an AACA member. MATC will be visiting the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA, to see the International Thunderbird Club and Mustang Displays and all of the other great vehicle displays at this fantastic venue. As a special feature, MATC member, Tom Young, whose beautiful 1960 hardtop is one of the featured cars, will be in attendance to help us navigate the Thunderbird Exhibit and Thunderbird History. We are planning to arrive by 10 AM. Folks coming from the Baltimore area and south can meet for a casual breakfast at the McDonalds in Shrewsbury PA prior to 9AM. We will caravan to the AACA Museum from Shrewsbury. AACA members are free. If you are an AACA or AACA Museum member your admission is free. This includes spouses if you have a joint membership. All non members will be \$9.50 each. Plan to drive your Thunderbird as we will be provided preferred parking in front of the museum. After spending time at the Museum, we will lunch at the nearby Soda Jerk Diner by popular request.

Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show

Saturday October 20, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

All Cars Must be on the Field by 11:00

603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville MD 20850

The Rockville Antique & Classic Car Show is a premier car show very popular with MATC and Potomac Chapter Thunderbird Club members. A large variety of high end classic and antique automobiles are displayed at this event. The best antique vehicles in the Maryland / Virginia area attend this event. Registration fee is, \$10 prior to Sept 11 and \$20 after Sept 11. Last registration date is Oct 17. Registration is by mail or by the Rockville Civic Center website or by mail. Registration form is attached to the newsletter. URL is posted below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-rockville-antique-and-classic-car-show-tickets-47189037682?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Sunday, Sept 23, Conowingo Veterans Center, 1:00PM

775 Ragan Road, Conowingo, MD 21918

We will be spending the afternoon with the veterans who live in the Conowingo Veterans Center in Cecil County. We will treat them to hot dogs, burgers, snacks and desert and give them a chance to view our cars. Thanks to Phyllis Cherry for identifying this venue and coordinating our visit. Please make every effort to attend this important event as we honor our veterans. If you are a veteran, please identify yourself (hats, jackets, t-shirts, uniform articles) as I am certain the vets would like to share their stories with you and want to hear yours.

Bring: \* **A-M**: Salad or Casserole, **N-Z**: Desert  
\*Large bottle of Soda or iced tea or water bottles  
\*Chair/Chairs  
\*Books, puzzles, DVDs for Veterans  
\*Your Thunderbird to display and share with the Veterans

**RSVP to Skip**, no later than **Sept 20**. This is very important because of the amount of coordination this event requires.

## 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

*Official MATC/ITC 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
<b>Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, &amp; 30 7AM to 9AM</b>	<b>Cars &amp; Coffee</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD</b>	
<b>Sept 8 Saturday</b>	<b>International Thunderbird Club Exhibit</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>AACA Museum 161 Museum Drive Hershey, PA 17033</b>	<a href="https://www.aacamuseum.org/exhibits/current/">https://www.aacamuseum.org/exhibits/current/</a>
Sept 15 Sat	43 <sup>rd</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Show		Manassas, VA	George Richardson (703) 768-1569 or <a href="mailto:richardson13@cox.net">richardson13@cox.net</a>
<b>Sept 20 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Third Thursday Breakfast</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071</a>
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>Conowingo Veterans Visitation</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/">https://www.facebook.com/conowingovetctr/</a>
Oct 4 - 7	Endless Summer Cruisin		Ocean City MD	<a href="https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin">https://www.specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin</a>
Oct 10 - 13 Thurs to Sun	AACA Eastern Fall Hershey	AACA	Hershey, PA	<a href="http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html">http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html</a>
<b>Saturday Oct 20 Rain Date: 27</b>	<b>Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p</b>	<b>MATC</b>	Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851	See website for registration. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm">http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/carshow.htm</a>
Sat Nov 3	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles	LVTC NJTA	85 South Walnut Street Boyertown PA 19512	<a href="http://www.boyertownmuseum.org">www.boyertownmuseum.org</a>
<b>November</b>	<b>Officer Election</b>	<b>MATC</b>		
<b>Sunday December 2 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA</b>	<b>See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter</b>
<b>Third Thursday, Every Month 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Breakfast Gathering</b>	<b>MATC</b>	<b>Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071</a>
<b>Aug 6 – 11 2019</b>	<b>International Thunderbird Club Convention</b>	<b>ITC</b>	<b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	

### Other Events:

**Car Cruise and Show Guide:** <http://carmacruise.com/>

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

**Cars & Coffee: August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7:00 – 9:00 AM,** Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center, Bel Air, MD 21214

The shopping center is located at the intersection of Rts 24 and 1. McDonald's, Starbucks and IHOP are located there. The gathering will be on the lot across from Starbucks.

### 2018 "Local" Car Shows:

**September 8: Chesapeake Region AACA, Show @ Manchester MD Carnival Grounds. 11 AM – 2 PM**

**September 8: Fairhaven Car Show, Sykesville, MD**

**September 15: Breast Cancer Awareness Car Show, Davidsonville, MD**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celeste Skruch  
Jean Raeke  
William Spencer

Judy Dickenson  
Mike Melnyk  
O'Rean Fiedler  
Linda Rogers

Marvin Schroll  
Frank Long  
Lynn Horn

## FOR SALE:

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



**1962 Thunderbird Convertible:** with factory Tonneau cover, all power equipment, and factory AC. New Powder blue interior, Strong running gear. Have complete work history since 2001, 110,500 miles, Asking \$26,000 (offers) **Victor Morino**, cell 410-802-9078.



**1966 Thunderbird Convertible:** new white paint exterior, new white top; 67,000 miles; well maintained; garage kept; wire wheel covers, interior is like new. Car is very sharp; .asking \$40,000 or best offer Alan Fishbein(443)803-3595

## MATC APPAREL

A number of MATC members have asked when there is going to be another apparel order. The order forms are available at most MATC functions or from Skip or Steve. However, as an additional option, the vendor has indicated that members may contact them directly to place orders. The price will be the same as if it was part of a larger MATC order. The vendor is:

**EmbroidMe**

**2216 Commerce Rd, #3**

**Forest Hill, MD 21050**

**Located in Forest Hill industrial park, near airpark. Ask for Candace, Tel: 443-640-6414**

This option gives members an opportunity to stop in their shop to see what is available. There are also a few of the sample items available for sale.

## NAME BADGES

**Name Badges:** If you are interested in having one of the new name badges, please contact Mike Melnyk ([thunderbirdmike@juno.com](mailto:thunderbirdmike@juno.com)). The price is \$10 each. They have magnetic fasteners, are metal and measure 2"X3". Please send payment to Harry Skruch ([hskruch@verizon.net](mailto:hskruch@verizon.net), 4804 Torpoint Road, Nottingham, MD 21236), MATC Treasurer. Your name badges will not be ordered without payment. A photo of the new name badges appears to the right.  
*Skip*



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 7**



**CHERRY' POTLUCK SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 26**



Our Hosts, John and Phyllis



Skip's Message





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**September 2018**

We have acquired 3 new members in the week before I am writing this!! We are on a roll. Welcome aboard and thanks to all of the new members for joining our ranks. I encourage our new members to attend one or more of our events. There are still plenty left until the end of the year. Several of the new members reside in the outlying sections of our service territory. We are working on developing events in Delaware and northern VA and would appreciate your ideas and input. Again, welcome aboard.

Thanks to all of the members that participated in the National Night Out event in Aberdeen. Although storms threatened all evening, only a few sprinkles actually developed. Of course this was enough to generate a mad dash to put up convertible tops. We are fortunate to be the only car club invited to participate in this annual activity. The main purpose of this event is to enhance relations between law enforcement and the community so naturally there were a lot of police officers in attendance representing several agencies. This caused one of our members (to remain unnamed) a little concern since he only has one license plate on his retro. Not to fear, the police seemed very occupied with their exhibits and members of the general community.

As we move into the fall, there are still lots of great activities ahead for MATC and the car hobby in general. I am writing this before the ever popular event at the Cherry's so it will be history by the time you receive it. I assume there will be some photos included in the newsletter. The Cherry "festival is always well attended and provides an opportunity to socialize with our friends from the Potomac Classic Thunderbird TBird Club.

There are several great adventures ahead for September. First will be the trip to the AACA Museum on September 8 to see the Thunderbird exhibit. Our own Tom Young will be in attendance. His superb 1960 is on display in the exhibit. He will provide a personalized tour of the TBird exhibit. Also on display will be many Mustangs as part of a "sister" display in conjunction to the TBirds (or is it vice-versa?). And of course there are the many exquisite vehicles that are part of the general display as well as memorabilia. My favorite of the permanent displays is the Tucker. Certainly an interesting person and vehicle. Barb and I watched the movie recently (probably the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> time for me) which provides an interesting, if over dramatized, perspective of the car and the man. Shades of Musk and Tesla?

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be participating in a very special event. We will be spending the afternoon with the veterans who live at the Conowingo Veterans Center in Conowingo, MD in Cecil County. We will treat them to hot dogs, burgers, snacks and desert and give them a chance to view our cars. Many thanks to Phyllis Cherry for identifying this venue and coordinating our visit. Please make every effort to attend this important event as we honor our veterans. If you are a veteran, please identify yourself (hats, jackets, t-shirts, uniform articles) as I am certain the vets would like to share their stories with you and want to hear yours. Check elsewhere in this newsletter regarding location information, what to bring and RSVP specifics.

The Cars & Coffee event at the Bel Air Plaza Shopping Center in Bel Air, MD on Sunday mornings from 7-9 AM is getting bigger as time goes on. I know some of our members travel a bit to get to it. Thanks to those that support it.

I was sent some photos of the recent ITC convention. To the best of my knowledge no one from MATC attended. I know that this is primarily because of the many issues that have developed regarding the club and its leadership in the past several years that have been very discouraging to even long term ITC members. Some of these issues have been personal and unpleasant to me personally, as well as to other MATC members. For many years MATC was the club with among the most representatives at conventions other than possibly the host chapter. Looking at the photos from the 2018 event I see very few folks that I know – maybe 3 or 4 out of 37 or 38 total. Overall attendance appears to be much lower than typical. I know that many MATC members, especially newer ones, are ITC members too. Some discovered MATC as a result of joining ITC. We remain an ITC chapter but how to proceed in the future will be discussed by the MATC Board of Directors. I apologize for this bit of negativity but I think the membership needs to be aware of the big picture which will be explained to the MATC membership in the future. My position has always been that Thunderbird enthusiasts are welcome to associate themselves with whatever organization(s) they feel best serves their needs and have never let my personal feelings or club politics influence them one way or another. However, prospective club members must do their due diligence in picking the organization(s) that will serve them best. Stay tuned for more information.

Barb and I look forward to seeing you at the September activities and other 2018 events. Please be careful and be safe!!

*Skip*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Please Read**

**General Information, Eligibility and Policy:**

- All registration fees are nonrefundable.
- The 2018 Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show is open to all motor vehicles up to and including the 1993 model year.
- No replicas, hot rods, custom/modified cars or any other inauthentic or altered vehicles will be admitted to the display field.
- Vehicles will not be judged. However, all vehicles admitted to the field must be in a condition of preservation or restoration that would not reflect discredit on the show or hobby. The Car Show Committee reserves the right to register and permit only those vehicles so described. All show vehicles are subject to final inspection and acceptance.
- All preregistered vehicle applications received by Sept. 11 and owners will be listed in the 2018 car show program.
- Day-of registration closes at 11 a.m. SHARP! No latecomers will be allowed on the show field.
- All preregistered vehicles must arrive on the field by 11 a.m. to receive solid brass-etched dash plaque awards.
- Preregistration tickets will not be mailed to registrants. Tickets will be distributed onsite the day of the show.
- Preregistration does not guarantee a reserved place at the show. The first-come, first-served rule applies.
- Please observe AACA safety standards. You are required to have a fire extinguisher and wheel chock for your vehicle.
- All participating vehicle owners and vendors are requested to remain for the entire length of the show.
- Car sales will not be permitted on the display field.
- Show cars must be driven onto the field. Trailers will not be allowed on the field. Off-field trailer parking will be available.
- Sponsoring clubs may award prizes to their participating members.
- All flea market vendors shall be in compliance with AACA rules regarding flea market sales. Flea market sale items must relate to motor vehicle parts or accessories ONLY. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the show. Available space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The show takes place on the Rockville Civic Center grounds. The field is grassy and hilly. Handicapped parking for spectators is available.
- No canopies or pop-up tents are permitted on the field.



----- Detach and send in the form with check. -----

I need a modification because of a disability: (please check one)  YES  NO  
If YES, a Recreation and Parks staff member will contact you before this event.

**2018 ROCKVILLE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM**

*Early registration is encouraged to assure a commemorative plaque and a space on the field.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Car Club Affiliations (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Show Car Registration: \$10 per car on or before Sept. 11 and \$20 after Sept. 11 (1931 & older vehicles FREE for preregistration only – must pay at gate on day of event). Last day to preregister: Wednesday, Oct. 17 by 5 p.m. Must register at show after this date.**

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**FLEA MARKET REGISTRATION**

**Flea Market Space – \$30 per space on or before Sept. 11 and \$40 after Sept. 11 (one space equals two 18' x 20' parking spaces.)**

Items For Sale (Must be motor vehicle-related): \_\_\_\_\_

**CAR SALE REGISTRATION**

**Car Sale Space – \$30 per space on or before Sept. 11 and \$40 after Sept. 11. (Space equals one 10' x 18' parking space.)**

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE.** Please fill out the applicable portion of this form, make checks payable to City of Rockville, and mail to Rockville City Hall, Events Specialist, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850





**Contacts:**

**Jim and Sally Batchelder: Registration (703) 339-2064**

**Show Chairman: Bill Sessler: (703) 368-2367**



## **43<sup>RD</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet - Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA.**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Car registration 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

- ✓ 1993 and older collector cars including street rods/modified
- ✓ Dash plaques for first 175 registrations
- ✓ Opening Ceremony at 11:30 am
- ✓ Participant Judging – 50 class awards & 14 Special Awards!
- ✓ Free spectator admission & free admission to the Manassas Museum
- ✓ Free parking in garage and trailer parking at the high school
- ✓ Model T assembly/disassembly demonstrations
- ✓ One block from Farmer's Market & International Food Festival
- ✓ Free Entertainment
- ✓ Door prizes + 50/50 raffle + silent auction + car corral + flea market
- ✓ Rain or shine!

1962 Chevrolet Impala  
Nancy "Nicki" Hudson  
2017 Arthur Ault Award



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