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MATC THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER 45TH ANNIVERSARY



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

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

September 19, 9:30 AM , Third Thursday Bird Breakfast in Bel Air Greek Village Diner, 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21214

September 8th, Sunday, 1:00 PM

(in case of rain see MATC Website)

\$2 a Plate POTLUCK SOCIAL Hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry,

14401 Water Company Road, Cascade MD, 21719

(Near Thurmont, MD). **So our hosts can prepare, Please RSVP if you will be attending at least 5 days in advance (Sep 3rd),**

Home Telephone: 410-747-1209, email: pacherry@comcast.net

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. John and Phyllis are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

“N to Z” Main Dish “A to I” Salad “J to M” 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.

Sunday, Sept 22, 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. Phyllis Cherry is coordinating our visit. Please make every effort to attend this important event as we honor our veterans. **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

We will have more discussion about this event at the Pot Luck Social, September 8th.

RSVP to Skip, no later than Sept 19.

Rockville, MD Antique & Classic Car Show

Saturday October 19, 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. 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 16. Registration is by mail or by the Rockville Civic Center website. Registration form is attached to the newsletter. URL is posted below.

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celeste Skruch 9

Judy Dickenson 12

Lynn Horn 16

Marvin Schroll 17

Jean Raeke 28

Mike Melnyk 30

Frank Long

O'Rean Fiedler

William Spencer

2019 TENTATIVE EVENTS CALENDAR

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

| Date | Event | Sponsor | Location | Details |
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| Sunday Sept 8 | Potluck Social hosted by John and Phyllis Cherry | MATC | 14401 Water Company Rd Cascade, MD (near Thurmont) | |
| Sunday Sept 22 | Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation | MATC | Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918 | https://www.facebook.com/conowingoetctr/ |
| Oct 9 - 12 Thurs to Sun | AACA Eastern Fall Hershey | AACA | Hershey, PA | http://hersheyaaca.org/fallmeet.html |
| Thu to Sun Oct 10 - 13 | Endless Summer Cruisin | | Ocean City MD | https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin |
| Saturday Oct 19 Rain or Shine | Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show 8:30a – 3:30p | MATC | Rockville Civic Center Pk 603 Edmonston Drive Rockville MD 20851 | http://www.rockvillemd.gov/667/Antique-Classic-Car-Show |
| Sunday Nov 10 | Conowingo Veterans Center Visitation | MATC | Conowingo Veterans Center 775 Ragan Drive Conowingo, MD 21918 | https://www.facebook.com/conowingoetctr/ |
| Sunday December 15 1:00 pm | Annual Christmas Party | MATC | Dobbin House 89 Steinwahr Avenue Gettysburg, PA | See Menu, registration and directions enclosed in November Newsletter |
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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 in the parking lot between Joe's Crab Shack and the former Best Buy location. <http://horsepowering.com/>

FOR SALE:

1964 Thunderbird: Older restoration and still shows and runs well. Wimbledon White with a black landau roof and black interior. Has power windows and power driver seat. Recliner passenger seat with head rest. Owned by same family since 1965. Have documented history from restoration in 1998 to present.

Call Earl or Judy Dickinson @ 717 767 2973.

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



2002 Thunderbird: Asking 13,500, 34,600 miles, excellent condition, with boot and storage rack. Thank you, Dave LeKites, rundpl@gmail.com (7/1)



2002 Thunderbird (\$18000 O.B.O) 30K miles, garage kept, T-Bird blue with hardtop and cart. Call Marge at 410-282-1020 (5/19)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2019



I am going to start this Message with a little bit of personal horn tooting. As most of you know I am an automotive memorabilia collector and dealer specializing in Thunderbird items, promotional model cars, police and other emergency vehicles, automotive sales brochures, etc. As a collector I recently scored a rare item.

If you are a retro Bird owner, especially if you ordered a 2002 from the factory, you are likely aware of the “Manage The Wait” Program. It was a series of 5 boxes that were developed to help those that had to wait for delivery of their car to keep the excitement fueled for the forthcoming event. The boxes were shipped to customers periodically during the wait period.

I am not going to elaborate on the details here. If you are not aware, and are interested in the details, ask me when you see me and I will fill you in. One of the five boxes included a die-cast model of a 2002 TBird in the color that the customer ordered. Over the years I have acquired that box for each color.

The 200 buyers of Niemann Marcus TBirds did not receive a box containing a model of their TBird. Instead that box included a scarf in the NM colors with the TBird logo. However, Ford CEO Jac Nasser had a box with a Niemann Marcus model especially prepared for selected Ford Execs, a few dealers and others. The exact number of these produced is uncertain, but it is certainly very, very low.

I had never even heard of the item, let alone seen one, until a friend and fellow collector in the TBN group brought one to my attention that was featured in an online auction. Short story long, I was the successful bidder and winner. Was it expensive? That depends on what you consider expensive for a rare item such as this.

I have also previously been successful in acquiring another retro Bird item that is just as rare as this die cast model. For Christmas of 1998, when the retros were still in the development stage, Ford CEO Nasser had custom made hand blown glass ornaments that were replicas of the forthcoming car made, again, for select Ford execs, dealers, etc. The distribution of the ornaments is as rare, maybe more so, than the NM die cast. I consider this ornament my most treasured, significant, retro Bird, and TBird in general, conquest. I am a happy collector.

Some very good news - Jean Raeke advises that Ray is progressing very well after his recent surgery to insert a pig valve in his heart. The surgery went well with the exception of a slightly longer than anticipated hospitalization time because of medication issues. She says Ray feels good, is driving again, is breathing more comfortably, his heart is pumping much better, and he often is walking without the assistance of a cane. We look forward to seeing the Raeke's at a MATC event soon.

September is a big activity month for MATC. First is the annual “Cherry Festival” at Phyllis and John's cabin. This is always a much anticipated and well attended event. A few weeks later we will be visiting the veteran's home in Conowingo, MD. The vets look forward to and appreciate our visit. I hope this activity will also be well supported like last year's event.

The annual election of officers is approaching rapidly. As noted in prior newsletters, positions available include president, secretary and one member of the board of directors. The ballot will be included in the November newsletter. Please consider running for office to share your ideas and efforts to support our great club. Barb and I look forward to seeing all of you at one of the upcoming events. Enjoy those Birds while the weather is still cooperating.

Skip

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