

September 2025

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



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- **September 9, 1954:** Production of the First Thunderbirds begins
- **September 25, 2000:** 2002 Niemann Marcus Thunderbird goes on sale in the NM catalog. The 200 limited edition cars are sold out within 2 hours.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Third Thursday TBird Lunch- September 18, 2025 @ 11:30 am****

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

You read that right. Lunch, not breakfast. Same time. A New Location, again..

We are testing the waters to see if this might be more convenient for folks.

Please let Cathy know by September 16th if you plan to attend.

Sunday, September 21, 1:00 PM

Annual \$2 Potluck Social

Hosted by Phyllis Cherry

14401 Water Company Road, Cascade MD, 21719

(Near Thurmont, MD).

Please RSVP by September 17th so our host can prepare,

Phyllis Cell: 443-831-2194 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. Phyllis and family are providing venue, paper goods, utensils, beverages, condiments, etc.

"H to Q" Main Dish "A to G" Salad "R to Z" 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.

Note: Depending on attendance you might be contacted and asked to bring a different item.



President's Message September 2025

We had another Third Thursday Thunderbird lunch in August that saw lots of folks meet us at Casa Mia's Restaurant in Parkton MD. Skip & Barb Panowitz, Earl & Judy Dickinson, Ron & Jean Hill, Dave Shelton and Carolyn Petralia joined us. The food was great as usual.

We just found out that the **Delmarva Thunderbird Club is celebrating their 4 year anniversary with a cruise in Saturday, Sept 13 at the Lewes-Cape May Ferry Terminal** in Lewes DE from 11am-2pm. Wouldn't it be fun to join them and then ride the ferry to Cape May and back? Cars are expensive (\$58) but people ride roundtrip for \$14. Let Cathy know if interested. We know a lot of you are members of that club too.

We plan to meet for the **Third Thursday Thunderbird lunch**, September 18 at **Madonna Seafood Restaurant**, 4105 Norrisville Rd, Whitehall MD 21161 at 11:30 am. Here is a link to their menu: <http://www.madonnaseafood.com/menu/>.

Please let Cathy know if you plan to join us there.

After lunch we might **visit a sunflower field** nearby for pics with those beautiful Thunderbirds! There are several farms within a few miles of the restaurant but the flowers may not be in full bloom yet. We will keep you posted.

This month it's time for our annual **Cherry Fest** at Phyllis Cherry's place up on the mountain in Cascade MD. The date is Sunday, September 21 at 1pm. This is another potluck, so look for your 'food group' on the front page of the newsletter with the address from Skip and don't forget your \$2 per person donation to cover hosting costs. There will be great food, games with prizes, a 50/50 'fundraiser' and lots of conversation among friends. This is one of our favorite club outings, so plan to be there for a good time. Be sure to bring a jacket in case it's cool or windy.

Also in September there are **2 car shows** we should try to attend that are sponsored by Save the Hobby (that MATC supports monetarily). On September 20 there is a show at **Big Truck Brewery** at 19919 Cameron Mill Rd, Parkton MD from 12-4 pm and on September 27 there's a **car show at Harford Vineyard and Winery**, 1311 W Jarrettsville Rd, Forest Hill, MD 21050 from 4pm-8pm. Both of these places are very nice. We should go and support our 'car people'. Cars, music, wine/beer. Let us know if you'd like to go and we can meet up and caravan in.

Thanks,

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 11:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Lunch Gathering	***MATC	Madonna Seafood House 4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161	Just off of I-83 Exit 27 Mt Carmel Road
All Year	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
2025				
Sept 1	Fairfax City's Labor Day Car Show	City of Fairfax, VA	4081 University Dr., Fairfax, VA	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM https://labordaycarshow.org/
Sept 9-13	VTCL/CTCI Convention	VTCL	Grapevine Texas	See Details Below
Sept 10	Brightview Sr Living (Avondell) Car Show 11:00am to 1:30 pm	Brightview Sr Living	128 W. Ring Factory Rd Bel Air, MD	Contact Ingrid Riseley @iriseley@bvsl.net or 443-371-95250
Sept 13	Cape May-Lewes Ferry Parking Lot TBird Meet -	Delmarva TBird Club	Lewes, DE	Interested MATC members will caravan to site
September 20	Save The Hobby Car Show	CCCEF	Parkton, MD	See Flyer Below
September 21	Cherry Fest	***MATC	Cascade MD	Details On Page #1
September 27	Harford Vineyard and Winery Car Show 4-8 PM	CCCEF	1311 W. Jarrettsville Rd Forest Hill, MD	See Flyer Below
October 9-12	Endless Summer OC	Special Events Prod	Ocean City Conv Center and Inlet	Specialeventpro.com
October 18	Rockville Car Show	City of Rockville	603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD	More Details To Follow
Dec 14	MATC Christmas Dinner	***MATC	Dobbin House Gettysburg PA	Additional Details Forthcoming

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.



Save the hobby.org



The officers and members of MATC wish the following member(s) a very happy birthday:

September Birthdays:

Judy Dickenson, Lynn Horn, Marvin Schroll, Mike Melnyk, Frank Long, O'Rean Fieldler, Carolyn Petralia, Bob Bossoli, Dave Thomas, Rosemary Desmond

Membership:

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

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Member News & Happenings:

- Please keep our members dealing with a variety of medical issues in your thoughts and prayers:
John Horn, Dan Denham

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.

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!

2025 Car Cruises at Harford Vineyard

Come meet up at Harford Vineyard and relax with fellow car lovers!
Enjoy great local wines, amazing cars, and beautiful scenery.

Food by Fire on-site
No outside food | No outside alcohol by law!

Upcoming Car Cruise Dates:

April 26, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hosted by Harford County Mopars
Rain Date: April 27th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

May 24, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hosted by Save the Hobby
Rain Date: May 25th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

June 28, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hosted by Passion 4 Pavement
Rain Date: June 29th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

July 26, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hosted by Harford Mustangs & Our Friends
Rain Date: July 27th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

August 23, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hosted by AACA
Rain Date: August 24th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

September 27, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hosted by AACA / Save the Hobby
Rain Date: September 28th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

October 25, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Hosted by Corvette & Van Clubs (Trunk or Treat)
Rain Date: October 26th, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for cars, wine, and fun!



SAVE THE HOBBY CAR SHOW

September 20, 2025
from 12-4pm Rain date 9/21

• Door Prizes and Raffles • Trophies • Great Food • Beer • Music

19919 Cameron Mill Rd Parkton, MD 21120

\$20 car registration to benefit the Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation

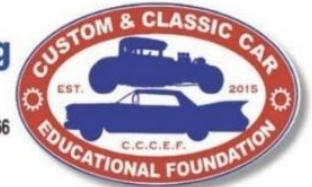
Free for spectators Registration from 11-1

Activities all day and special music in the evening

SavetheHobby.org

For more information call

Doug 410-456-2227 or Dave 410-937-6866



Motor Menders Rod & Custom



2025 Cruise Nights At The Markets At Shrewsbury

12025 Susquehanna Trail
Glen Rock, PA 17327

April 25 4 pm - 8 pm
May 23 4 pm - 8 pm
June 27 4 pm - 8 pm
July 25 4 pm - 8 pm
August 22 4 pm - 8 pm
September 26 4 pm - 8 pm
October 24 4 pm - 8 pm

There are NO Rain Dates
NO TRAILERS IN SHOW AREA

Funds Raised At Motor Menders Events Support Local Non Profit Charities.

ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

Dash Plaques
3 Trophies
50 / 50 DRAWING
Oldies Music
Good Food
\$2 DONATION

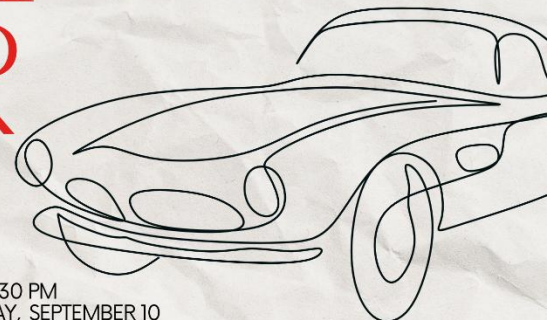
TOYS FOR THE KIDDIES

Saturday November 1
11 AM - 3 PM
Rain or Shine
\$10 or a new \$10 toy
Benefits Local Charity



CAR

show



11:00 AM-1:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

JOIN US FOR A CLASSIC EVENT WITH
LIVE MUSIC. TREAT YOURSELF TO A
HOTDOG, CHIPS, & SODA.

BRIGHTVIEW AVONDELL
128 W. RING FACTORY RD.
BEL AIR, MD 21014
410-638-8100

**CONTACT INGRID RISELEY, VIBRANT LIVING
DIRECTOR, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Third Thursday Lunch @ Our New Venue
Casa Mia Restaurant, Parkton, MD



Upcoming "Thunderbird" Events 2026

Thunderbird Friends Reunion #3, Carlisle, PA, June 5-7, 2026

A reunion of Thunderbird friends is again being planned in conjunction with the 2026 Carlisle Ford Nationals. A block of rooms has been reserved. The reservation link will be posted soon. We are again getting a special room rate and a hospitality room will be available. The host hotel information is listed below. Ask for Thunderbird Friends group:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Carlisle Southwest I-81
1501 Commerce Ave
Carlisle, PA
717-241-0052

The direct hotel reservation link will be posted as soon as it is available.

Restaurant arrangements:

Friday Night, June 5, Time & location TBD:
Stay tuned for more details in the future.

Saturday Night, June 6, 6:30 PM:

Rustic Tavern, 823 Newville Road, Carlisle, PA

It was a big hit last year and is back again by popular demand. There will be a be dedicated menu, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

Note: Seating is will again likely be very, very limited.

2026 Carlisle FORD Nationals June 5, 6, 7

Check the Carlisleevents.com website for information regarding early registration discounts.

VERY IMPORTANT: Register your club affiliation as VTCT

We had a great time this year (see photos) in spite of a little rain. Well, a lot of rain in a very short period of time. Plan to join us in 2026.



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



2025 VTCI/CTCI JOINT THUNDERBIRD CONVENTION

September 9-13, 2025
Grapevine, Texas

Inaugural, Joint International Thunderbird Club Event: Where Thunderbird enthusiasts from around the World are invited to this first-ever Joint Thunderbird Club Event hosted by VTCI and CTCI to promote camaraderie, share experiences, renew old and make new friendships and most importantly to just have some FUN! Trailer or drive your Thunderbird to participate in Concours Or, drive your Thunderbird and take part in two driving tours of North Texas.

Central Location - Grapevine, Texas

The premier visitor destination in North Texas. The city welcomes 12 million visitors annually and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North Texas. Stroll the award-winning Urban Wine Trail, the Historic Main Street District, the Grapevine Mills Shopping Mall, and a host of other attractions and restaurants that are all accessible on the Free Grapevine Visitors Shuttle.



Concours d'Elegance: It's a Joint Thunderbird Event to mix, meet other Thunderbird owners and just have fun. But, VTCI and CTCI Concours judging activities will be conducted separately per each organization's time-honored standards.



Event Hotel: The Embassy Suites, North Grapevine provides guests with a two room suite, fitness facility, pool, complimentary made to order breakfast, and drinks/snacks at night; room rate is \$159.00/night. Hotel offers Suite accommodations, is pet friendly, with plenty of FREE car parking, FREE, ample trailer and tow vehicle parking for those bringing their car in a trailer,

FREE shuttle to the Historic Grapevine shopping/entertainment district; FREE shuttle to/from the DFW airport for those flying in, and adjacent to Bass Pro Shop for all your sporting needs shopping/browsing.

Event Hotel Registration:

Embassy Suites, North Grapevine, Texas
2401 Bass Pro Drive
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Reservations:

Group Code: C 90E, All Thunderbird Club
(972) 724-2600

Convention Rate \$159 plus Tax and includes made to order breakfast.

Deadline for hotel reservations is Wednesday August 20th, 2025

Deadline for judged car entries: August 12, 2025.

***no refund for car entry cancellations after August 12th 2025.

Convention News and Updates

Follow the VTCI and CTCI websites and Facebook pages; registration forms are available on the VTCI/CTCI websites and in the VTCI SCOOP and CTCI Early Bird.

For more specific information regarding the schedule of activities and events: vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2025internationalevents.pdf



Concept Design For Early 60s Thunderbird. Do You Think It Should Have Made The Final Cut?



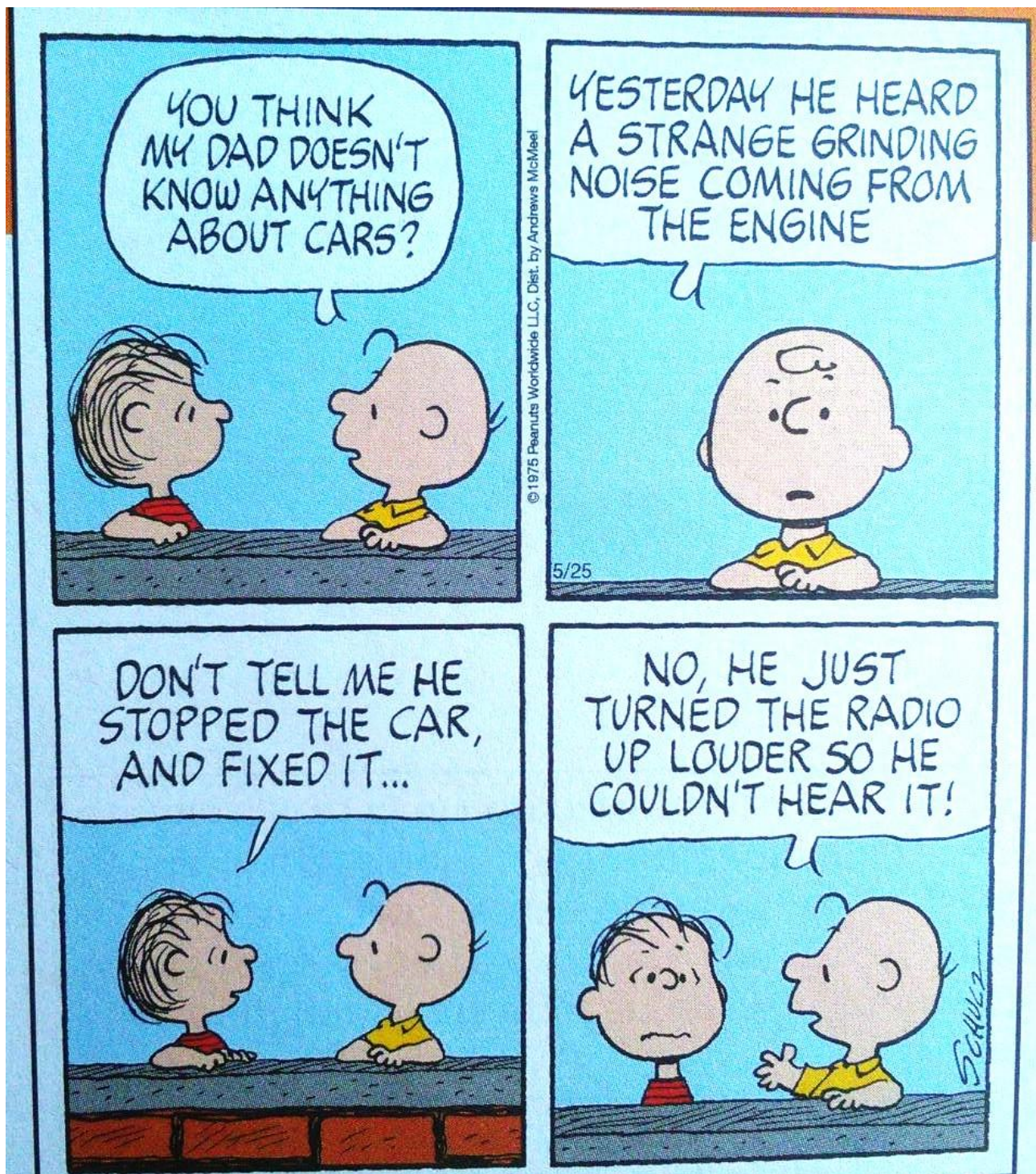
If Only These Cars were Torch Red.....

1953 Ford X-100 concept car



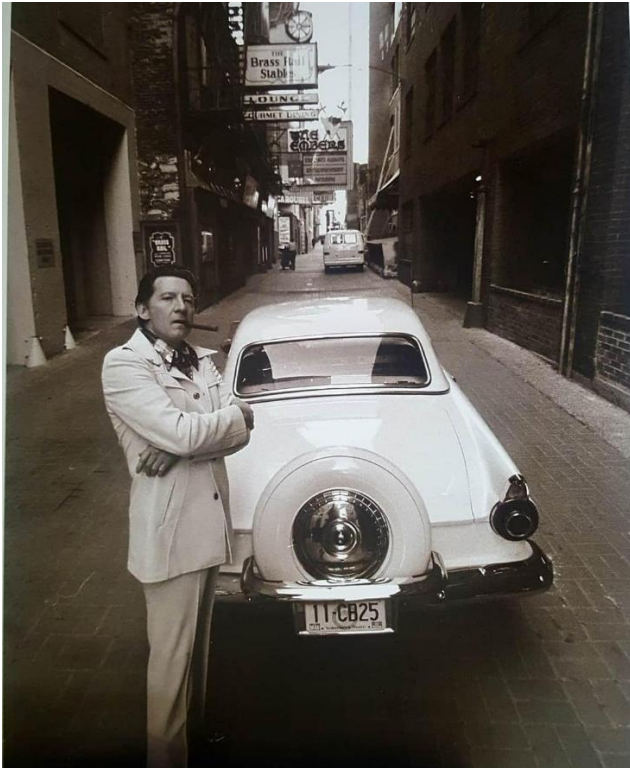
- One of Ford's first concept cars, it was intended to represent the future of automotive design in the mid-1950s.
- The X-100 featured many experimental features and technologies, such as power windows, air conditioning, power steering, and even a telephone.
- It was built as a single prototype and never entered mass production.
- Today, this vehicle is often displayed in automobile museums or private collections.

Ed. Note: I think we see some design features here that appeared in future Thunderbirds.



Thanks to Mike Melnyk for providing us with a little car humor.

September July
Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity in the TBird?:

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What is the celebrity famous for?

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

It is never too late to submit your answer.

August
Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who is the celebrity in the TBird?:

Janis Paige

What Year Is The Thunderbird? *1955 (even though it has a continental kit. Lack of porthole and fender vent indicates it is a '55. And yes, '56s were available without the porthole hardtop)*

Bonus: What talents is she most

famous/remembered for?: *Singer and actress.*

"Her career lasted nearly 60 years making her one of the last surviving stars of the Golden Age of Hollywood".

Congratulations to Phyllis Cherry

Previous Winners:

2024

February: Judy Dickinson
March: Ann Collins / Scott Mummert
April: Marsha Dixon
May: Gary Faircloth / Anne Collins / Scott Mummert
June: Dave Thomas
July: Cathy Kelly
August: Phyllis Cherry
September: Scott mummert, Bob Bossoli
October: Dave Thomas
November: Barb Melnyk
December: Cathy Kelley

2025

January: Earl Dickinson
February: Dan Lubert, Earl Dickinson
March: Bob Bossoli
April: Bob Bossoli
May: Scott Mummert
June: Phyllis Cherry
July: Bob Bossoli
August: Phyllis Cherry

CLASSIFIEDS

THUNDERBIRD PROMOTIONAL MODEL CARS

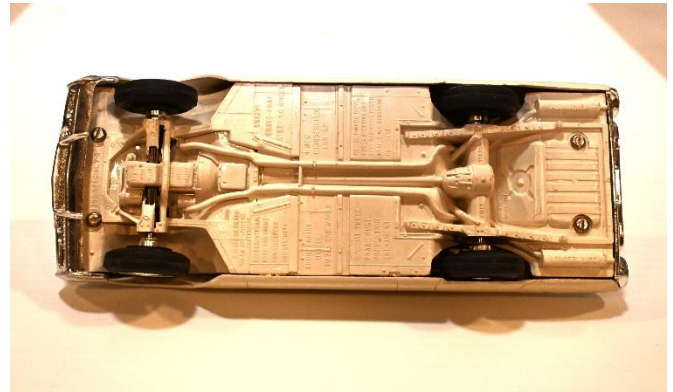
Through the very gracious generosity of club member Dave Shelton, we have four Ford Thunderbird promotional model cars available for purchase by club members. If you are not familiar with “promos”, they were produced by various model manufacturers for the car manufacturers from the late 1940s through 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 “Cherry Fest” in a few weeks as well as future MATC events.

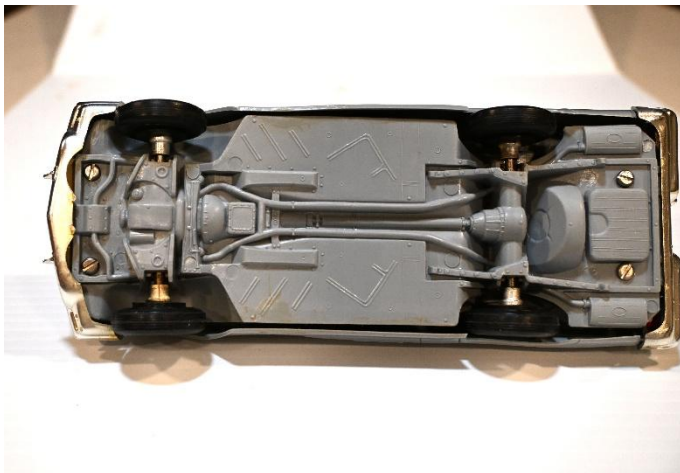


1963 Thunderbird Hardtop Color is Fieldstone Tan





1962 Hardtop-Color is Sahara Rose: Note undercarriage detail & sales info on dealer version

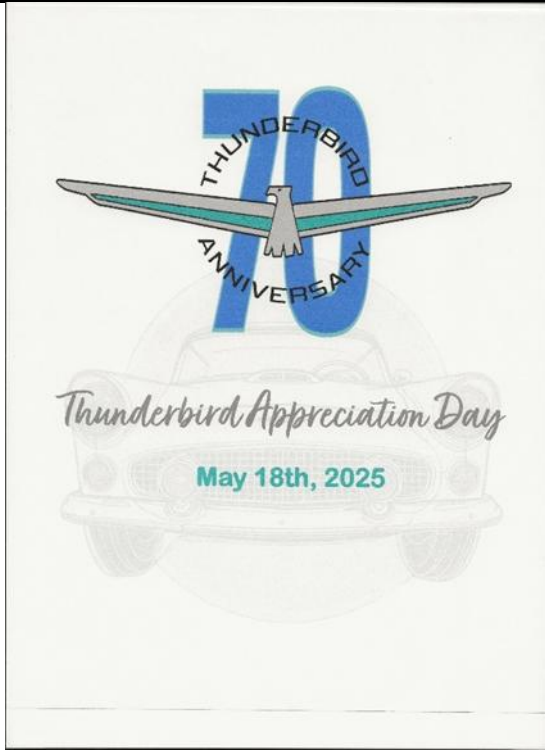


1960 Hardtop – Color is Platinum Poly



1957 – Color is Flame Red

Thunderbird 70th Anniversary T-Shirts



The shirt will be red in color with logo to left displayed on front.

Prices:

S-XL = \$11

XXL = \$13

3XL = \$14

Only a few remain available!!

Please contact Cathy via email regarding availability.



70th Anniversary Hats

\$15 Each

(plus s&h as applicable)

While Supply Very Limited Lasts

Contact Cathy or Steve If Interested



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

Visit us at www.midatlantictbirdclub.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 January 2025)

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.

March/April 2020

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MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

OUR 50TH 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

