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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:

**September 9, 1954:** Production of iconic Thunderbird begins **2 August 2001:**

**September 25, 2000:** 2002 Nieman Marcus edition Thunderbird appears in NM catalog. Only 200 produced. All sold in less than two hours.

### Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

#### Tuesday TBird Lunch – TBD

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

*RSVP Phyllis by August 17th, 410-747-1209, [pacherry@comcast.net](mailto: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 – September 9 @ 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- August 17 @ 11:30 AM\*\*\*

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

*RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, [cathykelley49@gmail.com](mailto:cathykelley49@gmail.com) by August 18<sup>th</sup>*

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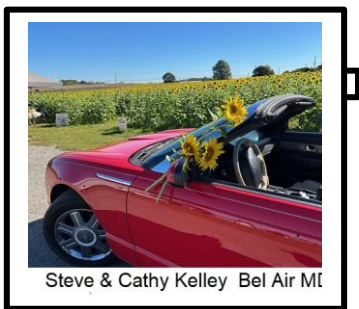
### Pot Luck Picnic @ Stephanie & Scott's Saturday, October 3, at 1pm

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. Still \$2 per attendee plus a dish.

### What To Bring:

#### "H to Q" Main Dish "A to G" Salad "R to Z" Dessert

Please advise Cathy (443-417-0441 or [cathykelley49@gmail.com](mailto:cathykelley49@gmail.com)) or Scott & Stephanie (717-632-2818 or [smummerts60r@gmail.com](mailto:smummerts60r@gmail.com)) that you plan to attend so that it can be determined if there will be an adequate amount of each item.



Steve & Cathy Kelley Bel Air MI

## President's Message September 2026

Some of us met on a beautiful day August 29 for **lunch at MacGregor's restaurant** (the one on Gordon Ramsey's TV show) and then met at **Bomboy's Ice Cream** in Havre de Grace. Of course we had to browse and buy at their candy store too! One of the prettiest days this year. We were glad to see the Dickinsons, Melnyks and Panowitzs there.

Remember the **VTCL convention**, Sept 8-13, in Flagstaff AZ. It should be beautiful there and it's the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Route 66. I believe the Melnyks and Tom & Rosemary are going. You still have time to register.

Don't forget our annual Cherry Fest has been changed due to renovations at Phyllis's cabin. We will meet at Scott and Stephanie's for another **Mummert Picnic** on **Sat, Oct 3 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.

There is a **Car Show on Sunday, September 13 at Hopkins Farm Brewery**, 3830 Rider Ln, Havre de Grace MD from 11-3. Proceeds to benefit the Save the Hobby Custom & Classic Car Education Foundation. Vendors, food, music and give aways. We should try to get there.

Also, don't forget to meet up with club members at the 3 different **lunches** we have organized now. Up in York PA, in Harford Co and down in Ellicott City. Details on front page of newsletter

Please keep your fellow club members who are going through issues now, whether physical, mental, emotional or financial, in your thoughts and prayers.



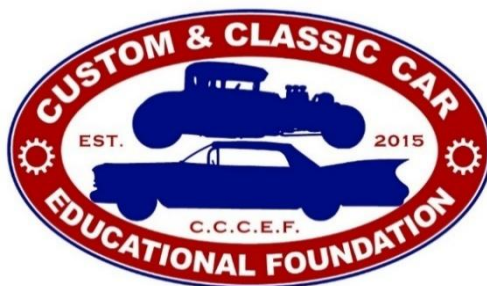
*Cathy & Steve*

## 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                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>First Tuesdays @ 11:30 am</b>       | <b>Southside Tuesday TBird Lunch</b>                                                     | <b>***MATC</b>           | <b>To Be Determined Each Month</b>                                   | <b>Will be scheduled on an occasional basis</b>                         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Noon</b>         | <b>Second Wednesday Lunch</b>                                                            | <b>***MATC</b>           | Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA, 17350.                    | <b>Contact: Earl Dickinson @ 717-873-8051</b>                           |
| <b>Third Thursday 11:30 AM Monthly</b> | <b>Monthly Lunch Gathering</b>                                                           | <b>***MATC</b>           | Madonna Seafood House<br>4105 Norrisville Road, White Hall, MD 21161 | Just north of Jarrettsville on Rt 23. Just past the flashing red light. |
| <b>Sundays 7-9 AM</b>                  | <b>Cars &amp; Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun &amp; Socialization</b>      | -                        | Bel Air Plaza SC<br>Bel Air, MD                                      | 7-9 Am, Every Sunday<br>Weather permitting                              |
| <b>2026</b>                            |                                                                                          |                          |                                                                      |                                                                         |
| <b>September 15</b>                    | <b>Headlight Bulb Replacement Deadline Date</b>                                          | <b>***MATC</b>           | TBD                                                                  | Let Skip know by Sept 15 if you want to be part of a group purchase.    |
| <b>Sept 8-13</b>                       | <b>VTCI Convention</b>                                                                   | <b>VTCI</b>              | <b>Flagstaff, AZ</b>                                                 | <b>Details Below</b>                                                    |
| <b>Sept 13</b>                         | <b>Save The Hobby Car Show</b>                                                           | <b>CCCEF</b>             | <b>Havre de Grace, MD</b>                                            | <b>See below flyer</b>                                                  |
| <b>October 3</b>                       | <b>Pot Luck @ Scott &amp; Stephanie's (this replaces the Cherry Fest this year only)</b> | <b>***MATC</b>           | <b>Hanover, PA</b>                                                   | <b>Details To Follow</b>                                                |
| <b>October 8-11</b>                    | <b>Endless Summer-Ocean City, MD</b>                                                     | <b>Special Products</b>  | <b>Various-OC MD</b>                                                 | <b>Specialeventpro.com</b>                                              |
| <b>October 17</b>                      | <b>Rockville Car Show</b>                                                                | <b>City of Rockville</b> | <b>603 Edmonston Dr Rockville, MD</b>                                | <b>More Details To Follow</b>                                           |
| <b>December 13</b>                     | <b>MATC Christmas Gathering</b>                                                          | <b>***MATC</b>           | <b>Dobbin House Gettysburg, PA</b>                                   | <b>Additional Details Forthcoming</b>                                   |
| <b>2027</b>                            |                                                                                          |                          |                                                                      |                                                                         |
| <b>June 4-6</b>                        | <b>Carlisle Ford Nationals</b>                                                           | <b>***MATC VTCI</b>      | <b>Carlisle, PA Fairgrounds</b>                                      | <b>Details To Follow. Reduced price Gate Passes available now.</b>      |

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](http://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.





**3833 Rider Lane, Havre De Grace, MD 21078**

**Sunday September 13, from 11 am - 3 pm**

*\$20 car registration to benefit the Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation  
Registration from 10 am - 12 pm Free for spectators*

- **Vendors • Food • Music**
- **Giveaways • & More!**

*No outside alcohol or pets*

**SavetheHobby.org**

For more information call Doug 410-456-2227



## **MATC MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:**



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

### **September Birthdays:**

**Judy Dickinson, Lynn Horn, Marvin Schroll, Jean Raeke, Mike Melnyk, O'rean Fielder, Carolyn Petralia, Bob Bossoli, Rosemary Desmond**

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### **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*

- Co-President Cathy had a successful Carpal Tunnel surgery experience on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob Ridolfi continues to recover at home after a dermatological procedure.
- Sunshine Lady Barb Panowitz is recovering from a recent fall. She continues PT to work on improving her mobility from injuries experienced from several other 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. Bob Ridolfi**

***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](mailto: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.



# RIP Dolly

She was more of a Cadillac girl,  
but this image fits her to a "T" (Bird)



## 2026 Labor Day Car Show

The engines are warming up, and one of Northern Virginia's favorite Labor Day traditions is almost here! Mark your calendars and get excited for the 27th Annual Labor Day Car Show, hosted by the Clifton Lions Club and the City of Fairfax!

Monday, September 7  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Downtown Fairfax (4081 University Dr., Fairfax, VA)

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### Registration is OPEN!

Whether you're showing off a beautifully restored classic, a sleek modern ride, a custom motorcycle, or an eye-catching exotic, this is your chance to compete for top honors while supporting a great cause. All proceeds from the event benefit local charities and community programs, helping the Clifton Lions Club continue its mission of serving our community.

Once again, the show will feature trophies in a variety of categories, including Best Classic, Best Modern, Best Bike, Best Exotic, Mayor's Choice, Kid's Choice, Best in Show, and more. **New for 2026: Each registered vehicle may enter one competition category only and will be judged exclusively within that selected category.**

The registration fee is \$25 per vehicle. As a special bonus, the first 200 pre-registered vehicles will receive an exclusive 2026 Labor Day Car Show hat. Participants may also register on-site the morning of the event. On-site registration and show vehicle parking open at 6:00 AM, and payment may be made by cash or check payable to the Clifton Lions Club.

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### See you there!

We hope you'll share in this day filled with incredible vehicles, friendly competition, community spirit, and family fun—all while making a meaningful impact right here in our local community. We can't wait to see you there!

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<https://labordaycarshow.org/>

# Collectors Warming Up To Sixth Gen Ford Thunderbird

By **Brett Foote**/Ford Authority  
August 7, 2026



Back in 2024, the 1964-1966 Ford Thunderbird joined Hagerty's Bull Market list, which aims to identify the classic vehicles that are likely to appreciate the most in the coming year, based on sales figures, historical pricing data, and demographics. Since then, a lot has changed in the collector car market, largely due to economic conditions, overall. In fact, a lot of previously sought-after vehicles are experiencing a plunge in values as of late, but that isn't the case with the sixth-generation Ford Thunderbird.

Rather, according to new data from Hagerty, the sixth-generation T-Bird - produced from the 1972-1976 model years - experienced a 19.9 percent increase in overall values for a #2 condition example across the second quarter of 2026. It's a somewhat surprising statistic, but one that makes a bit of sense, for a couple of reasons.

A nearly 20 percent appreciation rate makes sense for Ford sports cars and classic trucks, but the Thunderbird rarely gets such financial accolades. And while luxury cars of any flavor generally fall out of favor as depreciation sets in, there are loyalists to this genre. The sixth generation Thunderbird sold relatively well compared to its predecessor, but accountants likely approved of the sheer volume of parts it shared with the 1972-76 Continental Mark IV. The flagship Lincoln remained flat this past quarter, but the big bird (in #2 condition) appreciated by roughly \$2700 on average. Starting values were at \$13,300 and they ended at \$16K."

As Hagerty points out, the Ford Thunderbird originally launched as a direct competitor to the Corvette, but morphed into more of a larger, luxury vehicle not too long afterward. While this may have disappointed Blue Oval enthusiasts, it did result in a big jump in sales for the T-Bird, which went on to exist for eleven generations - though the last one did mark a return to the original two-seat convertible configuration.

## Have You Ever Seen One Of This Color Retro TBirds?



Probably not. Although there was one for sale in the Car Corral at the Rockville Show a few years ago. It was one of 12 custom painted by Galpin Ford in California, then the largest Ford dealer in the world by volume. They were not giveaways as the chart below indicates. Quite the opposite. They were like \$15K or more over and above the \$40K MSRP. Several other colors were produced, but this was far and away the most popular.

| Body Color               | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | Total Units |                  |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------------|
| Evening Black            | 8739 | 3093 | 1942 | 1713 | 15,487      | 1st Most Popular |
| Torch Red                | 7244 | 3516 | 1743 | 1846 | 14,349      | 2nd Most Popular |
| Thunderbird Blue         | 7406 |      |      |      | 7,406       | 3rd Most Popular |
| Whisper White            | 4188 | 2460 |      |      | 6,648       |                  |
| Platinum Metallic Silver |      |      | 2739 | 1295 | 4,034       |                  |
| Merlot Metallic Red      |      |      | 3991 |      | 3,991       |                  |
| Inspiration Yellow       | 3791 |      |      |      | 3,791       |                  |
| Mountain Shadow Grey     |      | 3165 |      |      | 3,165       |                  |
| Desert Sky Blue          |      | 1744 |      |      | 1,744       |                  |
| Cashmere Edition         |      |      |      | 1500 | 1,500       |                  |
| Medium Steel Blue        |      |      |      | 1463 | 1,463       |                  |
| Bronze Metallic          |      |      |      | 1396 | 1,396       |                  |
| Pacific Coast Roadster   |      |      | 1000 |      | 1,000       |                  |
| Ice Metallic Blue        |      |      | 730  |      | 730         |                  |
| 007 Special Edition      |      | 700  |      |      | 700         |                  |
| Vintage Mint Green       |      |      | 612  |      | 612         | 3rd Most Rare    |
| Neiman Marcus Edition    | 200  |      |      |      | 200         | 2nd Most Rare    |
| Inca Gold                |      |      |      | 82   | 82          | 1st Most Rare    |
| Dust Rose (Giveaways)    | 12   |      |      |      | 12          |                  |

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| <b>Fun Facts:</b>                                                                                |
| Thunderbird Blue took the 3rd most popular color, despite only being available one year.         |
| Inca Gold despite being rarest overall is not as sought after as it is the most unpopular color. |
| 1/6 cars produced in 2005 were Cashmere, making it the most common special edition.              |
| 2002 Models have a different designed instrument cluster than the later years.                   |
| Dust Rose has its own paint code, and full pink accent interior, but was never purchasable.      |
| Evening Black and Torch Red were the only colors offered in every single year.                   |



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](http://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.

This has been on the back burner for me because of some personal issues. Please let me know your interest by September 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              | VTCI 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 (?) |

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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](http://www.az.thunderbirdclub.com/registration)

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| <b>Non-Judged Divisions</b><br><br><b>Judged Divisions</b><br><b>VTCI Membership Required</b><br><br>(See Volume 1 of the Concours Rules on the VTCI Website) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Participation                              | T-birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Display                                           | Open to All Years                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior                                            | T-birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention and eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" Award. |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary                                           | Eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award: 1955-1979. Path to obtain Senior Status.                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver                                            | 1955-1979 only. Engine compartment, trunk & undercarriage not judged.                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Late Model                                        | 1980-1997 300-point system; all areas judged.                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Modified                                          | 1955-1997 only. 300-point system; all areas judged.                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Touring                                           | 1955-1997 only. Undercarriage not judged; modifications for safety, reliability & comfort allowed. See Volume 1 Concours Rules.                |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 2002-2005                                         | 100-point system; undercarriage not judged                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 2002-2005 Modified                                | 100-point system; undercarriage not judged                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| <b>Registration Fee</b>                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |      |       |
| Couple/Family (children under 18 included) (Enter #1 for a couple)                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     | 70   |       |
| Single (Individuals over age 18)                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     | 45   |       |
| Tuesday<br>Sept 8th                                                                    | 3PM-6PM Convention Check-in Little American Hotel/Flagstaff; DIY "Bird Bath"                                                                                                                                                            |     |      |       |
|                                                                                        | Explore Flagstaff Area or Historic Downtown<br>(Convention Packet includes Flagstaff Route 66 Places of Interest & Restaurant Listing)                                                                                                  |     | incl |       |
| Wednesday<br>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<br>includes "Cosmic Highways: A Centennial Tour Experience"                                                                                                                                               |     | 30   |       |
|                                                                                        | 7PM "Get Your Kicks at the Evening Mix" - Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar                                                                                                                                                                   |     | 27   |       |
| Thursday<br>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<br>Sept 11th                                                                    | 8AM-8:30AM Owners/Operators Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | incl |       |
|                                                                                        | 9:30 AM VTCI Concours Judging                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |      |       |
|                                                                                        | 9:30-11:30 Swap Meet                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     | incl |       |
|                                                                                        | 2PM Tour - Museum of Northern Arizona<br>includes "Route 66: Wagon Road to the Mother Road" Exhibit                                                                                                                                     |     | 18   |       |
| Saturday<br>Sept 12th                                                                  | 8AM Driving Tour Option #1 - Route 66 Roadtrip - Seligman, Ashfork, Williams<br>Breakfast & Shopping in Seligman, Visit Ash Fork's Route 66 Museum, Williams Lunch, Historic Route 66<br>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<br>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 <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                 |     |      |       |
| Polo Shirt                                                                             | S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                  |     | 38   |       |
| T-Shirt                                                                                | S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                  |     | 25   |       |
| Hat                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     | 25   |       |
| 2027 Calendar                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     | 25   |       |

Make Check Payable to &gt; 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

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

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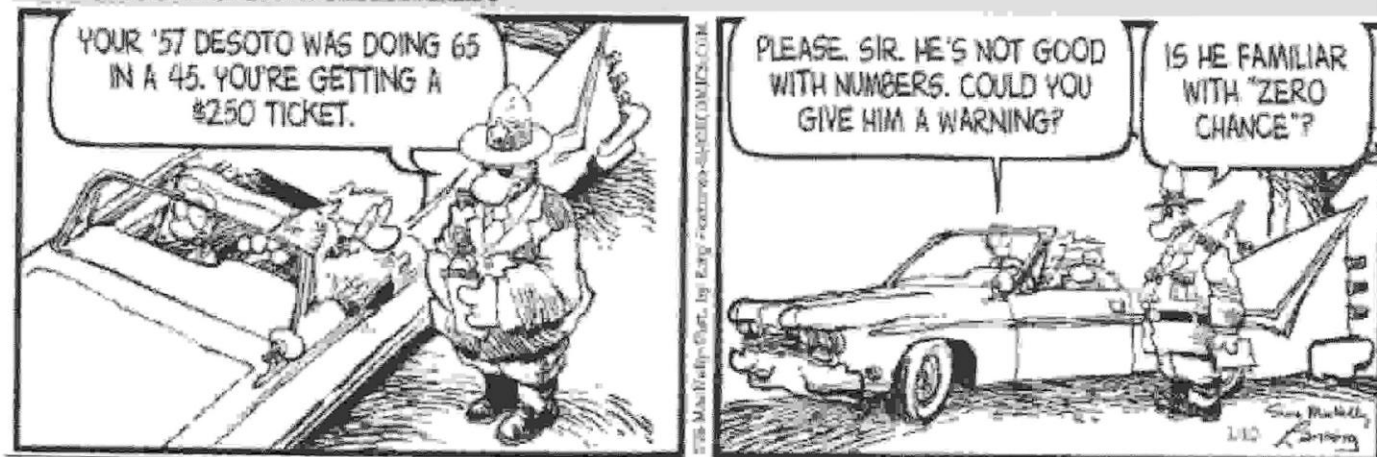
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## August Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who are the celebrities in the TBird?

**Ann Margaret & Dean Martin**

What year is the Thunderbird?: **1966**

Bonus: What Is the title of the movie these are screen shots from?

**Murderer's Row**

**Congratulations to Mike (Barbara?) Melnyk who got all of the answers correct.**

**Thanks to all who participated but only had the answers partially correct.**

## September Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who are the celebrities in The TBird?:

What Year Is The Thunderbird?:

Bonus: What is the name of the movie the screen shot is from?

### Previous Winners:

2025

January: Earl Dickinson

February: Dan Luber, 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: Cathy Kelley, Earl D, Mike Melnyk, Marsha Dixon

August: Melnyk

September: Will this be you?

# THUNDERBIRD WORLD

## ERA PRODUCTION TOTALS

Baby Birds



53,166

Square Birds



198,191

Bullet Birds



214,375

Flair Birds



236,613

*The Early Birds*



# THIRD SUNDAY CAR CRUISES

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**PASSION 4 PAVEMENT**  
CAR-TRUCK & BIKE CLUB



## CRUISE DATES

**JULY 19**  
★  
**AUGUST 16**  
★  
**SEPTEMBER 20**



## TIME

**2:00 PM**  
—  
**5:00 PM**



## LOCATION

*Frozen*  
**SANDCASTLE**  
ICE CREAM

2113 R CONOWINGO RD  
BEL AIR, MD 21014



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***NOW THAT'S A MOVIE CAR!!  
THINK IT WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT VERSION  
OF "CARS?"***



I'M AFRAID YOU'RE GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED IN MY STATION WAGON, YOUNG MAN. IT'S VERY OLD AND HASN'T MOVED IN OVER THIRTY YEARS!



# **CLASSIFIEDS**

## **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.

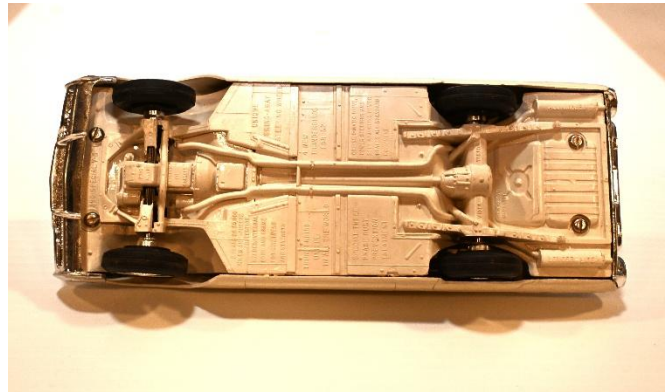
It has been decided the the funds from the sale of these cars would be donated to our charitable partner **“Custom & Classic Car Education Foundation”**(savethehobby.org). Checks for the purchase of the model cars should be made payable to the CCCEF. So you not only get a great collectible, but you support 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](mailto:c.wachter@myactv.net)



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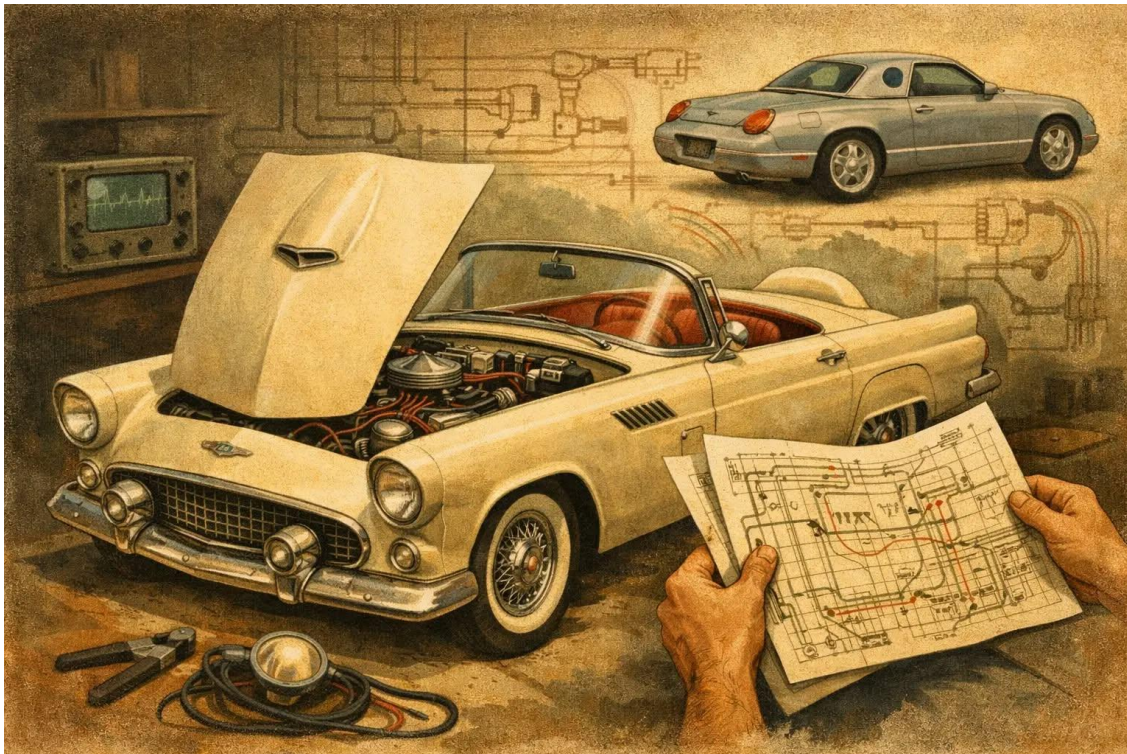
**Are you sure this is how to change the oil?**

Here are some MATC members that may be able to help:

| <u>1955 – 1960</u>                                                                                              | <u>1961- 1966</u>                                                                                                   | <u>2002-2005</u>                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tom Young</b><br><a href="mailto:Tbirdtoms60@verizon.net">Tbirdtoms60@verizon.net</a><br><b>443-744-6338</b> | <b>Mike Melnyk</b><br><a href="mailto:thunderbirdmike@juno.com">thunderbirdmike@juno.com</a><br><b>610-574-5738</b> | <b>Skip Panowitz</b><br><a href="mailto:Skip.panowitz@yahoo.com">Skip.panowitz@yahoo.com</a><br><b>410-638-6446</b> |
| <u>Commercial Service Shops</u>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                     |
| Classic Car Shop<br>1413 Shoemaker Rd<br>Baltimore, MD<br>(Mount Washington area)<br>410-828-5165               | Treasured Motor Cars<br>917 E. Tolna Road<br>New Freedom, PA<br>(near Maryland line)<br>717-227-6787                |                                                                                                                     |

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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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

\$25 if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup>, (*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](http://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<br>Canada | All Other<br>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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- 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

