

November 2025

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



<http://www.midatlantictbirdclub.org>

This Month in *Thunderbird* History:



- November 21 2001: 2002 Thunderbird named Motor Trend Car of the Year.

Mark Your Calendars For These Great Activities & Events:

Third Thursday TBird Lunch- November 20, 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 November 17th if you plan to attend.

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Saturday Nov 8 - Ride for Veterans to Perry Point:

We will meet at the Perryville Vol Fire Co, 920 Principio Furnace Road, Perryville, MD, at 1pm. Then caravan from there to Perry Point, then go to 5th Company Brewing for food and drinks.

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Wednesday November 12 – Tbird Lunch – 12 Noon

Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA

Join MATC members for what might become a monthly lunch outing. Other TBird clubs have been invited to join. A lunch venue in the Baltimore area and south is being investigated too.

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Sunday December 14, 2025 – 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

2025 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner

Dobbin House / Gettysburg Pennsylvania.

See attached response form. You can also pay your 2026 dues and support our charitable partner “Classic & Custom Car Educational Foundation”.

Also attached is the ballot for the 2025-2026 slate of officers.

Many responses can be completed electronically online.



President's Message November 2025

We had our **Third Thursday Thunderbird lunch** in October at **Madonna Seafood Restaurant** where we had a nice turnout again. We'd like to meet there again **November 20 at 11:30** so let us know if you'd like to join us. It's a cozy place with wonderful food. Also did you see the Dickinsons and Schrolls are recruiting folks to join

Them at **Inn 94 on Nov 12 at noon**. It's at 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA? They are hoping to make this a **monthly gathering** of Tbird friends. I believe they have invited the Central PA club to join us also. We are hoping some folks in the south of Maryland will get together somewhere for lunch also. We'd be glad to join you.

Our weekend ride to Boonsboro and Gettysburg was cancelled due to rain...Maybe next fall.

The **Rockville Antique and Classic Auto Show** was October 18. Steve Dameron was there and we think a few others.

The Car & Cruise Guide folks are planning a huge **ride to the Perry Point VA Center again for Veterans Day, November 8 at 1pm**. Staging area Perryville Fire Co. 920 Principo Furnace Rd. Perryville, Md. If interested let us know and we can meet up before and ride there together. It was amazing last year and the vets are so happy to see us! Let's see if we can have a MATC parade in the midst of the ride.

Also, **election of officers** is happening. See the ballot in this newsletter. Please vote. We plan to have a Board Meeting sometime in January to precede our annual Members Meeting in February.

Christmas Dinner will be at Dobbin House again, Sunday, December 13, 12-4pm to make everyone happy! You will find the Registration Form in this newsletter. Please send it and your money to Ron Hill by November 29. Also if so inclined, please send a separate check to **Custom and Classic Educational Foundation**, which is the fund that our charity Save The Hobby uses to help educate young people in the skill of working on classic cars like ours.

Don't forget you can send your annual dues renewal with your Christmas Dinner registration. There is a space on the form to indicate you included it. Compared to other clubs our \$25 dues are really cheap!

Thanks,

Cathy & Steve

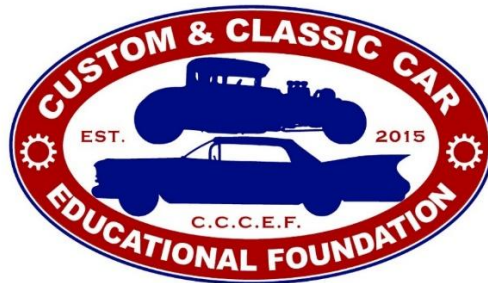


EVENTS CALENDAR

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 north of Jarrettsville on Rt 23. Just past the flashing red light.
All Year 7-9 AM	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization	-	Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
2025				
November 8	Perryville Veteran Ctr Ride	Car Show & Cruise Guide	Perryville, MD	Details on Page One.
November 12 12 Noon	Inn 94, 4805 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford PA.	** MATC	New Oxford, PA	Join other TBird owners in a quaint setting
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

MATC members are reminded and encouraged to provide Sunshine Lady Barb Panowitz with any important information

regarding health issues, special occasions, awards, etc., for appropriate recognition. Barb's contact is 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!



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

November Birthdays:

Jean Hill

Robin Luber

Daniel Forte

Katie Dott

Membership:

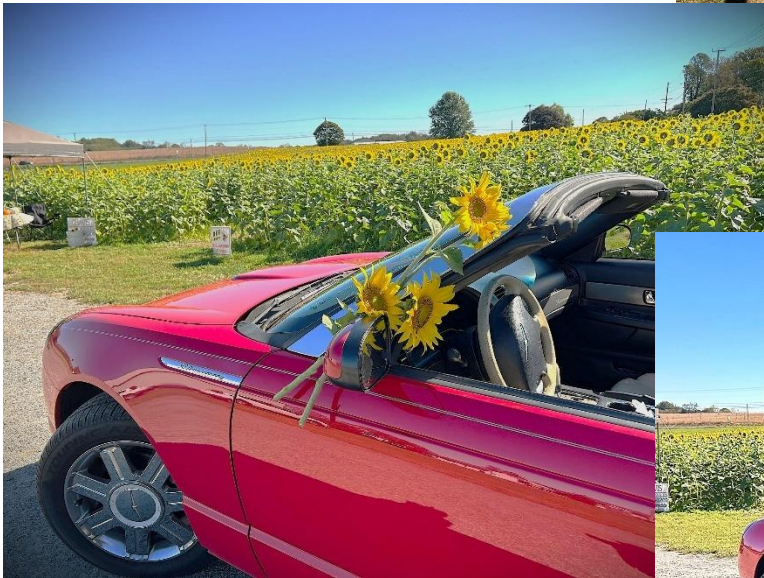
Please be sure to use the recruitment cards and/or attached flyer when you see prospective members and their cars. Need an application for MATC, ITC or VTCI? Contact Cathy, Steve, Mike or Skip

Member News & Happenings:

- **Candy & Bob Bossoli** had a very sad loss in their family recently. Their daughter passed away unexpectedly the night of September 15th due to an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Because of this they have been unable to attend some of the MATC recent events. They hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party in December. Please keep Candy & Bob in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
- It is with sadness that we report the passing of longtime MATC friend **Walt Fries** on October 17th. A longtime Thunderbird enthusiast and owner he also served as an officer in LVTC and ITC. With wife Sandy he helped coordinate several Thunderbird conventions. He was also a major Thunderbird memorabilia collector. He will be missed.
- Newsletter Editor **Skip Panowitz** is recovering from a fractured hand as a result of his feet stopping while walking and the rest of his body did not.
- From **Phyllis Cherry**: Thank you for supporting me as I participated in the Walk To End Alzheimer's. Because of your contributions I earned over \$1,200.00 to contribute to findings a cure for the dreaded disease.



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



BIRDS & BLOOMS IN Jarrettsville!!

A Great Turnout of TBirds at Rockville

Thanks to Charles Samarodin & Jack Dott for the photos



2025 Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club Christmas Dinner



The Dobbin House
89 Steinwehr Ave.
Gettysburg PA

Earlier Time!

Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

Social Time 12-12:30pm – cash bar

Dinner at 12:30pm – 3pm

Presentations and comments 3-4pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Holiday Buffet Menu

Salad and Bread Bars

Entrees

Chicken coq au vin
Ham w Pineapple Raisin sauce
Penne Pasta w Tomato sauce

Vegetables

Oven Roasted Red Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Buttered Dill Carrots
Green Beans Almondine

A variety of Holiday Desserts

Beverages

Coffee, Ice Tea, & Soda

Directions

From PA, come across Rt 30 or down Rt 15.

From the South, come up Rt 15.

From the East you can come over I70 and up Rt 15 or use GPS and the back roads.

Set your GPS to Dobbin House, 80 Steinwehr AV, Gettysburg PA



Member Name(s) _____

_____ Number of adults @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

_____ 2026 Membership Renewal (optional)

\$25 includes email newsletter

Please include Membership Application found in newsletter

Total Remittance \$ _____

**Please send bottom of form and check made out to MATC,
Ron Hill, 1905 Cypress Dr, Bel Air MD 21015**

Don't forget our charity this year has been Save The Hobby, who support The Custom and Classic Educational Foundation. The vision of that organization is to bring in and inspire future generations of youth into the car hobby. They also publish the Car Show and Cruise Guide.





Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club Ballot

For the 2026 Term

(Please submit to MATC Secretary Lynn Horn by November 30, 2025. Send via email to: secretary@midatlantictbirdclub.org, or mail to 8810 Walther Blvd, apt 2209, Parkville MD 21234

(If you Write In a candidate, make sure they have given you permission.)

A) For Vice President (vote for one):

Mike Melnyk _____
_____ (Write in Candidate)

B) For Treasurer (vote for one):

Ron Hill _____
_____ (Write in Candidate)

C) For Board of Directors (vote for two):

Tom Young _____
Steve Dameron _____
_____ (Write in Candidate)

Member Name (printed) _____

Member Signature _____

Member Name (printed) _____

Member Signature _____

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

Hotel direct link: [Thunderbird Friends Carlisle 2026](#)

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 dedicated menu, similar to last year, that will be published later. The food is great and prices are reasonable.

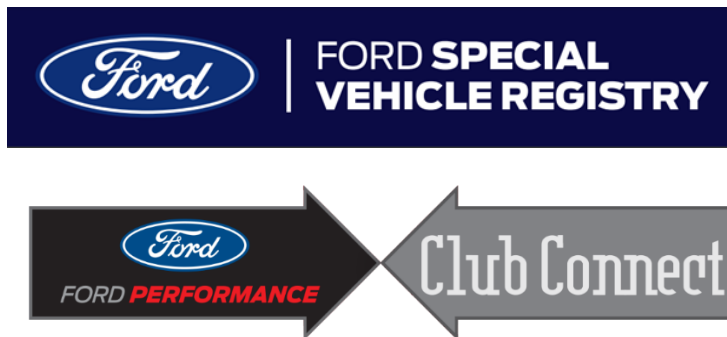
Note: Seating is will again likely be very, very limited.

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 VTCI

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

Thunderbird Celebrity Quiz



Who is the celebrity with 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.

October Celebrity Thunderbird Quiz



Who is the celebrity with The TBird?:

Glynnis Johns

What Year Is The Thunderbird?: **1957**

Bonus: What famous, well known film did she appear in?: **Mary Poppins (suffragette mother Winifred Banks)**

Congratulations to Judy Dickinson

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 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

CLASSIFIEDS

THUNDERBIRD PROMOTIONAL MODEL CARS

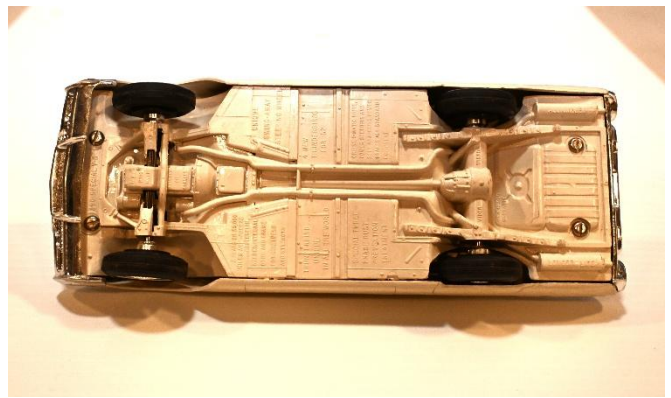
Through the very gracious generosity of club member Dave Shelton, we have four (now three-thank you Scott!) Ford Thunderbird promotional model cars available for purchase by club members. If you are not familiar with “promos”, they were produced by various model manufacturers for the car manufacturers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

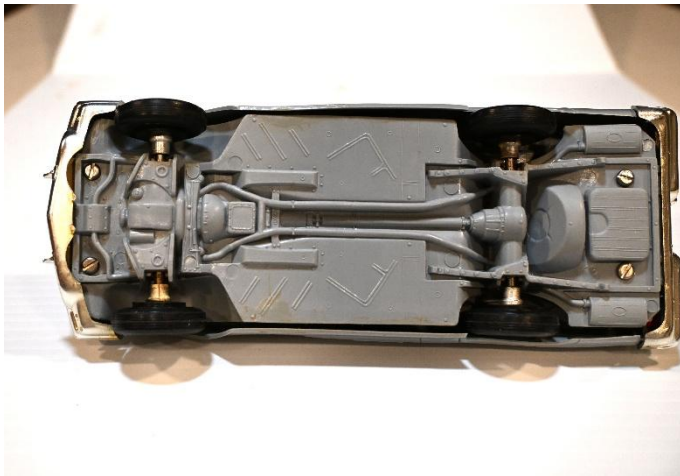


1963 Thunderbird Hardtop Color is Fieldstone Tan





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



1960 Hardtop – Color is Platinum Poly **SOLD!!**



1957 – Color is Flame Red

Why not consider purchasing one of these great, collectible model cars as your charitable partner donation?

1957 Ford Thunderbird



- 87900 miles
- 312 Y block with 4 barrel carb.
- Third owner. Owned since 1987.
- It runs but issue with the front right brake right now.
- All original except for left front fender.
- Transmission: Replaced the oil seals, bearing transmission input and output shaft, filter, and other work.
- Replaced the radiator with transmission oil cooler.
- Replaced the Oil Pump
- Replaced the Shock Absorbers
- Replaced the brake shoes and drums, all wheel cylinder, all brake fluid lines, and master cylinder.
- Replaced both upper and lower ball joints assembly
- Replaced both tie rods and bushing.
- Replaced Idler arm and bushing assembly
- Bushing kit and sealing kit for power steering cylinder.
- Kit for front sway bar and link, insulators and rubber blocks to frame.
- Replaced the gas tank and gas lines.
- Replace engine steady rest grummets.
- Replace all four tires
- Replaced battery last year.
- Replace gas pump.
- Replace four-barrel Holley carburetor with original one model 4150. Last one they had at Tee Bird Products. Still have the old one.
- Replaced freeze plug wiper blades and fuel element and air cleaner
- Replace one broken window on driver's side.
- The car will need to be painted. It has the light original blue I believe from the factory.
- The carpet inside will need to be replaced.
- The rubber on the removeable hard top will need to be replaced.
- Car in Taneytown, MD
- Price: Negotiable.

Butch Colby

Tel. (410) 756-2652 / Fax. (410) 756-1954

Cell (410) 961-7535

butchcolby@comcast.net



70th Anniversary Hats

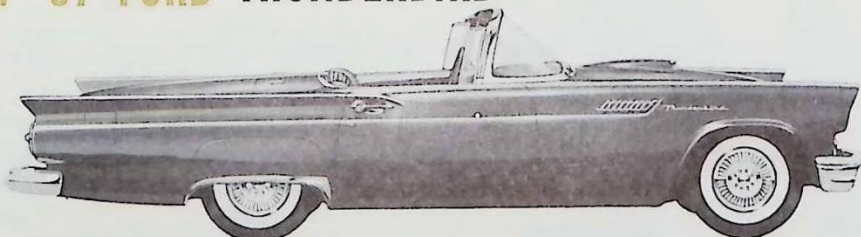
\$15 Each

(plus s&h as applicable)

While Supply Very Limited Lasts

Contact Cathy or Steve If Interested

NEW '57 FORD THUNDERBIRD



The '57 Thunderbird has newly-styled front and rear bumpers, wider checkerboard grille, and is $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lower than in 1956. Wheelbase remains at 102 inches. Rear fenders feature the 1957 Jet Tube taillights and Hi-Canted

Fins. Rear deck is longer and trunk holds spare tire *plus* an extra cubic foot of cargo. Padded instrument panel and cushioned sun visors are standard. Six all-vinyl interior trim schemes are offered.

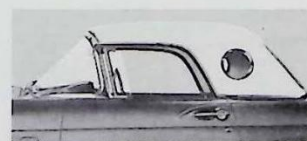
EXTERIOR COLOR COMBINATIONS

Body Color	Top Color
Raven Black.....	a,c,d,1,2,3,6,8,9,10
Starmist Blue.....	a,b,d,6,7,8
Colonial White.....	any top color
Flame Red.....	a,c,d,1,6,7
Inca Gold.....	a,c,d,2,4,6,7
Thunderbird Bronze..	c,d,5,6
Gunmetal Gray.....	a,c,d,2,4,6,7
Willow Green.....	a,c,d,3,6,7
Coral Sand.....	a,c,d,4,6,7,10
Dusk Rose.....	a,c,d,6,7,9

KEY TO TOP COLORS

Soft Tops	
a. Black Rayon	c. Tan Rayon
b. Blue Rayon	d. White Vinyl
Hard Tops	
1. Flame Red	6. Colonial White
2. Inca Gold	7. Raven Black
3. Willow Green	8. Starmist Blue
4. Gunmetal Gray	9. Dusk Rose
5. T-Bird Bronze	10. Coral Sand

(Hard tops in color to match exterior body color also available at no extra cost.)



Standard Hard Top has circular quarter windows. Also available without quarter windows. Top is easily removable.



Optional Soft Top is snug-fitting, easily stowed or removed. Available in black, blue, or tan rayon, or white vinyl.



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

