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**Deadline for submitting  
Newsletter photos, articles,  
etc., is the 20th of each  
month.**

## MID-ATLANTIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Charter & Founding Chapter, International Thunderbird Club



MATC THUNDERBIRD  
NEWSLETTER  
48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
To All MATC Members & Their Families*

### This Month in *Thunderbird* History:

- December 13, 1957: The last "Early Bird/Baby Bird" is produced.

**Thursday - December 15, @ 9:30 AM - Third Thursday TBird Breakfast  
Greek Village Restaurant - 129 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014**

**2022 Kick-Off Meeting and \$2 Pot-Luck Social  
Sunday, February 26 - 1:00 PM**

*Inclement Weather Date: TBD*

**RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, [cathykelley49@gmail.com](mailto:cathykelley49@gmail.com) by February 4th**

This is a general membership meeting to review club events for 2023 and report on the January MATC Officer's Planning meeting. We request a \$2 contribution to help offset meeting expenses. If rescheduling is required due to inclement weather or COVID issues members will be contacted by phone and/or email. Also see the MATC Website or call a club officer. Please note that the meeting will be in Room 202 in the education building. Elevator service to the second floor is available. Once the upper parking lot entrance is entered, drive past the church and social hall. Entrance to the building requires going down a flight of stairs or adjacent ramp. Please bring a mask for possible use.

**Bel Air United Methodist Church, Room 202**

**21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014**

*(at the intersection of Rt. 924/Main St & Linwood Ave )*

*Please bring a Pot-Luck Dish in the category designated by the first letter of your last name:*

**"H to P" Salad "Q-Z" Main "A to G" Dessert**

**Please RSVP: Cathy Kelley, 443-417-0441, [cathykelley49@gmail.com](mailto:cathykelley49@gmail.com) by February 4th**



## President's Message December 2022

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

We want to thank all of you who met at Dobbin House Restaurant for our Christmas Dinner on Dec 4. The weather was nice, the food was good, and everyone had a great time. We presented Phyllis Cherry with the much-deserved 2022 President's Award and gave some MATC mugs out to the folks who drove their Tbird and as some raffle prizes.

We had a great year in 2022 and many members participated in lots of activities. Here's a recap:

1. We continued our monthly breakfast gatherings at the Greek Village in Bel Air. We encourage folks in other areas to get together.
2. Our kickoff meeting in February, back at Skip and Barb's church, was well attended. We approved changes to our Articles of Association at the meeting and planned many events.
3. Thunderbird Appreciation Day was celebrated in May with a club trip to Dover DE to see both the USAF Thunderbirds and the USN Blue Angels. We had a great turnout and a great time with lots of fun! Folks loved seeing all our Thunderbirds.
4. In the spring some of us attended and volunteered at games for our charity, Miracle League of Harford Co. It's very fulfilling.
5. Congratulations went to long time MATC member Tom Young for achieving the AACA First Junior Award for the 1975 Dodge Coronet that was originally his brother's. It has been restored as a tribute to his brother.
6. In June the lunch that was meant for ladies magically included gentlemen and we had a wonderful meal at MacGregor's in Havre de Grace.
7. Also in June several of our members attended All Ford Nationals in Carlisle PA.
8. MATC had 5 cars in the Towson 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, carrying veterans this year. Thanks to all who turned out. Skip and Cathy drove in the Bel Air parade in the evening carrying dignitaries.

9. Dan & Zoëanne Denham hosted their annual picnic in July, always a fun day.

10. Phyllis Cherry hosted the annual 'Cherry Festival' indoors this year due to the rainy-day September. Very good crowd in that cabin and on the porch and much fun. Potomac Club joined us as they have in the past.

11. The Club went to Western MD in October to ride the steam train from Cumberland to Frostburg, where we had lunch before returning to Cumberland. A couple dinners out together and too much fun playing LCR at the hotel.

12. We had 3 new households join the club this year. Keep recruiting!

Results of the election in November are this: The Kelley's are still co-presidents; Lynn Horn is still secretary and Ron Hill, and Phyllis Cherry are still board members. You've probably seen that Frank Long is now our treasurer, replacing Harry Skruch when he passed away. If you have any desire to serve the club as an officer or staff member, we welcome you. Just let us know.

Sadly, we lost 2 much loved members this year, John Cherry and Harry Skruch. The club truly misses them. Several of our members are going through some tough times now too. Please keep Ray Raeke and Dan Denham in your prayers as well as Jean and Zoëanne who are caring for them.

We are planning our General Member meeting for Sunday, February 26, 2022. Please plan to join us there. Bring a potluck dish and have some fun.

*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,  
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 9:30 AM Monthly	Monthly Breakfast Gathering	***MATC	Greek Village Diner 129 Baltimore Pike Bel Air, MD 21014	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greek-Village-Restaurant/203026953055071</a>
February 26	MATC Kick-Off Meeting	***MATC	Bel Air UMC	More Details Later
April thru October	Miracle League of Harford Co	MLHC	Shuck's Road Athletic Facility – Churchville, MD	Details To Be Provided As Available
May thru October	Cars & Coffee: No Competition, No Trophies, Just Fun & Socialization		Bel Air Plaza SC Bel Air, MD	7-9 Am, Every Sunday Weather permitting
May 21	Thunderbird Appreciation Day	***MATC	TBD	More Details Later
November	Election of Officers	***MATC		Consider running for an office
December 3	MATC Annual Christmas Party	***MATC	Friendly Farms Restaurant	More Details Later

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.

 <p><b>THE MIRACLE LEAGUE of HARFORD COUNTY</b></p>	<h3 style="color: green; text-decoration: underline;">2023 Season Schedule</h3> <p style="color: green;">Information For The 2023xSeason Will Be Provided As Soon As It Is Available.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 5px;"><b><a href="http://miracleleagueharford.org">miracleleagueharford.org</a></b></p>
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## December Birthdays



The officers and members of MATC wish the following members a very happy birthday

**Miriam Zentgraf (9) Barb Melnyk (21)**

*Note: If we missed your birthday, please advise the editor. We are sorry for the oversight. Thanks!*

### Welcome To Our New Members:

- **Marsha & Dwight Dixon**; Kinnelton, NJ; '66 Convertible. Marsha & Dwight are not new to the Thunderbird hobby, and we are happy to have them as MATC members.
- **Betty & Bob Wood**; Harrington, DE; '02 Premium

### MEMBER NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

- Please continue to keep long time MATC member and Board of Directors member Ray Raeke, and Jean, in your thoughts and prayers. Ray continues in the care of home healthcare and hospice personnel.
- Steve Dameron continues to recover from shoulder surgery. It was great to see him at the Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>. He is just starting PT. We wish him a speedy recovery as he recuperates at home. Please keep Steve in your thoughts for a continuing successful recovery. We wish Linda all the best too as she nurses Steve back to a full recovery.
- Several of our members continue to receive on-going medical treatment for various medical issues. These include Dan Denham and Mike Melnyk. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes for a quick, complete, and successful recovery for our members.

*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!*

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

**1966 Thunderbird Convertible:** Red with Red Interior and White Top. 390 CID Engine, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Electric Windows. Lots of New Parts. 80,000 Miles, \$28,000.

Richard Trimble, Hampstead, Telephone: 410 – 374 – 6037 (3/20)



**A**

**B**

### **T-Shirts**

#### **While They Last!**

**A = 45<sup>th</sup> MATC Anniversary T-Shirt; Sizes - L, XL, XXL; \$15 each - 2 for \$25 plus S&H**

**B = Retro TBird Logo T-Shirt; XXL only; \$10 each plus S&H**

### **Thelma & Louise TBird Collectible Models,**

**1:64 Scale**

**Now Available. \$7 each**



**More versions are in the pipeline**

**GREENLIGHT**  
COLLECTIBLES



**12/22**

*Note: Classified ads are inserted at no cost for MATC members until the item is sold depending on space. Non-member cost to advertise is complimentary for the first month then \$10 for each three months thereafter. This policy is subject to change.*

### **REMINDER: Please Send US Your VIN Number!!!!**

The MATC Board of Directors continues its effort to develop a directory of VIN data (Vehicle Identification Number/serial number) for members vehicles. If you have not submitted yours yet, please send it Skip, Cathy, Steve, or any officer. This information can be beneficial as a reference future owners when a car changes hands. New owners often inquire back to clubs like MATC to determine if the prior owner was a club member. This information can be very helpful in tracing the history of the vehicle.

# 2022 MATC Christmas Party @ Dobbin House

A great Gathering of friends, food and Fun, Fun, Fun



*This is a new game we played to let folks limber up a little after dinner. Initially called "who can find the contact lens on the floor?" it was a precursor to the new dance craze "where should we be for the group photo?"*



*I guess we figured it out. Most of us anyway.*

# Congratulations To Phyllis Cherry MATC 2022 President's Award Recipient



# WHY SHOULD I JOIN A CAR CLUB?

For those of us who have been car club members for a long time, the reason(s) we joined were usually one, or all, of the following: to socialize with folks with like interest in similar cars of the same marque, to learn more about the technical aspects of our cars, to work on our cars in tech sessions, to get help with mechanical issues on our cars from the “experts”, and to eat good food and drink beer (or soda, lemonade, iced tea, coffee, etc.). Being able to do our own work often becomes a challenge as folks become less physically capable of working on their cars or when newer cars become more of a challenge because of their mechanical complexity and electronic wizardry. But two of the most mechanically inclined MATC members recently answered the call of another stalwart member to assist with repairing some important issues. Most of us are familiar with Earl Dickinson’s beautiful 1964 Thunderbird hardtop. This car has “been in the family” since 1965 when Judy’s dad purchased it. The car was experiencing some mechanical issues with the fuel gage and the vacuum valve on the power brake booster. MATC members Tom Young and Mike Melnyk came to the rescue and made the necessary repairs. The car now performs flawlessly, especially with regard to stopping. A job well done – just like in the “old” days.



# This Is What The Color Of Your Car Says About You

Story by Adina Achim • Dec 1

Most people have a favorite color, and in recent years, experts have tried to find a meaning for our [color preferences](#). Interestingly, the "color psychology" fad, which was very popular in marketing and branding, has taken the corporate world by storm. Currently, some scholars believe specific colors might boost workplace engagement and productivity, while others think they reveal something about the personalities of employees. And it's not just the corporate world or bored HR staff who see a correlation between certain colors and specific personality traits, [since even studies](#) and experiments have created questionable links. For instance, a 2015 study published in *The International Journal of Indian Psychology* [tried to establish a link](#) "between the personality traits of people classified on the basis of their color preferences and their respective achievement motivation."

The study starts with the premise that people who like green are analytical, calm, and logical, while those who like orange are witty, impulsive, and generous. While these kinds of tests based on correlations are problematic, the reality is that many marketers and brands use colors to influence consumer behavior and even comprehend purchase preferences. Needless to say, that even in the automotive industry, there are people who see a correlation between the color of a car and the owner's personality. So, here's what the [color of your vehicle](#) says about your personality, according to a study by car finance app, *Carmoola* in partnership with top color psychologist Karen Haller.

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This is a no-brainer, [but a red car supposedly conveys' confidence and an adventurous risk-taking spirit. It is hardly surprising that Ferrari chose the color Rosso Corsa \(Racing Red\) as its signature color. Red-car owners enjoy being the center of attention and hogging the spotlight. "They're likely to be confident, always seeking the next adventure and they always live life in the fast lane,"](#) says the *Daily Mail*. "They take risks, not always calculated ones. They're very spontaneous and likely to be the liveliest friend, and the most bold, outgoing one."

On the opposing end, are drivers who prefer [gray cars. These people would rather not be in the spotlight.](#) They avoid attention and seem more sober than their counterparts. "Owners of grey cars could have a more conservative outlook. They are measured, think things through, don't make rash decisions. Typically, they're not spontaneous," adds the *Daily Mail*.

Silver cars look elegant, so people who buy vehicles in this hue are into understated elegance and the finer things in life. They are also “serene” and “calm” individuals. Let’s not forget that silver is one of the primary precious metals, so this color conveys richness. Meanwhile, black cars are elegant, sophisticated, and classic, but according to Carmoola’s study, this is also the color selected by people who want to convey authority. Black automobile drivers tend to be perfectionists and control freaks as well. Gold, the other precious metal, expresses a completely different image of the car owner than silver. This color conveys confidence and a desire to communicate social status and wealth.

White vehicles seem unassuming and convey a notion of purity and calmness. According to the study, individuals who select white colored cars prefer a detachment from the commotion and clamor of the outer world. On the opposing end, bold colors like canary yellow and orange convey optimistic attitudes, joy, and happiness. The study also analyzed light blue and dark blue and found that people with light blue cars are “mentally calm” and serene, while dark blue car owners are “logical” and “rational,” but maintain that approachability that light blue car owners have. As for the most hated car color? That is pink. Let’s face it, we don’t get to see too many pink cars on the road, but still, pink car owners supposedly are “sweet, compassionate, caring, very nurturing and are always putting others first.”

### This Is How Many Buyers Purchase Cars Purely For Their Colors

The Carmoola study found that 31 percent of owners picked their present car solely based on its color. In other words, almost one in three car buyers has selected their car according to color preferences. According to a different report from iSeeCars.Com, the most popular car color in the United States is white (25.8 percent) followed by black (22.3 percent), gray (18.4 percent) and silver (12.1 percent). Only 8.6 percent of car buyers have red cars in the United States. And when it comes to more flashy, bold colors, the numbers are even lower with 0.8 percent selecting green, 0.6 percent going for orange, 0.3 percent purple and 0.2 percent-gold. This tells us that Americans don’t really like to take risks with their car colors, and most drivers avoid the spotlight.

Sources: Research Gate, OAJI, the Daily Mail, and Germain Cars

Thanks to Earl Dickinson for providing this very insightful article. , ed

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Ford brings to America an exciting new kind of automobile—the Thunderbird . . . a personal car of distinction.

No matter what your tastes or what you expect in a car, you'll find a whole new world of enjoyment in the Thunderbird. And the pride of owning such a distinguished automobile is only a small part of this pleasure.

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Above all, you will enjoy driving the Thunderbird just for the driving's sake.

There is nothing like it on the road today!

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*Beautiful, low-silhouette, all-steel body . . . 102-inch wheelbase.*



# 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, newsletter delivered electronically, or  
\$40 due each January, newsletter delivered via US Postal Service

New Members Partial Dues:

\$15 if joining after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year

Full dues if joining after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, BUT

IT INCLUDES FOLLOWING YEAR DUES (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:  
Frank Long, Treasurer; 331 Sullivan Drive, Abingdon, MD 21009; 410-569-8539

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