



## President's Message November 2020

We were so pleased to see many of you join us on a beautiful October day for the Picnic in the Park, as Skip named it, on October 4. Lots of 'Birds in the parking lot got lots of attention by passers-by. We all had our own food and drink and sat well apart from each other for a nice lunch in the pavilion. Then we took our lawn chairs out and sat in 2 circles (men's and women's of course) in the bright sunshine. Steve had his birthday present drone out and got a few good pictures from the air! We saw Anne Collins, the Denhams, Dickinsons, Hills, Horns, Longs, Melnyks, Panowitzs, Shelton/Fiedlers, Skruchs, and Young/Rogers couples. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing. The view was not as spectacular as at the Cherrys' camp, but it was refreshing to see everyone there and the weather helped to keep us smiling.

It won't be long until we have our Christmas Dinner. We mentioned last month that our usual venue, Dobbin House, will not be open much longer due to the quarantine. We have made reservations for the Banquet Room at Friendly Farm Restaurant in Upperco MD for Saturday, December 12 from 1-4 pm. They have a huge room so social distancing will be easy. There will be a buffet so you will need your mask except while at your table. The menu will include roast beef, BBQ ribs and fried chicken with all the sides that many of you are familiar with. They serve coffee and tea, iced tea and soft drinks. Ice cream and cake for dessert. You will find the flyer with reservation form elsewhere in the newsletter.

Many of you know that we used to ride motorcycles and were part of a club similar to MATC. Our Gold Wing group was looking for a place to hold their Christmas Dinner and we mentioned that there would be room in the Friendly Farm's Banquet room for more people than we expect from MATC. So, guess what! They are going to join us! The room is very big so we will have the tables configured to the two groups are separate, but we think both groups will get along well. When we joined MATC we soon noticed that some people are just like folks we knew well in the GW club. It might be fun to try to figure out who your doppelgänger is.

We hope you all have a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Even through this pandemic and quarantine we hope you have much to be thankful for. We do, and you folks are a big part of the reason we give thanks.

As usual, don't forget to check the MATC website, <https://midatlantictbirdclub.org/>, and our Face Book page. Send Steve photos of your cars too.

***Steve & Cathy Kelley***