

## Skip Panowitz

### Middle Atlantic District Advisor

Skip and his wife Barbara live in Bel Air, MD. Skip has been a car enthusiast since he was a young child. His parents indicate he could tell the make of car by the sounds of the engines as they went up the street when he was only 2 or 3, and was not tall enough to see out the window of their home. Skip's interest in cars leans mostly to domestic brands, mostly Fords, but he enjoys reading about all brands, visiting new and collector car shows, and keeping up with auto industry news and trends. Skip has owned numerous Thunderbirds including a '63, 2-65s, a 72, a 78 and currently a 2002 premium. The 2002 was the first retro TBird delivered to his dealer as well as the county he lives in.

Skip is a charter member of ITC, and has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird club for over 40 years. He is currently the president of MATC. He was appointed a District Advisor to complete the term of the previous office holder. He recently served as a member of the ITC Research and Recommendation Committee. Other Thunderbird organization affiliations include TBN (Thunderbirdnest), CYCI and VTCL.

Skip retired as a retired Loss Control Account Executive with the Hartford Financial Services Group. Previous to that he served as a Baltimore police officer and even a brief stint selling cars - Fords of course. Skip continues to operate Automotive Collectibles, a miniature collectible car business specializing in Thunderbirds, police vehicles and promotional model cars. An interest in photography since childhood has developed into a lifelong hobby that has resulted in part-time professional assignments. Other interests include spending as much time as possible with his grandchildren, church volunteer activities, travelling, reading and community service activities. In addition to attending ITC and MATC T-Bird events, Skip has attended the 100th anniversary of Ford Motor Co in Dearborn, the 50th anniversary T-Bird event in Homestead Florida and the 55th and 60th T-Bird anniversary celebration in Dearborn.

Skip looks forward to serving ITC as a District Advisor. He can be contacted at [skip.panowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:skip.panowitz@yahoo.com) or on Facebook.