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Phil Eastburn, Kemblesville, PA, is the newly assigned District Advisor for the new Pennsylvania, Mid-East District. Phil has been an ITC member since 2002. He has been to all the ITC conventions, except one, since joining ITC. Phil has attended, and recent years, helped with the All Ford Nationals (AFN); Carlisle, PA, since becoming an ITC member. He was a member of the ITC Research and Recommendation (R & R) Committee, while it was active from 2012 to 2016.

Phil purchased his first Thunderbird in 1964. Since then, he has owned five Thunderbirds; 1961, 1963, 1966, 1995 and 2004. He currently owns a 1966 Silver Mink Metallic completely original which he only drives to local car shows. He also has a 2004 Merlot that he has driven to AFN and several ITC Conventions.

Phil search for a new Thunderbird started when they were first re-introduced in 2002. He finally found the color, Merlot, in 2004 he wanted, but could not find one with the correct interior or options he wanted. After some arm twisting from his son and several friends, he placed an order for the exact one he wanted on January 5th, 2004. It took eight long weeks to arrive. The salesman called and told him that the bird has landed and he picked it up on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

Phil stated that owning and driving his Thunderbirds has been so much fun. People can't walk by without paying a compliment or giving him the thumbs up. He has met so many people that have the new Retro-Birds. He believes it is great way to see what other people have done to make their Birds unique.

Phil is retired from the Budd Company in Philadelphia in 1999 after 40 years of service, as an IT Manager. Budd Philadelphia was a major parts supplier of Ford since 1921 as well as many other Ford stampings.

Phil fully supports the International Thunderbird Club and thinks it is a great club. As the new Pennsylvania District Advisor, he promises to help promote what a great club ITC has become. He will seek new members and will keep members informed with all updated information as needed. Feel free to contact Phil and introduce yourself if you reside in the Med-East District.