



Thunderbirds

of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

April 2017



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. March 9th, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria with club president, Roger Hamm, presiding.

Attendees: Roger & Lisa Hamm, Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Mark & Jackie Allen, and Guy & Jan Gifford.

Announcements: After Roger welcome all to our monthly meeting, he moved that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as published in the March 2017 newsletter. The floor was open for comment. Hearing no concerns about the content of the published February 2017 meeting minutes, they were approved as published.

When queried, there were no new prospective new members identified, no existing members had any changes in their contact information, and there had been no new t-bird purchases in the past month.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa presented the club's financial status as of February 2017. There were no changes from the previously reported month.

Event Planning: Scott mentioned that although we had been initially planning to go bowling on Saturday, March 18th, since he did not have to work this coming weekend, he was available to participate if all were in agreement to change the outing to the 11th. All members who were planning to attend agreed, so the club bowling trip was shifted to 11:00 a.m. at the Marion Lanes on Brandt Pike in Huber Heights on March 11th. (note: Subsequent to the meeting, Scott contacted Marion Lanes and found out we may have trouble getting a lane at Marion's due to a large group reservation and kids leagues on that Saturday morning. So Scott checked around, found a new location, and sent out an e-mail or called interested members to notify them of the change of location to Beaver-Vu Lanes in Beavercreek.)

The membership further discussed locations for us to celebrate the up and coming Thunderbird Appreciation Day on May 21st. The idea is for us to drive our Thunderbirds to several different businesses to show them off and answer questions. Locations suggested so far include the Sonics Restaurant on Brandt Pike, the Root Beer Stand on Woodman Drive, and Ritter's Frozen Custard on Wilmington Pike. Members are asked to think of other possible locations. A final decision will need to be made by our May 11th meeting.

Brett and Peg were asked to propose at our April meeting the dates, and provide information regarding, our trip to the Gilmore Automobile Museum in Michigan later this year.

The discussion then centered on selecting a club event for April. One suggestion that was met with great favor was a trip to Jungle Jim's International Market on Dixie Highway in Fairfield on Saturday, April 15th followed by lunch together. The suggestion was overwhelmingly approved. Plans will be finalized at our April 13th meeting.

Finally interested members were reminded of the International Thunderbird Club's International Convention to be held in Ft Wayne, Indiana August 29th to September 3rd, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to discuss

New Business: No New Business was raised

Open Floor: Mark was asked to describe his recent problem with his retrobird regarding a vacuum leak. It appears that his brake booster had rusted through at the nipple where the vacuum hose from the engine connected to the booster. It was discovered using colored smoke. His booster and master cylinder were replaced and according to Mark and Jackie the car is now driving well.

Brett mentioned he finally got his "no passenger side low beam headlight" functioning with the replacement of his "Front Electronic Module".

Adjourn: At the completion of all discussion, Roger requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roger Hamm
President

Next Meeting: April 13th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

Message from the President

April has finally arrived. Hopefully, the cold weather we had the first half of March is a distant memory and we can start enjoying warm weather that will stick around for more than just a couple of days. April also will bring Easter, as it is late this year and is on the 16th. Many people think of Easter and have thoughts of the Easter Bunny and eggs. What is the origin of the Easter bunny and Easter eggs?



It is commonly thought that the word Easter comes from a pagan figure called Eastre (or Eostre) who was celebrated as the goddess of spring by the Saxons of Northern Europe. The only problem with this theory is that it has no basis in history. The existence of a goddess named Eastre or a spring festival in her honor is based on pure conjecture. The same is true of the origin of the Easter bunny and Easter eggs—no one knows for sure how these things became a part of Easter

observances. The most we can say is that the word *Easter* is probably related to the word *east* (*ost* in German) and that the Saxons had a month they called *Eosturmononath*.

The legend of the Easter bunny bringing eggs appears to have been brought to the United States by German settlers. The German tradition of the Easter bunny (or *Oschter Haws*) migrated to America in the 1700s, accompanying German immigrants, many of whom settled in Pennsylvania. Over the past 200 years, the Easter bunny has become the most commercially recognized symbol of Easter in the United States. Other countries use other animals as the symbol of Easter, such as the cuckoo (in Switzerland).

In legend, the Easter bunny, also called the Easter hare and the spring bunny, brings baskets filled with colored eggs, candy, and sometimes toys to the homes of children on the night before Easter, in much the same way as Santa Claus is said to deliver presents on Christmas Eve. The Easter Bunny will either put the baskets in a designated place or hide them somewhere in the house or garden for the children to find when they wake up in the morning, giving rise to the tradition of the Easter egg hunt. Obviously, none of this comes from the Bible.

Should Christian parents allow their children to participate in traditional activities that refer to the Easter bunny? This is a question both parents and church leaders struggle with. There is nothing essentially evil about the Easter bunny. What is important is our focus. If our focus is on Christ and not the Easter bunny, our children will understand that, like Santa Claus, the Easter bunny is merely a symbol. Easter should be a time to reflect upon and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

I am sure that the members that were able to go to our bowling outing at Beaver Vu Lanes in Beavercreek last month all had a great time. We also had the pleasure of having Brownie join us at the bowling alley. I hope to see him at more of our meetings and club events in the future. Scott turned out to be the winner, but of course he is a regular bowler. We seemed to have a lot of trouble with the 7 pin being stuck to the alley, refusing to fall. The 10 pin also gave most of us problems with not falling but not quite as much as that lousy 7 pin. I think Scott put a hex on that pin, so we would not be able to get any strikes. But, even though I just could not get that pin to fall, I still had lots of fun. I hope we can plan another bowling outing again to see if we can find a way to knock that pin down every frame!

Our outing for April is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th. We will be going to Jungle Jim's in Fairfield, Ohio. We will discuss this at our meeting on April 13th. I also want to remind our members that the Columbus Spring Swap meet will be April 1st and 2nd at the Columbus Expo Center off interstate 71. This swap meet is one for only Ford parts and cars, so one might be able to find some hard-to-find parts for our Tbirds there. I have found some parts there in the past, even though most parts did seem to cater to Mustangs. I plan on attending this show, so maybe I might see some of you there either Saturday or Sunday (most likely I'll be there on Saturday). This meet is before our meeting for this month.

Our next club meeting is May 11^h at 7:00 P.M. See you all there. Have a great and Happy Easter!



April Birthdays

4th: Jay Walsh

April Anniversaries

none



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Jungle Jim Market	April 15 th	Fairfield, Oh
2. Thunderbird Appreciation Day	May 21 st	Various
3. Gilmore Auto Museum (tentative)	TBD	Kalamazoo, Mi

CLUB OFFICERS

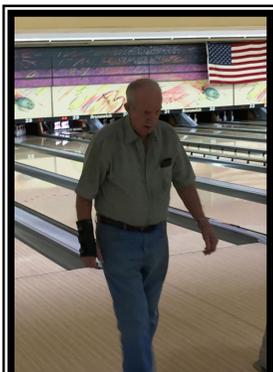
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Club Bowling Outing: On Saturday, March 11th, nine members of the club (Roger & Lisa, Scott, Brett & Peg, Guy & Jan, and Nancy & Julie) went on a club bowling outing. We were joined by our dear friend and long-time club member E.D Brown (Brownie). It was wonderful having Brownie with us. What a great time we all had. The gentlemen elected to throw caution to the wind and try to bowl, though that wasn't much of a stretch for Scott and Brownie since they both bowl on leagues. It was a different story for the other three of us. I, for one, can attest that I haven't bowled in years and my sore body confirmed that to me the morning after. Our lovely ladies enjoyed visiting with each other and served as our motivators and supporters although I must admit we didn't give them a tremendous amount to cheer about. However, I must repeat, what a wonderful time we had. We ended our day with a trip to Marion's pizza and treated ourselves to a very tasty lunch. Here are a few photos from our day.



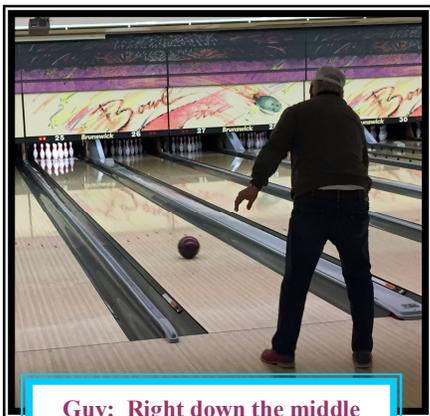
Our President: What Form



Brownie, Still bowling at 93



Scott: Off with the Booties



Guy: Right down the middle



The Ladies of TSWO and guests