



Thunderbirds

of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

April 2018



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m., March 8th, 2018 at the MCL Cafeteria with club president, Scott McGaha, presiding.

Attendees: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Guy & Jan Gifford, and Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake.

Announcements: After Scott welcomed all to our monthly meeting, he moved that the minutes of the February 2018 meeting be approved as published in the March 2018 newsletter. The floor was open for comment. Hearing no concerns about the content of the February 2018 meeting minutes, they were approved as published.

When asked if we had any prospective new club members, Guy mentioned he had been talking to an individual about club membership while doing a vehicle value appraisal on a coral 57 t-bird in the Cincinnati area. He is to see the individual again in the near future and will pass to him our club marketing materials and membership form.

There was one correction to be made on our membership roster for a member who changed their e-mail account address. A corrected roster will be sent out with the April newsletter.

As for any club member Thunderbird news, Guy stated his 1960 Square Bird was soon to be painted. It has been in the shop for nearly 2 years having various items repaired and he's looking forward to getting it back soon. Scott also mentioned that he is considering the purchase of a 2003 retrobird from an individual in another car club.

It was noted and the Happy Birthday song rang out to both Scott and Nancy who celebrated their birthdays in March.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: In Lisa's absence, Scott gave the treasurer's report as provided to him by Lisa.

Event Planning: Scott began by mentioning the nine member club trip to Jungle Jim's in Fairfield in February. He described the variety of items available for purchase and the uniqueness of the store décor. Fun was had by all.

The discussion then turned to our March club event--the tour of the Richardson Car Collection at the SugarCreek Packing Company in Washington Court House on March 24th. Brett announced that those from the Dayton area who want to caravan to the location are to meet at the Bob Evans parking lot in Beavercreek at 9:45 a.m. This Bob Evans is the one at the old Lofino's lot where for years many of us have gone to for the Friday night cruise-in. Once assembled, we'd depart NLT 10:00 a.m. for our 45 mile trip to SugarCreek Packing. Participants not caravanning with the Dayton group were asked to be at the Car Collection Facility at SugarCreek by 10:45 a.m. so we could gather as a group before the tour at 11:00 a.m. So far Brett has received an estimated headcount of 27 individuals from TSWO and the Mustang Club and is awaiting a headcount input from the Miami Valley Car Club. Brett mentioned he would be providing Tim Bateson, our SugarCreek contact, an estimate of approximately 40 participants to insure that was an acceptable number and that he would be forwarding an updated headcount prior to March 24th. Brett also mentioned that after the tour, participants were invited to join the TSWO members in a late lunch at Werner's Smokehouse BBQ. Brett mentioned he had prepared and will send out a packet containing instructions and maps to the Beavercreek Bob Evans, SugarCreek Packing, and to the restaurant.

Next the discussion moved to our plans for a club activity in April. The original thought was a trip to the Air Force Museum. However, with the unveiling of the Memphis Belle scheduled for May it was decided to delay our visit there until May or possibly the fall. For April, it was suggested and agreed that we would visit the Dayton Art Institute on April 21st. Final plans for this visit will be addressed at the April 12th club meeting.

As we discussed possible events, a trip to Bardstown, Kentucky was proposed as a future overnight event. Beverly Lake and Jim Hayden will be putting together information to present to the club at a future meeting on things to do and places to see in Bardstown.

Old Business:

The topic of the purchase of static cling decal was tabled till the April meeting so Lisa, who obtained cost quotes, could be involved in the discussion.

Scott reminded folks that Brett has the catalog to browse for ordering club shirts and other items. Brett mentioned that we did not have to wait until everyone had their order in to him. He could submit orders to our source as they became available. He will bring the catalog to future club meetings.

Because Beverly Knauper and Jim Ross, our Facebook project leads, were unable to be at the meeting, therefore discussion on the topic of creating a club Facebook site was also tabled.

Lastly, the creation of an Honorary Lifetime Membership (HLM) in TSWO was addressed. It was noted that our club bylaws do not contain any criteria for the existence or award of an HLM membership. Brett proposed that an amendment to our bylaws be created for that purpose. The topic was opened to the floor for suggestions on what the criteria should contain. Recommendations for the bylaw content included: free dues, it's an honorary recognition, nominations can be made by any club member, nominations are to be made in writing, only one nomination can be made a year, recipient would enjoy all the benefits of regular club membership, the decision to award the HLM would be made by the club officers, and any materials related to the nominations would be treated as confidential. Brett agreed to take the suggestions and prepare a strawman draft amendment. Because our bylaws stipulate the Board

of Directors is responsible for their content, this strawman draft will be reviewed and tweaked by the BOD and an initial final draft will be prepared. This final draft will then be brought before the club membership for discussion. A vote of the membership will be taken as to whether they do or do not recommend the incorporation of the amendment into our current bylaws.

New Business: Scott mentioned Thunderbird Appreciation Day is May 20th and at our April meeting we'll begin discussing options of what the club would like to do to celebrate this important day to Thunderbird lovers. Last year, due to weather, we were unable to do our tour on T-bird Appreciation Day, but we did reschedule the event and on that day drove our Thunderbirds to four different local businesses to show them off and answer questions. Members are asked to think of possible locations for this year's event. A final decision will need to be made by our May 10th meeting.

Open Floor:

Jim Hayden asked for recommendations for a reliable mechanic to work on his retrobird. He was advised that depending on the type of maintenance/servicing needed he should consider AAA (General maintenance/servicing), Interstate Ford (Ford unique conditions), and Roosters in Fairborn. In that same vein, Guy reminded retrobird owners that it was important when doing an oil change to use 5-20 oil. Heavier oil could harm the engine.

Julie noted that Gale Halderman will be the Grand Marshall at the Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park on September 16th.

Adjourn: At the completion of all discussion, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Scott McGaha
President

Next Meeting: April 12th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

Message from the President

Greetings fellow T-bird lovers,

We are one month closer to the start of another spring/summer/fall cruise-in season that I'm sure we're all looking forward to with much anticipation, but I don't have to tell you guys that it's not quite here yet. This past Easter Sunday and the 24 hours that followed were remarkable from a weather perspective. Sunny and warm with a high temp near 70 during the day . . . and over an inch of snow on the ground before midnight that night. Where else but Ohio can you experience all 4 seasons in one day?



Nevertheless, I remain convinced that spring is just around the corner . . . I just don't know how far away that corner is from here. So while the weather remains uncooperative, let's all resolve to do what we can to prepare for the upcoming Thunderbird driving season. If you put your Thunderbird into

storage/hibernation last fall, start "waking it up" by removing that car cover, charging that battery, and giving it a few test starts. Make that appointment to get your 'bird in for service if you like to do an oil change, lube job, tire rotation, etc. at the start of each driving season. Wipe off any winter dust, dirt, and grime that settled on it while it was asleep so that it's ready to be seen on the first warm, sunny day. If we can all do things like this now, then we'll be ready as a club to participate in our next car-included event as soon as the weather breaks.

And speaking of club events, I hope everyone can make it to our next club meeting on Thursday, April 12th. Brett has laid out a tentative agenda for a visit to the Dayton Art Institute that looks very enticing. He's even got a couple of downtown Dayton restaurants to suggest for us to grab a late lunch/early dinner after our visit to the art museum. We'll put the finishing touches on that itinerary at our club meeting.

We also need to work some more on our plans for national Thunderbird Appreciation Day on Sunday, May 20th. Everyone try to bring some ideas to our meeting of things we could do that would provide maximum exposure of our beautiful Thunderbirds to the greatest number of people. We've got all of this and more to discuss at our next club meeting in April!! Hope to see you there.

Until then, drive safe everyone.

Scott McGaha



April Birthdays

4th: Jay Walsh
6th: Ruby York

April Anniversaries

none



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Dayton Art Institute	April 21 st (tentative)	Dayton
2. T-Bird Appreciation Day Cruise	May 20 th	TBD

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Richardson Car Collection Tour

On March 24th eight members of TSWO (Scott, Brett, Roger & Lisa, Guy & Jan, and Mark & Jackie) were joined by members of the Miami Valley Car Club, the Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club, and several invited guests on a tour of the Richardson Car Collection at the SugarCreek Packing Company in Washington Court House. Our total group consisted of approximately 18-20 car enthusiasts. Though many in our group had been there before, it was a delight to be there again. Since TSWO's visit in November of 2013 they had sold 30 cars and brought in more; some of which will be restored over the coming years.

During the week leading up to the day of the event, many of us were on pins and needles wondering about the weather. The prediction was for snow beginning Friday night and ending Saturday night. The biggest questions were, how severe would it be and where would it hit. As it turned out, the weather stayed south. With the prediction of moderately heavy snow and possible ice, our TSWO and Tri-State Mustang/Ford club members from Cincinnati felt it wise to forego their participation in the tour. One intrepid Mustang Club member did make the trip. As for those of us in the Dayton Area, we had no snow or even a drop of rain. The same held true in Washington Court House. By 11:00 a.m., the group had all arrived at SugarCreek and we were met by our tour guides Alan Fultz, Derry Hummel, and Andy Young. We were lead in to the first showroom area where we had a short question and answer period with our guides then we were released to browse the entire facility inside and out. The guides wandered around with us and answered the multitude of questions we had about various cars, boats, motorcycles, campers, etc. For the next 2 hours our group meandered through the rooms talking cars and taking pictures.

Upon completion of our tour we gathered to say thanks to our guides, Alan, Derry and Andy. We were then off for lunch together at Werner's Smokehouse BBQ in Jeffersonville. Though the restaurant didn't take reservations, we had called ahead to let them know we were coming. When we arrived, they had the backroom all ready for us. So, we sat for another hour or so and had absolutely delicious meals and endless discussions mostly about what else. . . cars. Below are just two photos from our visit. You'll can more photos on our website under "Recent Events".



The crew that caravanned from Dayton



The first car you see when entering the showroom