



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio



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## MEETING MINUTES:

**Call to Order:** The July meeting of the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio was called to order at 7:00 p.m. July 10, 2014 at the MCL Cafeteria. President, Beverly Knauper, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Attendees** Peg & Brett Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Ruthie & Wayne Dennis, Jan & Guy Gifford, Lisa & Roger Hamm, Gary Hufford, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Scott McGaha

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The June meeting minutes, as shown in the July newsletter, were unquestioned by the members, and therefore stand as published.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Brett announced that we have new members, Peg & Dennis Wegley of Englewood, OH. They have a light tan 1963 Landau. We welcome them to the club and look forward to their attendance at our meetings.

Beverly announced that July 11<sup>th</sup> is Collector Car Appreciation Day and encouraged everyone to do something centered around their car that day. This is a federally appointed day.

Nancy said that she has plenty of door prizes for our upcoming car show and thanked everyone for bringing door prize items to her.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa gave the Treasurer's report of the club's current financial status.

**Event Planning Committee:** Roger Hamm gave a report on the status of upcoming activities.

**Car Show Committee:** Brett gave last minute instructions to the membership, pertaining to the Kettering Classic Car Show which will take place July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sons of Italy Lodge. A time table of the day's activities was given. This included time of arrival for the workers, time of registration, close of registration and the awarding of trophies. Changes in the location of the registration tents and the arrangement of the parking location for show cars was also discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no discussion of old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss.

## OPEN FLOOR:

It was mentioned that the Bellbrook Car Show will take place on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Scott provided a web site ([www.DaytonCarsandCoffee.com](http://www.DaytonCarsandCoffee.com)) to a group known as Dayton Cars and Coffee. They are the Dayton region's premier automotive enthusiast group who not only like coffee, but also do special events for long distance trips and fun runs; organize tours and trips to special venues and places of interest; and conduct charity fundraisers.

Apparently this is something that started in California, has spread across the nation, and is now available in Dayton. A cruise in is held every other Saturday morning, and since the location can be different each time, you will need to check the above website to find the date and location if you would like to attend. They also have a Facebook page.

**ADJOURN:** At 7:50 p.m. Beverly asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Wayne and seconded by Guy.

Beverly Knauper, President

**Next Meeting: August 14th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



### *From the President's Nest*

After all of the planning and hard work, our 2014 club car show is history. While this summer's rainy season certainly took its toll on the number of car show participants, at the end of the day I believe there were a lot of happy people. Everyone received a trophy and a door prize, which makes for a good time. I am always impressed with how our club puts on a quality car show with a relatively small number of workers. You all deserve a hearty "thank you" for a job done well. Do something nice for yourself. I hate to single out a few people since everyone contributes so much, but I think that "Arbitrator" Brett, "Intimidator" Guy, and "Negotiator" Wayne deserve special recognition for their hard work planning and organizing the show. This is no easy task. I also thank Caleb and Mason, our younger volunteers, for taking on the responsibility of parking cars. I enjoyed their enthusiasm. They are the future caretakers of our fine automobiles and the car hobby.

Our show illustrated to me one benefit (there are many) of club membership: the sharing of knowledge and experience. Our 1963 Thunderbird needs new radiator hoses and Jim has been struggling with finding a solution to remove the bottom one without fluid going everywhere on the undercarriage. I mentioned it to Guy at the show and he responded with "drill/cut a small hole in the hose". Sheer genius!!! Problem solved. Thanks, Guy. We are an outstanding group of people. See you at our next meeting.

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#### August Birthdays

26th: Bea Walsh

#### August Anniversaries

4th: Lisa & Roger Hamm



#### CLUB OFFICERS

President: Beverly Knauper (513) 752-8821  
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## Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Lofino's Cruise -In	August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lofino's in Beavercreek
2. Tipp City Community Festival	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tipp City Park
3. Phil Dirt & the Dozers	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stubb's Park, Centerville
4. Gathering of the Geezers	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kil-Kare Raceway
5. Center for Automotive Research Tour	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ohio State University

### **Interview of GALE HALDERMAN**

As told by Beverly in her July 21<sup>st</sup> e-mail to the membership, there is an opportunity for us to hear auto designer, Gale Halderman speak on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Tipp City Park at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> St and Parkwood Drive. Below is an excerpt from Beverly's e-mail.



"Jim, as president of the Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club, recently received the attached flyer inviting all to the Tipp City Community Festival, sponsored by Tipp City United Methodist Church. The festival is Sunday, August 3, and the church is holding its 10:30 worship service at Tipp City Park. Their special guest is Gale Halderman, designer of the 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang. He will be interviewed during the service and will be available to sign autographs later. Like Jack Telnak (see my article in our last club Newsletter), Gale Halderman had a long history designing cars for Ford. Here are some reasons why you might want to attend (according to my "research"). Gale Halderman had a major role in designing the one-piece bumper and grill for the 1964 Thunderbird. He led the design team for the 1977 Thunderbird, was on the design team (Jack Telnak was project chief) for the 1983 "aero" Thunderbird, and directed early design work for the 1988 Thunderbird. Mr. Halderman lives in the Dayton area and has a car collection that would be great to see, if only we knew him! If you want more information, you can contact Claudia Lavy, Tipp City United Methodist Church, at Cell: [937-477-2597](tel:937-477-2597) "

An interview with Mr. Halderman in 1985, where he gives credit to Dayton, OH as the beginning place of his career, can be found at [www.autolife.umd.umich.edu/Design/Halderman\\_interview.htm](http://www.autolife.umd.umich.edu/Design/Halderman_interview.htm)

### **Kettering Classic Car Show:**

Mother Nature did not smile upon us for the Sons of Italy car show this year. What appeared a week earlier to be an ideal day forecast for the show (Sunny and low 80's), proved not to be. The morning of the show was foggy and periodically frequented with mist to heavy drizzles that continued on and off into late morning. Although the weather was damp, it didn't dampen our spirits. A hardy "Thank You" goes out to those of you who helped with the event. They include: Lisa and Jan (Entry Control); Gary, Peg and Julie (Registration); Nancy (Door Prizes), Ruthie (Shirt Distribution); Jim, Roger, Scott, Caleb and Mason (Parking), and Brett, Guy and Wayne (Judging). We'd also like to thank the Sons of Italy for providing us the tents, table and chairs we needed. They increased the attraction to the show this year by the addition of a colorful car show T-Shirt. The final count was only 24 cars, but we really had some nice ones. The smaller attendance allowed our club members the opportunity to get up close and personal with many of the car owners. Comments from the participants were nothing but positive and praised the "well organized" way we ran the show. There should not have been an unhappy registrant. They all left with a dash plaque, trophy, T-shirt and a door prize. Below are a few pictures from the show. Car Show photos have been placed on our web site. If anyone has additional photos of the show to share, please provide them to Brett. Also, we do not have a picture of our Entry Control Point with Lisa and Jan. If anyone has one, please get a copy to Brett.

