



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio *Newsletter* August 2016



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the club president, Roger Hamm, at 7:00 p.m. on July 14th, 2016 at the MCL Cafeteria.

Attendees: Roger & Lisa Hamm, Scott McGaha, Nancy & Julie Blake, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Brett & Peg Andrews, Mark & Jackie Allen, and our newest member Darrel York.

Approval of Minutes: The president asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections needed to the June 2016 meeting minutes as published in the July 2016 newsletter. There were no issues raised, so the minutes were approved as written and published in the July club newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roger sadly announced the passing of Leona Brown, wife of Ed Brown (Brownie). Leona and Ed had been one of the longest standing members of the Thunderbird club going back to the days of Heartland Thunderbird. The club sent flower to the funeral home and members signed a card that was sent to Brownie. Leona was such a sweet dear lady. Her gentle smile and gracious demeanor will be missed.

The president then introduced our newest club member, Darrel York. Darrel's wife, Ruby, was unable to attend. They live in Springboro and own three T-birds (57 baby bird, 66 convertible, and an 87 turbo). We went around the room and each member introduced themselves to Darrel and then he told us a little about himself and his job at the Sharonville transmission plant. Welcome to the club Darrel and Ruby

In the "what's happening to your thunderbird" news segment we find out that (1) Guy bought Carl Geiger's 67 aqua t-bird (a real beauty), (2) Scott is having the fuel pump on his 66 replaced which will hopefully correct his stalling problems, (3) Nancy's car is still in work with the current focus on the seats and engine installation, and (4) Roger had to have the A/C compressor and condenser replaced on his retrobird and is working suspension issues on his 66.

Beverly then showed use some new thunderbird kitty car replicas that are available from Hallmark in ornament and display versions. She was then asked to share the humorous story on how Jim got their 12th car, a 2015 red mustang convertible.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa provided the monthly treasurer's report highlighting income from dues collected from a new member.

Event Planning: Scott described the tremendous fun we had on the Butler County Donut Trail Tour, especially our uninvited participation in Trenton Founders Day parade. During our discussion of the tour, three of the participants modeled the t-shirts we received for completing the donut shop marathon.



Scott reminded us of the cruise-ins at the Voss Auto Mall. The final ones will be held on the 3rd Thursdays in July and August). He mentioned the Voss event charges a \$10 donation fee to benefit the Fisher House and that there would be music and food. He also reemphasized the Saturday morning Dayton Cars and Coffee event on the top level of the parking garage at the Greene near the LA Fitness Center on Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. The Car Show at the Ford Transmission Plant in Sharonville on 24 September was also mentioned.

It was decided to defer our trip to the Second Street Market as our July Saturday event and instead go there the Saturday after our August meeting. Additional details will be discussed at the August meeting.

It was noted that Gale Halderman (one of the major designers of the Mustang) conducts special tours of his museum in Tipp City, Ohio by request. Also, our previously planned and deferred overnight trip to the Gilmore Museum nears Battle Creek, Michigan was highlighted as our possible September club event. Both of these opportunities will be topics of discussion at the August meeting. Another car event mentioned of possible interest to members is the Saturday night cruise-ins at Frickers in Huber Heights.

The question was raised about our annual club picnic. If one is to be held, it will need to be addressed in the near term. Members are asked to please consider the possibility of hosting the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members were reminded of the Friday night cruise-in going on at the Lofino's parking lot in Beavercreek.

NEW BUSINESS:

Roger mentioned that there is to be a car show for "Relay for Life" held at the Hobart Corporation Headquarters in Troy, Ohio this Saturday (Jul 16th) to benefit the American Cancer Society. The show will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with music, door prizes, and food available. Registration fee is \$10.

Open Floor: Beverly mentioned two interesting facts. (1) Norway was pressing to go to diesel fuel in cars by 2025, and (2) France was pushing to require that no pre-1997 cars would be permitted to be on the road during work week hours.

Adjourn: Having no further discussions, Roger requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Jan and seconded by Peg. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Roger Hamm
President

Next Meeting: August 11th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

Message from the President

As August has arrived, many parents are starting to think about getting their children ready to start a new school year. For many, it will be a sad time, as they will not be able to spend the quality (?) time they have had with them this summer season. For others, it will be a happy time, as they will finally have some time without the children always under foot and wanting to be taken to the store, a game or on a vacation somewhere. For us, it means that the summer cruise season will only have about another month left for us to enjoy taking our cars to car shows before we have to put them away to rest for the winter.

For Lisa and I, it meant time for us to celebrate another anniversary together. This year, we decided to take a weekend trip to St. Louis, Missouri. We left early Friday morning, August 5th about 8 a.m. for our journey. The weather turned out to be very nice, except for a very short heavy rain that only lasted about 3 miles along I70 in Illinois. Along the way, just inside the Illinois line, we saw a sign that said that the World's Largest Wind Chime was about 20 miles west in Cary, Illinois. Seeing that since we were running about 2 hours early and would not be able to check in until 3 pm central time, we decided to check this wind chime out.

We took the exit for Cary and arrived at our new destination about 2 miles south of I70 on Illinois route 49. We parked our car in front of the building where the wind chime was located. Little did we know that the World's Largest Wind Chime had some very



large company. This little town in Illinois also has the World's Largest Rocking Chair, Pencil, Mailbox, Bird Cage, Golf Tee, Yardstick, Token, Knitting Needles, Crochet Hook, Cactus, and Ear of Corn. Our little detour ended up taking us 2 hours stopping at each of these spectacular sites and taking pictures of each one of them! These were definitely well worth the detour along the way. We both had lots of fun going to see them.



Then, on Saturday, August 6th, we took a tour of Grant's Farm, home of the famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses. There were many of them on the grounds and we were able to get up close to them and even groom and pet them. At the end of the tour, we were each given two bottles of Budweiser beer to either drink while watching a video of the Clydesdales or to take home with us. One of the bottles did not make it off the grounds.

After finishing up with the Clydesdale tour, we headed off to the Anheuser Busch Brewery to take what they called the "Day Fresh Tour". This tour took us into the bottling area and other areas inside the brewery. We were given a sample of the beer at two separate occasions. This brewery is huge and the tour took about 1 ½ hours from beginning to end, with the ending

with another free taste of beer, plus we each also were given a bottle of beer that was fresh-brewed around 2 a.m. on August 6th. We decided not to get the final free sample of beer, as we had one more stop planned for the day.

After leaving Anheuser Busch Brewery, we headed to our last stop of the day which was the bottling plant and restaurant for Fitz's root beer and Crème Soda. This ended up being a much smaller bottling company but was one of St. Louis's first bottling plants. It was set up in a small building and you could watch the bottles being filled, capped and labeled while you ate a nice lunch or dinner in the same building. The bottling was being done behind a glass partition, but was nice to watch.

Our journey finally ended and we packed up and headed back to Dayton on Sunday, August 6th. I would recommend going on a tour of Grant's Farm and the Anheuser Busch Brewery as a nice weekend journey. I would also recommend that you check out the World's Largest in Cary, as it can be done as a one-day trip.



August Birthdays

26th: Bea Walsh

August Anniversaries

4th: Lisa & Roger Hamm



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. 2nd Street Market	13 Aug	Dayton
2. Gilmore Museum (tentative)	Sep (Tentative)	Battle Creek, Mi

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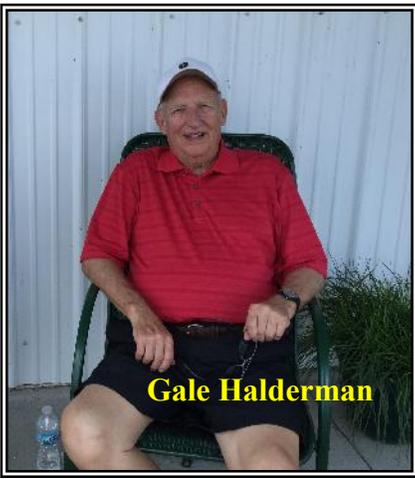
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Gale Halderman Cruise-in and Museum Tour

On July 13th Gale Halderman, one of the original designers of the Ford Mustang, held his fourth annual cruise-in at his museum in Tipp City, Ohio. It was a pretty warm day, but the significance of the event and name draw of the sponsor stimulated a large turnout. Needless to say there were more mustangs there than any other make/model of vehicle, but that was to be expected since Gale has a giant Mustang emblem painted on the side of his garage.



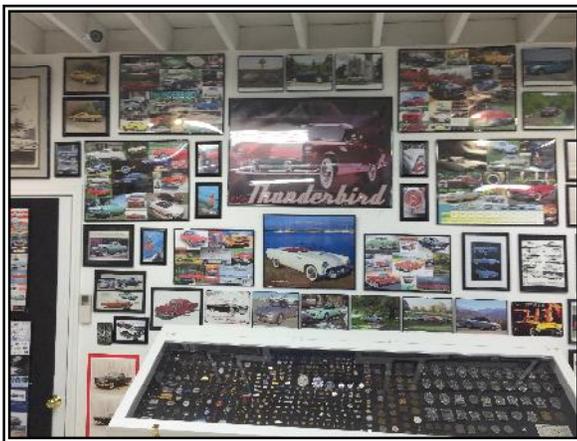


Although the event was held in the middle of a work day, I can say that our club was reasonable represented with those of us who are either retired or are on summer break. The members from our club included Roger with his recently acquired retrobird; Beverly and Jim with one of their three retrobirds, Brett with his 66 hardtop, and Jay Walsh with his El Camino.

Needless to say to any car buff, it was tremendously enjoyable walking around looking at all the cars, but the real joy came during the tour of the small but packed museum. There weren't many cars in the museum, previously a barn. There were a couple of mustangs, a 2002 red retrobird, a farm-all tractor, and a few old motorcycles. To this writer the truly interesting stuff was hanging on the walls. There was picture after picture of all kinds of cars, mostly Ford products, but the most amazing of all was the drawings made in the 50s by Gale of his conceptual designs of various Fords. What a piece of history.

Because I have more pictures then I can fit in this newsletter, I will just wet your whistle with a few and place the rest on our website in the near future.

The Wall of Thunderbirds



Some of the Field of Cars



2002 Retrobird; VIN# 123