



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter
August 2019



MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The club president, Scott McGaha, called the meeting to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:01 p.m. on July 11th, 2019.

ATTENDEES: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Dave and Deb Harvey, Guy & Jan Gifford, Nancy & Julie Blake, and Tom Tirey & Gina Hctor. We also had two guests, Jack & Donna.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Scott welcomed all to the meeting. He mentioned Beverly was doing well and was currently facing just a few minor issues. Scott introduced the guests and had all club members identify themselves and the kind of Thunderbird(s) they had. After the completion of all member introductions the guest, Jack and Donna Hatfield, then introduced themselves noting they have a "64 T-bird.

Scott then sought a motion to approve the June 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the July 2019 newsletter. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Roger. The floor was opened for comments. Hearing no comments or corrections, the president asked for a vote to approve the June meeting minutes. The yeas were unanimous and the minutes were approved as published.

On the question of possible new club members, Dave and Deb mentioned they had talked up the club with a T-bird owner at the Rip Rap Roadhouse cruise-in. When asked about the accuracy of member contact information, no one present indicated they had any changes to make.

Scott extended Happy Birthday wishes to the one club member celebrating the special occasion in the month of July, Tom Tirey. It was noted at this time that his birthday is on July 20th, not 29th as previously mentioned in the July newsletter. Brett will insure that correction is made in our records.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa, the club treasurer, gave the club's monthly financial report indicating no change in our account status since last month.

Event Planning: Scott began by briefly mentioning our club outing to Old Scratch Pizza on June 15th. Although the weather didn't cooperate and it was a rainy day, we all enjoyed the meals and social interchange with our fellow T-birders.

The conversation then moved to our July club activity - a sightseeing/shopping trip to Metamora, Indiana with a follow on lunch at the Ainsley's Café at Brookville Lake.

The trip is planned for July 27th with a rain date of August 3rd. Brett distributed and discussed our itinerary and made available maps for the trip. We are to meet at the Super 8 Motel in Miamisburg with a departure time of 8:30 a.m. from that location. Brett will bring the club walkie-talkies and additional maps to the rendezvous location. We will caravan to Metamora arriving at approximately 10:00 a.m. We anticipate about a 2 hour visit, but will play the departure time from Metamora by ear. We will then proceed on a 30 minute drive to the café for lunch. After lunch individuals will be on their own for when and how they will return home. Scott stated that he would send out an e-mail to all club members on the evening of July 25th announcing whether the trip will occur on the 27th or, because of potentially bad weather, it will be delayed until August 3rd.

The discussion then proceeded to events for the remainder of the year. August was identified as a rain date for the Metamora trip. Currently no other event is planned for August. The subject then shifted to our previous discussions about a gathering for a dinner and a show at LaComedia. It was proposed, with no objections, to attend the performance of "Disaster". The remaining question was should we attend in September or October. Based on the number of performance dates available, it was generally agreed that October was the best option to allow for maximum member participation. Brett agreed to prepare a spreadsheet that will be circulated among members attending the September club meeting on which they will identify the dates in October they would be available to attend. Members interested in going to LaComedia with the club, are asked to come to the September meeting knowing what dates in October they'd be available to participate. Once the spreadsheet has been annotated by the members, Scott will select the date(s) that has the greatest member availability. Our date decision must be finalized in September to allow time to make reservations.

With LaComedia being the October club activity, September would need to be the month for the annual club picnic. It was previously proposed that the picnic be held at the clubhouse in Scott and Nancy's condo community (The Estates at Willow Creek). Scott noted that the cost would be \$75 to rent the facility, plus a \$100 deposit that would be returned to the club if the facility was cleaned to the standards identified by the clubhouse operators. Events for the remainder of the year include a return trip to Valley Vineyards in November (tentative) and our annual Christmas Party in December.

A few minutes were spent discussing other 2020 possible activities to add to the event pool such as visiting Little Nashville in Brown County, Indiana and the need for a planning committee to address a possible trip to the Bourbon Trail and Keeneland Horse Race Track in Kentucky.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to discuss

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CALENDAR EVENTS: Scott briefly mentioned the following events:

- a. Friday Night Cruise-In, Rip Rap Roadhouse, 4 p.m. to dusk, now through Sept. 27th
- b. Friday Night Cruise-In at Lofino's, Seajay Drive, 5 p.m. to dark, now through Sept. 27th
- c. Friday Night Kettering Cruise-In, Kettering Towne Center, Dorothy Ln, 5 p.m. till dark, thru Sept 13th

- d. Dayton Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, every other Saturday until October 14th (June 22, July 6, July 20, etc.)
- e. 2nd Friday Festival in Centerville, Normandy Plaza on Miamisburg-Centerville Road (S.R. 725), 5-10 p.m., 2nd Friday in May, June, July, August
- f. Voss Cruise-in, Loop Road, Centerville, OH - June 14th and July 12th
- g. 2019 VTCI NW Regional Family Reunion, Spokane, WA. July 18-20
- h. Middletown Hot Air Balloon Festival car show, July 20th
- i. Stillwater Center Car Show, Dayton, OH. July 21st (3rd Sunday in July)
- j. Gale Halderman 7th Annual Cruise-in, July 31st
- k. Next Club Meeting on August 8th
- l. 2019 VTCI International Convention, Princeton, NJ, August 8-11
- m. Boomer Fest Classic Car Cruise-in, St. Leonard, Centerville, OH, August 10th
- n. Bellbrook Lions Club Festival, August 24th
- o. JDRF Car Show, Sharonville, OH, September 28th
- p. 2019 Land of Lincoln Rendezvous, October 4-6
- q. VTCI South Central Regional, New Orleans, LA, June 2020

OPEN FLOOR: Nancy commented she is advertizing her '66 T-bird on-line through Gem City Classic Auto's. She was very impressed with the type of advertizing her car would get which would include photos and videos. This company only deals with classic cars. Scott asked, and Brett agreed, to place a link to Gem City Classic Auto's on our club website.

Dave & Deb mentioned that they have been invited by the Oakwood Historical Society to show their '57 babybird on August 18th at the Classics on the Lawn Car Show being held at the Long-Romspert Homestead and House Museum, 1947 Far Hills Ave.

ADJOURN: Hearing no other comments during the open floor, Scott asked for a motion to adjourn. Jan made the motion which was seconded by Roger. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Scott McGaha
President

Next Meeting: August 8th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

Presidents Message

Greetings fellow Thunderbird enthusiasts and happy August to you all!

As I write this message I'm still buzzing from our Indiana road trip last Saturday. It was really great to get my Thunderbird out on some rural roads, go someplace I've never been before, and see some sites I've never seen before. And it was even more fun to do it with other Thunderbirds (and Miatas) in the

group. Our lunch at Ainsley's Café on Brookville lake was also fantastic -- with superb service and great tasting food. If you were able to join us last Saturday, I hope you enjoyed it at least as much as I did, if not more. If you were not able to join us, you may get another opportunity sometime in the future, as I predict this will remain in our pool of potential club events for a repeat trip. We did not even get to see the town of Brookville on this trip, and I'm told it is quite picturesque. It probably has some good, local places to eat at also -- so we'll have to go back again soon!

And speaking of Thunderbirds and road trips, that's a nice segue into making plans for our August car club event. As was noted in the meeting minutes above, we didn't really make a tentative suggestion for August at the July meeting, so we need to come up with something. Fortunately, our meeting date falls early in the month this time (August 8th), so we have additional time to plan. While we still have some of the summer car season remaining, I propose we come up with another Thunderbird (and Miata) car driving event. It doesn't have to be anything as elaborate as a trip to an adjoining state -- just something that provides an excuse to drive our cars. A Friday night visit to RipRap Roadhouse for a discounted dinner and a mini cruise-in in the back lot might do the trick. Or perhaps meeting as a group at a local cruise-in and then going for a drive and dinner afterwards. Or doing a driving tour to visit some local outdoor pubs, restaurants, and ice cream parlors. Be thinking of other ideas/excuses for driving our Thunderbirds around the area in August and bring them to our next TSWO club meeting at MCL cafeteria on August 8th at 7 p.m. Until then,

Drive safely everyone!

Scott McGaha



August Birthdays

25th: Beverly Lake
26th: Bea Walsh

August Anniversaries

4th: Roger & Lisa Hamm (35 yrs)



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Club Picnic	TBD (September)	Scott's Clubhouse (Tentative)
2. LaComedia	TBD (October)	Springboro, Ohio
3. Valley Vineyards (Tentative)	TBD (November)	Morrow, Ohio
4. Christmas Dinner	December 12 th	MCL cafeteria

CLUB OFFICERS

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Our Cruise to Historic Metamora, Indiana



On the beautiful morning of July 27th, nine TSWO members (Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Mark & Jackie Allen, & Dave & Deb Harvey) met in the Tim Horton's parking lot in Miamisburg to begin our caravan to the historic village of Metamora in Indiana. Final plans were discussed and walkie-talkies were distributed. By 8:45 a.m. the small caravan of three thunderbirds (Scott's

Flairbird, Brett & Peg's retrobird, and Dave and Deb's babybird), Nancy & Julie's SUV, and Mark and Jackie's Miata were rolling west down Rt. 725. The drive took us through scenic small towns and rolling back country roads. In Germantown we were joined by Roger & Lisa in their Tweety bird retrobird. Our travels took us through Gratis, Camden and over to Liberty, Indiana where we headed south past Brookville Lake to the town of Brookville and then west to Metamora.

Upon arrival we were first met by a near infestation of tiny flying insect critters. The attack didn't last long and as the heat of the day rose the critter attacks diminished. We were joined in Metamora by Jim Ross and Beverly Knauper. Now that our crew had grown to thirteen in number we decided to split up and met at a set time and location to discuss further plans. At least nine of our pack bought tickets and jumped on the $\frac{1}{2}$ hour train excursion along the remnant of the Whitewater Canal that was a focal point in Metamora along with its horse drawn canal boat. After the train ride, folks went their separate ways for a while before we re-met at our designated time and decided to extend our sightseeing/shopping adventure one more hour. When that hour had elapsed, we reassembled, slowly made our way to our cars, reformed the caravan (adding Jim & Beverly's retrobird to our group) and headed to Ainsley's Café for lunch. Knowing the territory, Mark led the caravan to the restaurant. Being a major pleasure boat launch and marina area, the parking lots were packed with cars with many parking on the grass. Our initial concern was that we may have to wait a long while to get a table for a group of our size. That thought was soon quelled as Jackie scurried inside and arranged for seating while most of us continued to search for a place to park. By the time we made our way to the restaurant, tables were already set up for us and we were able to go right in. We had a great meal and wonderful conversation while sitting atop a hillside directly overlooking the lake and all the boating action. After the meal, we said our good-byes and headed for home at our own leisure. Below are just a couple pictures from the trip. More will be added to the "Recent Events" section of our website in the near future.

