



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Brett & Peg Andrews, Rich Bagley, Nancy & Julie Blake, E. D. Brown, Jim Ellinger, Wayne & Ruthie Dennis, Carl Geiger, Guy & Jan Gifford, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Gary Hufford, Doug James & Hala Saltsman, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Scott McGaha, Ray McKibben, Ron Miller, and Ken & Penny Shanley. In addition, we had a guest, Frank Bagley, Rich's brother from Smithville, Missouri.

Call To Order: The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at MCL Cafeteria on July 12th with Brett Andrews presiding.

DISCUSSION:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa presented the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

a. Regional VTCI Convention Decision: Brett announced that he had sent an e-mail to Mr Ron Eifert of the Dayton Visitor's Bureau telling him of our decision to not conduct a regional T-bird convention in Dayton in 2013. He also sent an e-mail to Mr Malcolm Green, the organizer of the International Thunderbird Club event that is supposedly to be held in Dayton. In that e-mail we offered to open discussions on the possibility of our club assisting them with their show as we had discussed at our June meeting. No response has yet been received.

b. Warbirds Car Show, Peru, Indiana, August 4th: The club received an e-mail from Roger Noll of the Hoosier T-bird club requesting confirmation of our estimate on the number of vehicles participating from our club. Per discussion with the membership, it appears we have four confirmed and two tentative cars going from the club. That information was reconfirmed to Mr Noll. Members were reminded of the registration and judging times and were queried if anyone who is planning on going would like to caravan to the show. Roger Hamm had obtained and distributed new versions of the registration form.

c. Bellbrook Car Show Planning: There was a lengthy discussion on the issue of door prizes. Doug announced that he had obtained about \$650 worth of donated door prizes including such items as oil changes, pizzas, hair cuts, car washes, a battery charger, and wash buckets containing various supplies. When added to the door prizes Nancy already has, it is estimated that we have 80 or more door prizes. There was concern that we had too many door prizes. It was suggested and generally agreed that we should place a limit on the number of door prizes given away this year and hold over the excess for next year. Doug also proposed a new method of distributing the door prizes. It involves having those persons with a winning door prize number draw a numbered poker chip from a jar. They would then receive the door prize that was labeled with that same number. Because of the higher value of several of the door prizes, this method was considered by a majority of the membership as a fair way of determining who got what prize. The membership gave a hardy thank you to Doug for his efforts in obtaining the door prizes.



**Lion's Club Festival
Car Show**



To free up Brett to oversee the car show operation, Jim Ross has agreed to replace Brett as one of the Judges for the car show. Thanks Jim for stepping up. Finally as a reminder, all club members who are planning to assist with the show should be at Bellbrook not later than 1:00 p.m. on August 18th to help set up. We'll also need members to stick around after the show to help tear down.

d. Middletown Hot Air Balloon Festival Car Show: Members were reminded of the upcoming Middletown Hot Air Balloon Festival Car Show being held on July 14th at Smith Park in Middletown.

e. TSWO Website: It was reiterated from the June meeting that we will no longer have the capability to update our current web site and the current server rental from our web site hosting provider (1&1, Inc) expires at the end of August. In a previous club meeting there had been a recommendation to leave our web site the way it was so at least we had something out there for people to see and use to contact us. There was also a question raised as to the need for our club to even have a web site. However after extended discussion, the overall majority opinion was that at least for now a web site is a good thing for us to have. Since the June meeting Brett had looked into other options and reported that he found an on-line site, Weebly.com, who has a simple user-friendly program that could be used to redevelop our web site. It would be cheaper than what we are currently paying. Visually the new format would look similar (not identical) to our current web site. Weebly has a free "lite" version of their web site development program that has limited capabilities. If we used the "Lite" version to develop our web site, its limitations would not permit us to have several of the items we may consider significant to us such as past newsletters, access to membership applications, etc. Weebly also has a purchasable "Pro" version of the development software that offers greater capabilities whose cost varies with the length of time it is leased. Weebly would also host our web site for free. In order to retain our website address (domain name) of "thunderbirds-sw-ohio.com" we would need to continue paying 1&1, Inc for that right (about \$10/year). Brett recommended that he take the following actions which were agreed to by the membership present.

1. Initially purchase a 6 month lease of the Weebly "Pro" website development software to ensure it will do what we want it to (cost: \$27.50 for 6 months).
2. Notify 1&1, Inc that we are dropping them as our website host, but continue purchasing our domain name rights from them.
3. Develop our new web site and publish it on Weebly by September 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

TSWO Newsletter Distribution by E-mail: Members were again reminded that to save the club some money, beginning with the August 2012 newsletter, future newsletters and other related club documents will be distributed to club members via e-mail to those having e-mail accounts. If we have an e-mail address for you and you have not received your August Newsletter by August 3rd, please contact Brett or Peg. To help ensure members with e-mail accounts receive the newsletter, the newsletter editor will set their e-mail system to confirm back to the editor that you received the newsletter. So when you open the e-mail, you may see a pop-up window asking for you to confirm you received that e-mail. Please say "yes" when it asks if you want to respond back.

Finally, members were thanked for the great turn out at the June meeting of club T-birds at the Lofinos Cruise-in and reminded that our next gathering is tomorrow evening. The club is now parking in the lot beside Bob Evans nearest to the grass area. It's a nicer and cooler spot.

OPEN FLOOR: The floor was opened for questions and comments.

Jim Ross mentioned that for those not going to the Warbirds cruise-in may be interested in attending the Tri-State Mustang car show on August 4th at the Faith Alive Ministries on Alex-Bell Rd.

ADJOURN: At the conclusion of all discussion, Brett called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Jan Gifford. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Brett Andrews
President

Personal Note: Our dear friend, Rich Bagley, wishes to express his sincere and warmest gratitude to the members of the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio for their cards and personal expressions of sympathy in the recent loss of his loving wife, Verba.

Next Meeting: August 9th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, Oh

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



August

4th: Lynda Griswold

If you haven't been asked for the date of your special day, please provide the day and month to our club secretary, Peg Andrews, at 237-1131 or e-mail her at pegasus@woh.rr.com

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Club Gathering Lafinos Cruise-in	Fridays after Club Meeting	Beavercreek Lafinos
2. Warbirds Cruise-in	August 4 th	Peru, Indiana
3. Bellbrook Car Show	August 18 th	Bellbrook, Ohio
4. Shriners Car Show	August 26 th	Dayton, Oh
5. VTCI International Convention	September 27-30 th	Charleston, South Carolina
6. Halloween in the Park	October 20 th	Bellbrook, Ohio

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