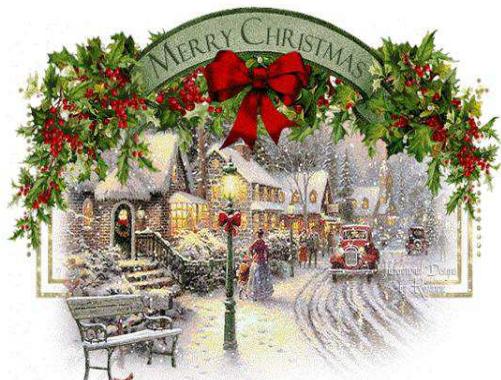




Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on November 13th, 2018, by the club President, Scott McGaha.

ATTENDEES: Scott McGaha , Brett Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Nancy and Julie Blake, and guests - Dave and Deb Harvey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott opened the meeting by welcoming all the members and guests. Scott then made a motion to approve the October 2018 meeting minutes as published in the November newsletter. That motion was made by Roger and seconded by Guy. The motion was then opened for discussion. With no questions or concerns being raised over the minutes, the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

A check with the membership indicated that there were no changes to member contact information nor were there any mention of new member prospects. Likewise, no one had purchased a new T-bird, however Nancy did have an unfortunate story about problems with her Thunderbird. It seems that on her way to store her T-bird for the winter it quit in transit. Several attempts to start resulted in a dead battery. After waiting a few hours, a tow truck arrived and her classic bird was moved to a repair shop. Apparently an errant fuel gauge indicated she had some gas, but she did not. She also learned that her starter and battery were both bad and so they were replaced.

During the conversation we learned two unexpected pieces of trivia. (1) Jan has never had a traffic ticket (Congrats Jan), and (2) according to Dave every 28 years the calendar repeats itself.

REPORTS:

Sunshine Committee: The committee identified one upcoming birthday for November... Guy Gifford on November 25th. A Happy Birthday wish was extended to Guy.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa reported our clubs financial status as of the end of October 2018. Members were also reminded that TSWO club dues are due by our January 10th, 2019 meeting.

Event Planning: The first event discussed was our upcoming club trip to Valley Vineyards in Morrow, Ohio on November 10th. An initial head counted indicated ten persons planning to attend. Scott

mentioned that we had a reserved table for the first seating and members were advised to arrive by 5:30.

The conversation then shifted to our December 13th Christmas party. Scott reminded members to be familiar with the instructions for conducting our White Elephant Gift Exchange that were included in the November newsletter. He also reemphasized a few of those rules that caused a little confusion in the past. Nancy, Julie, and Beverly will handle the decorations, Brett will provide the music, and Lisa said she would again bring the numbers for determining the order of play during the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Members were reminded to be at MCL not later than 6:00 pm so we can all eat together. All members at the meeting indicated they would be attending the party. Nancy raised concern about the decorating committee not knowing a total number of members who would be attending which would affect the number of tables to be set up. Since we had a commitment from those at the meeting, Brett agreed to contact club members to seek confirmation from any who were not at the meeting but are planning to attend the party. Brett will notify Nancy of the results of that member survey.

Scott asked members to be thinking of a possible January club event for discussion at the January meeting. He suggested we do something nearby and simple (such as a movie and lunch together). He also mentioned a trip to the Mound Cold War Discovery Center for the tour in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott first mentioned the Kentucky trip and requested that members keep their calendar open for April just in case it becomes an overnight event. Further discussion was deferred until Jim and Beverly (2.0) were present to discuss.

The topic then turned to the selling of the club's audio and related equipment. Brett mentioned that he had received word from his son-in-law (Craig Davis), a teacher at Troy Junior High School, that their Activities Council was interested in the equipment. Mr. Davis is currently storing the electronic portion of our club equipment at his home so it is not subjected to an uncontrolled environment. Brett reported that Mr. Davis had previously powered up the major electronic components and it appeared it was functional. Scott then asked the membership if anyone else had any organization interested in the equipment. No one indicated any other organization was interested. Brett suggested that he would propose to Mr. Davis that he would provide him a speaker from storage and let him actually fire up the equipment to confirm it works. If Mr. Davis has done that before our December gathering and as a result is still interested in purchasing it, Brett would propose to the club at the December gathering that we hold a short formal club meeting during dinner to address and finalize the question of the sale to Troy Junior High. Based on our club bylaws that sale would be based on a recommendation made by a vote of the membership with the final approval made by the Club's Board of Directors. There was no open disagreement with Brett's proposal and he indicated he would notify Mr. Davis.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss.

Calendar Events: Two events were mentioned; the swap meet in Springfield on 9-10 November and the All Ford swap meet the weekend after Thanksgiving at the Columbus Fairgrounds.

OPEN FLOOR: No additional questions or comments were raised.

ADJOURN: With no other discussion, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Scott McGaha
President

**Next Meeting: December 13th, Christmas Party, 6:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria,
4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**

President's Message

Season's Greetings fellow TSWO members! It is hard for me to believe that it is December already and my first year as your club president is nearly come to a conclusion. I know it's cliché to say it, but the year has truly flown by!!

Looking back on the events and activities that we did as a club over the last twelve months, I hope you will agree that although we may be small in number, we are most definitely large in spirit. Although we didn't have as many Thunderbird-inclusive events as I would have liked (we can never have too many of those!), I'm especially glad we got them out on National Thunderbird Appreciation Day for a trip to the National Air Force Museum to see the recently restore Memphis Belle. Our 2nd running of the Butler County Donut Trail was also a fun Thunderbird event this year. Hopefully we'll get to do more events like these in 2019.

But first we have one final event for 2018 -- and it is one of the most fun and best attended events of the year. That's right; our annual club Christmas party fully replaces our normal December club meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at MCL cafeteria. I know social calendars tend to get overbooked this time of year, but I hope to see as many of you as possible on Thursday, December 13th at MCL. Try to arrive by 6 p.m. so that we can all get in line for our meals at the same time and sit and eat together one final time for 2018. If you haven't yet notified Brett Andrews of your plans to attend, please do so ASAP so he can give an accurate headcount to the decorating committee. They would like to know how many tables to rearrange and decorate. And the sooner we finish eating, the sooner we can get to the highlight of the evening -- the Dirty Santa/White Elephant gift exchange!! This has always been a fun, good-natured activity that everyone enjoys participating in. I hope all of you will bring a wrapped item to throw onto the pile of gifts to choose from.

I have a few other miscellaneous items to mention, but it's nothing that can't wait until 2019, which is only a few short weeks away. Like so many of us this time of year, I've got plenty of extra "to-do's" right now, so I'll just put these items on a meeting agenda for early next year. I'll close by reiterating one more time that I hope to see all of you on December 13th at our club Christmas party, but if you can't make it, then I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year in 2019.

Best Wishes





December Birthdays

9th: Darrel York
10th: Lisa Hamm
15th: Beverly Knauper
17th: Julie Blake
24th: Dave Moore
31st: Brett Andrews

December Anniversaries

None



Dinner at Valley Vineyards



For the third year in a row, TSWO members elected to gather at the Valley Vineyards Winery and Restaurant in Morrow Ohio on November 10th to socialize, enjoy a great meal, and drink some tasty locally made wines. Club members participating included

Scott, Brett & Peg, Roger & Lisa, and Tom along and with two guests (Dave & Deb Harvey) The weather was a little crisp but not bad, but since the restaurant had the indoor grill fired up, club members took advantage of the opportunity to not have to stand outside.

Editor's note: It is with great pleasure that I report shortly after this event Dave & Deb Harvey's membership application and dues were received and they are now full members of TSWO. **Welcome Dave & Deb, so great to have you with us.** I won't say it was the steak or wine that convinced them, but it certainly didn't hurt.



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Christmas Party	Dec 13 th , 6:00 pm	MCL Cafeteria

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The Poinsettia and Christmas

You can find a poinsettia's scarlet, star-shaped leaves everywhere you turn during the holidays. Poinsettias are one of the most popular Christmas decorations around, with more than \$200 million in sales every holiday season. Poinsettias (*Euphorbia Pulcherrima*) is a tropical shrub which has about 100 different species and can reach heights of up to 12 feet tall in their natural habitat. The Aztecs used them to dye clothing, cure fevers, and in religious ceremonies since they considered the color red a symbol of purity.



Many mistake the poinsettia's leaves as flower petals, but the flowers are actually the smaller, yellow buds in a poinsettia's center. Poinsettias, also known as the "lobster flower" or "Mexican flame leaf," bloom in December, making them an ideal holiday flower. Poinsettias didn't arrive in the United States until the 19th century. The plant is named for the first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, who introduced America to the poinsettia in 1828, after discovering it in the wilderness in southern Mexico. While it wasn't initially embraced, it caught on over the years, and by the 20th century it was a holiday mainstay. In fact, National Poinsettia Day is celebrated on Dec. 12, honoring both the plant and the man who brought it to America.

So what does a poinsettia have to do with Christmas? One interpretation of the plant is as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, the heavenly body that led the three magi, or wise men, to the place where Christ was born. A Mexican legend tells of a girl who could only offer weeds as a gift to Jesus on Christmas Eve. When she brought the weeds into a church, they blossomed into the beautiful red plants we know as poinsettias, known as Flores de Noche Buena in Mexico (Spanish for "flowers of the holy night").

**TO THE MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF THE
THUNDERBIRDS OF SOUTHWEST OHIO.
MAY YOU HAVE A VERY**

