



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

December 2019

Newsletter

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## MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the club president, Scott McGaha, at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** After welcoming members to the meeting Scott began by mentioning he had received a call from Jackie Allen. Jackie retired from the March of Dimes and has since taken on a part time job. She and Mark sent their regrets that they would not be available for the November meeting nor to attend our annual Christmas Dinner in December. However, they do plan to continue with the club.

Scott then requested a motion to approve the October 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the November 2019 newsletter. The motion was made by Dave and seconded by Guy. The floor was then opened for comments concerning the content of the minutes. Hearing no concerns or recommended changes, the motion was put to a vote and unanimously passed in favor of approving the October 2019 club meeting minutes as published.

There was no input on the question of potential new club members or changes to member contact information. However, there were a few items mentioned concerning members Thunderbirds. Brett began by noting the problem he was having getting the front mount screws to engage while attempting to install the hardtop on his retrobird. After some online research he found that the molding strip on the underside front edge of the hardtop was easily removable (pops off) and provides easy access to the adjustable base plate in which the mounting screws would be fastened. By loosening the three mount screws on the base plate he was able to move the plate such that the hardtop mount screws lined up and the threads then easily engaged. The molding can then just be popped back on.

Scott once again mentioned a two-toned blue '65 T-bird Landau for sale that he had highlighted at last month's meeting. He also provided an update on the status of the body work on his '66. As of this meeting, his bird has not yet gone into the shop, but he is hoping to get it in soon.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa gave the treasurer's report indicating no change since last month's report. She also reminded members that TSWO dues are coming due by our meeting in January, and that she was prepared to accept member dues tonight. It was also mentioned that VTCI dues are due and that VTCI has raised the membership dues this year from \$35 to \$40. Lastly, Lisa noted that unfortunately she and Roger would not be available for the Christmas Dinner due to family commitments.

**Event Planning:** Scott began the discussion by addressing our visit to La Comedia for dinner and a viewing of the performance of "Disaster". Scott commented that the show had several funny parts, the music was good, and the best character was the nun. He noted that he had next year's La Comedia lineup of shows if anyone was interested in seeing it.

Scott then moved on to reminding folks of our trip to Valley Vineyard this Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. He indicated he had made reservations for ten. A final show of hands was taken to get a head count. There were seven confirmed participants. Participants are to meet at Valley Vineyards on November 16<sup>th</sup> by 5:30 p.m.

Scott then addressed the final club event for the year, our annual club Christmas dinner and a White Elephant gift exchange. The dinner will be held at the MCL Cafeteria on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Members are asked to be there at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy some punch and small talk followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The White Elephant gift exchange will occur after the meal. Brett will publish the rules for the White Elephant in the December Newsletter. Nancy, Julie and Beverly will again be doing the decorating, so if you'd like to assist them, please plan to arrive earlier.

Looking forward to next year's club activities, the conversation turned to possible events to start the new year. After some discussion, it was preliminarily agreed to visit the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal on January 11<sup>th</sup> with a bad weather date of January 18<sup>th</sup>. Plans will be finalized at the January 2020 meeting. Some further discussion focused around viewing the private car collection in Ehrlanger, KY known as the "Butler Car Museum. More discussion on this event to follow.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CALENDAR EVENTS:** Scott briefly mentioned the following short list of upcoming events:

- a. Next Club meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>
- b. VTCI South Central Regional, New Orleans, LA, June 2020

**OPEN FLOOR:** Brett noted that we had received an e-mail on our website from a gentleman selling Thunderbird drink glasses. Brett circulated a flyer describing the glasses along with prices and a picture of the glasses. See Brett for contact information if you are interested. Darrel talked a little about the JDRF Car Show. They had 165 cars including 40 motorcycles and made \$23,000 for the charity.

**ADJOURN:** With no further input, Scott asked for a motion to adjourn. That motion was made by Jan and seconded by Roger. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

*Scott McGaha*  
President

**Next Meeting: December 12th, 5:30pm, MCL Cafeteria**

## *Presidents Message*

Happy Holidays, fellow TSWO club members!

This will be my last address to you in this newsletter as your club president. As everyone knows, my term ends at the end of the year and our current club vice-president, Brett Andrews, assumes the office at the start of the new year. It's been a pleasure to lead this fun group of fellow Thunderbird enthusiasts for the past two years, and there's no doubt we're in good hands with Brett returning once again as our club president. I look forward to once again being able to "face the other way" in the MCL Cafeteria dining room on the 2nd Thursday of each month, letting our newly appointed officers take the wheel and drive us onward and upward. That being said, I still plan to be an active member in the club and intend to continue being the club activity planner as we head into the new year -- and a new decade as well. And there's room for others to participate in this effort, too, so I hope to engage many of you for your input and assistance in 2020 and beyond.

The new year will be here soon enough, but let's not forget about what's still coming up in December 2019. Our regularly scheduled club meeting on December 12th will be transformed into our annual club Christmas celebration, thanks to the decorating efforts of Nancy and Julie Blake and Beverly Knauper. We'll be doing a White Elephant/Dirty Santa gift exchange again this year, so don't forget to bring a wrapped gift to participate in the fun. The rules we play by are printed a little further down in this newsletter -- but remember, the #1 rule is to HAVE FUN!! It was announced in our November club meeting that some of our members have other commitments this year that will prevent them from attending the December celebration. While their presence (and perhaps their presents, too!) will be missed, it will be up to the rest of us to carry on our club holiday traditions in hearty good cheer.

This is a busy time of year for most folks, so I won't go on like I usually do about future club activities in the months ahead. We can save that for later. I'll simply end with a simple and heartfelt wish for a happy and joyous holiday season for everyone, with a healthy and prosperous new year to follow. And of course . . .

Drive safely everyone,





**December Birthdays**

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

**December Anniversaries**

None



**Valley Vineyards: Here We Come Again**



On November 16<sup>th</sup> seven TSWO members (Scott, Brett & Peg, Roger & Lisa, and Dave & Deb) gathered at Valley Vineyards in Morrow, Ohio to enjoy an evening of good food and friendly conversation. There had been some discussion among club members over recent months as to how many times our club has been

there. As the photographer at all our trips to Valley Vineyards, I reviewed the archives and can confirm that we have been to Valley Vineyards every year since 2015. We have visited Valley Vineyards more times than any other eating establishment. It appears that we may have established this as one of our annual club events. This year they added a fillet steak to the menu. As a steak lover I forked over the extra 10 bucks for the fillet and can attest it was worth the money. It was tender and juicy despite my archaic grilling skills. One of the waiters was gracious enough to take the below photo for us. Though we didn't have the turnout we'd like to have seen, we had a great time.



**Upcoming Club Events**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Christmas Dinner	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	MCL Cafeteria

**CLUB OFFICERS**

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## White Elephant Gift Exchange Rules of Play



Everyone who wishes to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange is to bring a wrapped gift to the party. The monetary value of the gift should be in the \$20 range, give or take, according to the generosity of the giver. The gift should be wrapped in such a manner that it appear desirable to all potential recipients, without the item itself being discernible through the wrapping. Oversized and/or falsely weighted packaging is allowed, and even encouraged to add to the "fun" element of the game. Placing an item in a simple gift bag with a piece of tissue paper on top, is generally discouraged unless done in an especially creative way that adds to the spirit of the game.

At the start of the game, all participants will draw numbers from a pool to determine the order of play. The person drawing number "1" goes first, followed by the person drawing number "2", and so forth, in numerical order, until all participants have had a turn.

The person drawing number "1" has the unique opportunity to choose a single gift from amongst all the gifts available. A "reasonable" amount of examination of all gifts prior to selection is allowed. Other players awaiting their turn can provide immediate (vocal) feedback to the current player as to what is "reasonable" examination. Picking up and perhaps gently shaking gifts to determine their weight and size should generally be allowed (see oversized packaging and false weighting suggestion above). The use of X-ray machines, metal detectors, Ouija boards, and other extreme measures to determine a gift's contents IS NOT allowed!!

Once person "1" has selected a gift from among all gifts available, he/she opens that gift and displays it before all remaining players. Play then moves to the person who drew number "2".

Player "2" has the option of either taking the gift that was opened by player "1", or selecting an unopened gift from the remaining selection of all gifts. If an unopened gift is selected, player 2 must unwrap the gift and display it to all players. Play then moves to the person who drew number "3." However, if player 2 decides to take the gift previously opened by player "1", player "1" must select another gift from the remaining pile of gifts, open it and display it to all remaining players. Play then moves to the person who drew number "3". Play continues in a similar manner for all remaining players until everyone has had a turn.

When it is a player's turn, he/she has the following 2 options:

- select an unopened gift from the remaining available gifts, open it, and display it to all other players. Play then moves to the person who drew the next higher number.

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- take a previously opened gift that is in the possession of another player, forcing that player to either take another previously opened gift in the possession of another player, or select an unopened gift from the remaining available gifts.

During a turn, a player cannot take back a gift from the same person that took the gift from them immediately prior - that is, a "tug of war" scenario is not allowed.

Once a gift has exchanged ownership 3 times, that gift is retired from play. The final person possessing that gift is also removed from further play in the game.

After all players have taken their turn, If player "1" still possesses the gift they opened during their turn, and it has not changed ownership at any point during the game, then player "1" has the option of:

- keeping the gift they opened during their turn, thereby ending the game

-- OR--

- exchanging that gift for one that has not been retired during the course of the game. The player whose gift player "1" is taking must accept player "1's" gift in return, and the game ends.

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*New Years*

