



Thunderbirds

of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter
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MEETING MINUTES

Call To Order: The meeting at MCL Cafeteria was called to order by President Brett Andrews at 7:02 PM (his watch was running slow, he thought it was 6:59...LOL!). Brett welcomed everyone and handed out meeting agendas for those who needed them.

Attendees: Brett and Peg Andrews, Roger and Lisa Hamm, Dave and Deb Harvey, Scott McGaha, Mark and Jackie Allen, Nancy Blake and Julie Blake, Guy and Jan Gifford, Beverly Knauper and Jim Ross, and Jim Lenz. Also present was a guest, Dave Menke, who had reached out to the club through our web site and was invited to attend tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Since there was no business meeting in December (it being our annual Christmas party, instead), there were no minutes from December to approve at this meeting. However, there had not previously been an opportunity to approve the November meeting minutes (published in the December newsletter). Brett asked for a motion to approve said minutes. Jan Gifford made the motion to approve the November minutes, seconded by her sidekick, Guy. The floor was then opened for comments about the minutes. Hearing no comments, Brett put the motion to a vote which passed unanimously.

Membership Update: Brett introduced our visitor, Dave Menke, who then gave a brief story of his interest in cars and how he came to be interested in Thunderbirds (hint - Mrs. Menke had some input into his developing his T-bird interest). Dave has had a classic Buick for a long time, and has recently acquired a 2003 Retro Bird, thanks to his wife's continuing interest in that era of T-birds. After telling his story, the club members then shared their "stories" with Dave. It was quite a story-telling time, enjoyed by all.

There were no changes reported in member contact information, and no T-bird status updates were noted.

Sunshine Committee Report: The only January birthday noted is Roger Hamm's, on the 16th (contrary to how he might have wanted to interpret the published agenda, it was NOT his 16th birthday!). There is also a noteworthy anniversary in January, which is #64 for Guy and Jan Gifford - CONGRATULATIONS! In addition, Peg Andrews reported for The Sunshine Committee that several greeting cards and get-well cards were sent since the last report.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Hamm, club treasurer, gave a report covering two months (since there was no business meeting in Dec). She provided the beginning balance, the activities (receipts and disbursements)

for the period, and the ending balance. In addition, as required by the club bylaws, she distributed the Annual Financial Status Report which provided the membership a summary of the previous year's activity.

Club Activities/Events: Scott McGaha (our immediate past President and recently appointed Activity Planning Director) took the floor and provided details as to the previously discussed trip to Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal. The Museum Center is currently featuring (through Feb 17) a special exhibit called "Destination Moon, The Apollo 11 Mission." We had previously penciled in Sat, Jan 11, for this event, with an alternate date of the following Sat, Jan 18. For the Jan 11 date, there would be an opportunity to hear Apollo 11 Spacecraft Operator Dick Hagar present a couple of gallery talks (he's not scheduled for the Jan 18 weekend).

While not trying to obscure the discussion about the Museum Center trip, Scott also mentioned that "Ford v Ferrari" is currently showing at Danbarry Dollar Saver, and he asked if there might be interest in attending this movie as a group (either in lieu of, or in addition to, the Cincinnati Museum Center tour). After taking a quick poll, the results were nearly even, but with a slight tilt favoring the movie. After further discussion, it was decided that the January club activity would be the 12:30 PM showing on Sat, Jan 11, of "Ford v Ferrari" at Danbarry Dollar Saver. After the movie, anyone who's interested is invited to join for lunch at a place to be determined on Saturday. The Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal trip is now penciled in as our Feb event on Saturday, February 15 (final decision will be made at the February meeting).

It was noted that the Butler Car Museum in Erlanger, KY, had inadvertently been omitted from our Event Pool. That will be added for the next agenda.

Old Business: Brett took the floor and discussed dues. In short, if you haven't paid your TSWO dues or your VTCI dues by now, you're over-due and need to remedy this oversight forthwith.

New Business: Brett then showed the updated membership kits that he had prepared, reflecting the new officers' names and contact information. Kits were made available to members as needed. Tip of the hat to Brett for his efforts at keeping these kits updated and current.

Brett then discussed the situation that we have with respect to our Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of 1 permanent member (Brett, the only remaining founding member of our club), the current club President, and the immediate past club President. For the next 4 years, Brett sits in dual capacities with respect to the Board (as either current club President [for the next 2 years] or immediate past club President [for the following 2 years]). Because of these dual capacities, we need to have another member elected to the Board of Directors, as a substitute/proxy for the current President for the next 2 years, and as a substitute/proxy for the immediate past President for the following 2 years. After discussing the conundrum, Brett asked if there were any members present this evening who would be willing to serve as the 3rd Board member. Two members (Guy Gifford and Peg Andrews) expressed interest and willingness to serve as the 3rd Board member. Accordingly, there will be an election held at our next meeting (February 13) to determine who will serve as our 3rd Board member. NOTE: if any member who was not present at the meeting is interested in running for this position, please reach out immediately to Vice-President Roger Hamm (who is in charge of the election process) to indicate your interest.

Calendar of Car Events: The calendar, as published in the agenda, was reviewed. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb 13. Also, although the exact date apparently hasn't been determined yet, it was noted that there will be a VTCI South Central Regional Meet in June (more details will be published in Thunderbird Scoop as they become known).

Open Floor: During open floor discussion, Brett mentioned that our website has been updated with the new roster of officers and their contact information. He also had some fun with one of the Christmas party pictures posted on our web site. Did you catch it?

Also, Jim Ross mentioned that he hoped that members would make better use of our Facebook page (search FB for "Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio"). He suggested that members could post car events, car pictures, or most anything that could promote interest in our FB page and our club.

Jim also mentioned that the Steve McQueen "Bullitt" Mustang will be sold by Mecum on Fri, Jan 10 (tomorrow) during the 1 PM hour of their Kissimmee auction. (Later note: Mecum's web site reports that the car sold for a bit over \$3.7 million!)

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, Brett requested a motion to adjourn. Jan Gifford made that motion which was seconded by Jim Lentz. The motion passed unanimously, and President Brett gaveled the meeting to a close at 8:05 PM.

Brett Andrews
President

Next Meeting: February 13, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering



February Birthdays

9th: E.D. Brown
11th: Peg Andrews
14th: Nancy Moore
19th: Jim Hayden
24th: Gina Hctor

February Anniversaries

none



Thoughts from the President

Let me begin by saying that except for MCL's mix up of our January meeting room reservation, the new year has started out on a very positive note for the club. We had a good membership turn out for our first club meeting of 2020 that culminated in the signing up of a new club member, Dave Menke and wife Susan. A hearty welcome to you both.

As mentioned in the above meeting minutes our January activity plans were changed from a trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center to a movie and lunch in the local area. I was really pleased to see eleven of our

club members turn out for the movie and the follow on late lunch at O'Charley's (see the accompanying short write up and photo later in this newsletter or on our website under "Recent Events"). If our first month is any indication of what's to come, we've got some great times ahead.

In last month's newsletter I made some suggestions on other things to do as a club (guest speakers, joint events with other car clubs, member submitted articles for the newsletter, and getting our T-birds out in public more). These suggestions are intended to insert some additional variety into what we do and to give members greater input; not only in the form of suggestions but to actually contribute (write the article, find a potential quest speaker, coordinate with other car clubs on their interest for joint activities).

Well, here's another thought. As you know I've been doing our club website for several years and enjoy it very much. No, I'm not looking for someone to take over that task (unless you have an interest, then we can talk). I have an idea or two on some things we can do with our website, but I'd also like to hear your suggestions to bolster our websites interest level. Change is good. Variety is the spice of life. Enough clichés for you? One thought I had was to include pictures (heads shots) of the owners of our club T-birds along the photos of their cars.

I hope you enjoyed the long period of warmer weather we have had, because I think it will soon (if it hasn't already) come to an abrupt halt. So, keep those snow shovels and blowers handy. You may disagree with me, but I like a few weeks of real cold weather (not arctic), it makes me appreciate spring even more.

Hope to see you all at our February 13th meeting.

Be Safe!!!

Brett



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cincinnati Museum Center	Feb 15 th (alternate Feb 22nd)	Cincinnati

CLUB OFFICERS

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A Car Movie and a Late Lunch



On Saturday, January 11th, eleven of our club members (Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Dave & Deb Harvey, Guy & Jan Gifford, Mark & Jackie Allen, and Scott McGaha) gathered for our first club event of 2020. Originally scheduled for this weekend was a trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center but the prospect of bad weather on both the primary and alternate dates causes us to ere on the side of caution and postpone the trip to Cincinnati till a later date. As such, Scott, our Director of Activities Planning, proposed we attend a movie and maybe have lunch together. After some discussion it was decided we'd go to the Danbarry Theater in Dayton to see *Ford v Ferrari*. Being a Ford Thunderbird club, it seemed an appropriate movie to see. We all met at the theater around noon. Members purchased their tickets, popcorn and drinks and soon settled in for the 2 hour and half hour show. Though to be honest, the show was so dynamic that the time flew by and before you knew it we were in the lobby again trying to decide where to have our late lunch.

If you were not able to participate with us I'll give you the highlighted story line. The movie is based on the true story of visionary American car designer Carroll Shelby, played by Matt Damon, and fearless British-born driver Ken Miles, played by Christian Bale, who together build a revolutionary race car for Ford Motor Company and take on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.

From all the comment this author overheard everyone really enjoyed the movie. Realizing that popcorn and a drink just wasn't enough to those of us with hearty appetites, we bundled up and made our way, in the rain, to nearby O'Charley's Restaurant where we spent the next hour and a half enjoying the food and pleasant conversation. Eventually we said our goodbyes and headed home. Here is the happy crew with menus in hand.

