



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio Newsletter February 2018



## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. January 11, 2018 at the MCL Cafeteria with club president, Scott McGaha, presiding.

**Attendees:** Scott McGaha, Brett Andrews, Roger and Lisa Hamm, Nancy and Julie Blake, Beverly Knauper and Jim Ross, Guy and Jan Gifford, Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake, and Darrel York

### Announcements:

Scott distributed copies of the meeting agenda and welcomed everyone to our first meeting of 2018 and his first official meeting as our new club president.

Because the December 2017 gathering was the club's Christmas dinner party, no formal business was conducted at that gathering and therefore there were no formal December 2017 meeting minutes to approve. However, because there was no formal December 2017 club meeting, the November 2017 meeting minutes had not yet been approved. Scott made available copies of the December 2017 Newsletter that contained the November meeting minutes. He asked for the members to review them and would defer the motion to approve and discuss said minutes till the end of the meeting. (Note: Due to the duration of the meeting, the approval process for the November meeting minutes was not accomplished and will be addressed at February 2018 meeting).

During the discussion of new members, Lisa indicated they have been talking to two individuals (Dora or Donna and Ronnie), owners of a 57 Baby Bird, who had shown interest in the club. Lisa will follow up with them.

Scott then introduced our newest club members, Jim Hayden and Beverly Lake. Scott went around the room and had all members introduce themselves and state what type of T-bird(s) they had. Welcome to Jim and Beverly (version 2.0)

Scott then distributed a copy of the most recent club membership roster around the room and asked all to review and make corrections as necessary and return it to Brett for updating.

No one reported any purchases of a new t-bird or any major repair activities to their current T-bird(s).

Scott mentioned that it was Roger Hamm's birthday this month and the 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary for Guy and Jan, not their 61<sup>st</sup> as previously reported in the newsletter. Happy Birthday Roger and Congratulations to Guy and Jan.

### **Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa gave the financial report for December 2017 and distributed to all members a copy of the 2017 Annual Financial Report as required by our club bylaws. The report identifies the 2017 club financial status for the start and end of 2017 and summarizes revenues and expenditures for the year. Lisa also addressed the club dues indicating that there were a few who had not yet paid. According to the club bylaws club dues are to be paid by the first club meeting in January with the bylaws allowing for a 60 day grace period. Failure to pay dues by the end of the grace period could result in loss of club membership.

**Event Planning:** Scott began by pointing out that he has added an "Events Pool" section to his agenda. This events pool will be used to capture ideas of possible club monthly activities and serve as a basis for discussions of what future activities the club may wish to do.

Our first event discussion focused on what we could do in January. It was generally agreed that several of us would still be interested in going to "Green Sales" in Cincinnati to see their layout. Wednesday, January 24, was selected as the date for the trip. If there is bad weather the event would be moved to the following Wednesday. Prior to going to Cincy, we plan to meet for breakfast at the "Original Pancake House" in Washington Township at 9:00 am. Scott will send out an e-mail to confirm and finalize the plan.

Darrel mentioned that there would be a swap meet at the Butler County Fairgrounds on January 20<sup>th</sup> and that the annual JDRF car show will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Scott next discussed some ideas to think about for future events that include Jungle Jim's on February 10<sup>th</sup>; dinner at the Houston Inn, an old family restaurant, in July as a "drive your T-bird" event; and a trip to Keeneland horse racing track in Lexington, Ky, likely in October

### **Old Business:**

It was mentioned in an earlier meeting that our new club members and some current members may want to purchase club shirts or other apparel items. Brett met with our supplier and obtained a copy of her 2018 catalog. Brett indicated that the price of a club shirt would include the embroidering of the club logo on that shirt and that if a member also wanted their name on the item that would be an additional \$3.00. Brett will bring the catalog to future club meeting for members to look at during dinner. He will take the orders and can get answers to any questions. It was reinforced that our official summer club shirts should all be the same color, but other apparel you may wish to purchase and have our logo put on it can be any style or color.

## New Business:

Scott brought up the issue of putting our club on Facebook as another source of getting information about our club out to the public in hopes of recruiting new members. The idea received support. Scott will research what needs to be done to set up a Facebook account.

## Open Floor:

Brett passed out new club marketing materials to include business cards, tri-fold flyers, TSWO membership applications, placards describing our club to leave on unattended t-birds, and a brief history of VTCTI. He also made available a flyer highlighting a 56 T-bird for sale that he had received on our club's e-mail account. He mentioned that our website is current and up to date. Finally, Brett noted that this month was our 10 year anniversary as a chartered Thunderbird club.

Adjourn: At the conclusion of discussion, Scott asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Darrel. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

*Scott McGaha*  
President

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

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## *Message from the President*

Greetings fellow T-bird lovers and early Happy Valentine's Day wishes to all of you!

From a weather perspective, it seems that little has changed in the last month. I am again sitting before my computer with a blanket draped around my legs for warmth as I compose this message. While enduring these continued cold days and nights, I remind myself, and all of you, that we are one month closer to springtime and warmer weather when we can again get out and enjoy our Thunderbirds. Like the monkey said after he backed into the lawnmower -- "It won't be long now!"

Despite the cold, snowy weather on January 24th, a small band of intrepid club members with a keen sense of curiosity made the trip to Cincinnati for a tour of the Green Sales Ford Parts facility. I think all who partook will agree it was a fascinating visit and a great future resource for finding parts for our fabulous Thunderbirds. A big surprise for me during this event was meeting David Moore, our club member from Greenhills, OH, whom I had not met before. It was great that David could join us, and satisfying to know that our club e-mails and newsletter announcing club events are effective tools at encouraging club member participation.

On that note, I hope everyone can attend our next club meeting on February 8th, where we will be deciding our next club event. I propose we consider making a trip to Jungle Jim's in Fairfield, OH this month. I will be bringing information about their Big Cheese Festival that is scheduled for February 10-11, which would be the weekend after our club meeting. Give it some thought and come to MCL Cafeteria at 7 p.m. on the 8th to discuss further. Hope to see you there!



**February Birthdays**

9th: E.D. Brown  
11th: Peg Andrews  
19th: Jim Hayden

**February Anniversaries**

none



**Upcoming Club Events**

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Jungle Jim's	TBD	Fairfield, Oh

**CLUB OFFICERS**

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**The Genesis of Valentines Day and Groundhogs Day**



The day gets its name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of whom he was. The popular belief about St Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century A.D. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret. When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14 February he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine".



When German settlers arrived in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as *Candlemas Day*. It came at the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of Winter would be stormy and cold. The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day can be found in a diary entry on *February 4, 1841* in Morgantown, Berks County (Pennsylvania) where storekeeper James Morris' wrote..."Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate." Pennsylvania's official celebration of Groundhog Day began on February 2nd, 1886 with a proclamation in *The Punxsutawney Spirit* newspaper by Clymer Freas: "Today is groundhog day and up to the time of going to press the beast has not seen its shadow." The groundhog was given the name "Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and Weather Prophet Extraordinary" and his hometown thus called the "Weather Capital of the World." His debut performance: no shadow - early Spring. The legendary first trip to Gobbler's Knob was made the following year.



## Green Sales Company Ford Auto Parts Tour

On Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 members of TSWO traveled to Cincinnati to visit the Green Sales Ford Auto Parts Store. Those club members participating in the tour included Scott McGaha, Brett Andrews, Jim Ross, Darrel York, Mark Allen, and Dave Moore. Our tour guide was the current owner of Green Sales, Tim Yeoman.

According to their website, Green Sales was originally founded and operated by John Greenleaf in 1957. The business grew bigger and bigger, so in 1980 John partnered with Tim Yeoman. Upon John's retirement in 1986 Tim purchased the remainder of the business and has been operating it ever since.

The Green Sales Company is an independent Ford and Lincoln-Mercury parts warehouse who since 1957 has bought from and sold to Ford and L-M dealers, service centers, hobbyists, and individuals around the world. Their inventory, housed in a 95,000 sq ft facility, is estimated at 220,000 part numbers (1,938,000 parts) that are 99% original stock covering 1950 to present. They also offer a wide selection of reproduction parts. In essence, they carry almost anything a dealer would have normally stocked over the last 51 years. To read more about the fascinating start and growth of Green Sales, see their website at [www.greensalescompany.com](http://www.greensalescompany.com). Additional photos from our tour are available on our TSWO website.

