



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio Newsletter February 2019



MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:01 p.m. on January 10, 2019, by the Club President, Scott McGaha.

ATTENDEES: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger Hamm, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Mark & Jackie Allen, Tom Tirey & Gina Hctor, Nancy and Julie Blake, Dave and Deb Harvey, and Jim Lenz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott opened the meeting with a welcome back for the New Year with hopes that all had a wonderful holiday. He briefly highlighted the activities at our annual Christmas dinner and the fun that was had by all. Scott then gave a month by month outline of the activities the club was involved in during 2018 which included: (1) January: Green's Part Sales, (2) February: Jungle Jim's, (3) March: Richardson Car Collection, (4) April: Dayton Art Institute with lunch at Brixx, (5) May: Air Force Museum for Thunderbird Appreciation Day, (6) June: Butler County Donut Run, (7) July: Dinner at the Houston Inn, (8) August: Rip Rap Roadhouse Cruise-in and Dinner, (9) September: Club Picnic, (10) October; no event, (11) November: Valley Vineyards, and (12) December: Club Christmas Dinner. He also mentioned several of the projects we had taken on such as establishing a club Facebook page and the creation of the Sunshine Committee to recognize member birthdays and anniversaries by sending them cards.

Scott announced that he was deferring the approval of the November 2018 meeting minutes until the end of this club meeting to allow folks time to read copies he had distributed. He then proceeded by questioning if there were any new prospective club members. None were identified.

Scott distributed the latest copy of the club membership roster and requested that everyone check their information and make corrections as necessary. Once all members had reviewed their information the sheet was to be returned to Brett for updating.

Finally Scott asked if any one had purchased a new thunderbird or had any ongoing work on their T-birds. No inputs were received.

Because there was no formal club meeting in December, Scott recognized the December and January birthdays for Darrel, Lisa, Beverly K, Julie, Dave, Brett, & Roger and the 63rd anniversary of Guy & Jan.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: With our club treasurer unavailable, Roger was unable to provide a numerical financial report but did state that Lisa confirmed there had been no change in the club's bank financial status since the last report in November 2018. Scott asked Roger to remind Lisa that in accordance with the club bylaws that an Annual Summary Financial Report is due.

Event Planning:

The discussion moved on to the planning of club activities. Scott's distributed agenda contained a series of suggestions and additional suggestions were made from the floor. For January it was recommended that due to potential winter weather impacts we do something simple. After some discussion it was agreed that on January 19th members would take in a movie of their choice at the Greene and then meet afterwards at the Pies and Pints Restaurant at 2:00 pm for lunch. Because the weather forecast for that date did not look promising, Scott indicated that he would send out an e-mail prior to the event to confirm or cancel depending on the forecast.

It was also tentatively decided that for February we'd made a trip to the Mound Cold War Discovery Center in Miamisburg on the 16th. Plans for this February event will be finalized at the club meeting on the 14th along with discussions about events for later months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott announced TSWO club dues were due and that Roger would collect dues from any who wanted to pay this evening and he would give it to the treasurer.

Scott re-emphasized the need to made a decision as to whether the club wants to have an overnighter in Kentucky and if yes whether in April or October. If the choice is April that decision must be made by February if the trip is to include going to the horse races at Keeneland. Discussions will continue at the February meeting.

Finally Scott addressed the issue of the sale of the club audio equipment. Although there had been one confirmed and a few possible takers, it was ultimately determined that only the Troy Junior High School Student Activity Council continued to show interest in the equipment. Scott reminded folks that the club bylaws dictate that the final decision for the purchase, donation or sale of club equipment is the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors. However, the bylaws as strongly encourage discussion and recommendations from the membership. As such, Scott brought the question to the floor noting that Troy was the only party interested in purchasing the equipment for \$150. When the question was put to the membership, they were in agreement that Troy Junior High was a worthy organization and thus support the sale. Hearing no objections from the floor, Scott noted that the BOD would meet to finalize the sale.

NEW BUSINESS: None



**A GUY KNOWS HE'S
IN LOVE WHEN HE
LOSES INTEREST
IN HIS CAR FOR
A COUPLE OF DAYS.**

- TIM ALLEN

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Scott reminded folks that our next club meeting is on Valentine's Day, February 14th. He also mentioned that the 2019 All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, Pa are on May 30 to June 2 and that the ITC will be holding their convention in Cleveland, Ohio on August 6-11.

As a final order of business and because there was no formal club meeting in December, Scott asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 2018 club meeting as published in the December 2018 newsletter. That motion was made by Jackie and seconded by Guy. The motion was then opened to the floor for discussion. Hearing no recommendation for corrections, additions or deletions to the published minutes, a vote to accept was taken and unanimously passed.

OPEN FLOOR:

The floor was opened for discussion or questions.

ADJOURN: Hearing no question or concerns during the open floor session, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Scott McGaha
President

Next Meeting: February 14, 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 Hocter

February Anniversaries

none



President's Message



Hello again fellow TSWO members, and Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents Day greetings to you all. It was great to see so many of you at our January meeting last month! That was a great turnout for a first of the year, mid-winter meeting, especially considering the weather forecast for snow (which we got, and plenty of!!) the following weekend. I hope we can keep the momentum going and have another great turnout for our February meeting. Before you know it, it will be time once again to start talking

about getting our birds out of hibernation and back on the roads for another season of cruise-ins, car shows, and other enjoyments.

Despite having to be postponed an additional weekend (again because of a snow forecast) we had 9 members show up for our January 26th club outing at The Greene for a "movie and a meal" at Cinemark Theater and Pies & Pints. I saw "The Green Book" and so did Dave and Deb Harvey -- and we all enjoyed it very much.

I have lots of topics to discuss at our February meeting, but I hope to get the agenda back down to one page, front & back. We have to finalize the plans for our February club event, which is a visit to The Mound Cold War Discovery Center followed by lunch somewhere in Miamisburg. If you'll remember in our January meeting, we asked all members interested in going on this trip to keep February 16th, the Saturday after our club meeting, circled for this event. Everyone take a look at your social calendar before our February 14th club meeting to make sure you're still available if you're interested in checking out this new Dayton History-owned and operated site.

Don't let me forget, I also have a La Comedia Dinner Theatre brochure with the 2019 season of shows to pass around for everyone review. I think you'll find some very enticing shows being staged this year, and there might be one we want to go see as a club event. (I had this brochure at the January meeting, but forgot to pass it around.)

We also need to start firming up dates and plans for our overnight trip to Kentucky. There's also a Thunderbird Appreciation Day event to think about as well as Thunderbird conventions in the area to consider attending this summer. Bring your date planner, electronic or paper format, with you to the meeting so we can start penciling in some of these items. So as you see, we do indeed have lots of stuff to talk about at our February 14th club meeting. I hope to see many of you there!

Until then, safe driving everyone,

Scott McGaha

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mound Discovery Center	Feb 16 th	Miamisburg

CLUB OFFICERS

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January Club Outing: Movie & A Pizza



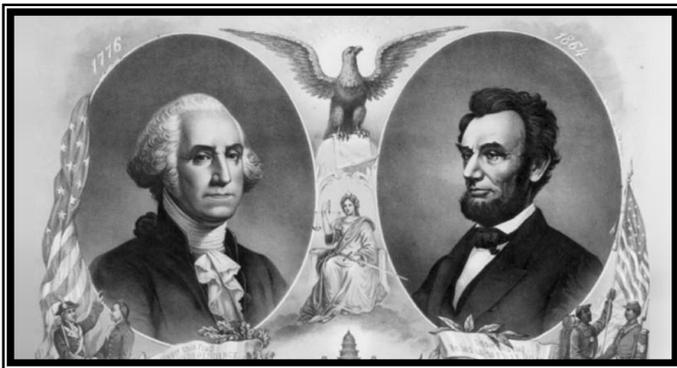
The club outing for January was promoted as an optional movie followed by lunch together. Originally, the event was scheduled for Saturday the 19th, but due to the forecasted snowy weather conditions it was postponed until the following weekend. So on Saturday, January 26th, nine club members including, Scott, Brett & Peg, Roger & Lisa, Mark & Jackie, and Dave and Deb all meet up at 2:00 pm at the Pies and Pints Restaurant at the Greene Shopping Mall to enjoy lunch together. A few of the participants did elect to attend a movie prior to lunch while others chose different activities. Several members had eaten at the Pies and Pints Restaurant before or had family or friends who had, so the report on the eatery was very positive. They did not tell a lie. If there were any negative comments at all about the quality and tastiness of the food, they were not openly expressed. As can be seen in the pictures below, the primary bill-of-fare was pizza augmented by a few folks with a salad, chicken wings and/or in house craft beer. Clearly it was an enjoyable afternoon together. This location just may become a place the club may want to frequent again.



Short History of Presidents Day

Most folks know that Valentines Day is in February and probably even know the exact date, but how many know the when or why of Presidents Day. It must be a relatively significant day since many folks get the day off. I can't say the same for Valentines Day. In fact, I spent way more money and time involved in the expectations of the Valentines Day mystique that I do on Presidents Day. So let's learn a little about Presidents Day.

Presidents Day is a holiday celebrated every year on the third Monday in February. It's a day to honor all of our great nation's presidents, but it started out as a celebration of one president in particular. Presidents Day was originally a celebration of our first president, George Washington. In fact, the federal government still calls it "Washington's Birthday" officially. Washington died in 1799, so come 1800, people wanted a day of remembrance on his birthday, February 22. Throughout most of the 1800s the observance was more casual, but by the late 1870s the U.S. government wanted to make it an official holiday. In 1879, Congress made Washington's Birthday a day off for government offices in the District of Columbia, then expanded it to all federal offices in 1885. It was nationally recognized as a federal bank holiday, joining the ranks with Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving. Washington's Birthday is the first holiday to celebrate an individual American—the second was Martin Luther King Jr. in 1983.



In the 1960s, Congress came up with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which basically would shift certain holidays to predetermined Mondays so people would get more three-day weekends every year. The idea was that it would give workers more time off so they wouldn't play hooky as often, but some thought it would cheapen the holidays by not celebrating them on the actual day. The act also combined the celebration of George Washington's birthday with Abraham Lincoln's, which was on February 12. Senator Robert McClory of

Illinois—where Lincoln's Birthday was already a state holiday—suggested we rename the holiday "Presidents Day," but was met with resistance. The name didn't change officially, but the rest of the act was passed and went into effect after an executive order from President Richard Nixon in 1971.

Still, somehow the name Presidents Day stuck around because the new date of Washington's Birthday fell between his and Lincoln's birthday. Retailers and advertisers latched onto the catchall moniker, using it for deals and sales during the long weekend, and by the 1980s most Americans knew the holiday as Presidents Day. Over the last 15 years or so, even official state calendars have started listing the holiday as Presidents Day. Now the holiday is considered a time to celebrate and honor all U.S. Presidents past and present.

