



THUNDERBIRDS OF SOUTHWEST OHIO NEWSLETTER



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On December 12th, in lieu of our monthly club meeting, it was once again time to celebrate the holidays at our annual Christmas Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Club members in attendance included Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Jan & Guy Gifford, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Tom Tirey, and Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake.

Guests began arriving around 5:30 pm and were welcomed by a room festively decorated thanks to Nancy, Julie and Beverly. As has been the custom, the center piece was a beautiful Thunderbird Club themed cake provided by Julie & Nancy. Several club members brought additional small gifts such as Christmas candies, cookies, handmade ornaments, and more, to share with their club members. As the attendees arrived they stacked their White Elephant gift on the table, helped themselves to a glass of punch, and enjoyed friendly conversation while Christmas music echoed in the background. After all had arrived Scott rang the dinner bell and asked that we all head out to the serving line to get our meals. For the next 30 minutes we enjoyed each other's company as we conversed on a myriad of topics.



After the meal, it was time to begin the gift exchange. Numbers were placed in a hat and drawn by each member. Even though Roger and Lisa were unable to attend, Roger sent a gift to be placed in the mix and asked that someone serve as his proxy. Scott assumed that role and selected a number for himself and one for Roger. Tom, with #1, was only allowed to select a gift

from the table since no other gifts had yet been opened and therefore ripe for his taking. However, he was in the catbird seat since the rules stated that after all members had a gift, if his original gift had not been taken from him, he had the final selection from any gift in the room. As fate would have it, no one took his gift during the game. However, given the options of talking any gift in the room, he was content with what he had originally chosen, so all other member's gifts were safe. Jim Ross, the Cobra Kid, was not so fortunate. During game play he had made multiple trips to the table after others confiscated his gift from him. Once everyone had a gift and the game was over, it was time to enjoy a piece of that delicious Christmas cake.

As this was the last club meeting at which Scott would be our president, it was now time to present him with a parting memento to recognize his extraordinary efforts in leading the club over the last two years. While members enjoyed their cake, Brett thanked Scott for all he has done for our club and extended his personal appreciation to him for graciously offering to continue as the club's activity planner. Brett then presented Scott a carved wooden plaque that highlighted his service as president to the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio from January 2018 to December of 2019.



All too soon the evening came to an end. Everyone pitched in to help clean up. We then wished each other Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we all went on our separate ways with our gifts and goodies in tow. Below are a few photos from the event. Additional pictures are available on our website under "Recent Club Events" in 2019. Find the odd picture from our Christmas party on our website.

Brett A. Andrews
President



Next Meeting: January 9th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering



January Birthdays

16th: Roger Hamm

January Anniversaries

28th: Jan & Guy (64 yrs)



Thoughts from the President

Let me begin by extending my wish to all our club members and their families for a most joyous and prosperous new year. It is my distinct pleasure to serve you once again as your president. With the help of Roger (our VP), Lisa (Treasurer), Dave (Secretary), and Scott (Director for Activity Planning) we hope to enjoy a diverse and stimulating next two years. The best way to make this happen is with the input and participation of our membership. Scott gave us a great start with a list of possible activities, sites to see, and things to do. We've already started talking about doing some of them in 2020. However, I think there are other things we can do. Some we've done before and enjoyed, so why not revisit them. So, below are a few ideas I'd like to throw out for club discussion.

- (1) Incorporating our Thunderbirds in more of our club events/activities: This point was emphasized by a club member this past summer and I fully agree. We only have about seven months to get our T-birds out in the public. Some situations may prohibit taking our Thunderbirds such as distance, the purpose of the activity or weather conditions. But as a car club, we should be thinking that any time we can get the cars in the public's eye, we should do so.
- (2) An occasional guest speaker: In the past we brought in guest speakers to talk for 15-20 minutes about various subjects, not always cars.
- (3) Membership write-ups for the newsletter: Our newsletter is for more than just meeting minutes and a president's message. I'd like to see members submit articles to be included. Again, not all about cars. How about an article about yourself? How did you get into Thunderbirds? Do you have a hobby or unique lifetime experience you'd like to share?
- (4) Joint gathering with another nearby Thunderbird club or car club: We have done this in the past and had a great time meeting new T-birders/classic car enthusiasts.

One matter we'll be addressing at our January meeting is the selection of a third Board of Directors (BOD) member. Our bylaws stipulate that we are to have three BOD members (the remaining original club founder, the current president, and the immediate past president). As the remaining original founder, I am already a BOD member. Now as president, I will encumber a second of the BOD positions. Scott will occupy the third position as the immediate past president. In such a situation the bylaws require a third BOD representative be selected.

We'll also be finalizing our plans for a trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal. Hope to see you at the meeting on the 9th.



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cincinnati Museum Center At Union Terminal	Jan 11 th (18 th alt date) (tentative)	1301 Western Ave Cincinnati

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