



# THUNDERBIRDS OF SOUTHWEST OHIO

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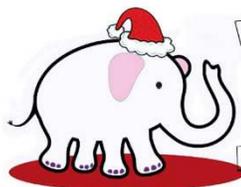
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On December 9<sup>th</sup>, as is the club tradition, we held our annual Christmas party and White Elephant gift exchange at the MCL Cafeteria. Club members in attendance included Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Dave & Deb Harvey, Nancy & Julie Blake, Jim Ross & Beverly Knauper, Guy & Jan Gifford, Dave & Susan Menke, Karl & Meritta Eby, and Paul & Sherry Loschi.

As guests arrived around 5:30 pm they entered the room to find our beautifully decorated tables thanks to Nancy, Julie, and Beverly. Once again, we had a tasty looking Christmas themed cake as a center piece provided by Julie & Nancy. As has also become a custom, members were presented with a Christmas ornament hand made by Nancy. Other members also brought Christmas candies and cookies to share with club members. The White Elephant gift were all neatly stacked on the table while members helped themselves to a glass of punch and enjoyed some friendly conversation while Christmas music played in the background. After all had arrived, members were asked to proceed to the serving line to get their meals.

Prior to the main event, the gift exchange, Brett made a few announcements. He began by noting that he had received an e-mail from Jim Hayden that he and Beverly would not be attending our Christmas gathering due to a current medical condition he was experiencing. He also made Brett aware of the passing of his son, Scott, in November. Brett mentioned that he had also learned that James Russell would not be attending this evening's festivities due the ill-health of his father. We send our thoughts and prayers to them both. Brett pointed out that December was a huge month for club member birthdays, but no anniversaries. Individuals getting Happy Birthday wishes from the club included Darrel York (9 Dec), Lisa Hamm (10 Dec), Beverly Knauper (15 Dec), Julie Blake (17 Dec), Dave Moore (24 Dec), & Brett Andrews (31 Dec).



White  
Elephant  
Gift  
Exchange

It was now time to begin the gift exchange. Lisa had the numbers in a basket and went around the room having each participating member draw a number. Dave Menke had drawn the number "1" and so he got to go first only selecting 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 to make the last

selection at the end of the game. At the end of the game given the options of taking any gift in the room, Dave was content with what he had. A few members had gifts taken from them and

had to make another trip to the table or take someone else's gift. You can tell who had their gift stolen by how many gifts they are shown holding up in the party photos on our website.

Having given our meals the opportunity to settle and the gift exchange was over, it was finally time to enjoy a piece of that delicious Christmas cake. In his last few words spoken to the assembled club members, Brett thanked Nancy, Julie, and Beverly for the wonderful decorations. He also noted that stepping down as club president brought with it some mixed emotions. He observed that the last two years were very trying on the club, having been unable to meet for so long, but we were resilient and survived to only grow bigger. He totally enjoyed his tenure as president, but it's now time to let someone else have the reins and forge the club forward.

The moment then arrived where Brett passed the mantle of office - the meeting gavel - to our new incoming president, Roger. Brett remarked that Roger has been in the president seat before with us and other clubs and so the club is definitely in good hands.

The evening was soon at an end. Everyone pitched in to help clean up. We wished each other Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as went on our separate ways with our gifts and goodies in hand. Below are a few photos from the event. Additional pictures are available on our website under "Recent Club Events" in 2021.

***Brett A. Andrews***  
Newsletter Editor



## Thoughts from the President:

Happy New Year, fellow T-bird & Miata lovers! I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a very joyous New Year celebration (if you did celebrate)! As I start my reign as your new club president, I want everyone to make sure that they thank our previous club president, Brett Andrews, for the fantastic job he did for the past two years. His reign as president was a difficult one, due mostly with the COVID-19 pandemic, which cause him to have to cancel club meetings from March 2020 until July 2020. I am sure that this was not an easy decision for him, but he did what needed to be done to protect all club members and I am glad I didn't have to be the one to make that decision.

As the new year begins, we also start the new times with new club officers. As your new club president, I hope to make it a good and fun two years for everyone in our club. I also hope that this year will be a good one for us to get our cars out so we can enjoy them and show them off to everyone out there. The more we can get them out, the more we might be able to get new members into the club so it can continue to grow. I, for one, whenever I see a T-bird at a car show or cruise-in that I have not seen before, I do my best to try to convince them to join our club. I remind them that being a member of the club not only gets them to make new friends, but they also can get some valuable information to help them with any problem they might be having with their Tbird, as many of us have probably had the same issue and found the solution to fix it. Make sure you have a club application with you anytime you go out, and when you see a Tbird, you can either put it on their windshield or on their seat if the windows are open.

We plan to continue to try to have some kind of club activity this year, beginning with January. We have not had a chance to discuss an activity for January, so we will have to try to decide on something at our monthly meeting. See you all there and thank you for having confidence in me to be your president for the next two years.

*Roger Hamm*

**Next Meeting: January 13th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



### January Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup>: Roger Hamm  
18<sup>th</sup>: Paul Loschi

### January Anniversaries

28<sup>th</sup>: Jan & Guy (66 yrs)



## My New Years Wish For You

My Happy New Year wish for you is for your best year yet,  
A year where life is peaceful, And what you want, you get.

A year in which you cherish the past year's memories,  
And live your life each new day, Full of bright expectancies.

I wish for you a holiday with happiness galore;  
And when it's done, I wish you Happy New Year, and many more.



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