



# THUNDERBIRDS

## of Southwest Ohio Newsletter

### January 2026

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**NOTE:** As mentioned in the December Newsletter, with no formal club meeting in December, it was decided to publish the official minutes of the November 2025 club meeting here in the January 2026 Newsletter in preparation for their review and comment at the January 2026 club meeting.

### November 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** With five firm whacks of the President's gavel, President Scott McGaha began this month's meeting at MCL Cafeteria at 6:47 PM on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. After offering copies of the agenda to any who might not have brought their own, he welcomed 22 members to tonight's meeting. During the early part of the meeting, Mike Hall ran a slide show of pictures taken on our recent covered bridge tour. Scott joked that if you didn't want to look at him, you'd have another alternative behind him.

**Attendees:** The 22 members in attendance tonight included President Scott McGaha, Vice President Mike Hall, Treasurer Lisa Hamm & Past President Roger, Secretary Dave Harvey, Mark & Jackie Allen, Jeff Almond, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Ed Conway, Adam Gulden, Ron Heinz, Ron & Linda Prater, Jim Russell, Tom Tirey & Gina Hctor, and George & Susan Touchette. A great big TSWO welcome to all our attendees!

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were published in the November newsletter (sent out recently by email). President Scott asked for a motion to open the floor for discussion of those minutes. The motion was made by Jim Russell and was seconded by Adam Gulden. President Scott then opened the floor for any discussion, questions, comments, etc. regarding the October minutes as posted in the most recent newsletter. There being no discussion, questions, comments, etc., the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**Membership Updates/Discussion:** President Scott asked if anyone had any prospects for membership, but there were none to report. Scott then asked if there were any changes to report on anyone's contact information (such as addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.). There were no updates to any current member information.

President Scott then asked if anyone had any Thunderbird updates (either vehicles newly acquired or recently disposed of, or work in process or recently completed). Jim Russell reported that he had recently acquired a 1971 Landau, red with black vinyl top. It's a 4-door (suicide-door style), with a 429 ci engine. Roger Hamm accompanied him for the pickup in Troy, MI. President Scott reported that he had recently acquired a 1978 Diamond Jubilee Special Edition car (his 4<sup>th</sup> Thunderbird!). The car only has 9,000 km on the ticker (it was a Canadian car). Because of its condition and low mileage, he refers to it as a "48-year-old brand new car."

**Sunshine Committee Report:** President Scott reported, as listed on the agenda, there are three November birthdays: Terry Powell, on the 4<sup>th</sup>; Tom Dupuis, on the 15<sup>th</sup>; and Dave Menke, on the 27<sup>th</sup>. There are no November anniversaries to report. Congratulations and best wishes to all on their special days.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lisa Hamm reported that she deposited \$90.00 for dues in October (2 new members, and the remainder were renewals). In addition, she paid Brett \$20.00 for renewal of our domain name. Also, she is prepared to accept dues tonight, if anyone wants to get that out of the way now.

**Old Business:** President Scott reiterated that we still need members to volunteer for the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Should you feel moved to volunteer, the offices are for 2-year terms, beginning on January 1, 2026, and running through December 31, 2027.

**New Business:** There was no new business to be discussed.

**Next Club Meeting:** Our next club "meeting" will, in fact, be our annual Christmas party. We'll gather on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, in our customary MCL Cafeteria meeting room. Due to the extra time required for the white elephant gift exchange, please plan to join us between 5:00-5:30 PM for dinner. The gift exchange (rules will be posted in December newsletter) will follow as soon as possible.

**Open Floor:** President Scott turned over the floor to Jackie Allen to discuss the results of the recent survey regarding next year's club activities. She handed out a sheet which showed the voting results and the resulting plans for each month. The idea of this approach is to remove (as much as possible) the event planning from each meeting, thus leaving more time for meeting essentials.

**Club Activity Plans/Event Pool:** Based on the proposed activities list presented by Jackie Allen, you should be able to obtain a feel for what the club will be doing. Although the current plans are somewhat fluid in nature, stay tuned (and be sure to read all future newsletters and emails) for updates.

## Calendar of Car Events:

### Recurring car events:

Horsepower Farm Cars & Coffee from 8:00 AM to noon (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, year around).

**Special Presentation:** Vice-President Mike Hall gave an interesting presentation on the 1990 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Edition Super Coupe. Among the features on this special car were the black body paint with titanium lower panels, dark blue accent stripe, and special 35<sup>th</sup>-anniversary



badging. Only 3,371 examples of this car were built, so it's relatively rare to see one. These cars came with custom-fit covers made by the same company that built Rolls Royce covers. In addition to the slide presentation, he had a video for us to see. To view/revisit his complete presentation (it's well worth your time), please navigate to our web site (<http://www.thunderbirds-sw-ohio.com>) and click on the "Items of Interest" tab.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to be addressed, President Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Dave Harvey and seconded by Adam Gulden. Without objection, President Scott summarily declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

*Scott McGaha*



## The TSWO Annual Christmas Party

(by: Brett Andrews)



On December 11<sup>th</sup>, sixteen club members attended our annual Christmas party and White Elephant gift exchange at the MCL Cafeteria. Members in attendance included Nancy & Julie Blake, Larry and Jo Doelker, Adam Gulden, Mike Hall, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Dave & Deb Harvey, Scott McGaha, James Russell, Shane & Julie Soniat, and Susan and George Touchette.

Since this newsletter editor was unable to attend this year's Christmas party, the following is Lisa's comments on the events of the evening.



"Nancy and Julie brought a yummy cake. Scott brought some yummy little mice made of a chocolate covered cherry for the body and tail, a Hershey kiss of white chocolate with chocolate stripes for the head and nose, and ears of almond slices (see picture below). Can't recall what he used for the eyes. Mike brought some wonderfully rich fudge (see picture below).



We did a bit of socializing until about 5:30 then headed to the food line. After finishing our meals, we decided to partake of dessert before starting the White Elephant proceedings. This allowed time for Adam and James to arrive before starting the fun.



We managed to get about halfway through the 16 gifts before the 'stealing' began. Scott took pictures of all the gifts after they were opened. He also took pictures of the 'steals' to show that trail as well as the general decorations that Nancy provided for the tables. We were all done with the exchanges by about

7:15 and went back to some socializing and cleanup.

Overall, a good time was had by all."

Unfortunately, this author could not attend the Christmas Party festivities, and to date no additional pictures other than the two shown above have been provided capturing the events of the evening. Should more photos be made available, they will be published on our club website.



Welcome to 2026 and a new year to enjoy our Thunderbirds. I look forward to serving you faithful members over the next two years as your new president. We hope to have many good times together at the various club outings and car shows that we attend. Please feel free to offer tips and suggestions any time. I can use all the help I can get.

I want to thank Scott McGaha, and all the other past Presidents for their excellent leadership. I will do my best to follow in their footsteps.

Looking forward very much to seeing all of you again at the January Meeting.

*Mike*



January Birthdays

14<sup>th</sup>: Gayle Conrad  
16<sup>th</sup>: Roger Hamm  
18<sup>th</sup>: Paul Loschi  
24<sup>th</sup>: Monica Almond

January Anniversaries

28<sup>th</sup>: Tom Tirey & Gina Hoctor



**Reminder: Annual TSWO Dues Are Due**

Per our club bylaws, club dues are to be paid not later than the first club meeting in the year for which the dues are to be paid. Members who are delinquent for paying dues for more than 60 days will be dropped from the TSWO membership roster. If you are a member of VTCI, your VTCI dues are also due in January.



**Tentative 2026 Club Activities**

In late 2025 Jackie Allen and Ron & Linda Prater compiled an extensive list of potential club activities for 2026. They then surveyed the club membership by providing each with that list and requested they respond with their preferences on what events they would like to see in 2026. Members were free to suggest other activities not on the initial list. Once member preference inputs had been received, the results were tabulated and a "Tentative" list of events for each month in 2026 was identified and eventually e-mailed back to the membership. This tentative list has now been posted on our club website at "www.thunderbirds-sw-oh.com" under "Upcoming Club Events" and is subject to update as the year progresses.

**Next Meeting: February 12th, 6:45 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



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