



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

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July 2013



MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Ed Brown, Wayne & Ruthie Dennis, Carl Geiger, Lisa Hamm, Gary Hufford, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Jim Lenz, and Scott McGaha.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM, June 13th, 2013 at the MCL Cafeteria with Brett Andrews presiding.

DISCUSSION:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa presented the treasurer's report, after which she advised the membership of her husband's hospitalization at the Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek and his late night surgery for a perforated colon. Roger was expected to be in the hospital for a few more days followed by several months of healing. We have received follow up word that he is home, doing very well, and has already been released to drive. Heal quickly Roger. Hope to see you in our midst in the very near future.

Old Business:

Club Picnic Reminder: Members were reminded that our club picnic will be held at Scott's House on June 30th starting at 1:30 p.m. Peg started a covered dish sign-up sheet for those of you who planned to attend. Members who are coming to the picnic but have not yet signed up for a covered dish were asked to contact Peg. Members were also reminded that Scott has seating for about 14, so you may want to throw a lawn chair or two in the car just in case we have a larger group. This is a "Bring your T-bird" event.

Lofinos Cruise-ins: Tomorrow is our monthly trip to the Lofinos cruise-in. Hope to see many of you there.

New Business:

Officer Elections: This October we will be holding elections for new club officers. Beverly, as the TSWO bylaws club officer responsible for the election process, explained the election procedures and reminded the membership that it is a self-nomination process. Positions up for election include vice president, secretary, and treasurer. As per the club bylaws, the incumbent vice president automatically accedes to the presidency. If anyone would like to be on the ballot for one of the elected positions, you must complete and submitted a "Candidacy Letter" to the vice president not later than September 15th. Beverly made available copies of the election process from the club bylaws. If you would like a blank copy of the candidacy letter or a description of any of the elected officer positions, please see Beverly.

Sons of Italy (SOI) Car Show: Members were reminded that at last months meeting we had a pre-meeting speaker, Ms. Jan Holbrook, from the Dayton Sons of Italy Lodge in Kettering. They wanted to ask our club if we would consider conducting a cruise-in and car show for them on 20 & 21 July, respectively in conjunction with their annual Bocce Classic Celebration. At that meeting, Jan did not have all the specific facts available and so she was unable to answer some critical questions. As such, we as a group were unable to discuss the matter in any detail. A few days after our May club meeting, Brett meet with Mr. Kevin Sorice, the person in charge of the car events, where he gathered some preliminary facts and toured the location. Because the dates were fast approaching, Mr. Sorice was in need of a quick decision from us. Knowing we would not have the opportunity to address the request in an open club meeting, the club officers talked it over. Based on the resources the SOI would provide, the compensation our club would receive, and the possible opportunity for

us to continue as the show host in future years, we agreed to do the car show. Subsequently on June 2, Roger, Lisa, Peg and Brett visited the lodge and discussed the show in more detail with Mr. Sorice and again walked the grounds strategizing on a parking plan. Below are some details as we know them to date:

The Cruise-In (20 July): Because there was little our club could do to conduct the cruise-in, we advised the Sons of Italy that they would be responsible for that event. Brett told them he would attend the cruise-in as an advisor of sorts, but other TSWO club members would not be performing any work activities at the cruise-in. However, TSWO members are encouraged to attend the cruise-in with their T-birds to enjoy the good food, listen to a live band, see some classic cars, and show our support to Sons of Italy Lodge.

Car Show (21 July):

- (a) Registration will be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm with trophy presentations at 3:00 pm.
- (b) 75 dash plaques and 25 trophies are to be given out. (SOI will provide)
- (c) SOI will provide TSWO the door prizes. TSWO will control the door prizes; select and post winning numbers; and distribute the door prizes. The SOI announcer will announce the winning numbers.
- (d) SOI will control the music (will be playing recorded 50's/60's music).
- (e) TSWO will set up and operate an entry control point where we will take the \$10 registration fee and give show participants two identically numbered tickets (SOI to provide the tickets).
- (f) TSWO will run the registration process just like we did at Bellbrook. SOI will provide the tent, tables, and chairs for the registration area.
- (g) SOI will provide the announcer and perform all the announcements.
- (h) TSWO will judge the cars and identify the top 25 winners to the SOI announcer. SOI announcer will announce the winners and an SOI representative will present the trophies. Trophies will be displayed in the registration tent.
- (i) The designated overflow car show parking is on the grassy area in the front of the lodge.
- (j) TSWO T-birds will be parked beside the main building on a grassy area near the entry control point.
- (k) SOI will prepare signage designating the car show participant entry point.
- (l) SOI will provide tents, tables, chairs, audio equipment, etc. We will prepare the registration forms, car show placards (SOI will print the placards), registration log, and judge's worksheets.

Members were advised that if they intend to help with the show they need to be there not later than 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. During this June meeting, various jobs were assigned for those present. SOI will be augmenting us with some parking help. We do have volunteers for the entry control point, registration desk, door prizes, and parking. We also have two confirmed judges, but we'd like a third. So if you interested in being a judge or if you don't have a job yet, see Brett at the July club meeting.

During further discussions, we had several suggestions. Gary mentioned that they gave away free Banana splits at the Banana Split Festival Car Show as door prizes. (Note: Such a suggestion was passed on to the SOI and they are strongly considering giving away gift certificates for a meal at the show.) Scott proposed that as a gesture of good will and as a way to improve our chances of getting the show next year, if there is significantly fewer cars at the show than were expected, we should donate back to the SOI a portion of our fee. After an open discussion with the group, it was decided that if there were 50 cars or more, we would keep the full amount. If less than 50, the club officers would decide how much to donate back to the SOI. Nancy suggested announcing the show it "Wheels". (It was suggested to SOI and they had already done so). SOI will provide us with flyers for both the cruise-in and car show for us to help distribute. They are printing a limited number, so we won't have many.

Group Outings:

Stubbs Park Concert: As an activity for the club in August, Brett proposed a simple bring-your-own-food picnic followed by attending the Phil Dirt and the Dozers Concert (August 11th) at Stubbs Park in Centerville. Without objection, that gathering will now be our club event for August. We will meet in the park at 5:00 p.m. to eat and then take our lawn chairs over the hill at 6:30 for the concert. Flyers for the full season's activities at Stubbs Park were made available to all. Brett will provide maps to the park at July or August meeting.

Trip to a Winery: For a September Activity, Beverly suggested the club take a trip to a local winery. She proposed that we go to a winery south east of Dayton on the 7th or 14th of September. There will be more information for discussion and a decision at our July meeting.

FLOOR OPENED FOR DISCUSSION: No additional questions or comments were raised

ADJOURN: At the conclusion of all discussion, Brett called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jim Lenz and seconded by Jim Ross. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**Brett Andrews
President**

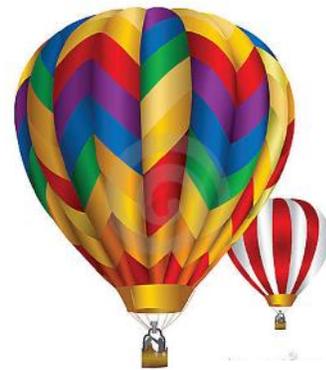
Next Meeting: July 11th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering.

The Ohio Challenge Hot Air Balloon and Skydiving Festival

Our July club event is the car show associated with The Ohio Challenge Festival in Middletown, Ohio. The car show is Saturday, July 13 from 4-8 PM. Registration is 2-4 PM. The car show entrance is 700 Columbia Avenue.

Directions:

- I-75 exit 32
- Follow Roosevelt Blvd/SR 122/University Blvd to downtown
- Left on Central Avenue
- Right on Main Street
- Left on Columbia Avenue
- Right into VIP/Sponsor Entrance



We hope to see you and your Thunderbird there!



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

July

3rd Jim Lenz
27th Sue Hufford

If you haven't been asked for the date of your special day, please provide the day and month to our club secretary, Peg Andrews, at 237-1131 or e-mail her at pegasus@woh.rr.com

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Lofinos Cruise-in	Each Friday after Club meeting	Beavercreek
2. Club Picnic	June 30th	Scott's House
3. Hot Air Balloon Car Show	July 13th	Smith Park, Middletown
4. Sons of Italy Car Show	July 21st	Sons of Italy Lodge, Kettering
5. Phil Dirt & the Doziers Concert	August 11 th	Stubbs Park, Kettering
6. Halloween-in-the-Park	October 19th	Saggett-Wright Park, Bellbrook

UNITED STATES



The Fourth Of July

I look to the ocean, I look to the Sky
What do I see, on the fourth of July

One flash of blue, One flash of Red
To honor survivors, along with the dead

They do what they can, and did what they could
All of their deeds, we honor and should

The strength of their arms, the power of their fists
Reflected in new ways, in happiness, and bliss

My smile, my laugh, In more ways then one
Is how I repay those who's lives are done

It ends not here, on this day of July
We'll Honor forever, but forever we'll cry

-Ian Shields

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