



THUNDERBIRDS

of Southwest Ohio

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The club president, Scott McGaha, called the meeting to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on June 13th, 2019.

ATTENDEES: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger Hamm, Dave and Deb Harvey, Guy & Jan Gifford, Nancy & Julie Blake, Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake, Tom Tirey & Gina Hoctor, and Jim Lenz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: After Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting he immediately proceeded by requesting a motion to approve the May 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the June 2019 newsletter. The motion was made by Tom and seconded by Dave. The floor was then opened for comments. One correction was proposed. It was pointed out that in fact Tom & Gina's 35 year old tires on their bullet bird were not "still gong strong". In fact, one of the tires blew out on the way to a club meeting, which they then missed, and they ended up having to purchase 4 new tires. Brett stated he would print a correction in next month's newsletter. After no further corrections or comments were forthcoming, Scott took a vote and the May club meeting minutes were unanimously approved which were to include the above described correction.

On the question of potential new club members, Dave and Deb noted they had talked to a couple at their Oldsmobile club meeting who also owned a T-bird. After Dave and Deb described our club to them and how we have monthly activities the couple did show possible interest in our club. Dave & Deb invited them to attend one of our club meetings and provided the couple our club website address. Dave and Deb agreed to do a follow up e-mail with them.

After questioning, no one indicated any changes to their contact information.

In the realm of T-bird news, Tom was seeking advice on where to take his warped valve covers from his Bullet Bird to possibly have them straightened. He has new valve covers, but would much prefer to have the originals reinstalled. Guy provided him the name and location of a recommended repair shop. Dave announced they now have their '57 Baby Bird back, and now their '64 is in the shop to have the top repaired, a tune-up and to fix a steering issue. Roger reported his '66 is in the garage having the transmission repaired. Finally, Jim Lenz was looking for a repair source for an intermittent window problem. He was provided the name and location of the Electric Garage.

Scott then recognized those club members who were having birthdays this month to include; Kaye Lenz (17th), Dave Harvey (18th), and Mark Allen (29th). Scott also gave a special recognition and congratulations to Jim & Kaye Lenz who will be celebrating their anniversary on June 16th.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Due to the unavailability of our club treasurer to attend this month's meeting, her husband gave the monthly financial report. In doing so, he stated there was a reimbursement payout to Brett for our website development software and also a deposit to our club account from the Troy School System for the purchase of our audio equipment.

Event Planning: Scott began by briefly describing our club outing to the Rip Rap Roadhouse. He mentioned that due to an oversight an e-mail was not sent out after the final decision at our May meeting on the date and time to meet at the Roadhouse to celebrate Thunderbird Appreciation Day. Every effort will be made to ensure that the club is notified on final plans for club events.

The discussion then turned to our June outing which would be a late lunch at Old Scratch Pizza in Dayton. It was agreed that we'd meet there on Saturday, June 15th at 2:00 pm. It was to be a "Drive Your T-bird" event. Because the weather was projected to be rainy, it was left up to each member what they would drive. Scott stated he would send out an e-mail to notify all members of our final plans.

The conversation then turned to our July event—a shopping/sightseeing trip to Metamora, Indiana with a follow on late lunch together at Brookville Lake. Due to member availability, July 27th was selected as the tentative date for the trip. Again, this is to be a "Drive Your T-bird" event. Brett agreed to prepare maps for the trip with the idea of country, rather than highway, driving. He was also asked to talk with Mark Allen about a place to eat at Brookville Lake since Mark is quite familiar with the lake area. Plans will be discussed and finalized at our July 11th meeting.

Finally, general discussions ensued regarding future club events to include selecting a date for our visit to La Comedia for dinner and a show. The clubhouse in Scott and Nancy condo community (The Estates at Willow Creek) was suggested as a location for our club picnic. However, members were also asked to propose possible park ideas, as well for the picnic tentatively scheduled for October. Event ideas for November included a return trip to Valley Vineyards or possibly a wine tasting. Further plans will be addressed at future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott reported that Lisa had e-mailed him after her discussion with Brownie about a possible trip on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit the various war memorials. Brownie, a World War II veteran and our club's only Life-Time Honorary member, though appreciative of the gesture, graciously declined, citing there would be too many memories that he would rather not relive.

NEW BUSINESS: Scott announced that club officer elections were to occur this year in October. Brett explained that the positions up for election this cycle included the vice president, secretary, and treasurer and also identified their terms of service as two years. It was also noted that according to our club bylaws the vice president automatically accedes to the presidency, hence no presidential election unless an unusual situation warrants as described in the bylaws. Brett also noted that anyone interested in one of the elected positions must prepare and submit to the vice president a candidacy letter by September 1st and that the names of candidates will appear in the October newsletter prior to the election. Brett mentioned that, again according to the bylaws, if only one candidate submits for an elected position and they are in good standing with the club, that position will not be voted on and that

candidate will assume that position on January 1st. Brett made available printed copies of the complete bylaw section on the election process and candidacy letter applications.

CALENDAR EVENTS:

Scott mentioned the following events:

- a. Friday Night Cruise-In, Rip Rap Roadhouse, 4 p.m. to dusk, now through Sept. 27th
- b. Friday Night Cruise-In at Lofino's, Seajay Drive, 5 p.m. to dark, now through Sept. 27th
- c. Friday Night Kettering Cruise-In, Kettering Towne Center, Dorothy Ln and Woodman, 5 p.m. to dark, now through Sept. 13th
- d. Dayton Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, every other Saturday until October 14th (June 22, July 6, July 20, etc.)
- e. 2nd Friday Festival in Centerville, Normandy Plaza on Miamisburg-Centerville Road (S.R. 725), 5-10 p.m., 2nd Friday in May, June, July, August
- f. Voss Cruise-in, Loop Road, Centerville, OH - June 14th and July 12th
- g. Cruise-In at St. Leonard, June 22nd
- h. Americana Festival Auto Show, Centerville, OH, July 4th
- i. Next club meeting on July 11th
- j. 2019 VTCI NW Regional Family Reunion, Spokane, WA. July 18-20
- k. Middletown Hot Air Balloon Festival car show, July 20th
- l. Stillwater Center Car Show, Dayton, OH. July 21st (3rd Sunday in July)
- m. 2019 VTCI International Convention, Princeton, NJ, August 8-11
- n. Boomer Fest Classic Car Cruise-in, St. Leonard, Centerville, OH, August 10th
- o. Bellbrook Lions Club Festival, August 24th
- p. JDRF Car Show, Sharonville, OH, September 28th
- q. 2019 Land of Lincoln Rendezvous, October 4-6
- r. VTCI South Central Regional, New Orleans, LA, June 2020

OPEN FLOOR: Guy reminded members to remove their car antenna, if possible, when going through a car wash. He broke one off on one of his t-birds, but he was able to unscrew the remaining section and install a new one. Brett mentioned he and Peg would be leaving for South Dakota on July 3rd and return on July 11th. They are renewing their wedding vows in a mass ceremony at the Chapel in the Hills, a Norwegian hand carved chapel in Rapid City, SD, where they were married nearly 48 years ago. If you really need to get in touch with either of them, please send an e-mail. Brett made available paper copies of the Stubb's Park Concert Series schedule in Centerville. He recommended Phil Dirt and the Dozers on August 4th.

ADJOURN: Hearing no other comments during the open floor, Scott asked for a motion to adjourn. Jan made the motion which was seconded by Tom. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Scott McGaha
President

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

Presidents Message

Hello again everyone,

It's been a couple of months since you've heard from me via this message in our monthly club newsletter. Since returning from my vacation trip to Hawaii at the first of June, I've been playing perpetual "catch up" on just about everything, and I didn't have time to compose a message for the June newsletter.

And now here it is July already (and I'm still playing catch up on many things!!), and we're smack dab in the middle of another busy car season here in the southwest Ohio region. I hope you've all had time by now to get your Thunderbirds out and enjoy some of the many, many car shows and cruise-ins in the region. Even I've had time to attend a few events with my '66 on weekends when it wasn't raining -- which was not very often in June, as we all know. But, it seems like summer heat and humidity are here now and that means time to get our 'birds out on the roads again.

If you're looking for things to do with your Thunderbird, there are many ways to find events in the area. There's the Motor News listing in the "Wheels" section of the Saturday edition of the Dayton Daily News, the Show & Shine calendar, Facebook groups and websites such as Miami Valley Cruiser and Dayton Cars and Coffee. Or the lazy man's way (and my personal favorite) -- take your Thunderbird to any well-attended car show or cruise-in in the region, leave your windows rolled down while you walk around to look at cars and visit friends, and come back later to find your car filled with flyers for upcoming car events in the area. What could be simpler than that!!

And speaking of car events, our planned TSWO club event for July is a day trip to Metamora, Indiana and nearby Brookville Lake. We're hoping to make this a "Drive your Thunderbird" event, so get your T-bird road ready, if it's not already. July 27th is the tentative date for this event and plans will be finalized at our July 11th club meeting. I hope to see all of you at MCL Cafeteria at 7 p.m. on the 11th, and please make plans to join us for the Indiana trip if you can. In the meantime,

Drive safely everyone!

Scott McGaha



July Birthdays

3rd: Jim Lenz
13th: Jackie Allen
29th: Tom Tirey

July Anniversaries

1st: Darrel & Ruby York
15th: Jay & Bea Walsh
29th: Jim Ross & Beverly Knauper



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Metamora/Brookville Lake (Drive T-bird)	June 27 th (tentative)	Metamora/Brookville Lake, Indiana

CLUB OFFICERS

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Old Scratch Pizza Revisited



On June 15th, a rainy day in Dayton, Ohio, nine members of our club ventured out in the blustery weather to once again gather at Old Scratch Pizza to partake of their unique brand of pizza and to enjoy and share an afternoon meal together. Those participating in the event included Scott, Brett & Peg, Guy & Jan, Tom & Gina, and Dave & Deb. Unfortunately the weather prevented our members from driving their t-birds though the event was billed as a "Drive your Bird" activity. The conversations were lively and the subjects discussed were varied but for sure several conversations revolved around cars and Scott's trip to Hawaii. After two hours we all merrily went our separate ways.



Goodbye to a Friend

By Brett Andrews



On Saturday, June 15th, Brett made his final trip to our club's apparel embroidery vendor to pick up an order for a club member. After many years of support to TSWO, Judy Frizzell, owner and operator of JL Creations, has decided to end her embroidery business after 11 years at the end of June and to venture into a new love, quilting. I have met with Judy on many occasions to place orders for our club. She is such a wonderful lady always willing to tackle any request. Her work was impeccable, her prices reasonable, and her embroidery work was of the highest quality. Judy sold her embroidery machines to Greenleaf Printing on Second St in Dayton who uses the same catalog as she did. She told them of our club and provided them computer copies of our logo patterns and script printings. So, we will continue to have a source for our club apparel needs. In recognition of Judy's valued support to our club for these many years, Brett presented her a bouquet of flowers on behalf of TSWO. Goodbye Judy. Our club will miss your fine

workmanship and I will personally miss you as a friend. (Note: That's our last order for Dave and Deb on the table)

