



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio



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**June, 2014 Newsletter**

## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** The April TSWO meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with President, Beverly Knauper presiding.

**Attendees:** Peg and Brett Andrews, Nancy and Julie Blake, Ruthie and Wayne Dennis, Jan and Guy Gifford, Lisa and Roger Hamm, Beverly Knauper and Jim Ross, Scott McGaha

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The March meeting minutes as shown in the April newsletter were without question or concern by the membership, and thus stand as published in the newsletter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Roger Hamm brought pictures of the beginning of his restoration process on their 1966 Thunderbird convertible.

Beverly reminded us to get any door prizes that we have collected to Nancy by the June meeting so that she can organize them for the car show on July 19.

Peg handed out the new 2014 TSWO membership roster to everyone present. Beverly commented that even though we are a small club, she is pleased with the high level of participation by all the members. She also noted that we are always seeking like minded people who enjoy classic cars and club fellowship who would like to become new members.

**REPORTS:** Treasurer Lisa Hamm reported that there have been no changes in our treasury since last month.

**Event Planning Committee:** Roger Hamm, Vice President and Chairman of the event planning committee reported no plans yet, but stated that the committee will be getting together soon to put forth their plans for club outings.

**Car Show Committee:** Brett reported that he met with Kevin Sorice, the representative of the Sons of Italy. Kevin gave him the flyers that have been printed for the car show, and Brett distributed them to members to pass out at shows they attend. Brett, Wayne and Guy will meet with the Sons of Italy in late June or early July to address any remaining issues and gather information on the final layout of the car show area to share with Club members at our July meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Beverly reminded the membership of the Lofino's Cruise-In Friday night. Even though this event is held every Friday evening throughout the summer months, our membership has decided to make a special effort to attend the cruise-in on the day following the meeting.

Beverly also reminded that we are always desirous of stories written by members about their Thunderbirds. Guy volunteered that interviewing people to get their stories might be more successful. So be prepared to be interviewed!

**NEW BUSINESS:** Please give the date of your wedding anniversary or other special event to Peg to be included in the newsletter. This helps us to know our fellow club members better and to gives us the opportunity to share in

the celebration of their special occasion. If you have not given your anniversary date to Peg, you can e-mail your information to her at [pegasus@woh.rr.com](mailto:pegasus@woh.rr.com) Please include the month, day and year.

Members often tell of upcoming cars, cruise-ins or other events during the “Open Floor” forum during the meeting. Beverly said that it would be helpful to Peg to provide a **printed sheet** which includes the name of the event, the date, the time of day, the location and any other necessary information. This would help Peg assure accuracy in all details as well as the correct spelling of names when it is included in the newsletter.

Wayne commented that the Show & Shine Calendar would be a good source of local events some of which could be included in the monthly letter.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Brett mentioned that the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Middletown will be July 12<sup>th</sup> this year. He remarked that this is always a fun event. If you have not been there before, or even if you have, come and enjoy the car show and then sit back and enjoy the excitement of the balloon lift-off.

Beverly gave us details about the Millersport Jr. Boosters Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show which will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. The show will be held at the Millersport High School 11850 Lancaster St. in Millersport. Dash plaques will be given to the first 75 cars. Concessions will be available as well as vendor and swappers. Please pre-register by June 1.

**ADJOURN:** At 7:24 Beverly asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Wayne.

**Beverly Knauper, President**

**Next Meeting: June 12th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



### *From the President's Nest*

Today (mid-May), Jim and I took our 2004 Pacific Coast Roadster Thunderbird to its first car show and I learned/remembered some important things.

- A RetroBird of a rarer color really does attract a lot of attention. Apparently, people are not excited by red or black ones regardless of their condition.
- While I don't enjoy sweating to the oldies while baking on the asphalt, there is a reason why most car shows in this area are in July and August. Two weekends of drying off cars after downpours have confirmed that May is a risky month for a car event.
- Even a car show in the rain can be a positive experience. Today's show was well-organized, owners received a copy of the judging rubric, and the organizers were enthusiastic and helpful. Members of the host organization circulated among the cars and owners, asking questions about the cars, sharing car stories, and taking a genuine interest in the people and their cars. This friendliness made me want to come back next year, even if it is still raining!

I'd like to suggest that we find time at our July car show to meander through the cars and engage the owners in conversation, if they desire. We can compliment the cars, ask about the history of the car, and make sure that the owners feel valued. The appreciation of cars provides a pathway to forming human connections. And that's what is truly important.



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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

17<sup>th</sup>

Kaye Lenz

If you haven't been asked for the date of your birthday or anniversary, please e-mail our Club Secretary, Peg Andrews, at [pegasus@woh.rr.com](mailto:pegasus@woh.rr.com)

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### ONE REALLY RADICAL 1959 SQUAREBIRD

Submitted by: Brett Andrews

As many of us car enthusiasts do, I recently spent hours, sometimes into the wee hours of the morning, watching the Indianapolis Spring Classic 2014 Mecum Auto Auction on TV. Personally I have four basic categories in which I rate the cars (Not Interested, That's Nice, I Really like That, and Holy Cow-A-Bunga Dude). Although I personally like my classic cars retained in or restored to their original glory, I understand why there are those who deviate from that path. In watching the auction, there were around twelve T-birds. About a third of them were retrobirds. One retrobird that did catch my interest was a red 2002 with 98 miles on the odometer. As expected there were several baby birds, one bulletbird, two squarebirds, and a couple of flairbirds. Of all of the birds I saw, the one that got my attention was one of the squarebirds. Here's what I can tell you about it. The pictures will have to fill in the rest. This bird was the 2014 James Dean Car Show Radical Custom Plaque Winner. It was featured in Rod & Kulture and the Street Scene magazines. The build was completed in 2011. It supposedly has its vintage engine that was rebuilt as new and burns unleaded gas. In addition to the significant exterior modifications, the one-of-a-kind interior is pretty radical as well. It did not sell at the Mecum Auction, but the high bid was \$45,000.



**Upcoming Club Events**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
1. Cruise-In	June 1, noon to 4	Grandpa's Garage, Springfield
2. Lofino's Cruise -In	Every Friday	Lofino's in Beavercreek
3. Sons of Italy Car Show	July 19	Sons of Italy Lodge, Kettering

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