



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

June 2017



June 21st



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. on May 11th, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria with the club vice president, Scott McGaha, presiding.

Attendees: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, and Darrel York.

Announcements: Scott opened the meeting by mentioning that Roger and Lisa were unable to attend tonight as they were in Virginia helping with family matters. Scott moved that the minutes of the April 2017 club meeting be approved as published in the May 2017 newsletter and then opened the floor for comment. The only correction mentioned was that in one location when discussing our club outing to the Halderman Museum, the owner's first name was shown as "Dale" when it should have been "Gale". Hearing no other corrections or concerns, the minutes were approved as published.

Moving on to the question if anyone one had purchased a new T-bird or had done any restoration work, Nancy happily pointed out that after 1 year and 9 months her T-bird is now working - All problems have been resolved.

Scott mentioned he had his bird serviced for the spring. His power steering pump was leaking, so a new seal kit was installed and all is well. After a little carburetor adjustment from running a little rich he's now ready to hit the roads for the cruise-in and car show season.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: With the absence of the treasurer and none of the other officer having their copy of the April Financial Report with them, the Treasurer's Report of the club's current financial status was not presented.

Event Planning: Scott began his discussion of club activities by commenting on the fun we had at the Gale Halderman Museum and the excitement of the excursion to the restaurant for lunch together afterwards. He also mentioned that the Halderman Museum will again have an open house cruise-in this year in July. Since it is typically held mid-week, it may be difficult for some club members to attend. He then distributed a copy of the latest Motor News from the Wheels section of the Dayton Daily News that highlighted upcoming car events in the local area. He informed the group that the Dayton Cars and Coffee gathering has been moved from the Greene to Austin Landing effective on May 13th. He briefly mentioned that due to our participation in the Halderman museum event, we had cancelled our trip to Jungle Jims and that we may want to revisit such a trip at a later date.

Scott confirmed that the trip to the Gilmore Museum is on for June 23-25 with our departure from Dayton at around noon on the 23rd. Plans will be finalized at the June meeting.

The discussion then turned to our club's planned celebration of Thunderbird Appreciation Day on May 21st. Scott had identified a route of travel for us to take to the various locations we planned to visit. It was agreed that those participating would meet at our first stop, the Sonics Restaurant on Brandt Pike, between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the 21st. We would remain at each location for approximately an hour or so and then move to the next with the objective of showing off our Thunderbirds and answering questions from spectators. Brett was to bring our club banner for display. It was decided that with the high probability of rain on the 21st Scott would closely monitor the weather and notify the membership via e-mail on the morning of the 21st if we needed to cancel due to weather. If we did not hear from Scott, the event was on. (See the note below concerning this event)

Scott made available to the membership flyers for various upcoming car shows and cruise-ins to include the Bellbrook Lion's Club Car Show, St Leonard's Cruise-in, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Car Show, and the King's Auto-mall Cruise-in.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to discuss

New Business: No New Business was raised

Open Floor: Scott opened the floor for other discussions. There were no other comments or issues raised.

Adjourn: Scott asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Daryl. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Scott McGaha
Vice President

Next Meeting: June 8th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering



June Birthdays

17th: Kaye Lenz
29th: Mark Allen

June Anniversaries

none



Thunderbird Appreciation Day Note: Due to inclement weather, it was necessary for Scott to cancel our plans for celebrating Thunderbird Appreciation Day. At our June 8th club meeting Scott will address the possibility of us doing our own Thunderbird Appreciation Day on 10 or 11 June.

Message from the President

I would like to thank Scott for filling in for me last month since I was not able to attend our May meeting due to having to get my Dad and Mom to their doctor meetings. I usually try to have them set up their appointments for a week that does not interfere with our club meetings, but last month the only times available were the week of our meeting.

This month we honor our Dads on the 18th, I hope some of us who still have our fathers around to enjoy take the time to wish him a happy Father's Day and maybe even take him out to lunch or dinner. If you are not able to visit with him, try to at least send him a card or give him a call.

At our meeting, we will be discussing our alternate date for our T-bird Appreciation Day drive around the area on the Saturday after our meeting. We will plan on the same route that we had planned to do on the 21st of May, but unfortunately, it rained and caused it to be cancelled. Let's hope that this month we can have our fun day driving our cars around town. We will also be discussing our weekend trip to the Gilmore Museum in Michigan. I hope that those of us who are planning the trip have already made our hotel reservations for that weekend. I am looking forward to this trip. We will also discuss the car show in Ft. Wayne, IN being put on by the International Thunderbird Club and hosted by the Hoosier Thunderbird Club in August. Lisa & I are thinking about attending this show even though it is not a Vintage Thunderbird Club International event. I am even possibly thinking about taking my Diamond Jubilee T-bird to see how it fares in a national event. We will also discuss our next officers election scheduled for October. I hope to see some of our members decide to run for the available offices. Make sure that you get your nomination requests in before October.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month. Our next meeting will be July 13th at 7:00 pm again at the MCL Cafeteria in Kettering.



Sunday June 18th is Father's Day. Dads, have a wonderful day and enjoy the family. Paraphrasing an unknown author -- Every father should remember that one day his children will follow his example instead of his advice.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Gilmore Auto Museum (tentative)	23-25 June	Hickory Corners, Mi

CLUB OFFICERS

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Some Engine Oils Currently on the Shelves Can Harm Your Engine - *Read the Labels!*

(This article is a reprint of an article published on the website of the Petroleum Quality Institute of America. The article has had minor editing for ease of reading and space considerations for inclusion in the TSWO newsletter).

There are engine oils currently on the shelves at auto parts stores, gas station convenience stores, food stores, and other retail outlets that can cause harm to your car's engine. These are obsolete engine oils formulated for use in cars built prior to the 1930s! Know how to read the labels on the front and back of the bottles of oil you buy or you may be using a product that can cause unsatisfactory performance or harm to your engine.

The service rating of passenger car and commercial automotive motor oils is classified by the American Petroleum Institute (API). The program certifies that engine oil meets certain Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) quality and performance standards. The service rating is shown in the API "Service Symbol Donut" on the product label. As shown in the illustration below, engine oils with an API SA Service Classification were formulated for use in cars built prior to 1930, and are now obsolete. Yet, they are still not hard to find in retail outlets.

The labels include two important pieces of information to determine if an engine oil is appropriate for use in your vehicle. The first piece of information speaks to viscosity grade. The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) defines a numerical system for grading motor oils according to viscosity. The first number (0, 5, 10, 15 and 25) followed by the letter W designate the engine oil's "winter" grade. Look to your owner's manual. It specifies the viscosity grade required for your car's engine. Today, the most common grades are 5W-30.

Watch for the "W"

Whereas the labeling on the bottle of engine oil may suggest the product is a 5W-30, note, if there is no "W" between the 5 and the 30 it may not be a 5W-30. As an example, a SAE 5-30 is not the same as an SAE 5W-30.

The next 'code' to look for is the API Service Classification. Although it might appear complicated to understand at the start, it is really a simple system to get your arms around. Think of it this way, when cars were first built, the oil they required needed an API SA Service Classification. From there, it moved to SB, SC, SD, and so on (skipping only SI and SK). **The current API Service Classification is SN.** So if you buy an engine oil meeting only API SA, it's an engine oil formulated for use in vehicles built in the 1920s. It is not hard to find other API service classifications mixed in with SN on the shelves. Also, don't let price guide you. Engine oils with a Service Classification prior to SN (including SA) are often priced close to that of API SN.

API SERVICE CLASSIFICATION FOR PASSENGER CAR ENGINE OIL



Look for the "API Donut" and the two letter Code on the back of the bottle. If the label says API SERVICE "SA," it's engine oil made for use in cars built prior to 1930. API SA through SH motor oils are classified by the API as "OBSOLETE."



Read the Label! →



Look for the API* "Donut" on the Label

* American Petroleum Institute Service Classification