



THUNDERBIRDS

of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

March 2018



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m. February 8th, 2018 at the MCL Cafeteria, club President, Scott McGaha, presiding.

Attendees: Scott McGaha, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Brett Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Mark & Jackie Allen, Darrel York.

Announcements: Scott welcomed all to our monthly meeting. He then proceeded with a motion to accept the January 2018 meeting minutes as written in the February 2018 newsletter. The motion was then opened for discussion. Hearing no questions or concerns, the January 2018 minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Since we had held our annual club Christmas dinner in December there was no formal club meeting. As such, the November 2017 meeting minutes had not been approved. Scott made a second motion to approve the November 2017 meeting minutes as written in the December 2017 newsletter. The motion was then opened for discussion. Hearing no comments or concerns, a vote was taken and the November 2017 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

There were no new members added to our club roster over the last month but Lisa did indicate she was still working on the individual reported in last month's newsletter. Scott then reminded folks to let Brett know if there were any changes to their contact information. Brett indicated the roster was up-to-date except for those members who have not been to a meeting in the last few months. Scott asked Brett to send the updated roster as it currently stands to the club membership along with the March newsletter. There were no changes in member Thunderbird status over the last month though Mark did indicate he washed his.

Scott extended birthday wishes to Brownie, Peg Andrews and Jim Hayden.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa gave our financial status as of January 2018 and identified club members who have not yet paid their annual club dues.

Event Planning:

Scott began by addressing our trip to Green Sales in Cincinnati on January 24th. He emphasized how enjoyable the trip was and how accommodating the owner, Mr. Tim Yeoman, was in personally taking us on the tour and answering all our questions.

We then began discussing future club activities. We began with our February trip to Jungle Jims in Fairfield. The original plan was to attend the Cheesefest event there on February 10th, but all the tickets were sold out for Saturday. So, members agreed it was best to go the following weekend. So the final plan was to go to Jungle Jims on Saturday, February 17th. Those going would make their own way to the location and meet up at the entrance door at 11:00 a.m. Scott will be asking the Miami Valley Car Club membership if they'd like to participate and stated he would send out a final reminder e-mail to club members to confirm the plan.

The tentative March activity will be a visit to the Richardson Car Collection at the SugarCreek Packing Plant in Washington Court House. The club had visited this location previously back in November of 2013. According to the collection curator, since our visit they have sold 36 of the vehicles and there are new items in various states of restoration. The current plan is to tour the collection on March 24th. Brett is awaiting input from Scott on the participation of the Miami Valley Car Club members and from Jim Ross on the Mustang Club participation. Once Brett has a headcount, he will do the final coordination with the curator. The final plans will be addressed at our March club meeting.

Scott then threw out some general ideas of activities for later in the year to include Air Force Museum tour, St Leonard's Cruise In, Butler County Donut Run, meal at the Houston Inn, covered bridge tour, and others.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott mentioned he was to look into what it would take to set up a club Facebook account, but work activities prevented him from doing the research. More discussion to follow at the March meeting.

The matter of creating a TSWO window cling decal was discussed. The initial idea is to use club money to buy a quantity of the decals and then allow club members to buy as many as they want. Lisa indicated some general prices and quantities, but stated further sources and pricing information will be gathered. This issue will be addressed again at the March club meeting.

The topic of club shirt/apparel orders was addressed. Brett brought the catalog to the meeting for folks to review. Several members indicated their intent to purchase club shirts or other apparel. Brett will serve as the focal point for orders.

Scott then provided more information about a possible trip to the Keeneland Race Track in Kentucky. It was generally agreed that of the two time periods available to attend (April or October) that October was the more likely one for us. No decisions were made and the topic will be broached again at a future club meeting.

New Business: Scott announced a 2003 retrobird for sale by a member in the Classic Car Club. He indicated the vehicle was red with red and black seats and had 87K miles on it. It did not have the original wheels and it had previously been in a wreck but repaired. The owner is asking \$12,500,

Open Floor: Beverly distributed a handout containing information about a collection of 2003 retrobird memorabilia that had been advertized in the Mustang Times magazine. She had contacted the owner and got a detailed listing of the items for sale and the price for each.

Roger mentioned a book he recently purchased entitled "Insider Secrets to the 2002-2005 Thunderbird". It supposedly contains information about this year group of t-birds that are not contained in typical sales brochure or the owners/maintenance manuals. It can be found at www.mytbird.com

Adjourn: With all discussion complete, Scott petitioned for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Darrel. The meeting adjourned at 8:19.

Scott McGaha
President

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

Message from the President

Greetings and Salutations fellow Thunderbird Appreciators,

No blanket around my legs for warmth this month as I compose this message to all of you. However, I may need hip-waders instead. With all the rain we've had this month, especially in the last two weeks, I've been dealing with a roof leak in my house. It's nothing too serious, but I don't like the thought of water getting underneath my roof and into the insulation and drywall where it can do a lot of unseen damage before it becomes noticeable. I hope all of you have gotten through these days and weeks since our last club meeting with less negative impact than I have experienced.

We also didn't have the best weather on February 17th when we made our trip to Jungle Jim's International Market in Fairfield, OH. Despite the "wintry mix" of precipitation that fell throughout the area on that day, 9 club members made the trek to the "Jungle." Although grocery shopping is not high on my list of favorite household chores -- Wow!!! I can see how it would be much more enjoyable if you went to Jungle Jim's to shop for food. If you weren't able to join us, and you've not been to Jungle Jim's before, I highly recommend you put a visit there on your bucket list. I'll close on this topic by just letting everyone know that I have tried, and thoroughly enjoy, the "WAKE the F*ck Up!!!" coffee that I purchased during our visit. It's the only coffee I've ever bought that puts a smile on my face *before* I drink the first cup.

Now, a brief look to future events . . . Things are starting to firm up for our planned visit to the Sugarcreek Packing car collection on March 24th. Several members of the Miami Valley Car Club have expressed an interest in joining us. Wayne Dennis wants to extend an invitation to the Nova Club to join us, and Jim Ross is supposed to be inviting the Mustang Cobra Club as well. So this could be a big club event and a chance to meet, mix, and mingle with several other car enthusiasts from the area. I hope you can make it to our next TSWO meeting so we can put the finishing touches on the planning for this event.

Also, I recently received an e-mail from the International Thunderbird Club that there is going to be another national Thunderbird Appreciation Day this year. **The date is Sunday, May 20th.** If we want to plan another "travelling cruise-in" this year to celebrate this day, then I need everyone to bring some venue suggestions to the next few TSWO club meetings so that we can start putting this event together.

Our next club meeting is Thursday, March 8th. The sun is shining through my office window as I close out this message, and for some reason it feels like Spring is coming! I look forward to seeing all of you at MCL Cafeteria on Thursday, March 8th. Be safe, and drive defensively until then . . .



March Birthdays

1st: Nancy Blake
2nd: Scott McGaha

March Anniversaries

none



---REMINDERS---



Daylight Savings Time begins 2:00 am on Sunday, March 11th.
Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Spring is here on March 20th

Spring: So Where Did That Name Come From?

"Spring", referring to a season rather than the many other meanings of the word, first popped up in the 16th century. Starting in the 14th century, this time of year was called "springing time" and then in the 15th century this got shortened to "spring-time", and then further shortened in the 16th century to just "spring". The 14th century "springing time" came about in reference to plants "springing" from the ground and the like. Before the season was called by these other names, it was called "Lent" in Old English.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Richardson Car Collection Tour (tentative)	24 March	SugarCreek Packing Washington Court House

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