



# THUNDERBIRDS of Southwest Ohio



*Newsletter*  
**March 2019**

## MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:07 p.m. on February 14, 2019, by the Club President, Scott McGaha.

**ATTENDEES:** Scott McGaha , Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger Hamm, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake, Mark & Jackie Allen, Tom Tirey & Gina Hctor, Nancy and Julie Blake, and Dave and Deb Harvey.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Scott welcomed all and wished everyone a happy Valentines Day. He also thanked Nancy and Julie for bringing some delicious Valentines Day cookie to share with the membership.

For the first order of business, Scott sought a motion to approve the January 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the February newsletter. The motion was made by Jackie Allen and seconded by Jim Ross. The floor was then opened for any comments, questions, or suggested corrections concerning the subject minutes. Hearing none, Scott took a vote and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Scott asked about potential new members. Roger announced that he had signed up Mark Stacy, who was Roger's guest at our Christmas dinner. Roger provided Mr. Stacy's membership application to Brett who will update and distribute a new membership roster and prepare the appropriate paperwork for Mark. Jim Ross mentioned that he and Beverly had attended the Cincinnati Auto Expo recently and distributed several TSWO tri-fold flyers to those who may have interest in our club. Scott mentioned he had noticed in the Scoop Magazine the names of two Ohio residents that had recently joined VTCI. He suggested as a club we send newly identified Ohio residents who join VTCI and live reasonably close to our chapter an invitation letter to consider joining our chapter. Scott asked Brett to draft such a letter. Brett agreed.

When asked, no one had any corrections or changes to make to their contact information on the current membership roster.

On the question of T-bird issues, Tom asked how to go about registering his bullet bird as an historical vehicle. He received guidance from several members on how the process works in Ohio.

Scott then recognized and wished a club Happy Birthday to the numerous club members who were celebrating February birthdays which included Ed Brown, Peg Andrews, Nancy Moore, Jim Hayden and Gina Hctor. There were no club member anniversaries celebrated in February.

## **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report:** With our club treasurer unavailable, Scott distributed copies of the Annual Financial Report and announced the club's financial status as of the end of January 2019. Scott also mentioned that individuals who have not yet paid their annual TSWO club dues have until the March club meeting to do so before they are considered in arrears.

**Event Planning:** Scott began by mentioning how much fun the participants had on our Saturday trip to the movies and our lunch together at Pies and Pints in the Greene on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Members were reminded of our upcoming trip on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, to the Mound Cold War Discovery Center in Miamisburg followed by lunch together at Bullwinkle's in Miamisburg. Participating members were asked to make their own way to the center to arrive by 10:30 am. After the tour, we'd all head to Bullwinkle's.

The discussion then focused on determining a club event for March. It was tentatively agreed for us to have lunch together at the Buckeye Sports Lodge in Springfield on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We had been there once before and found the food great and services wonderful. Scott will research if there are any sites or activities we could do while in Springfield. Plans will be finalized at the March 14<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

Scott then remarked that we should find some event or activity to attend closer to or in the Cincinnati area. Suggestions included Union Station and the Underground Railroad Museum. Members were asked to think of other suggestions and propose them at future club meetings.

Scott mentioned that May 19<sup>th</sup> was Thunderbird Appreciation Day and that we needed to start thinking about what we want to do on that special day. Suggestions included another donut run, trips to a series of restaurant and drive-ins, etc. Again, bring your thoughts to future meetings.

One other mentioned potential activity was to visit the Samuel Spitler House in Brookville with lunch at the Rob's Restaurant in Brookville. For those of you who went on the covered bridge tour several years ago, this is the restaurant we met at and had a meal before heading out on our tour.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Scott re-emphasized the need to make a decision as to whether the club wants to have an overnighiter in Kentucky. It was agreed that an April trip was not likely, so Scott suggested a committee be formed to plan a trip in October. More discussions to follow.

Scott asked Brett for an update on the sale of the club's audio equipment to the Troy Middle School Student Council. Brett stated that Lisa and the financial representative for the school were put into contact with each other and that the last word was the school was in the process of preparing the purchase order.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CALENDAR EVENTS:**

Scott reminded folks that our next club meeting is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that the 2019 All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA are on May 30 to June 2 and the VTCI NW Regional VTCI meet will be in Spokane, Washington on July 18-20, 2019.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

The floor was opened for discussion or questions.

**ADJOURN:** Hearing no questions or concerns and as a gesture of membership good will, Scott called Jan Gifford who, along with Guy, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Since she has a history with the club of making the motion to adjourn, Scott asked her to make that motion for the meeting tonight. Jan made that motion which was seconded by Dave. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

*Scott McGaha*  
President

**Next Meeting: March 14, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



**March Birthdays**

- 1st: Nancy Blake
- 2nd: Scott McGaha
- 14th: Deb Harvey

**March Anniversaries**

none



## President's Message



Greetings fellow Thunderbird lovers, and Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all!!

If you have the club calendar handy, that Brett gifted to everyone at the Christmas party last December, you can also confirm that the first day of Spring (March 20th) is not far away. Woo-hoo!! At last, it's almost time to get our T-birds out of hibernation, (although the current outside temperature and the snow on the ground would seem to indicate otherwise). We must all keep the faith that the weather will turn warm again soon, as always.

We had a GREAT turnout at our February club meeting on the 14th (16 people), as well as VERY GOOD participation for our club visit to the Mound Cold War Discovery Center on the 16th (13 people). Though the Discovery Center was small in size, I found the information presented to be very fascinating and informative. Who knew that the Dayton area played such a critical role in the development of the atom bomb??!! And judging from the lively conversation and laughter at lunch, I believe everyone enjoyed the food and service at Bullwinkle's Top Hat Bistro in the 'Burg afterwards.

Tentative plans for our March outing are to travel to Springfield, Ohio for breakfast/lunch at the Buckeye Sports Lodge and perhaps visit some other points of interest in the Springfield area afterwards. We have tentatively set the date for the Saturday following our March club meeting, which would make it March 16th. Everyone take a look at your social calendars before our meeting on the 14th, where we'll finalize the plans.

That's all for now. It's nearly bedtime as I finish this message, which means it's time to crawl between my heated mattress pad and my thick comforter for warmth. Brrrrr--hopefully that won't be necessary for too many more days.

I hope to see all of you at MCL cafeteria on March 14th! Until then, drive safe everyone.

Scott McGaha

### Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Buckeye Sports Lodge (Lunch)	Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Springfield

### CLUB OFFICERS

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## February Club Outing: A Trip To The Mound



On February 16<sup>th</sup> eleven TSWO club members met at the Mound Cold War Discovery Center in Miamisburg to tour the location. Though not a big facility, it was quite interesting. Among numerous other things, this organization was responsible in part for designing and building major triggering components for the first atomic test bomb and the two atomic bombs dropped on Japan during World War II. Upon our arrival we were met by a volunteer guide, Paul, who had worked at the Mound facility for 40 years. He was a plethora of knowledge about the operation and the significance it played in our country's nuclear capability. He answered every question we had. After the approximately 1.5 hour tour we all headed to Bullwinkle's Restaurant in the heart on Miamisburg near the river. Jackie and Mark joined the group there and the 13 of us had great conversation about the tour while enjoying some of the Bullwinkle's specialties.



Lunch at Bullwinkle's

### ---REMINDERS---



Daylight Savings Time begins 2:00 am on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



Spring is here on March 20th