



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Happy Mother's Day



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May, 2014 Newsletter

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: President Beverly Knauper called the meeting to order Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting as shown in the April newsletter were approved and stand as published.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of fellow club member and friend, Jim Ellinger.

Beverly asked if members wanted to tell the club of any challenges or celebrations regarding their Thunderbirds during the last month. Roger Hamm was happy to comment that his T-Bird is back from the body shop.

Wayne, not quite as celebratory, told of an unfortunate mishap which occurred when preparing to transport his car. But, he said that it will be easily repaired.

REPORTS: Treasurer Lisa Hamm informed the members that the bank account at Huntington Bank has been successfully closed and a new account has been opened with Wright-Patt Credit Union. This will better serve the needs of our club. Lisa also reported the balance in the account as of the date of the meeting.

COMMITTEES:

Event Planning Committee: Roger Hamm mentioned the Second Annual Scottie DTV Traveling Charity Roadshow in Auburn, Indiana. It will take place June 13-15, but is limited to pre-registered cars. The deadline for pre-registration was April 15.

Another activity that was mentioned as a possible club event was the "Over the Rhine" Queen City Underground Tour in Cincinnati. Further details will be upcoming.

Show Committee: All the basic plans are set. Wayne has possibly found another sponsor to support the car show. Brett obtained further information from the Sons of Italy on what was necessary to be a sponsor and Wayne provided that information to the potential sponsor. We are awaiting their decision. Should they elect to be a sponsor, our club will receive 50% of the sponsor's donation in addition to the arrangement already made with the Sons of Italy (\$250 base fee plus \$3.00 per car)

Nancy has once again agreed to manage the door prizes that will be given away at the Car Show. We all need to be thinking of items that we could donate.

OLD BUSINESS: Scott had mentioned at an earlier meeting that he had heard rumors that Ford is going to bring back the Thunderbird. He was asked at that time to research that information and bring back any new found knowledge to the membership. He reported that, unfortunately, upon further review, he could find no plans for such a future event.

NEW BUSINESS: Beverly mentioned that the Lofino's Cruise-ins will begin Friday, April 19 and continue every Friday evening, 5 p.m. until dark, through September 27. There will not be a cruise-in on July 4th, which falls on a Friday in 2014. In past years we have considered the Friday evening following the Thursday meeting, to be the time when the greatest effort would be made to attend. Since the April meeting fell on the 10th and the cruise-ins don't start until the 19th, the club agreed that April 19th would be the official kick-off for our club's Lofino's evenings.

OPEN FLOOR: Guy mentioned that Jim Ellinger has a lot of Ford "stuff" which will be sold as the estate is settled. In particular, there is a 1963 Landau which is finished and ready for paint. There is also a black 62 T-Bird which has a red interior. Either one would make a nice car, and a good buy for anyone who is interested.

ADJOURN: At the conclusion of all discussion, Beverly asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Brett and seconded by Guy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Beverly Knauper, President

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



From the President's Nest

The car season is off to a great start, replete with gleaming chrome and roaring engines. Jim and I celebrated the weekend's glorious weather by grooving to the oldies while surrounded by cars. Friday evening was our first cruise-in of the year, a relaxing time of catching up with friends after a long winter. I'm now armed (and dangerous?) with a *Show & Shine* calendar. Congratulations to Nancy and Julie on the appearance of their car in the calendar again!

Saturday afternoon found us at a quilt, crafts, and car show at Chatfield College. The serene setting was perfect for showcasing the beautiful quilts and cars. I was somewhat disheartened to discover a Mercury that shares my birth year but not the signs of aging. Jim consoled me with "you've likely had less restoration work."

Sunday's Sharonville car show was quite large and included about a dozen Thunderbirds of various vintages. Jim and his Cobra sold raffle tickets at the Ohio Cobra Club booth. Like that club's show, many car shows raise money for charities. I'm going to make a special effort to support those shows this year. I hope you enjoyed a car weekend as much as I did!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

No club members have a May birthday

If you haven't been asked for the date of your birthday or need a correction, please e-mail our Club Secretary, Peg Andrews, at pegasus@woh.rr.com



THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY



Cities all around the United States hold ceremonies in May to pay respect to the women and men who have died in the service of our country. Church services, visits to the cemetery, flowers on graves or even silent tribute mark the solemnity of the day. Memorial Day, however, is not limited to honoring war heroes, it is a day for personal remembrance of the lives of our family members and friends as well.

It all started in Columbus, Mississippi shortly after the end of the Civil War. Mary Logan, wife of General Jonathan Logan, suggested to her women's association that the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers be decorated. This gesture was welcomed as a way to lay the past to rest and to move on after a war that split the nation and tore families apart. Thus, the holiday soon became aptly named Decoration Day.

About the same time, a drugstore owner in Waterloo, New York asked all the shops in town to close on May 5th to honor the Civil War soldiers from that community.

Soon the holiday was being observed on May 30 in most states, although a few southern states celebrated it on various other days. In 1882 Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day and soldiers who had died in previous wars were honored as well as the Civil War soldiers. Now, in compliance with observing many holidays on Mondays, it has been changed to the last Monday in May. This year it falls on May 26th.

In the words of General Logan, "Let us, then, all unite in the solemn feelings of the hour, and tender the warmest sympathies of our souls! Let us revive our patriotism and love of country ...and strengthen our loyalty by the example of the noble fallen soldiers around us."



JUST FOR FUN

- ✚ I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- ✚ Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- ✚ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- ✚ They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
- ✚ I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- ✚ A girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- ✚ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

[Last, but not least, one that will be right on track for the Thunderbird enthusiast:]

- ✚ I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. HO Slot Car Racing	May 2-4	Grandpa's Garage, Springfield
2. Outdoor Swap Meet	May 3	Grandpa's Garage, Springfield
3. Cruise-In	May 4, noon to 4	Grandpa's Garage, Springfield
4. Lofino's Cruise -In	May 9	Lofino's in Beavercreek
5. Sons of Italy Car Show	July 19	Sons of Italy Lodge, Kettering

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