



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio Newsletter November 2017



## MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** In the absence of the president, the meeting was convened by the club vice president, Scott McGaha, at 7:06 p.m., October 12th, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria.

**Attendees:** Scott McGaha, Lisa Hamm, Brett & Peg Andrews, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Mark & Jackie Allen, Tom Tirey & Gina Hoctor, and Nancy and Julie Blake

## Announcements:

Scott opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and announcing that due to a major traffic delay caused by a tanker truck accident on I-65 north of Indianapolis, our club president would be unable to return in time and therefore would not be at this evening's club meeting.

Scott made a motion to accept the September 2017 club meeting minutes as written in the October newsletter. The floor was opened for comments and discussion regarding the minutes. Hearing no questions or concerns, the minutes were accepted as published.

The question was then raised about possible new members. Brett indicated that he had been corresponding with an individual, James Hayden, on our club e-mail who was looking for a T-bird group to join. He had just purchased a 2002 black retrobird and was interested in associating with others who shared his interest in Thunderbirds. Mr. Hayden, though hoping to attend this meeting, was unable to do so, but mentioned that he would try to be at the Club Donut Run on Saturday.

When questioning the members about any new t-bird purchases or maintenance/restoration work, Guy mentioned he knew of a 97 bird for sale that was beige inside and out with 64,000 miles. When Nancy was asked about her thunderbird, she stated it was in the garage for the winter and that she was planning to sell it in the spring.

Scott wished a happy October anniversary to Brett and Peg; their 46<sup>th</sup>.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa gave the monthly financial report indicating no changes in our account status.

Before proceeding, Scott announced the results of our bi-annual elections. We had two individuals submit candidacy letters for officer positions -- Brett for Vice President and Lisa for Treasurer. Per our club bylaws when only one club member applies for a specific officer position, if they are in good standing with

the club and are members of VTCI they will assume that officer position on the effective date. No one submitted a candidacy letter to become club secretary. Scott asked the members to consider applying for the position even if only on a part time basis. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 through 31 December 2019 the TSWO club officers will be as follows:

President: Scott McGaha  
Vice President: Brett Andrews

Treasurer: Lisa Hamm  
Acting Secretary: Brett Andrews

**Event Planning:** Scott began by thanking Brett and Peg for hosting our annual club picnic at their home on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Scott then described the JDRF Car Show in Cincinnati. It was hot and there were over 200 cars participating. Scott, Roger, Beverly and Jim represented our club and each won a plaque for their vehicles. Scott also noted he met an individual with a white 66 t-bird who he considers a potential new club member.

The discussion then moved to the upcoming Club Donut Run this Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Scott had previously sent out, via e-mail, a detailed package of instructions on each of the 10 donut shops we would be visiting along with maps on how to get there. At this meeting it was confirmed that there were no changes to the previously provided itinerary. However, Scott did also provide a checklist of things to bring such as a big bag in which to carry all your individual donut bags and a pen to mark the bags, a navigator to help find your way, your club shirt or Butler County Donut Trail shirt, a camera/phone, and small denomination bills to buy donuts. He ended by reminding members that for those who were interested we would be going to the Rip Rap Roadhouse for a late lunch after the Donut Run.

The topic then turned to a possible club event for November. Two suggestions included visiting the new edition to the Air Force Museum and meeting at a pizza restaurant for lunch. After some discussion it was generally agreed that the museum was a good idea but for a later event to give time to check out the possibility of a getting a guided tour. Gina was to coordinate with the museum on that possibility. The most likely club event for November will be lunch at a pizza place. "Old Scratch Pizza" was the location initially chosen. Plans will be finalized at the November meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None to discuss

**NEW BUSINESS:** The only item mentioned was our annual Christmas Party. It will be held at MCL on our regular meeting date of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Nancy and July will head the decorating committee. Anyone wanting to help decorate please let Nancy know. Brett will provide the Christmas music. We will again be conducting a white elephant gift exchange. Expenditure on a gift is limited to a maximum of \$20. **The gift does not need to be car related.** Members are asked to be at MCL by 6:00 p.m. so we can get our food and all eat together. Because there had been some previous confusion on the rules of how the White Elephant would be played, a set of written rules were published in the December 2016 newsletter. These same rules will be used this year and have been reprinted later in this newsletter

**OPEN FLOOR:** Tom raised the question of our discussion in earlier club meetings about visiting the Green Sales Warehouse in Cincinnati. Scott mentioned he had contacted them to see about setting up a tour. They were to get back to him but as of this meeting no one has returned an answer to his query. If you want to see a little more about Green Sales, their web address is [www.greensalescompany.com](http://www.greensalescompany.com)

**ADJOURN:** With no other discussion, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Jim Ross. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

*Scott McGaha*  
Vice President

**Next Meeting: November 9th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



November Birthdays

No known birthdays

November Anniversaries

No known anniversaries



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*Message from the President*

I hope everyone had a great Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Many of us who live in areas where there are many houses in the neighborhood had to enjoy (?) going out and buying a lot of candy and giving it out to all the kids in their neat outfits.

Also, for those of us who had the pleasure of doing the TSWO Dayton area donut run, I am sure they had lots of fun driving to those 10 different donut shops and buying and consuming all those delicious donuts. The merchants we visited seemed to enjoy having us there, and I hope we can do it again next year. Maybe we can do the Butler County run next time, so those of us who did not get a t-shirt can get one.

This month we also honor our veterans on Veteran's Day on November 11. Make sure you thank our veterans who bravely served our country, defending our freedom and our way of life. Then, on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, celebrate Thanksgiving Day. That is traditionally a day when families all come together, some driving long distances to be with their families and cooking big meals and eating until they bust. Many families decide to take Friday off work so they can have that extra day to recover from all that delicious food they ate the day before and then take off to go back to their respective homes.



This month many of us will be getting our wonderful Thunderbirds settled into its bed for the winter, which is coming to us soon. I have not yet put my 'Birds' up for the winter, thanks to the wonderful warm weather we ended with in October. I am still hoping that we will have a warm November to follow the warm October, so I can drive them a little bit longer this year.

I would like also to thank Scott for filling in for me last month at the last moment. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it to the meeting due to getting stuck on I-65 north of Indianapolis that afternoon for 2½ hours on my way back from Chicago. Ironically, I got stuck just outside of Dayton, In of all places. I am sure he handled the meeting professionally as always. Thanks, Scott.

We will not be having a regular meeting in December, as we reserve that date for our annual club Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange. I believe we will be going over the rules of the exchange and how it works for those who were not a part of it previously. I am sure it will be lots of fun. This will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>. I believe we usually start this a bit earlier than our normal 7:00 start time, which will also be discussed at our meeting this month. See everyone there.



Some people may confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set

aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorably in the military — in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served — not only those who died — have sacrificed and done their duty.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Club Lunch	Nov 18th	Old Scratch Pizza 812 S Patterson Blvd
2. Christmas Party	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	MCL Cafeteria (6:00 pm)

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Roger Hamm (937) 835-5992  
 Treasurer: Lisa Hamm (937) 835-5992

Vice President: Scott McGaha (937) 439-1138  
 Secretary: Brett Andrews (937) 237-1131

## TSWO Donut Run



On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> members of the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio (Roger & Lisa, Scott, Brett, Mark & Jackie, Tom, and Nancy & Julie), were joined by members of the Miami Valley Car Club (Richard & Hilda Hall [49 Mercury] and Dave & Deb Harvey [57 Babybird]), to embark on a sweet little tour around Dayton. We made a donut run to 10; yes I said 10, donut shops in the Dayton area. Several of us had done the Butler County Donut Trail a year or so earlier and it was great fun. But that was just 8 donut shops. This was an even bigger challenge.

Our adventure began at Bear Creek Donuts in Miamisburg and ended 5 ½ hours and some 8000 calories later at Jim's Donuts in Vandalia. The weather couldn't have been more gorgeous. What a beautiful fall day. As will be noticed on the pictures soon to be on our website, the number of participants varied from locations to location. Some joined a little later while some had to drop off early. Why heck, we even had a couple who had to drop out part way through the tour and then rejoined us at a later stop.

Not only did we have a fun day, but it was made even better when a new prospective TSWO club member turned in his membership application and officially joined our club that morning. So we want to welcome Jim Hayden and Beverly to the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio. Hope your first day with us wasn't to traumatizing.

The shops we visited included: Bear Creek Donuts (Miamisburg), Bill's Donuts & My Favorite Muffin (Centerville), Barry's Bagels (Kettering), Ashley's Pastries & District 6 Donuts (Oakwood), Stan, The Donut Man (Kettering), American Classic Donuts (Dayton), Donut Palace (Huber Heights) and Jim's Donut Shop (Vandalia). After all this, eleven of us still made it over to the Rip Rap Roadhouse for a cold drink and late lunch. In the interest of space, only one picture of our excursion is show below. Because individual came and when as the day progressed who is in each photo may vary, so only the first photo of the day is shown below. To see additional pictures, go to our website at [www.thunderbirds-sw-ohio.com](http://www.thunderbirds-sw-ohio.com).



## White Elephant Gift Exchange Rules of Play



Everyone who wishes to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange is to bring a wrapped gift to the party. The monetary value of the gift should be in the \$20 range, give or take, according to the generosity of the giver. The gift should be wrapped in such a manner that it appear desirable to all potential recipients, without the item itself being discernible through the wrapping. Oversized and/or falsely weighted packaging is allowed, and even encouraged to add to the "fun" element of the game. Placing an item in a simple gift bag with a piece of tissue paper on top, is generally discouraged unless done in an especially creative way that adds to the spirit of the game.

At the start of the game, all participants will draw numbers from a pool to determine the order of play. The person drawing number "1" goes first, followed by the person drawing number "2", and so forth, in numerical order, until all participants have had a turn.

The person drawing number "1" has the unique opportunity to choose a single gift from amongst all the gifts available. A "reasonable" amount of examination of all gifts prior to selection is allowed. Other players awaiting their turn can provide immediate (vocal) feedback to the current player as to what is "reasonable" examination. Picking up and perhaps gently shaking gifts to determine their weight and size should generally be allowed (see oversized packaging and false weighting suggestion above). The use of X-ray machines, metal detectors, Ouija boards, and other extreme measures to determine a gift's contents IS NOT allowed!!

Once person "1" has selected a gift from among all gifts available, he/she opens that gift and displays it before all remaining players. Play then moves to the person who drew number "2".

Player "2" has the option of either taking the gift that was opened by player "1", or selecting an unopened gift from the remaining selection of all gifts. If an unopened gift is selected, player 2 must unwrap the gift and display it to all players. Play then moves to the person who drew number "3." However, if player 2 decides to take the gift previously opened by player "1", player "1" must select another gift from the remaining pile of gifts, open it and display it to all remaining players. Play then moves to the person who drew number "3". Play continues in a similar manner for all remaining players until everyone has had a turn.

When it is a player's turn, he/she has the following 2 options:

- select an unopened gift from the remaining available gifts, open it, and display it to all other players. Play then moves to the person who drew the next higher number.

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- take a previously opened gift that is in the possession of another player, forcing that player to either take another previously opened gift in the possession of another player, or select an unopened gift from the remaining available gifts.

During a turn, a player cannot take back a gift from the same person that took the gift from them immediately prior - that is, a "tug of war" scenario is not allowed.

Once a gift has exchanged ownership 3 times, that gift is retired from play. The person possessing that gift is also removed from further play in the game.

After all players have taken their turn, If player "1" still possesses the gift they opened during their turn, and it has not changed ownership at any point during the game, then player "1" has the option of:

- keeping the gift they opened during their turn, thereby ending the game

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- exchanging that gift for one that has not been retired during the course of the game. The player whose gift player "1" is taking must accept player "1"s gift in return, and the game ends.