



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio *Newsletter* November 2018



MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on October 11th, 2018, by the club President, Scott McGaha.

ATTENDEES: Scott McGaha , Brett & Peg Andrews, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Tom Tirey & Gina Hctor, and Nancy and Julie Blake. In addition, Scott was accompanied by two guests - Dave and Deb Harvey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott opened the meeting by recognizing several regular members who were unable to be with us tonight. He also introduced his guests, Dave and Deb. Dave and Deb introduced themselves by noting that they have a 57 baby bird, a 54 olds, and a 64 flair bird that is currently not road worthy. Scott then asked each club member to introduce themselves to Dave and Deb and identify the T-birds they have.

Scott then made a motion to approve the September 2018 meeting minutes as published in the October newsletter. That motion was made by Jan and seconded by Guy. The motion was then opened for discussion. Hearing no questions or concerns raised over the minutes, the motion was put to a vote. The motion was passed unanimously.

Guy sadly mentioned that one of our previous club members and dear friend, Carl Geiger, had passed away on September 29th and that his funeral was held at the Tobias Funeral Home and he was buried at the Calvary Cemetery in Dayton.

A check with the membership indicated that there were no changes to member contact information nor were there any new member prospects. In addition, there was no update news on any new T-bird purchases or major actions happening on any members current thunderbirds.

The Sunshine Committee identified two club couples with October anniversaries (Brett & Peg Andrews: 47 years and Dave & Nancy Moore: 44 years). Happy Anniversary wishes were extended to both couples.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Due to the absence of Lisa, our club treasurer, Scott gave the report using a spreadsheet provided to him by Lisa. He indicated the club financial balance had increased since last month by \$10 from the sale of a club Thunderbird book.

Event Planning: The first event discussed was our club trip to Valley Vineyards. Several members indicated that recent events would make them unavailable to participate on the tentative scheduled date of 27 Oct. After some discussion it was decided to move the date to November 10th. Final plans will be discussed at the November 8th club meeting.

Scott then mentioned the upcoming pumpkin carving event in support of the Stoddard Avenue Pumpkin Glow which will be held at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church located just behind the Dayton Art Institute. The event will take place from 9am to 9pm on October 27th to 29th. Scott suggested that if multiple members were interested in participating that we should attend as a group. Brett was asked to consolidate names of interested members (Scott later assumed coordination responsibility in an e-mail sent to club members).

OLD BUSINESS: Scott reported on his contacts with the Miami Valley Car Club (MVCC) as it related to selling them our audio equipment. He stated that although he had to miss MVCC's last club meeting, he was able to show pictures of the equipment to MVCC members at a social gathering and later discuss the matter with the club president and other members. Scott suggested their response was less than warm at best. They had stated that if we priced out the equipment they would consider the proposal.

After further discussions, TSWO members decided that there was no rush in disposing of the equipment. Brett was willing to continue to store it in his facility, so members were asked to look around and make suggestions as to other organizations that could use the equipment. Preferable organizations would be charities, schools, and other car clubs.

NEW BUSINESS: The only item mentioned was our annual Christmas Party. The format will be the same as in the past. It will be held at MCL on our regular meeting date of December 13th. Though final plans will be made at the November meeting; we are hoping that as in the past Nancy, Julie and Beverly will take the lead in the decorations and Brett will provide the Christmas music. Anyone wanting to help decorate please see Nancy. We will again be doing 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. The party start time will be finalized at the November meeting. Once the start time is set, members are asked to be there at that time so we can get our food and all eat together. (Note: The rules that we have used for the past several years for the White Elephant Gift Exchange are located at the end of this newsletter.)

With the end of the car show and cruise-in season fast approaching, only two upcoming events were mentioned that included the SICSA Red Dog Racers Charity Auction and Cruise-in to be held on October 20th at T.J. Chumps in Huber Heights and the 44th Annual Swap Meet at Reichard Chevrolet in Brookville on November 4th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

OPEN FLOOR: It was noted that Jim Ross copied the collection of our club member Thunderbird photos from our website in to our Facebook site. Brett also reiterated that if you have a Thunderbird and we don't have a picture of it on our website, please provide him an electronic copy or photo so he can load it.

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 8:15 pm.

Scott McGaha
President

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



November Birthdays

25th: Guy Gifford

November Anniversaries

No known anniversaries



President's Message

Autumn greetings to my fellow TSWO club members!

Although the summer seemed to want to hang on longer than usual this year (no complaints from me!), autumn temperatures and fall leaf colors are now upon us here in southwest Ohio. Although the pear tree outside my home office window is still lush and green, the burning bushes at the corner of the house are fully "enflamed" in their red leaf color. And there are more and more leaves from the trees and bushes in my neighborhood blowing across the yards and streets now (and into my garage when I forget and leave the door open!!).

As you can probably tell, I have mixed emotions about the fall season. Although I like the milder temperatures and fall foliage colors, I don't like thinking about what it signals is coming. Not just the coming of winter, with the possibility of snow and ice soon, but also the end of "car season" here in the region. Many of you have probably already put your Thunderbirds "away" for the winter. I have not just yet, but it is on my list of seasonal chores for this time of year. As I do so, I'll reflect back on all the fun times I had with my Thunderbird this past year -- many of which were with several of you and your Thunderbirds at one of our many club events that we put together over the summer. Our Thunderbird Appreciation Day event at the National Air Force Museum and our 2nd running of the Butler County Donut Trail are two events that immediately come to mind. We had trips to Green Sales Auto Parts in Cincinnati, the Dayton Art Institute, Jungle Jim's in Fairfield Ohio, a return visit to the Richardson Car Collection in Washington Court House, and a summertime picnic as well this year. All of these were great club events and wonderful opportunities for us to get together and socialize as a club. As I hook up the battery tender and put the car cover on my Thunderbird in the next few days, I'll look forward to next spring when we get to do it all over again.

We've still got two more events planned before 2018 comes to a close! There has been discussion about making a return visit to Valley Vineyards in Morrow Ohio on November 10th for another cookout/dinner/wine-tasting event. And our Christmas party in December is also in the initial planning phase. I hope to see all of you at our next regularly scheduled club meeting on Thursday, November 8th at MCL Cafeteria where we will put the final touches on these plans as well as start looking forward to events already under development for 2019, which will be here before you know it!

Until then, drive safe everyone!

Scott McGaha



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.



To all the members of the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio, here's wishing you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Valley Vineyards	Nov 10th (Tentative Date)	Morrow, Ohio
2. Christmas Party	Dec 13 th	MCL Cafeteria

CLUB OFFICERS

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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 final 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.