



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio Newsletter November 2019



## MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the club president, Scott McGaha, at the MCL Cafeteria 7:03 p.m. on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**ATTENDEES:** Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Dave & Deb Harvey, and Jim Ross and Beverly Knauper.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** After welcoming members to the meeting Scott noted that our attendance this month was low in part due to member illness or family situations or events.

Scott followed his opening welcome with a request for a motion to approve the September 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the October 2019 newsletter. A motion was made by Beverly Knauper and seconded by Dave Harvey. The floor was then opened for comments. Having no concerns, issues or suggested corrections being made, a vote was taken to approve the September meeting minutes which was passed unanimously.

When asked, there were no new member prospects reported nor any changes to member contact information. However, several items were mentioned concerning member Thunderbirds. Nancy explained that there was an individual from Connecticut who showed interest in her '66 T-bird. It was inspected by a mechanic and reported that it was in good condition. However as of this meeting, there had been no further follow-up contact from the interested party. Scott then quipped that his brother sent him a picture of a square bird that was for sale and was prodding him to buy it. The brother mentioned the car required gasoline be poured in the carb to get it started. Scott returned the favor by sending his brother a video of Nancy's car and encouraging him to buy it. Scott noted he has not received any further correspondence on the matter from his brother. Brett noted that on the day prior to the JDRF car show he retrieved his '66 from storage, got it all cleaned up, and on the morning of the show found out he had a dead battery. Testing at the O'Reilly's Auto Parts store revealed a dead cell in the battery, so Brett had to buy a new one. As a result of the extended delay, Brett was unable to make it to the car show. Jim Ross reported that the JDRF car show had over 100 cars. Not as many as in the past years, but a respectable number. Scott indicated he had attended a car show at Grace Church in Xenia that had over 225 cars. He mentioned that as part of the church's outreach program it does minor car maintenance and oil changes for the needy. Scott also mentioned a two-toned blue 1965 T-bird Landau for sale from a woman whose husband passed away. Anyone interested should see Scott for contact information. Finally, Scott mentioned he is getting an estimate on some rust work to be taken care of on his '66.

Scott announced there were no club member birthdays in the month of October, but he did recognize Brett & Peg who were celebrating their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was then noted that the October Newsletter did not include the wedding anniversary of Dave and Nancy Moore who will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Brett indicated he would note this oversight in the November Newsletter.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa, the club treasurer, and her husband, Roger, were unavailable for this meeting as they were attending the funeral of Roger's father. However, Lisa did forward an e-mail to Scott noting that there had been no change in our club's financial status over the last month.

**Event Planning:** Scott began the discussion of our remaining 2019 club events by talking about our pending night out at La Comedia on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for dinner and to see the show "Disaster". Scott noted he had made the reservations for the seven members who were currently signed up. The reservations are listed under the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio and his name. Those attending were asked to be at the club by 5:30 pm for seating. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and the show will commence at 7:00 p.m. Scott also mentioned that although La Comedia does not give refunds, that if any of our current participants can't attend for any reason on the 13<sup>th</sup>, they can change their reservation to another night by contacting the theater.

For our November club activity, it was confirmed with the members that we will again go to Valley Vineyard in Morrow, Ohio on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Scott will make the reservation for an estimated number. If you know you will not be at November meeting, but would like to participate, contact Scott before the November meeting so he can add you to the attendees list. As in previous years, we plan to eat during the first meal sitting which is around 5:30 p.m. so plan your arrival time at the restaurant accordingly. We will finalize our plans at our November meeting. As noted in last month's newsletter, our final event for the year will be our traditional Christmas dinner gathering and a White Elephant gift exchange. This year the event will occur on December 12<sup>th</sup>, our regular club meeting night, at the MCL Cafeteria. We'll gather at MCL at 5:30 p.m. for punch and then break for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Nancy & Julie have agreed to again do the decorating. If anyone would like to assist them in the room set up and decoration, talk to Nancy at our November meeting. Plans for the party will be finalized at this meeting.

December will be Scott's final month as club president. In a wonderful gesture of club support, he announced that he would continue to serve as the club's Activity Director. It would be an appointed position. As the incoming president, Brett was more than happy to accept Scott's gracious offer to continue performing the responsibilities associated with this part of the club's operation.

## OLD BUSINESS:

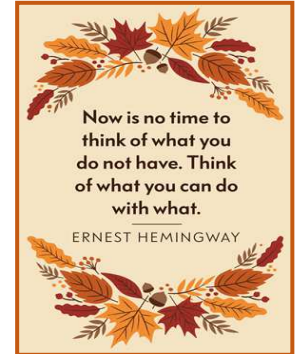
**Officer Elections:** Per our club bylaws this was the meeting for the conduct of club officer elections. Again, per club bylaws, the conduct of the election process is a responsibility of the vice president. As such, Scott turned the floor over to Brett. Brett highlighted the election process as described in the bylaws. He especially emphasized the fact that when only one member in good standing with the club submits their name for an elected position, the bylaws stipulate that individual will assume the responsibilities of that position on the effective date. Brett indicated that of the three positions up for

election (vice president, secretary, and treasurer) only one member had submitted a candidacy letter for each of the positions. Therefore, per the bylaws, they would assume those positions on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The club officers for 2020-2021 will be Brett Andrews (President), Roger Hamm (Vice President), Dave Harvey (Secretary), and Lisa Hamm (Treasurer).

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no New Business to discuss

**CALENDAR EVENTS:** Scott briefly mentioned the following short list of upcoming events:

- a. Dayton Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, every other Saturday until October 14
- b. Red Dog Racers Cruise-in at T.J. Chumps in Huber Heights, October 18, 10 am - 3:30 pm
- c. Next Club meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>
- d. VTCI South Central Regional, New Orleans, La, June 2020



There was a discussion of the Butler Classic Car Museum in Erlanger, KY. It was suggested that it be added to our potential list of activities for next year. It was also proposed that we consider offering the opportunity for other car clubs to join us on selected events.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Brett raised the subject of needing a new Board of Directors (BOD) member when he assumes the club presidency. Brett noted that the club's original founders made up the first TSWO BOD. Over time three of them have left the club, leaving only Brett. The bylaws were amended to stipulate that the BOD was to be made up of a minimum of three persons; the current club president, the immediate past president and the one remaining founder. Since Brett the one founder is soon to become president that reduces the BOD membership to two. The amended bylaws state that when such situations occur, a club member is to be chosen to serve for a limited time on the BOD. That selection shall use a process "established by the club officers..." and this selected BOD member shall serve "...as a term-limited BOD member during the period of the permanent member's presidency and past presidency". It was decided that this issue would be addressed at the beginning of the new year.

**ADJOURN:** With no other input, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. That motion was made by Deb and seconded by Peg. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

**Note:** It was clearly recognized that Jan was not available to make the motion to adjourn which is a break from our tradition. Being ill, Jan was not able to attend tonight's meeting. It was felt it best not to disturb her with a call for the adjournment motion, but Jan we were thinking about you.

***Scott McGaha***  
President

**Next Meeting: November 14th, 7:00pm, MCL Cafeteria**



## Presidents Message

Greetings fellow Thunderbird club members and Happy Fall to you all!

As noted in the 2019 TSWO club calendar that Brett handed out to everyone at last year's Christmas party, the first day of fall was September 23rd. But it doesn't seem like fall to me until I'm sitting at my computer desk with a blanket across my lap and over my legs. With the current temperatures in 20s and low 30s, I assure you the blanket is out from its summer storage place, so it must be fall -- or maybe an early winter!

Looking at the calendar, I'm also reminded that 2019 will soon be coming to an end. As I write this message to you, there are only 7 1/2 weeks remaining in the year and only 46 shopping days left until Christmas!! I suppose it's safe to say the 2019 car season has pretty much ended in our area as well. It went by much too quickly as well. Most of you have probably gotten your 'birds prepped for their winter hibernation by now, but mine is still sitting uncovered in my garage, plugged into a battery tender as if it's ready to go out for another drive. I'm still waiting to see if it will be spending part of the 2019-20 winter in a body shop in Troy, Ohio getting some body rust and other issues addressed. The body shop I spoke to said they may be ready to take it sometime this month. I'll keep everyone posted as events develop.

In the meantime, let's focus on the club activities we have planned for the remainder of the year! We still have two regularly scheduled club meetings to look forward to -- one coming up soon on the 2nd Thursday in November and the other on the 2nd Thursday in December. The November club meeting will be a normal meeting with an agenda, meeting minutes to review, club business to discuss, car talk, etc. The December club meeting, as noted earlier in this newsletter, will be our club Christmas party. And then we also have a cookout at Valley Vineyards in Morrow, OH planned for Saturday, November 16th. This will be our 3rd or 4th visit to Valley Vineyards, which I suppose means it's become a club favorite event. We'll put the final touches on plans for the cookout and the December Christmas party at our next club meeting on November 14th. I hope to see you there! Until then . . .

Drive safely everyone,

*Scott McGaha*



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### November Birthdays

25<sup>th</sup>: Guy Gifford

### November Anniversaries

None



**Correction Notice:** Due to my oversight, the recognition of the 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Dave and Nancy Moore, which they celebrated on October 20th, was not included in our October newsletter. I apologize for this omission and hope you both had an enjoyable anniversary celebration. **Congratulations from the Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio!!!**

*Brett Andrews*  
Newsletter Editor

## Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Valley Vineyards	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Morrow, Ohio
2. Christmas Party	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	MCL Cafeteria

## CLUB OFFICERS

President: Scott McGaha (937) 271-7414  
Treasurer: Lisa Hamm (937) 835-5992

Vice President: Brett Andrews (937) 237-1131  
Secretary: Brett Andrews (937) 237-1131

## "Disaster" at La Comedia



On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Scott, Brett & Peg, Dave & Deb, and Roger & Lisa gathered at the La Comedia Dinner Theatre for an evening of dining, comradery, and of course, to witness a performance of the play "Disaster". It was a beautiful day for a drive to Springboro, and to this author, an even better day to once again enjoy La Comedia's renowned Sweet Potato Souffle. Our group met in the lobby and soon made our way into the dining/theater area. We were comfortably seated at two side-by-side tables. We began with drinks, our salad with Chutney-Papaya dressing, and casual conversation. Soon we were ushered to the buffet line where we all filled our plates with whatever struck our fancy. A second trip to the buffet was extended to all dinners. Needless to say; some of us couldn't resist returning to capture another little taste of this or that. When finished our plates were cleared and the dessert arrived which was a sweet top-off to a scrumptious meal. After a few theatre announcements, the show began. Though not a Broadway spectacular, the play was enjoyable. After the show, we all met in the lobby where we saw the performers up close. Our group picture below was graciously taken by an employee of the theater.





## Hale (Hail) to the Thanksgiving Turkey



The legend goes that the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans came together around a dinner table in 1621 to celebrate the harvest, reconcile their differences and feast over a table overflowing with food. Contrary to popular belief, one element may have been conspicuously absent on that weighed-down table: a turkey.

According to Plimoth Plantation, an historic site in Massachusetts, most accounts say that the original Thanksgiving diners ate "fowl," among other meat dishes, such as venison. Edward Winslow, an English leader who attended the feast, wrote in a letter about the hunt for fowl for the feast. Conflicting reports say that the birds served at the meal could have been turkeys, ducks, geese, swans, cranes or even eagles. So how did turkey -the national symbol for Thanksgiving become the bird that 88 percent of Americans eat on the fourth Thursday of November every year?

The adoption of the turkey as Thanksgiving's unofficial mascot dates back to an unusual historical figure - an American writer,

Sarah Josepha Hale, a woman who also happens to be the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb." A New Hampshire native born in 1788, Hale is perhaps the sole reason why Thanksgiving today exists as we know it; she has even been called the "godmother of Thanksgiving."

Hale became obsessed with establishing the Thanksgiving holiday, hoping for a second national holiday to match that of Independence Day. In a novel she wrote called "Northwood," published in 1827, she described what would become the idyllic Thanksgiving table, taking the opportunity to introduce turkey as its star. For 17 years, Hale lobbied for Thanksgiving to become a national holiday, even writing letters to five presidents, including Abraham Lincoln. It was this letter that led to the creation of the holiday. In 1863, Lincoln invited Americans to "observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving." It wasn't until after Hale's death that the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established Thanksgiving as a legal holiday.



**To all the members of the  
Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio,  
and their families, may you have a  
wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.**