



# Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio Newsletter

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Autumn is Here!

## MEETING MINUTES:

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at the MCL Cafeteria on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. by President, Beverly Knauper.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the August club meeting, as shown in the September newsletter, so the minutes stand approved.

**Announcements:** Beverly thanked Scott for his generosity and hospitality in hosting our club picnic at his home. The members echoed her sentiment, praising the good food and perfect weather. See picnic photos on page 4.

Brett announced that our newest club member is Jayme Keyes, the proud owner of a 1957 Thunderbird. Jayme's baby bird and membership in our club was given to her as an early wedding gift by her future husband (and soon to be club member), Kevin Schrock. We hope to see them both at future club meeting.

Beverly brought to our attention that former VTCI President Lou Paliani has started dialysis and is on the kidney transplant list. She read a letter from the current President, Rod Wake, who is asking the larger VCTI community to be aware for potential donors. Beverly remarked that Mr. Paliani will be in our thoughts and prayers as he goes through this challenging time.

Gary brought in two club T-shirts from Jim Ellinger to be given away to members.

Beverly announced that Gary and Sue Hufford will be leaving our group and will be moving to Tennessee. Gary was one of the original four founders of our club. Over the years he served as club vice president, president, permanent member of the Board of Directors, and supported the club in other innumerable ways. Brett brought a cake to commemorate the occasion and to wish Gary and Sue the best as they move to their new home. They will be missed.



## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa reported no changes had occurred in our treasury since our last meeting.

**Event Planning Committee:** Roger mentioned the Fuel the Miracles Car and Bike Show which will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup>. He also inquired as to whether members would like to take another covered bridge tour in November.

**Show Committee:** Brett said that he hasn't heard from the Sons of Italy regarding lessons learned feedback from the car show or on the possibility of our club handling the car show for them next year.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Beverly again reminded the membership that she has scheduled a tour of the Center for Automotive Research (CAR) at The Ohio State University at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, in Columbus, Ohio. We will be meeting for lunch after the tour at the Bob Evans located near the research center. Brett will provide maps to the tour site and restaurant at our October meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne talked to the group about a conversation he had with Mr John Engle, the current president of the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival and car show which is held annually on the weekend after Labor Day. Mr Engle is looking for a possible car club to take over the car show aspects of the festival and asked if we would be interested. A future meeting with Mr Engle will be arranged to discuss the matter further.

**OPEN FLOOR:** There was discussion about the aforementioned car show. Ideas were tabled until further information is available.

**ADJOURN:** At 7:38 Beverly asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jim Lenz and seconded by Jan Gifford.

Beverly Knauper  
President

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



### October Birthdays

No club member birthdays  
this month

### October Anniversaries

Brett and Peg, Oct 2, 1971





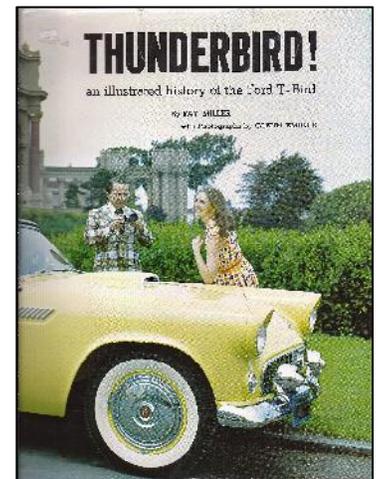
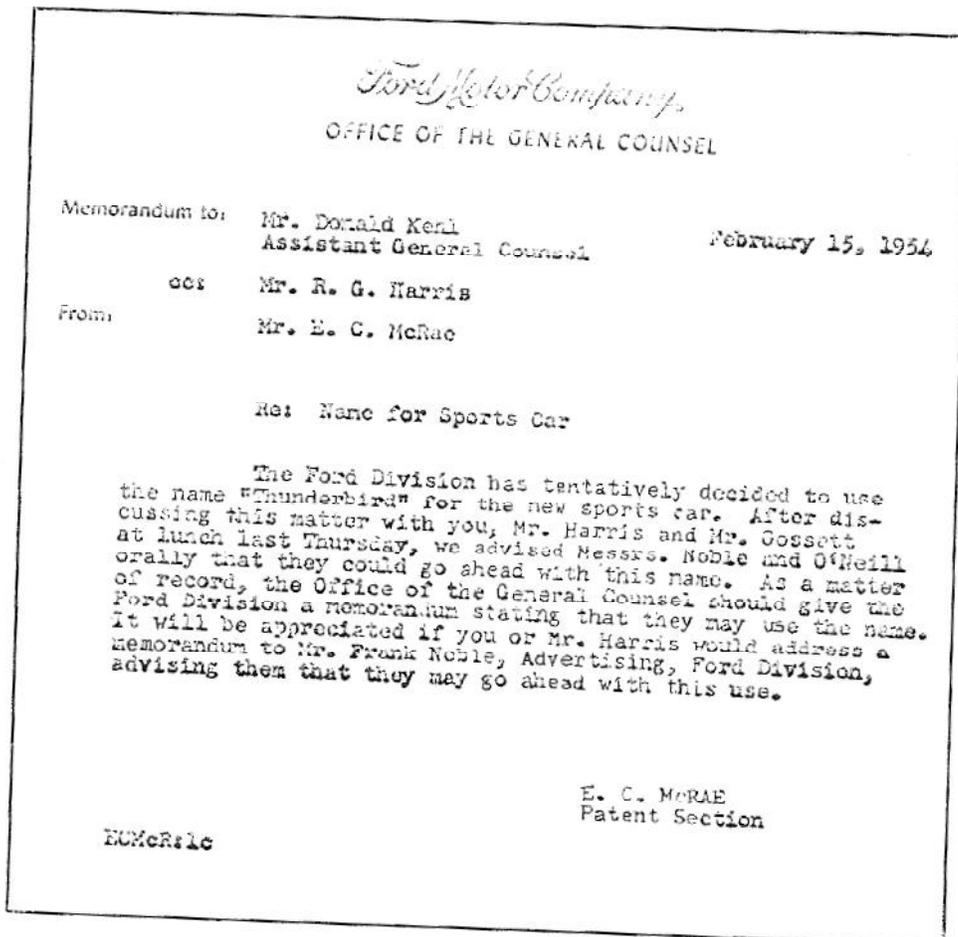
## From the President's Nest

Even as I enjoy the fall weather, the 2014 car show and cruise-in season will be concluding by the end of the month. As we cover our cars and place them on battery tenders for the winter, we include a promise to detail them in early spring so they will shine for 2015 - the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Thunderbird.

Before we live too far in the future, let's enjoy upcoming events. If at all possible, plan to attend our October 25 outing at the Center for Automotive Research at The Ohio State University. Our hosts will be members of student teams working on automotive innovations. I hope all of the vehicles will be there since some of them travel the world for races and other events. I think you'll be impressed by the facility, the amazing vehicles, and the remarkably talented students. I imagine the students will welcome questions so don't hesitate to ask them. Expect a great day! I'll expect to see you at our next club meeting.

### Did you Know !!!

Only days before the February 20<sup>th</sup> Detroit Auto Show in 1954, Ford's advertising Department was notified of the selection of the name *THUNDERBIRD* for their new car. Below is a copy of the actual letter dated February 15, 1954



This information was extracted from the book, *"Thunderbird! An Illustrated History of the Ford T-Bird"*, by Ray Miller, pg 20.

## Our 2014 Club Picnic:

Just as last year, Scott graciously opened his home to host our annual club picnic on September 7<sup>th</sup>. You couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. The sun was shining and the temperature was balmy - - just a perfect day. Our T-birds were lined up on the street and club members were lined up in the buffet line eager to dive in to the delicious selection of eats laid out before us. Bedecked in his apron, Scott grilled some of the most fantastic tasting chicken wings. Thanks so much, Scott, for your generosity and thanks to those who brought all the wonderful food. (see our website for more photos. If you have additional picnic pictures we can post, give them to Brett)



### CLUB OFFICERS

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### Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Lofino's Cruise -In	October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lofino's in Beavercreek
2. Center for Automotive Research Tour	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ohio State University
3. Club Christmas Celebration	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	MCL Cafeteria