



THUNDERBIRDS

Of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

October 2018



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was convened by the club president, Scott McGaha, at 7:00 p.m. on September 13th, 2018 at the MCL Cafeteria.

Attendees: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Nancy & Julie Blake, Guy & Jan Gifford, Jim Ross & Beverly Knauper, Tom Tirey & Gina Hocter, Darrel York, and Mark Allen.

Announcements: Scott welcomed all to the meeting

Previous Month Meeting Minutes Approval: Scott asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 2018 club meeting as published in the September 2018 Newsletter. That motion was made by Roger and seconded by Guy. The floor was then opened for comments on those minutes. Hearing no concern, a vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Potential New Members: No new prospects were reported.

Contact Information Updates: Hearing there were some changes to current member contact information, the latest membership roster was circulated and members were asked to update their information as necessary and return the roster to Brett. Jim Ross and Tom Tirey added new e-mail addresses and Scott deleted a phone number. Brett will update the roster and send it to all members with the October newsletter.

T-bird News: Roger is making steady progress on getting his 66 bird back on the road. Nancy announced that she had won a trophy at the Bellbrook Lions Club Car Show in August, and Scott discussed an article he had distributed to the membership concerning the Principality of Monaco Thunderbird.

Reports:

Sunshine Committee: Scott recognized the September birthdays of Jan Gifford and Jim Ross and the September anniversary of Mark and Jackie Allen.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa provided an update of our current club financial status as of the end of August 2018 showing no changes from the previous month's ending balance.

Event Planning: Scott began by thanking Brett and Peg for again hosting a successful club picnic this year. Although the weather did not cooperate and the event was held inside, all who attended had a good time. Apparently Peg's pulled pork was a hit and she got requests for the recipe.

A return trip to Valley Vineyards in Morrow was discussed as our October club activity. Members seemed to favor the idea. A tentative date of October 27th was selected. Plans will be further addressed and finalized at the October club meeting.

Scott also asked members to be thinking about suggestions for a November club activity for discussion at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Club Facebook Page: Jim Ross indicated the site is up and running and he has posted Nancy's Car for Sale advertisement on the page. Jim encouraged members to set up their own Facebook accounts and learn how to post club event write-ups and photos. You can see our Facebook page at "Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio"

Kentucky Trip: It was generally agreed that a club overnight trip to Kentucky would be an event for next year. Possible activities while on that trip that were discussed included a visit to Bardstown, a day at Keeneland Race Track, and visiting the Corvette Museum. Scott's suggested time frame was April of 2019 if the racetrack was an option members wanted to include. Hold on to the packet that Beverly Lake and Jim Hayden prepared on Bardstown and come ready next year to again broach this topic as a club event for 2019.

New Business: The subject of our club equipment was brought up. As a club we have a lot of equipment that was used in the past to support car shows. Brett prepared and maintains a complete inventory listing of the equipment to include descriptions and photos. The equipment includes such items as a sound system, speakers, cabling, tents, signage, etc. A proposal was made that since our future plans do not include our club conducting any more car shows that we get rid of the equipment which Brett has been storing since our club formed. We received the equipment free from a previous club. It was suggested we donate the equipment to the Miami Valley Car Club (MVCC). Guy proposed that we offer to sell the equipment. Scott, as a member of MVCC will approach that club with the proposal. This will be addressed further at future club meetings.

Calendar Events: Numerous September car shows and cruise-ins were announced to include Miami East FFA Cruise-in (Sept 14); Cars and Coffee, Carillon Park (Sep 15); Christiansburg Fire Co. Cruise-in, (Sep 15); Concourse D'elegance, Carillon Park (Sep 16); Ford JDRF Car Show, Sharonville (Sep 22); Xenia Grace Chapel Car Show (Sep 22); Rausch Car Show, Manchester (Sep 23); Kohlbacher's Open House Cruise-in (Sep 29); North Hill Church of God Car Show (Sep 30).

Open Floor: There were no comments or questions during the open floor session.

Adjourn: At the end of all discussion, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Darrel. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Scott McGaha
President

Next Meeting: October 11th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

Message from the President

Hello fellow Thunderbirders,

It's hard for me to believe we're now in the 4th and final quarter of 2018, but here we are! The year-end holiday season is fast approaching. I don't know about your neighborhood, but there is nary an autumn leaf to be seen on a tree, drifting through the air, or on the ground around my house. Everything is still the green shades of summer (or crispy brown in the planters that I quit watering during those 80 and 90 degree days of late September). It seems our fall weather is determined to be as late to arrive as our spring weather was back at the beginning of the year. I hope we have the pleasure of more than a week or so of those lovely, sunny and mild fall days before winter arrives.

On the bright side, these extended summer days have provided more opportunities for us to enjoy our Thunderbirds a little longer before it's time to put them away for the season. I hope you've had some time to do so, although I must confess I've been enjoying our local fall festivals and area Oktoberfests lately while leaving my T-bird to rest at home. I'm sure I will wish I had gotten it out more at this time of year come January/February of next year. Oh well, hindsight is always 20/20, as they say . . .

As Brett reminded us all earlier in this month's newsletter, we have tentative plans for another cookout at Valley Vineyards in Morrow, Ohio later this month. Based on the number of times we've done this (is this our 3rd or 4th visit?), this is one of our most popular club events. If you're interested in going, I hope you can attend our next club meeting at 7 p.m. on October 11th to help us nail down the date, time, and reservation size. Hope to see you there! Until then . . . Drive safe everyone,

Scott McGaha



October Birthdays

None

October Anniversaries

2nd: Brett & Peg Andrews (47 yrs)
20th: Dave & Nancy Moore (44 yrs)



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Valley Vineyards Dinner	Oct 27 th (tentative) 5:00 pm	Morrow, Ohio

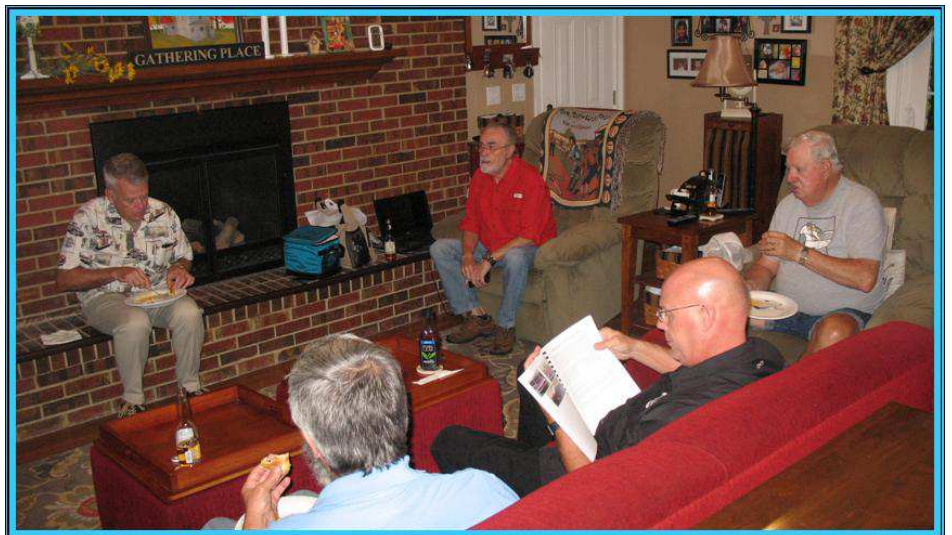
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Annual Club Picnic

On Saturday, September 8th, the annual TSWO club picnic was held at the home of Brett & Peg Andrews. Members participating included Brett & Peg, Scott, Guy & Jan, Nancy & Julie, Roger & Lisa, Tom & Gina, and Jim H. and Beverly L. It was a very rainy day and the festivities were forced indoors. Although a rain date of the 9th was originally set the nasty weather projected for the entire weekend lead to the decision to go with the picnic on Saturday. The rain may have affected where we had the picnic, but it didn't diminish those attending from enjoying a fun day. Peg made pulled pork and grilled hot dogs and Italian sausages on her indoor grill. Attending members brought a variety of delicious side dishes and there were more than ample desserts to go around. As has become the custom, Julie brought the Thunderbird Club cake as the centerpiece. Needless to say, being captive indoors and on a Saturday during college football season resulted in the TV being tuned to a game. Some members were unable to attend due to the severe weather hindering travel in their locations. Those unable to be with us were sorely missed. Below are a few pictures from the gathering. Additional photos are now available at our club website.



How did the months get their names?

(Source: Online Oxford Dictionary, edited down for space purposes)

January is named after the Roman god *Janus*, who presided over doors and beginnings - appropriate for the beginning of the year. Janus was usually depicted with two faces looking backwards and forwards, as is characteristic of a new year. This gave rise to the term "*Janus word*" for words having two opposite meanings.

February is ultimately based on Latin *februarius*, from *februa*. *Februa* was the name of a purification feast held on the 15th of this month.

March is named after the planet Mars. Why? In ancient Rome several festivals of Mars took place in March, presumably in preparation for the battle season, since Mars was a god of war.

April is an English word which comes from the Latin *Aprillis*, the fourth month of the ancient Roman calendar. In Old English, April was also sometimes called *Eastermonab*, 'Easter month'.

May is connected with the goddess Maia. Maia (in Greek mythology) was daughter of Atlas and mother of Hermes. She was considered a nurturer and earth goddess, which may explain the connection with this springtime month.

June is named after the ancient Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter and goddess of marriage and childbirth. June was also once known as *midsummer month*.

July was named in honor of Julius Caesar after his death in 44 BC, July being the month of his birth. Before it was renamed, the month was known as *Quintilis* which means 'fifth'. If you've been counting, you'll know that July isn't the fifth month. That will be cleared up when we reach September through December.

August, in 8 BC, the month *Sextilis* ('sixth') was renamed after Augustus, the first Roman emperor, who had died six years earlier. Augustus was given this title when he became emperor, having previously been known as Octavian. It came from the Latin *augustus* meaning 'consecrated, venerable' which gave rise to the English adjective *august*, 'respected and impressive'.

September follows on from *Quintilis* and *Sextilis*, in that it comes from the Latin *septem*, 'seven'. As with those (and the rest of the calendar), the numbering is a bit off now: September was originally the seventh month in an ancient Roman ten-month calendar, which started with March.

October from *octo* which is Latin for 'eight', for that ten month calendar. Two months were added to the end of the calendar year around 713 BC, and the beginning of the year was moved to 1 January in 153 BC.

November comes from the Latin *novem*, 'nine'. *November* is also used with allusion to November's position at the end of the year, and to the characteristic greyness, gloominess associated with it in the northern hemisphere.

December is Latin for *decem*, 'ten'.