



THUNDERBIRDS of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

October 2019



MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the club president, Scott McGaha, in the clubhouse at The Estates at Willow Creek at 7:15 p.m. on September 12th, 2019.

ATTENDEES: Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Guy & Jan Gifford, Nancy & Julie Blake, Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake, Dave & Deb Harvey, and Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: After welcoming members to the meeting, it was noted that new potential club members Jack & Donna Hatfield were on their way to our meeting when they had car trouble with their T-bird. Jack & Donna had attended one of our previous meetings. We wish them a cheap and quick fix on their Thunderbird problem and hope to see them at a future meeting.

Scott then requested a motion to approve the August 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the September 2019 newsletter. The motion was made by Roger and seconded by Dave. The floor was opened for comments. Hearing no concerns, issues or suggested corrections, Scott called for a vote to approve the August meeting minutes. A vote was taken with the minutes being unanimously approved.

There was no input concerning possible new club members, although the efforts made by the Jack & Donna Hatfield to attend tonight's meeting is promising. Additionally, there were no changes indicated to member contact information.

There was a lot of discussion when members were asked about Thunderbird updates. Most of the comments involved cars for sale. Brett announced he received a notice on our website about a 1984 Thunderbird turbo coupe for sale (Brett has all the pertinent information if anyone is interested). Roger mentioned he is selling his '61 Firebird. Guy reminded members that he still has Jim Ellinger's '62 black Bulletbird for sale, and Dave noted that Jack and Donna Hatfield made him aware of a red '63 Bulletbird that was on the market. Roger also noted that while on our excursion to Clifton Mill for lunch on our last outing, he spotted a '74 T-bird in Xenia that was for sale. At the end of our day's activities, he and Scott drove back to Xenia to check out the vehicle.

During the birthday and anniversary recognition portion of the meeting, Scott extended Happy Birthday wishes to Jan Gifford and Jim Ross who both celebrate their birthdays on September 25th. A Happy Anniversary was extended in absentia to Mark and Jackie Allen who are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on September 9.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa, the club treasurer, in presenting the club's monthly financial report announced the current balance in our account and that there has been no change in our account status since last month's report.

Event Planning: Scott started the discussion of events by summarizing our cruise through the Ohio countryside starting at My Favorite Muffin in Centerville and then proceeding to the Clifton Mill for lunch followed by a visit to Ritter's Frozen Yogurt in Beavercreek for our dessert. Scott then addressed our visit to La Comedia for dinner and to attend the evening performance of Disaster on Sunday, October 13. Currently we have 7 members signed up to attend. Members have a few more days to let Scott know they'd like to participate before he contacts the theater to make reservations and purchase the tickets. TSWO members who have signed up to attend are reminded that once the tickets are purchased, they would be responsible to reimburse Scott even if they were unable to attend. La Comedia does not give refunds but they do allow a change of dates assuming space is available. We will have one last club meeting on October 10th to address last minute issues relating to our outing to La Comedia.

In discussing our event for November, it was agreed we'd make a return visit to Valley Vineyards in Morrow on November 16 where we'll grill some steaks, shrimp or salmon and drink some Ohio made wine. If you want to participate in the trip to Valley Vineyards, you are encouraged to attend our October meeting so we can get a headcount for use when making our reservations. If you can't be at the October meeting, but want to be a part of the Valley Vineyards dinner gathering, please contact Scott via e-mail or text message to add your name to the participants list. Further details will be addressed at our October meeting. Our final event for the year will be our traditional Christmas dinner gathering and White Elephant gift exchange to take place at MCL Cafeteria on our regularly scheduled meeting night of December 12. Further plans will be discussed at our October and November meetings.

Scott finalized our discussion about club events by calling attention to the "Event Pool" list asking folks to think about what we want to do next year and to make recommendations for items to add.

OLD BUSINESS: Members were reminded of Club Officer Elections at the October club meeting and advised that persons wanting to run for an office (vice president, secretary, or treasurer) must have their candidacy letters to Brett by September 15.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business to discuss

CALENDAR EVENTS: Scott briefly mentioned the following events:

- a. Friday Night Cruise-In, Rip Rap Roadhouse, 4 p.m. to dusk, now through Sept. 27
- b. Friday Night Cruise-In at Lofino's, Seajay Drive, 5 p.m. to dark, now through Sept. 27
- c. Friday Night Kettering Cruise-In, Kettering Towne Center, Dorothy Ln, 5 p.m. until dark, thru Sept 13
- d. Dayton Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, every other Saturday until October 14
- e. Dayton Concours d'Elegance at Carillon Park, September 15
- f. JDRF Car Show, Sharonville, OH, September 28

- g. Xenia Grace Chapel Charity Car Show, September 28, 10 am-2:30 pm
- h. 2019 Land of Lincoln Rendezvous, October 4-6
- i. Next Club meeting on October 10
- j. Red Dog Racers Cruise-in at T.J. Chumps in Huber Heights, October 18, 10 am - 3:30 pm
- k. VTCI South Central Regional, New Orleans, La, June 2020

OPEN FLOOR: It was mentioned that the Springfield Swap Meet would be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds on September 13-15

Beverly thanked all the members for their cards, notes and well wishes during her recent medical situation.

Nancy then addressed the "almost recent sale" of her car. It seems that a gentleman in Michigan was interested. He came to Dayton to look at it. The vehicle was taken to a garage where the potential buyer had it checked out by a mechanic. He appeared very interested in purchasing the car and wanted to arrange for its transport back to Michigan. In the meantime, the car was taken back to Nancy's home to await transport. When the car arrived at Nancy's, she was informed by her salesman that the individual was no longer interested in the car. Unfortunately, somewhere during the transport, maybe while pulling into Nancy's driveway, the car bottomed out and caused damage and a leak to the radiator which had to be repaired.

ADJOURN: With no other comments forthcoming, Scott asked for a motion to adjourn. That motion was made by Jan and seconded by Deb. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Scott McGaha
President

Next Meeting: October 10th, 7:00pm, MCL Cafeteria

Presidents Message

Autumn greetings fellow Thunderbird lovers!

It's hard to believe that we've rounded the bend into the 4th and final quarter of 2019. As I write this, the recent heat wave has finally broken and temperatures today were much milder and more in line with the season. I don't think we're going to have very good regional fall leaf color this year, however, as most of the trees are drought-stressed and have already dropped many of their leaves. Despite the recent adverse weather, there will likely still be some good Thunderbird driving days ahead before we head into, dare I say the "W" word, ---- winter! But, we all know those days will be decreasing in number as time goes on. So, I hope each of you is able to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy your Thunderbird just a little bit more before time to put it away for the season.

Speaking of enjoyment, we still have some exciting club events planned for the remainder of the year. As noted in the September meeting minutes in this newsletter, on Sunday, October 13th, a group is going to La Comedia dinner theatre to see "Disaster! A 70s Disaster Movie...Musical!" "Earthquakes, tidal waves, infernos and the unforgettable songs of the '70s take center stage in Broadway's side-splitting homage to classic disaster films." Sounds like it could be very entertaining, and we know the food is always good. Tickets have already been reserved for those who are going, but if you didn't sign up but would like to go, you may be able to contact La Comedia to make your own reservation (Phone: 937-746-4554). Our reservation is in my name and "Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio." They may be able to add you to our table or at least seat you nearby. It should be a fun evening!

For November, there's talk of once again going to Valley Vineyards in Morrow, OH for a wine and self-grilled entrée dinner. This is our third (or is it our fourth?) visit to Valley Vineyards and it's always been an enjoyable time for those in attendance. We'll be finalizing the plans for this event over the next two monthly club meetings. Come to MCL cafeteria in October and November and help finalize the plans for this event if you'd like to join us.

And then before you can name all of Santa's reindeer, December will be upon us and it will be time once again for our TSWO Club Christmas Party! This is consistently one of the best-attended club events of the year and is always an enjoyable event of the holiday season. We'll be finalizing the details for this event over the next two club meetings as well, and I hope you plan to come to the December club meeting to join the party.

And *that*, as they say, is *that*, my friends! Another year of Thunderbird fun and fellowship will soon be in the rearview mirror . . . and documented on the TSWO webpage (<http://www.thunderbirds-sw-ohio.com/>) (<-- shameless plug). It all goes by so quickly! A sillier person than me once said, "Time flies like an arrow. And fruit flies like a banana."

In the meantime,

Drive safely everyone,

Scott McGaha



October Birthdays

None

October Anniversaries

2nd: Brett & Peg Andrews (48 yrs)



Notice of Club Officer Elections

Per our club bylaws, on October 10, 2019 at the monthly club meeting we are to hold our biennial club officer elections for 2020-2021. At this time, we have received only one candidacy letter for each of the three positions up for election (vice president, treasurer, and secretary). Because we have only one candidate for each open position, our bylaws, Article V, part 4e, states: "Should only one eligible individual have submitted a candidacy letter for an elected position, the vice president will so announce that situation on the day of the elections. That candidate shall be considered as being elected and shall assume that elected position on the date specified in part 5, "Term of Office".

Halloween

Howling cats and a big black spider,
Flying bats, some doughnuts and cider,
Smiling pumpkins can be seen;
The time is here for Halloween.

—Karen McGuigan Brothers



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. La Comedia	October 13	Springboro, Ohio
2. Valley Vineyards	November 16	Morrow, Ohio
3. Christmas Dinner	December 12 th	MCL Cafeteria

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Scott McGaha (937) 271-7414
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The Annual Club Picnic



On September 12 and in conjunction with our monthly club meeting, we held our annual club picnic at The Estates at Willow Creek community. The picnic portion of the event began at 5:30 p.m. As can be seen in the club meeting minutes, we had a great turnout. Club members provided more food than could be consumed by a group twice our size. There was everything from fried chicken and pulled pork, to a variety of salads, pastas, deviled eggs, cakes, and brownies. What a feast!!! Needless to say, most folks made more than one trip back to the serving table. After all the eating and pleasant conversation, it was time for the meeting. Scott banged the gavel and the meeting began. For the next hour we discussed club business and our plans for the remainder of the year. With the final gavel for adjournment, everyone pitched in to clean up the clubhouse to return it to its original condition. But before the cleanup started Scott brought a packet of covered plastic bowls so members could take home with them some of the remaining food. After packing our containers, we proceeded in returning the clubhouse to its original pristine condition. The club house was a very comfortable setting for our event. Considering all the fun we have every year at our club picnics and the delectability of the food, I can assuredly say at least for myself I'm already thinking about next year's picnic. Enjoy a few pictures below from our gathering.

