



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio *Newsletter* September 2016



Sept 22rd

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the club vice president, Scott McGaha, at 7:00 p.m. on August 11th, 2016 at the MCL Cafeteria.

Attendees: Lisa Hamm, Scott McGaha, Nancy & Julie Blake, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Brett Andrews, Mark & Jackie Allen, and Darrel York.

Approval of Minutes: Scott asked if there were any corrections needed to the July 2016 meeting minutes as published in the August newsletter. The only question raised was the use of the word "Kitty" rather than "Kiddie" in referring to the miniature thunderbird car replicas that Beverly had brought to show the group (that darn auto-correct). This simple correction does not warrant a re-issue of the minutes. Members were asked to make the correction on their copy of the newsletter. Other than this minor change, the minutes were approved as written and published in the August club newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scott asked the members to review the newly published membership roster and let Brett know if there are any needed corrections.

Scott also asked if there were any new Thunderbird purchases or work completed or in progress on member T-birds. Scott mentioned that the new fuel pump on his 66 seems to be working well but he is still limiting the distance he travels for a while. Nancy reported her car could be ready by mid August. It was currently suffering from carburetor and alternator problems. Brett described the new bling accessories he had installed on his retrobird, namely a chrome strip around the top of the doors and front of the trunk lid and the addition of chrome trim around the taillights. He has also had his air conditioning compressor replaced and a new convertible top installed. Mark mentioned that he had tried the recommended solution of changing the fluid in his power steering to eliminate the noise and it worked.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa reported that there were no changes in the clubs financial status from what was reported last month.

Event Planning:

Scott reminded us that this weekend we were to meet at the second street market for coffee/breakfast and to tour the shops.

Other options for club events were discussed such as a trip to the Rip Rap Roadhouse on the Friday after our September meeting. We could bring our T-birds and have dinner together.

A major part of the event planning discussion centered on the club trip to the Gilmore museum. This was to be an overnight event, so various dates were discussed. The weekend of 7-9 Oct was selected as a good date for the trip. Members would drive up on Friday, stay the night in Battle Creek, and drive to and tour the museum on Saturday. Those wishing to remain a second night to either continue further touring of the Gilmore Museum or travel to Auburn, Indiana to tour the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum on Sunday may do so. Brett has identified the Best Western Hotel in Battle Creek as the best location to stay. There will be more discussion at the September meeting.

Scott also identified a series of possible car events to include; (1) The Kettering American Legion cruise-in the 2nd Sunday every month (off Bigger Road), (2) The Gathering of the Geezers car show on Aug 20th at Kil-Kare Speedway, (3) the Bellbrook Lions Club car show on Aug 20th in Bellbrook, (4) a Fall Cruise-in at St Leonard's Living Community on Sep 24th, 10 am to 3 pm, and (5) the JDRF car show in Sharonville also on Saturday, Sep 24th, noon til 4 pm, registration starts at 9am, FORD Sharonville Transmission Plant, 3000 Sharon Rd. Cincinnati, Fee \$15 (Our club typically supports this show)

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss

Open Floor: No comments

Adjourn: Having no further discussions, Scott requested a motion to adjourn. That motion was made by Jan and seconded by Nancy. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Scott McGaha
Vice President

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

Message from the President:

September is here already. This means that all the schools have started and kids are no longer annoying their parents (well, not all day, that is). This also means that the days will begin to cool down, daylight will be less and our time driving our wonderful Thunderbirds will soon be over. I always hate to see the weather change to where I can no longer take my Thunderbird out to a car show and have to keep it under cover. I hope this winter arrives late and is very short.

Our club is also planning our final three months for activities for us to attend. Our club has usually frequented the Ford Transmission Plant car show which raises money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research. This year, the show will be on Sunday, September 24th. I hope we have a large turnout from our club. We are also trying to firm our date to travel to the Gilmore museum. There will be more discussion on this due to the previous date that we had set up is in conflict with some of our members being able to make it on that date. Hopefully, we can get this set up at our meeting.

I would also like to thank Scott for sitting in for me last month, as I had to make a sudden trip down to Virginia to help my parents, due to my dad having some health issues. I am sure that he conducted a good meeting. My dad is doing much better, but we still have not received the results of his tests conducted on him last month.

There was a nice article in the VTCI Script magazine about repairing the sequential taillight mechanism for the 65-66 Tbirds. It was very interesting and if you haven't read it yet, it is a must-read article, especially if you own one of these models.



September Birthdays

25th: Jan Gifford
25th: Jim Ross

September Anniversaries

None



Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Gilmore Museum (tentative)	Oct 7-9 (Tentative)	Battle Creek, Mi
2. JDRF Car Show	24 Sep	Sharonville, Oh

CLUB OFFICERS

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Rumor or Truth: "Car headrests were designed to shatter windows"



Car headrests can be used to break a car window, but they weren't intentionally designed for that reason. Car windows are made with tempered glass, which is very difficult to break. It's created by rapidly heating and cooling glass in a process that makes the glass five to 10 times stronger than it originally was.

Car windows can, however, be broken by hard objects with pointed tips like the metal punches found on hammers that made specifically to shatter glass windows in the case of emergencies:



When it comes to using a headrest to break a car window, the same principle applies. But instead of swinging the headrest like a hammer, one of the metal posts is inserted between the window and the door, and when it's pulled on, pressure placed on the end of the metal post shatters the glass.

There's no truth, however, to claims that car headrests were specifically designed to be removable so that they're able to smash a car window. Car headrests are detachable because they could save your life.

So, while it's true that car headrests can be used to break windows, there's no indication that they were specifically designed with that purpose in mind. That's why we're calling this one truth and fiction.