



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter
September 2017



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 10th, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria by the club president, Roger Hamm.

Attendees: Roger & Lisa Hamm, Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Mark & Jackie Allen, and Tom Tirey & Gina Hctor,

Announcements:

Roger welcomed all the attendees to the meeting. He then moved for acceptance of the July club meeting minutes as written in the August 2017 newsletter. Hearing no questions or concerns, the minutes were accepted as published. When asked, no one indicated any changes to their contact information nor did anyone have any leads on any new perspective club members.

Roger then queried the membership if there had been any t-birds purchased, sold, or had any repairs or restorations. Tom mentioned his bird had been in Roster's for fluid leak repairs and some major rework on his flywheel. Tom also mentioned he was obtaining some pictures of one or more t-birds that had been supposedly stored in a barn for an extended period of time.

Roger announced that this month it was Bea Walsh's birthday and he and Lisa's wedding anniversary. The membership echoed a hardy Happy Anniversary to the pair.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: The club treasurer gave the monthly financial status report stating that there had been no change in our account balance since the previous financial report.

Event Planning: Scott began by mentioning how much fun we all had at our third annual gathering at the Valley Vineyard Restaurant in Morrow and that he was pleased with the great attendance we had. He then informed the group that members of the Miami Valley Car Club has expressed an interest in participating with us in the "Donut Trail Run" should our club chose to do that again this year.

Scott then identified August 11th as the last of the Voss Cruise-ins for the year as well as highlighting several other local area car shows and cruise-ins that we taking place in the near term. Scott switched to discussing the possibility of our club touring "Green Sales", a Ford parts warehouse in Cincinnati, as a club event later this year. Scott had previously toured this site and provided his insights into its uniqueness and strongly suggested it would be well worth seeing. There seemed to be significant support

for the idea. There will be further discussion on this opportunity at a future meeting. Finally it was mentioned that the Springfield Car Show and Swap Meet would be held at the Clark County Fairgrounds on September 8th, 9th, and 10th.

The floor was then turned over to Brett to discuss the upcoming club picnic. At our previous month's meeting we had identified August 26th or September 9th as dates for the picnic. Members were asked to come to the August meeting ready to identify their availability on those dates so we could finalize the day and time. After some discussion, with some folks indicating their non-availability on one of the two dates, it was noted that all members present indicated they were available on September 16th. So, it was agreed that the picnic would be held on September 16th starting at 3:00 p.m. at Brett and Peg's home (consult your club roster for their address or contact Brett or Peg). Peg circulated a sign-up sheet asking those planning to attend to identify a side dish they will bring to the picnic. Peg will send out an e-mail reminder to each member just prior to the picnic on what they signed up to bring.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roger again reminded members of our upcoming club officer elections in October. He encouraged members to consider serving in one of the up-for-election positions (vice president, secretary, and treasurer). If you are interested, see Brett for a Candidacy Letter application.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss

OPEN FLOOR: Brett mentioned two items: (1) The domain name for our club website is up for renewal in September and that he will be paying for that renewal (\$14.99) and will submit the reimbursement form upon receipt of the payment voucher, and (2) We have several club members who have thunderbirds that are not currently pictured on our website. If you want your T-bird to be pictured, please provide Brett an electronic photo, preferably in .jpg format.

ADJOURN:

With no other discussion, Roger asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Roger Hamm
President

Next Meeting: September 14th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering



September Birthdays

25th: Jim Ross
25th: Jan Gifford

September Anniversaries

none



Message from the President

I want to start out by reminding everyone that our elections for club officers are coming up in October. We need to get your nomination letters in, as the elections are now just one month away. Offices will be for vice president, secretary and treasurer. The vice-president will automatically become our next president when the president's term expires after 2 years. So, get involved and send in your candidacy requests soon.

Also, the month of September is when our weather starts its change over to autumn weather. This means that the hot summer days will give way to cool days and even cooler nights. We will probably have to start wearing jackets to stay warm. Trees will also start changing colors and the leaves will start falling from the trees. Also, the car shows and cruise-ins will be coming to an end and we will start thinking about getting our birds ready to put away for the winter.

I am also looking forward to our annual picnic that will be discussed at this month's meeting so we can confirm what everyone plans on bringing with them. I am sure that Brett and Peg will be great hosts as they were the last time they volunteered to host our picnic. I hope that everyone will be able to make it and have a great time.

Lisa and I decided to make the trip to Ft. Wayne to check out the ITC Convention on September 2nd. I had thought about taking my 78 T-bird, but due to the trip we made last month and the costs incurred, we decided we could not manage the expense of staying in a motel for that weekend also, so we changed our plans and just drove up for the day. We saw lots of very nice T-birds there, including the 65 purple T-bird that is being raffled off on the 16th, with proceeds going to Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Cincinnati. I am trying to think of where I can put this car when they draw Lisa's name out of all tickets sold (LOL). We also had the chance to meet some of our former members there, which was enjoyable being able to talk over old times and, of course, T-birds. We also had lunch with them.

See everyone at the meeting and remember our October meeting will be on October 12th at 7:00 pm

Have a safe Labor Day



Hope you all had a wonderful, fun-filled Labor Day weekend.

Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Club Annual Picnic	16 September (3:00 p.m.)	Brett & Peg's Home

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Roger Hamm (937) 835-5992	Vice President: Scott McGaha (937) 439-1138
Treasurer: Lisa Hamm (937) 835-5992	Secretary: Brett Andrews (937) 237-1131

Why 90 Degree Days in the Fall. Isn't Fall Supposed to be Cool and Pretty?

by: Brett Andrews

All my life my view (maybe wish) on how the seasons work was based on 4 assumptions: (1) on the first day of Spring, tulips should be popping through the ground and the temperature should be getting warmer, (2) on the first day of Summer it should start to get hot, (3) on the first day of Fall it should begin to cool and the trees should start to look beautiful, and (4) and on the first day of Winter we should start expecting snow. But life has shown us all that it can be cold and snowy in spring and there can be fall days as hot as summer. I'm pretty sure I learned in science class in elementary school how the seasons work, but forgot. Remember, when I was in elementary school there wasn't nearly as much science, or anything else for that matter, to learn about, that's why we had longer recesses. By happenstance I ran into this little snippet of information about the seasons. It re-enforced my lost understanding and I thought, though not car related, you may enjoy the refresher as well. So below is a simple look at how our seasons happen. Personally, and sadly, for me the first sentence says it all.

(Note: The following information was obtained on the web at <https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-seasons> and is based on information from the Old Farmers Almanac.)

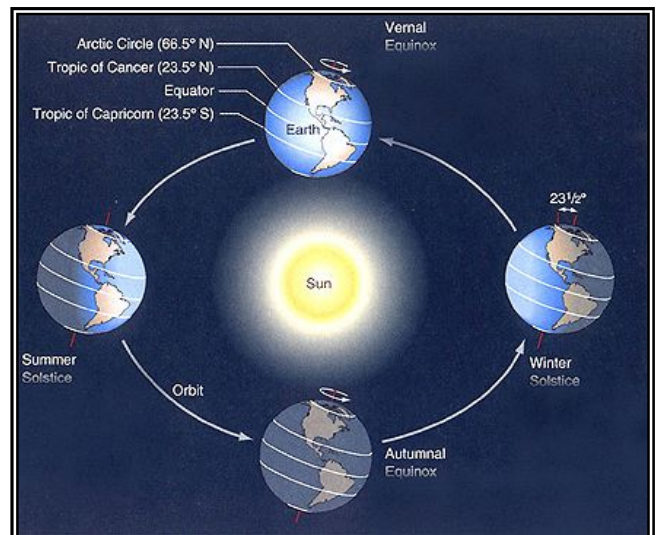
"The four seasons are determined by shifting sunlight (not heat!) – which is determined by how our planet orbits the Sun and the tilt of its axis.

On the vernal equinox (March 20th), day and night are each approximately 12 hours long (with the actual time of equal day and night, in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring a few days before the vernal equinox). The Sun crosses the celestial equator going northward; it rises exactly due east and sets exactly due west.

On the summer solstice (June 21st), we enjoy the most daylight of the calendar year. The Sun reaches its most northern point in the sky at local noon. After this date, the days start getting "shorter," i.e., the length of daylight starts to decrease.

On the autumnal equinox (September 22st), day and night are each about 12 hours long (with the actual time of equal day and night, in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring a few days after the autumnal equinox). The Sun crosses the celestial equator going southward; it rises exactly due east and sets exactly due west.

The winter solstice (December 21st) is the "shortest day" of the year, meaning the least amount of sunlight. The Sun reaches its most southern point in the sky at local noon. After this date, the days start getting "longer", i.e., the length of daylight starts to increase.



So the epiphany to me has been that, as an example, since the days start getting shorter immediately after the Summer Solstice (June 21st - first day of summer) we're in the middle of the summer, not the beginning, and we're heading toward fall, the Autumnal Equinox (September 22nd - first day of fall). So whether the date is a solstice or equinox, we're already approximately half way to the next season starting. The dates we recognize (Mar 20, Jun 21, Sep 22, Dec 21) as the season change dates are really the halfway points in a season and we're already well on our way to the next season. These dates actually tell us the location of the sun. Whoaaaaa! Now that I'm almost 72, I once again understand what the season change dates really mean. However, no matter how unrealistic, I still like my definitions better.