



# *Thunderbirds* of Southwest Ohio



**Newsletter**

**September 2018**

**Fall Begins Sept 22nd**



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was convened by the club president, Scott McGaha, at 7:01 p.m. on August 9th, 2018 at the MCL Cafeteria.

**Attendees:** Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger & Lisa Hamm, Nancy & Julie Blake, Guy Gifford, Jim Ross & Beverly Knauper, Jim Hayden & Beverly Lake, Jim Lenz, and Tom Tirey & Gina Hocter.

**Announcements:** Scott welcomed all to the meeting and stated he was glad to be back. He provided a quick run down of his vacation trip to the Chesapeake Bay area and the old T-bird he encountered outside a local junk yard on the Eastern Shore.

Scott then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the July 2018 club meeting as published in the August 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.

When questioned about possible new members, Roger indicated he had discussed the club with two individuals at two separate car shows over the last month. Brett and Roger also discussed the club and provided literature to an individual at the Gale Halderman cruise-in.

The T-bird news of the month was the recent purchase of an Inspiration Yellow 2002 retrobird by Roger and Lisa. We were made to understand that this was Lisa's car since yellow is her favorite color (Note: We all got to view the vehicle out in the parking lot after the club meeting). See the July 2018 write-up and photo of Lisa's new car).

There were no changes indicated to club member contact information.

## **Reports:**

**Sunshine Committee:** Scott then recognized those with birthdays (Beverly Lake & Bea Walsh) and anniversaries (Roger & Lisa Hamm) over the last month.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa provided an update of our current club financial status as of the end of August 2018 indicating one expenditure for the purchase of the club logo window cling decals.

**Event Planning:** Scott briefly discussed the large club member turnout and how enjoyable the meal was on our club dinner outing at the Houston Inn. He suggested we may want to consider another trip there as a future club event. Scott also brought up how much fun we had doing the Butler County Donut Trail

again this year. He also reminded the members that our August event was to attend the cruise-in and have dinner together at the Rip Rap Roadhouse on August 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a T-bird event, so members were encouraged to shine up their cars and all meet in the Roadhouse cruise-in parking area at 6:00 pm. Once gathered, we'll all go inside for a nice dinner.

Brett discussed our September event --- our annual club picnic. Brett and Peg are once again hosting the event this year at their home on September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 pm, with the 9<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. Brett and Peg will provide the main course and drinks. All members present were asked to sign up on a sheet Peg circulated to identify what covered dish they would bring. Brett stated at last month's meeting that if we were rained out on both dates the picnic would be discussed and rescheduled at the October club meeting, but Brett and Peg rethought the issue and decided to hold the picnic indoors at their home on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm should both days be rained out.

Finally, members were asked to be thinking about what club event they'd like to do in October. Use the list provided on the agenda or come up with something new. One suggestion made was another trip to Valley Vineyard to sip some wine and grill some steaks. We'll address that at the September meeting.

### **Old Business:**

The first order of old business was a discussion of who should maintain the supply of club logo cling decals and distribute them to new club members. It was agreed Lisa would have that responsibility.

On the subject of our Facebook page, Jim Ross indicated he had done more work on our page and reminded folks they can post appropriate items on our page. Members were encouraged 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"

A continuation of previous meeting discussions then ensued concerning a club trip to Bardstown, Kentucky. Jim Hayden and Beverly Lake put together some extensive information packets on the area. Having been there several times, they favored us with suggestions on the best places to stay and things to do. It was ultimately decided that since it was so late in the year and it would likely require an overnight (or two) stay, this trip would be held over for re-consideration next year. Members were encouraged to retain and review the handout materials and to check out the location on-line. Come ready next year to again broach this topic as a club event for 2019.

The topic then switched to previous meeting discussions concerning a proposed trip to the Keeneland Racetrack in Kentucky in October. Scott addressed possible dates, race times, travel distances, fees, etc. It was eventually determined that it may be best to defer discussion of this as a possible club trip for next year. Due to the timing of having to acquire early season tickets, Scott intends to put the topic on the January 2019 meeting agenda.

**New Business:** There was no new business to discuss

**Calendar Events:** Scott reminded folks of the Boomerfest Cruise-in at St Leonard's on August 11<sup>th</sup> and the Bellbrook Lions Club Car Show on August 18<sup>th</sup>

**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 Jim Ross and seconded by Jim Hayden. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Scott McGaha  
President

**Next Meeting: September 13th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**

### *Message from the President*

Hello again fellow Thunderbird friends,

As the color scheme of our newsletter this month reminds us all, the autumn season is just around the corner. This month marks the start of what I call the Brrrrr months of the year -- Septembrrrrr, Octobrrrrr, Novembrrrrr, and Decembrrrrr.

It seems only a short time ago (and it was, actually!) that I was composing messages to you for this newsletter wherein I was anxiously awaiting the onset of a spring and summer that didn't seem to want to emerge from a series of late winter cold snaps in our area. And now the bulk of the summer is in the rear view mirror as we motor on towards fall -- in our Thunderbirds, if we're lucky... And speaking of driving our Thunderbirds, there's still a lot of time to do just that. Despite the start of the brrrrr months, there are still a lot of warm, sunny days ahead to enjoy our automobiles before it's time to put them in hibernation for another winter. In fact, the area high today (post Labor Day) was a very hot and summer-like 95 F, and I wouldn't be surprised if there were more days like today still to come before this season is over. And when cooler days do arrive, that's actually a blessing for those of us whose vintage cars don't have modern conveniences like air conditioning -- all the better to enjoy a leisurely cruise in our fabulous Thunderbirds, without the perspiration...

So put aside for now any thoughts you might be having concerning what needs to be done to get your Thunderbird ready for winter. It's too soon for that! Think instead of ways you can still enjoy your car through the milder days of late summer/early autumn here in southwest Ohio. We've got a club picnic coming up soon, and we may manage to squeeze in another cookout at Valley Vineyards in Morrow, OH -- both of which could include our Thunderbirds if the weather cooperates. And I've got flyers for several car shows and cruise-ins scheduled for September and October that I'll bring to our next club meeting on September 13th to share with you.

Until then, drive safe everyone...

Scott McGaha



#### September Birthdays

25th: Jim Ross  
25th: Jan Gifford

#### September Anniversaries

9th: Mark & Jackie Allen



## History of Labor Day



Labor Day is a U.S. national holiday held the first Monday every September. Unlike most U.S. holidays, it is a strange celebration without rituals, except for shopping and barbecuing. For most people it simply marks the last weekend of summer and the start of the school year.

The holiday's founders in the late 1800s envisioned something very different from what the day has become. The founders were looking for two things: a means of unifying union workers and a reduction in work time. The first Labor Day occurred in 1882 in New York City

under the direction of that city's Central Labor Union.

In the 1800s, unions covered only a small fraction of workers and were relatively weak. The goal of organizations like the Central Labor Union and more modern-day counterparts like the AFL-CIO was to bring many small unions together to achieve a critical mass and power. The organizers of the first Labor Day were interested in creating an event that brought different types of workers together to meet each other and recognize their common interests.

However, the organizers had a large problem: No government or company recognized the first Monday in September as a day off work. The issue was solved temporarily by declaring a one day strike in the city. All striking workers were expected to march in a parade and then eat and drink at a giant picnic afterwards.

Labor Day came about because workers felt they were spending too many hours and days on the job.

In the 1830s, manufacturing workers were putting in 70-hour weeks on average. Sixty years later, in 1890, hours of work had dropped, although the average manufacturing worker still toiled in a factory 60 hours a week.

These long working hours caused many union organizers to focus on winning a shorter eight-hour work day. They also focused on getting workers more days off, such as the Labor Day holiday, and reducing the workweek to just six days.

As the U.S. economy expanded beyond farming and basic manufacturing in the late 1800s and early 1900s, it became important for businesses to find consumers interested in buying the products and services being produced in ever greater amounts. Shortening the work week was one way of turning the working class into the consuming class.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

# Remembering 9-11



“Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.”

*President George W. Bush*

## Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Club Picnic	Sep 8th (Rain or Shine) 1:00 pm	Brett & Peg's Home

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