Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

August 2017

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. on July 13th, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria by the club president, Roger Hamm.

Attendees: Roger & Lisa, Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Tom Tirey & Gina Hoctor, Darrel York, and Jim Lentz.

Announcements:

Roger opened the meeting by welcoming all the members and announcing that Tom and Gina have submitted their club applications and are now members of TSWO. Prior to discussing business, Roger mentioned that he and Lisa very virtually trapped at their home from the recent thunderstorms. They lost power for several days until today and they were unable to go anywhere in their car due to down trees on all the exit roads from their home.

Roger then moved that the minutes of the June 2017 club meeting be approved as published in the July 2017 newsletter and then opened the motion for discussion. Having no issues or questions raised about the said minutes, they were approved as published. It was noted that most members who get their newsletter via email had not received their July issue. Brett apologized and said he would immediate retransmit the next day.

Upon query, no members had purchased or sold a T-bird nor were there any changes to member contact information contained on the membership roster. Tom and Gina will be added to the club roster and a new issue will be sent out with the August 2017 newsletter. It was mentioned that a retrobird was for sale at Ross Motors in Kettering.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Our club treasurer gave the monthly financial status report indicating there had been no changes in our account balance status since the previous financial report.

Event Planning: Scott began by mentioning what a great time all the participants had at the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan and the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum in Indiana. Brett noted that he has updated our website with the write-ups and pictures of our earlier visit to the Halderman Museum, our rolling cruise-in to celebrate Thunderbird Appreciation Day, and our weekend trip to the Gilmore and Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museums.

In addressing upcoming events, Scott mentioned that Friday, July 14th was Collector Car Appreciation Day. He also noted that the next Voss cruise-in was on the 14th from 5-9 p.m. He reminded members that this Saturday, July 15th, was our third annual trip to the Valley Vineyards in Morrow, Ohio to grill our own steak, shrimp or salmon and sample some locally made wines. Scott urged us to be at Valley Vineyards by 5:00 pm. The restaurant told him they had several large groups coming in shortly after our scheduled time and we may want to grill and get our food and drinks before they arrive in mass.

Scott also reminded folks that the annual Gale Halderman cruise-in was in two weeks on July 26th from noon till 3:00 pm and that the Kettering Legion was sponsoring a cruise-in on August 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at 5700 Kentshire Drive in Kettering. Roger discussed the Good Guys Car Show he attended in Columbus that had a thousand plus cars participating. Members we also reminded of the upcoming ITC convention in Ft Wayne on August 29th to September 3rd at the Ramada Inn and the Mustang/Ford Show at Summit Park in Blue Ash on July 30th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roger 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.

Brett brought up that we need to decide on a location and date for our club picnic. Both Brett & Peg and Scott offered to host the picnic at our last meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that Brett & Peg would be the hosts this year. Based on upcoming holidays and other events, the two dates tentatively identified for the picnic are August 26th and September 9th. **(IMPORTANT NOTE: Please come to the August meeting ready to identify which of these two dates you would not be available to attend. Brett and Peg will be providing the primary course and drinks. Peg will also be soliciting names to bring various side dishes and deserts from those planning to attend.)**

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss

OPEN FLOOR: The floor was opened for other discussions. No concerns or comments were raised.

ADJOURN: Having no other discussion, Roger requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Jim Lenz. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Roger Hamm
President

Next Meeting: August 10th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

August Birthdays

26th: Bea Walsh

August Anniversaries

4th: Lisa & Roger Hamm

Message from the President

I want to start out by congratulating Brett and Peg on their daughter's new arrival last month. I understand that the grandparents are now babysitting again, allowing the parents to get some free time to rest, as I understand that they are not getting much sleep.

I also want to remind 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 2 months 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 August is when many of our local school districts will be starting their next school year and children will be making their way to their local school bus stops. Please make sure you are very watchful for any children who may try to cross the street without looking on their way to catch their school bus.

Several of our members were able to make it to the annual Gale Halderman cruise in at his museum in Brandt, Ohio. I was able to make it and was happy to also see Brett, Jim and Beverly there. There were, if I remember correctly, over 200 cars on the show field. In fact, they had so many cars that they totally filled up their grounds from the very back of the yard all the way out to the road. I don't think they could have put very many more vehicles there, as they were almost out of room to spare.

I was also able to attend the 36th annual Mustang/Ford show in Blue Ash recently. It was really interesting seeing all those Mustangs in all different colors from 1964 to 2017. They also had two Thunderbird classes: 1955-1966 and 1967-2005. I decided to take my 1978 Diamond Jubilee and the trophies went to the 2003, 2005, and 1995 Tbirds in my class. The other Tbird that did not place in our class was a 1997 model that had some paint issues. I still had a good time and it was nice having several people who looked at my car say they thought it was a nice car. I am sure that Jim and Bev were busy, as Jim was working the registration desk and Bev was going around taking pictures of cars at the show.

I am also looking forward to our annual picnic that will be discussed at this month's meeting so we can firm our date for it. You may also want to start thinking about what you might want to bring to the picnic as I am sure that Brett and Peg would like to know what we will be eating on that date. See you there.

Upcoming Club Events

Event	Date(s)	Location
Club Annual Picnic	**TBD**	Brett & Peg's Home

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Roger Hamm (937) 835-5992
Vice President: Scott McGaha (937) 439-1138
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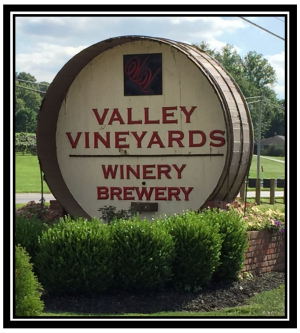
Our Annual Valley Vineyards Outing



On Saturday July 15th, twelve TSWO members (Roger & Lisa, Scott, Brett & Peg, Jim & Beverly, Guy & Jan, Darrel, and Tom & Gina) and a guest with Tom and Gina made our third annual pilgrimage to the Valley Vineyards Restaurant and Winery in Morrow, Ohio. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. Four members drove their T-birds and tried to conspicuously park them where others could see. With our early 5:00 pm arrival the restaurant was not yet busy. However, we knew that two larger crowds would soon be arriving, so we made haste in getting our steaks, shrimp or salmon on the grill, gathered our side dishes and wine, and were seated before the arrival of the crowd. We then settled down to a great meal and lively conversation. As the editor, I can only speak for myself, but my steak was delicious. I heard no complaints, so I must assume the other were pleased as well. We sat there and ate, talked, and drank wine all topped off with some really delicious deserts. Additional photos to soon be added to our website.

Grillin', Eatin', and a Sippin'