THUNDERBIRDS

of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

May 2017

MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendees: Roger Hamm, Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Mark & Jackie Allen, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy Gifford, Jim Lenz, and Ed Brown.

Announcements: Roger began the meeting by welcoming all with a special welcome to Brownie and Jim Lenz whom we haven"t seen in a while. Roger moved that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as published in the April 2017 newsletter and opened the floor for comment. Hearing no corrections or concerns over the March meeting minutes, they were approved as published.

When asked, there were no prospective new members identified though Roger has spotted a 66 t-bird at a residence and intends to attempt to contact the owner to invite them to join our club. None of our members indicated any changes were needed to their contact information and there had been no new t-bird purchases in the past month. However, several members commented on their t-bird status. Scott uncovered his 66 and took a test drive to Lowes. All went well, so ventures farther from home are soon in his future. Guy is still working on his 60 squarebird and mentioned that it will likely need a paint job.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: In Lisa's absence, Roger gave the club's financial status as of March 2017. There were no changes from the previously reported month.

Event Planning: Scott first mentioned that he saw, liked, and obtained multiple copies of an AARP Watchdog Alert Handbook that he distributed to club members. He then reiterated how much fun we had at our bowling outing and hoped that it would become an annual club event. Scott then brought up our planned trip to Jungle Jim's on Saturday, April 15th but proposed an alternate option. Jim Ross mentioned that his Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club was making a trip to the Dale Haldeman Museum in Tipp City on the 15th and our club was invited to participate. The group overwhelmingly supported that change and plans were made to go the Haldeman Museum on the April 15th. Several members were to meet at Guy's house and then caravan the short drive to the museum where we'd meet at 11:30. Scott then addressed the upcoming Thunderbird Appreciation Day on May 21st. A final decision on the multiple locations we will visit to display our t-bird will be determined at the May meeting. Current suggestions include, among others, are Sonics (by Guy's home), the Root Beer stand on Woodman Ave, and Ritter's Frozen Custard stand. Scott also made brief mention of various cruise-ins to include St Leonards (May 20th), Dairy Cream in Vandalia, and the shopping center at the corner of Woodman and Dorothy Lane.

Scott reminded the members of the Cars and Coffee gathering at the parking garage at the Greene Saturday, April 15th and then every other Saturday. He also told members of the International Thunderbird Club convention on Aug 29th thru Sep 3rd in Ft Wayne. He confirmed that any T-bird year and any club members can attend. Finally he mentioned the VTCI convention to be held later this year in Atlanta, Ga.

Scott then turned the floor over to Brett to address our club trip to the Gilmore Museum in Michigan. Brett distributed a detailed hand out describing the location, admission fee, hours of operation, a recommended hotel in Battle Creek, and 3 possible dates in June. After some discussion, the group selected 23-25 June as the dates for the outing. Members were advised to contact the hotel to make reservations as soon as possible. Discussions will continue at the May meeting with final decisions on departure times, gathering locations for the caravan, and other details to be made at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to discuss

New Business: No New Business was raised

Open Floor: Roger opened the floor for other discussions. Nancy mentioned that Daryl picked up our surplus door prizes she had been storing. He plans to use them for the 2017 JDRF car show.

Jackie, the Executive Director of Greater Dayton Market for the March of Dimes (MOD) stated that there would be a MOD "March for Babies" walk at 8:00 am on April 29, near NCR, UD River campus, Old River Park. Also MOD is working with the Dayton Dragons to sponsor a day at the ball park on June 15th. If you purchase game tickets using the special MOD flyer available from Jackie, MOD will get $5 for every ticket sold.

Adjourn: After completion of all discussion, Roger asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mark and seconded by Jim. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NOTE: A special thanks to Mark and Jackie. Prior to the start of our April meeting, Mark handed out a small packet to retrobird owners that contained the bolts and rubber grommets that can be used to replace the bolts that hold the front of the hardtop to the windshield frame when they no longer grip. Thanks, again. This gift will surely come in handy.

Roger Hamm
President

Next Meeting: May 11th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering

May Birthdays

None

May Anniversaries

none

Message from the President

We are now into the month of May, when temperatures normally stay above freezing and may at times reach 80 degrees. It is also the month when we celebrate Mother's Day. I have found some information on how the modern holiday began, which is shown below. May officially begins the cruise season, as you can find many cruises and car shows all over the United States. So, let's get our Tbirds cleaned and ready for another season of attending some cruise-ins, especially the Tbird Appreciation Day on May 21st.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". In 1908, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would have to proclaim also a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all US states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday, the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923, and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Happy Mother's Day to all our ladies in the club. See you at our meeting on the 11th.

Upcoming Club Events

Event	Date(s)	Location
1. Thunderbird Appreciation Day	May 21st	Various
2. Gilmore Auto Museum (tentative)	23-25 June	Hickory Corners, Mi

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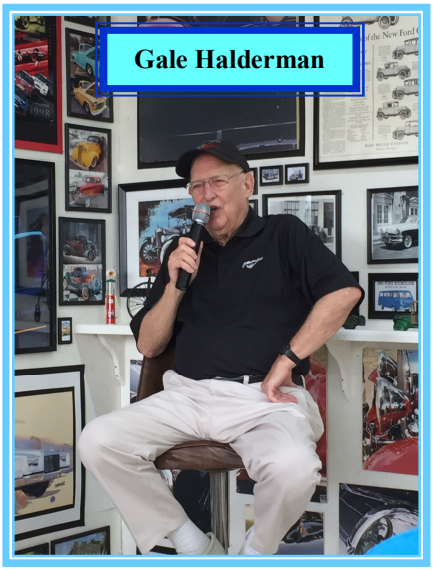
Joint Club Visit to the Gale Halderman Museum

On Saturday April 15th, ten TSWO club members (Roger, Scott, Brett, Mark & Jackie, Guy, Nancy and Julie, and Beverly & Jim {co-counted you two on out team, too} were invited by and participated with the Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club in visiting the Gale Halderman Museum in Tipp City, Ohio. Although several of us attended the museum's cruise-in last year, this was a much more intriguing event. The three club retrobirds owned by Brett, Beverly and Roger were outnumbered by a larger group of Mustangs. Initially the attendees walked around looking at the club cars and meandered through the museum. Though there were only a few cars in the museum, the hundreds, if not thousands, of pieces of wall art, auto related advertisements, and original car design artwork (some done by Gale himself) was a sight to behold. During the walk around our own Jim Ross did a short video taped interview with Gale. The group then moved to the seating area in the garage portion of the museum where Gale talked about his early life and how he ended up a car designer at Ford and his extensive involvement in the design of the original mustang. He shared stories about such well knowns as Lee Iacocca and Bill Ford. Gale's remarks were followed up by a question and answer session. What at treat to set and listen to an individual who had such a drastic impact on the automotive world. Gale will be holding his annual cruise-in at his museum in July. Below are a few pictures of our adventure. Additional photos can soon be viewed on our club website.

Retrobirds driven by Brett, Beverly, & Roger

Mustang Row



Gale Halderman

TSWO members with Gale

Sunday May 14th is Mother's day. Here's wishing all the mothers in our club the happiest of Mother's Days. As Rudyard Kipling once said, ***"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."***