Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio

Newsletter

November 2016

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the club president, Roger Hamm, at 7:00 p.m. on October 13th, 2016 at the MCL Cafeteria.

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

Approval of Minutes: After a hearty welcome to the attendees, the president proceeded to the approval of last month's meeting minutes. When asked if there were any needed corrections to the September 2016 club meeting minutes as published in the October newsletter, except for a minor clarification on which members attended our club gathering at the Second Street Market, no other comments or concerns were raised. The September 2016 meeting minutes were approved as written and published in the October 2016 club newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The president announced that he had signed up a new club member, Mr. David Moore and his wife Nancy. They were unable to attend this club meeting. Welcome!!! We hope to see them at one of our club events in the near future.

With the recent issuance of an updated membership roster, Roger confirmed with the members present that there were no needed corrections to the information contained on the roster.

During our car segment discussion concerning new car purchases or maintenance issues with our t-birds, Mark brought up the problem of retrobird spare tires blowing up while in the trunk. He pointed out that the original equipment spare tires are no longer being made. He did some checking around and found a tire that would fit the rim and fit in the trunk, though not exactly the same size dimensions as the original equipment. He purchased the tire from Discount Tires in Springboro, Ohio for $75. With taxes and fees it came to just a tad over $100. The tire was a Kumho T135/90 R17. This same issue was addressed in an article in the February 2016 issue of our newsletter.

Mark also mentioned, as a side note, that he read that the retro thunderbird was ranked by Hagerty clients as the 3rd most popular vehicle built in the 2000's.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Lisa gave our bank account balance and stated that there has been no change since our last meeting.

Event Planning:

Scott's first topic was our upcoming tour of the Pennsylvania House located at 1311 W. Main St in Springfield Ohio on Saturday, October 29th. Because the house is only open from 1-3 p.m., we plan to have lunch together prior to the tour. Scott will check out some restaurant close to the Pennsylvania House and send out an e-mail to the membership identifying the restaurant and the time to meet there. Once you receive Scott's e-mail, members are asked to respond to Scott ASAP if they will be participating so he can get a head count.

Scott next addressed our November 12th club event; a trip back to Valley Vineyards to cook some steak or salmon and sip some wine. Plans will be finalized at our November meeting. Scott will provide directions. This is not a car event, since most of us will have put our birds away for the winter, so we will be car pooling.

Lastly Scott discussed our December club event which will be our Christmas party on December 8th. As we've done in previous years, our party will be held at the MCL cafeteria. Nancy, July and Beverly will do the decorating and Brett will bring the Christmas music. We will again be conducting a white elephant gift exchange. Because of some confusion in prior years, it was decide to limit the expenditure on a gift to a maximum of $20 and the gift should be car related. All members are asked to arrive at MCL around 6:00 p.m. so we can all eat together.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy mentioned that she had a lot of door prizes left over from previous car shows we had conducted and she was wondering what we wanted to do with them. The general consensus was that a portion of them should be given to Darrel York to support next years Junior Diabetes Research Foundation car show and part should be given to Jim Lenz to support the Shriner's annual car show.

Open Floor:

It was mentioned that there was to be a cruise-in held in conjunction with the movies at the Dixie Drive-in on N. Dixie Drive in Dayton on October 15th.

Darrel thanked those club members who participated in the JDRF Car Show in Cincinnati in September. He mentioned they had more cars then originally expected, some 250. The show was such a success that they ran out of food and drinks and made a bunch of money for diabetes research. They've already begun planning for next September's car show. (See the below article and pictures of club member participation in this event.)

Adjourn: With no further discussions, Roger requested a motion to adjourn. That motion was made by Jan and seconded by Darrel. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Roger Hamm
President

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

Message from the President:

As we enter the month of November, we will soon be getting into the holiday season. It begins with us celebrating Veteran's Day on November 11 and continuing until we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on November 24th. However, do we know what the history of these two holidays is? I did some reading and research and I've included that in this president's message this month. I hope this will be some good reading for our members.

This month also traditionally will be the time for us to be getting our wonderful Thunderbirds settled into its bed for the winter, which is coming to us soon. I have not yet put my 'Bird up for the winter, thanks to the wonderful warm weather we ended with in October. Maybe we will have a warm November, so we can drive them a little bit longer this year.

I would like also to thank Scott for recommending The Buckeye Lodge as a place to enjoy a great meal before going to the Pennsylvania House tour on October 29th. I am sure everyone had a great time and our server was wonderful and took good care of all of us. I think it would be a good idea to possibly go there again sometime in the future. Our next planned event will be the Valley Vineyard dinner and tour which we have decided to do on Saturday, November 12th. I hope we can have as good a turnout then as we did for the October event.

Our November meeting will be on November 10th at the MCL cafeteria at 7 pm. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

The History of Veterans Day

We celebrate Veterans Day every year, but many of us do not actually know where the holiday came from. Most people know that Veterans Day is a day to honor Americans who have sacrificed their lives for our country, but there is more to the story than many may have realized. Here are some things many of us may not already know about Veterans Day.

On June 28, 1919, WWI had officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles, in the Palace of Versailles in France. However, the fighting continued for an additional seven months and finally ended with an armistice, or a peace agreement, between the Allied Nations and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, or November 11. The day was commemorated the following year on November 11, as Armistice Day, and was intended to dedicate a day to remind nations to seek peaceful relationships between one another, in hopes that we will never again be divided.

By 1954, our country survived two more major wars, WWII and the Korean War. American effort during World War II (1941-1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). At the urging of the service organizations, the 83rd Congress decided to reinstate 'Armistice Day' as 'Veterans Day' to honor veterans of all wars. President Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954.

Veterans Day hasn't always been celebrated on November 11. In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday (now known as President's Day), Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. This bill assigned the fourth Monday of October as Veterans Day, despite the disapproval of many states who chose to continue to celebrate the holiday on its original day.

President Gerald R. Ford recognized that the significance of the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic value to Americans and veterans who deserved to be honored. So in 1978, he signed a new law returning Veterans Day home to November 11. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday is celebrated the previous Friday or Monday, respectively. This way, Veterans Day will be able to credit the intentions of the Uniforms Holiday Bill while also serving to those who have a deep association with the holiday.

By holding true to the date, Americans are able to focus on the importance of Veterans Day, which is to honor and celebrate veterans for their patriotism, passion for our country, and selflessness in serving for the common good.

The History of Thanksgiving

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly, but not universally, traced to a sparsely documented 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest. Pilgrims and Puritans who began emigrating from England in the 1620s and 1630s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England. Several days of Thanksgiving were held in early New England history that have been identified as the "First Thanksgiving", including Pilgrim holidays in Plymouth in 1621 and 1623, and a Puritan holiday in Boston in 1631. In Massachusetts, religious thanksgiving services were declared by civil leaders such as Governor Bradford, who planned the colony's thanksgiving celebration and fast in 1623. The practice of

holding an annual harvest festival did not become a regular affair in New England until the late 1660s.

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the American Revolution. During the revolutionary period, political influences affected the issuance of Thanksgiving proclamations. Various proclamations were made by royal governors, John Hancock, General George Washington, and the Continental Congress, each giving thanks to God for events favorable to their causes. As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God".

In modern times the President of the United States, in addition to issuing a proclamation, will "pardon" a turkey, which spares the bird's life and ensures that it will spend the duration of its life roaming freely on farmland.

October Birthdays

No known birthdays

October Anniversaries

No known anniversaries

Upcoming Club Events

Event	Date(s)	Location
1. Pennsylvania House	29 Oct	Springfield, Ohio
2. Valley Vineyards	12 Nov	Morrow, Ohio
3. Christmas Party	8 Dec	MCL Cafeteria

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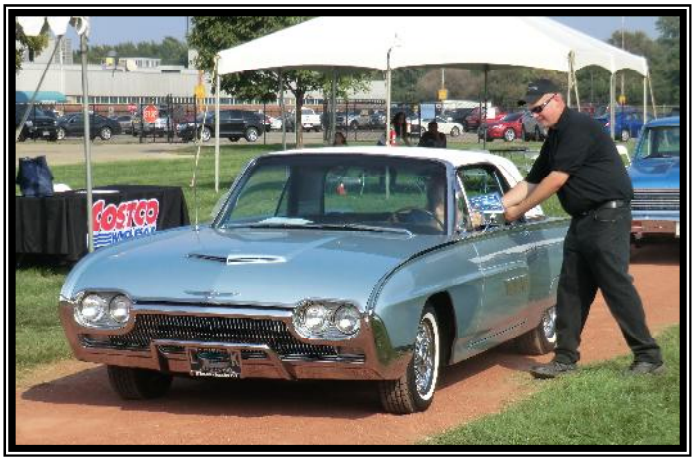
Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Car Show:

On September 24th the JDRF Car Show was held in Sharonville, Ohio at the Ford Transmission Plant. As the organizer of the show, our own Darrel York was heavily involved in the planning, set up and operation of this fantastic event. In support of this worthwhile cause, several members of our club participated in the show. Roger and Lisa brought their 2002 retrobird and their recently acquired 1978 Diamond Jubilee edition Thunderbird. Beverly and Jim showed up with their fully restored 1963 Landau bulletbird, their mint 2003 retrobird, and their mighty 427 cu in, 2009 version of a 1965 Shelby Cobra (driven by a friend, but we're quite sure there was no shortage of volunteers who'd drive it). Brett was also there with his 1966 hardtop. As it turned out, our club did quite well in the judging in their respective categories. Roger and Lisa won an award with their Diamond Jubilee bird. Beverly and Jim won awards for each of their three cars, and Brett took home a plaque for his 66. Congratulations to all.

Jim & Beverly's Retrobird, Cobra, and Landau Bulletbird

Brett's 66, Roger & Lisa's retrobird and Diamond Jubilee T-bird



Darrel presenting Beverly her award