



# Thunderbirds

*of Southwest Ohio*

*Newsletter*

**April 2019**



## MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at the MCL Cafeteria at 7:01 p.m. on March 14, 2019, by the Club President, Scott McGaha.

**ATTENDEES:** Scott McGaha, Brett & Peg Andrews, Roger Hamm & Lisa, and Tom Tirey.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Scott welcomed all those who braved the inclement weather to attend the night's meeting. With a limited turn out, we got right to business.

For the first order of business, Scott sought a motion to approve the February 2019 club meeting minutes as published in the March 2019 newsletter. The motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Roger. The floor was then opened for any comments, questions, or suggested corrections regarding the subject minutes. With no comments or dissent, Scott took a vote and the February minutes were unanimously approved.

Members were asked about any leads for potential new club members. None were identified. Scott noted that at a past meeting we had addressed the possibility of sending new Ohio VTIC members, identified in the Scoop magazine, an invitation to join our club. Unfortunately the Scoop does not identify mailing addresses and we'll need to obtain that information from VTIC HQ. Scott had asked Brett to prepare a draft invitation letter that could be sent to these individuals. Brett announced that the letter had been drafted and provided to Scott.

The discussion then turned to Thunderbird updates. Tom indicated he was able to obtain historical plates for his Principality of Monaco.

In an unfortunate incident, Roger announced that Mark was involved in an accident on I-75 south on his way to work on Monday morning. Mark, driving in the right lane and about to exit, was struck on the driver's door by a tractor trailer also trying to exit at the same location (apparently not seeing Mark). The contact caused Mark to careen backwards across all 4 lanes of traffic and into the median. During that traverse to the median, his car was struck in the right tail light area. With rush hour traffic in full swing Mark was indeed fortunate that the accident wasn't much worse. Thankfully Mark was reported as not being injured.

Finally, Brett made a flyer available that announced the sale of a 1986 T-bird that he had received on our club website e-mail.

Based on the latest Sunshine Committee mailings, Scott recognized and extended happy birthday wishes to all those club members celebrating their birthdays in March which included Nancy Blake and Deb Harvey. Scott's birthday was also in March. There were no club member anniversaries in March.

## REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa gave the club's financial status report as of the end of February. There had been no change in our status from the January report. It was then mentioned that TSWO dues would become overdue as of this meeting date per our club bylaws and that individuals with unpaid dues are subject to removal from the club membership roster. Lisa identified two individuals who have not yet paid for 2019. Scott requested that Lisa contact these individuals to determine their intentions for club membership and if they were remaining with the club to ask them to submit their dues.

At a previous meeting, a member suggested that when individuals pay their club dues they should be given a receipt. Scott asked Lisa to develop a receipt process to be used starting in 2020.

**Event Planning:** Scott began by discussing our pending trip to Springfield to have lunch at the Buckeye Sports Lodge followed by a visit to one of three possible locations in Springfield: the Frank Lloyd Wright Westcott House, the Heritage Center of Clark County, or the Hartman Rock Garden. It was decided that participants would meet for lunch at the Sports Lodge at 11:00 am during which time we'd decide the location we'd like to visit.

Discussion then moved on to possible events for April. It was proposed and members seemed to agree that a trip to Carillon Park in Dayton, followed by lunch at the Carillon Brewing Company restaurant would be enjoyable. April 20<sup>th</sup> was selected for the visit. Because there would be a significant amount of outside time moving from attraction to attraction, should there be foul weather, April 27<sup>th</sup> was selected as an alternate date. Plans will be finalized at our April 11<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

It was pointed out that May 19<sup>th</sup> will be Thunderbird Appreciation Day. Members were asked to give thought as to where we should go and what we should do on that special day to show off our Thunderbirds. All were invited to come to the April meeting with ideas.

The club picnic was penciled in on our club calendar for September and our annual Christmas Dinner in December. There are still several months in which no activities are currently planned. One suggestion was a dinner and show at La Comedia. Members were asked to look at the La Comedia flyer or their website for a show or two they'd like to see. Once we have it narrowed down to a particular show that will identify a date range. This topic will be a point of discussion at a future club meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS:

An agenda item to discuss a trip to Kentucky was put on hold until more members were available.

It was announced that the sale of the audio equipment to the Troy School System was progressing. As of the time of this meeting we had received the Troy purchase order and a form the school asked we prepare and return that identifies our club name and Employee Identification Number.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CALENDAR EVENTS:**

Scott reminded folks that our next club meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the following events:

- a. Hollywood Gaming Car Show and Concert, Dayton, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- b. 2019 All Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA, May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- c. VTCI NW Regional VTCI Meet, Spokane, Washington, July 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>
- d. Stillwater Center Car Show, Dayton, July 21<sup>st</sup>
- e. Boomer Fest Classic Car Cruise-in, St Leonard's, Dayton, August 10<sup>th</sup>
- f. VTCI 2019 International Convention, Freehold, NJ, September 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>
- g. Land of Lincoln Rendezvous, Ill, October 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>
- h. VTCI South Central Regional Meet, New Orleans, May 2020

**OPEN FLOOR:**

The floor was opened for discussion or questions.

**ADJOURN:** Hearing nothing further, Scott called for a motion to adjourn. Peg made the motion which was seconded by Tom. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

*Scott McGaha*  
President

**Next Meeting: April 11, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



**April Birthdays**

4<sup>th</sup>: Jay Walsh  
6<sup>th</sup>: Ruby York

**April Anniversaries**

none



## President's Message



Hello again TSWO club members and fellow Thunderbird admirers!

Daylight Saving Time is back, area temperatures are steadily rising, and the outdoors is starting to "green up". That means Thunderbird enjoyment season will soon be here! Woo-hoo!! I hope all of you are starting to get your 'birds out of hibernation for the 2019 cruising season. I have taken the car cover off my '66, and actually pulled it out of the garage once already, but that was just so I could get a new side-access door installed in that corner of the garage. Buschurs Home Improvement did a find job on the installation.

For the night of our March club meeting, we had some nasty weather passing through the area, and I am attributing that as the cause for our record low attendance that evening. I will hopefully see all of you again at our next club meeting on Thursday, April 11th. As the minutes in the newsletter above have stated, there was a suggestion to make another visit to Carillon Park as our April club event. We decided to set a tentative date of Saturday, April 20th for this visit in the hope that pushing the date back a week will increase the chance of temperatures being a little warmer. This is the Saturday before Easter, however, so if your social calendar is already booked that day, we have chosen an alternate date of the following Saturday, April 27th. Bring your calendars with you to the meeting on the 11th and help us finalize these plans.

Getting back to preparing our Thunderbirds for the upcoming driving season . . . now is a good time to stock up on supplies for your vehicle. At the first of this month, I tried, although without much luck, to pick up a few things for my Thunderbird. I went to four different places -- Pep Boys, Advanced Auto Parts, O'Reilly's, and Napa -- and not a single store had any blinker fluid, horn gas, or muffler bearings in stock -- things you can never have too much of when there's a classic car sitting in your garage. But I gotta hand it to the fine folks who work the help counters at these stores -- even when they don't have the parts you're looking for, they manage to tell you so with a big smile on their face and a merry twinkle in their eye. So if you happen to find yourself in one of these stores in the near future, pick up an extra bottle of blinker fluid and some muffler bearings for me, will you. Just keep the receipt and I'll pay you back at the next club meeting.

Until then, drive safe everyone!

Scott McGaha

### Upcoming Club Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Carillon Park Visit and Lunch	April 20th April 27 <sup>th</sup> (rain date)	Dayton

### CLUB OFFICERS

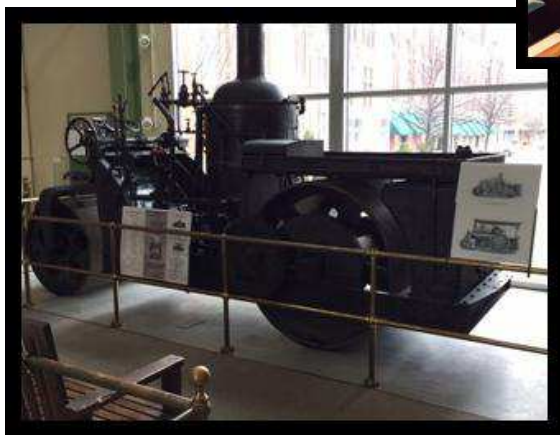
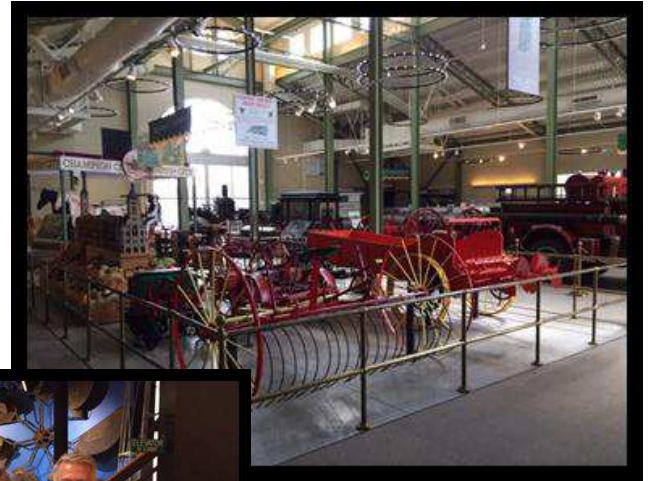
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## Our March Excursion: Springfield for Lunch and a Museum

On March 16<sup>th</sup> seven TSWO club members met at the Buckeye Sports Lodge for lunch in Springfield, Ohio. Attending members included Scott McGaha, Brett and Peg Andrews, Roger and Lisa Hamm, and Tom Tirey and Gina Hocht. The setting was very lively since it was St Patrick's Day weekend. Bands were preparing for their gigs at the club that weekend. The place was fairly crowded with many folks proudly wearing their token green in celebration of the occasion and upcoming festivities. While at our club meeting the previous Thursday, our club president presented us with three options for places to visit after our meal: The Westcott House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Heritage Museum of Clark County, and the Hartman Rock Garden. After some discussion the group decided on the Heritage Museum so we all piled into our cars and headed a few blocks down the street. As the pictures below show, this was an extremely interesting place with a lot of relics of Springfield's past. Additional photos will soon be available on our website.



The Band, The Buffalo Springfield, took its name from the side of a steam roller, like the one pictured left, which was made by the Buffalo-Springfield Roller Company of Springfield Ohio.

