



Thunderbirds of Southwest Ohio



December 2015 Newsletter

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MEETING MINUTES:

Call to Order: The November meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2015 at the MCL Cafeteria by President Beverly Knauper with a warm welcome to all.

Attendees: Peg & Brett Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Ruthie & Wayne Dennis, Jan & Guy Gifford, Lisa & Roger Hamm, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Scott McGaha

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October meeting minutes, as shown in the November newsletter, were unquestioned by the members, and therefore stand approved as published.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES:

Guy announced that he got a new gas tank and new brakes and that his 1960 light blue squarebird is now running well. Jim mentioned that his 2004 has been in the garage since "Spring", and it, too, is running well. Nancy remarked that her car will need a new engine.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beverly reminded everyone that both the TSWO and VTCI dues are now due. There was an envelope in the previous issue of the *Scoop Magazine* which can be used to mail in the VTCI dues or they can be done on-line at the VTCI website. The ten dollar payment for TSWO dues is to be given to our Treasurer, Lisa Hamm

The Fall All Ford Swap Meet, which will take place in the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, will be held on November 28 and 29.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Lisa Hamm gave us the end of the month balance. For the fourth straight month there was no changes in the club's financial balance.



Events Planning Report:

The social event for the upcoming month of December will be our annual Christmas party which will take place at MCL Cafeteria on our regular second Thursday meeting date. This year it falls on December 10. Plan to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. The earlier time will be for those who are helping to set things up and the later is the time we will all venture forth to the cafeteria line to purchase our dinners. In this way we will all be eating at the same time and will be finished at the same time in order to start our festivities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Further discussion of the Christmas party ensued at this time. Brett volunteered to bring the lively and Christmas-mood-setting background music as he has done in years before. Ruthie, Nancy and Julie are hard at work planning for the table decorations. In years past they have provided a cake and beverages as well. Thank you to them in advance for all of their hard work and for their generosity. Please plan to give them a helping hand in the room arrangement and table set-up when you arrive.

Beverly inquired if the membership would like to continue the tradition of having a white elephant exchange. It was quickly and unanimously decided that we should. It has been the source of much enjoyment and certainly adds to the festivities, so each person be sure to bring a gift for the white elephant gift drawing after dinner.

As additional new business, Brett mentioned that an acquaintance of his recently informed him that Gale Halderman, one of the designers of the 1964 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ford Mustang has his own personal car memorabilia museum at his home in the Dayton area. In addition to his work on the 1964 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mustang, Mr. Halderman also had a major role in designing the one piece bumper and grill for the 1964 Thunderbird. He led the design team for the 1977 Thunderbird and was on the team for the design of the 1983 "aero" Thunderbird. He also directed design for the 1988 Thunderbird.

Last August Beverly and Jim, and Peg and Brett went to Tipp City to hear him relate stories of those designing years at Ford. For those who were not able to attend at that time, a visit to his museum would be a great opportunity. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Halderman in our local area! Brett offered to contact him and see if he could arrange for our club to visit there some time next year.

An interview with Mr. Halderman, given in 1985 where he gives credit to Dayton, OH as the beginning place of his career, can be found at

www.autolife.umd.umich.edu/Design/Halderman_interview.htm

OLD BUSINESS: There was no new business at this time.

OPEN FLOOR:

Julie mentioned that she has been enjoying a TV program at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. It is on CNBC and is called "Jay's Garage." Jay Leno, who is an avid car enthusiast, hosts the show.

Julie also brought a copy of a newspaper article which mentioned MCL Cafeteria. It was found in the Sunday "Life" section of the Dayton Daily News. She also commented that Roush's Restaurant in Fairborn, which was a previous meeting location for our club, has closed.

Lisa wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with a hearty, "Gobble, gobble!"

ADJOURN: At 7:27 p.m. Beverly asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Roger and seconded by Guy.



Next Meeting: December 10th, 6:30 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave



From the President's Nest

This is one of those bittersweet times: bitter because it is my last "president's nest" column and sweet because it is my last "president's nest" column. Until the past few years, I never imagined myself belonging to a car club and certainly never as the president of one. But I am thankful that you gave me the opportunity. I have loved it! It has been an honor to serve and a whole lot of fun. On the other hand, I have always believed that any organization is strengthened by leadership changes that bring in new ideas and perspectives. I know you will support Roger as you have supported me.

When you have time, re-read the club newsletters from this year. I think you'll be impressed with how we celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Thunderbird. Members were involved in a lot of activities and venues that shared our Thunderbird enthusiasm with others. Our final celebration of the year is the December 10 Christmas party, a festive, fun evening with friends. Come January, you'll find me smiling and relaxed at club meetings - in the **back** of the room.

Our apologies to Guy Gifford whose birthday was inadvertently left out of the last newsletter. Guy celebrates his birthday (every year) on November 25th. We extend to him our belated wishes and hope he enjoyed a very happy birthday.



December Birthdays

- 1st: Leona Brown
- 10th: Lisa Hamm
- 15th: Beverly Knauper
- 19th: Julie Blake
- 31st: Brett Andrews

December Anniversaries

None



If you haven't been asked for the date of your birthday or anniversary, or you need a correction, please e-mail our Club Secretary, Peg Andrews, at pegasus@woh.rr.com

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE THUNDERBIRDS OF SOUTHWEST OHIO FAMILY



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Christmas Party	Dec 10 th	MCL Cafeteria

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