



# THUNDERBIRDS OF SOUTHWEST OHIO



## *Newsletter*

July 2017

### MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. on June 8th, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria with the club president, Roger Hamm, presiding.

**Attendees:** Roger & Lisa, Scott McGaha, Brett Andrews, Nancy & Julie Blake, Beverly Knauper & Jim Ross, Guy & Jan Gifford, Mark & Jackie, and Jim Lentz. We also had two visitors, Tom and Gina Tirey.

### Announcements:

Roger opened the meeting by thanking Scott for handling last month's meeting in his absence. Roger then moved that the minutes of the May 2017 club meeting be approved as published in the June 2017 newsletter. The motion was then opened for discussion. Having no issues or questions raised, the minutes were approved as published. Upon questioning, there were no T-birds purchased or sold nor were there any changes to member contact information.

Roger did mention that a new member was to be at the meeting tonight, but was not present. It is anticipated they will attend our July meeting. The visitors were recognized and indicated they were interested in joining our club. It was decided that after all business was completed we would have the visitors introduce themselves and we would all introduce ourselves to them.

Brett mentioned that an old club member and former club president, Gary Hufford, who had moved to Tennessee, was selling his partially restored, though still in pieces, 1962 T-bird roadster. It was advertized in a recent Hemming's News. Brett also mentioned we had received an e-mail on our website from an individual looking to buy a 55 bird. If you know of one, let Brett know.

Finally Roger mentioned that he almost has the dash back in his 66 bird.

### REPORTS:

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa, our club treasurer, gave the Treasurer's financial status report. There were no changes to our previously reported account balance.

**Event Planning:** Scott began his discussion by suggesting that due to the many activities we have planned over the next few months that we would push our visit to Jungle Jim's back until fall or winter. He mentioned the Voss Cruise-ins would be held on the second Fridays in June, July and August from 5-9 pm. Attendees could pay a \$10 fee and have their car judged or just cruise-in and look around. There

will be food and music. He pointed out that the Wilmington Banana Split Festival was this weekend with a cruise-in on Friday night and a car show on Saturday.

Scott reminded members that our celebration of Thunderbird Appreciation Day would take place on June 17<sup>th</sup>, since we had been rained out on the actual date of May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet at the Sonics Restaurant at 10:30 am which will be followed by traveling to the Hasty Tasty Restaurant on Linden Ave, then the Root Beer Stande on Woodman Ave, and finally Ritter's Frozen Yogurt in Kettering. (See the write-up later in this newsletter about this rolling cruise-in)

Brett confirmed that all is set for our trip to the Gilmore Museum on June 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the McDonalds in Vandalia at 11:45 am and depart for Battle Creek, Mi at noon. Brett distributed an itinerary for the three days and maps of our route to those planning to participate. (See the write-up later in this newsletter about our trip)

Scott also reminded members of the ITC Car Show in Ft Wayne, at the Ramada Inn, on August 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He provided show registration forms for those interested in attending.

Because of the fun we had in the past two years going to the Valley Vineyards Restaurant to grill our own steaks or salmon, Scott proposed we go again and suggested July 15<sup>th</sup>. That suggestion won approval with the membership. Scott said he would contact the restaurant to set up a reservation. This would be a "Drive your T-bird" event (if possible). (Note: In making the reservation Scott discovered that another T-bird club also has a reservation at Valley Vineyards approximately a week later. So, we'll likely be discussing moving our reservation to coincide with the other T-bird club's reservation date so we can meet them and possibly start an ongoing relationship.)

Guy mentioned that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks at Thomas Cloud Park is literally across the street from his house. He invited the membership to come and sit in his front yard to watch the display (Bring your own chairs). It was noted that the Cloud Park Independence Day fireworks are actually scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 pm. Guy suggested arriving at his place by 9:00 pm. There is plenty of parking in his driveway.

The question was raised if we were going to have a club picnic this year since we did not have one last year. Both Brett and Scott volunteered to host the event at their homes. The months of August or September were suggested times for the picnic. Further planning and date selection for our picnic will be discussed at the July meeting.

Finally it was mentioned that Gale Halderman, the designer of the Ford Mustang, will again be hosting his annual cruise-in at his home in the little town of Brandt on Rt 40 just off Brandt Pike (Rt 201) on July 26 from noon till 3:00 pm. It's a weekday, but if you can make it, it's a great and interesting event.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no Old Business to discuss

**New Business:** Brett mentioned that the TSWO bi-annual elections will be held this October and that it is time for members to consider running for one of the office up for election (vice president, treasurer, and secretary). Signed Candidacy Letters must be turned in to the current vice president by September 1<sup>st</sup>, so candidate names can be published in the October newsletter. Contact Brett to obtain a blank copy of the Candidacy Letter.

At this juncture in the meeting, Tom and Gina Tirey were asked to formally introduce themselves to the membership. That was followed by each club member introducing themselves and identifying the year and type of t-bird they have. Tom and Gina have a rare 1963 "Principality of Monaco" Thunderbird.

**Open Floor:** The floor was opened for other discussions. Roger displayed a copy of the recent Hemmings Classic Cars magazine that sported a 1966 Thunderbird on the cover.

**Adjourn:** Roger asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Jackie. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Note: Shortly after adjourning, most of the club members retreated outside to see Tom and Gina's "Principality of Monaco" Thunderbird.

Roger Hamm  
President

**Next Meeting: July 13th, 7:00 pm, MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering**



July Birthdays

3rd: Jim Lenz

July Anniversaries

Jim & Beverly



*Message from the President*

This month we honored our country's independence from Great Britain on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Here is a history of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, provided by military.com.

On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year, Americans celebrate this historic event, also known as Independence Day.

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining.

However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and into the late afternoon of July 4<sup>th</sup>, when the Declaration was officially resolved.

Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two (Pennsylvania and South Carolina) voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some time with family or friends at a barbecue or fireworks show. Since Lisa was in Virginia spending time with my parents, I spent the day at the Xenia car show at the fairgrounds on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I also had a great time watching the fireworks at Jan & Guy's house, although we did have to dart inside the house for a bit due to the heavy rain that started just before the fireworks were due to begin. Luckily, the rain let off and they were able to get them fired up.

Several of our members had the opportunity to make the trip to Battle Creek, Michigan to visit the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners. Our trip started out with heavy rain from Vandalia to Piqua, but luckily the rain let up and we had good weather the remainder of our drive up. We all got checked into our hotel rooms and then went out to dinner at Clara's on the river.



We all had a great meal and fun times chatting and laughing and making our plans for the drive up to the museum. The museum was spectacular and there were a lot of cars to drool over. We did stop for lunch in the diner there on the grounds to give us more strength to make it to the end of the day. Afterwards, we went out to the Irish pub and had a good meal and drinks before going back to the hotel to pack for the trip back on Sunday. I am glad that Brett and Peg suggested we take this trip last year, because I am sure all of us had a good time.

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 3 months away. Offices will be for vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The vice-president will automatically become the next president when the president's term expires after 2 years. So, get involved and send in your candidacy requests soon.

This month, we are planning our next club event at the Valley Vineyards in Morrow, Ohio on the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the Saturday after our club meeting. All of us who have gone there in the past had a great time and I am sure we will have another great time, grilling our own steaks and salmon. This will be a car event, so if the weather cooperates, we will plan on driving our T-birds there to show them off. We will also discuss possible plans for August and other activities coming up.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month. Our next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm again at the MCL Cafeteria in Kettering.



**Upcoming Club Events**

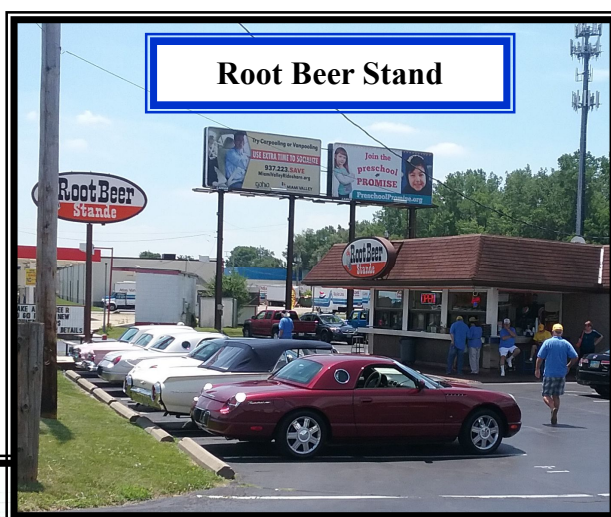
<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Valley Vineyard Dinner	15 July (5:00 pm)	Morrow, Ohio
2. Gale Halderman Cruise-in	26 July (noon -3:00 pm)	Brandt, Ohio

**CLUB OFFICERS**

President: Roger Hamm (937) 835-5992	Vice President: Scott McGaha (937) 439-1138
Treasurer: Lisa Hamm (937) 835-5992	Secretary: Brett Andrews (937) 237-1131

## TSWO's Thunderbird Appreciation Day Rolling Cruise-in

On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, eleven members of TSWO (Roger & Lisa, Scott, Brett & Peg, Jim & Beverly, Guy & Jan, and Mark & Jackie) along with a guest (Dave Harvey) from the Classic Car Club of Dayton took their Thunderbirds on a rolling cruise-in to several establishments in the Dayton area. National Thunderbird Appreciation Day was May 21<sup>st</sup>, but due to rainy weather, we had to cancel our event, so the club decided to hold its own T-bird Appreciation Day. A baby bird, a bulletbird, a flairbird, and four retrobirds met and began our rolling cruise at the Sonic Restaurant on Brandt Pike in Riverside. After displaying for about 90 minutes, we caravanned to the next location, the Hasty Tasty Pancake House on Linden Ave, where all the participants had lunch together while other guest at the diner and passer-bys scrutinized our historic vehicles. Our next location was "the Root Beer Stande" on Woodman Avenue. As in the previous two locations, all the cars were lined up in a row right by the highway for all to see. While we enjoyed cold root beers, the management took pictures of our birds and placed the photos on their website. Our final stop was at Ritter's Frozen Custard in Kettering where, needless to say, most of our members consumed their favorite ice cream treat. Below are a few pictures from the day's stops. More photos are available on our club website.



## Gilmore Auto Museum and Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum Tours

At noon on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, seven members of our club (Roger & Lisa, Scott, Brett & Peg, and Guy & Jan) headed north for a three day trip in which we would tour the Gilmore Museum in Battle Creek Mi and the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, In. With the aftermath of the southern tropical storm making its way through Ohio we realized we would likely experience some rainy weather. Little did we know that for about the first hour of our drive we would be pelted with on-and-off torrential rains. Upon reaching Wapakoneta the rain had weakened significantly. By the time we arrived in Battle Creek the weather was great. After our early evening arrival we all moved into our hotel rooms and then set off to "Clara's on the River" for a nice dinner. Clara's in an old converted railroad station in the heart of Battle Creek located right next to the Battle Creek River. After dinner we enjoyed a pleasant walk along the river and listened to a jazz quartet playing at Clara's. On Saturday we drove to the Gilmore Auto Museum and commenced our 7 hour tour stopping for a half hour lunch for lunch at an old fashioned diner. The manicured 90 acres site housed over 300 vehicles in a half dozen, or more, buildings. The beauty and quality of the restoration of the majority of vehicles is indescribable. I'll let the pictures on our website do the talking regarding the nearly breath-taking nature of the cars. After a full day of walking we returned to the hotel, relaxed for just a little while then off to dinner at an Irish Pub again next to the river in Battle Creek. What a meal. The next day five of our crew continued the adventure by driving to Auburn, In to tour the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum. There was one other small museum in Auburn, the National Auto & Truck Museum- that three of us toured. It contained a few older cars, but also a variety of muscle cars and unique vehicles. After the last museum, we made one last stop for a quick hamburger lunch and we headed home. What a weekend it was!!!



Clara's after dinner river walk



One of hundreds of Gilmore classics



Auburn/Cord Duesenberg Museum