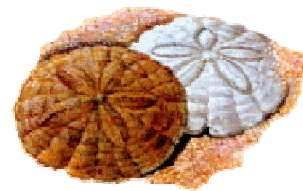




THUNDERBIRDS OF SOUTHWEST OHIO

June 2015 Newsletter

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MEETING MINUTES:

Call to Order: President Beverly Knauper called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7 p.m. on May 14.

Attendees: Peg and Brett Andrews, Ruthie and Wayne Dennis, Jan and Guy Gifford, Lisa and Roger Hamm, Beverly Knauper and Jim Ross, and Scott McGaha.

Mr. Darrell Templeton from Middletown, OH was a guest attendant. He had seen our newsletter on the website and having just recently purchased a 66 convertible T-bird came to the meeting to learn a little more about his car. He also saw pictures of last year's summer picnic and remarked that a group of people who like eating chicken and owning vintage cars is just the group for him!

Approval of Minutes: The April meeting minutes as shown in the May newsletter were without question or concern by the membership, and thus stand as published in the newsletter.

Announcements: It was announced that two of our members, Nancy and Julie Blake had been on their way to a car show a few days prior to the meeting and were involved in an accident. Both sustained injuries, but are doing much better at this date. Unfortunately, Nancy's beautiful Silver Mink Bird did not fare as well. We all wish continued healing for them both and a speedy return to the club.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lisa Hamm reported that two deposits have been made, and she gave us the current balance.

Event Planning Committee:

Roger Hamm, Vice President and Chairman of the Event Planning Committee is working on details for a club visit to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Scott addressed the group to finalize our tour of the Packard Museum which will take place May 16. (See pictures later in the newsletter). It was decided to go as a group to dinner after the visit to the museum. Olive, an Urban Dive was chosen by those who would be dining. Plans for going to Young's Dairy for Putt-Putt golf and ice cream afterward were tentatively planned as an adventure for June. So if possible, please

keep your schedules open on June 13 which is the Saturday immediately following the June meeting. Trips to Valley Vineyard and Carillon Park hold promise for later in the summer.

Beverly described a series of upcoming car events which members could attend on their own. She tried to find something for those of every interest. These events will take us through mid-October and definitely sound like a lot of fun!

- Summer Solstice Lavender Fest - June 20-21, 10 AM-6 PM; Peaceful Acres Lavender Farm, 2387 Martinsville Rd., Martinsville 45146 (few miles south of Wilmington)
- 60 Years of Thunderbird, Dearborn, MI - June 25-27
- Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-in - July 10 & 11, Dublin, OH
- Hot Air Balloon Festival - July 10-12 (Car show July 11, registration 2-4 p.m., show 4-8 p.m.) Smith Park Middletown, OH see <http://www.ohiochallenge.com> for festival details
- NASCAR Mud Summer Classic - July 21-22; Eldora Speedway, 13929 St. Rte. 118, New Weston 45348 (north of Dayton)
- Lebanon Ford Pig Roast Cruise-in - August 1; 12-4 PM
- Trans Am Nationals - August 28-30; Fairborn Holiday Inn I-675/Homewood Suites; benefits A Special Wish Foundation, Inc.
- Mustang Club of America Grand National Show - September 3-6; Columbus
- "Showcase Your Ride for JDRF" (juvenile diabetes) - September 19; Ford Transmission Plant, Sharonville, OH (Cincinnati)
- Jack Roush Day Car Show - October 11; Manchester, OH

NEW BUSINESS:

Brett brought us up to date on the discussion he had with the manager of the Sonic in Middletown. Ms. Darby told Brett it is their practice to display the club name for the cruise-in on their marquis and in small flyers distributed to customers prior to the event. The restaurant will be decorated with balloons and we may put up our club banner. We will be parked directly by the drive-thru window so that all patrons can see our beautiful T-birds. Club members will get a 10% discount of food. No date has yet been set, but Brett will propose several dates in July to her.

Once again, there was talk about how to recruit new members. Beverly brought printed tri-folds to put in prospective member's cars. She also asked everyone to be sure to invite interested parties to participate of some of our social events.

Brett designed a laminated sheet which can be placed on the windows of our Thunderbirds when we go to shows and cruise-ins. The sheet would be attached by suction cups or magnets and would have a pouch which holds business cards with the car owner's name, phone number and email. Passers-by who have interest in joining a car club would then have a contact point. Brett passed around a sign up sheet so that members could indicate what information they want printed on their own card. He will have the cards and placards ready by the June meeting.

The yearly summer club picnic was discussed. Brett and Peg offered to host the event at their home this year. No date has been set yet. Brett also distributed the Stubbs Park summer concert schedule for 2015 and copies of his suggested bylaw changes for articles VI thru X. You

should review these recommendations and be ready to discuss them at the June meeting, as well as be prepared with recommended changes of your own.

OLD BUSINESS: Further review of the by-laws was, because of time constraints, tabled until the June meeting.

ADJOURN: At 8:18 p.m. Beverly asked for a motion to adjourn. Jan thus motioned and Brett seconded.

Beverly Knauer, President

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



June Birthdays

17th: Kaye Lenz

June 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



From the President's Nest:

With June, the number of car show possibilities seems to increase exponentially. If you like the car show/cruise-in scene, don't forget to take your car AND club information to spread the word about the 60th anniversary of the Thunderbird. It won't be long until a number of us head to Dearborn and the 60th celebration hosted by the Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club. That should be fun and provide stories to tell. In addition to other activities listed elsewhere in this newsletter, please add Friday, July 31 to your list of club events. This is the date selected for our cruise-in at the Sonic in Franklin (3607 S. Dixie Drive, Franklin, Ohio) beginning at 5 PM. The University of Cincinnati Clermont College recently broke a record for the highest voltage achieved by potato power. By connecting over 1200 potatoes a record 1380 volts was generated. I soon imagined an electric car with layers of potatoes rather than batteries for power. Jim contributed some names for such an automobile: Spudebaker or Thundertater. And now you know what we discuss at home.

If time permits at this month's meeting, we will continue reviewing/revising our club bylaws, so come prepared. See you June 11 at the meeting.

Our Packard Museum Tour: On May 16th seven members of our club met at and toured the Packard Museum in Dayton. For nearly 2 hours we slowly weaved our way through the small but impressive collection of not only Packard automobiles and trucks but also Packard Boat engines, aircraft engines, and yes, even bicycles. We marveled at what today we would consider odd aspects of a design and found ourselves playing guessing games as to what the purpose was for a particular accessory, switch or lever. It took the keen knowledge of one of the docents to set us straight. Following the tour and prior to going to the restaurant we stopped at a small shop for a cool drink and friendly discussion while waiting for our restaurant to open. We had dinner at Olive, An Urban Dive in Dayton. Formally a Wympee's restaurant, its menu is far from the Grandpa Wympee's burgers that were once served there. The food was unique and fantastic with the winner of the evening being the fried leeks.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. T-Bird 60 th Anniversary Celebration	June 25-27	Dearborn, Mi
2. Sonic Cruise-in	July 31	Franklin, Oh

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY on JUNE 21st