

The Hoodscope: Newsletter for the Maumee Valley Thunderbird Club
Classic Thunderbird Club International, Chapter 70
May 2023

President: Steven Johnson
Vice President: Don Monroe
Secretary: Evelyn Deselms
Treasurer: Ron Pelc

Web Master: Norma Johnson
Trustees: Roger Nagel,
Ron Bush
CTCI Liaison: Merritt Higbie



Don and Carol Monroe hosted the club's meeting on Sunday, May 21st. They provided sloppy joes, cole slaw and beverages. The rest of the food included salads, appetizers and desserts by the members. The turnout was great with 14 members attending. Most everyone drove their classic cars. It was a beautiful day!!!

After we had all eaten, club president Steven Johnson opened the meeting by announcing that he's finalizing the club tee and polo shirt orders today and will place it with the supplier on Monday. Next, he reminded us that the club website is working and we still need two additional members to learn how to access it to be able to modify or make additions. He told us our monthly newsletter will be on it, minus any personal information and asked members to considered charging \$15.00 per 3 months for non members to post in the classified section. Members will be free. Third item was a reminder about the planned tour of the Ford Assembly Plant in Flat Rock, MI on May 31st. They take visitors through the plant on a tram. Please arrive by 9:30. Maps were handed out. President Johnson showed us the completed "welcome bucket" for our new members. This was approved last month by our members. There was a 3 gallon bucket with car soap, wash

mitt, towel, glass cleaner, a folder with a folder containing a welcome letter, the clubs By-Laws, club antenna flag, grille badge and name tag.

The last thing he brought up was to remind us again of the Thunderbird Reunion being held August 26th at the Ford Headquarters in Dearborn.

The vice president, Don Monroe, gave his report. He gave us the sad news that “car guy” David G Etzel died on May 14th, at age 56. He owned four 1940 Fords, including his father’s iconic “Art Mattress” red truck.

The secretary, Evelyn Deselms, gave her report from last month’s meeting. Club shirt order was discussed and we got the good news that the new website will not cost as much as originally presented to us. (Don’t forget that we got a donation of \$100 from lifetime member Jerry Yetter, who now resides in Florida but is kept informed about the club activities). The website name is still mvtc.info. Her report was approved by Elaine Gregory and 2nd by Jim Wells.

The treasurer, Ron Pelc, gave his report. Member dues and Christmas 50/50 raffle money was added to the account. There was a deduction in the account from the purchase of stamps, the website and the welcome buckets. His report was approved by Jim Wells and 2nd by Norma Johnson.

New Business: Ron Bush has put together a “road trip” to Logan, Ohio for the annual Columbus Washboard Festival. Logan is home to the only still operating washboard factory after being relocated from Columbus, OH. He had information to hand out and suggested that you book your room early in June. He requested 8 rooms to be held for our club for a limited time.

The plan is to drive there on Friday 6/16 and stay over through Saturday 6/17 to enjoy the festivities. See the website for Ron's contact info if you didn't get it at the meeting.

President Steven Johnson said there will be no June meeting, so the next meeting is set for Saturday, July 8th at Seymour Bray's Log Lodge for a Country Cookout located at 7813 Crabb Rd, Temperance, MI @ noon. Last names starting with A-I bring a dessert, J-P bring an appetizer and Q-Z bring a salad. Burger and brats with fixings, water, soda and beer will be provided. Please RSVP by July 5th @ (734)777-5673 A reminder will be sent out beforehand.

Old Business: Newer member Henry Hinojosa is still recovering well after heart surgery and we wish him continued improvement!! We are hoping to see him at a meeting before long.

Submitted 6/2/2023, 8:16 P.M. by Evelyn Deselms