

*The Hoodscope*: Newsletter for the Maumee Valley Thunderbird Club

Classic Thunderbird Club International, Chapter 70

July 2023

President: Steven Johnson

Web Master: Norma Johnson

Vice President: Don Monroe

Trustees: Roger Nagel,

Secretary: Evelyn Deselms

Ron Bush

Treasurer: Ron Pelc

CTCI Liaison: Merritt Higbie

The meeting was held at the Black Pearl restaurant and hosted by Len & Elaine Gregory. Attending members: Steven & Norma Johnson, Ray & Elvie Deselms, Ron Pelc & Jackie Frost, Don & Carol Monroe, Ron Bush, Merritt Higbie, Roger & Shirley Nagel, Ford & Phyllis Cauffiel, Lee Stoner & Kim Perry, Luis & Angie Escobedo.

After our meal orders were taken, President Steven Johnson opened the meeting by thanking our hosts for organizing the gathering. He asked the Vice President Don Monroe for his report. Don gave us the news that he had gotten some e-mail from Merritt that didn't seem right and when he contacted him he learned that he didn't send them. Evie also said that she also received messages as well. Our web manager **has not** put that info on the website. If you receive suspicious messages, just mark them as spam and don't answer them!!!!

When Don finished, member For Cauffiel announced that he has published a book titled *Master Entrepreneur*. In it he tells the story of his business career and lessons he learned. There are also photos of 20 of his classic cars. He generously offered a copy to anyone at the meeting.

Next the Secretary, Evie Deselms, gave her report on our last meeting. It was held at the home of Seymour Bray and was a "Country Cookout." Thirteen club members came as well as 9

members of the Water Wonderland Club that had been invited. Steven Johnson reported that if a non-member wanted to run an ad on our club website, he proposed that the charge would be \$15.00 for three months.. Don Monroe made a motion to implement that and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously and that will be added to the website information. Club members' are not charged to run an ad. As to new business, we were reminded of the up coming Ford Thunderbird Reunion event to be held at Ford World Headquarters the last weekend of August. Report approved by Elaine Gregory and seconded by Ron Bush.

The Treasurer, Ron Pelc, gave his report. Club balance on 6/30 was \$1,221.67. A Deposit of \$37 from our 50/50 raffle was made and payment of \$84.32 made to GoDaddy web host service (for two years). Ending balance then was \$1,174.35. Report approved by Don Monroe & second by Norma Johnson.

Lastly, club President made closing comments. Reminded us that club members can run an ad on website for free, as long as they need to and that non-members pay \$15 for three months only (with options to renew). As to the Thunderbird Reunion events, if you are planning to go to the car show on Saturday, it is \$10 and even if you didn't pre-register, they'll likely find room for you. Bring a chair for the day. He is planning on meeting up with some of the members of the Water Wonderland T-bird club.

New items: At Milan Park Cruise night, Steven Elliott won the Backstreet Cruizers Club award for his 1934 Ford pickup truck "Poison Ivy" and "Rudy" won a sponsor award (formerly owned by Verlin Jackson).

**Future Events:**

The Ford plant tour in Flat Rock is still being planned- possibly in October, on a Wednesday. Details as they become available.

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 is the Whiteford Fall Festival being held at Stoneco Park, 7100 Whiteford Road, Ottawa Lake, MI. There will be a car show & swap meet, crafter village, kid zone and more. There is a \$10 entry fee. The flyer can be accessed through club website, [mvtc.info](http://mvtc.info)

**Next club meeting:** September 10<sup>th</sup> at A J Dolittle's on Secor Rd, Lambertville, MI RSVP to (704) 453-3138 by 9/8. Hosted by Steven & Norma Johnson