

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/ Ron Bush

The meeting was held on September 10th at the A.J's Doolittle's restaurant and hosted by Steven & Norma Johnson. Attending members: Steven & Norma Johnson, Ray & Elvie Deselms, Ron Pelc, Ron Bush,, Ford & Phyllis Cauffiel, Seymour Bray, Fred & Beve Schaefer, Lynn Kossow & Lori Dean and Jim and Janet Wells.

After our meal orders were taken, President Steven Johnson opened the meeting at 1:30. p.m. We were pleased to see Jim and Janet Wells today!! Jim is still recovering from heart surgery (double bypass) and Jan is recovering from shoulder replacement. He also mentioned that Ray & Evie Delsems' wedding anniversary is September 16th and Carole Monroe's birthday is September 26th.

The Vice President (Don Monroe) was absent so the secretary (Evie Deselms) told a few jokes in his place. First joke was- How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb? Ans- Just one, but they will take all day to do it. Next the Secretary gave her report on our last meeting. It was held at the Black Pearl Restaurant on August 13th. There was a warning about spam e-mails , which two members got that seemed to be from Merritt Higbie. Seems his account got hacke. If you get an email that doesn't seen right, don't answer it- just delete it (send to trash). Also, at the August meeting, member Ford Cauffiel talked about a book he wrote called Master

Entrepreneur. It covers his life as a business man, including failures as well as successes. He gave out copies to those in attendance.

The Treasurer, Ron Pelc, gave his report. Club balance on 7/31 was \$1,174.35. A Deposit of \$45 was made. \$20 from our 50/50 raffle was made and \$25 member dues from our new members Judy Finkel and husband Robert (Bob). Ending balance then was \$1,219.35

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). He reported on the Thunderbird Reunion held on 8/26 at the Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, MI. The event, was organized by the Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club. There were over 200 cars from many states. We even saw Merritt Higbie's 1957 bird. It's still looking good and now owned by members Michael & Carol Smith.

Future Events:

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

Sunday, September 17th, (10a.m.-4p.m.), All T-Bird Day to celebrate the 68th anniversary of the Thunderbird. This event is put on by The Water Wonderland Club, at the historic Wilson Barn in Livonia, Michigan. Flyers were handed out at the meeting.

Saturday, October 7th 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 (Note: the roadwork at Sterns & Whiteford Center Rd and Sterns & Whiteford Rd. is done).

Next club meeting: October 21st at 1:00 p.m. – The Cauffiel’s Annual Chili Dump- Hosted by Ford & Phyllis Cauffiel. “Admission “ is one serving of chili per person- warmed up please. Note: [lease bring a birthday card for Ford to help celebrate his 93rd birthday.