



**a community festival**

**SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB**

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

**Saturday, May 17th**

**Pancake Breakfast: 8:00—11:00 AM**

*In the Oakwood High School Cafeteria*

*Purchase tickets in advance at the Oakwood Community Center (OCC)*

*<https://tdim.org>*

**Fun Run: 8:30 AM**

**5K & 10K Run: 9:00 AM**

*All runs start on Dellwood Ave., just South of Oakwood High School*

*Register at <http://www.speedy-feet.com/races.php>*

**Community Parade: 12:00 (noon) - 12:30 PM**

*On Shafor Blvd., from Orchard Dr. to the Oakwood High School Stadium*

**Dog Show & Costume Contest: 2:00 PM**

*Immediately following the Parade in the Oakwood High School Stadium*

**Games and Bouncy Houses: 12:30 PM—4:00 PM**

*On Schantz Ave. and in "The Pit" in the Oakwood Junior High School*

**Auto Show: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM**

*In the second block of Dellwood Ave.*

**Monday, May 19th**

**Golf Scramble - 12:00 (noon) tee off**

*With cocktail hour afterwards at the Dayton Country Club*

*To Register visit: <https://tdim.org>*

**Dinner & Live Auction - 6:30 PM**

*Inside Dayton Country Club*

**Parade**

**Food**

**Live Auction  
(May 19)**

**Games**

**Alumni  
Baseball  
Game**

**Dog Show**

**Auto Show**

**5k & 10K Run**

**Pancakes**

**Lemon  
Shake-Ups**

**Golf Scramble  
(May 19)**

**Bouncy  
Houses**

For more information,  
visit our website at  
<http://OakwoodRotary.org>  
or visit <https://tdim.org>

Proceeds from That Day in May (TDIM) support the Oakwood Rotary Foundation which supports many charitable groups, school events and community projects throughout the year. Your support of That Day in May will help our community.



Date: April 20, 2025  
From: Scott McGaha [umcgagx@yahoo.com](mailto:umcgagx@yahoo.com)  
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Subject: Saturday, May 17th, "That Day in May" festival in Oakwood, OH

Hello Everyone,

The purpose behind this email is to inform you of our invitation to participate in the Auto Show component of the "[That Day in May](#)" (TDIM) festival in **Oakwood, OH** on **Saturday, May 17th**. See the attached flyer to learn more about this community festival, sponsored by the **Oakwood Rotary Club**.

The auto show is scheduled to take place from **1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17th**, in the second block of **Dellwood Avenue**, behind **Oakwood High School** and next to the athletic fields (see satellite view below from [Google Maps](#)).



I received the invitation to bring our Thunderbirds to this event from **Mike Armstrong**, the Oakwood Rotarian responsible for organizing the Auto Show component of this festival. Over the course of our phone conversation, Mike informed me that this is the

**50th year** of the **Oakwood "That Day in May" community festival**, so they are hoping to make it "*extra special*" this year.

I informed Mike that, coincidentally, this year is also the **70th anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird**. I also informed him that the date of this festival happens to be the day before "Thunderbird Appreciation Day," which is always the 3rd Sunday in May.

Due to space constraints, Mike is limited to having **only 20 cars** for the auto show. Most years he likes to have a nice variety of cars to interest the festival attendees. But this year, due to the incredible convergence of the TDIM festival and Thunderbird anniversaries, together with the festival date falling on Thunderbird Appreciation Day weekend, Mike is **offering up all 20 spots to Thunderbirds** -- as many different years/models as we can bring to the festival!! Mike said if we can fill all 20 spots that he has available, that will indeed make this year's auto show "*extra special*."

To achieve this aspirational goal, I have reached out to **Brad Nogar**, president of the [Ohio Valley Early Birds](#) (OVEB) club of the Dayton, Cincinnati, and Northern Kentucky metropolitan areas -- a "Baby Bird" club to which some of our TSWO members also belong. After a very pleasant phone conversation with Brad on April 18th, he happily agreed to forward this invitation to all the OVEB members.

What Mike is looking for at this event is classic car owners that are willing to bring their cars out into the public for a few hours and engage with them to answer any questions that may come up and educate anyone interested to hear more about their particular model of Thunderbird, as well as the marque in general. Mike is a "car guy," too -- he is the proud owner of a '73 Buick Electra 225 "land yacht."

**A Few Words About the Weather:** Mike knows how classic car owners feel about bringing their cars out in the rain. While the TDIM festival, as a whole, is a "rain or shine" event, he fully understands that if the weather forecast is not favorable on the day of the event, then the auto show component can be a "wash out." In prior years when the weather has been favorable, the auto show component is a key feature of the festival. But in years when the weather hasn't cooperated, the auto show is a sparsely attended event by both car owners and the festival-going public. You will not be held to a commitment to bring your classic Thunderbird if the weather is uncooperative. "*It is what it is.*"

**RSVPs are required!!:** Because there is room for only 20 cars, on a first come/first serve basis, **I must have responses to this email from everyone bringing a Thunderbird to this event by no later than Monday, May 5th.** I need to know what model year of Thunderbird you plan to bring. If you can bring more than one Thunderbird, I need to know that as well. Mike would like a nice variety and is personally hoping to see a 4-door Thunderbird with the "cool, suicide doors on the rear." (I forewarned him I don't think we'll be able to fulfill his wish.) If we get commitments for more than 20 cars (unbelievable!!) then we can start a "waitlist," and may possibly pick and choose among available cars to get the nice mix of T-bird models that Mike is seeking. If we cannot meet the 20-car allotment of spaces, then Mike can fill the remaining spots with various

makes and models of other cars from his other car-owner contacts, hence the need to get him a **count of Thunderbirds by May 5th**.

**Event Details:** Beyond what I've already stated above, I can think of only a couple of other details to share with you at this time.

- Arrival Time: The auto show component is from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Mike suggests arriving at the 2nd block of Dellwood Avenue 30-60 minutes prior 1:00 p.m. to get all the T-birds lined up and parked on the two sides of the street, probably in order by year of manufacture. You can certainly come earlier if you want -- for the pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m., the fun, 5K and 10K runs that begin at 8:30 a.m., the community parade at noon, etc.
- Community Parade Participation: Speaking of the community parade, which is scheduled for noon-12:30 p.m., immediately before the auto show . . . before anyone should ask, Mike informed me that classic cars are not allowed to participate in the parade. They have tried that in prior years and had issues with cars overheating and/or stalling during the parade. They won't deal with that anymore -- sorry.

So, give this event some thought and let me know by **no later than Monday, May 5th**, if you plan to bring a car to the 50th year of this local Oakwood community event. If the weather cooperates, and we get a full (or nearly full) 20-car roster of Thunderbirds, this could be a really unique event for Thunderbird Appreciation Day.

If anyone (including OVEB members) has any questions or needs additional information, reach out to me via phone or e-mail. If I don't know the answer, I'll get one for you from Mike Armstrong. If necessary, further emails with additional details for this event will follow as the information becomes available.

Hope to see you, *and your T-bird*, on **Saturday, May 17th!!**

Scott McGaha