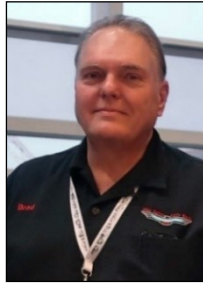


President's Message

Greetings and happy New Year. I hope you all had a healthy and joyful holiday season. We had a great time at the Christmas party on December 7. Thanks again to Gail Curtis and Lisa Nogar for planning the event and to Bob and Jill Hulsmann for reserving the clubhouse and picking up the chicken. Many thanks as well to everyone who helped with setup or contributed side dishes, appetizers and desserts.



As we begin the new year, I'd like to thank all of the 2019 officers for their service and many contributions to our club. Cathy and Art Barnes did a great job as President and Secretary, respectively. Cathy led us on many interesting outings. Thanks also to Gary Grimm and Walt Bernhardt, who have agreed to continue in their roles as Vice President and Director of Authenticity. Bill Curtis remains our capable treasurer *and* webmaster. I encourage everyone to visit <https://oveb.org> for the most up to date information regarding club activities.

As for myself, after spending 2019 without any official OVEB duties, somehow, I'm once again your president and my wife, Lisa, has agreed to be secretary. With your help, I'm looking forward to an exciting year of T-Birding. By the way, you are reading our first club newsletter since 2013. Bill Curtis suggested we bring back OVEB NEWS, so we're going to give it a go. I'll have more newsletter comments elsewhere in this issue.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our planning meeting and luncheon on Saturday, January 18. Don't forget to send me your suggestions for 2020 activities to planning@oveb.org.

Brad

Upcoming Event

January Planning Meeting



Please join us on Saturday, January 18 for the first OVEB meeting of 2020. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect and finalize upcoming club activities. 2020 should be a very exciting year of T-Birding in the Ohio Valley.

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020

Time: 12:00pm

Place: Bravo Cucina Italiana Restaurant
2770 Miamisburg-Centerville Road
Centerville, OH 45459

We have secured a private dining room at Bravo. The restaurant is located at the main entrance of the Dayton Mall near JC Penny. This location is close to I-75 and convenient for members in Dayton and Cincinnati.

After our planning session, we will enjoy lunch at Bravo where we can order from their regular dinner menu. Separate checks will be accommodated.

We have to advise the restaurant of the number of guests in our party, so please **RSVP to Lisa Nogar by January 12th at 513-474-5197 or by email to rsvp-january@oveb.org.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE OHIO VALLEY EARLY BIRDS



To see more photos from the 2019 Christmas Party: [Click Here](#).

2020 OVEB Officers

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<u>Authenticity</u>	Walt Bernhardt	513-574-7350	authenticity@oveb.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gary Dunbar Jan 7
Gary Conroy Jan 11

Get Well Soon!

Linda Fleeger
John Fleeger
Gary Rieder

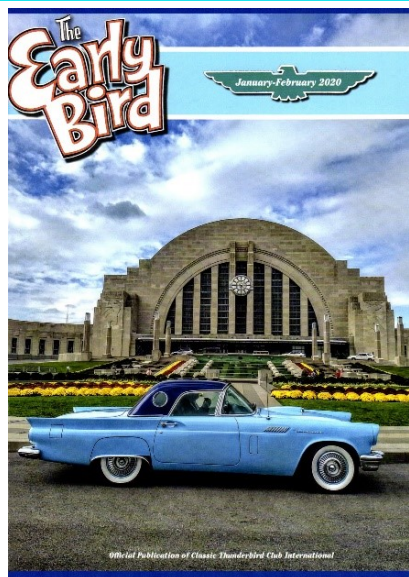
OVEB Treasurer Report

December 1 thru December 31, 2019

Beginning Balance:	\$2,265.88
Total Deposits:	\$650.00
Total Payments:	(\$263.15)
Ending Balance:	\$2,652.73

Bill Curtis, Treasurer

Ohio Valley Early Birds Featured in Current Early Bird Magazine



Thanks to the efforts of Jill Hulsmann, our club got some international attention in the January/February 2020 edition of CTCI's *Early Bird* magazine. Jill wanted to surprise her husband Bob by getting a photo of their car published in the *Early Bird*. Jill sent the magazine a great photo of their '57 T-Bird posed in front of the stunning Cincinnati Union Terminal. She took the photo during our backstage tour of the Cincinnati Museum Center last November. The *Early Bird* editor, Jim Spawn, liked the image and agreed to use it as a front cover. He also requested some additional interior photos from our outing, which we supplied. Jill's article runs on pages 30 and 31 of the magazine and is illustrated with photos of our group touring Union Terminal plus a nice shot of Gary and Janice Grimm's T-Bird in front of Union Terminal. Bob and Jill's Azure Blue

1957 Thunderbird is also prominently featured in a *centerfold* on pages 32 and 33 of the magazine. The entire article paints a very flattering portrait of our club. Although we are one of the most active CTCI chapters, it's been ten years since our club was featured in the *Early Bird*. Now that Jill is on a first name basis with the editor, let's hope we can look forward to more publicity in the future.



CTCI International Convention "Birds on the Bay", Sarasota, Florida



The Trail Birds of Southwest Florida is proud to host the 2020 CTCI International Convention May 4 - 9, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Sarasota, Florida.

The Hyatt Regency is offering a great rate of \$145.00 per night. This rate will be good for three days prior to and three days after the convention if you want to extend your visit in beautiful Sarasota.

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota at 1-877-803-7534 or local 941-953-1234. The Code for the discount rate is: CTCI.

Please note that this event is Tuesday through Friday. The banquet will be on Friday night rather than Saturday! To download registration form with more information: [Click here.](#)

Further Notes from Brad

Welcome to OVEB NEWS – The 2020 Version

As I mentioned earlier, Bill Curtis suggested last year that he thought we should bring back the OVEB newsletter. I agreed that it was a worthwhile idea, but I questioned whether we could find anyone to produce it. I do have some experience with this subject.

When I first became club president in 2012, I had this crazy idea of publishing an OVEB newsletter. I wrote the copy, shot the photos, created the layout, printed the pages and mailed them to every member each month. People seemed to enjoy reading it, but it was an unsustainable effort for one person. The cost of printer ink and postage was also a significant expense. I gave up after two years, because by that time, we



had a fully functioning website which offered much of the same content.

I was hoping that our members would use the OVEB website as their official source for club news and photos. Some of you regularly visit ovej.org. It has also become a great recruiting tool for the club. Over the years, Bill has continued to upgrade the site with additional features and content. Most recently, he performed a major update which enhances viewing the site on a mobile phone or tablet. He also added a password protected members-only section

where you can download the club roster and view meeting minutes and other proprietary documents.

When Bill raised the subject of resurrecting **OVEB NEWS**, we both agreed that the old publishing model would have to go. Instead, we've adopted some new rules:

We're not going to print the newsletters and mail them to members. We will email them to you as colorful PDF documents that you can view on your computer monitor, or, if you prefer, print out at home. This saves trees, ink and postage.

OVEB NEWS will be a focused publication. Each month, we'll include information about an upcoming event and reflect on the previous month's club activity. We'll show some event photos, but we won't include *all* the photos. Instead, we'll include a link to the website where you can view additional images. We'll include information about upcoming member birthdays and always include a copy of our complete event calendar. Additional space can be devoted to a variety of subjects such as historical information, human interest stories or technical articles.

Lacking an official newsletter editor, this will have to be a *collaborative* effort. Bill Curtis got the ball rolling by creating a sample template based on our past newsletters and current newsletters from other CTCI chapters. For the time being, he will handle the layout of each issue and create the PDF files. I will assist with content creation, but we need YOUR help.

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How can you help?

If you volunteer to host a monthly event, we'll need **ALL OF THE INFORMATION** at least a month before the event. We'll need date and time, driving directions and other event details. If you have photos to include that will be helpful. It doesn't have to be fancy; it just needs to be timely. We'll massage the copy to fit the format.

Do you have an interesting story to share? Remember the "guess who did this" game we played at the Christmas party? Our members would love to read about your experiences, especially if they involve a T-Bird. Tell us about it and include photos if you can.

Do you have any technical tips to share? Did you finally figure out why your car wouldn't start when it was hot? Tell us about it. Have you learned any tricks over the years that make it easier to maintain your T-Bird? Have you performed any modifications on your car that make it safer to drive? Other members can benefit from your experience.

If you or any family members are experiencing health issues and you would like to share the information with your fellow club members, please let us know. Likewise, if you are about to celebrate any of life's milestones, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer to be our official newsletter editor, we'd love to have you. Your fellow club members would appreciate it.

Brad

2019 IN PICTURES



2020 OVEB Event Schedule

January 18th: OVEB Planning Meeting. 12 Noon.
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February: To Be Determined

March: To Be Determined

April: To Be Determined

May: To Be Determined

June: To Be Determined

July: To Be Determined

August: To Be Determined

September: To Be Determined

October: To Be Determined

November: To Be Determined

December: To Be Determined