

## The Newsletter of the Ohio Valley Early Birds

February 2020

### President's Message

Greetings OVEB Members.

We had a great turnout on January 18 for our 2020 planning meeting at Bravo. We discussed many potential activities over lunch. After agreeing on the most popular suggestions, we still had more activities than would fit into twelve months, so we voted on each suggestion and on the specific dates each month that our activities would take place. Most of our outings are day trips in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Two of our activities are weekend excursions. One of our day trips, a visit the Airstream factory, will take place on a Friday because the facility is closed on weekends. The annual OVEB picnic will be hosted by Cathy and Art Barnes in July and the December Christmas party will again be held at the Heritage Pointe clubhouse in Mason. We even have planned some "bonus" activities.

The preliminary schedule is listed on the back page of this newsletter and on the website. We need to confirm with each organization that they can accommodate our group on the chosen dates, so it's possible that some dates or activities may change. Two event dates have already changed since the planning meeting. Always check our website for the most up to date schedule.

Weather permitting, we've planned a very interesting outing in Dayton on Saturday, February 8. We'll start at the British Transportation Museum, where a rare MG-A coupe is under restoration. After lunch, we'll visit the elegant America's Packard Museum. Complete details can be found elsewhere on this page. I hope to see you all there.



*Brad*

### Upcoming Event — Saturday, February 8

#### British Transportation Museum

[321 Hopeland St., Dayton OH](#)

#### America's Packard Museum

[420 S Ludlow St., Dayton, OH](#)

Please join us on Saturday, February 8 for a visit to two of Dayton's wonderful car museums. **RSVP to Cathy Barnes at [rsvp-february@oveb.org](mailto:rsvp-february@oveb.org) or by phone to 937-206-5860 by January 31.**

We will meet at the **British Transportation Museum** (BTM) at 11am. The BTM is dedicated to preserving the British motoring heritage through education and vehicle preservation. The Museum has 40+ British transportation vehicles, bicycles, memorabilia, and an art gallery. An MG-A coupe (one of 4000) is under restoration at the museum.



After lunch at the Troll Pub, 216 Wayne Ave., we'll travel a short distance to **America's Packard Museum**, the only restored Packard Dealership operating as a museum. It houses the largest public collection of Packard automobiles and memorabilia in the world. The museum features over 50 automobiles on display in the restored Citizens Motorcar Company circa 1917 Art Deco showroom, service department and pavilion. Significant artifacts from the Packard Motorcar Company are also on display. Car Collector magazine named the museum one of the "Top Ten" Auto Museums in The United States. It's not to be missed.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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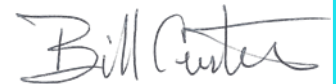
**Get Well Soon!**

Gary Rieder  
John Fleeger

### OVEB Treasurer Report

January 1 thru January 21, 2019

Beginning Balance:	\$2,652.73
Total Deposits:	\$20.00
Total Payments:	(\$54.33)
Ending Balance:	\$2,618.40



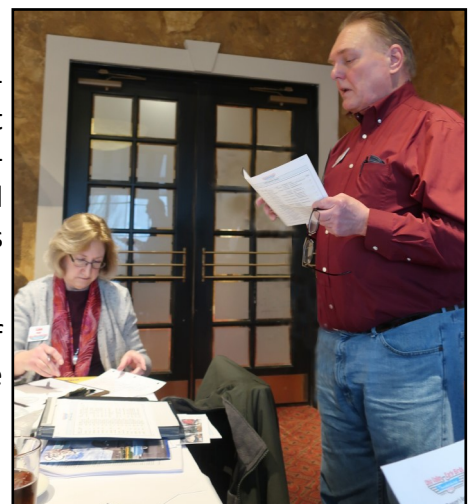
Bill Curtis, Treasurer

### OVEB PLANNING SESSION A BIG SUCCESS!

The weather was windy, rainy and quite dreary, but on Saturday, January 18th, twenty OVEB members came together at the Bravo Restaurant in Centerville for our annual planning session. Scores of potential activities were suggested by members prior to the meeting with additional ideas presented at the planning session. We also enjoyed a delicious meal while catching up with friends.

After a spirited discussion, we reached consensus on a diverse array of activities. We sincerely hope that all of you will join us at for least one and hopefully many more outings in 2020.

To see more pictures of the event on the OVEB website [Click Here](#).



## Ford Mustang Sells for \$3.74 million

The 1968 Ford Mustang GT driven by Steve McQueen in the 1968 film "Bullitt" was just auctioned off for \$3.74 million, making it the most valuable Ford Mustang in the world, according to the auction house that sold the car, Mecum Auctions. In front of a standing-room-only crowd, the legendary 1968 Ford Mustang GT 'Bullitt' movie car crossed Mecum's Kissimmee auction block January 10 at the Ocala Heritage Park arena, which was filled to its capacity during the auction as crowds packed in to catch a glimpse and take a photo of the iconic Mustang.



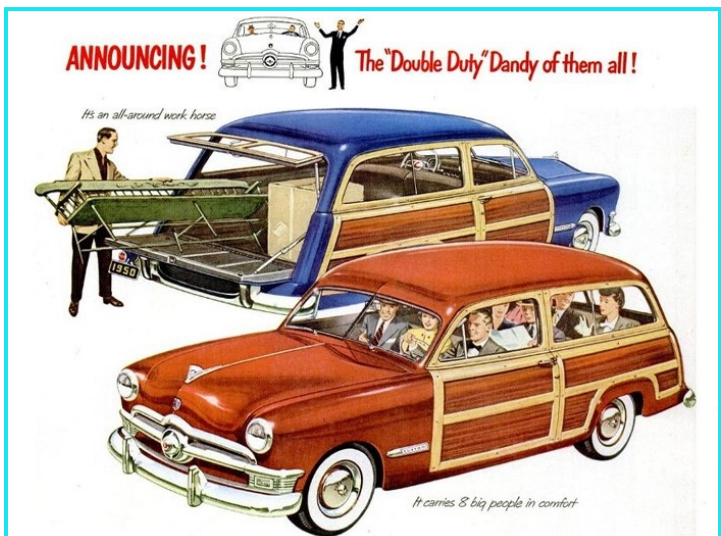
The vehicle was put up for auction by then-owner, Sean Kiernan. Kiernan's late father, Robert, was the third person to have ever owned the car, which has been sold twice in its lifespan, both times for \$3,500, according to Kiernan.

The production studio originally purchased two 1968 Mustang GT stunt cars for the film but the other one was scraped because of extensive damage.

In a statement from Mecum Auctions, they wrote: "In 1968, 'Bullitt' cemented itself as the pivotal moment in the history of car chase scenes, doing what none had ever done before and setting the standard for all that would follow, earning it the badge of honor that it carries today as the single greatest car chase scene in history".

## Ford Trivia (answers on final page)

1. In what model year did Ford introduce the Country Squire station wagon?
  - A. 1950
  - B. 1955
  - C. 1957
  - D. 1959
2. What feature set the 1955-56 Ford Crown Victoria apart from the Fairlane Victoria?
  - A. Two tone paint
  - B. Stainless steel band over the roof
  - C. Quad headlights
  - D. Leather seats
3. For the 1957 model year, Ford introduced what half-pickup/half-car vehicle to the market?
  - A. Interceptor
  - B. Galaxie
  - C. Ranchero
  - D. Torino
4. The 1956-57 Ford Thunderbirds were noted for what distinctive styling feature?
  - A. Side exhausts
  - B. Quad headlights
  - C. Round "opera windows"
  - D. Padded leather roofs
5. This luxury car, produced by Ford for the 1956 and 57 model years, was painstakingly hand built and carried a list price of \$10,000. What was this car?
  - A. Continental Mark III
  - B. Continental Mark II
  - C. Continental Mark I
  - D. Continental



## See Better at Night with FoMoCo Embossed Scott Drake Halogen Headlights

*Product review by Brad Nogar*

Some years ago (when my T-Bird was still painted red), I saw a press release from Scott Drake announcing a new sealed beam halogen headlight, model CODZ-13007-A. Although primarily marketed for '65-68 Mustangs, the lamp will also fit 1956-1957 T-Birds or any 12V vehicle with single 7" dual-beam headlights. What makes this product so interesting is that it features an embossed FoMoCo logo in the center of the lens. Drake based the design on a headlight Westinghouse produced for Ford in the 1960s.



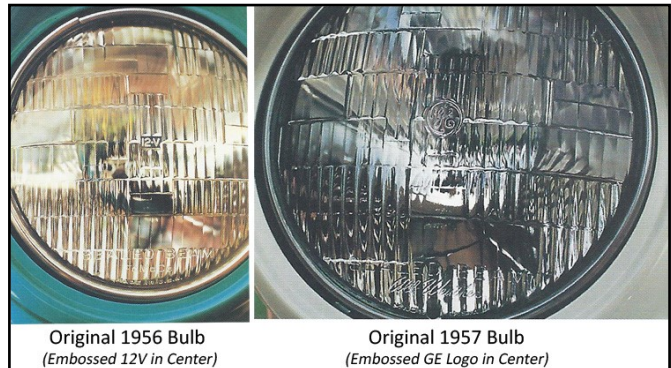
Halogen bulbs are rated at about twice the brightness of the tungsten lamps that were originally supplied with our T-Birds, so I ordered a pair to see how they performed.



In the photo above, a regular tungsten sealed beam headlight is installed on the left (passenger) side of the car while the Scott Drake FCODZ-13007-A halogen bulb is on the right. Even in this small photo, it is obvious that the Scott Drake halogen bulb is considerably brighter than the tungsten bulb. I confirmed the increased light output with a Sekonic L-358 digital light meter.

Halogen lamps are a good performance upgrade for older cars originally equipped with tungsten headlights because they produce more light with the same or less current. The higher output of a halogen headlamp throws more light on the road to improve nighttime visibility while extending the driver's visual range. The light is also whiter than a tungsten bulb, which helps with visibility.

The embossed FoMoCo center logo design was not available when our T-Birds were manufactured. Depending on the year (and battery voltage), our cars were originally supplied with tungsten headlamps that had either a "GE" logo, a "W" logo, "12V" or nothing molded in the center.



Even though Ford didn't supply embossed FoMoCo headlights in 1956-57, they are still perfectly acceptable for all concours classes. CTCI authenticity rules make allowances for safety items and only require that headlights be **clear, legal, sealed beams**. You will *only* lose points if your headlights are dirty or discolored or if the headlamps on both sides of your car don't match.

The Scott Drake headlights add a safety and coolness factor to your ride—for a premium price. They sell for about \$22 each at Amazon, Summit Racing and JEGs.

If you don't care about embossed FoMoCo logos, Sylvania's H6024XV.BX XtraVision halogen headlight sells for about \$15. My tests confirm it to be equally bright as the Scott Drake headlight.

Sylvania's H6024.BX *basic* halogen headlight only costs about \$10. It's not as bright as the CODZ-13007-A, but it's still a significant improvement over tungsten bulbs.

### 2020 OVEB Event Schedule

(For more details click line above to go to web schedule page)

Jan 18:	OVEB Planning Meeting. Bravo Restaurant Centerville, OH 45459	Jul 18:	Saturday — Annual OVEB Picnic
Feb 8:	Saturday — British Transportation and America's Packard Museums	Aug 21-23:	Friday - Sunday — Road Trip to Coshocton
Mar 8	Sunday — Cincinnati Observatory	Sep 12:	Saturday — Northern Kentucky Back Roads Wine Trail Driving Tour.
Apr 4:	Saturday — Butler Private Car Collection	Oct 16-18:	Friday - Sunday — Canton, OH Overnight Weekend Excursion
May 24:	Sunday — LaComedia Dinner Theater production of <i>Footloose</i>	Nov 13:	Friday — The Bicycle Museum of America and the Airstream Factory Tour
Jun 27:	Saturday — Historic Loveland Castle, School- house Restaurant & Civil War Museum	Dec 5:	Saturday — OVEB Christmas Party at Heritage Pointe Clubhouse in Mason

### Other Events of Interest

(For more details click line above to go to web schedule page)

Mar 25:	Wed—Tea at Doscher's Tea Room Or Lunch at 50 West Brewing	Jun 25-27:	Weekend—Arthritis Foundation Car Show Dublin, OH
Apr 26:	Sunday—Sharonville Annual Car Show	Sep TBA:	Thunderbird Anniversary/ITC Convention, Dearborn MI — Details Coming Soon.
Jun 5-7:	Weekend—All Ford Nationals Thunderbird Reunion, Carlisle, PA	Oct 11:	Sunday—Spring Grove Cemetery 14th Annual Car Show
Jun 14:	Sunday—Informal gathering of OVEB members along the Ohio River		



### **CTCI Convention in Sarasota Florida is May 4-9**

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

Please note that this year's convention will take place on Tuesday through Friday. The banquet will be held on Friday night rather than on Saturday.

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

### **\*\*\* Discounted Sarasota Convention Hotel Rooms Going Fast \*\*\***

If you are planning to attend the CTCI International Convention in Sarasota Florida and you haven't yet booked a room at the official host hotel, please do so immediately. The Hyatt Regency Sarasota has informed CTCI that **there are very few rooms left at the special convention rate of \$145 per night**. Please book your room now to lock in the convention rate while discounted rooms are still available. You can always cancel the room later, should your plans change.

**Hotel Reservations can be made by calling the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota at 1-877-803-7534. The discount rate code is: CTCI.** To download convention registration form: [Click here](#).

Answers to Ford Trivia: 1A, 2B, 3C, 4C, 5B

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