

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ohio Valley Early Bird Members:

Other than experiencing near record snowfalls this month, there isn't much to report in the way of OVEB news. We've updated our birthday calendar to now show two months of member birthdays.

I hope that many of you have been successful in receiving a Covid-19 Vaccine. For those who have been unable to book vaccine appointments, I share your frustration. The limited supply coupled with multiple groups now eligible for the vaccine, has made it a very irritating experience. Hopefully, most of us will have received our vaccines by the time we resume in-person club activities.

Norine Rieder (1925 - 2021)

I have some sad news to report. Gary Rieder's mother, Norine, passed away on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at age 95. Norine was an active and delightful woman. Many of us had the pleasure of meeting her in 2012 when she joined our group at La Comedia Dinner Theatre for a performance of "Happy Days." You can view Norine's obituary at this link:

<https://www.muellerfunerals.com/obituary/norine-rieder>.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at Good Shepherd Parish, 8815 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249 on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Interment to follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Our condolences go out to the entire Rieder family.



1955-57 Ford Thunderbird Buying Guide



Bill Curtis recently found a comprehensive article about the ins and outs of buying a 1955-57 Thunderbird. If you haven't already seen this well-written feature, published on the Hagerty Insurance website, I encourage you to check it out at this link:

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/car-profiles/1955-57-ford-thunderbird-buyers-guide/>

Information about potential upcoming activities and an update from our CTCI regional directory follow. Until we meet again, please stay safe and warm.



Brad

2021 PLANNING MEETING AND POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

We still need to hold a 2021 activity planning meeting. This could take place in March or April. Depending on the current state of the pandemic, the meeting may be held virtually. In the meantime, please start thinking about what you would like to do this year.

Here are some of the activities that were canceled in 2020.

- Butler Private Car Collection Tour
- LaComedia Dinner Theater -- Footloose (LaComedia rescheduled this play for Sept 23 - Oct 31, 2021)
- Road Trip to Coshocton
- The Historic Loveland Castle and Dinner or Lunch at the Schoolhouse Restaurant.
- Cabanna on the River

Unfortunately the following events that we had to cancel last year are still not open for business:

- Afternoon Tea at Doscher's Tea Room -- Cancelled until further notice.
- Airstream Tour -- tours of the new plant and the Heritage Center are still unavailable until further notice. (The nearby Bicycle Museum of America is currently open).

We will need to add a few additional events. In the meantime, please consider potential club activities in the Dayton and Cincinnati areas and send those suggestions to Brad by email at planning@oveb.org.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hoss Hoskins	February 8
Bill Curtis	February 15
Karen Hoskins	February 17
Dan Hutten	February 18
Skip Quitter	March 10
Linda Cajka	March 18
Tom Abercrombie	March 19
Amanda Conrad	March 24

JANUARY TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance:	\$ 3,119.89
Total Deposits:	\$ 230.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,429.89

Bill Curtis, Treasurer



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CTCI UPDATE FROM OUR REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Region 2 Update (From Emails dated February 4 & February 19)

Even though our cars may be in hibernation, the CTCI Board has already had its first meeting of the New Year. We are discussing a number of items and I would like to give you quick update:

The Board elected new officers:

- Brian Carron – President
- Ed Benson – Vice President
- John Kledis – Treasurer
- Jim Rodgers – Secretary
- Bob Witt – Director, Emeritus

Unfortunately, COVID has put many aspects of our lives on hold and our Regional CTCI events are no exception. Our planned Branson, MO regional event scheduled for October, 2021 has been officially cancelled.

Due to some unforeseen issues, the January/February issue of the Early Bird magazine was about three weeks late in mailing. We continue to look for members to submit articles for the publication. As a volunteer organization, it is important to keep the pipeline full, so we can continue to publish a great magazine.

We have many exciting things on the CTCI website for you to check out:

- The club's recent 2020 year-end financial report (positive cash flow!)
- With Board member Darcy Knapp's huge effort, we have established a 2021 CTCI Virtual Convention and Concours in Cybird-Space (cybirdspace.com). We can't drive our cars to an event, but this is the next best thing. Check it out.

CTCI Board Meeting Notes - February 12, 2021.

President Brian Carron presented status updates on open items:

- The Signal Hill building upgrades are scheduled be completed by the end of March. The building continues to be offered and shown by our representative from CBRE. The annual inventory will take place soon in conjunction with the move of material from Signal Hill to Kansas City.
- The Corporation has been moved to Wyoming. The name continues to be "Classic Thunderbird Club International". It was noted that the club will not have any property in Wyoming and thus will not pay ANY property tax in Wyoming. The Corporation is almost complete with establishing LLC's for investable assets and conventions.

Director Darcy Knapp presented information about the 2021 Virtual Convention <https://www.cybirdspace.com>. She reported that the convention continues to be well attended. A logo for the convention has been selected. Next steps are to get merchandise with new logo.

Director Ed Benson reported on the new Virtual Chapters. The OP&P has been updated for Virtual Chapters and is available on the Website. He has asked for help in identifying "Champions" who will help start these new Virtual Chapters. Interested parties should contact Ed directly.

Garrett Shropshire presented the office Activity Report. During his report, he presented the "Full Year" schedule for the Early Bird. This will allow the Board to track progress. He also noted that there is enough material (editorial and technical) for the next issue. He also thanked all of the board members for their help in getting articles.

The following items were passed during "New Business"

- Communications Policy, which outlines how Board decisions are communicated to the members
- Action regarding the Early Birds of Southern California (Chapter 7) charter
- Newsletter contest will be held in 2021
- Establishment of a 2022 Convention Planning Committee
- A PDF roster of all members will be added to the CTCI Web Site. It will only be available to CTCI members.
- Directors Darcy Knapp and Ed Benson presented "owner transfer cards." They agreed to have Garrett Shropshire join them to present ideas to board at the March meeting.
- Director Sue Smith requested an analysis and recommendation to the board regarding 3-Year membership/subscriptions. Garrett Shropshire was asked to get with Director John Kledis and present an analysis at the March board meeting.

- The 2021 committees were approved.

The next Board Meeting is set for March 12, 2021

While still learning the ropes as a first time Board member, I am excited about what CTCI stands for and the future of the club. I am lucky to work with many dedicated and hard-working Board members and members at large who are committed to making CTCI a great club. In turn I am committed to every Region 2 member to do my best in representing each of you in addressing your concerns and representing your input as your Director on the Board. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns or feedback you may have.

Thank you and I look forward to the time we can all gather together with our Thunderbirds again soon!

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