

OVEB NEWS



The Newsletter of the Ohio Valley Early Birds

March, 2012

March Meeting Notice

Please join us on March 18th at 4:30pm for the first OVEB meeting of 2012. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to discuss and finalize upcoming club activities. 2012 is shaping up to be a very exciting year of T-Birding in the Ohio Valley.

We have secured a private dining room at **Bravo Cucina Italiana** in Centerville. The restaurant is located at the main entrance to the Dayton Mall, close to I-75 and convenient for our members who live in Dayton and Cincinnati.

After our planning session, we will enjoy dinner with selections from Bravo's extensive menu. Separate checks will be accommodated.



SUNDAY, MARCH 18 • 4:30pm
Bravo Cucina Italiana Restaurant
2770 Miamisburg-Centerville Road
Centerville, OH 45459

We need to advise the restaurant of the number of guests in our party prior to the event, so please **RSVP** to Lisa Nogar **by March 13th** and let her know you will be coming. You can confirm your participation with an email to rsvp@oveb.org or by phone to 513-474-5197.

OVEB.org Website Online



The Ohio Valley Early Birds are officially on the web. Just point your browser to oveb.org and check out our new online resource. OVEB.org is where you can read about our club, download a new member application, review our activity schedule and send emails to our officers without exposing their private email addresses.

Visit the "Schedule" page for a list of upcoming meetings and events. Detailed information about the March planning meeting and the May Cochocton adventure can be found there as well.

We plan to expand the site over time to include photos of our events, archives of our newsletters and more. The website is a very flexible tool, so let us know what YOU would like to see there. Besides offering a great resource for current members, we hope that oveb.org will also serve as an introduction to our organization for potential new members.

President's Message

With the arrival of March, it's time to bid farewell to the Winter that never was and contemplate getting our T-Birds out of their winter cocoons and back on the road. Before we embark upon another season of Early Bird adventures, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the many contributions of the 2011 OVEB officers:

- Pam Strader, President
- Todd Jackson, Vice-President
- Gail Curtis, Secretary
- Glen Forsell, Treasurer

Pam kept us focused and planned interesting, varied activities each month. Todd is a great resource, having served in the VP position for many years. Gail took detailed notes at our business meetings and kept the club updated on events and activities with her timely notices.

I'd like to offer a special thank you to Glen Forsell. Glen served as the OVEB treasurer for over twenty years. His tireless efforts to organize the very successful 2010 International CTCI Convention are well known to OVEB members, but I'd like to personally recognize Glen for his many years of service to the club. Let's just hope he gets that Peacock Blue '56 painted, so he can join us on the caravan to Memphis this August.

My wish for 2012 is that we focus on the FUN of T-Birding. I think we're off to a great start.

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I'd like to see our membership grow in 2012, but I would be equally pleased to see some of our less active members participate in more of our monthly events. To that end, we have crafted a survey to find out what sort of things **YOU** want to do in 2012.

The questionnaire is enclosed with this newsletter. Please take a few moments to complete the form and return it using the enclosed pre-addressed envelope. We plan to discuss the survey results at our March meeting. Your input is very important.

Brad

Walt's Tech Tip for March

By Walt Bernhardt
Authenticity Chair

When working on or restoring your little bird, you can run into a lot of different problems with parts you order. I recently ordered a trunk seal. When it arrived, I did not check it out with my other car and went ahead and glued it on. It was too thick, so the trunk lid would not close properly.

After looking through catalogs, I found a place that advertised super soft trunk seal "like original." I ordered it, and it was perfect. It took a lot of time and aggravation to remove the heavier one. So, if in doubt, research a little to be sure you have what you need before you spend all that time and effort on it. By the way, I called the original seal company, and they agreed to refund my money.

Editors Note – Ever the gentleman, Walt doesn't name names here, but if you ask him nicely (preferably over a beer), he'll probably tell you where NOT to buy your trunk seals.

Officer's Meeting Minutes

By Lisa Nogar, Secretary

On a chilly Sunday, February 19, OVEB officers met at the Bonefish Grill in West Chester to discuss plans for the upcoming year. President Brad Nogar, Treasurer Bill Curtis, Authenticity Chairman Walt Bernhardt, and Secretary Lisa Nogar, attended, along with Pat Bernhardt and Gail Curtis. Vice President Pam Strader was unable to attend, but provided input prior to the meeting.

Bill reported that he mailed a \$25 check to the state of Ohio and submitted forms designating him as the legal agent (point of contact) for the corporation. Ohio law requires such payments every five years.

Brad filed the annual President's Report with the CTCI, which lists our current membership totals and our 2012 slate of officers.

A new website for our club has been launched. Brad secured the ovej.org domain and donated hosting services at no cost to the club. Bill Curtis designed the website and is volunteering his ongoing webmaster skills.

During a discussion about keeping the club active, it was decided to place our membership application on the website to improve access for potential new members. It was also suggested that we contact CTCI members in our geographic area who do not belong to OVEB as a potential recruiting activity.

An OVEB brochure/membership application is being developed to provide our members with a handout to distribute to potential new members that they meet at car shows and other events.

A questionnaire will be mailed to current members with the March meeting announcement to garner feedback on the club in general and about the types of outings and activities members enjoy. Potential meetings topics were discussed, including historic tours, dinner theater, and car cruise-ins.

It was decided to secure a restaurant for the March meeting that is convenient to both Dayton and Cincinnati with a private room for easier communication.

OVEB Calendar of Events

March 18, 4:30pm
Meeting and Dinner at Bravo
May 4-6
Coshocton – CASCO Trip
August 22-26
CTCI International – Memphis
Visit ovej.org for a complete list.



March Birthdays

3	James Miller
10	Skip Quitter
19	Tom Abercrombie

April Birthdays

3	Earl Angel
7	Gary Vukovic
13	Tom Nugent
13	Gary Rieder
21	Betty Overman
25	Barbara Moore