

OVEB NEWS



The Newsletter of the Ohio Valley Early Birds

April - May, 2012

President's Message

I'd like to thank everyone who attended last month's planning meeting at Bravo. We not only confirmed a very interesting schedule of 2012 events, we also got to meet our new member, **Rick Varino**.



Many thanks also to those who submitted a member **survey**. Your responses guided our activity selection process. It's still not too late to return your questionnaire. We'd like to get everyone's input to help plan future events.

Many members indicated an interest in **cruise-ins**, so we're adding a selected number of cruise-in dates to our calendar, especially during the months when our other club activity involves an overnight trip. Cruise-ins are a fun way to meet other local old car enthusiasts and to promote our club. These informal get-togethers won't replace our scheduled weekend activities, but they will provide additional opportunities to drive our T-Birds and to visit with OVEB members over a burger and brew.

I'd like to send a shout out to Bill Curtis for his outstanding work on the ovej.org website. We've gained two new members since we launched the site, so it is already fulfilling its intended purpose. A **new classified ad section** will provide OVEB members with a free place to list automotive-related items for sale. You can advertise a complete car or just some parts that you want to move. Please send details and photos (if available) to classifieds@ovej.org.

Our next outing is at the **Cincinnati Museum Center on Sunday, April 15 at 3:30 PM**. The private tour includes restored areas of Union Terminal that are not generally open to the public. The Museum Center doors open at 11:00 AM, so arrive early if you plan to sample some of the other fabulous offerings at this venerable Cincinnati landmark. After our tour, we'll enjoy dinner at the Washington Platform Saloon and Restaurant, an historic eatery suggested by Gary Rieder. We need to advise the Museum Center and the restaurant of the size of our group, so **please RSVP to Lisa Nogar** at 513-474-5197 or by email to rsvp@ovej.org. I look forward to seeing you all there on *Tax Day*.

Brad

Coshocton Update

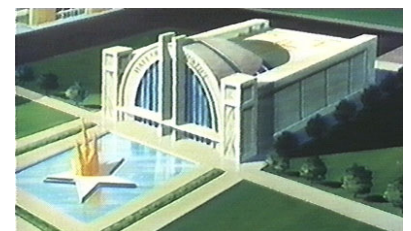
It's not too late to register for our May excursion to Coshocton. Linda Fleeger has organized a really fun tour that covers everything from baskets (Longaberger) to Y-Blocks (CASCO). A detailed flyer is posted on the schedule page of our website, ovej.org.

Send Us Your News

Have you heard or read something interesting about a fellow T-Birder? Do you have a new grandchild or a story to share? Do you know of a member that is in the hospital or needs our support? Please submit any such information to OVEB Secretary Lisa Nogar at 513-474-5197 or via email to news@ovej.org.

Terminal Trivia

Cincinnati's Union Terminal served as the inspiration for the "Hall of Justice" in the Hanna Barbera animated ABC children's TV series, *Super Friends* (1973-1986). The cartoon featured the adventures of DC Comics' Superman, Batman and other characters.



Why Is Union Terminal in Gotham City?

When is Our Next Event? March OVEB Planning Meeting Minutes

Oh no! I misplaced my OVEB newsletter. When and where is the next Ohio Valley Early Birds meeting?

No need to worry. Just visit oveb.org for the current events calendar as well as all kinds of other useful information. Our website is where you can find late-breaking news, classified ads, current and archived newsletters, photographs of recent and past events plus links to flyers about upcoming happenings. The content is frequently changing, so visit often!

Snail Mail or Email?

Because this issue contains the OVEB 2012 activity calendar, we are mailing printed copies to all members, including those who have opted for electronic-only distribution.



April Birthdays

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

May Birthdays

12	Debby Johnson
15	Glenn Forsell
17	Gail Curtis
29	Kris Abercrombie

Under gorgeous blue skies and unseasonably warm temperatures, nine OVEB members gathered in a private dining room at Bravo Cucina Italiana in Centerville on Sunday, March 18th to reconnect with friends and plan the club's calendar of activities for the year.

President Brad Nogar introduced a new member, Dayton area resident Rick Varino, who discovered the organization through our new website. Rick is new to the area and is looking forward to meeting members, exploring Dayton and Cincinnati and learning about resources for parts and services for his car, a white 1957 T-Bird.

It was announced that Norma and Earl Angel were unable to attend due to Earl's health problems, but they hoped to see everyone in the near future. Linda and John Fleeger and Walt and Pat Bernhardt were in Florida, but sent their regards.

Treasurer Bill Curtis reported a balance of \$1,809.62, as of March 18, 2012. The beginning balance on January 1, 2012 was \$1,421.36. During the interim period, he made deposits totaling \$503.99, comprised primarily of dues, and incurred expenses of \$115.73, mainly postage, a check printing fee and a corporate fee mandated by the state of Ohio.

Sample postcard-sized membership applications were distributed to attendees to be given to potential members at car shows and other events. Additional copies may be obtained from Bill Curtis.

Members viewed hard copies of the impressive new OVEB website which is up and running, thanks to webmaster Bill Curtis' hard work and excellent design skills. It is frequently expanded and updated and includes current and past newsletters and meeting minutes, photographs of events and meetings, upcoming event details, general information about the club, contact information and the calendar of events. The Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) website also directly links to ours. The oveb.org domain name has been secured and prepaid for five years.

In early March, thirty surveys were mailed to Ohio Valley Early Bird members, requesting feedback on the club and the types of outings and activities people enjoy. Eleven were returned by the meeting date. Based on those results, a discussion regarding the calendar of club events ensued.

Finally, because of significant interest at the meeting and in the survey results, it was decided to add some cruise-ins to the calendar. Locations will alternate between Dayton and Cincinnati. These informal events will be in *addition* to regular OVEB meetings. The schedule will appear in the newsletter and on the website, and no RSVPs will be necessary. Members may attend, weather permitting, if convenient.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, everyone enjoyed social time and delicious Italian food.

Note: These minutes have been edited to fit the available space. Complete minutes of the March 2012 meeting are available on the oveb.org website in the "Archived Minutes" area of the Newsletter section.

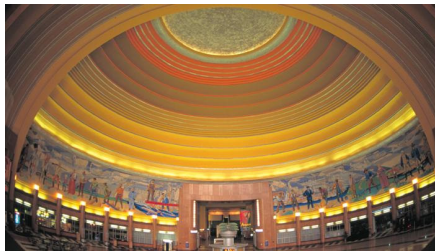
April Meeting: Cincinnati Union Terminal Tour

Sunday, April 15, 2012 • 3:30 PM (Please assemble at the Rotunda Kiosk by 3:20 PM)



Many of you are familiar with Cincinnati's historic train station, considered one of the finest examples of art deco architecture in the world. The Union Terminal rotunda is the largest semi-dome in the western hemisphere, measuring 180 feet wide by 106 feet high. You may also be aware of the three museums currently housed in this immense structure: The Duke Energy Children's Museum, the Cincinnati Historical Museum and the Museum of Natural History and Sciences, but have you ever toured the *non-public* areas of this amazing edifice?

The Ohio Valley Early Birds will receive a private docent-led tour of Union Terminal at 3:30 PM on April 15th. The tour will include spaces normally closed to the general public, including the terminal president and secretary's offices, boardroom, dining room and lounge areas. We will also visit the mezzanine, an ideal platform to better appreciate the fabulous Winold Reiss mosaics that dazzle in the immense rotunda. Depending on the size of our group, a small tour fee (\$3 - \$5) may apply). **Please RSVP to Lisa Nogar** at 513-474-5197 or via email to rsvp@oveb.org.



The Immense Rotunda Half Dome



The Restored Terminal President's Office



Information Kiosk and Winold Reiss Mosaics

There are many other programs and events at the Museum Center on April 15. If any of these are of interest to you, plan to arrive sufficiently early to complete your activities before our tour. The Museum Center doors open at 11 AM:

1. Special Exhibit, "A Day in Pompeii". The Roman city of Pompeii was frozen in time by the catastrophic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Pompeii's archeological treasures rarely leave Italy, and this national touring exhibit marks the first time that these rare treasures have come to our region. Cincinnati is one of only four U.S. cities to host this unique window into the ancient past. (An admission fee applies; reservations are recommended).
2. Omnimax Film, "Hidden Hawaii, Born From Volcanoes." Take an amazing journey to the most remote locations on the Hawaiian Islands, and discover the fiery volcanic eruptions and rivers of molten lava that brought islands to life. (Multiple showing are available throughout the day. A ticket is required).
3. Visit any or all of the museums - History, Children's and Natural History, which are located in the building. (There is an admission charge for non-members).
4. Asian Cultural Fest. This free annual event, held in the main rotunda, highlights the histories, arts, traditions and culture of Asian countries with demonstrations, performances and an Asian marketplace.

OVEB members are also invited to visit Tower "A," the control room from which Union Terminal rail traffic was originally dispatched. The Cincinnati Railroad Club restored the tower and opens it to the public on Sundays from noon - 4 PM. Admission is free.

The Museum Center public parking lots are gated and staffed. If April 15th turns out to be a nice day, we may have an opportunity after our tour to stage our T-Birds by the fountain in front of Union Terminal. This would make an excellent photo opportunity.



Tower "A"

Please see page 4 for a map, driving directions and restaurant information.

Washington Platform Saloon and Restaurant

1000 Elm Street (Corner of Court & Elm Streets), Downtown Cincinnati

The Washington Platform Saloon and Restaurant is located a short distance from Cincinnati's Union Terminal near the new Cincinnati School for Creative and Performing Arts. Originally established in 1860, the popular tavern was initially supported by the heavy population of small industries and residences surrounding the nearby Miami-Erie Canal that once linked Cincinnati to Lake Erie. An influx of German immigrants in the 1850's and 1860's helped establish the enterprise as a favorite gathering place. The property was purchased by the John Hauck Brewing Company in 1912 and continued to operate as the Washington Platform until Prohibition brought about its demise in 1919.

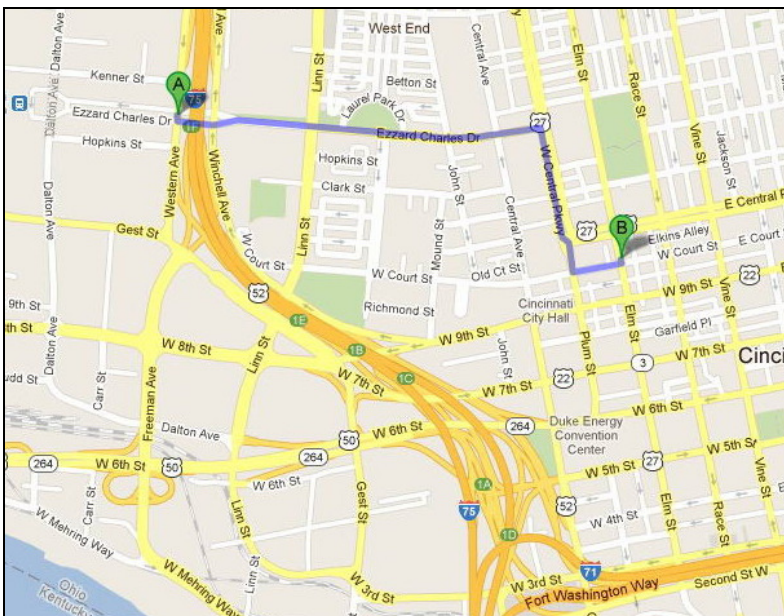
The building was re-established as the Washington Platform Saloon & Restaurant in 1986. Today, this restored piece of Cincinnati's proud heritage is again a favorite gathering place for those who enjoy quality food and drink, gracious service, reasonable prices and a relaxed atmosphere – all hallmarks of the Washington Platform Saloon & Restaurant's "Deliciously Friendly" reputation.

Don't let the "Saloon" in the name fool you. Family-friendly Washington Platform is as much about great food as it is about its large selection of beer and other adult beverages. Famous for seafood, the extensive menu also offers a variety of salads, omelets, burgers, chicken, steak, pasta, chili, sandwiches and more.



If you happen to be an oyster lover, you are really in luck, because our visit to Washington Platform will coincide with their 26th annual Oyster Festival. A special 40 + item, fresh oyster menu will be served and prepared by award-winning Chef and Owner, Jon Diebold. Smoked Oyster Salad, Oysters Mardi Gras, and Nantucket Oysters are just a sampling of Oyster Festival fare including, of course, the Platform's famous fresh-shucked Oysters On The Half Shell.

A large parking lot is located directly across the street and in plain sight of the restaurant.



Cincinnati Museum Center (A)

1301 Western Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45203

Directions From the North: Take I-75 Exit 2A, Western Avenue. Merge onto Western going South (Do not turn). Museum Center entrance is on the right at the third traffic light.

Directions From the South: Take I-75 north to Ezzard Charles Dr., exit 1G. Follow to Museum Center.

Washington Platform Saloon & Restaurant (B)

1000 Elm Street
Cincinnati OH. 45202

Directions From Cincinnati Museum Center:

1. Head East on Ezzard Charles Drive
2. Turn right onto W Central Parkway
3. Continue onto Plum Street
4. Turn left onto W. Court Street
5. Take 2nd left onto Elm St. Restaurant will be on right.

OVEB 2012 Event Schedule

April 15, 3:30 PM – Backstage Tour of Cincinnati's Union Terminal

OVEB members should assemble at the Cincinnati Museum Center rotunda kiosk by 3:20 PM. Our private tour of this Art Deco masterpiece will include behind the scenes spaces not normally open to the public. There are many other fascinating exhibits at the Museum Center, so please arrive early if you wish to visit one or more of these attractions. (All are priced separately). The Museum Center doors open at 11:00 AM. Following our tour, we will have dinner at the nearby Washington Platform Saloon and Restaurant. **Please RSVP to Lisa Nogar at 474-5197.**

May 4-6 – Weekend trip to Coshocton, Ohio

This fun-filled three-day weekend excursion features lunch at the Longaberger Homestead, dinner at Warehouse Steak and Stein, a tour of the CASCO restoration shop, a visit to Roscoe Village and dinner at the Ravens Glenn Winery and Italian Restaurant. Mention the Ohio Valley Early Birds when making your reservation at the Coshocton Village Inn & Suites (888-395-9316). For more details, please contact Linda Fleeger (johnfleeger@sbcglobal.net) or (937-605-9736).

June 10, 5:30 PM – "Happy Days" at La Comedia Dinner Theater in Springboro, OH

We'll dine while enjoying a light-hearted musical based on the popular Garry Marshall sitcom of the same name. This is your chance to hear Fonzie sing. Organizers: Bill and Pam Strader.

July 15, 11:30 AM – "Belle of Cincinnati" Dixieland Brunch Riverboat Cruise

There is nothing like a Sunday Brunch on the Ohio River. Dine on a hearty spread, then sit back and enjoy a relaxing afternoon. Take in the sights, listen to a Dixieland Jazz Band, linger in the sun or visit with the captain. Organizers: Brad and Lisa Nogar.

August 22-26 – CTCI International Convention, "Birds on Beale", in Memphis, TN

OVEB members wanting to join a caravan to Memphis should contact Bill Curtis (treasurer@oveb.org).

September 15 – 16 – Weekend in Vevay, IN with the Early Birds of Hoosierland.

Our fun loving neighbors from Indiana have planned a weekend that includes a car show, winery visits and plenty of free time to hit the Belterra Casino. (Details to follow). Organizers: EBOH's Joe & Jan Baker

October 20 – U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

After a leisurely visit to this fantastic aviation museum, we'll enjoy dinner, at a location to be determined. Organizers: Rick Varino and Pam Strader.

November 17 – American Sign Museum in Cincinnati.

This unique attraction celebrates everything neon. The ASM recently relocated to a much larger facility, where many more examples of restored roadside Americana are on display. Dinner will follow at a location to be determined. Organizers: Brad and Lisa Nogar.

December – OVEB Christmas Party at the home of Bill and Gail Curtis.

Date and Time to be determined.

OVEB 2012 Cruise-In Schedule

Informal Cruise-Ins offer additional opportunities to get together and drive our T-Birds.

May 18, 5-9 PM – Greene County Antique & Classic Car Club CRUISE-IN

Cruise over to Lofino's Beaver Valley Shopping Center, 3245 Seajay Drive, Beavercreek, OH, for a casual Friday night Cruise-In! The Cruise-In includes antique, classic, muscle, and hot rods. Check out the cars, eat dinner and take advantage of the shops and many restaurants within walking distance. (Recommended by Todd Jackson).

August 12, 6-9 PM – Colerain Quaker Steak & Lube Sunday CRUISE-IN

Quaker Steak & Lube, 3737 Stonecreek Blvd., Cincinnati OH. Classic cars, great food and a live DJ. (Recommended by Bill Curtis).

September 21, 5-9 PM – Greene County Antique & Classic Car Club CRUISE-IN

See May 18, 2012 listing for details.

October 14, 3 – 7 PM – Spring Grove Cemetery Annual CRUISE-IN & Car Show.

Located on the grounds of Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, 4389 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. Registration opens at 2:00 PM, Live Music provided by Ooh La La and the Greasers! NO Entry Fees. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Dash Plaques to first 200 entries, Hourly Door Prizes, Mini Tram Tours of Spring Grove Cemetery, Guided 'Cemetery Cruise' at 6:00 pm and a Vintage Hearse Exhibit.

Note: All events subject to change. Please visit oveb.org for updated information and additional details.

OVEB Member Tom Abercrombie in the News

Eagle-eyed reader Pat Bernhardt spotted this story in her local newspaper about OVEB member Tom Abercrombie. Congratulations, Tom, for this well-deserved recognition of your many contributions to the Colerain Township community.

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Lots of suggestions for Neighbors Who Care

By Jennie Key
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We asked for nominations for our annual Neighbors Who Care feature from readers and you delivered.

A wide range of names and stories poured in. Here are some of the people you see doing great things in your community day in, day out, for no other reward than the desire to do good.

Some of the people you told us about are past honorees of Neighbors Who Care.

Tom Abercrombie

Tom Abercrombie's nomination letter says he is well known for getting involved and making things happen, but he keeps a low profile, preferring to let others get the credit.



Abercrombie

In the past, Tom has gone on mission trips to Port-au-Prince, Haiti and Tiajuana, Mexico with White Oak Christian Church.

Closer to home, Abercrombie was one of the original group that brought the Clippard YMCA to Colerain Township. He served on the committee of management, building and grounds, and worked on the golf outing fundraiser that paid the summer camp fees for kids who cannot afford to attend on their own. He has been involved in the Northwest Exchange Club for more than 20 years and has been honored with the Book of Golden Deeds. Tom has also been actively involved in civic causes

throughout the Colerain Township area. When his children were young, he coached and sponsored many of the youth sport teams throughout the area. Last summer, he was part of a committee that built a KABOOM playground at the Clippard YMCA.

"He has done a lot for this community," his nomination letter said.



Memphis or Bust!

It's not too late to register for the CTCI biennial international convention, "Birds on Beale," scheduled for August 21 through 25 in Memphis, TN. Why not join our caravan to "The Home of the Blues?" A convention registration link is located on the oveb.org home page.

Dues are Due

If you haven't yet paid your 2012 membership dues, please send a check for \$20 to:

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5791 Summit View Ct.
Cincinnati, OH 45247



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