

OVEB NEWS



The Newsletter of the Ohio Valley Early Birds

June, 2012



President's Message

I'd like to thank everyone who joined us for the OVEB backstage tour of Cincinnati's historic Union Terminal on April 15th. We had a fantastic turnout: 29 OVEB members and guests joined us for the tour; 25 stayed for dinner at the Washington Platform Saloon and Restaurant. It was a nice mix of new and "seasoned" members, including some folks that we hadn't seen in a while. Four baby birds took advantage of the perfect April weather to brave the streets of Cincinnati. We shot many photos of our group enjoying their private tour of this Queen City architectural gem, a sampling of which can be found on pages 2 and 3.

Our May weekend getaway to Coshocton also went off without a hitch, thanks to the careful planning of Linda and John Fleeger. Twelve members of the Ohio Valley Early Birds and four guests from the Early Birds of Hoosierland participated in the three-day adventure. Joining us from Indiana were Mike and Kathy Flaugh and Greg and Gail Wilfing. On the way to Coshocton, the group stopped at the Longaberger Homestead for lunch and shopping. CASCO's Jim, Betsy, Bill and Sue Brown joined us for dinner in Roscoe Village Friday night and then gave us a great tour of their fabrication shop and restoration facility Saturday morning. While most of the ladies went shopping Saturday afternoon, the OVEB men enjoyed bargain priced libations at a local Coshocton watering hole. Our scheduled activities concluded Saturday night, under the glow of a "super moon," with a wine tasting and dinner at the nearby Raven's Glenn Winery. Please see pages 4 - 6 for trip photos.

Our Sunday, July 15 outing is a Dixieland Jazz Sunday Brunch on the Belle of Cincinnati. Dine on a hearty spread, then sit back and enjoy a perfectly relaxing afternoon on the Ohio River. Take in the sights of Cincinnati and the surrounding countryside, listen to a Dixieland band, linger in the sun and visit with your fellow T-Birders. Details can be found on the oveb.org schedule page.

Finally, it's not too soon to make arrangements for our September joint outing with the Early Birds of Hoosierland to Vevay, Indiana. Lodging will be tight, so book your rooms right away. See page 7 for more info.

Brad

Happy Days in June

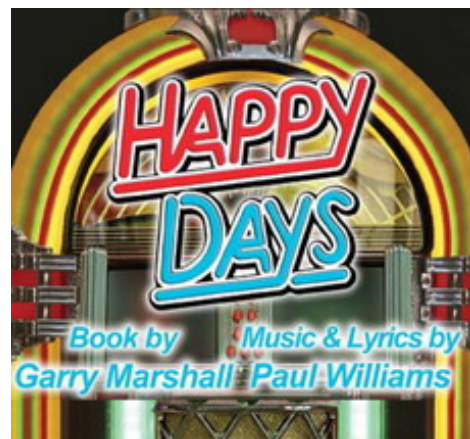
Our June outing is to La Comedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, to see **Happy Days - A New Musical**.

Sunday, June 10

Arrive by 5:30PM

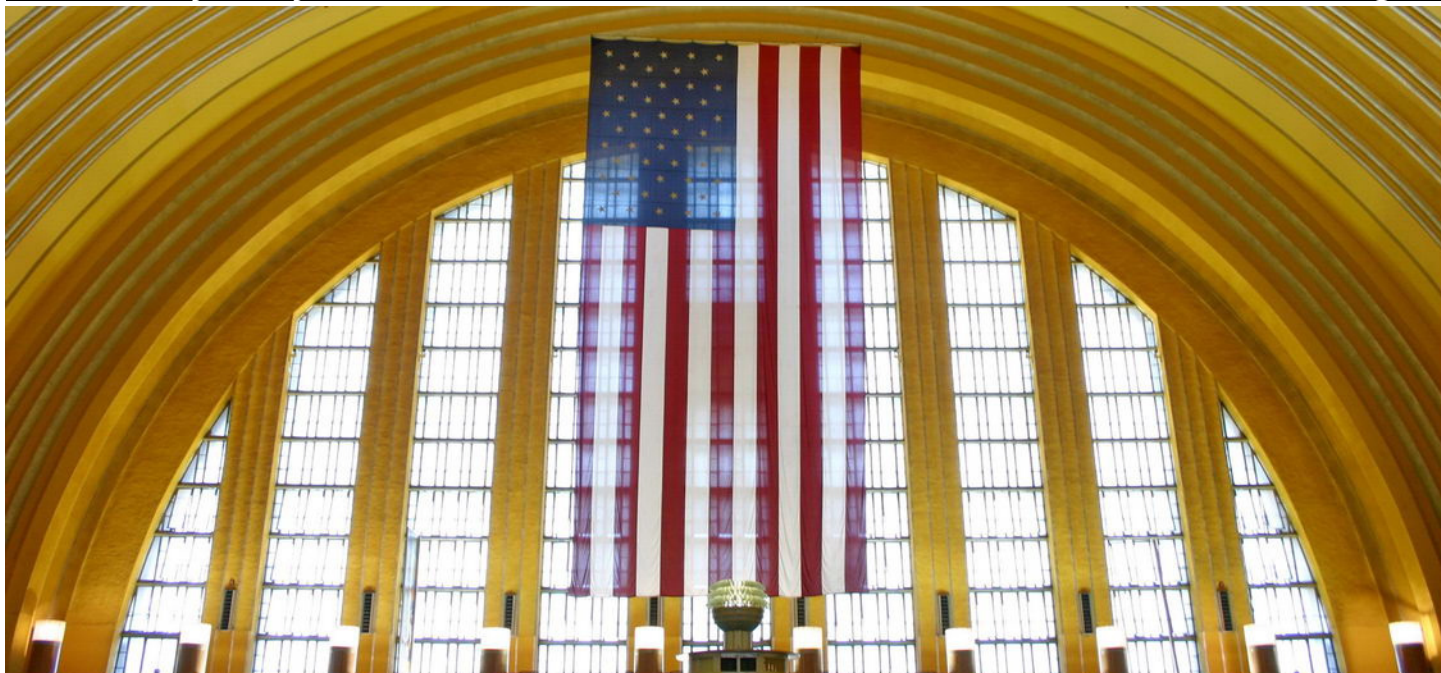
Dinner Served at 6:15PM

It's not too Late to join us! As of June 3, we still had **four unsold tickets for Happy Days**. The club purchased a block of 20 excellent second row seats for this performance. Our special group rate of \$43 each includes dinner, the show and taxes. To reserve one or more of the remaining seats, just give Bill Curtis a call at 513-598-6768 or send him an email at treasurer@oveb.org. These seats are available on a first come/first served basis. You can pick up and pay us for the tickets at the show.



Send Us Your News

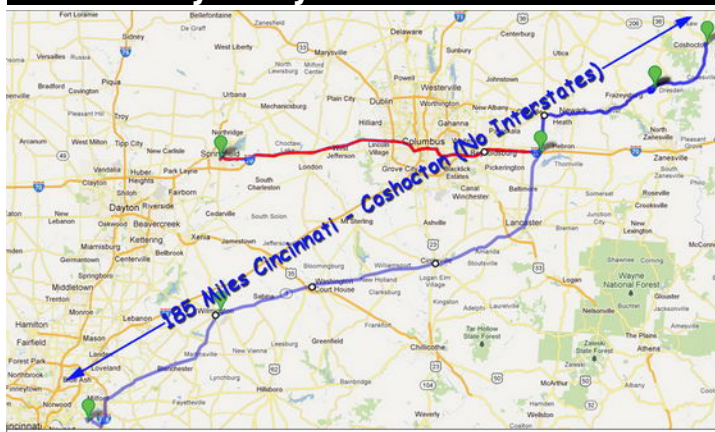
Have you heard or read something interesting about a fellow T-Birder? Do you have a new grandchild or a story to share? Do you know of a member that is in the hospital or needs our support? Please submit any such news to OVEB Secretary Lisa Nogar at 513-474-5197 or via email to news@oveb.org.



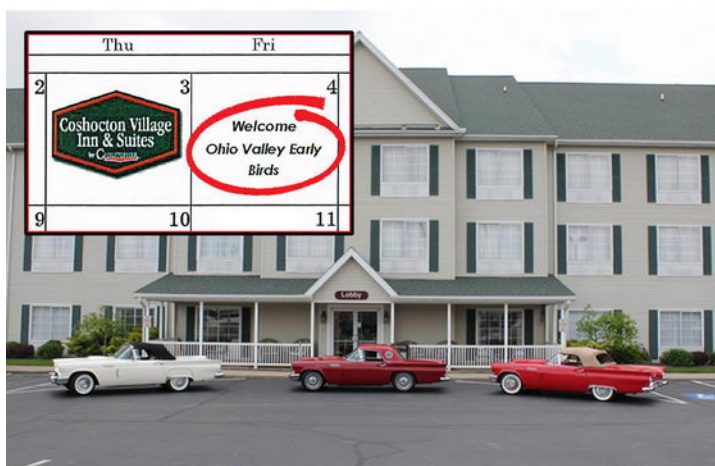
OVEB Backstage Tour of Union Terminal & Dinner at Washington Platform Saloon on April 15







Ohio Valley Earlybirds Excursion to Coshocton OH - May 4-6





Friday Dinner in Roscoe Village Saturday Dinner at Ravens Glen Winery





Ohio Valley Early Birds Visit CASCO



OVEB 2012 Event Schedule

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. Complete details are posted on the schedule page of the oveb.org website. 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 14 - 16 – Vevay, Indiana Weekend with the Early Birds of Hoosierland.

Our fun-loving neighbors from Indiana have planned a weekend that includes an optional cruise-in and car show, winery visits and plenty of free time to hit the Belterra or Rising Star Casinos. Come for just one day or stay for two or three days.

A free cruise-in will be held from 7pm to 11pm on Friday, September 14, at Ogle Riverfront Park with live music by *The Makeshifts*. The annual Vevay "On the River Car Show" will be held in Ogle Riverfront Park on Saturday, September 15. Car show registration is \$20 and is open from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Trophy presentations begin at 4:30. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 200 entries. Proceeds benefit charity.

The EBOH will host a steak dinner on Saturday at 6 PM at the Ridge Winery and Tasting Room. Reservations are required for dinner.

Everyone is responsible for securing their own lodging. "Stay and Show" hotel packages start at \$49 for the first night, with limited availability. Packages include one night stay at The Ogle Haus Inn or The Swiss Inn plus a free entry for one vehicle at the car show. Call 800-435-5688 to book your reservations. Rooms can also be reserved at the Ramada Inn, 525 Dale Drive, Sparta, KY 41086. Call 859-567-7223 for reservations. Organizers: Joe & Jan Baker (EBOH).

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.

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.

Bill and Gail Curtis Win 2nd Place in Sharonville



Bill and Gail Curtis' 1957 T-Bird received second place honors in the Thunderbird class at the recent Sharonville car show, beating four other classic T-Birds on display. The first place trophy went to a 1966 Thunderbird.

Cruise-Ins on Calendar

Don't forget the optional cruise-in dates on the OVEB calendar. They provide more opportunities to take your T-Bird out for a spin.

Walt's Tech Tips Inspect New Parts Carefully

If you are replacing a T-Bird part, be sure to compare the new one against the old one.

I ordered radiator hoses for my '56 T-bird and worked four hours trying to get the bottom hose on. I went so far as to make a special tool and trimmed the ends to try to make it fit, but then I could not get it to stop dripping.

After much frustration, I decided to order another set of hoses from CASCO. When they arrived, I could immediately see the difference. Both had the same part number stamped on them, but the new hoses were softer, making them easier to install. The center diameter was also 3/8" larger than the old hoses, making for a much better cooling flow.

New Classified Ads Free to OVEB Members



Ohio Valley Early Bird members can now post free T-Bird related classified ads on the OVEB.org website. If you have a car or parts that you would like to sell, why not list them on our website? Just send a detailed email, with photos, to classifieds@oveb.org.

This is just one more of the many enhancements that Bill Curtis has recently added to our growing website. Be sure to check it out.



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