

OVEB NEWS



The Newsletter of the Ohio Valley Early Birds

October 2012



T-Birds and other classic cars belonging to Ohio Valley Early Birds and Early Birds of Hoosierland members line up along Ohio River for breakfast at the Sunset Grill in Warsaw, KY

President's Message

What a wonderful time we had in September with the Early Birds of Hoosierland in Vevay, Indiana! Mother nature cooperated fully, and we enjoyed time exploring the great state of Indiana and reconnecting with our good friends there. I'd like to thank EBOH for inviting us to share their weekend with them and especially to Jan and Joe Baker for their gracious hospitality and their work in organizing such fun activities. Ten OVEB members attended, and I think we can all agree that it was a great weekend. Be sure to check out the photos and recap elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting scheduled at the National Museum of the United States Air Force near Dayton on Saturday, October 20 at 2 pm. The largest and oldest military aviation museum in the country, this facility on the Wright Patterson Air Force Base traces military aviation history from its beginnings to the present. For those whose interests may lie in other areas, we are also planning an alternate excursion to The Greene, one of Ohio's premier shopping destinations. Regardless of which activity you choose, we will all gather for dinner at Giovanni's Italian restaurant in Fairborn at 5:30. A sincere thank you goes to Pam and Bill Strader for planning this outing and making all of our arrangements.

Also this month, consider attending the Eighth Annual Cruise-In Car Show at the historic Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. Scheduled from 3 to 7 pm on Sunday, October 14th, it promises classic cars, antique hearses, music, food and fun—what more can you ask for? If you have never been to this historic treasure and arboretum, it is a wonderful opportunity to wander the grounds or perhaps take an informative tram tour. Additional details about both of these events can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Although our year is winding down, please don't forget to mark your calendars for our final two events. On Saturday, November 17th, we will dine at Cincinnati's new Morlein Lager House and then tour the recently relocated and expanded American Sign Museum. On Sunday, December 2nd, we will wrap up our year with the annual Christmas party, graciously hosted once again by Gail and Bill Curtis.

In the meantime, enjoy this beautiful autumn weather, put your tops down (or off) and take your classic birds out before the snow flies. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Brad

Call for Officers

Why not help shape the future of the Ohio Valley Early Birds by becoming a club officer? If you are interested in running for an OVEB position for the 2013 club year, please inform Brad Nogar by the November 17th meeting. Positions include president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. If there is more than one candidate for an office, written ballots will be distributed at the December Christmas party. You can contact Brad by phone at (513) 474-5197 or by email at president@oveb.org.

Website Reminder

Can't remember the date of the next OVEB meeting? Want to review photos and details of the last outing, but you misplaced your newsletter?

Just visit our club website at oveb.org to view the activity calendar, current photos, classified ads and upcoming meeting flyers. You can also find archived newsletters, photos and the official meeting minutes online.

Fun September Weekend with the Hoosiers in Vevay Meeting Ideas Wanted

Beautiful weather and moderate temperatures prevailed as ten Ohio Valley Early Bird members, with two classic cars and one retro bird, made the lovely drive along the Ohio River to Vevay, Indiana. Our hosts for the September 14 to 16 weekend, Jan and Joe Baker, of the Early Birds of Hoosierland, organized a busy and fun-filled three days which included a variety of great entertainment.

Late Friday afternoon, we gathered at the Bakers' lovely summer place along the banks of the Ohio and caravanned several miles to Paul Ogle Riverfront Park in downtown Vevay for a cruise-in. A super 50s and 60s band called "The Makeshifts" provided great tunes while the T-Birds and many other beautiful classic autos lined up along the picturesque riverbank. All of the cars also participated in a parade through downtown, led by the local police. Temperatures began to get a little chilly, so the T-Birders made the trek back to the Bakers' and enjoyed pizza and wine in the next-door Ridge Winery.

Saturday was the "On The River Car Show" in the same park, with trophies awarded to the top 100 vehicles. While most OVEB members elected not to enter the car show, we did visit the show to check out all the entries, including a great-looking retro bird exhibited by our own Betty and Don Overman. The Hoosiers did very well at the car show, with seven members winning awards. The EBOH was also honored for having more cars in attendance than any other participating car club.



The Lanier Mansion, Madison, Indiana

Eight of our members spent part of Saturday sightseeing in Madison, Indiana, a quaint river town about 20 miles down river. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the well-known Key West Shrimp House, followed by a fantastic guided trolley tour of the community Charles Kuralt once called "the most beautiful river town in America." Our guide, a lifelong resident of Madison, regaled us with tales of local history and lore while she showed us all the interesting sights.

Saturday evening, about fifty T-Birders from both clubs gathered on the expansive deck of The Ridge Winery's tasting facility, overlooking the scenic river, to enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by the tasting room hosts, Greg and Traci. Steak, baked potatoes, salad and wonderful cheesecake were on the menu along with the 14 varieties of wines that Ridge offers. After dinner, many also enjoyed the campfire camaraderie and a friendly cornhole competition that the Bakers organized.

Our weekend concluded Sunday morning with many T-Birders meeting for breakfast on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River at the Sunset Bar and Grill on Route 42 in Warsaw. Fortified by an ample breakfast buffet, we posed with the cars for a few final photo opportunities before saying goodbye to our gracious Hoosier hosts. Six OVEB members crossed back over the Ohio atop the Markland Dam and headed back to Cincinnati and Dayton through Rising Sun, Indiana. We checked out the Rising Star Casino and then spent some time in downtown Rising Sun visiting their Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts, a juried show featuring artists from around the country.



It is not too early to start thinking about the 2013 OVEB calendar year. We are compiling a list of potential single day activities as well as multi-day outings for next year. The goal is to have a variety of suggestions to discuss at our winter planning meeting in early 2013.

If you have any thoughts, please email them to secretary@oveb.org or call Lisa Nogar at (513) 474-5197.



October Birthdays

2	Harley Carter
12	Robbin Bratfish
14	Arlene Hutten
16	Linda Carter
25	Marvin Hill
26	Carol Quitter

November Birthdays

5	John Fleeger
11	Pat Bernhardt
29	Linda Fleeger

Classic T-Bird Shirt

A number of people inquired about the classic T-Bird shirt that Duane Johnson was wearing in Vevay. It is an officially licensed Ford product and is available from eBay in a wide variety of sizes for \$39.99 plus \$5.00 for shipping.



To buy one for yourself, just go to eBay.com and enter 380447802886 in the search field. It will take you directly to the T-Bird shirt listing. You can also search on eBay for "David Carey camp shirt" to see many other available styles of nostalgic attire.

October 20 Meeting at Air Force Museum

Enjoy an up-close view of more than 400 aerospace vehicles, spanning all periods of military aviation history at The National Museum of the United States Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton. Come and join your fellow OVEB members at our next meeting on Saturday, October 20th at 2 pm, and watch aviation history come to life.



We will meet just inside the main entrance of the museum and tour the 17 acres of indoor exhibit space at our own pace. Over one million visitors a year come to learn about the mission, history and evolving capabilities of the U.S. Air Force; thousands of personal artifacts, photographs and documents compliment the actual aircraft in highlighting the progression of the Air Force from the beginnings of military flight to the current wars. Theatrical lighting helps to place the aircraft in context and dramatize the actual events.

The Early Years Gallery, which begins with the Wright brothers and continues to the early 1940s, features a rare SPAD XIII and other early bombers. The Air Power Gallery brings to life World War II era. Highlights include a Doolittle Raiders exhibit, the B-29 "Bockscar" that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and other pursuit aircraft and bombers. The Modern Flight Gallery portrays the U.S. involvement in the Korean and Vietnam Wars while the Cold War Gallery covers military involvement with the Soviets and today's war on terrorism. The Missile and Space Gallery focuses on the Air Force's role in Soviet containment and on America's advance into space. Located outside the museum is a Memorial Park featuring over 500 dedications honoring those who have served in the Air Force in the cause of freedom.



For those who may not be interested in aviation history, an optional excursion will be offered to The Greene, one of Ohio's premier shopping destinations. Anchored by Von Maur, other retail outlets include Parmida Home, Sephora, Pandora, Ann Taylor, Coldwater Creek, J. Jill, Talbots and many others.

Regardless of which activity you choose, all members will meet for dinner at Giovanni's Pizzeria e Ristorante Italiano, located at 215 West Main Street, Fairborn, OH at 5:30 pm. Known for quality Italian food and fine pizza since 1953, Giovanni's was revitalized in 1994 when Tony Spaziani purchased the restaurant. He expanded the menu to include many of his own family specialties, including his grandfather's traditional Italian bread.



Please RSVP to rsvp@oveb.org or call Lisa Nogar at (513) 474-5197 as soon as possible. We need a head count for our dinner reservation.

Spooky Spring Grove Cruise-in

Classic cars, food, and some good old-fashioned rock and roll: that is what you will be able to enjoy on Sunday, October 14 from 3 to 7 pm at Cincinnati's historic Spring Grove Cemetery's Eighth Annual Cruise-In Car Show. Join fellow OVEB members at the cruise-in as we take our baby birds out for one last spin before winter arrives.



On-site registration opens at 2 pm for cars of model year 1985 and older. Cars should report to the Gwen Mooney Funeral Home on the grounds, located at 4389 Spring Grove Avenue. There are no entry fees, but please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food pantry.

Events planned include a vintage hearse exhibit and live music by one of Cincinnati's oldest rock and roll bands, Ooh La La and the Greasers. Dash plaques will be given to the first 200 entries and hourly door prizes will be awarded. "Hot off the Grill" Concessions will provide food. A guided "Cemetery Cruise" at 6 pm is also planned.



Many OVEB members expressed an interest in touring Spring Grove on their activity survey forms. If you have never been to this jewel of Cincinnati, it would be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the cemetery's unique place in local history by taking a mini-tram tour of the grounds. Renowned as the second largest cemetery in the United States, Spring Grove also holds the honor of being designated as a National Historic Landmark, one of only seven cemeteries to hold this distinction. If you would rather walk and explore the grounds at your leisure, you can stroll through acres of beautiful towering trees, around soothing lakes and down winding roadways to search for the graves of such notables as Tafts, Krogers and Proctors, among many others.

Please RSVP to rsvp@oveb.org or to Lisa Nogar at (513) 474-5197 if you plan to attend. While reservations with Spring Grove are not necessary, we would like to know who is planning to attend so that we can insure that we all meet at the event.

Friday Night in Vevay, Indiana



The Ridge Winery has a lovely setting on the Ohio River



EBOH & OVEB Members gather at Joe & Jan Baker's trailer



We all headed to Ogle Riverfront Park for the cruise-in



"The Makeshifts" provided musical entertainment



This cruise-in actually included a "cruise" around downtown Vevay



After the cruise-in, we headed back to the winery for pizza & wine

Vevay "On the River" Car Show



OVEB & EBOH members at Ramada Inn near KY Speedway



EBOH T-Birds were very competitive at Saturday's car show



OVEB's Don and Betty Overman showed their retro bird



Donnie Lucas' custom '41 Ford pickup sports a bowtie powerplant



Ice cream maker powered by John Deere "hit & miss" engine



Bill & Gary check out a '56 T-Bird owned by Cincinnati's John Beckner

Saturday Visit to Madison, Indiana



We enjoyed lunch at the Key West Shrimp House in Madison



A new bridge over the Ohio River will be slid into place when finished



A converted motorhome serves as Madison's tourist trolley



Gail and Bill take in the many sights of the quaint Indiana river town



After downing a sugary birthday treat, Bill mugged for the camera while Gary enjoyed his alfresco perch on the trolley's back porch

Steak Cookout at the Winery Saturday Night



15 delightful baby birds make a very colorful impression on the grounds of the Ridge Winery in Vevay, Indiana



Our hosts, Joe and Jan Baker, flanked by EBOH members



OVEB members enjoy a glass of wine before dinner



Jan enjoys the perfect picnic weather

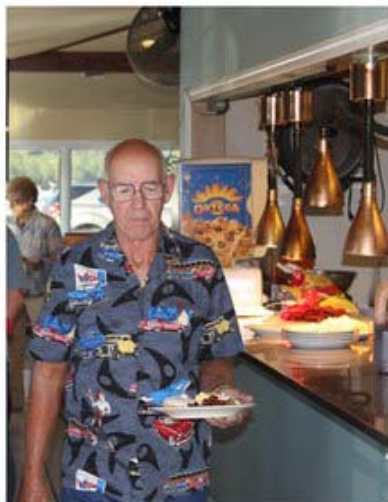


Cornhole, anyone?



The bonfire offered a fitting end to the evening

Sunday Breakfast at Sunset Grill in Warsaw, KY



Duane gets breakfast while Brad gets framed



Our two clubs filled the Sunset Grill's dining room



The EBOH & OVEB women pose for a group photo



The Indiana and Ohio men reluctantly do likewise



Now just the OVEB members ... say cheese



Gail and Lisa visit the Rising Sun Festival of the Arts

OVEB 2012 Event Schedule

October 20, 2pm – U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH

After a leisurely visit to this renowned aviation museum, we'll enjoy dinner at Giovanni's Restaurant in Fairborn. An optional excursion to the upscale Greene shopping complex will be offered for those whose interests lie outside the field of aviation history. Organizers: Pam and Bill Strader.

November 17 – American Sign Museum in Cincinnati, OH

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. We'll meet for lunch at 1:30 pm in Cincinnati's new Moerlein Lager House. After our meal, we'll drive to the American Sign Museum, where a private tour will be conducted at 4 pm. Organizers: Brad and Lisa Nogar.

December 2 – OVEB Christmas Party at the home of Bill and Gail Curtis

Time and details to follow.

Optional Cruise-in Activities

October 14, 3 - 7pm – Spring Grove Cemetery Cruise-In & Car Show

Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, 4389 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. Registration opens at 2 pm with live music provided by Ooh La La and the Greasers. No entry fee is required, but please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. There will be hourly door prizes, tram tours, a vintage hearse exhibit and a guided 'Cemetery Cruise' at 6 pm.

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

2013 CTCL Regionals

It's not too early to make plans to attend one or more CTCL Regional conventions in 2013.

"Birds by the Bay," the 2013 CTCL Region 3 Convention, is scheduled for July 31 to August 4. Hosted by the Santa Clara Valley Thunderbirds at the San Jose Airport Garden Hotel, it promises to be a fun-filled event in one of the most picturesque areas of the country. The Monterey Bay Aquarium, Santa Cruz Beach, Napa Valley wine country and San Francisco are all within an hour's drive of San Jose. Planned activities include a NASA Ames tour, a luau dinner and dance, a driving tour to the Littlefield Military Museum and Filoli Gardens and, of course, a Concours.

The Hawkeye Classic T-Bird Club has applied to CTCL to host a regional convention in Des Moines, Iowa, from August 21 to 25, 2013. Assuming that these plans are approved, details will be announced at a later date.



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