

OVEB NEWS



The Newsletter of the Ohio Valley Early Birds

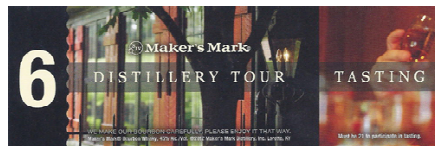
April - June 2013



The elements in this collage represent a sampling of the many sights we experienced on our June trip to Kentucky Bourbon country. Complete photo coverage can be found elsewhere in this issue.

President's Message

Our OVEB year is off to a great beginning. What a wonderful time we had exploring the Kentucky Bourbon Trail on June 22 and 23. Ed Faulkner deserves a huge thank you for organizing such an interesting agenda and creating a beautiful scenic route to enhance our T-Birding experience. The eleven members who made the journey gained new knowledge about the bourbon making process, sampled the local product and dined aboard an elegant and historic dinner train—all while enjoying the companionship of their fellow Early Birds. It was a great weekend.



Thank you also to Jan Rieder for setting up the dinner meeting at the Houston Inn on May 19. Delicious food and lively conversation highlighted the evening.

I sincerely appreciate all who attended these events as well as our April planning meeting at Brazenhead Irish Pub in Mason and the Sharonville car show with dinner at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse at Tri-County Mall.

The year has only just begun with many fun outings yet to come. Please join us for the first (annual?) OVEB Car Clinic and potluck picnic at Jan and Gary Rieder's home in West Chester on Sunday, July 14 at 4 PM. Drive your bird, park it in their cul-de-sac and "show off" for their neighbors. Please RSVP to Jan at rsvp-july@oveb.org or call (513) 777-2269 to let her know what dish you can bring to share. Burgers, brats, macaroni salad, beer, wine and pop will be provided. Just bring your appetite, some T-Bird expertise and prepare to have fun.

Please also be aware that some changes have been made to the OVEB calendar for August and October. **On Saturday, August 10 (new date)**, we will tour the Tri-State Warbird Museum in Batavia, OH to view their impressive collection of beautifully restored World War II aircraft as well as restoration projects in progress.

After the visit, we will travel about 15 minutes to Mt. Carmel for a tour and tasting at the Mt. Carmel Brewing Company. Dinner will follow at Butterbee's Grille nearby. Additional details will be forthcoming. Please RSVP to Lisa Nogar at (513) 474-5197 or rsvp-august@oveb.org.

Our October meeting, **now scheduled for Sunday, October 13**, will feature the 8th annual Cruise In Car Show at the historic Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum in Cincinnati. With a rain date of October 20, this event includes live music, tram tours of the grounds and a vintage hearse exhibit. Dinner will follow.

OVEB will hit the road again with a weekend excursion to the Lake Erie shores and islands (including Catawba Island, Put-in-Bay and Marblehead) on September 6 through 8. A preliminary agenda for this outing has already been posted on the OVEB.org website. A copy is also being distributed with this newsletter.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these and other upcoming events where fun times and great companionship abound. I hope to see you all then.

Brad

OVEB 2013 Event Calendar

July 14 – OVEB Picnic Plus Hands-on Classic T-Bird Clinic

Join us in West Chester at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, for the First Annual OVEB Car Clinic and Picnic. Park your Bird in the cul-de-sac by Jan and Gary Rieder's house to "show off" for the neighbors. This is a great opportunity for our members to share their experiences and expertise in maintaining their classic Thunderbirds. Hamburgers, brats and all the fixins, macaroni salad, beer, wine and pop will be provided. Please RSVP to Jan Rieder at (513) 777-2269 or rsvp-july@oveb.org.

Aug 10 – Tri-State Warbird Museum & Mt. Carmel Brewing Company

We'll meet at the Tri-State Warbird Museum at the Clermont County Airport in Batavia, OH on Saturday, August 10 at 12:45 PM. After a guided tour of the exhibits, we'll visit the Mt. Carmel Brewing Company for a beer tasting and tour of their production facilities. Dinner will be at the nearby Butterbee's Grille. Please RSVP to Lisa Nogar at (513) 474-5197 or rsvp-august@oveb.org.

Aug 21-25 – CTCI Regional Convention Des Moines Iowa

If you plan to attend the Des Moines regional, please contact Brad Nogar at (513) 474-5197 or by email to president@oveb.org. There are opportunities to join a caravan to and/or from this convention with members of the Early Birds of Hoosierland.

September 6-8 – Weekend Excursion to Lake Erie Islands and Shore

We'll rendezvous in Dayton Friday morning and head north. After stopping for lunch in the Lima area, we'll head to Bowling Green, Ohio to visit to Snook's Dream Cars auto museum. Friday dinner will be at the Mon Ami Restaurant and Historic Winery on Catawba Island, Ohio. Saturday features a ferry ride to South Bass Island for Put-in-Bay's Historical weekend. A visit to the top of Perry's Victory Monument and lunch at the Boardwalk Restaurant is planned. Saturday dinner will be on the mainland at Ciao Bella Ristorante Italiano. On Sunday, we'll visit the Marblehead Lighthouse and have lunch at the Tin Goose Diner and visit the co-located Liberty Aviation Museum. Please RSVP to Lisa Nogar at (513) 474-5197 or rsvp-september@oveb.org.

Oct 13 – Cruise-in at historic Spring Grove Cemetery plus Dinner

Join us for the annual Spring Grove cruise-in held at the Gwen Mooney Funeral Home in historic Spring Grove Cemetery. There are NO entry fees. They have mini tram tours of historic Spring Grove Cemetery throughout the day. Also scheduled is a "Split the Pot" to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. They request that you bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the needy. Please visit the oveb.org website for online registration links and additional information.

Nov 17 – La Comedia Christmas Spectacular Dinner & Show

You don't have to travel to New York to experience a high-kicking Christmas celebration. Just join us in Springboro for the La Comedia Christmas Spectacular! After a delicious dinner, sit back and enjoy a musical journey featuring spectacular dancing, fun-loving characters and Santa Claus himself. Event organizers are Pam and Bill Strader.

December 8 – OVEB Christmas Party

Our yearly Christmas get together will be on Sunday, December 8th. Plan to join us for the food and fun! Please save the date. Details to follow.

Note: All events are subject to change. Please visit oveb.org for updated information and detailed event flyers: <http://oveb.org/schedule.html>



July Birthdays

10	Pam Strader
14	Calvert Busch

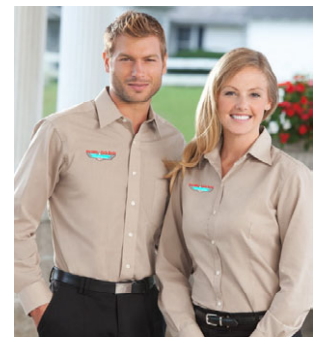
August Birthdays

19	Ed Faulkner
28	Jasper Cassidy
28	Lisa Nogar

Order Logowear Anytime

Make a fashion statement while displaying your pride as a member of the Ohio Valley Early Birds by wearing clothing with the OVEB logo.

Remember that a wide variety of apparel items and other accessories can be ordered at any time from the expansive

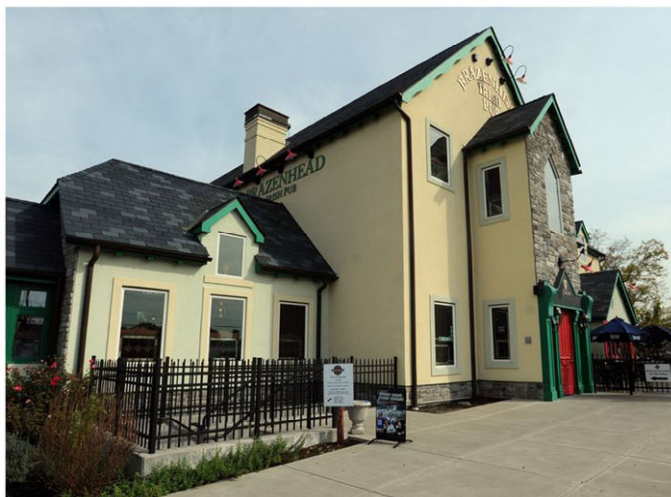


T & T Promotions catalog. Clothing choices include polo and knit shirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts, camp shirts, work wear and outerwear. You can also acquire caps, bags, totes, blankets, coolers and other merchandise with our attractive logo.

Catalogs and order forms are available at all meetings or by emailing Lisa Nogar at secretary@oveb.org or by phone at (513) 474-5197. Most styles can also be viewed online:

www.companycasuals.com/lauriedyer/

2013 Planning Meeting in Mason



The Brazenhead Irish Pub was a fun place to meet, eat and drink



OVEB members enjoyed socializing prior to the planning session



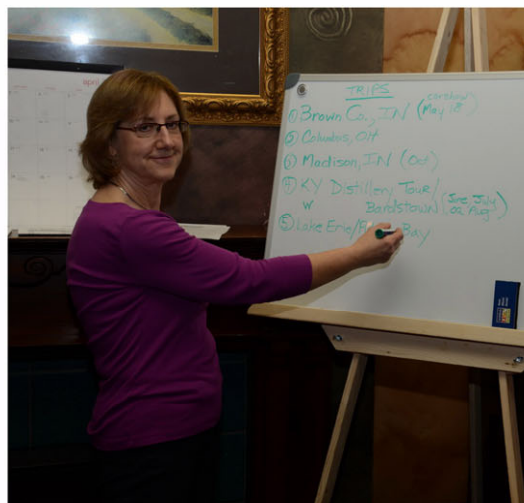
Much like Junior High, the women sat together...



...while the men occupied their own table



Brad conducted the meeting while Walt & Todd studied the proposed 2013 activities



Lisa recorded suggestions on the white board

Sharonville Car Show - April 28, 2013



Rain was again part of the annual Sharonville car show tradition



Congratulations to Gail & Bill Curtis for their 2nd place award



1st place - 1961 gold "Bullet Bird"



3rd place - blue 1966



After the show, we headed for Tri-County Mall



We enjoyed our dinner and libations at BJ's Brewhouse. It takes more than a little rain to dampen the spirits of these Early Birds



OVEB Caravan to KY Bourbon Country



The OVEB caravan near Frankfort, KY



The group confers during a fuel stop



With Brad's help, Bill and Pam elect to go topless



Oh Bill, you're just being modest



Baby birds made a fine sight in the Commonwealth countryside



So why DID the chicken cross the road?

My Old Kentucky Dinner Train



Streamlined 1950s EMD FP-7 diesels pull the dinner train



The OVEB boys belly up to the depot bar



Relaxing in the Bardstown, KY depot prior to boarding "My Old Kentucky Dinner Train"



The dining cars, the meals and the service were elegant



Gail & Bill

My Old Kentucky Dinner Train



Gary & Jan



Pam & Bill



Walt & Pat



Lisa & Brad



"Chocolate Choo-Choo for Two" was the perfect dinner train dessert



Back at the hotel, the ladies enjoyed a game of cards

Maker's Mark Distillery Tour



We began our visit to Maker's Mark with lunch at the Toll Gate Cafe



OVEB members gather on the grounds for a group photo



Our tour guide explains the distillation process



Jan, Lisa and Gary taste the mash in the fermenting tank



The bourbon is aged in charred American oak barrels



After the tour, we sampled "white dog" and aged bourbon

Caravan from Bardstown to Versailles, KY



OVEB members at the Comfort Inn prior to Sunday's departure



While Ed tops off his tank, Gary prepares to take the wheel



Our route passed the 1889 Young's High RR Bridge near Tyrone, KY



Scenic horse farms abound in the Versailles, KY area



While waiting for the Woodford Reserve Distillery to open, we enjoyed Ed's bourbon trivia quiz and played cards on the trunk of Bill's T-Bird



Woodford Reserve Distillery - Versailles, KY



Two eras of classic cars - Model A Fords parked next to our T-Birds



The Woodford Reserve visitor center was our first stop



Ohio Valley Early Bird members enjoyed the visitor center exhibits and a tasty lunch prior to the start of our guided tour



We gathered outside the circa 1840 limestone distillery building



Bill eyes the elegant brass spirit safe and the copper pot still

Woodford Reserve Distillery - Versailles KY



Future home distillers Gary and Bill learn how to char oak barrels



Woodford Reserve bourbon aging in the maturation warehouse



A glass of bourbon straight from the barrel in the bottling house



Pat and Walt smell the bourbon, but don't get to drink any...yet



Back in the visitor center, Gail and Jan sample the finished product



Walt and Lisa also enjoy their taste of Woodford Reserve bourbon

Walt's Tech Tips

Car Care Advice from Walter Bernhardt, OVEB Authenticity Chairman

Dipping and Stripping

When I bought my first 1957 T-Bird at an auction, I did not realize how much rust was in it. Wondering how I was going to handle it, I heard that you can have the car and frame, or just one or the other, dipped into an alkaline solution that gets rid of all the rust. The name of the local company offering this service is American Metal Cleaning. They are located in the Tri-County area. They also do powder coating.



American Metal Cleaning had my car for a couple of weeks. When it was finished, they called to tell me my car was done and to come and get it—what was left of it. It sure saved me a lot of extra work. There is also company in Indianapolis that offers a similar service.

Spin Your T-Bird on a Rotisserie

Before starting the restoration, I ordered a set of plans from CASCO that showed how to build a rotator to put the car on. The jig enables a T-Bird car body to be turned 360 degrees and believe me, that was a lifesaver for my body. No more lying on the floor or back breaking bending over.

I thoroughly recommend using both of these procedures if you are planning to restore a show quality car.

2013 CTCI Regionals

It's not too late to register for one or both of the two CTCI-sanctioned regional conventions for 2013.

The Santa Clara Valley Thunderbirds will host "Birds By the Bay" at the San Jose Airport Garden Hotel from July 31 to August 4. For more information, visit www.santaclaravalleytbirds.com.

The Hawkeye Classic Thunderbird Club of Des Moines, Iowa will host "Thunder in the Heartland" in Des Moines from August 21 to 25. Highlights will include a Taste of the Heartland tour and a visit to the Albaugh Automobile Collection and Karl Kustoms. For more info, visit: www.hawkeyethunderbirdclub.com

We have been invited to join the Indiana club's caravan to and/or from Des Moines. If you plan to attend either regional, please let Brad Nogar know by email to brad@oveb.org or by phone (513) 474-5197.



Ohio Valley Early Birds

c/o Brad Nogar
3146 Williams Creek Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45244-3202

FIRST CLASS MAIL