



T Bird News

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Message from the President—by Janet Young

Greetings T-birders!

I don't know about you but I've really enjoyed the weather the last couple of days. It's been great T-bird weather. I hope you have been getting out and enjoying it.

As you probably know, my youngest granddaughter got married last July 27, 2024. Our oldest granddaughter and her fiancé have set the date for their wedding, July 27, 2025. At least it will be easy to remember. Now the youngest has just announced that she is pregnant and due sometime in August. It will be an interesting summer.

It's not too late to sign up for the 2025 T-bird Cruise on Princess Cruise Lines August 16-23, 2025. We'll be going roundtrip out of Boston and heading up the Canadian Coast. There might still be rooms available but pricing will depend on when you sign up so let me know soon if you are interested. I hope you can go with us in August. We always have such a good time on our cruises.

This is my last newsletter as President of the club and I have enjoyed this year so much. I hope you will consider becoming an officer. We are still looking for a 1st vice president who makes sure the host of the month has reserved the room and given the restaurant a total of people coming. The VP also gets door prizes for the meetings. The VP also assists the President and acts as President in his or her absence. The VP this year will be very involved in the upcoming VTCI/CTCI combined International Convention in September.

I want to thank Bonnie and Brad for all their help. They made it so easy to plan things and make sure they went smoothly. I look forward to John's presidency in 2025 and Brad's presidency the next year. It should be fun!

I hope to see all of you at the meetings next year.

Janet

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NTVT Meeting Minutes for 15 February 2025

Forty-four members and guests attended the meeting at Ford's Cafe in south Plano. Thanks to Bonnie for coordinating with the restaurant.

Janet opened the meeting with a welcome to all the regular members and recognized Pamela & Cope, friends of the Antochys, who own a 66 Landau.

Janet noted that we will be electing officers in March for the upcoming year. Brad has placed his name in the hat for 1st Vice President, in charge of events. If you would like to also volunteer for this position please contact Janet, John Garfield, or Walter Martin. If Brad is elected, we will need a volunteer to be the secretary. This involves taking notes at meetings and emailing these to Bonnie for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the second VP (membership) for the coming year. This function has been handled by Bonnie and Tom (treasurer) recently. If this continues to proceed smoothly, we can amend the bylaws next year. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Bonnie asked the members to pass on information to her about car shows in their areas to include in upcoming newsletters. She also asked members to send pictures to Mark so he can update the website.

Brad Kershaw reported on planning for the 2025 International Convention in September. Brad passed around a sign-up sheet developed by Brian Carron, the VTCI South Central Regional Director. Brad emphasized that the NTVT needs a strong showing of support since it is in our local area, and since it has been 10 years since we last hosted a regional convention.

Book your rooms now as the available rooms are nearly taken. The numbers of people selecting various excursions will affect convention planning. We will need 75 cars to get the current price for laps at Texas Motor Speedway. This also affects the number of buses required for other tours. You can go to vintagethunderbirdclub.net to download the registration form. There are two forms for registration: member and non-member of the VTCI. Primarily for insurance purposes the form will require you to become a member of the international organization VTCI. You will have to be registered for the convention to place your car on the show field, even in the display category. You can register for the convention with or without your car. If you have any questions please contact Brad or George and we will be glad to get you answers. This is a great opportunity to showcase what the DFW area has to offer the US and World.

George gave an update on the Yellow Rose car show. The show is the 8th to the 10th of August and is being held at the north hall of Dallas Market Hall. The theme this year is 70 years of Thunderbirds. This is an all-Ford show. Electronic registration is now open at yellow-rosecarshow.com.

Several people indicated that they had cars for sale, including a 66 Landau, 62 Roadster, and 2002 convertible. If you are interested contact Brad and he will get you a contact number.

There was a discussion on batteries for the retros. These need to be vented batteries and Russ indicated that Interstate Batteries have a correct replacement.

Ginny won the 50/50.

Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary



March Meeting—Real Texas Cafe

Don't forget to join us at the Real Texas Café, **2103 Airport Fwy, Euless, TX 76040, at 11:30 on Saturday, March 15th**. Remember that our annual election of officers is held at the March meeting! So come enjoy a great meal, good friendships, and cast your vote for our 2025 slate of officers.



Club T-Shirts and Polos Available

We have a few NTVT shirts, both Polo shirts with pockets and T-shirts without pockets. If you want one, please email Bonnie at bradandbonnie@yahoo.com. Currently we have 2 Med Polo shirts, 1 XXL Polo Shirt, and 3 Med T-shirts. The discounted price for Polo Shirts is \$20, and the T-shirts are \$15. If you want the shirts mailed to you, please send an additional \$10 for shipping. Otherwise, please plan to pick the shirts up at the March or April meeting.

2-4-6-8! — What Do We Appreciate?—Thunderbirds!

May 18th, 2025 is the Day set aside to celebrate our Thunderbirds all across the nation. What better way to celebrate than to gather at the drive in?

Join us between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Sonic Drive in at 201 West NW Hwy Grapevine Tx 76051. This Sonic has been redone and has nice modern restrooms and the manager will set aside spaces for 30 cars that day.

This will be a joint activity with the Big D-Little Bird Club from Dallas, and it will be a great time to make some new friends before the combined convention in September.

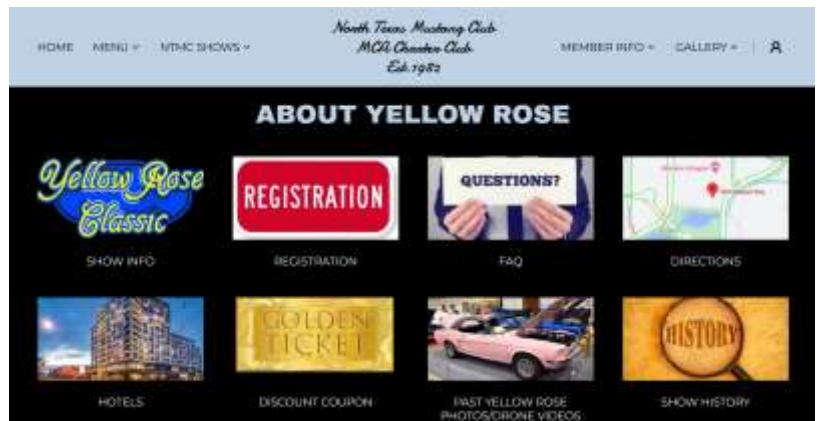
Let's have a great turnout, and we might even get a good group picture to send to the Scoop. Let's show the public our beautiful birds, and let them appreciate them, too!





Oh, The Yellow Rose of Texas...

Online registration to enter your car into the 34th Annual Yellow Rose Classic Car Show is now open! Just go to the [No TX Mustang Club website](https://ntmc.org/yellow-rose-classic) (<https://ntmc.org/yellow-rose-classic>), scroll down, and click on Registration. You can find all the information about the show there. Some points to keep in mind:



- \$50 Registration Fee includes 2 exhibitor passes good for both days. Vendor Spaces available for \$100.
- Gas tanks no more than 1/8 full
- Cars stay on the secure show floor for the duration of the show—move in on August 8 & move out Aug 10 after awards. Drip pans required under engine, transmission, & rear end.
- The theme of the All-Ford Show this year is “Thunderbird 70th Anniversary”
- Public admission for spectators is \$20; discount tickets available on the NTMC.org website. So plan to attend to support your fellow club members who are entering their Tbirds. Parking is free. Hours are Saturday, 8/9: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 8/10 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Proceeds benefit Scottish Rite For Children.
- Location: Dallas Market Hall, 2100 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207

This Yellow Rose promises to be spectacular! Let’s show DFW the most Thunderbirds they have ever seen in one place! If you have any questions, contact George Antochy.

Volunteers Needed!

If you have missed the last couple of meetings, you haven’t had the opportunity to sign up as a volunteer for the 2025 VTCI/CTCI Joint International Thunderbird Convention being held at the Embassy Suites in Grapevine September 9th-13th. We still need you!

Volunteers are the backbone of every convention. Although the VTCI and CTCI boards are doing a lot of the planning for this fantastic event, the local clubs are the boots on the ground. Members of local clubs will staff the Hospitality Center and Registration desks. They will serve as judges for each organization, act as runners for the judges, work in the Tally Room, help set up for banquets, lead and monitor tours, be the greeters in the car lot and the trailer lot, provide security in both lots, run the silent auction, and help pack up when the whole convention ends. There is something for everyone to do! And it is always fun to work with other Tbird owners. Look for the sign-up sheet attached to the email, and let Brad Kershaw (thunderbrad@hotmail.com) know what spot you can fill! Open slots are yellow.



NTVT Calendar for 2025

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & Other Activities for 2025

| MONTH | Date | Area | SUGGESTED | Host-Volunteer |
|---|-------|------|---|---------------------------|
| *March | 15 | C | Real Texas Café, Euless | Mary Brewer |
| *April | 12** | SW | Antonios, Burleson | Bonnie Kershaw |
| **date change due to Easter on April 19 | | | | |
| May | 3 | SE | Mabank Car Show | Dominic Zanella |
| *May | 17 | N | Willis/Brewer house | Mary Brewer |
| May | 18 | C | T-Bird Appreciation Day | |
| | | | Sonic in Grapevine | Marian Herbst |
| *June | 21 | C | Spring Creek, Bedford | Janet Young |
| June | 28 | E | 4 th of July Party, Farmersville | Walter & Delphiene Martin |
| *July | 19 | C | Logan's, N Richland Hills | Mary Brewer |
| July | 18-20 | | Longview Trip/Car Show | Marian Herbst |
| August | 8-10 | E | Yellow Rose, Dallas Mkt Hall | George Antochy |
| *August | 16 | E | La Bella, Garland | Walter & Delphiene Martin |
| August | 16-23 | | Boston/Holland Cruise | Janet Young |
| September | 9- 13 | N | VTCT/CTCI Int'l, Grapevine | Kershaw/Young |
| *Sept 20 | | W | Wheels For Wellness, FW | Tom Ossorio |
| *October | 18 | S | Eloy's Halloween Mtg | Eloy & Kitty Villafranca |
| November | 1or 8 | | Day Trip-Destination TBA | James Oglesby |
| | | | *Daylight savings time ends | |
| *November | 15 | N | TBD | Mitch Womble |
| December | 7 | C | Saltgrass-Bedford | Betsy Haber |
| January | 17 | W | Streetside Classics | TBD |

*Normal monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted. All dates subject to change.



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The Thunderbird Registry

<http://www.tbirdregistry.com/>

July Overnight Trip Reminder

If you are planning to attend the A Drive To Remember Indoor Car Show benefiting the East Texas Alzheimer's Alliance in Longview on July 19, be sure to let Marian Herbst know you are coming. The show itself runs from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. that day, but several members are planning a two-night stay at the Staybridge Suites, at 3409 4th St Longview Tx 75605. This hotel has a small kitchen area in each room; and a full break--fast buffet is included in the breakfast room on the first floor. Please contact the hotel directly to book your room at 877-504-0641 and mention that you are with the Thunderbird group.

Online Reservations for the car show can be made at <https://drive2remember.org/events>

The caravan of travelers will meet Friday morning at the Chic-Fil-A at 3970 S Carrier Pkwy in Grand Prairie, and head out to Buc-ee's at exit 506 on I-20 in Terrell. After a short stop, they will proceed on out Hwy 80 to Longview, stopping briefly in a couple of small towns along the way, making this a leisurely drive to accommodate the older vehicles and the need for pit stops for the travelers as well.

Saturday evening, the group is planning to dine together at a delightful little Italian Restaurant in downtown Longview, where parking for the Thunderbirds will be reserved right in front of the restaurant, creating a great group photo opportunity. Sunday morning, they will reverse the route to caravan back to the Metroplex.

Cars and Parts—For Sale Or Wanted

Wanted: 2 used strut assemblies from an '02 -'05 Thunderbird. If you have yours replaced, please save the old ones for Brad Kershaw, thunderbrad@hotmail.com

For Sale??—If you have a Tbird or thunderbird parts for sale, email Bonnie with pictures, complete description, and prices; we can list them for you in the newsletter.