



# T Bird News

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## Message from the President, Janet Young

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Greetings!

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. Jim and I spent the day with family, including two additions. The first is our youngest granddaughter's new husband as of July and the second is our oldest granddaughter's new fiancé. He proposed the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and we couldn't be happier. Both are fine young Christian men, and we pray for their long and happy marriages.

Enough about our family - Thank you to all of those who were able to join us for the November Day Cruise to Lake Whitney and Clifton. It was a beautiful day for a road trip and I think everyone had a good time.

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 on Princess Cruise Lines, roundtrip out of Boston and heading up the Canadian Coast. There are still 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 newsletter will be sent out after the Christmas party so I hope you had a good time. Bonnie will have more info and pictures later in this newsletter.

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

## Dues....Annual Dues are Due Now! Do It, Please!

Many of you paid your annual dues at the Christmas Party, and we thank you for doing that. If you were not there or did not pay at that time, PLEASE send your 2025 dues in to our Treasurer, Tom Ossorio, at 1619 Caplin Dr., Arlington, TX, 76018. Our \$30 annual dues have not raised in many years; please help us keep them at that rate by paying promptly.

Also, don't forget to renew or sign up for VTCl, our international parent organization. You can pay the 2025 annual dues of \$40 to VTCl by going online at <https://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net/>. This will be important this year as we will be assisting other South Central Regional clubs and the VTCl Board in putting on the VTCl International Convention right here in our area, at the Embassy Suites in Grapevine in August of 2025.

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## Ho, Ho, Ho! ....A Very Merry Christmas Party





## More Partying





## Party On!



Delicious food, good fellowship, a great wait staff, and yummy treats to take home all combined to make another wonderful Christmas party to end the NTVT year.

Thank you to Betsy for all the planning, to Jan, Betsy, and Bonnie for the decorations (and their spouses for their assistance as well as early arrivals Ron and Brenda Phillips who helped us set up), and to Salt Grass for the room.

The recipient of our charitable donations was the Union Gospel Mission in Ft Worth. We'd like to thank Glenn Willis and Mary Brewer for delivering those donations, and thank all of you for your generosity in bringing many items for the homeless.



## VTCI/CTCI Joint Convention News and Information

Early in December, the VTCI Regional Director, Brian Carron, hosted a zoom meeting with representatives from several chapters in the South Central Region of the VTCI, outlining the planning for the VTCI/CTCI International Convention. Brad Kershaw attended that zoom meeting and provides us with the following information.

**Brian Carron encouraged everyone to book their rooms early. There is a maximum of 85 rooms per night available at the Embassy Suites North Grapevine Hotel (972-724-2600). It is best to call the hotel directly using the "All Thunderbird convention" and group code "C90E" to make the reservation.** Be sure to indicate the dates you want as the reservations person does not have the exact dates. The website link created by the hotel and included in the "Scoop" are not correct. After these rooms are taken you will have to stay at a nearby overflow hotel to be named soon.

Look for the volunteer form attached to the email delivering the newsletter. We want to get as many people as possible to sign up early. There are many places and times to fill. I recommend finding your spots early.

If you have a personal connection with local businesses, contact them for donations and sponsorship. These can be in the form of items for the silent auction or advertising in the convention literature. This will help defray the costs for the convention.

Brian asked if anyone has a golf cart that the convention could use for the week to chauffeur people from the far side of the hotel to the show field.

The convention needs items for the silent auction. The donation form will be included in the newsletter. You can fill out this form online or by hand. If you have a minimum starting price put this in the first bid line. The manager of the VTCI country store is managing the silent auction. Submissions can be sent directly to [vtcicountrystore@gmail.com](mailto:vtcicountrystore@gmail.com). A picture or good description of the item is also needed.

## November Day Trip

Our fall day trip for 2024 saw 7 retros and one really nice big black pickup gather for a drive through the countryside. Several of us met in Burleson and cruised down I35 to Bu-



cee's in Hillsboro (where the picture above right was taken). Then we headed west through the quaint town of Whitney, out to the lake.

After crossing over the dam, we had a pleasant lunch at the Bosque Resort Restaurant. After lunch, we continued to Clifton where we toured the Clifton Classic Chassis Auto Museum. The owner entertained us with stories of the vehicles in his collection, and we reminisced as we perused the other displays detailing how life looked in the 50's and 60's. Some of us also enjoyed the art displayed in the art room at the Museum. All in all, the day was terrific as the weather was beautiful and the cars all performed nicely!



More pics on the next page



## PROPOSED 2025 NTVT Schedule of Meetings, etc.

Recently, the NTVT board met to create a proposed schedule of meetings, including several additional activities. The dates of all meetings are set, but locations and hosts may be subject to changes. Regular meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of each month except April's meeting which was moved to avoid Easter conflicts. The schedule includes recurring events that members have traditionally supported, like Cedar Creek, The Yellow Rose, and the Martin's Independence Day Party.

The job of the host will be to call the restaurant to verify availability of the room on that date if it hasn't already been done. Then after the RSVPs come in, the host will contact the restaurant 2 or 3 days before the meeting to let them know a firm headcount. If the restaurant is not available, the host should contact the 1st VP, and they will work together to find another restaurant in the same general area if possible.

Since we have members from all over the metroplex and beyond, we try to move the meetings around in an attempt to give everyone a chance to have a meeting in their area.

If you are not able to attend the January meeting but are willing to serve as a host for one of the meetings showing **TBD** for the host on this proposed schedule, please contact Jan Young or Bonnie Kershaw before the January Meeting.

NTVT Proposed SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & Other Activities for 2025				
MONTH	Date	Area	SUGGESTED	Host-Volunteer
January	18	SW	Sunny's, Ft Worth	Garfield
February	15	NE	Ford Café	<b>TBD</b>
March	15	C	Real Texas Café	Brewer
April	19		EASTER	N/A
April	12*	SW	Rosa's, Burleson	*date change due to Easter Kershaw
May	3	SE	Mabank Car Show	<b>TBD</b>
May	17	N	Willis/Brewer house	Brewer
June	21	C	Spring Creek, Bedford	Young
June	28	E	Walter & Delphine	Martin
July	19	C	Logan's, N Richland Hills	Brewer
August	8-10	E	Yellow Rose, Dallas Market Hall	Art Young-contact
August	16	E	La Bella, Garland	Walter & Delphine
August	16-23		Boston/Holland Cruise	Young
September	9-13	N	VTCA/NTVT International Convention, Grapevine	Kershaw/Young
October	18	S	Eloy's Halloween Mtg	Villafranca
November	1		Day Trip-Destination & Host	<b>TBD</b>
*Daylight savings time ends				
November	15	N	Corner Bakery in Southlake	<b>TBD</b>
December	7	C	Saltgrass-Bedford	Betsy Haber
January	17	W	Streetside Classics	<b>TBD</b>



## Birds Out and About



Congratulations to Jon Pierracos whose 1965 Flair Bird won awards at 3 car shows in November! On 11/10, at the Stars & Stripes Show in Plano, he took the first trophy of the month. Then at the Don Burger show in Garland on 11/16/24, he took a Top 20 award, and the next day, his Flair Bird took 1st Place at the Ford's Garage Car Show in Plano!



## NTVT Webpage Needs YOU!

Mark Ibbotson, our Website Manager NEEDS YOUR HELP! Please send any pictures, etc. This is your club, and Mark is willing to keep up the webpage, but without content, that is impossible! For those of you who don't know, check out the webpage:

<http://www.ntvtbird.org/>

There is a Members only section where you will find the newsletter and current information. The password is: members

This website is a valuable resource to us in the club, and the best PR we can get. However, it is only as good as you will help it to be! So please support it by sending in Tech information, Parts you have for sale (send pics and specify if it is club only or out to the whole world), and pics of your cars, car shows, etc. Send to Mark at [m\\_ibbot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m_ibbot@sbcglobal.net). Or send to me (for the newsletter) at [bradandbonnie@yahoo.com](mailto:bradandbonnie@yahoo.com), and I will be happy to share with Mark if you tell me to do that.



## January 2025 Meeting

Join us on Saturday, January 18th, at 11:30 a.m. at Sunny's Café, 3000 SE Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76140. on the frontage Rd on the south side of I20 between Campus Drive and Wichita St, nearer to Wichita. It is just west of Whataburger. Sunny's offers Italian and American food at reasonable prices. They serve breakfast all day long as well.

The easiest way to get there is to use the Wichita Exit from I20 (eastbound or westbound); then turn right behind the Exxon Station, continue behind Whataburger, and go on to the next building, parking in front.





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[www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)

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

## Elections Coming

NTVT holds elections at the March meeting. In preparing the ballot for that, the NTVT Board decided to leave vacant the position for 2nd VP in charge of membership temporarily, allowing the newsletter editor and treasurer to share the duties of that position for the time being.

We had one person step forward for the position of 1st VP. That was Brad Kershaw. That leaves the position of Secretary vacant. If you would be willing to fill either the position of 1st VP or Secretary for 2025, please let any board member know so your name can be added to the ballot. The Secretary's job is not a hard one. Just take some notes at each meeting and send them to Bonnie for the newsletter and add them to the Secretary's Record Book.

## Progress Report



Larry Gunnel, one of our members from Wichita Falls, shared this picture (and a few others) on the NTVT Group Facebook Page a couple of months ago, and I failed to share his good news here. Sorry, Larry! Better late than never, I have heard.

Rosie, his '60, is looking good with her body work complete and a couple of coats of epoxy primer. She looks ready for paint! We are anxious to see more progress and eventually, see this beauty on the road!

If you haven't yet, check out our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NTVTBird>), created and maintained by our good friend, Grant Payne. Also, I would encourage you to check out our VTCL Facebook page as well. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/533787048180972>