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Message From the President-by Jan Young

Greetings from Australia!

Jim and I are flying home tonight. We are at the end of a wonderful month in New Zealand and Australia. We've flown and ridden busses, trains, and Uber; and we've seen so much. We've gone from icy cold in the mountains of Southern New Zealand to the tropics (92^o) in Darwin, North Territory, Australia. We've met people from around the world and today we met two Texans. One was from Ft Worth and the other one from Weatherford – Small World!

Back home – Lots of things are going on in the month of May and I'm sure Bonnie has them listed later in this newsletter. Jim and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Cedar Creek Show in Mabank on May 4.

Best wishes,

Janet

Cedar Creek Car Show—05/04/2024



Claude, the Crawfish, says don't miss the car show and crawfish boil coming this Saturday, May 4th, in Mabank, TX. You can put the address 483 S Easley Pkwy, Mabank, TX 75147 into your navigation. The pavilion is located on the northeast side of Cedar Creek Lake; from Dallas, head south on 175, taking the Bus.175 exit for Mabank. Or for a prettier drive, you can go east from I-45 on Hwy 85, crossing the lake at Seven

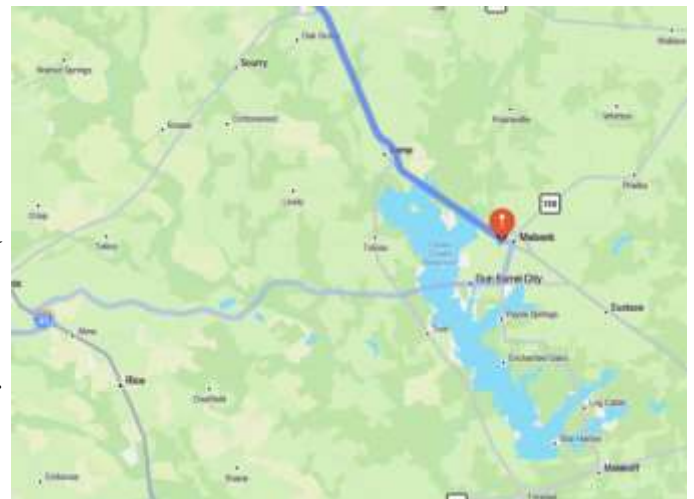
Points and going north to Mabank on the east side of the lake.

NTVT has attended this show for many years, and it is always a lot of fun. Bring your lawn chairs so we can circle up under the pavilion with our cars and visit! NTVT had 13 spaces reserved in the pavilion; and as of Monday afternoon, only one spot remained unclaimed! Call 903-887-3152 ASAP to register! EvThe gates open at 8 a.m. And registration is \$20.

If you don't want to bring your Tbird, you can still come admire the many beautiful cars, support the NTVT entries, and chow down on mudbugs or hamburgers from the concession stand. No admission charge for spectators! Award Ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

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April Meeting Minutes by Brad Kershaw, Secretary

Eighteen members braved the rain to attend the March meeting at Candlelite Inn, Arlington. John Garfield led the meeting in Jans absence. We wish safe travels for Jim and Jan while touring Australia and New Zealand. John thanked everyone for braving the weather.

John noted that many of the members would be on an Alaska cruise during the August meeting. If anyone not going on the cruise would like to host the August meeting, they can select a place and we can distribute the information in the newsletter.

Brad noted that Brian Carron, the south-central regional director, is continuing to plan for the VTCI international convention in the south-central region in 2025. A Zoom meeting has been set for Tuesday the 23d of April. Brad and John will participate and report to the club any pertinent information.

Mark Ibbotson announced that they were in the final stages for their move to [Albuquerque, NM](#). Mark thanked the club for their support and friendship. They will continue to be members, and Mark will maintain the website from Albuquerque. He will still need pictures and content from all of us here.

John highlighted several upcoming events:

May 4th; The Cedar Creek Lake car show and crawfish boil

June 1st; The Grand Brook Memory Care Center car show

June 29th; The Martin's annual 4th of July party

Brad Noted that the Pate swap meet, at Texas Motor Speedway, is this next weekend, April 23-26, though rain is expected Friday through Sunday.

Tom Ossorio and Regina Lowenberg won the door prizes.
Brad won the 50/50.



April Pics





April Pics, Continued



NTVT Member Goes Viral!

News flash...we have a star in our midst, or dare we say “an influencer.” At least, I think that is what you call someone whose video has had over four thousand views!

As many of you know, Jay Robarge is a long-time member of NTVT who started his own company, Broader Performance 24 years ago to supply racers and other high-performance car drivers custom transmissions and other performance parts. In an April 17th article from Ford Truck Enthusiasts, columnist Michael Parker called Jay a “Ford expert in an aftermarket ‘sea of GM experts,’ selling built versions of Ford’s C4, C6, AOD, and AODE/47R0W transmissions along with torque converters, valve bodies, other transmission accessories, and custom work.” In other words, Jay knows his business and is recognized as an expert in transmissions and related parts.

In recent months, Jay has published many YouTube videos discussing technical aspects of different transmissions, giving how-to tips for automotive enthusiasts, and sharing his expertise. But recently, Jay published a video with a slightly different focus: revealing how *counterfeit* parts (engraved with the logo and the name of his company) ended up being sold in respected retail outlets. Jay told online how he had received a call from someone who had purchased one of “his” parts which had failed, wanting him to warranty the part. Upon further questioning, however, the caller revealed he had purchased the part from Summit; and Jay knew immediately something fishy was going on. He does not market through 3rd party retail outlets—all his work comes through his own website, and he has customers across the nation and in other countries who only deal directly with him.

So Jay began investigating and found that these bogus parts, sold under the Speedmaster Brand, were indeed *not* manufactured by Broader Performance at all. They were foreign-made



Viral Views, continued

but were stamped or engraved with *his* company's name.

The video got lots of views, and attracted the attention of the retailer, Summit Racing, who took action almost immediately, removing the Speedmaster parts bearing the name of Broader Performance from their inventory, and destroying the counterfeit parts to prevent their being sold or re-sold by others. A few days later, Summit Racing issued a statement saying they were severing ties with Speedmaster altogether. Another large retailer, Jegs, appears to have followed suit.

Hopefully, Jay's videos exposing these counterfeit parts will help the American public realize how "knock-off" and counterfeit parts bearing brand names falsely can damage reputations of legitimate businesses and hurt the American economy. As Jay says in his video, it is bad enough that most Americans realize that foreign companies have copied and profited from American engineering for many years. But stealing someone's logo and name is a new low. Customers and retailers must do what they can to stop this practice.

For the complete article, you can visit this link: <https://www.ford-trucks.com/articles/breaking-summit-racing-drops-speedmaster-after-finding-alleged-counterfeit-parts-in-inventory/>.

To see all the videos Jay has produced and published, check out his YouTube Channel, [Broader Performance](#). The article exposing the counterfeit parts is titled "Thieves of the Automotive Industry Buyers and Sellers Beware").

And the next time you see Jay, you might want to ask for his autograph!

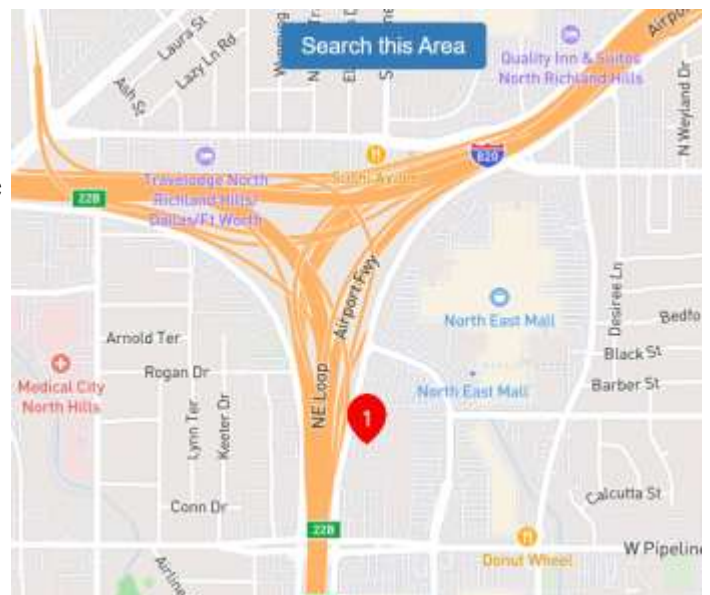
May Meeting

Join us at 11:30 on Saturday, May 18th, at Logan's Roadhouse at 948 North East Loop 820, Hurst, TX 76053. This is near the west side of the North East Mall where 820 and 183 come together.

We will enjoy each other's company, share our Tbird stories, and chow down on some delicious food!

Watch your email for your opportunity to RSVP. It is important for us to give the restaurant an accurate headcount to ensure we get the best possible service!

See you there!





Grand Brook Memory Care Center Car Show June 1st

Car Shows are always lots of fun, but rarely do we get to display our cars for people who can't get out to see a car show whenever they want. On Saturday, June 1st, we again have an opportunity to take a car show to some folks who really appreciate seeing our cars. The classic cars bring back fond memories for some of the patients of the Grand Brook Memory Care Facility of Richardson/Garland, **5600 N Shiloh Rd, Garland, TX 75044.**

This is a show we have done for a number of years, and it is so gratifying. The administrator for this facility is the sister of our own Sheri Ossorio, and she really appreciates our participation. We hope to have at least 10 cars for the patients and their families to admire. Bring your lawn chairs, and enjoy the music as well. ***The show runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and you get lunch! Please email Tom (tcossorio@gmail.com) if you can attend. He needs a head count soon so there is enough lunch for everyone.***



Happy Birthday!

Happy 101st birthday to Mom Stepina, frequent NTVT visitor and mother of NTVT member Bill Stepina. Sadie, we all wish you the best birthday and hope to see you again soon! May you continue to enjoy life in good health. And personally, I hope I will look as terrific as you do when I have my NEXT birthday—and it won't be my 101st!





NTVT 2024 Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	Host--Volunteer
May 4	Cedar Creek Car Show	Dom Zanella
*May 18	Logan's Roadhouse	Mary Brewer
June 1	Grand Brook Memory Care Car Show	Tom Ossorio
*June 15	Dan Hubert's house-Kemp	Dan Hubert
June 29	4th of July Party/Martin's	Delphiene Martin
*July 20	Real Texas Café 817 864 8400	Mary Brewer
*August 17	Location to be Determined	Need a host
August 7-11	VTCI Inter Conv, Grand Rapids MI	
August 11-18	Alaska Trip	Jan Young
*September 21	Wheels for Wellness	Tom Ossorio
*October 19	Eloy's Halloween Mtg & Party	Eloy/Kitty Villafranca
November 2nd or 9th	Day Trip	Need a host/Planner
*December 8	Saltgrass-Bedford	Betsy Haber

Please note that the locations for all the meetings are proposed and subject to change. The regular meetings are noted with an * and other activities are shown in blue.

Note: 2 Volunteer Hosts are still needed for August and November. The job of the volunteer host is to contact a restaurant, establish availability for a group of approximately 40-50 persons for lunch on the given date and follow up with a call to the restaurant two or three days before the meeting to give them a headcount.

Every month, about a week before each meeting or activity, you will receive an email with complete details and a request to RSVP. Please reply promptly so we can get accurate headcounts to the restaurants. With a group as large as ours, it is important!

August Needs a Host...and a Location!

Our monthly meeting for August remains a mystery! Several officers and other members will be on the Alaska Cruise at the time of the August 17th meeting. But we still want everyone else to have a great meeting without us.

If you know of a restaurant with a room that will hold 15-30 people (a few less than a normal meeting as 20 of us will be gone), won't you consider signing up to be the host for August? All you will need to do is contact the restaurant to reserve a room, then call them to give them a headcount a few days ahead of the meeting. Or someone might wish to host this meeting at their home—potluck or no food at all. It's really up to the membership!

Reply to the email delivering this newsletter, or call John Garfield, VP of Events, and let us know you are willing to tackle this duty! If nobody volunteers, we may have to cancel the August meeting.



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Car Trivia Questions

1. What is the average length of time an American will spend sitting at red lights in their lifetime?
A. Almost 700 hrs
B. About 6 months
C. Nearly 2 years.
2. In what year was the first speeding ticket issued in the US?
A. 1888
B. 1900
C. 1902
3. In what year was Anti-Freeze developed?
A. 1901
B. 1917
C. 1926
4. In what year was the first steering wheel used?
A. 1886
B. 1894
C. 1899

The first reader to email me the correct answer to all 4 questions will

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