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Message From the President-by Jan Young

Greetings!

I'm counting the days until the NTVT Alaska Cruise. Some of us are leaving August 10 and others on August 11. I found my packing list from our previous Alaska trip two years ago so I'm going to copy that one for this year. There will be pictures and reports when we return.

Our granddaughter is getting married at the end of July in Paradise, Texas. She and her fiancé have asked Jim to bring the T-Bird and chauffeur them away from the reception. He built a seating platform a few years ago and it seats two. Just so you know, they'll only go about a mile to their getaway car and there will be no driving on public roads. I'll have pictures at the next meeting.

Even though it's still hot in September, the Wheels for Wellness Car Show is an important event for the Club. They usually have about 200+ cars of all makes and models. We generally have about 18 cars and they reserve a whole block for us to show our cars. Most of us go to lunch together and then we have a short September meeting afterwards.

I am missing the Yellow Rose Car Show since it was cancelled for this year. Jim and I have attended for the last 8 years. It was indoors and air-conditioned which was a great event in the middle of summer. Hopefully, they will have a new venue by next year.

Check out other car show opportunities later in this newsletter.

We won't see you at our August 17th meeting because many of us will be on the Alaska cruise. JoAn Haney is hosting the meeting and more information will be coming soon.

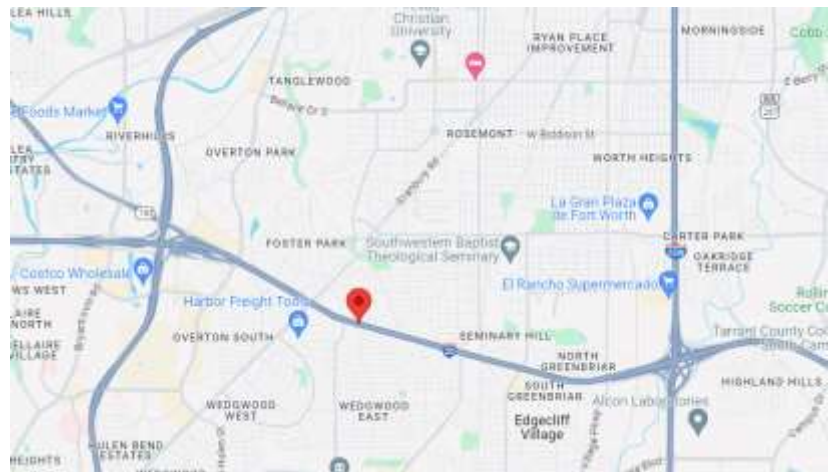
Best Wishes!

Aug 17th Meeting At Olive Garden

Join your August hostess, JoAn Haney, for the monthly luncheon on Saturday, August 17th, at 11:00 a.m. at Olive Garden, 3700 SW Loop 820, Ft. Worth. Please call JoAn at 817-929-4192 by Wednesday, August 14th to let her know you plan to attend. It really helps for the restaurant to know how many to expect!

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July 20th Meeting Minutes

Thirty-nine members attended the meeting at Real Texas Café in Bedford. Janet opened the meeting with a welcome to all the regular members and guests. Janet noted that it was great to see new member Rob Ivy and his 1962 Tbird.

The date of October 12th was selected for a retro tech day. Several have asked for technical advice as well as helping hands to address issues now showing up on our 20-year-old “new” cars. Brad’s shop was “volunteered” for the event. **Email Brad your needs and wishes for this event so we can begin research and ensure the proper tools are available.** (thunderbrad@hotmail.com) The event is not limited to Retros; if you have an older Tbird with a minor tech issue that is not too involved or lengthy, you may bring it that day. Brad emphasized that the proposed event is to help you with your issues not necessarily do it for you!

Brad and John 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. More details will be shared after the August 2024 VTCI convention.

Many members are scheduled to go on the Cruise to Alaska. Pictures of that will be in the next newsletter.

Joann Haney will be hosting a lunch meeting for members that are not on the cruise that want to get their Tbirds out. More info will be in the July newsletter and a reminder will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Wheels for Wellness registration is here for September 21st. Do not register online. Send your form (download from the net) and check, made out to NTVT, to Tom Ossorio. He will register for the club and send one check with the forms. This will get us a good spot in the show. The registration is due as soon as possible.

Door prizes were awarded. John won the 50/50.
Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary

A Drive To Remember Benefits Alzheimer’s Research

Recently, Rick Viera and Marian Herbst participated in a terrific indoor, air-conditioned car show in Longview, TX. Marian suggests we look at this show for our club to do an overnight trip for next year! If that sounds like fun, let us know!

Thanks, Marian and Rick, for sending in some pics for us to enjoy; see Rick’s El Camino, freshly fixed and driving like a dream! And they were parked next to a very pretty bird, as well. They made friends with the owners of that Tbird; and, hopefully, we will see it again!





July Pics

NTVT Members Celebrate Independence Day



Rob Ivy's '62, parked with pride with the Red White and Blue



The Antochys in the Arlington Parade.



Two Old Birds, and a nice flock of Retros showed up at the Real TX Café in Euless for the July meeting.





A Note To The Alaska Cruisers from Janet Young

It's just a few days until we sail away to the chilly state of Alaska, far from the Southern summer heat. We board the ship in Seattle on August 11 and return to Seattle on Aug 18. We have 22 people going. It's going to be a fun group this year.

Make sure to PRINT OUT YOUR BOARDING PASS on the Holland America website, confirm your flights to Seattle and your hotel reservation if you are going a day early.

At the July monthly meeting I distributed your LUGGAGE TAGS. Let me know if you didn't attend and I'll make arrangements to get them to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

BON VOYAGE!

Tech Problems? Reserve Your Spot at Tech Day, 10/12/24



Several folks have mentioned having some issues with their Retros, but not necessarily ones requiring being taken to a dealer or mechanic. Instead, let Brad Kershaw or Tim Stephens know what your problems are (in case they need to do some research and/or locate the proper tools for dealing with the issue) by sending an email to thunderbrad@hotmail.com. Then bring your Retro to Burleson on Saturday, October 12th, and get your hands a little greasy!

This Tech Day, however, is not limited to just Retros. If you have an older bird that needs some TLC, but you aren't quite confident enough to tackle the problem on your own at home, reserve a spot for it. Be sure to let Brad know, however, so he can plan to have enough expert consultants (ie., other bird owners!) on hand to answer questions and lend you a hand.

This will be a fun day, working in Brad's well-equipped shop while enjoying the company of several "shade-tree" mechanics. Many hands make light work, they say.

Wives are welcome to come along, either to hand wrenches or stay inside and solve world problems while the mechanics work out Tbird issues.

We will plan a potluck lunch when we know how many folks are planning to attend. This will not be a meeting. Just a fun (and hopefully) productive time tackling some Tbird tasks.

Spooky Business at the Villafranca's House Oct 19

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual Halloween Party and monthly meeting at the home of Eloy and Kitty Villafranca on Saturday, October 19th. You are welcome to wear a costume if you like, but however one is dressed, this is always a fun day. Come enjoy the ghostly guests and fearfully frightening freaks! And I am talking about Eloy and Kitty's awesome assemblage of Halloween at its best, not the members of NTVT! More info coming.



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NTVT 2024 Calendar

DATE	LOCATION
*August 17, 11:00 a.m.	Olive Garden, 3700 SW Loop 820
	Host: JoAn Haney
August 7-11	VTCl Inter Conv, Grand Rapids MI
August 11-18	Alaska Trip
*September 21	Wheels for Wellness
	Tom Ossorio will register us as a group
October 12	Tech Day at Brad Kershaw's
	Pre-register, please
*October 19	Halloween Mtg & Party
	Hosts: Eloy & Kitty Villafranca
November 2nd or 9th	Possible Day Trip
*December 8	Saltgrass-Bedford
	Hostess: Betsy Haber
*January 18	Sunny's Restaurant, FW
	Hostess: Bonnie Kershaw

Wheels For Wellness-Sept 21

Don't forget to call Tom Ossorio **ASAP** (817-705-9106) if you want your Tbird entered into the huge Wheels For Wellness Car Show in downtown Ft Worth on Saturday, Sept 21st. This car show will take the place of our September monthly meeting; and it is always a blast. Don't miss it!

Do not register online independently, or you may not get to park with the club. Tom will register the whole group with one registration. You need to send Tom a check for \$35 at 1619 Caplin Drive, Arlington, TX 76018.

Even if your Tbird is unable to be shown, be sure to come down and support the rest of the members who are entered. We usually have 15 or more cars entered, and one of our members often wins the Best Thunderbird Award!

We usually go somewhere to eat about noon that day, so come early and find out where we will eat!

