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From the President

First I want to thank Pat Bishop for keeping the website (www.ntvtbird.org) updated. This web presence is how many new members have found us.

Next I would like to thank Bonnie Kershaw for planning our spring trip to the hill country. The itinerary, maps, and information packets were a lot of work but were appreciated by all. I had great feedback about the trip from the participants. I think all had a relaxing time touring the LBJ ranch, shopping, visiting the museums, seeing the wildflowers, and touring the hill country. We are sorting through the many outstanding pictures taken by the participants to include some in the newsletter. We are also looking at ways to share more of the pictures with everyone.

I would like to welcome back a past member, Mark Kenning. I **know that Mark still works many Saturdays but I hope y'all get to meet him and see his Tbird sometime soon.**

Bill Stepina is researching printing the pictorial directory. He has discovered some affordable options for printing. We will keep you informed of the progress.

There are many opportunities to get those Tbirds out in May. The Sam Pack, Cedar Creek Lake, and Streetside Classics shows are all on the 6th. Our club picnic is at Randol Mill park in Arlington on the 20th. I hope all will be able to take advantage of some of these opportunities. This is just the start of what I see as a great summer car driving/showing season.

GO NTVT!!!!

Brad

Publicity Reminder

Remember to stash a few NTVT postcards in your Thunderbird to hand out when you are out and about in your T-Bird. You can get some from any officer. Wearing club shirts, putting club logo patches on your hats or jackets,, and getting a magnetic sign from Dave Egan are also great ideas to get the club name out there!

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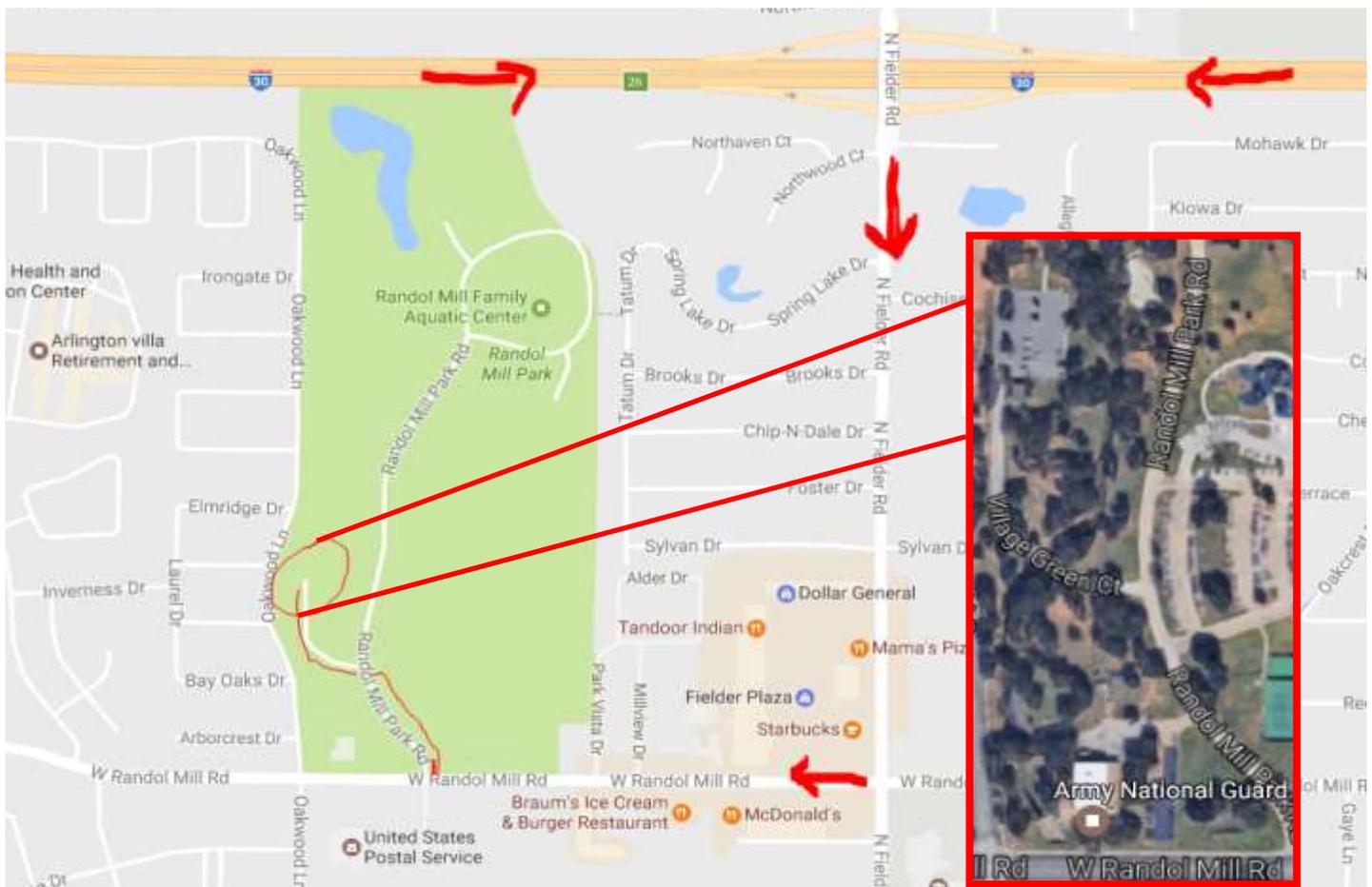
Pack Your Picnic Basket for May 20!

In May, in addition to the two optional Car Show Opportunities on Saturday, May 6th, we will have a regular meeting on Saturday, May 20, at 11:00 a.m. (a little earlier than our normal time as the rental agreement for the park pavilion only extends to 2 p.m. and we want to make sure we have enough time!). The location will be Randol Mill Park in North Arlington. The address for your GPS is 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012.



Directions from Interstate 30: Take the Fielder Exit and go south to Randol Mill Rd. & go west and turn right in to the park entrance, on Randol Mill Park Rd.; then take the second left on Village Green Ct. This ends at a parking area adjacent to the Pavilion. If you get to the ball fields or the family aquatic area, you went too far!

We are not allowed to “block off” parking, so try to arrive early to secure your parking spot. Bring picnic food, and enjoy the outdoors with us! Watch your email for your opportunity to RSVP and let us know what you plan to bring.





Headlights Dim?

Several members have used the kits available for polishing headlights with good results. Various kits are on the market priced from \$9.99 (As **Seen on TV “Wipe New”**) to Meguiar’s G3000 Heavy Duty kit at Walmart for \$42.33. We all have favorite manufactures when it comes to automotive products, and the choices are wide open. Just remember, you usually get what you pay for! Whatever choice you make, one thing is for certain....**they all require significant elbow grease.**

If putting out the effort sounds like a chore you would like to avoid, you can get your headlights refurbished many places. Pep Boys advertises **that they will do it for \$50; Sam’s Club Automotive offers the service for only \$40—and they give the job a 5-year warranty! You can’t beat that!**

 <p>Meguiar's G3000 Heavy Duty ... \$42.33 Walmart Free shipping</p>	 <p>3m Headlight Lens ... \$30.95 Grainger Industri.. ★★★★★ (257)</p>	 <p>Meguiars Headlight ... \$19.99 Target In store</p>
 <p>mothers 7251 nu-lens ... \$21.50 Zoro Special offer</p>	 <p>Clear Solutions Headlight Lens ... \$13.84 Jet.com</p>	 <p>As Seen on TV Wipe New ... \$9.99 Target In store</p>
 <p>Turtle Wax Headlight Lens ... \$13.28 Grainger Industri.. ★★★★★ (114)</p>	 <p>Heavy Duty Headlight ... \$29.99 Home Depot ★★★★★ (6)</p>	 <p>3M 39165 Headlight ... \$19.30 Walmart ★★★★★ (9)</p>

Vacancy!



Would anyone like to feel needed? NTVT needs a secretary for the remainder of the 2017-2018 term, someone who attends most of the meetings and who is willing to take notes and submit the minutes once a month for publication in the newsletter.

It’s not a hard job, so please consider it!

Please contact any officer to volunteer.



Important May 6 Opportunities

Saturday, May 6th will be a busy day in the car show community! Several NTVT members will be showing their cars at the Cedar Creek Car Show in Mabank. A few other members are heading to the Sam Pack Show in Farmers Branch. And there is a car show happening at Streetside Classics in Fort Worth. So you have no excuse for staying home that day! We all know how much we love our Thunderbirds, but if we **don't get them out in the public eye, nobody else will know these cars even exist! So whether your Bird is a Vintage Squarebird, a classic Baby Bird, a sporty Turbo Coupe, or a sleek Retro, get it out of the garage and on the road!** Take it to one of these shows and show it off! And remember to hand out postcards on the club!

If you hear about a car show that interests you, make plans to attend and share the information with other club members.

Here is some information on the May 6 possibilities. Even though it is too late to preregister, call to see if you can still attend one!



The show will be at the Mabank Pavilion, just off Business 175 behind the Rodeo Arena.

See www.CedarCreekLakeCarShow.net for more info. Registration starts at 8 a.m.; judging begins at 11 a.m.; awards start at 3 p.m. Call 903-887-3152 for details.



Sam Pack's 27th Annual Spring Nationals, 2070 Diplomat, Farmers Branch, 75234. May 6, 2017. Registration 8-noon. Awards at 3:00 p.m. Call Mark Powell at 214-392-5156 or Bill Wages at 214-



Spring Classics Car Show at Streetside Classics, May 6, 2017, hosted by Christian Classic Cruisers. Register 10-11 am. 5400 Sandshell Dr., Ste 100, Ft. Worth, 76137. Call 817-764-800 for more info. Trophies for top 25 and 5 Special Classes.



June Meeting at Streetside Classics

Our June meeting will be in the meeting room at Streetside Classics, 5400 Sandshell Dr., Ste 100, Ft Worth, TX 76137. It will be great to enjoy the air conditioning as we look over the beautiful classic cars on sale in their showroom before or after our regular lunchtime meeting.

In addition, we just found out about a Spring Classics Car Show hosted by Christian Classic Cruisers in the parking lot behind Streetside Classics. **So if you don't already have plans** to attend one of the other shows on May 6th (in Cedar Creek or at Sam Packs in Carrollton), you may want to head up to Streetside and join the fun there. There will be raffle prizes, Sassy's Food Truck, vendor tents, and trophies for the top 25 and 5 Special Classes. It all happens May 6, 2017. Registration begins at 10 and ends at 11 a.m. The car show runs until 2 p.m. For more information, contact Denise at 817-764-8000 or email Denise.Broadway@StreetsideClassics.com. Or check out the Streetside Classics website: www.StreetsideClassics.com

Good News!



NTVT extends get well wishes to Carolee Seifert who had surgery for breast cancer on April 27. The great news is that the doctors were able to remove all the cancer and there was no trace of cancer in the lymph nodes. Carolee is recovering at home and will know more about the future treatments after visiting with the oncologist next week. Carolee, our thoughts and prayers are with you, and we are happy for your good results!

Car Shows and Other Opportunities

Recently the Concours d'Elegance of Texas held their classic car event practically in our back yard! We got wind of this event just a little too late this year to plan for club participation, but hopefully next year they will be back and we can take some Thunderbirds to show off in the Car Corral on day three of this event.

We hope some of our members had a chance to attend. We know that D Scott Sims did. And speaking of Scott, if you want to be on his email list to receive information on all kinds of local car shows, swap meets, etc., just let the editor of this newsletter know. **We'll be glad to pass along your information to Scott so he can include you.**

Upcoming cruises include Nostalgia Nights every Friday evening at Hwy 287 & Sublett Rd., in Arlington, Big State Cars and Shakes on the first Saturday of each month from 6-9 p.m. at Big State Fountain Grill, 100 East Irving Blvd, in Irving, Decatur Cruise nights on the square in Decatur, also on the first Saturday evening of every month **from May to October (excluding July and August). Scott's newsletter gives the details on these and other events.**

You can also check out <http://www.dfwcarshowinfo.com/> for more information on local events.





April Trip Pictures: Friday



We gathered early, ready to roll! Ok, early is a relative term—some even had time to squeeze in Dr. appointments first!



After a tasty lunch at Alfredos in Lampasas, we traveled on to the LBJ State Park. Before heading off in different directions, we took one group pic.





Friday Trip Pics, Continued



Touring the "Texas White House," the personal home of Lady Bird and LBJ, was a highlight of our time on the LBJ Ranch. It was interesting to see where history had been made, where the first family lived in those tumultuous times of our country. Taking pictures was not allowed inside the home, but thanks to Ron Seifert and John Garfield, we got some good shots of the ranch itself and some of the sights we saw on the property.



Friday Evening Fun at the YO



The historic YO Ranch was an inviting venue, and it offered a delicious buffet dinner.



An after-dinner plan-making session took place on the patio.



Even cruising the parking lot was an adventure as the Early Ford V8 club, other car clubs, and a motorcycle club gathered at the YO for events the same weekend. Lots of interesting vehicles there!



Saturday Trip Pics



Saturday found the group exploring the area in all directions. Some sought peaceful countryside views and others enjoyed the sights and tastes of Fredericksburg. A few made their way to Luckenbach in search of Waylon and Willie and the Boys (and did find some country music at any rate!) It was great seeing the sights and getting the birds out there in sight!



Sunday: Heading Home



On Sunday, many participants headed home their own ways, but a few intrepid souls found their way through the beautiful Willow City Loop. Then, after a few GPS recalculations, we ended up at Buzzard Billy's on the Brazos in Waco for lunch. **The last scheduled stop was at the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame, but most of us were too tired and headed out.** Thanks, Ron Seifert for stopping long enough to get a picture of the Rangers to show us what we missed! Many thanks to all the folks who attended and submitted pictures documenting the fun we had!



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NTVT Calendar

May 6: 2 Car Show Opportunities: Sam Pack in Farmers Branch and Cedar Creek Lake in Maybank.

May 20: 11 a.m. NTVT Club Meeting /Picnic at Randol Mill Park., 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012

June 17: 11:30 a.m. NTVT Club Meeting. Streetside Classics, 5400 Sandshell Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76137

July 8: NTVT Club Meeting at Dickies on Ball Park Way in Arlington; the club will attend the Yellow Rose Classic Car Show at the Arlington Convention Center that same day.

August 19: NTVT Club Meeting, 11:30 a.m. Matito's, 1640 S Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville, 75067

September 16: NTVT Club Meeting at Wheels for Wellness Car Show in Downtown Ft Worth

October 14: TAMU Commerce Homecoming Parade

October 21: To be announced.

November 11: Driving Event—Lunch and Cruise to Audie Murphy Museum, Greenville. Details to follow

December 3: Sunday, 4 p.m. Christmas Party at Humperdinks in Arlington.

Regular Meetings/Events: Club sanctioned "extra" events; Non-Club events

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