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From the VP President

Editor's Note: As the President, John Garfield, was unable to attend the January meeting, VP Brad led the meeting in his place and provides this summary instead of our usual message from the President.

First of all, I thanked David and Tina Silva for arranging the meeting and asked them to convey to the management and staff of Tachito's how much we appreciate their hospitality.

As a bit of background, in an effort to improve the yearly planning process the NTVT Board met in December to develop a schedule of events for 2017. The NTVT Board consists of the past president, current president, first and second Vice Presidents, the treasurer, and the secretary.

I presented that proposed schedule for 2017 to the members of the club at our meeting. The details of that proposed schedule are included in the secretary's minutes [see page 2]. The members present responded with suggestions for the June meeting, which the board will investigate. At the end of the meeting, Walter Martin volunteered to host the November cruise as he has land in the area and is familiar with the back roads. We are still in need of a host for the May 20th picnic in a park in Arlington or North Grand Prairie; Susan Zanella offered to help the host with that activity.

The NTVT board thought that a spring trip to the hill country would be appropriate since there is no VTCI South Central Regional Convention scheduled this year. I presented a draft itinerary for the NTVT Spring Hill Country Tour. Approximately ten people/couples indicated interest in the tour. By the time this newsletter arrives in your inbox, you should have received a draft itinerary with a link to the hotel so you can get your reservations in before the South Texas and Capitol City Thunderbirds are invited to join us.

The elections for 2017 officers are fast approaching (March). The 2nd VP (over membership) the only open position as the 1st VP will assume the presidency and the 2nd VP will move up to the 1st VP position. If you would like to serve or would like more information, please notify John Congleton, who is heading up the nominations committee.

Submitted by Brad Kershaw

Pictorial Directory Coming Soon

If you were at the January meeting, you had your picture taken for the new Pictorial Directory! If you weren't there, you'll have a chance at the next meeting or two. But if you don't make the meetings, please help me out by sending me a picture of yourselves and your Thunderbirds. We want to publish a club directory with pictures of the people and the cars along with email addresses and phone numbers so we can stay in touch with each other more easily. Email to bradandbonnie@yahoo.com

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January Meeting Minutes

The January 2017 meeting was held at Tachito's Mexican Restaurant, in Oak Cliff. There were 29 members in attendance. After a great Mexican lunch, Brad Kershaw called the meeting to order at 11:30 am, and thanked members David and Tina Silva for hosting.

Secretary's Report. There were no December minutes, as we held our Christmas Party at Humperdincks in Arlington.

Treasurer's Report. Tom Ossorio reported that we are solidly "in the black."

Old Business. Brad reminded attendees to stay after the meeting and get their photos taken for Bonnie's Photo Roster, that will include photos of us and our beautiful automobiles. Other members should send aforementioned photos to Bonnie so that she can include them in the Roster, along with any name/address changes. He also mentioned that this was "Last Call" for 2017 VTCL Dues as Tom Ossorio, treasurer would submit those on Monday.

New Business. As usual, the primary business of the January meeting was to go over the proposed 2017 Calendar put together by the Board of Directors in mid-December:

February 18 Meeting: Spring Creek BBQ, in Bedford at Highway 183 and Forest Ridge.

March 18 Meeting: Buffalo West, Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth. Elections: NEED SECOND VP NOMINEE! Contact John Congleton ASAP, so that we can have nominations in place for the March meeting.

April 7-9 Tour: To replace Regionals, it will encompass Burleson, Hamilton, Kerrville, Fredericksburg, and end in Waco; using the Y.O. Motel in Kerrville as home base, with room rate \$127/night (rooms in Fredericksburg were \$200.) The Tentative Itinerary has been published, with more information to follow. There is no April Meeting, due to Easter weekend and the following Leake Auction.

May 6: Sam Pack, Farmers Branch, and Cedar Creek Lake Car Shows. A preliminary vote shows a 50-50 participation in Sam Pack and Cedar Creek Lake.

May 20 Meeting: Picnic at an Arlington/North Grand Prairie Park (park TBD).

June 17 Meeting: A meeting at the Weatherford Vintage Car Museum was suggested. The museum has been expanded to include all the buildings all the way to the Square. Also, Streetside Classics was suggested for a follow-up meeting to last year's meeting there.

July 8 Meeting: At Dickey's, in Arlington, following the first day of the Yellow Rose All Ford Show (July 8-9).

August 19 Meeting: Matito's, in Lewisville.

September 13-17: VTCL Convention, Pine Mtn, GA.

September 16 Meeting: Wheels for Wellness Car Show, in Fort Worth.

October 21 Meeting: Clark Gardens, Weatherford/Mineral Wells, with a catered lunch at the pavilion.

November 11 Meeting: Cruise to lunch and tour of Audie Murphy Museum, Greenville. Details to follow. WE NEED A HOST FOR THIS EVENT!

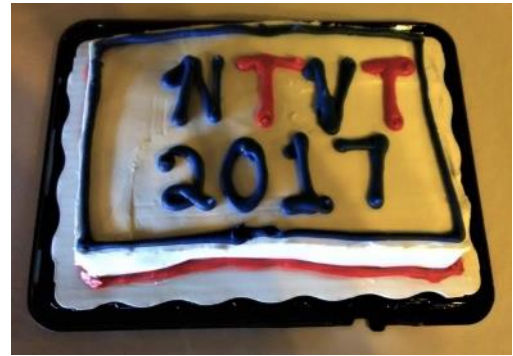
December 3: Christmas Party at Humperdincks, in Arlington, 4-6pm.

Brad adjourned the meeting after thanking the Staff at Tachito's.

Prepared by George Boley, Club Secretary



January Meeting Pics





February and March Meetings

Join us on Saturday, February 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Spring Creek Bar B Que at 1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford TX 76021. This is at the northwest corner of Forest Ridge and Highway 183. Just take Highway 183 and exit Forest Ridge!

Then “Go West, Young Man, Go West” for our March 18th meeting. This will be held at Buffalo West, 7101 Camp Bowie West, Ft Worth, 76116, at 11:30 a.m. Look for the map to this meeting in the next newsletter.

Election of Officers

Be sure to be at the March meeting to cast your vote at our annual election of officers. Our officers hold rotating positions. Brad Kershaw, our first VP from 2016, will become the President for 2017. The current 2nd VP over membership (Jim Young), will become the 1st VP and be in charge of events. That will leave the position of 2nd VP open. If you are interested in serving in this position, please contact John Congleton, who is in charge of nominations for the election. The 2nd VP will assist in finding hosts for every meeting until April of 2018, and help make arrangements for meeting places, etc. Both vice presidents also serve on the Board in guiding the club. Having rotating positions guarantees consistency in our leadership while cultivating new leaders at the same time.

Our future as a club depends on the willingness of all our members to help and claim ownership of our club. If you haven't ever served as an officer, please consider it! It is a rewarding and satisfying experience. And if you have done it before, perhaps it is time to do it again!

Spring Tour of the Hill Country

Even though there is no South Central Regional Convention for 2017, the NTVT Board just couldn't let the beauty of springtime in the Hill Country go unnoticed! So we decided to organize an event just for fun!

Our first stop will be in Hamilton, TX, about 11 a.m. for a tour of the Ramsey Art Collection followed by lunch. Then we will head to the LBJ Ranch where we will have a self-guided tour of the whole ranch, including the house where LBJ and Lady Bird Johnson lived. Our final destination will be the YO Ranch, in Kerrville where we have the opportunity for a buffet dinner on Friday evening.



Saturday, we plan to visit The Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War and then eat lunch and enjoy the shopping in Fredericksburg. There is also an excellent Pioneer Museum for those who are interested.

This trip will be “loosely organized” so you can do things on your own or join in with others. Some may want to visit wineries in the area or enjoy the night life. We will pass along info on attractions as we get them.

Sunday we plan to drive through prime bluebonnet territory around Llano on our way back to Waco where we will have lunch at Buzzard Billy's on the Brazos. Then some of us may tour the TX Ranger Museum before heading home.

If you don't want to miss out on the fun, make your reservations now with the YO Ranch. **You can call (830) 203-6704 or use this online link: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/I2007?groupID=1758735>. Club members have already booked 6 rooms! Book today!**



May Car Show Choices! Cedar Creek Lake & Sam Pack!

You can print out this page and use the form below to register for the Cedar Creek Lake Car Show. Be sure to put NTVT in the Club blank near the bottom so we can all be together. Remember to register early as the first 65 cars registered will be under the pavilion cover! We will publish info on the Sam Pack Show in Farmers Branch as soon as it is available!

Cedar Creek Lake Car Show & Kiwanis Krawfish Boil May 6, 2017



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under roof of the pavilion
Registration Starts at 8:00 AM –
Judging starts at 11:00 AM,
Awards start at 3:00 PM.

Show is over after Awards Presentation.

Crawfish from 10:30
till all is sold!

Hot dogs, Hamburgers,
other Concession items also available.

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Year: _____ Make: _____

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In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, by right of execution of this form, release & discharge, CCLACC, the City of Mabank and CC Kiwanis Club and all involved with them from all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property.

Signature _____ Date: _____



Driving Advice

Recently, NTVT member George Boley had an occasion to offer the rest of us some advice. He recommends always using your lights, even in the daytime. It increases your visibility and perhaps might be the reason someone sees you! George wonders if he had been driving with his lights on perhaps the young lady who backed into him might have seen him and not slipped her car into reverse at just the wrong moment!

At any rate, we hear George is back on the road, and I bet he drives everywhere with his lights on now!



Retros on the Road to “Thunder in The Ozarks”

Several NTVT members will be among the 40+ Retro Thunderbirds heading to Arkansas March 23-26, 2017. Planning is currently underway for the trip. If you are interested in joining in the fun, contact Dave Egan for details about caravanning from the DFW area. If you would like to meet up with the group there, you can make your own reservations for the Staybridge Suites in Rogers, Arkansas, at <https://www.staybridge.com/hotels/us>. Use the TCC group code when making your reservations; or you can call 1-479-845-5701 and tell them you are with the Retro Thunderbird Car Club to get the group rate (\$84-\$104 depending on the accommodation choices you make.)

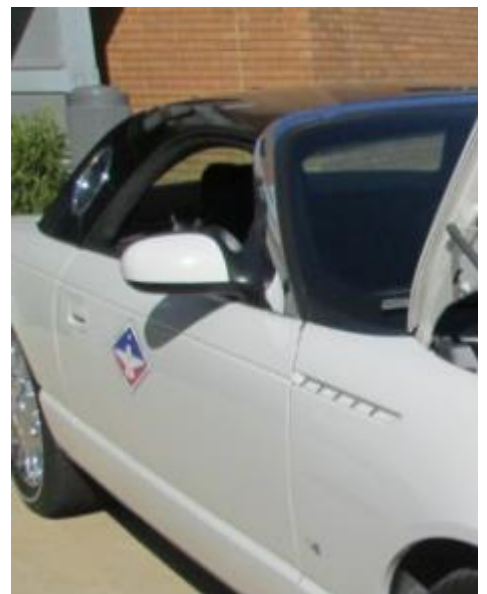
There are more details about the trip at ThunderbirdNest.com. Or call Jim Lowenberg or Dave Egan!

Let Everyone Know About NTVT!

Any time you drive your Thunderbird, especially on a road trip or at a group event, it would be great to advertise your love for our club. And you can do that easily with the magnetic NTVT Logo signs that are now available.

If you would like one (or a pair—one for each side of the car!) talk to Dave Egan or George Boley. Between the two of them, they put a great idea into action, and we can now order these for our cars. Dave has several on hand now for only \$10 each or \$20 for a pair.

Be sure you also keep a few NTVT post cards in your glove box. They are convenient to hand out at events and they point folks to our website: www.ntvtbird.org





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NTVT Calendar

February 18: NTVT Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. Spring Creek Bar B Que, 1509 Airport Freeway, Bedford TX 76021 (At Forest Ridge and Highway 183)

March 18: NTVT Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. Buffalo West Restaurant, 7101 Camp Bowie West, Ft Worth, 76116. Note: Elections held at this meeting!

March 23-26 Thunder in the Ozarks (not a club sanctioned event, but lots of fun for Retro owners.)

April 7-9 Spring Hill Country Tour, sponsored by NTVT but open to other Thunderbird clubs. See page ___ for details. No regular NTVT meeting in April.

May 6: 2 events: Sam Pack in Farmers Branch and Cedar Creek Lake in Maybank.

May 20: NTVT Club Meeting /Picnic. Details to be announced.

June 17: NTVT Club Meeting. Details to be announced.

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: NTVT Club Meeting at Clark Gardens, Mineral Wells

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.

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Embroidered Patches Available

These embroidered patches are now available for purchase for \$3.50 each. Measuring 4 X 3 inches, they are of excellent quality. They come with a heat-sealing backing so you can iron them on or stitch them in place. They are the perfect size for placing on ball caps, shirt pockets, or on jackets.

Contact Brad Kershaw by email or phone; you can pick yours up at the next meeting or get it mailed to you for the cost of postage + the cost of the patch.

