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From the President

We had a great picnic in Randol Mill Park. The weather was great even though some had to get their sweaters. As usual, there was a ton of food; and I, for one, ate much too much. We welcomed three new couples to the club at the picnic. They drove two really nice retros and a '56 that came from Granbury. This makes four new memberships in the last month. Look on page 6 for their introduction, and be sure to look for some "new" faces at the next event so you can greet them in person and show them a great NTVT welcome. Way to go in getting the word out about the club. GO NTVT!!!!

About two years ago, the NTVT board expressed the desire to sponsor scholarships for high school students pursuing a career in an automotive-related field. It took some time, but we finally found a school and scholarship program to make this a reality. The Mansfield ISD counseling department identified the students and will handle the payments to the schools. The NTVT sponsored two \$500 scholarships to deserving students in Mansfield ISD high schools. Jonathan Zimmer will be attending Texas State Technical College in Waco and Jacob Humphreys will be attending Universal Technical Institute. These students were very appreciative of the help in pursuing their goals.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for the upcoming activities.

Brad

From the Editor

Thanks for your patience! The newsletter is a bit late this time because we had an unexpected delay in returning from Colorado. I had a little mishap—a tiny 1/2-inch wound from my niece's dog bite (wrong place, wrong time!) that got infected and landed me in the hospital. After a few days of IV antibiotics, we did make it home just fine; and I'm on the mend.

This did make me realize that perhaps someone would like to volunteer to be my backup editor—if you are interested, please let me know.

Also, you may notice the font on this newsletter is different because a member said the old one was hard to read on the phone. Anyone see a difference, or care? Give me feedback!

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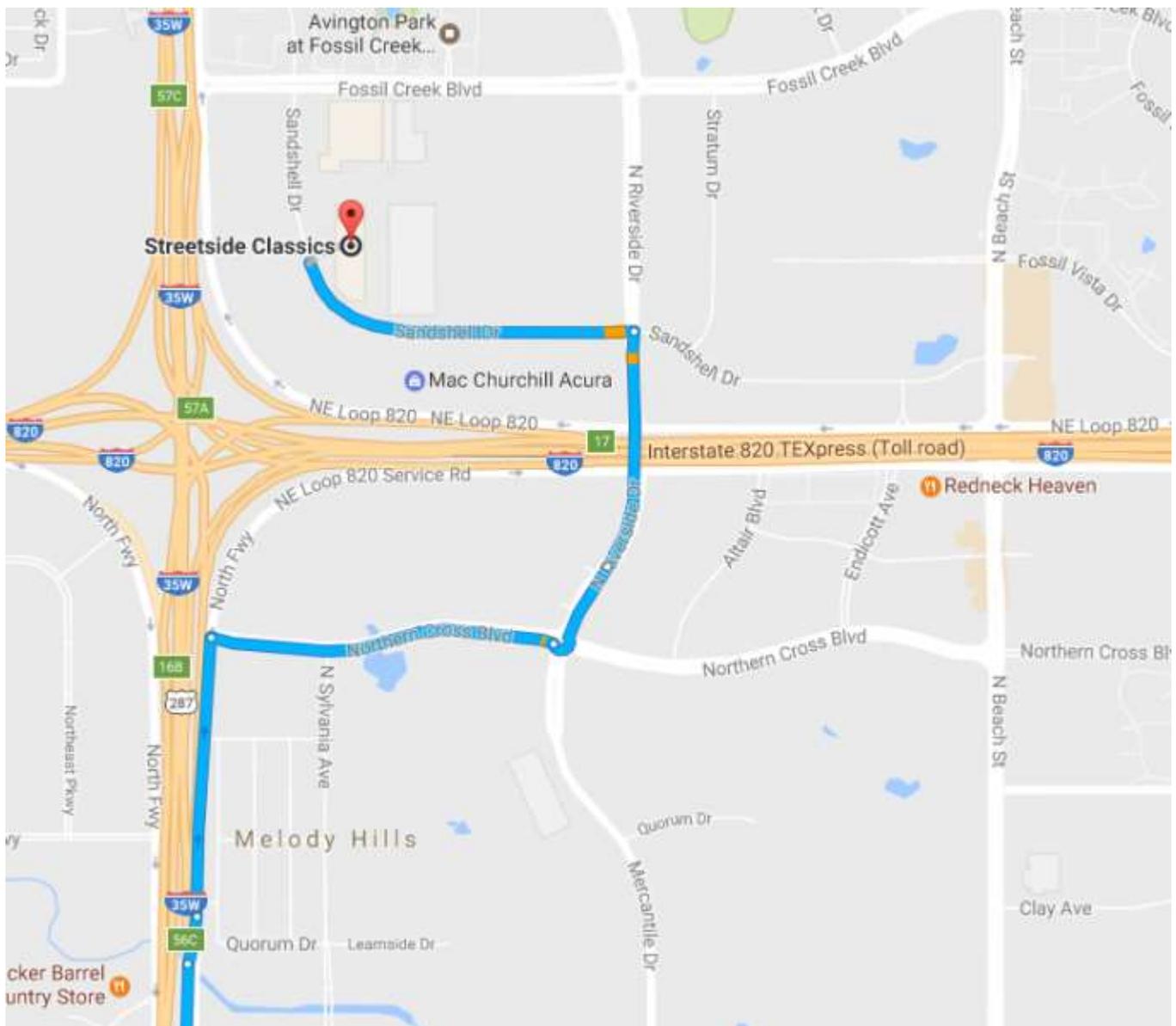
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June Meeting at Streetside Classics

Join us at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 for our meeting 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. Watch your inbox for your reminder and an opportunity to RSVP.

Keep in mind, there is a lot of construction going on in this area; and exits may change without much notice. As of now, the easiest way in from the south is to take exit 56C off of I35W. Turn right on Northern Cross Blvd., then left on Riverside. Once you cross Hwy 820 going north, turn left on Sandshell and follow it around to the Streetside Classics building.





Picnic Pictures





May 6 Pictures from The Cedar Creek Lake Show



NTVT had a great turnout at the Cedar Creek Car Show on May 6 in Maybank. From Retros to Classics, we proudly showed off a fine flock of Birds. Dom Zanella and Dave Egan took home awards, too! Congrats, guys!



More May Pics



Meanwhile, at the Sam Pack Show in Carrollton, member Greg Lawrence represented NTVT in a terrific way, picking up First in Class with his 1964 Thunderbird! Congrats, Greg!



NTVT had a good showing at the Maybank Show. Good times with beautiful cars, nice weather, and great friends. Who could ask for anything more?



Never let it be said that NTVT isn't a tolerant group! We even let the non-t-birds among us show up and roost with us. On the left, John Congleton looks over his HellCat, and on the right, Ralph Haber's Buick GS basks in the sunlight.





WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

It is exciting to see new members joining our flock! Birds are flying in from far and wide, and we welcome them all.

Some of our recent new members include Mark and Anita Ibbotson from Grand Prairie. They own a 2003 Retro and a classic 1965 F100 Pick-up Truck. Mark and Anita made their maiden voyage with the club at the May meeting in Randol Mill Park.

Betty and Bob Pickard brought their white 1956 Baby Bird to the Cedar Creek Show in Maybank on May 6 and then out to the May meeting, too! They come all the way from Granbury.

Ray and Sara Coulter of Ft Worth made the May meeting their first appearance with the club as well. They will have joined officially by the time this newsletter hits your inbox.

Gary and Audrey Hellings from Magnolia, TX, also recently joined the club; we are looking forward to meeting them and seeing their 2004 Retro or their 1956 soon.

And while he is not a “brand new” member, we are happy to welcome Mark Kenning of Richardson back to the group. Mark had been a longstanding member before taking a break in recent years after the passing of his wife. He’s a busy guy, but we hope to see him at some meetings or events real soon.

Remember to wear your name badges to meetings and events so the new folks can get acquainted! We hope all the new members will enjoy the club!

Fluff Your Feathers and Show Your T-Bird Pride

Ok, so our birds don’t have feathers!



You can still show your T-bird pride, especially when you attend car events or on club outings, if you purchase a pair of magnetic NTVT Logo Signs to put on your doors. These are available for \$20 a pair. Dave Egan has a new shipment of these magnetic signs.



Give him a call if you’d like a pair for your Bird.

Small embroidered patches of the NTVT logo can be sewn or glued on to hats, shirts, etc., and are also available for \$3.50 per patch. Just ask Brad or Bonnie Kershaw at the next meeting. If you want one before then, email bradandbon-



May Meeting Recap

President Brad Kershaw used the “official NTVT Cow Bell” to call the meeting to order. About 20 members and two guests were present for the meeting.

As the first item of business, Brad announced that he had attended the Mansfield ISD Scholarship Breakfast where the two recipients of the NTVT \$500 scholarships were announced. This is a way for our club to support young people who are interested in Automotive careers. [Editor’s note, see the President’s Message on page 1 for more details on the scholarship.]

Ben King mentioned that the TAMU also has a good scholarship program and we have a connection with them because several of our members participate in the Homecoming Parade, transporting the Homecoming Royalty and other dignitaries in our T-Birds. He moved, and Tom Ossorio approved, that NTVT purchase a TAMU Brick in support of their scholarship program. The club voted its approval.

Brad recognized the awards won by club members at recent events: Greg Lawrence won a class award at the Sam Pack Show; and Dave Egan and Dom Zanella both won awards at the Cedar Creek Show.

Brad asked members to take their Thunderbirds out again on Sunday, May 21st, in support of National Thunderbird Day.

Tom Ossorio asked members to consider entering a car show on June 3rd from 10:30 to 12:30 at Grand View Memory Care, 5600 N. Shiloh Rd, Garland, TX 75044. The club participated in this event last year, and it was a big hit with the residents. Tom’s sister-in-law is the administrator of this facility and provides lunch for all who participate. We need a count, so please let Tom know if you plan to attend.

The June meeting will be Saturday, June 17, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. at Streetside Classic Showroom, 5400 Sandshell, north of Hwy 820 and just east of I35W. The club will cater in lunch (pizza or sandwiches) and provide drinks.

Brad reported that former member Dan Sublette is selling quite a lot of parts for old Thunderbirds as well as tools and other offerings. Anyone interested in seeing the entire list should contact Brad.

The July meeting will be held the same day as the Yellow Rose All-Ford Classic Car Show. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Arlington Convention Center to view the cars and then go to Dickies’ Bar B Que on N. Ball Park Way for our lunch meeting at noon. Watch your inbox for a discount coupon for the Car Show. If you are interested in showing your Thunderbird at the Yellow Rose, get the application information from the No TX Mustang Club website. Applications need to be submitted soon.

Members were reminded that the club registers in a single registration for the September Wheels for Wellness Event (formerly called Cruisin’ for a Cure) in downtown Ft Worth. If you receive information regarding registration from the event coordinators, tell them you are

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May Meeting Recap, continued

participating with the NTVT group; and let Tom Ossorio know you plan to attend. The event will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

There will be a car event in June or July that may interest members. Brad asked members to send any information on possible events to bradandbonnie@yahoo.com so information can be included in the newsletters.

Dom Zanella gave a new member report, welcoming the Ibbotsons, the Pickards, the Hellings, and the Coulters to the group. Three of the four mentioned were present at the picnic. He also mentioned that Mark Kenning had rejoined the club after a few years' absence.

Tom Ossorio reported the club is solvent and financially healthy.

Brad reported that there was no South Central Regional Convention of our parent organization, the VTCI. That was one reason the board organized the Spring Hill Country Trip to fill that gap for our club. This year, there will, however, be an International Convention in Atlanta on Sept. 14-17. Brad said there are no plans for a regional convention next year in the South Central Region as very few of the clubs are able or willing to host one (NTVT hosted this event in 2015 and OKC hosted the 2016 regional convention). There was discussion from the floor concerning what other activities our club might want to do instead of a regional convention. Suggestions included doing another driving trip like the Spring Trip to the Hill Country or a Cruise out of Galveston. Brad encouraged members to send their ideas to the officers for consideration.

Printed directories were made available for members; Brad thanked Bill Stepina for seeing that those directories were printed in an economical manner. The printouts are 26 pages long and can be 3-hole punched and put in a notebook if desired. If you did not get yours, plan to pick one up at the next meeting.

Bill has offered to bind directories with a spiral binding for the cost of \$10 each for those members who desire that. If you would like a bound copy, please send a \$10 check to Bill Stepina, 4100 Autumnwood, Arlington, TX 76016. There are only a few available for binding, so do this soon! After they are gone, only the unbound versions will be available.

Dave Egan reminded members that he has Door Magnets with the NTVT Logo available for \$20 per pair.

There was no 50-50 drawing at this meeting; plan to purchase twice as many tickets at the June meeting! Rosa Valdez and Sara Coulter were the recipients of the door-prize drawing. Congrats, ladies.

The meeting concluded.



VTCI International Convention for 2017

The International Convention of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International will be held this September 14-17 in Atlanta. These gatherings are always lots of fun and are super if you would like to see how your Thunderbird stacks up against the specifications outlined by our parent organization.

The site for the convention is the Atlanta & Wyndham Atlanta Galleria Hotel. The host club has negotiated a nightly room rate of \$136.10 for members, including all fees and taxes. For an additional \$10 per day, you can include a full breakfast. Rooms are going fast, **so call 1-800-207-4505** if you think there is even a chance you can attend!

There are lots of activities planned including a tour of the Panoz Racing manufacturing facility. Vans will transport guests to and from this tour on Thursday. On Friday, vans will shuttle folks to and from downtown Atlanta for a great choice of tours. You can see the CNN Studio, the World of Coke Museum, the new College Football Hall of Fame or the Georgia Aquarium. Costs for the various tours are listed on the registration form. Friday evening will feature a buffet at the hotel and some surprises for those who attend.

The main judging occurs on Saturday, and if you are a newbie, you can learn what to expect by talking to any of the veteran members who have attended other judged VTCI events. The convention will conclude with a banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening.

Whether you have been to dozens of conventions or this will be your first, you will have a great time! September seems like a long time, **but if you are interested in attending, go to the website and register soon! And let Brad Kershaw know if you are planning to attend so we can make a list of those who will be representing NTVT at this special event. Register on the VTCI website:**



Car Show at Granbury 4th of July Celebration

July 1, 2017 6:00 – 10:00pm. Granbury Nissan, 4601 E Hwy 377, Granbury, TX 76049, will be a free fun show with lots of great hot rods, classics, trucks, motorcycles and whatever else comes rolling in. Plan on lots of fun with a bounce house, food & more. Bring your family & friends for this cool of the evening show.

AWARDS & REGISTRATION: 42 Awards including - Best of Show, Granbury's Choice, Under Construction, Special Interest, Late Model, Rat Rod, Cycle & more! Push it, pull it or tow it in & we will register you. Open class registration for participants \$15.00 per vehicle. Note: We will take registration at the gate so please have your registration ready to go when you arrive – you will fill out the paperwork after you park.

PROCEEDS FROM THE CAR SHOW GO TO D & D Rockin' Rods Family & Friends Christmas for Kids 2017. All events subject to change & weather conditions. **For more information call 817-797-1197** Thanks go to new member Betty Pickard for forwarding us this info!



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NTVT Calendar

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.

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The Thunderbird Registry

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

Help Wanted

We are still in need of a volunteer to serve as club secretary. This person would need to attend club meetings regularly and take notes or minutes. These are sent to the editor who will publish them in the newsletter following each meeting. Don't worry about format, etc. Once you send an email with the information, it can be formatted for publication. The secretary also serves on the NTVT Board of Officers which meets occasionally for planning, etc.