



# T Bird News

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## From the President

The time at Betsy and Ralph's was so relaxing. They were perfect hosts and their home and property are beautiful. The toy barn is also very special.

Our November trip out to Farmersville is just around the corner and I am looking forward to that trip as well.

I completed the sale of parts donated to the club by Dan Sublette. Many thanks to James Oglesby and Wendell Fennell for helping the club and getting the parts out of my shop. We now have most of the money needed to award another scholarship in 2018. The recipients last year were very appreciative, so this is something I would like to continue.

This year has been a blur, the Christmas party is a little more than a month away. In place of gifts this year the club will have entertainment. I am excited to see Allen Hurt as he comes highly recommended by the Garfields. We will have music during dinner, have a short business meeting and then more music. We have extended the time to allow for the entertainment and time to catch up with all our friends.

The board is already starting to plan some exciting events for next year. If you have suggestions for places to see or events to attend, please email those to Jim Young or myself and we will try to include those. As always, if you see an event in your neighborhood, let the club know so others in your area may attend.

I hope to see you at the Farmersville cruise sponsored by the Martins.

Brad Kershaw

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## Minutes from October Meeting

16 members attended the October meeting at the home of Betsy and Ralph Haber.

President Brad Kershaw began the meeting by reporting that he had sold all the parts donated to the club by former member Dan Sublette. A few were purchased by James Oglesby and the rest went to Abilene to the garage of Wendell and Celina Fennell. The money from the sale of these parts (\$345) will go into the club treasury and are earmarked for the scholarship fund. This will allow us to do something similar to last year when we gave scholarships for \$500 each to two Mansfield H.S. graduates furthering their education in an automotive-related field. This is a worthwhile charitable venture that will benefit young people who love cars as much as we do.

Brad then discussed the St. Jude's Charity Car Show for which NTVT is providing judges. This will occur on Saturday, Nov. 4th at 11511 Reeder Rd., Dallas, 75229. We will use judging sheets similar to the ones used a couple of years ago at the Hutto Show. 60+ awards will be given. Judges are needed and do not have to have experience. Information will be mailed out about the show.

The Saturday, November 11th driving event was discussed. We will meet at the American Cotton Museum (also known as the Audie Murphy Museum) at 600 I-30 Frontage Rd, Greenville, TX 75402 at 10:30 a.m. After visiting the museum, we plan to leave for the home of Walter and Delphine Martin about noon. Walter will lead us via some scenic back roads to their new place in Farmersville. Bring side dishes.

The Leake Auction will be Nov. 17-19 in Dallas. NTVT will not be working the auction this time.

The Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec. 3, at Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011, in Arlington. The suggestion was made for us to forgo the door prizes we have done in the past and have entertainment instead. John Garfield has secured the entertainer. We will have a limited menu again, with a cash bar. The party will run from 4-7 p.m.

If members have ideas for meeting places or activities for next year's calendar, email them to an officer ASAP. The board will be meeting in December to put together a suggested calendar for 2018. The proposed calendar will be presented to the club at the January meeting at Tachitos Mexican Restaurant in Dallas.

Brad presented some ideas for another spring trip in lieu of a regional convention as there are no plans for the SC Region of the VTCL to have a regional convention in 2018. There may be an International Convention in Tulsa in 2018, but dates and details have not been confirmed. The board would like to plan a trip to East Texas, probably spending one or two nights in Jefferson on a Friday and Saturday in May. There is a possibility that two separate groups, one coming from the south end of the metroplex and one from the northern part, to convene at a museum in Kilgore. We would caravan as a whole group from there to Jefferson. Watch for more details on this trip.

Brad thanked Betsy and Ralph for hosting the meeting and cooking the delicious fajitas. The meeting adjourned

Submitted respectfully by Bonnie Kershaw, substituting for the secretary in the absence of John Garfield.



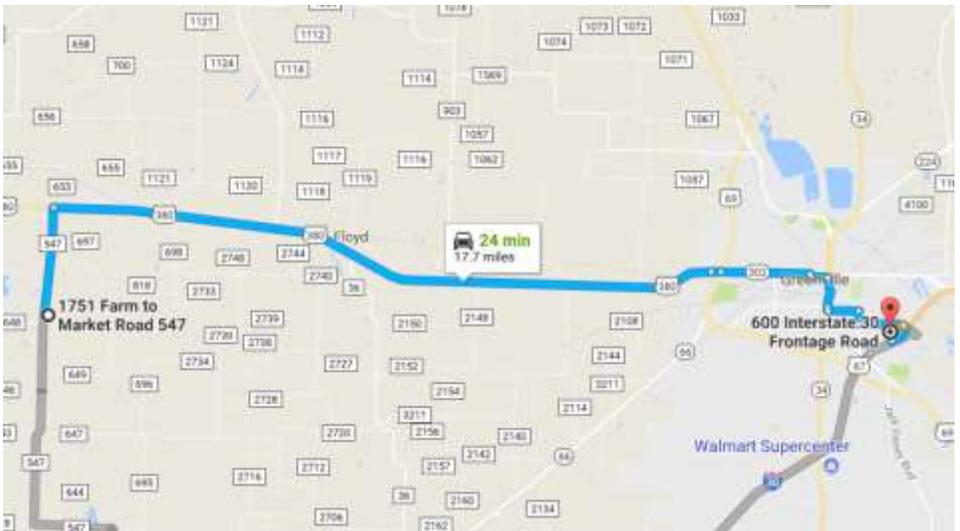
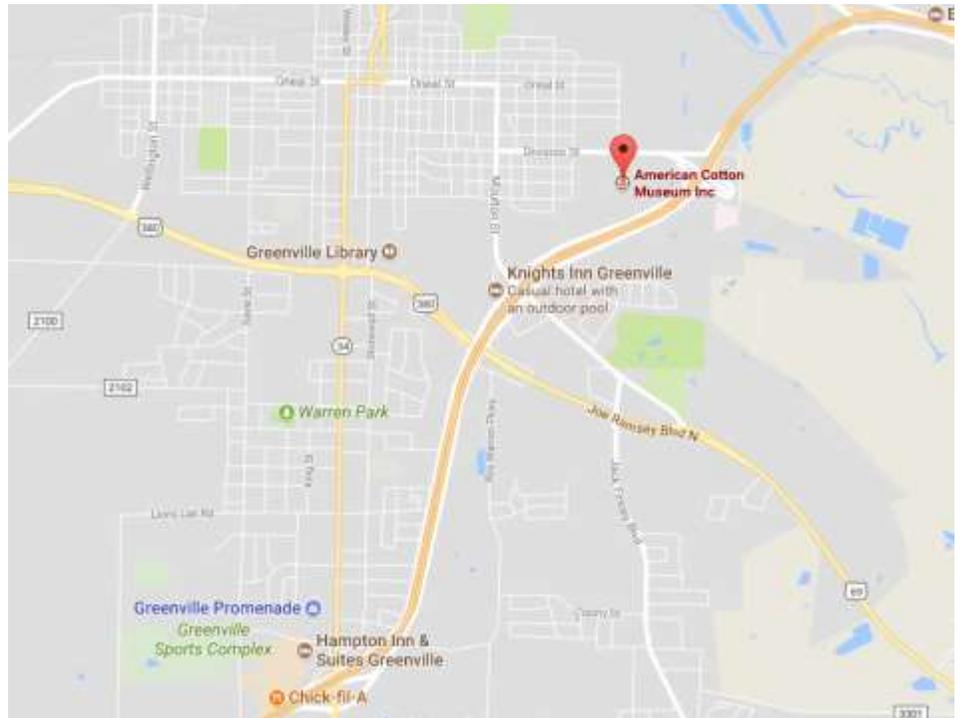
## November Driving Event

On Saturday, November 11, we will meet at the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, 600 Interstate 30, in Greenville, TX at 10:30 a.m. The admission to the museum is \$4 for seniors and \$5 for Adults. If 10 or more sign up, Walter can schedule a guided tour.

After viewing the museum, Walter plans to lead us up to Lee Street (380) and head west through Downtown Greenville then continue to Farmersville about 15 miles to FM 547. We will go south on that 1.7 miles to their place at 1751. You can see a rough idea of the route in the lower map on the right.

Walter and Delphine will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. The rest of us will bring the rest of what we need. So watch your email for your chance to RSVP and sign up for what side dish you plan to bring (lettuce, onions, beans, chips, drinks etc.).

If anyone wants to caravan out to the museum, we can see who responds with an RSVP and proceed from there. We could possibly set up a meeting place somewhere around 635 and I30 if anyone is interested. It would be about a 45 minute drive from there to the museum.





## October Pictures



Some of the ladies relaxing on the patio: Jan, Betsy, and Marian. **If you look closely, you'll see Jan holding on to the \$65 that the 50/50 winner would be taking home.** John Congleton claimed that prize a little later!



With a view like this, even a meeting is pretty pleasant! Brad talks with Walter and Delphiene before getting started on the business at hand.



Melinda and Bill Stepina and Dan Hubert all had comfy spots for the meeting.



Suzi Zanella went home with a super door prize, a two-part tote and insulated carrier.



John Congleton won a door prize in addition to the 50/50 drawing. We advised him to stop and buy a lottery ticket on the way home!



Dom Zanella and Ralph Haber seemed engrossed in a discussion. Suppose they could have been talking cars?



## March Fun Out and About

John Congleton and Gary Sestito attended a car show in Seven Points, and both took home prizes! Gary's car won best 50's-60's car!

Congrats to both. And what can be better than having your picture taken with a talking ice cream cone?



Dom Zanella took his '88 Turbo Coupe and Brad and Bonnie took two cars (Bonnie's '87 TC and Brad's Z Car) out to the 3rd Annual Hot Rods and Heroes Motor Festival at the Lost Oak Winery on Oct. 22nd. But we all had too much fun to take pics of our cars!



Nothing better than a T-Bird Convertible for a parade! John Congleton chauffeurs a dignitary in the Kaufman Scarecrow Festival Parade.



Several NTVT members attended the Thunderbird Nest "Big T-easy" event in New Orleans in March. Above right, head engineer for the Thunderbird Retros, Nancy Gioia, signs the Lowenberg's motor. And above left, Jim and Regina Lowenberg show off their costumes at the 1930's party. Dave Egan and John and Ginny Garfield also attended the event, all in their Retros.



## Birds and Bits

### Buyer Wanted:

NTVT Member Marie Dobson is searching for a new home for her 1965 Thunderbird. The body is in impeccable condition; the interior is in very good condition. It has less than 85,000 original miles on it.

Some mechanical repairs are needed due to long-term storage. Reasonable offers considered. Contact Marie at 972-490-8484 or via email at [marie.t.dobson@gmail.com](mailto:marie.t.dobson@gmail.com) Please share this info with friends who might be interested!

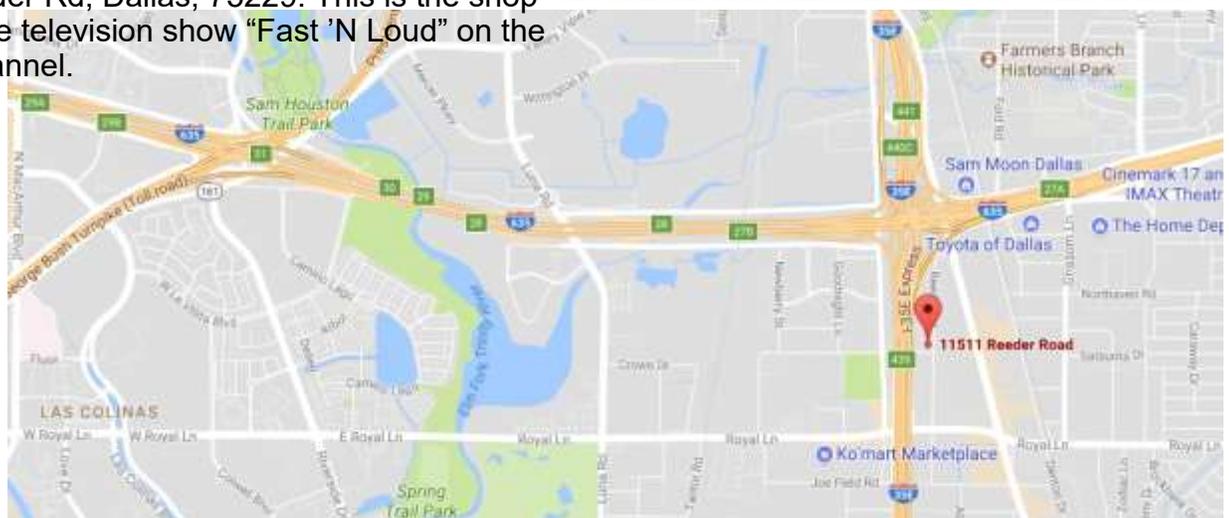


## Judges Needed!

NTVT will provide the judges for this car show on Saturday, Nov. 4th. It's not too late to volunteer. The club will be paid for their service, and will donate their earnings right back to St. Jude's! So this is a great way to see some awesome cars and give back to the community at the same time.

Judges need to arrive by 8 a.m. to help park cars. Judges' cars will be on display only, not judged. You need not have experience to judge. We will be using a simple judging sheet to evaluate the cars primarily on fit and finish (not by Thunderbird show judging specifications!).

The car show will be located at ASM Upholstery at 11511 Reeder Rd, Dallas, 75229. This is the shop featured on the television show "Fast 'N Loud" on the Discovery Channel.





## Upcoming Car Show Opportunities

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Heritage Ranch Country Club  
465 Scenic Ranch Circle  
Fairview, Texas 75069  
Registration from: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Spectator's entry is free & vote for peoples choice  
Dash plaques to the first 50 entries  
\$15.00 Entry Fee, with a portion benefiting "VCONT"  
Veterans Center of North Texas.

Home of Mark Baker and owner of "Eleanor"

Best of Shows: Best Of Show Car and truck, 79 & older and 80's and newer; Peoples Choice; Heritage Pick; and Outstanding Club Participation.

There will be a buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, available for all participants for \$11.95. This will be a great show with a huge parking lot! Door prizes and 50/50 Raffle.

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## NTVT Calendar

**November 4:** NTVT Members will be judging a Charity Car Show benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital at ASM Upholstery, 11511 Reeder Rd., Dallas, 75229.

**November 11:** Driving Event—Audie Murphy Museum and cruise to the Martin's house in Farmersville . Meet at the Museum, 600 I-30 Frontage Rd, Greenville, TX. At 10:30 a.m.

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

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

## NTVT Pride Merchandise

If you would like to purchase magnetic door signs for your Thunderbird (especially good for parades and traveling!), they are \$20 for a pair. See Dave Egan to get yours.

Bonnie and Brad also have small embroidered logo patches for \$3.50 each. These can be sewn/glued on to hats, shirts, etc.

