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From the President

Our April meeting was at the Weatherford Car Museum [the Vintage Grill and Car Museum]. It was a rainy day but we still had 22 people there. We saw some great old cars. The 57 Cadillac Broadmoor Skyview with four rows of seats was probably my favorite. It was one of only two made. It was interesting that they had a Tbird chassis and engine block on display. We had a bit of excitement when Dave Egan introduced his bride-to-be, Shirley Cross. Welcome to the Tbird family, Shirley! We also welcomed Steve Timber, guest of Marian Herbst.

Have you checked out our website lately? Mark Ibbotson is doing a great job and has even more improvements coming soon.

As I said last month, there's a lot going on in May. The Sam Pack, Mabank, and Streetside Classics shows are all on the 6th. There's also our Spring Tour to Jefferson/Marshall May 18-20. Be sure to get your hotel reservations in soon. Information is supplied later in this newsletter.

We won't have a formal meeting in May due to the Jefferson trip so our next meeting will be June 20 for the club picnic at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. Brad and Bonnie have invited the Classic Chassis Car Club too; it should be fun.

Don't forget that Sunday, May 20, is National Thunderbird Day. Be sure to get the bird out and let it be seen.

Jim Young

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April Meeting Minutes

President Jim Young opened the meeting, welcoming Shirley Cross (soon to be the new Mrs. Dave Egan) and Steve Timber, guest of Marian Herbst.

With a motion from Brad Kershaw and a 2nd from Mark Ibbotson, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented in the last newsletter.

The Treasurer reported that the club is solvent.

Jim mentioned upcoming car shows on May 5th, including the Sam Pack Show in Carrollton and the Cedar Creek/Mabank Show. Please see information on both shows elsewhere in the newsletter.

Jim asked for a show of hands from persons planning to make the Spring trip to Jefferson/Marshall. Stepinas, Egans, Kershaws, Zanellas, Herbst, Lowenberg, Boley, and Youngs all indicated they are coming. Jim reminded everyone to make their hotel reservation at the Quality Inn in Marshall if they haven't already done so. Many of the attendees are planning to meet at the motel and cruise into Jefferson for the Friday evening car show there. Saturday is open for various activities and there will be a group dinner Saturday night at a Cajun restaurant.

Jim reminded everyone of the VTCL (our parent organization) International convention July 11-14 in Tulsa, OK. Be sure to get your hotel reserved for that soon, and send in your Thunderbird registration.

Brad and Bonnie have NTVT logo patches for sale. See them if interested.

Jim reminded the group that the next meeting will be a picnic at Randol Mill Park in Arlington on June 16. The Classic Chassis Car club has been invited to join us there.

Doorprizes went to Melinda Stepina and Tiff Robarge; the Youngs won the 50/50% drawing, taking home \$57.00.

The meeting adjourned shortly after noon although many members took advantage of the opportunity to continue looking at the beautiful cars in the museum extension across the street from the restaurant.

Submitted respectfully by Bonnie Kershaw, substituting for Secretary Betty Pickard

June Meeting—It'll Be a Picnic!

Join us at Randol Mill Park, 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012, on Saturday, June 16th for a picnic meeting. There is a covered shelter and plenty of parking. Bring a covered dish to share as this is an old-fashioned "pot luck."

Easy access off of I30 from either east or west. Take the Fielder Road exit and go south to Randol Mill Rd. Go right (west) to the park entrance. After entering the park, take the first left and follow it up to the parking area.

We have invited the Classic Chassis Club to be our guests. Come out and enjoy the cars and the friendship!





April Meeting Pictures





Spring Trip

There may still be time to book your room for the spring trip to Marshall and Jefferson coming up May 18-20! Call the Quality Inn at 903-935-7923. The rate is \$71.25 plus tax for a single king room. Be sure and let Brad or Bonnie know if you are planning to make the trip so we can send you the activity information.

We plan to meet at the East Texas Oil Museum located on the college campus in Kilgore at 1201 S Henderson Blvd, Kilgore, TX 75662 at 1:00 pm. After a guided tour of the museum, which will take about 90 minutes, if we want lunch before the museum, there is a restaurant close by called the Back Porch which could accommodate a group. Lunch at 11:30 should give us plenty of time to get back to the museum for a tour at 1. When we are done, we can caravan to the Quality Inn Motel in Marshall.

After checking in, several of us plan to caravan over to Jefferson for the Cruise-in sponsored by The Franchise Restaurant and Bar at 124 Austin Street in Jefferson. The cruise on this night will benefit the Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department. The cruise starts at 5:00, so it would be a good idea for us to caravan together, leaving the motel about 4:30 p.m. so we can all park together. Don't forget to bring your camp stools or lawn chairs! For dinner, we can eat in the restaurant or bring the food out where the cars are.

For those of you who are not interested in Cruise night, I did see that there is a comedy performance called "The Queen of Bingo" in town that night. You could have dinner at 6 and the show starts at 7, all for \$35, but you will need to make your own reservations. Call 318-560-5662 or 903-923-4812. The dinner theater is located at The Works, 205 N. Walnut St in Jefferson.

Saturday, we are on our own. There will be a flea market and a historic Train show going on in town. Jan Young has put together a packet of information which you will receive via email telling you many more ideas for activities. These range from ghost walks to house tours, wineries, and museums. You will find no shortage of fun things to do; and groups may form spontaneously or you may want to talk over your plans with other members of the group to make your plans. Saturday evening, we will meet at 6:30 pm for Dinner at The Cajun Tex Restaurant, 104 W Grand Ave, Marshall, TX 75672. If you want more nightlife after dinner, you are on your own; or you may want to bring your table games and meet other members for a relaxing evening of games back at the motel.

The motel does offer breakfast, so many of us will see each other again Sunday morning, but there are no plans for formal activities on Sunday. If you want to make your escape from reality last longer, please feel free to have fun all day long!

And since May 20th is National Thunderbird Appreciation Day, we will treat everyone on the highway home to the sight of some beautiful T-birds!



Eules Arbor Days Turnout



Four members of NTVT showed their Tbirds in Eules at the Arbor Days event on April 28th.

Marian Herbst and her boyfriend Steve Tinberg, Joane and Ross Scott, Al and Barb McDonald, and Wayne Kirk all came for at least part of the event

Marian won the People's Choice Award. Congratulations! And thanks to all who represented the club!



NTVT Events Calendar for 2018

- May 5 Cedar Creek Lake or Sam Pack-Dallas Spring Nationals
- May 18-20 Spring Trip to Marshall/Jefferson:
- June 16 Picnic @ Randol Mill park in Arlington; Bonnie Kershaw, host.
- July 6-8 Support the Yellow Rose All Ford Show (usually the first Saturday)
- July 11-14 VTCI International Convention; Tulsa, OK.
- July 21 Streetside Classics For those not planning on Tulsa Bill Stepina will sponsor.
- Aug 15-18 CTCI Convention; Knoxville, TN
- Aug 18 Sam Pack Museum Tour. 2070 Diplomacy building from 11-1pm. Harmon Robinson, host.
- Sept 15 Wheels for Wellness, all day event, downtown Ft. Worth; Tom Ossorio, host.
- Oct 20 Regular NTVT Meeting in Grapevine. 11:30 a.m. Location and details TBA. Bob & Betty Pickard hosting.
- Nov 10 Fall day-cruise Brad & Bonnie hosting. TBA around Burleson (Winery?)
- Dec 2 Annual Christmas Party at 4 p.m. on Sunday at Humperdinks in Arlington.

Legend: Regular Meetings in black ; Other Opportunities—not NTVT events in blue



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T-Bird Appreciation Day, 5/20/18



Owners of Ford's Thunderbird from around the world will be sharing their iconic cars with the public on **"Thunderbird Appreciation Day" Sunday, May 20th, 2018.**

The three large Thunderbird clubs: International Thunderbird Club (ITC), Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) and Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI) are encouraging their members to take their Thunderbirds out, individually or in groups, to places for the general public to see, to learn more about and to just plain enjoy.

With over 4 million Thunderbirds produced by Ford Motor Company from 1955 to 2005, it is still not common to see a Thunderbird on the road today, even later models. This is the reason that the three Thunderbird clubs have agreed on Sunday, May 20th as a day to share their Thunderbirds with the world.

For a vehicle that has been out of production for over a decade, their presence is still felt worldwide. Thunderbird owners can be found all over North and South America as well as Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East and Europe.

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