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From the President

Greetings! I hope you've had a good summer. It's hard to believe it's already September. I'm sure we are all looking forward to cooler weather.

We had a big crowd of 37 at the August meeting at Sam Pack's Auto Museum in Farmer's Branch. What a great place and so many fantastic cars! A big thank you goes to Harmon Robinson who hosted. Great Job!

Wheels for Wellness is coming up on September 22. This year the registration is done on line. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible and let Tom Ossorio know you're coming. We'll have a whole block of Tbirds to show off our club. If you can't bring your car, come to the show anyway. It's a great event and it's free to the public.

Jim Young

Wheels for Wellness— September 22



NTVT will attend the Wheels for Wellness show in downtown Ft Worth again this year in place of our regular monthly meeting for September. ***This year, the event actually takes place on 9/22, the 4th Saturday. So remember, we will not be meeting on September 15th!***

At this time, we have 21 signed up to participate! Whether you enter a car or not, we hope you will join us for part of the day.

We will gather for a short club meeting about 1:30 p.m. under the canopy which we plan to set up on the street. Awards generally begin shortly after 2 p.m. and many of us will wander down towards the main stage for that.

Of course, since eating is what we do best in our club, we will be having lunch at some point. Technically, we are on our own for lunch, but in the past few years a large group of us have gone to Jakes about 11:30.

Plan to join us! Watch your email for more info on times and specific instructions for participants.

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The Dog Days of August—AKA August Meeting Minutes

Just like old dogs who seek out shade or the comfort of the air-conditioned house in the long hot days of late summer, 37 of our members sought out the cool comfort of the air-conditioned Sam Pack Museum in Farmer's Branch on Saturday, August 18th.

But the air conditioning wasn't all that drew us there—it was the incredible collection of cars and machinery! Well, that and the comraderies we share with others who appreciate the cars. We can't forget the great box lunches from Chick Fil-A that Harmon delivered for us.

President Jim Young opened the meeting by thanking the Sam Pack Museum for allowing us to view the collection and Harmon Robinson for making the arrangements. He welcomed new members and guests: Larry and Lisa Gunnell, Neil and Karen Schwartz, Nancy (whose last name I didn't get—my apologies!), George Roberts, and Eric Muehlberg.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented in the last newsletter.

The treasurer's report indicates that the club is financially stable.

Jim reminded the membership that the Wheels for Wellness event will be on Saturday 9/22/18 and will replace our regular meeting for September. He encouraged online registration if we haven't already done so (deadline of August 31) and to be sure to indicate NTVT as the club affiliation so we can all be together. Brad will bring the popup tent and the club banner.

As an item of New business, Jim Lowenberg said the Rocky Mt. Chapter of VTCl (our parent club) had invited our club to attend their Fall Bird Bath, a trip to Albuquerque, NM September 14-17. There will be the chance to go on a Train Ride to Santa Fe as part of the festivities. Lodging will be at the Best Western near the airport; as of 8/19/18, there were only 3 rooms left at the discounted rate of \$79.99. Call Jim if interested in attending and perhaps caravanning over to NM.

The October meeting will be at the Spring Creek in Irving (note the change in location from Granbury) on 10/20/18. Then on Nov 10, Brad and Bonnie will host the Fall outing, a day cruise possibly starting in Burleson. More details coming.

Betsy M. agreed to host the Christmas party at Humberdinks (on Sunday, Dec. 2). Betsy may have agreed to this under duress. :)

There were several door prize winners: Dave Egan took home some cleaning towels; Bill Strother got a gift bag; Betsy Haber and Jim Lowenberg took home Chick-Fil-A carry-all bags; and Bonnie won the \$150+ that was in the 50/50 pot!

The meeting was adjourned so members could explore the cars until 1 p.m.



August Meeting Pictures



The museum offered an awesome display of vehicles, including many fine Thunderbirds of varying years and body styles.



Eating in the 50's style diner themed area was fun. Great artwork on the walls, Good company at the tables. What more could there be?



More August Pics From the Parking Lot



Retros dominated the parking lot, but we were happy to see Dom Zanella's Turbo Coupe representing our classics! Thanks for bringing her out, Dom!



Old Cars and New Antifreeze May Not Mix!

An article in the Old Car Weekly magazine brought to my attention a potential problem with our older Thunderbirds. There is danger in using "extended life" antifreeze in cars more than a decade old. The new antifreezes use Organic Additive Technology (coded OAT, H-OAT, or N-OAT). The product tends to attack gaskets and gasket cements, causing major leaks and forcing major repairs. The warning identifies Zerex's G-05 (Gold) and "all Prestone lines" as potentially causing problems.

Safe types include "Peak" Peak's HD product 'Sierra', and Zerex Original Green" which comes in a white container. The article states that we should not panic but put a drain, flush, and refill with the IAT type of antifreeze on your list of things to do.

Now, if you are like me, you are trying to remember what type I used. I will be checking the half-used containers in the shop.



The original credit for this tip was from the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club. You can read the entire article in the August 30, 2018, issue of Old Car Weekly. Or Google the key words to find more information.



NTVT Members Attend CTCI Convention



Many of our members are also active in other Thunderbird clubs, and it is always good to get reports from the activities they attend. Recently Marian Herbst and her friend Steve sent us some pics from Knoxville where CTCI held its convention this year.

We also heard that Al and Barb MacDonald attended and brought home a Gold Award for their gorgeous Fiesta Red '56. Our friends, Brian and Marilyn Carron of the South TX VTCI chapter also attended and won a Gold Award in the same division for their Corinthian White 1956. Congratulations to all the winners!

And thanks, Marian and Marilyn for the pictures and the information!





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NTVT Events Calendar for 2018

- Sept 22 Wheels for Wellness, all day event, downtown Ft. Worth; Tom Ossorio, host. (Note: date change)
- Oct 20 Spring Creek Bar B Que, 3514 W Airport Fwy, Irving, TX 75062 11:30 a.m.
- 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

Upcoming Swap Meets

As fall approaches, there are several swap meets coming up in the area. September 14-16, the Southwest Swap Meet will be at Texas Motor Speedway (this is a new location for this one.). Sept 20-21 will be the DFW Swap Meet at Traders Village in Grand Prairie. October 18-20 will be the DFW Swap Meet at Lone Star Park. If you need parts, or want to sell some, mark these dates on your calendar!

ENGINE REPAIR PRICE LIST	
PING-PING-PING	\$ 35.00
PLUNK-PING-PLUNK	\$ 55.00
CLUNK-PING-CLUNK	\$125.00
THUD-KLUNK-THUD	\$200.00
CLANG-THUD-KLANK	\$325.00