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From the President

Christmas is just around the corner! I hope by now you have all of your shopping done and your gifts wrapped. I thought we were finished but we went out this morning and bought three more gifts. We've got to stay out of the stores!

Jan and I spent a very enjoyable evening with many of you at the annual Christmas Party at Humberdinck's in Arlington. We had a great dinner and collected a lot of toys for the Marine's Toys for Tots campaign. Thanks, Everyone.

The year of 2018 is all but finished and we're looking forward to starting 2019 with a bang at the next meeting at Tachito's on January 19. We'll be announcing the 2019 calendar and looking for people to host each meeting (simple job).

My wish for you is a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope the price of gasoline will keep dropping!

Jim Young

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Pay Your Dues, Please!

The new year brings new dues!



January is the due date for our 2019 Annual club dues.

Please mail a check for \$30 to our Treasurer, Tom Osorio. Or you can pay in person at the January meeting.

If you want to renew your VTCI annual membership (\$35.00 for that one), you can pay Tom; he will send in the renewal for you. Or you can handle it yourself on their website: at: <http://ww4.aitSAFE.com/cf/add.cfm?useid=69265197&product=Membership+Renewal&price=35.00&return=www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net>

Looking for a Bargain?

Our nephew in Colorado saw a listing on Craig's List that he figured his Uncle Brad just could not pass up.

And it would be fun to drive this to conventions. One would have to enter it into the modified category, though. Just think of the hotel costs you could avoid! Only \$9500 and it's yours.



<https://denver.craigslist.org/cto/676095998>



Christmas Party Fun!

Our annual Christmas party was so much fun! We really enjoyed seeing so many of you there. [Editor's Note: I'm just sorry I didn't get the chance to get around to visit with each of you personally.]

We really appreciate the efforts of all those who made the party happen! Thanks to all of you—you know who you are! And I think Humperdinks did a great job in accommodating our group.

I especially thank Jim Lowenberg for taking a couple of pictures. I was so caught up in being bossy that I forgot to take pictures!

We hope you enjoyed the party as much as we did, and we hope you went home with a door prize that will remind you of how much fun NTVT is!

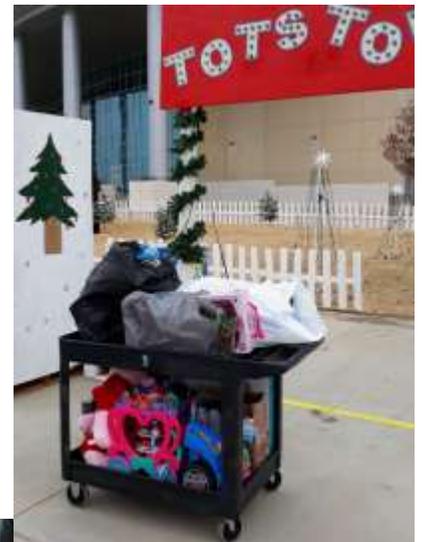




Toys For Tots

We collected an impressive array of toys to be donated to the US Marine Corps Toys For Tots Drive. Thank you to all of you who brought toys to the party.

The Kershaws loaded all the toys up into the trunk and back seat of the 1960 Tbird! Personally, I think that was even classier than Santa's sleigh—horsepower not reindeer-power! We delivered them to the Mansfield ISD Performing Arts Collection point for the drive.



Got Pictures??

We are extremely grateful that Mark Ibbotson has stepped up to take care of our website. He always does a great job of posting our newsletters there and keeping the website up to date on events and such.

If you haven't visited our website lately, take a minute to check it out at www.ntvtbird.org. Our website has been a great vehicle for getting information out to the world about our club.

One area that Mark has been wanting to improve on is the photograph gallery as many of the pics there are several years old. If you have recent pics you would like him to post, just send them in. You can send them to the newsletter editor (by replying to the email that brought you this newsletter) or by looking up Mark's email address in the pictorial directory; you should be receiving an updated copy of that soon!



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The Thunderbird Registry

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

January Meeting & Upcoming Elections in March

Mark your 2019 calendar now for the first NTVT meeting of the year at Tachitos Mexican Restaurant at 3210 W Illinois Ave, Dallas, TX 75211 at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 19th. David Silva has already made the arrangements and we are anxious to see as many of you as we can!

Eating delicious Mexican food with good friends is a great way to start off the year. You won't want to miss it.

Your board of officers has already begun compiling the calendar for 2019 and will present the slate of activities at this meeting. We will be looking for persons who are willing to host some of the meetings throughout the year, so be thinking about what month you would like to take on. Hosting usually means contacting a restaurant to make arrangements for the group to have a room so it isn't a hard job.

Also, be thinking ahead to the election coming up in March. We will need a 2nd VP to fill the spot vacated by Dave Egan when he moves into the 1st VP position. Our rotation of officers helps provide consistency in our leadership while allowing more members to serve in leadership roles. We also need a secretary to take minutes at most meetings. If you are interested in either position, contact any officer or Brad Kershaw, past president and nominations chairman.

NTVT Events Calendar

Jan 19, 2019 Tachitos Mexican Restaurant,

3210 W Illinois Ave, Dallas—11 a.m.