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From the President

We had a great planning meeting and I would like to thank all who attended and helped to fill out the years meeting schedule. Several people stepped up to host open meeting dates and we ended with a complete schedule. THANKS AGAIN!

The food, service, and hospitality were outstanding at Tachito's. Thanks to David and Tina Silva for arranging the venue and providing the cake to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the North Texas Vintage Thunderbirds. Bill Strickland, our longest attending member was there, fresh off a ski trip, to help us celebrate.

I would also like to thank the NTVT board for taking their time to set up the framework for this next year's schedule and provide the leadership so important to the success of any group. The NTVT board includes the president (Brad Kershaw), 1st VP (Jim Young), 2ndVP (Dom Zanella), Treasurer (Tom Ossorio), Past President (John Garfield), and Newsletter Editor (Bonnie Kershaw). I also appreciate the support and input of Jan Young and Ginny Garfield.

A dozen people voiced their intentions to support the spring trip to Jefferson/Marshall in East Texas this May. I will make arrangements with the hotel in Marshall and include the link in the newsletter. Between now and April please email me with suggestions on places to visit or activities in and around Jefferson. Several people have already sent me information and we will compile a "list of things to do" and distribute this to the people making the trip.

Last year the club supported two students from the Mansfield ISD automotive technology program with \$500 scholarships to advanced institutions. I know this was much appreciated by the students. This year the club supported using the money from the sale of Dan Sublette's auto parts and an additional \$500 to again help two students. Our support of automotive education is a good investment in the future.

I hope all of you will review the 2018 schedule and place as many meetings/events on your calendars as possible. I love seeing and talking to everyone, and after March I will not have presidential duties and can just hang out with Y'all.

Brad

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January Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2018

Treasurer Report: Tom Ossorio, Treasurer, reported that the club funds are solid.

Brad Kershaw expressed a desire to contribute \$500 scholarship to Mansfield Automotive School (\$450 of the funds provided by former sale of parts). Motion made by Marian Herbst, seconded by Bill Stepina. Approved.

Brad further requested a \$500 donation to a second student of the school to defray expenses. Motion made by Walter Martin, seconded by Dominic Zanella. Approved.

Brad further noted that a coordinator is needed for each event to set up locations and meals for those events that do not have a formal setting.

Brad went on to review the proposed schedule of activities for the coming year. Following comments, the presented schedule was agreed on with specific information to be developed as required.

Brad noted that pictures are to be taken of new members and their cars as soon as possible for publication and distribution.

Brad noted that election of the 2nd Vice President is imminent for the March meeting.

Door prizes were awarded and the raffle was won by Ben King.

VTCI Convention Time!

Our parent organization, the Vintage Thunderbird Club International, will be hosting an International Convention in Tulsa, OK, from July 11th through the 15th. Normally a local club hosts such an event, but due to extenuating circumstances, the VTCI Board of Directors will be the hosting group this year. This also happened a few years ago when the Board hosted an international convention in Coshocton, OH, and that proved to be a very successful and wonderful event.

We know this year's efforts will have similar results!

Mark your calendars now, and reserve your room at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills in Tulsa, OK, in southern Tulsa off of Interstate 44. The hotel phone number is 918-493-7000. Tell them you are a VTCI attendee and you can reserve your room with a king-sized bed or a 2 double beds at the great rate of \$94 per night. The 11-story hotel sounds very nice with an on-site full-service restaurant, lots of amenities, and several restaurants nearby.

There will be more information on activities and schedules coming from the Board soon. Watch your email! And if you are interested in assisting with the preparation for this event, the Board would welcome your help. By the way, this is the latest information from Rod Wake, president of VTCI. If you have read other dates in the Scoop, that information no longer applies. These are the new, correct dates!

For the intrepid travelers in the club, there are some other Thunderbird events coming up this summer as well. Check out the VTCI Northwest Regional May 25 – 29, 2018, a three-day Show and Shine hosted by the Okanagan Classic Thunderbird Club in the beautiful Okanagan Valley of British Columbia. Then in June, you can attend the VTCI North Central Regional June 7th-10th, in Minnesota. Find out the details on both regional VTCI Conventions at <http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/events.htm>.





January Pictures



26 of us met at **Tachito's** for great food and fun times with friends.



Happy 40th Birthday to NTVT!

Spring Trip—May 18-20

The NTVT spring trip will be to Jefferson/Marshall in east Texas this year so put May 18th – 20th on your calendar now. The current plan is to have two caravans, from either the south metroplex or north metroplex; then we will meet at the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore, Texas. After lunch and the museum, we will continue from there to the **Quality Inn** motel in Marshall. The calendar for Jefferson shows a local cruise-in on that Friday night. We thought it would be fun to take all the Tbirds for the cruise-in. Marshall is only 22 minutes from Jefferson. We will be gathering information on activities and places to visit in the area so members can pick what most interests them. We should have more information in the next newsletters. This should be as much fun as last year's trip to Kerrville/Fredericksburg.

Book your room now to insure that we get the special rate of \$71.25 + tax for a single king. This rate is good if we reserve over five rooms and the Kershaws have booked their room so only four to go. The month of May can be a busy time for graduations, so we want to reserve our rooms early.

Quality Inn Marshall (Chantelle was very helpful)
Address: 4911 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672
Phone: (903) 935-7923



NTVT Events Calendar for 2018

- Feb 17 Fuddruckers 2001 TX-121, Grapevine, TX 76051 11:30 a.m.
- Mar 17 Elections @ at Fat Daddy's (781 W Debbie Ln, Mansfield, TX 76063): Presentation by Mansfield H.S. Automotive Technology Department.
- Apr 21 Weatherford museum/café: Chandor Gardens or Clarke Gardens for those interested (will research costs and special events). Host needed!
- May 5 [Support the Sam Pack or Cedar Creek Lake car shows; watch for info soon.](#)
- May 19 Spring Trip to Marshall/Jefferson: Brad will arrange hotel in Marshall; All are encouraged to research optional activities in/around Marshall and 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. The group consensus that visiting was more important than entertainment.

Legend: Regular Meetings in black font; [Other Opportunities](#)—not NTVT events in blue



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Fall: Thunderbirds and Trains!

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of VTCI has invited us to join them for their annual fall trip, called The Bird Bath, from September 14th through the 17th. They are traveling to Albuquerque, NM.

Attendees will be staying at the Best Western Inn & Suites Albuquerque Airport 2400 Yale Boulevard SE • Albuquerque, NM 87106. **Reserve your room at 1-505-242-7022.** The rate is \$79.99 + tax for 1 King or 2 Queens- \$79.99; they need a final count by 8/10/2018)

The hotel offers a Full Hot Breakfast Buffet (6-10am) and a relaxing Free Evening Social Hour (5-6:30pm). Within walking distance are several restaurants including an Applebee's, a Fuddruckers, an International House of Pancakes & a Village Inn. The day may end with games in the lobby of the hotel.

On Saturday, 9/15, those wish will depart Hotel by shuttle to New Mexico Rail Runner Express to Santa Fe (about 1 hour train ride) spend the day touring (\$11) (Free shuttle from Hotel to Albuquerque Station) OR stay in Albuquerque & go to the Unser Racing Museum (\$10)

On Sunday, 9/16, the group will drive to the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History (\$12) morning and then have lunch at the Route 66 Diner with an afternoon tour of Downtown Albuquerque

Attendees will depart for home on Monday, 9/17.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, call the president of the Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club, James Merritt. Ask Brad or Bonnie for his phone number. If several of us decide to attend, we will organize a caravan for the 9-hour drive to Albuquerque.

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www.ntvtbird.org

Or check us out on Facebook:

[NTVT Thunderbirds](https://www.facebook.com/NTVTThunderbirds)

VTCI, our Parent Club
@ www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

The Thunderbird Registry
<http://www.tbirdregistry.com/>

NTVT 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.

Freebie!

FREE: Lenovo G550 notebook, needs new mother board. Acer One 10, laptop, problem unknown, will not turn on. Contact John Garfield, j-g.garfield@att.net if interested.