



# T Bird News

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Local Chapter of VTCI

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## From the President

My sincere thanks to Brad Kershaw for this leadership in 2017 and to Bonnie for helping Brad have very enjoyable year as President.

And we have a Secretary. Thank you Betty Pickard for accepting the challenge.

A number of us were at the "1<sup>st</sup> Annual Living for the Brand Cowboy Church Car Show in Athens, Texas. The show was a great success, with 90 entries. Everything was free including the entry fee, food, and drinks. Fantastic trophies for all classes. John Congleton was the Head Judge with four club members assisting him. NTVT had seven cars there; three were judged and four were for display. George Boley won second place in the "Ford" division.

Our April meeting will be at the Weatherford Museum and Cafe on April 21. Just a note...**We will start at 11:00am** because another group has the room booked at 1:00pm. Bonnie will be sending out information about activities in and around Weatherford when she sends the meeting notice in a couple of weeks.

There's a lot going on in May." The Sam Pack, Mabank, and Streetside Classics shows are all on the 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

June 20 is our club picnic at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. This is just the start of what I see as a great summer car driving/showing season.

By the way, 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

The April 21st meeting of the No TX Vintage Thunderbirds will be held at the Vintage Grill in Weatherford, at 202 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford, TX 76086. Please note the time will be 11:00 a.m., a little earlier than normal because another group will be using the room right after we do. The restaurant is providing a shortened menu to accommodate our group efficiently. It will include several sandwich or salad choices ranging from about \$8-12. After our lunch and meeting, we are free to enjoy the museum at the back of the restaurant. Since our last visit to the Vintage Grill and Museum, the owners have expanded and we can now explore the much larger collection of automobiles directly across the street from the restaurant! Many of us plan to visit there after we leave the restaurant. Admission is free.

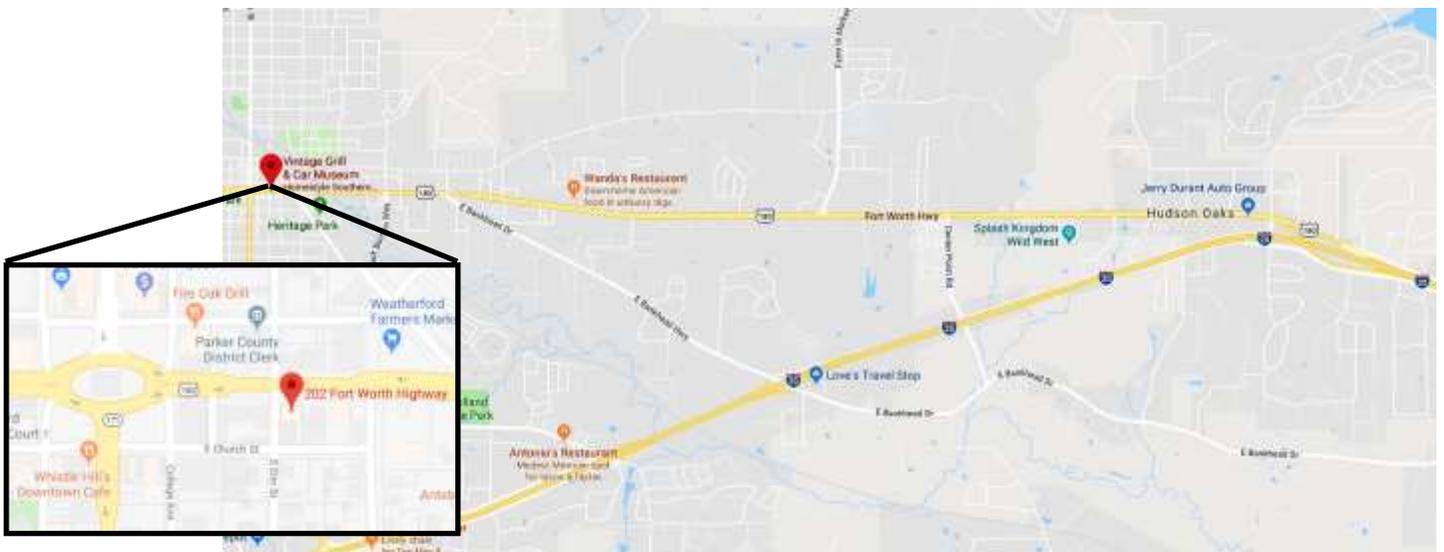


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If the weather is nice some of you may want to make a day of it and travel about 12 miles farther west to enjoy Clark Gardens that same day. Admission there is \$9; seniors (65+) are \$7. For those of you who have never been there, Clark Gardens is a huge botanical garden with acres and acres of blooms—azaleas, tulips, wildflowers, roses, and many more beautiful flowering plants. There is a lot of walking, but there are many places to sit and rest a bit along the way. Those of you who enjoy photographing flowers will find many opportunities. Brad and I are planning to visit there after the museums.

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The easiest way in to Weatherford is on Highway 180. Exit 414 coming from the east on I20 westbound. The restaurant will be on your left just a block or so before the courthouse square.





## March Minutes

Brad opened the meeting by introducing new members Ross and Joanie Scott.

Old Business: John Congleton will be hosting a car show in Athens on March 24th and noted that judges are needed (I think he has enough). Check Newsletter for an update on shows coming up.

Brad noted that this is his last meeting before the new Officers take over for the next year and expressed a big THANK YOU. He noted that the new slate includes Jim Young, 1st VP who will be the President for the next year, Dominic Zanella becomes 1st VP and Dave Egan has elected to be 2nd VP. New member Betty Pickard volunteered to become Secretary, filling a long time vacant post.

All candidates were elected unanimously.

Jim Young expressed a great gratitude to Bonnie Kershaw for continuing to provide a timely and informative newsletter.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Tom Ossorio noted that the treasury is in good shape.

Speaker: The speaker was unavailable due to Spring Break but will attend at a latter meeting. Brad noted that the club donated two scholarships totaling \$500 each to the Mansfield automotive program.

Upcoming Events: after noting next month meeting, it was noted that the traditional spring tour this year is to Jefferson, Texas on May 18 - 20th. There will be two groups leaving DFW, one from the south and one from the north and meeting in Kilgore to tour the university museum. About 16 people noted their intent to attend.

Door Prizes: 50/50 won by Ben king.

Adjournment: 12:30 PM.



## March Meeting Pictures



March is election month so the passing of the “torch” happened at this meeting. Above, outgoing president Brad Kershaw began the meeting and then passed the microphone to incoming president Jim Young. Thanks to Brad for his service and welcome to Jim as he assumes his new duties.



Above: The weather cooperated and several birds showed up; there were more that don't show in the picture.



Over 30 NTVT members and guests filled the room at Fat Daddy's for a great meeting and lunch.



## Spring Trip!

Are you ready to hit the road? Our club trips are always so much fun. You won't want to miss this one. East Texas is beautiful in May and there are lots of fun things to do in the area, including a balloon festival in Canton that weekend.

Book your room now to insure that we get the special rate of \$71.25 + tax for a single king. 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

Watch your email for a listing of activities that will be available that weekend and details on the two groups that will be traveling together.

## JEFFERSON/MARSHALL TOUR MAY 18-20, 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Tentative)

### Friday

North and South Cruise groups will meet in Kilgore to tour the East Texas Oil and Gas Museum.

Hotel: Quality Inn in Marshall,  
4911 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672  
Phone: (903) 935-7923

Cruise-in in Jefferson

Dinner on your own

### Saturday

Breakfast at Hotel

Activities and Lunch on your own

6:30pm Dinner at Cajun Tex Restaurant,  
104 W Grand Ave, Marshall, TX 75672  
Phone: (903) 935-7719

(Note: bring your dominoes or other games for some after-dinner fun in the breakfast room)

### Sunday

Breakfast at Hotel

Check out and cruise home



## NTVT Events Calendar for 2018

- Apr 21 11 a.m. Vintage Grill Lunch and meeting followed by Automotive Museums and Clark Gardens for those interested
- May 5 Support the Sam Pack or Cedar Creek Lake car shows; watch for info soon.
- May 19 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.

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



## Upcoming Car Shows

11th Annual All Ford Picnic 2018  
Show & Swap

Sandy Lake Amusement Park, Carrollton  
Saturday May 26th

\$18 per vehicle, \$2 for park entry  
(\$15 if pre-registered by May 12)

AllFordPicnicDFW.com



**Location:** The Heights Baptist Church – 201 West Renner Rd. Richardson, Texas (South West corner of Renner Rd. and 75)



Cedar Creek Lake Car Show and  
Crawfish Boil,  
May 5, 2018  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Mabank Pavillion  
Call Dorene at 903 887 3152 to  
register. Let NTVT member John  
Congleton know you are com-

	May 5, 2018 Details
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## VTCI International Convention—**Livin’ on Tulsa Time!**

Mark your calendars now, and reserve your room at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills in Tulsa, OK, on the south side of the city just 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. VTCI conventions are always fun and a great way to meet other T-bird enthusiasts!

Other events coming up include 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 all VTCI Conventions at <http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/events.htm>.



## T-Bird Appreciation Day



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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@ [www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)

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

## A Special T-Bird Birthday Ride

Recently a lady contacted our club through the website in hopes of finding a Tbird owner who would take her husband on a ride for his 80th birthday. We put out the call, and NTVT member Scott Sims stepped up to provide this birthday treat.

Thanks, Scott, for giving someone the pleasure of a ride in a Thunderbird. It's great that you could give a priceless gift to a complete stranger—happiness and good memories!

This was actually the second time this particular lady contacted our club. On her husband's 75th birthday, Harmon Robinson took him for a ride. It's really neat that the members of our club are willing to do this kind of thing. It makes me proud to be a part of our club.



## Welcome, Joanie & Ross Scott



We extend a warm NTVT welcome to new members, Joanie and Ross Scott! They live in Grapevine and heard about our club through Marian Herbst, our "unofficial" High Ambassador for NTVT!

We look forward to getting to know you better and we look forward to seeing your beautiful "Early Bird" soon. We know you will enjoy our club!