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From the President

The club had a great time on our Spring Tour to Jefferson/ Marshall May 18-20. Twenty-four of us spent the weekend cruising, shopping, swimming and eating. We walked the streets of historic Jefferson and most of us had a great lunch at Kitt's Cornbread Corner where sandwiches are served on cornbread. Great idea and delicious!

On Sunday, Jan and I drove to Longview to visit our long-time friends. Monday morning we had a dead car. Not the battery. AAA sent a tow truck and we headed for the Ford dealer. The problem was the starter relay. Four hours later the car was fixed and we were on our way home. Total cost - \$117. A bargain and great service!

Our next meeting will be June 20 for the club picnic at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. Brad and Bonnie will host and have invited the Classic Chassis Car Club so it should be fun. It's a pot luck occasion so be sure to tell Bonnie what you're bringing. Unfortunately, Jan and I will be out of town so I think Dom will be chairing the meeting.

Don't forget the Yellow Rose All Ford Car Show July 6-8.

Happy Summer!!!

Jim Young

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Needed: One Secretary

We are once again looking for someone who would be willing to take minutes at our meetings and send them to the newsletter editor for inclusion in our newsletter. This is a job that really won't take much of your time or effort. If you are interested, please let one of the officers know. Even if you can't be at every meeting, you can still do this job! Just make sure you call someone to substitute for you if you can't make it to a meeting. This position would last from now until elections next March.

June 9 Memory Care Show

Don't forget the Car Show and Lunch at the Grand Brook Memory Care Center, 5600 N. Shiloh, Garland, TX 75044, on Saturday, June 9 from 11-1.

Please let Tom Ossorio know if you plan to attend so he can get an accurate count for lunch, which is provided.

This is a great opportunity to give back to some folks who love to see the old cars. They love visiting with the owners, too!

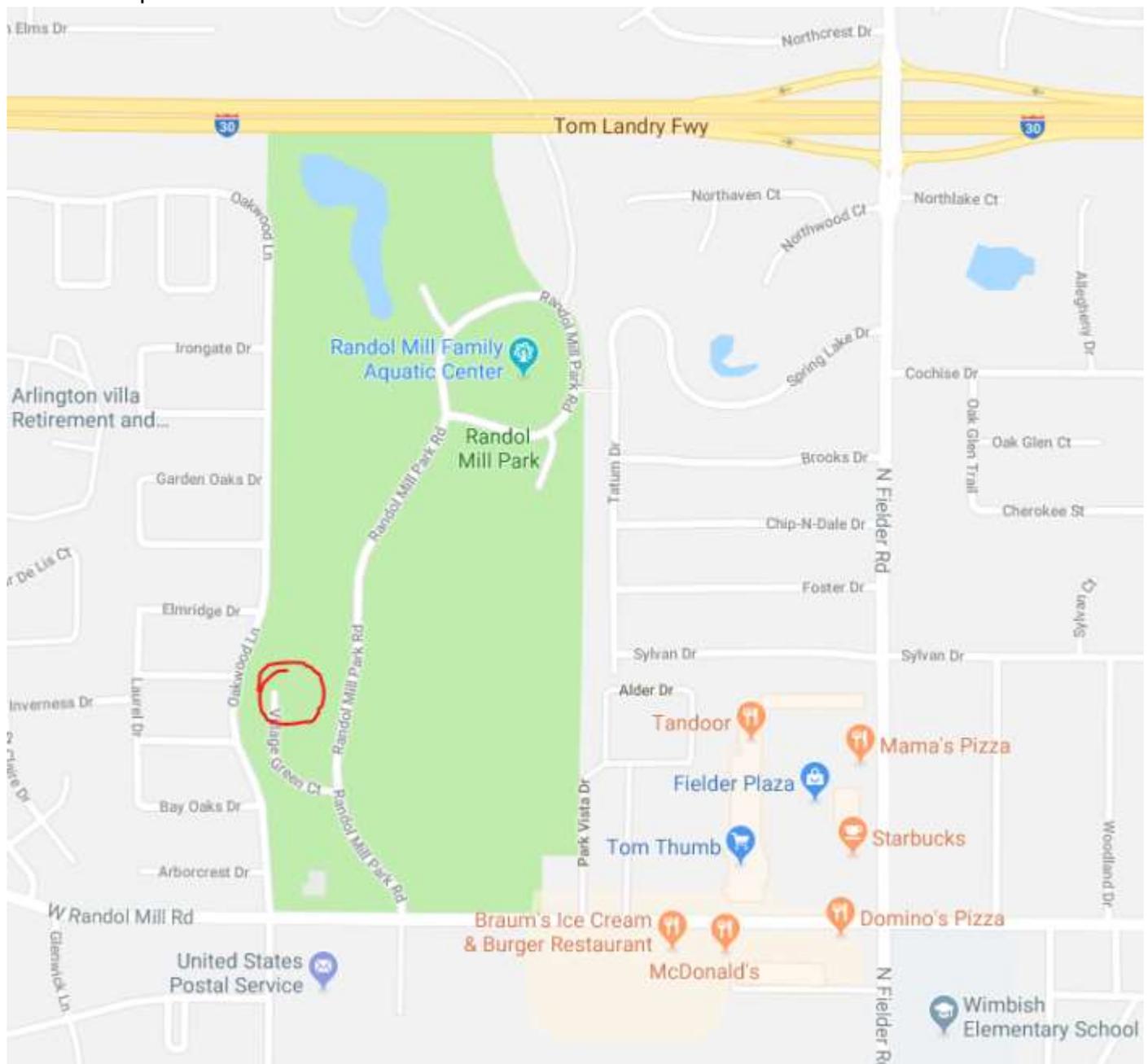


June Meeting—Picnic in the Park

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!





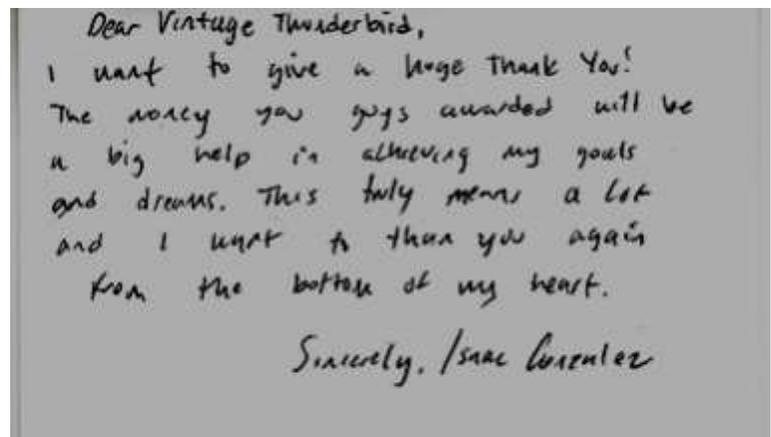
NTVT Sponsors Scholarships

On May 16th I attended the Mansfield ISD Scholarship breakfast as a representative of NTVT. This breakfast is where the district honors all the students who have received scholarships from various community sources. The sponsors and the students are seated together so we have a chance to meet and hear about their goals.

I had the chance to talk with Isaac Gonzalez who will use the money from NTVT to attend Tarrant County College in the fall. He will be studying automotive technology. I invited Isaac to the June picnic in Arlington. If he is able to attend, you will get a chance to meet him. The other student, David Rodrigues, was not able to attend but I hope to get more information on him from MISD.

The money we have set aside to help young people further their educational goals is money well spent. We can be glad that young people still love cars and all things automotive.

Additionally, we received a very nice thank-you note from Isaac. You can see the note below:



Tulsa Time is Coming!

There is still time to register for the VTCI 50th Anniversary International Convention to be held in Tulsa, OK, July 11-14, 2018!

The room rate at the Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel will be \$94 per night plus state and local taxes. Go [online](#) to book your room now; deadline for reserving is June 20.

Then go online to the VTCI [website](#) to get the registration form (or print the one attached to the email delivering this newsletter). Fill it out, and mail it in!

There will be lots of opportunities for fun including tours (one to the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa, OK, one to the Philbrook Museum of Art, housed in a gorgeous 72-room mansion, and one to the Darryl Starbird National Rod and Custom Hall of Fame Museum in Afton OK).

Of course, you can enter your Thunderbird for judging, or simply put it into display. Regardless, there will be many beautiful cars there to see, and lots of Thunderbird owners with whom to share fellowship! It is a fact that Tbird owners have more fun than any others!

So get your registration in soon. This will be such a fun event, and we need to let the rest of the VTCI see how North Texas supports our parent organization.



NTVT Spring Trip—On the Road Again!



10 Thunderbirds and 24 people made the trip to East Texas, and we had plenty of opportunities to do what NTVT does best: drive, eat, and have fun. Our first lunch was at the Back Porch in Kilgore where we had a big room all to ourselves.



Then, after a few detours through the giant metropolis of Kilgore, most of us spent an entertaining hour or two at the East Texas Oil Museum. It was an amazing museum filled with life-like dioramas and displays which really took us back in time. Most of us learned a thing or two!



After checking in to the hotel in Marshall, we caravanned to Jefferson where several of our Thunderbirds drew some attention at the cruise night there. We enjoyed looking at the other cars and meeting other classic car enthusiasts and owners. Then we had dinner at the Franchise, below, where we again had a room pretty much to ourselves.



On Saturday, some of us went shopping and some of us took in the sights. Below left, Dom sent this picture from their train ride, where they got to watch the feeding of an alligator. Below right, Brad looks at a model railroad display. We finished off the evening with a great Cajun meal at Cajun Tex in Marshall, but I forgot to take a picture there !

Sunday, T-Bird Appreciation Day, we all appreciated our Birds as we each made our way home on our own.





Cedar Creek Lake Show



NTVT put in a good showing at the Cedar Creek Car Show and Crawfish Boil on May 5, 2017. Eight members entered Thunderbirds (and one stray Mustang).

Thanks for all your support: John Dulin, John & CeCe Congleton, Jim and Jan Young, Dave Egan and Shirley, Dom and Michael Zanella, Brad and Bonnie Kershaw, Bill Stepina, and Gary Sestito.





Cedar Creek Lake Show, cont.



At the awards portion of the show, Dom Zanella came away with a door prize, and I heard that Gary Sestito would have won some money if he had stayed for the awards!

Special Congrats to John Dulin, who won Class Winner for his beautiful Retro, shown below.



Yellow Rose Classic Car Show

For many years members of NTVT have displayed cars at the Yellow Rose Classic Car Show held for the last few years at the Arlington Convention Center.

I'm not sure how many members will be displaying their cars this year, but it's always a fun day. So even if you aren't going to enter your car, try to plan your schedule so you can come out to see the great cars and support whatever members do enter.

In the past we have changed our regular 3rd Saturday meeting in order to visit the show as a club and have lunch at a nearby restaurant. This year, we will not be organizing a group to visit this event, but we encourage you to come on out on your own. You can find a discount coupon at this [link on the NTMC website](#).

We **will** have a regular July meeting on the third Saturday, July 21st, at Streetside Classics. Watch your email and the next newsletter for times and details on that meeting.

The 29th Annual
Yellow Rose
Classic
Car Show
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Saturday 10-9, Sunday 10-6

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NTVT Events Calendar for 2018

- June 9 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grand Brook Memory Care Lunch and Car Show. **5600 N. Shiloh, Garland, TX 75044.** *Let Tom Ossorio know if you plan to attend.*
- June 16 Picnic @ Randol Mill park in Arlington; Bonnie Kershaw, host.
- July 6-8 Support the Yellow Rose All Ford Show, Arlington Convention Center
- July 11-14 VTCl International Convention; Tulsa, OK.
- July 21 Streetside Classics. Bill Stepina will sponsor.
- Aug 15-18 CTCl Convention; Knoxville, TN
- Aug 18 Sam Pack Museum Tour. 2070 Diplomacy building from 11-1pm. Harmon Robinson, host.
- Sept 22 Wheels for Wellness, all day event, downtown Ft. Worth; Tom Ossorio, host. (Note: date change)
- 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.

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not NTVT events in blue