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From the Editor

Since our president was enjoying the glory of the Hawaiian Islands for the better part of February, he didn't feel he had much to write other than "Aloha from the Islands!" so there is no message from Jim this month.

But we have it on good authority that they have arrived home safely, rested and ready to tackle March! Welcome home, Jim and Janet!

Even though the club missed seeing their smiling faces at the February meeting, a good crowd visited Triple F Automotive and enjoyed the tour and the lunch that Triple F provided. Look at page 3 for Brad Kershaw's summary of that event. And thank you to Mark Ibottson and Delpheine Martin for sending us pictures to include.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the March meeting at Fuddruckers and the Spring Trip to Abilene. Look below and at pages 2 and 3 for more details on both of those upcoming events.

Please forgive the tardiness of this newsletter. That darned short month snuck up on me!

Bonnie

March Onward!

Join us on Saturday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. at Fuddruckers, 2001 TX-121, Grapevine, TX 76051. We will formally elect our officers for 2019-2020 at that meeting. We are happy to announce that Walter Martin has agreed to serve as 2nd VP, and rounding out our ballot will be Brad Kershaw who has agreed to be our secretary since he has a close relationship with our newsletter editor. [It will make it easy for the editor to nag the secretary!]

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February Meeting Summary by Brad Kershaw

Thirty-two members and guests met at 10:30 am on February 16th at Triple 'F' Automotive for a tour and lunch. While we assembled we had a chance to view all the magnificent cars in their showroom. Doug Berry started with a tour of the assembly/disassembly area. Here we saw everything from cars just entering the shop to many that were in the final stages of assembly. The early bird enthusiasts were quick to spot several little birds in many different stages of restoration or in the process of a resto-mod. The fabrication area included many metal working tools I wish I had in my shop. I lost count of the full body rotisseries and paint booths. There is indeed a very impressive shop with nearly unlimited capabilities. The newsletter will have a selection of pictures to give you an idea of what they do. Check out Tom Ossorio's paint job on his '58, they did that about 8 years ago.

The staff at Triple 'F' provided a wonderful lunch of sandwiches, chips, and drinks. During lunch we had the opportunity to catch up with our friends.

Dom was there early, as usual, but his Turbo Coupe developed an issue with the head gasket as he arrived and had to make the trip home on a tow truck.

Dave Egan was asked to chair the meeting in the absence of Jim Young. Dave welcomed all and thanked Doug Berry for the tour and lunch. Dave commended Doug on the variety and quality of the work we saw.

Dave reported that George Boley was doing well and still expected to move back east so his family could easily assist him when needed. He is still selling his very well-cared-for retro Tbird. If anyone is interested please contact Dave or George.

Brad Kershaw reported that the yearly elections will be at Fuddruckers in Grapevine and that Walter Martin had agreed to serve as the second vice president. This was met with much applause. Brad stated that we were still looking for a secretary. Their regular duties would be to take notes at the meetings and write up a report for the newsletter.

Brad reported that the spring trip to Abilene planned for April 5th to 7th promises to be a great time. The hotel was listed in the last newsletter so book your rooms as soon as possible. We need to know how many to plan for. Bruce Davis and Wendell Fennell have assembled a group that is planning rustic dinners and a car show. This will be an opportunity for us to show them our cars and for us to see a bunch of cars from their area.

John Congleton's church in Athens is holding their second annual car show in the covered arena. This will be March 30th with the sign-up from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and the awards presented at 2:00 pm. Contact John if you plan to attend and he can arrange for the club to be together.

Mark Ibbotson gave a presentation highlighting his work on the club website. He demonstrated using his laptop where to find the different sections on the website. Mark encouraged the members to send him pictures of their cars and various events they attend. All were encouraged by the progress he has made in updating and making the site very easy to view and navigate.

Dave again thanked Doug Berry for the hospitality and seeing no other business closed the meeting with "see you next month".

Pay Up, Please! Annual Dues are Due

If you have already paid your dues for 2019, thank you very much. If you haven't, please send your check for \$30 to our treasurer, Tom Ossorio. Ask the newsletter editor for his address if you don't have it handy.



Photos from February





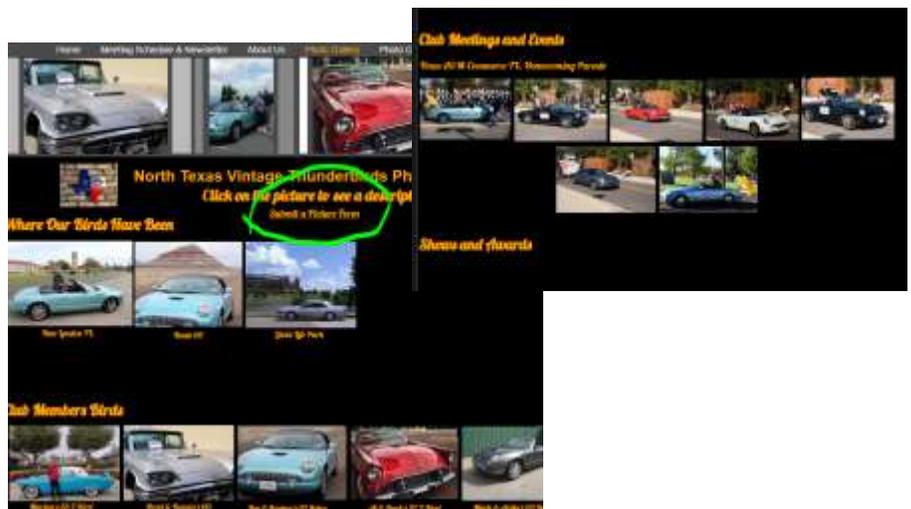
NTVT is Looking Good in the Digital World

If you haven't gone to our website lately, you need to do that. Mark Ibbotson has done a wonderful job in updating our site, and we are so appreciative of his time and efforts.

In today's world, a digital presence is important for spreading the word of our existence. Mark has helped us put our best face out there so other Thunderbird owners can find us.

Mark needs our help, though. Send him pics of your thunderbird (and you if you like) and tell him where your bird has been.

Look for the link to a Photo Submittal Form on the Photo Gallery Page. Send photos and information (include your name, date, model year, body style, event or location of picture and any description you would like included) to Mark Ibbotson:
m_ibbot@sbcglobal.net



“Fly” to Cheyenne, WY with The Rocky Mt. Birds!

The Rocky Mountain Thunderbird chapter of VTCL invites all Thunderbirds to their annual Bird Bath, a trip which usually involves a 2-3 day visit somewhere fun in the greater Rocky Mt. Area. This year, they will meet in Cheyenne, WY. The director chairing the event is Laurie Sarno. She is currently working on the hotel arrangements and planning tours etc. and will let us know the details when available.

Mark your calendar now for September 6 - 9, 2019. You can call Jim Lowenberg (who attended last year's Bird Bath event) for more information if you are interested. Jim and Regina highly recommend this trip with a great bunch of bird owners.



April Is A'Coming

With April comes a trip to Abilene with our NTVT friends!

Our Abilene members Wendell Fennell and Bruce Davis have assembled a team with the help of some local friends and are putting together a great itinerary of activities for our Spring Trip. Those who have signed up will get details very soon.

Our trip will begin on Friday, April 5. Although we haven't set a start time or place, several of us will caravan westward on I20 to Abilene. We have a block of 10 rooms reserved at the Best Western, Abilene @ 350 W Overland Trail, Abilene, TX 79601. If you have not yet confirmed your room, **call the hotel directly at 325-672-5501 today!**

We have shopping, museums, fine dining, and lots of fun in store. However, we **NEED to know how many are planning to attend** so our host team can finalize the plans with the restaurants, etc. So far, the Youngs, the Kershaws, Dave Egan, the Seiferts, the Garfields, and Betsy Haber are planning to attend. Also, Brian and Marilyn Carron from the South Texas club plan to join us. If you have reserved a room and don't see your name on this list, please let me know so you will get the information you need to plan your trip.

If you have been thinking about this trip but haven't made your decision, now is the time! You won't want to miss this!

VTCl Happenings

It's official! The date and location for the Vintage Thunderbird Club International Convention has been announced! Some details (published previously in The Scoop) have changed, but plans are on a roll now.

The convention will be held **August 8-11th** at the Westin Hotel Princeton, 201 Village Blvd. in Princeton, NJ, 08540. Call Alexandra Badaway (**609-520-6225**) at the hotel to register. The room rate is \$109 per night plus tax. Be sure to mention VTCl when you make the reservation.

The registration form for the event can be found online at <http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2019%20NE-Registration-menus.pdf>. Print it off, fill it out and send it in so you can be part of the fun that event. The International convention will include the traditional VTCl judged car show on Saturday.

Double your summer convention fun by also attending the "Thunderbird Family Reunion," the 2019 NW Regional Convention of the VTCl July 18-20th in Spokane, WA. This will be a 5-day event packed with fun activities, tours, and a participant-judged car show to be held at a local Senior living facility. For more info, call (509) 999-9145 or email bigred65tbird.iverson@comcast.net

More info on both events can be found on the VTCl website. [Events page](#).



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NTVT Events Calendar

- Mar 16** Fuddruckers; 2001 TX-121, Grapevine, TX 76051
11:30 a.m. Dom Zanella
- Apr 5-7** Weekend Tour - Abilene Brad/Bruce Davis/Wendell Fennell/Jan Young
- Apr 20** No meeting
- Apr 21** (FYI - Easter Sunday)
- May 18** Granbury, Spring Creek Barbecue, 317 Hwy 377 E, Granbury Betty Pickard
- May 4** Support Sam Pack/NTMC show, Farmers Branch Or Mabank's Cedar Creek Lake show
- Jun 15** Picnic @ Randol Mill park in Arlington Bonnie Kershaw
- Jul 13-14** Yellow Rose Ford Show, Arlington
- Jul 20** Buffalo West, 7101 Camp Bowie, Ft Worth
Dom Zanella
- Aug 17** Cole Mountain Restaurant, 419 E Moore, Terrell/
Texas Motor Toys, 225 Metro Drive, Terrell Jan Young/John Congleton
- Sep 14** Wheels for Wellness, all day event, downtown Fort Worth, Tom Ossorio
- Oct 19** John and Cece Congleton's, 101 Westshore Dr, Gun Barrell City John Congleton
- Nov 16** Fall day-cruise, Nacona/Munster area Dave Egan
- Dec 1** Christmas Party @ Humperdinks, 4-6PM
Betsy Haber

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VTCL, our Parent Club

www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

The Thunderbird Registry

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

Show Off Our Logo & TX Pride!

Some of you have expressed interest in purchasing a sign like the one Bill Stepina brought to the January meeting. If you would like one of these custom-made decorative items, please email Bill or give him a call. The cost is \$30.

