



# T Bird News

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## From the President

What a great meeting we had at Tachito's Mexican Restaurant. We had a full house with about 40 in attendance. Thanks to Dave and Tina Silva and their family for having us.

I was pleased to welcome new members, George and Laura Antochy. You may remember George was the chairman of the Yellow Rose Car Show a few years ago when they featured the Thunderbirds. He gave us good news that the Yellow Rose will again be held at the Arlington Convention Center on July 13-14.

A copy of this year's calendar was distributed at the meeting. Some great meeting locations and new trips are planned including a weekend trip to Abilene in April. I'm sure Bonnie will include more about that later in this newsletter for your convenience.

Jan and I won't be at the next meeting as we'll be on a cruise to Hawaii. We look forward to seeing you in March when we will hold our annual elections. We will elect a new 2nd VP (in charge of Membership) and a Secretary. Contact Brad Kershaw, head of Nominations, if you are interested in either position.

Jim Young

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 Pay Up, 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 Ossorio. Or you can pay in person at the February meeting.



## Minutes from the January Meeting

Minutes for December accepted – unanimous

Treasurer Report: We are solvent and current with all expenses.

**New Members:** George and Laura Antochy [editor's note: Many of us remember George from his connection to the Yellow Rose Show.—Welcome aboard!]

**New Business:** Rocky Mountain Club is planning a September conference in Cheyenne, Wy. in September and has invited our group to attend. Jim Lowenberg attended it last year and noted it was a great deal of fun.

The Yellow Rose car show is July 13-14 in the Arlington Convention Center. Members are welcome to enter their cars.

George Boley is recovering from an accident but is doing well. It is noted that he plans to move to Delaware soon and has his Retro Bird for sale.

Bonnie Kershaw reported that she plans to do an update of the Directory soon and requests those who are not in it to submit a photo of their Car(s) and member for printing. This year the Directory will be emailed for self printing, if desired.

Mark Ibbotson is updating the Web site and making improvements. Anyone with information should submit it to Mark for posting.

Marian Herbst invited all members to show cars at the Classic Christian Cruise this summer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening of each month in Birdville Stadium.

Tom Ossorio noted that Wheels for Wellness will have a spring show on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Motor Speedway as part of the Pate Show.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Nominations – it is noted that nominations are open for this position in March. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please contact Brad Kershaw, past president (in charge of Nominations).

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

## Keeping Up on Car Shows, Cruises, and Swap Meets

If you are interested in getting weekly updates on Car Shows, Cruise-In's, and Swap Meets in the DFW area, you might contact NTVT member Scott Sims. He sends out a weekly email with info of all sorts.

In this weeks edition, I found the Wise County Swap Meet will be in Decatur, TX, Feb 22-24; vendors from as far away as Minnesota come to this one! Good Guys Spring Lone Star Nationals will be March 8-10 at the Texas Motor Speedway, and the Pate Swap Meet will be at that same location April 25-27.

Member Marian Herbst reminds us that another club in which she is active, the Christian Classic Cruisers Car Club, would welcome Thunderbirds at the their monthly shows at the Birdville ISD Athletic Complex in North Richland Hills. They meet on the third Saturday of each month beginning in March.



## Photos from January



## An Invitation from The Rocky Mt. Club

The Rocky Mountain Thunderbird chapter of VTCI holds an annual event they call the Bird Bath, which usually involves a 2-3 day trip somewhere fun in the greater Rocky Mt. Area. Last year, Jim and Regina Lowenberg joined up with this fun group in NM and had a great time.

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 shortly.

Dates are September 6 - 9, 2019. You can call Jim Lowenberg or Laurie (ask Jim or the newsletter editor for her number) to be alerted of the details if you are interested in joining with the RMTTC for this event. It should be great fun!



## Spring is Coming—Be Ready

Spring is the time when many of us are anxious to get our Thunderbirds out on the road again. NTVT will have that opportunity in April when we travel to the Abilene area to get together with some of our far-western members who don't get to participate with us as much as they like.

So this will be our chance to put some good highway miles on our birds while having fun with our NTVT friends.

More details will be coming soon; generally this is a 2-day trip, but it is NOT a VTCL regional or sanctioned event. There will be no judging or formal display of the cars, just fun and fellowship. On Friday evening, we may have an opportunity to meet with other local classic car enthusiasts at a "Show and Shine" or Cruise-In type of event, but it will probably not be limited to Thunderbirds.

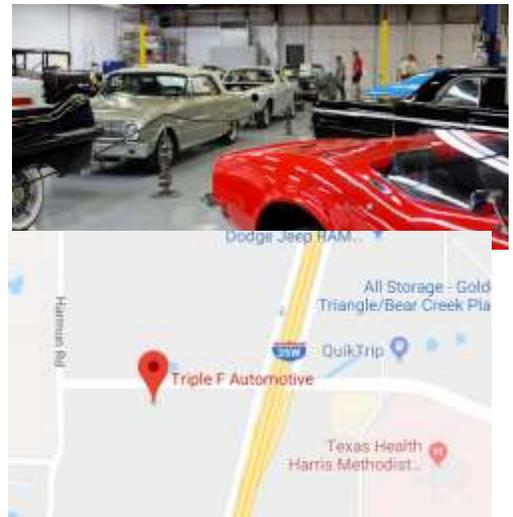
We will reserve a block of rooms at a hotel/motel in Abilene and set up some fun places to eat and visit. But this will be a loosely-organized affair—just lots of chances to catch up with friends and enjoy some different scenery.

Watch your inbox and your future newsletters for more information.

## February 16th at Triple F Automotive

For our February meeting, we will meet at Triple F Automotive, 2760 Golden Triangle Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76177 at 10:30 a.m. for a tour of their facilities. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the tour.

Be sure to mark your calendars so you won't miss this one! Watch your email for directions and your chance to RSVP.



## Get Well Wishes



We send out get well wishes to member George Boley as he recovers from a recent auto accident and some other health concerns. George, we hope you are back up and back in action real soon!



## Check Us Out Online!

If you haven't visited our website lately, go to [www.ntvtbird.org](http://www.ntvtbird.org) and see how great our website looks!

Have pictures of your car, or places you have visited in your car? Send them to Mark Ibbotson so he can get more current pictures online! You can email them in reply to the newsletter editor if that is easier for you. They will get forwarded on to Mark.

While you are at it, be sure to send the newsletter editor a current picture of your thunderbird and a picture of yourself (yourselves) for inclusion in the new pictorial directory coming out soon!



## Take a Closer Look

On our website, you may have noticed a stunning piece of Thunderbird Memorabilia that Bill Stepina brought to the January meeting.

This is a custom-made piece of laser-cut metal and vinyl décor that would look great on the wall of your home, shop, or garage. It's a great way to display your pride in our great state, in Thunderbird cars, AND in our club, whose logo features prominently in the piece.

If you are interested in purchasing one, let Bill know ASAP. He can order one for you. The cost is \$30. If you own a Mustang, talk to him about customizing this same piece for your Mustang, too!

## WELCOME!

We send out a warm NTVT welcome to our newest members, George and Laura Antochy of Mansfield. They own a late model Tbird and are in the process of getting it on the road. We look forward to getting acquainted with George and Laura and seeing their bird soon.





## Nice 2004 For Sale

If you are in the market for a nice Retro Bird, or know someone who might be interested, member George Boley is selling his T-Bird. It is a 2004 Thunderbird, Platinum Silver, Premium Model (shifter tranny & hard top), all-black interior. It has 82,140 miles on it, and has been well cared-for. It is priced to sell, at \$12,000 FIRM



George has added some nice goodies to the car (totalling over \$3,000) including: Borla Exhaust, Luggage Rack, Chrome Hood Scoop Bezel, Burlled Walnut Dash (matching shift knob, and coffee mug), Tonneau Cover and Cockpit Cover (trunk lid to windshield wipers), Hard Top Winch (mechanical), Cart, and Cover and Weather-tech Floor Mats.

If you are interested, give George a call or email the newsletter editor and she will put you in touch with George.

## Free T-Bird Parts

Good driver quality remote left side mirror for 1964 – ? Thunderbird. Technically used on early 1964 models it was installed by dealers on many subsequent years. New this is \$200 with control, bezel, and nut. John Garfield offers this free to good home. Next month we will put it on Ebay. Call Brad at 817-447-8243 for pickup.



Front brakes, drums, and hubs for a 1957 Thunderbird; installed disc brakes, brake shoes are like new. Contact Jay Robarge at (817) 458-1199 to arrange pickup.

## VTCl

Some of our new members may not be familiar with our parent organization, Vintage Thunderbird Club International. VTCl is made up of 8 regions: Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest, Southwest, European, and Pacific Rim. Our club is a chapter in the South Central Region.

When you join VTCl, you get 6 issues per year of the publication The Scoop. In it you will find information on VTCl events including the 2019 Northwest Regional Convention the state of Washington, July 18-20, and the 2019 International Convention in Freehold, NJ. From 9-26 to 9-29.

You can find out more about our parent club by visiting their website at [http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/club\\_info.htm](http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/club_info.htm). Consider joining!



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

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

## NTVT Events Calendar

- Feb 16** Triple F Automotive, 2760 Golden Triangle Blvd,  
Ft Worth Bonnie Kershaw
- Mar 16** Fuddruckers; 2001 TX-121, Grapevine, TX 76051  
11:30 a.m. Dom Zanella
- Apr 5-7** Weekend Tour - Abilene Brad/Bruce Da-  
vis/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