



# T Bird News

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Thunderbirds, Inc.  
Local Chapter of VTCI

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## From the President

Hello fellow Birders!

Hope this finds you well and your Thunderbirds purring!

Since this is my first newsletter entry, I would like to thank our outgoing President Jim Young for his faithful service to the club. To those of you who do not know me, my name is Dom Zanella and I have been a member of this club for nine years. I am retired Army and have worked for a Ford dealership as a service advisor, PGA tour Scoring systems Tech and currently a Safety/Training/Compliance manager for a trucking company.

Our club has been a fantastic way for me to meet some great people who have a love for the Thunderbird as well as other interests. It is almost time for us to break our cars out of their winter slumber (or the shop) and drive them for the public to see! I look forward to seeing those Thunderbirds on the road. Many will be joining together for our spring trip to Abilene for a get together with our fellow T-Birders to the west! It sounds like a fantastic trip and there will be plenty to do for all! Hopefully, my bird will be up and running for the trip. Remember to check our schedule of events coming up from car shows, meetings and trips for all to enjoy.

I am honored to be your president for this year and look forward to many events this year. I encourage everyone to get those Thunderbirds out and drive them, show them off so the whole world can see our beautiful cars!

Dom Zanella  
President  
North Texas Vintage Thunderbirds

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This sign up in your mechanic's shop? Run!



## March Meeting Minutes by Brad Kershaw

Jim Young called the meeting to order and thanked Dom Zanella for arranging the meeting at Fuddruckers. Twenty three members attended including a new member, Harry Farnham, with a white retro.

Jim presented the slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year prepared by the NTVT board. Jim asked if anyone had any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none the new slate of officers was approved by a unanimous vote.

President; Dom Zanella

VP Events; Dave Egan

VP Membership; Walter Martin

Treasurer; Tom Ossorio ([continuing from the last XX years](#))

Secretary; Brad Kershaw

Newsletter Editor; Bonnie Kershaw (continuing from the last XX years)

Website Editor; Mark Ibbotson

Immediate Past President; Jim Young (whose primary duty this year is to chair the nominating committee for next year)

Jim Young then turned the meeting over to the new president, Dom Zanella.

Dom thanked Jim for a very productive year for the NTVT. Dom noted the many activities the NTVT had participated in this past year to get our Tbirds out in public.

Tom Ossorio had the "goodie bags" for those that were not able to attend the rescheduled [Wheels -For-Wellness show](#) in October of 2018.

Tom also highlighted the New fall Wheels-For-Wellness show scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Pate swap meet held at Texas Motor Speedway. If you would like to participate please go online and register, be sure to list the Tbird club or NTVT. You can pay online or send Tom a check.

Brad Kershaw highlighted the spring trip to Abilene scheduled for April 5-7. We currently have the ten rooms booked at the motel to get the reduced rate but would like more. Two couples from the South Texas chapter of VTCl are planning on joining us. More details will be coming but here is a general outline.

Meet at 9:00am, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at Benbrook and I 20

Arrive in downtown Abilene about noon for lunch and seeing the sights

Check in at the motel between 3:00 and 4:00pm

Leave motel for the Ball Ranch at 6:30pm

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a car show at the home of Bruce Davis from 10:00am to 2:00pm

At 3:00pm Saturday we will leave the motel and caravan to Albany, Texas for shopping, museum, and dinner at 6:00pm at the Beehive Restaurant.

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> we will head for home after breakfast.

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## Minutes, continued

Dom noted many upcoming car shows in the area:

March 30<sup>th</sup> The Cowboy Church in Athens is hosting their second annual car show

April 6<sup>th</sup> is the Heights Church car show in Richardson

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Maybank car show and crawfish boil

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Sam Pack car show in Farmers Branch (the museum is open to participants)

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Keller crawfish boil and Connors car show

May 11<sup>th</sup> is the Summit, Grand Prairie Senior Center, Rosa Valdez

Mark Ibbotson, website editor, called for pictures of Tbirds and events so he can include them on the website. Please check out the website at [ntvtbird.org](http://ntvtbird.org)

The door prizes were won by Jim Young and Betsy Haber. The 50/50 was won by Jim Young. This was Jim's first win in his four years with the club so there is hope for everyone!

Dom noted that the next meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be in Granbury with Bob and Betty Pickard hosting. Due to the spring trip there will be no meeting in April.

Seeing no other business, Dom closed the meeting.

—Prepared by Brad Kershaw, Secretary NTVT

## Bird Bath Date Change

The Rocky Mountain Thunderbird chapter of VTCI has changed the date on their annual Bird Bath, to September 13-16. This year the group 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 13-16, 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.

## Yellow Rose Car Show— July 13-14

The 30th Annual  
*Yellow Rose*  
Classic  
Car Show  
Southwest All Ford Nationals  
July 13 & 14, 2019  
Saturday 10-9, Sunday 10-6

Open to all  
Ford Powered  
Vehicles

Hosted By:  
ARLINGTON  
ALLIANCE CENTER

Celebrating  
30  
YEARS  
of Yellow Rose Classic

Benefiting:  
SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL

Admission \$12.00 Kids  
12 & Under-Free  
For information and  
discount coupons:  
[yellowrosecarshow.com](http://yellowrosecarshow.com)  
or NTMC.org

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## Photos from March





## Abilene in April

Several members have committed to making the trip to Abilene April 5-7. We plan to leave from the Cracker Barrel in Benbrook at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 5 to caravan west, stopping briefly in Eastland to stretch our legs. That will put us into Abilene about noon where we can enjoy lunch at one of several spots available in Downtown Abilene before touring the Grace Museum. We may have time to visit a couple of other sites there before checking in to the hotel between 3 and 4.

If you haven't made reservations yet, there is still time! Call the Best Western, Abilene (350 W Overland Tail) at 325-672-5501. Be sure to tell them you are with the No TX Thunderbird Club to get the special discounted rate. And let Brad Kershaw know you are planning to attend so you will get all the specific details via email.

We really appreciate the efforts of our Abilene members (Wendell Fennell and Bruce Davis) to coordinate the activities for this fun weekend. I hope we will even see lots of bluebonnets!



## May Meeting in Granbury

Granbury is a wonderful little town with lots of great food and super entertainment possibilities. Mark your calendars now for May 18, when we will meet for lunch at 11 a.m. at Farinas, 202 N Houston St, Granbury, TX 76048. This is an excellent restaurant right on the historic courthouse square. For your entrée, you will get a choice of lasagna or chicken Alfredo; lunch will be \$15 and will include salad, bread, and a dessert. Thank you to members Betty and Bob Pickard for making the arrangements for our meeting there. Parking is often tight in Granbury, but there is a large public lot about one block east of the square on the left as one approaches the downtown area.

After lunch, we can stroll and enjoy the shops on the square or even take advantage of one of the entertainment venues. Perhaps you would enjoy attending a play at the Granbury Theater Company in the restored Opera House. The play that weekend is *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and there are tickets available (\$25-\$35 per person). Or you might prefer attending a Willie Nelson Tribute playing at The New Granbury Live Theater (also on the square) Those tickets are \$30-\$36. Both the play and the Tribute begin at 2:00 p.m. The opportunities are there; you will need to make your own reservations for each of these, however. Call (800) 340-9703 for the Willie Nelson Tribute or 817 579-0952 for play tickets.

We look forward to seeing everyone at lunch!



# Upcoming Car Show Information March 30

Saturday, April 6th - 11am to 4pm

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

Registration: 10:00am-1:00pm

57 Large Trophies in 24 Classes

Cost: \$20 per car entry or 20 canned food items. Spectators are free.

Register Your Vehicle online

Proceeds Benefiting: The Network Food Bank, of Richardson

The Heights Car Show is an annual charity event. All proceeds benefit the Network Food Bank.

Sponsored by: CREST CADILLAC AND INFINITI and Superior Insurance Agency / Hagerty Insurance Company

Classes: Pre-50's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's & Newer, Camaro, Mustang, Open, Corvette 1953 - 1982, Corvette 1984 & Newer, Exotic, Convertible, Pre-70's Import, 70's & Newer Import, Muscle Car Pre-80s, Muscle car 80s & newer, Truck Pre-70's, Truck 70's & Newer, Military, Mopar, Street Rod, 4 Wheel Drive

**Saturday, March 30**  
**ALL WELCOME**  
**2nd Annual Car Show**  
Living for the Brand

No Cost for entering your "Boo"  
Show cars will be under the roof

Cowboy Church  
902 NE Loop 7  
Athens, TX

COVERED ARENA

EXHIBITS AVAILABLE

FREE PARKING  
FREE ADMISSION

33 THROTTLES TO BE AWARDED!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING BY APPAREL

ADULTS: \$10.00  
CHILDREN: \$5.00  
Seniors: \$5.00  
Group: \$2.00

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## April 6



## SPRING CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

**WHEELS FOR WELLNESS**  
BENEFITING CANCER RESEARCH

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
**8AM-2PM**

**TOP 20 AWARDS**

**FREE PSA SCREENINGS**  
**10 AM-2PM**



## April 27

Register Online:

<http://wheelsforwellness.org/vehicle-pre-registration/>

Identify NTVT or Tbird Club in the drop-down menu.

**29TH DALLAS SPRING NATIONALS**

**2019 CAR SHOW**

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sam Pack's Museum  
2070 Diplomat, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234  
Registration Time | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Registration Fee | \$25.00  
Show Time | 12:00-3:00 p.m.  
Awards | 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit Holy Angels Residential Facility.  
[holyangetsresidentialfacility.org](http://holyangetsresidentialfacility.org)

- ASE will donate an engine to one show entrant.
- Sam Pack will have his museum open to the public for a \$3.00 donation, proceeds going to Holy Angels.
- The Car Fraternity Regional will broadcast both live local and national shows live from the museum.
- Open to all makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles, snowblowers, mopeds, go-karts, and other vehicles.

**The North Texas Mustang Club**  
For additional information please call:  
Ron Weaver, 972.965.1431  
Mark Foyall, 214.392.5138  
Bill Wages, 214.415.0972  
David Veen, 214.932.7031  
Free admission for all spectators!

**Early Registration Form**  
Mail entry form and \$25.00 check made out to Five Star Food of Commerce to the following address:  
SFF C/O Mark Foyall | 233 S. Houston School Road | Lancaster, Texas 75146

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

May 4



Cedar Creek Crawfish Boil and Car Show

May 4

Call John Congleton for details

**ELM STREET ROD RUN**

(Classic Car Show - Est 2007)

**JUNE 22, 2019**

Come Early for the Holiday Night Cruise-In & ENTERTAINMENT  
"June 21 - 7:30 PM"

Brandy Roberts Performs  
in the style of  
Jerry Lee Lewis  
You DO NOT  
Want to Miss This  
Music  
Brought to you by:  
**Skeeter Brush Trucks**  
[www.aiddone-martin.com](http://www.aiddone-martin.com)

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Pre-Register w/ Paypal at [roadsidemuseum.com](http://roadsidemuseum.com)

**\$25. Pre-Entry**  
**\$30. Show Day**  
Rods, Customs, Classics, Trucks, Bikes, Hats,  
All Vehicles Welcome

Gate opens at 8:00 Saturday Show & Shine 10:00 to 2:00

**AWARDS @ 2:30**  
Top 25 Trophies Plus Many "Special" Awards

**RAIN or SHINE EVENT - NO RAIN DATE**

Presented by Business Supply Center, Hillsboro

June 22



## Cracked Dash? Here's an Idea

Many Thunderbird owners face the problem of what to do with a badly cracked dash. There are places where one can send a dash to get it redone, but that is very expensive. If you have this issue and wish to repair it yourself, Brad ran across a post on a Thunderbird site online where someone used products that might interest you.

It takes you step-by-step through the repair process and recommends the proper products. The demo pictures show a cracked dash on a 280Z Datsun, but the process would be the same on our Thunderbirds.

The products used in the process would total about \$300, a significant savings over the \$2000+ cost to get the dash redone if you sent it out.

Check out the website: [https://www.polyvance.com/280Z-Dashboard-Repair/?fbclid=IwAR37aA9wmuU7d-0sweh1L9fjKJcaSwGKGbePEcq90wydiOjZEoizgf8\\_Jxs](https://www.polyvance.com/280Z-Dashboard-Repair/?fbclid=IwAR37aA9wmuU7d-0sweh1L9fjKJcaSwGKGbePEcq90wydiOjZEoizgf8_Jxs)



Restored Dash Panel

## VTCI Events

The International Convention of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International 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 VTCI 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 VTCI judged car show on Saturday.

Also happening this summer is the "Thunderbird Family Reunion," the 2019 NW Regional Convention of the VTCI 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 [bi-gred65tbird.iverson@comcast.net](mailto:bigred65tbird.iverson@comcast.net)

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



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VTCI, our Parent Club

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

The Thunderbird Registry

## NTVT Calendar

- Mar 16** Fuddruckers; 2001 TX-121, Grapevine, TX 76051  
11:30 a.m. Dom Zanella
- Mar 30** Athens Cowboy Church Car Show; call John Congelton for details
- Apr 5-7** Weekend Tour - Abilene Brad/Bruce Davis/Wendell Fennell/Jan Young
- Apr 20** No meeting
- Apr 27** [Wheels for Wellness Spring Car Show @TMS; Pate Swap Meet; sign up online.](#)
- Apr 21** (FYI - Easter Sunday)
- May 11** [Summit Sr. Center, Grand Prairie car show followed by Fajita Bash at the home of Rosa Valdez](#)
- May 4** [Support Sam Pack/NTMC show \(Farmers Branch\) Or Mabank's Cedar Creek Lake show.](#)
- May 18** Granbury, Farinas in Granbury, 11 a.m. Betty Pickard
- Jun 15** Picnic @ Randol Mill park in Arlington Bonnie Kershaw
- Jun 23** [Elm Street Show in Hillsboro](#)
- 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

## Annual Dues—Last Call!

If you have not yet sent in a check for your 2019 dues, please send \$30 to the treasurer, Tom Ossorio, 1619 Caplin Dr., Arlington, TX 76018.