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From the President

Hello fellow Thunderbird enthusiasts!

It's been a busy month and I hope this finds you all well and dry! It has been a wet one for sure.

We had some car shows attended by many of the club members and a good time was had by all! Our club won the club participation trophy at the Cedar Creek Car Show! John Garfield also won a trophy for Best in Class with his 2005 Retro. Thanks to all who attended! Also, Marian Herbst took home a trophy from the Wheels For Wellness Spring show! And Greg Lawrence won a trophy at Sam Packs. Congratulations to all who were awarded.

Awards are great and all, but just hanging out with folks is the real reason we get together. Our meetings are another reason to just hangout and find out what is going on with the club. I would like to thank Bob and Betty Pickard for hosting our meeting in Granbury. At our last meeting, an idea was put forth to the club, by CeCe Congleton, for us to have a Caribbean Club Cruise. It is a fantastic idea and we invite all to contact Janet Young if you are interested or need more information. Speaking of information, did you know we have a Facebook page? If not, please check it out as there are current posts that inform you what the club happenings are and events! [Editor's note: see the link on the last page of this newsletter.]

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be at Randol Mill park. This is a pot-luck picnic event so it is outdoors under a pavilion. We want to see a parking lot full of Thunderbirds, so bring them out!

Till next time, safe cruising!

The President

Dom Zanella

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May Meeting Minutes by John Garfield

5-19-2019

Dominic Zanella opened the meeting thanking the Pickards for setting this up on a very rainy day at Farinas Wine and Café in Granbury Texas.

Dominic noted that the organization's Facebook page is updated continuously and asked people to inspect it. [Editor's note: Search NTVT on Facebook to locate the page if you have never visited it.]

Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer reported the club is financially stable. [Editor's note: details available on request.]

Dominic then noted numerous car shows in the area over the next month or so noting that an award was won for best of show for the club participation with 9 cars present at the Cedar Creek Car Show. It is also noted that John Garfield received Best in Class for his 2005 Retro at the show. Mariam Herbst won the Best of Show at the Sam Pak car show the same weekend.

Dominic then went over a list of upcoming car shows for the next month or so. It was reported that the club participates in the retirement home car show annually in Grand Prairie on June 22nd.

It was also noted that the next club meeting is June 15th at the park on Randall Mill Rd. Other clubs are invited.

As a special note it was introduced and discussed that the club consider a cruise next spring out of Galveston (suggested by Cici Congleton).





Annual Party at the Martins'—July 6

Walter and Delphiene Martin invite everyone from the club to Farmersville for their annual Bash! The address is 1751 FM 547 Farmersville, TX. 75442 and the time starts at 12 noon, we will have the usual, brisket, hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings'. This is always lots of fun, so head north!

Elm Street Rod Run,
June 22, 2019

Held near the historic Hillsboro courthouse square, this is a terrific car show hosted by the Roadside America Museum we visited with the club last fall.

\$25 for pre-registration; \$30 on the day of the show, Gate opens at 8:00 a.m. and the show runs from 10-2. Last year there were over 300 entries and Brad Kershaw came home with the City Manager's Award, one of the top ten cars!

See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details. Or call Carroll Estes at 972-291-2958. You can pre-register at <http://roadsideamericatx.com/>

Yellow Rose Car Show—
July 13-14

The Yellow Rose Classic Car Show is an event that you won't want to miss. Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 and Sunday from 10-6, admission for viewing the cars is \$12 for adults. You can find discount coupons on the NTMC.org website. It's a great air-conditioned venue!

Our own George Antochy has been very involved with this awesome show for several years. Contact him with any questions. Many of our Thunderbirds have appeared there over the years, and it is lots of fun. Registration form attached to this email. \$50 per car includes 2 exhibitor passes.

Other Car Shows

There are MANY other car shows coming up in the next weeks and months. If you want all the information, consider asking member Scott Sims to add you to his email list. Scott puts out a very informative listing of lots of car shows, swap meets, and other items of interest to car enthusiasts. Email him at ss396t6@sbcglobal.net.

Bird Bath Reminder

The Rocky Mountain Thunderbird chapter of VTCl is hosting its annual event, The Bird Bath, September 13-16, in Cheyenne, WY. The Lowenbergs have attended this event and highly recommend it!

If you are interested in more details, contact Jim Lowenberg .



Abilene was Awesome!

On the first weekend of April, 15 NTVT members and two guests from the STTC descended on Abilene for a fabulous weekend! Our Abilene members, the Fennells and Bruce Davis, along with a lot of help from their local car club friends, put together an awesome itinerary and showed us a lot of Texas hospitality. They really did Abilene proud, showing us just how much that city has to offer.

Friday, we arrived about noon and had a great meal at Cypress Street Station downtown before touring the Grace Museum located in an historic, restored hotel. Thanks to Celina Fennell for making the arrangements for us to have a delightful docent-led tour of that outstanding facility. Afterwards, several members found some great bargains in the boutiques in the area or visited other sights in downtown. That evening we caravanned out to the Ball Ranch where we enjoyed some yummy traditional bar b que and live western entertainment provided by the Ball Family.

Saturday, most of us attended a super show-and-shine at the home of Bruce Davis. Thanks for your hospitality, Bruce! We sure enjoyed meeting so many of your friends and oogling their cars while they oogled ours. We capped off the day with a drive to Albany, north of Abilene, where we visited The Old Jail Art Center and a stop in historic downtown Albany for root beer floats at an authentic old soda fountain. One highlight of the trip was dinner at the renowned Bee Hive in Albany. The food was delicious, the company was terrific, the chef was a hoot, and the gifts (courtesy of Celina Fennell and the Junior League of Abilene) were very much appreciated.

The members of NTVT always make any outing memorable and fun. We really know how to do it up right!





Abilene!





More Pics from Abilene





Other Photos from April and May



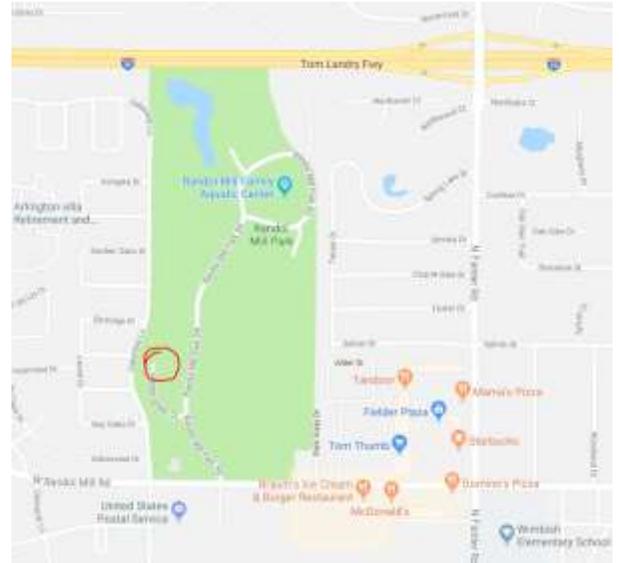


June Meeting—Randol Mill Park

Join us at Randol Mill Park, 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012, on Saturday, June 15, 2019 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.

This is always a fun meeting and maybe we will have a chance to get a good group shot of the Thunderbirds! Watch your email for more details and a chance to RSVP.



Cruise the Caribbean with NTVT!

At the last meeting in Granbury, the group discussed going on a Caribbean cruise out of Galveston next spring. A couple of people had an interest in Belize so I researched Carnival and Royal Caribbean and found that Carnival was significantly lower in price and had a better on-board credit; in response to the emails we sent out, we have booked this cruise! [Editor's note; thanks, Jan, for all the legwork so far on this!]

So far, 8 or 9 rooms have been spoken for on the **CARNIVAL FREEDOM** for a seven-day cruise that goes to Mahogany Bay (Roatan, Honduras), Belize City (Belize), and Cozumel (Mexico), Sunday, April 19, 2020 - Sunday, April 26, 2020.

It's not too late to get your request in for a room!

If you have cruised with Carnival in the past, please dig up your VIFP number so you'll get credit for this trip. If you have enough credits, you may get additional perks.

- Price INCLUDING tax per person is \$963.52. If you want mid-ship, add \$5 per person.
- **\$25 per person** is due by the **end of June** to lock in this price.
- Full deposit of \$250 per person is due by **November 21** which will secure your room in the location you want.

Final payment by **January 21**.

NOTE: The above price does not include gratuities (\$196 per room) and insurance (\$109 per person) [Editor's note: Jim and Janet highly recommend the insurance!]



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The Thunderbird Registry

NTVT Calendar

- Jun 15** Picnic @ Randol Mill park in Arlington Bonnie Kershaw
- Jun 22** Elm Street Show in Hillsboro
- Jul 6** Party at the Martins' in Farmersville
- 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, Nocona/Munster area Dave Egan
- Dec 1** Christmas Party @ Humperdinks, 4-6PM Betsy Haber

VTCl Events

Find the registration form for the International Convention of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International online at <http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/2019%20NE-Registration-menus.pdf>.

The event 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.

Or go west this summer to the "Thunderbird Family Reunion," the 2019 NW Regional Convention of the VTCl July 18-20th in Spokane, WA. This will be 5 days of fun in beautiful surroundings! For more info, call (509) 999-9145 or email bgred65tbird.iverson@comcast.net

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