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From the Prez

Fellow Birders,

Another month gone by and a hit one it was! It is supposed to get cooler and that means we can drive the Birds with less heat stress put on them.

Great turn out for Wheels for Wellness and plenty of people stopped by to say hello and inquire about our club! More about that a little later in g the newsletter. Those who have Facebook can check out all of the pictures on the NTVT page.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Congleton's next month!

Dominic

Oct Meeting in Gun Barrel City!

Mark your calendars now for the October meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 19th at the home of John and CeCe Congleton. It's always a blast there, with a beautiful view of the the Lake and some delicious hamburgers and hot dogs! The Congletons will provide the meat, buns, and the fix'ns; and, of course, Chef John will do the cooking. Members should bring chips, side dishes, desserts, drinks, etc. (CeCe says they will also provide unsweetened tea.)



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Watch your mail for your opportunity to RSVP. When you send your RSVP directly to John (his email will be in the message you receive), let him know what you would like to bring. He will compile the list and send it out to all who RSVP so everyone knows what is coming. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THE MESSAGE ITSELF as we will be out of the country without internet access by the time you receive the message. **Please**, use the link in the message to reply directly to John and CeCe.

November Day Cruise

Dave Egan is organizing our fall Day Cruise. We will be heading north this year to the Nocona, TX, area. Dave will send us details on where to meet, what we will be doing, and where we will eat (as we all know—eating is what we do best!)

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, Nov. 16th for a great day on the road!



Wheels for Wellness

NTVT had a great showing at the annual Wheels for Wellness Car Show once again. This has become a tradition for our September outing. If my records are correct, the club began participating in this great show, dedicated to the prevention and cure of prostate cancer, in 2010 when it ran under the name of Cruisin' for A Cure.

Of course, it is a great opportunity to show off our magnificent Thunderbirds! There were 16 or 17 of us on 5th Street this year. And many of us enjoyed strolling through the rest of downtown to see the other 400 or so beautiful cars of all makes and models. One really doesn't get the chance to see that many classics in one location very often.

What makes the day special for me is the people. So many "lookers," some of whom have never seen a squarebird, or who make comments about their grandparents' having had a car like ours. Some just look and go on by where others stop and chat at length, anxious to learn about the luxury cars they may have only seen on television or the big screen.

But above all, it is great to have time to sit and visit with our thunderbird friends. So many times, regular "meetings" don't give us the chance to sit back, relax, and just enjoy each other's company! That's why I never want to miss this event!

Thank you to the organizers of Wheels for Wellness and the City of Fort Worth for making this day possible!





Pictures

Congratulations to Marian Herbst! Her gorgeous 1956 (right) took the award for Best Thunderbird!



Below: a Bird's-eye view of all our Thunderbirds! Thanks to the helpful crane operator for getting this shot.





VTCI News

Our parent organization, Vintage Thunderbird Club International, has been busy!

- Brian Carron from the So TX club has been named the new South Central Regional Director! Welcome Brian! We look forward to seeing a lot of you and Marilyn soon.
- There will be a 2020 VTCI South Central Regional Convention in New Orleans, LA June 11-14th. New Orleans knows how to party, folks! You won't want to miss it. Let the good times roll!
- The 2020 VTCI International Convention will be August 11-15 at Red Lion Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR. Called **65—And Still The One!**, this convention will celebrate the 65th birthday of the Thunderbird. Check the VTCI website for more details.

NTVT Christmas Party – New Location!

When I joined the NTVT in 2010, I wanted to get involved. I figured the best way to meet the members was to accept Dan Sublette's directive to join the Christmas Party committee. I was assigned the duty of making the dinner reservation at Humperdinks in Arlington which was a NTVT favorite. Easy enough. Except that for the first couple of years, we made the reservation on a Saturday night and that conflicted with the Big D Little Bird Christmas Party. So... we moved the party to Sunday. Easy enough. Everyone seem to accept the location as convenient, Humperdinks was generous in allowing us a limited menu and worked with us on drink tickets. I continued to make the reservation in March every year, forget about it, and then panic in October when I needed to come up with door prizes, cookie bakers, charities, etc. Thank goodness for our other volunteers!

On July 27, I received a note from Bill Stepina through Brad stating that Humperdinks closed. YIKES! NOT EASY! The hunt was on to find a non-Mexican/BBQ type with a room big enough for our club, reasonably priced good food, and hopefully offer a limited menu instead of buffet style. Numerous members came to me with suggestions, and I thank you all. With Barbara & Tom Borton's suggestion, I settled on the Candlelite Inn in Arlington. This is a long time Arlington favorite that was recently renovated. They are super nice to work with, and I am hoping you all will enjoy. If not, at least I will have time to really research restaurants before next year!

The party will be 4:00-6:00 p.m., Sunday December 1. 1202 East Division, Arlington 76011. Hope to see you all there! I need cookie bakers, door prizes... you all know the drill!

Sept Meeting Summary (in Lieu of Minutes)

Because our September meeting is informal, we didn't conduct any actual business. We did gather briefly to mention the events that will finish out 2019: The October 19th meeting at the Congletons, the November Day Cruise on 11/16, and the Christmas party on December 1st. Details on those events will be forthcoming via email.

Jim Lowenberg reported that he and Regina thoroughly enjoyed the Rocky Mt. Tbird club's annual fall trip, called the Bird Bath, which went to Cheyenne, WY this year. He encourages other members to come along next year as they celebrate T-Birds 65th birthday!

Rosa Valdez introduced her fiancé to the club and we welcomed him. She asked us to save the date of December 21st for their wedding reception; and she wants us to drive our T-Birds! Rosa, we congratulate the both of you and look forward to seeing you soon!



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NTVT Calendar

- Oct 19** John and Cece Congleton's,
101 Westshore Dr, Gun Barrell City
- Nov 16** Fall day-cruise, Nocona/Munster area
Dave Egan
- Dec 1** Christmas Party CandleLite Inn, Arlington
4-6PM Betsy Haber

Retro For Sale

A gentleman contacted Brad asking him to share this information on his 2003 Retro. He must sell it due to a medical situation.

It has 78,500 miles on it and includes the removable hardtop, a convertible top, a stock tonneau cover, and a black satin custom tonneau cover from TB Specialties.

He is asking \$12,750 for the entire bundle, but will consider reasonable offers. Contact John Elliott at dadof3bs@yahoo.com or call 817-266-4248. He will also sell just the custom tonneau cover separately for \$1,000.



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