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Musings from the Editor

Whoever said that months go slowly and years fly by hadn't lived through 2020! I don't know about the rest of you; but for me, this year has seemed about 5 years long, and it isn't over yet!

A lack of routine is part of the reason I feel so unsettled, I think. Usually by now, we have had 9 club meetings. This year, we have met in person only 5 times and via Zoom once.

It surely hasn't felt the same as most years! I miss the predictability of having the third Saturday of the month set aside to see a lot of my Tbird friends! And I miss the car shows and extra outings we usually have. Thankfully, several members did make it to the Cedar Creek Car Show in August. (see pictures on page 3.)

Hopefully, Texas is seeing downward trends in the Covid numbers that matter—fewer hospitalizations, fewer deaths. However, at the moment, the state is still asking folks to avoid outside gatherings of more than 10 persons, and while most restaurants are serving at 75%, it may still be difficult to find a restaurant willing to take on a large group. Masks and social distancing are still par for the course, and we are wise to follow those recommendations as we make our plans for the rest of the year.

The Board (made of up the club officers and the past president) will be meeting soon via Zoom to discuss our options for the rest of the year. Our original plan to meet at the home of a member on October 17th is not really feasible now with Covid; the board will discuss our options for a replacement activity either in person or via zoom. We still do hope to have a driving event in November (with social distancing, etc. for any stops we make), and we have a restaurant reserved for the Christmas party on Dec. 6. Watch your email inbox for details on all these activities.

In the meantime, keep your T-birds polished up, your masks on, and your hands washed!

Bonnie

Welcome Jim and Pat Lily



We welcome our newest members, Jim and Pat Lily who joined us for our September activity in their pretty yellow Retro!



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Who Doesn't Love a Parade?

On Saturday, September 19th, 11 Thunderbirds cruised up to Keller at the Legacy of Bear Creek, the new residence of our Lifetime Member, Harley Eaton, seen below in the bright red shirt and his Tbird mask. He and his friends from the Assisted Living section of the facility gathered under the Portico to watch us cruise by. Judging from their smiles and waves, they all seemed to enjoy the parade thoroughly!

Afterwards, we gathered at the local Sonic and enjoyed some time together there.



Kershaw's 1960, Haber's 1966, Retros belonging to the Youngs, Lowenbergs, Ben King, Huberts, Lilys, Garfields, Stephens, & Dave Egan, and Bill Stepina's 66 nearly filled the entire Sonic row!



Pics from Cedar Creek Lake—Aug 29, 2020



NTVT had a good showing at the annual Cedar Creek Car Show which was originally scheduled for May 4th, but due to Covid was postponed to August 29th. We had about 8 or 9 Tbirds there. Jim & Jan Young took Best in Class, President Dom Zanella won a class award and Best Ford award for his Turbo Coupe. His son, Michael, took a 2nd place in the Mustang category, and members John and CeCe Congleton left their Retro at home, but Best in Class and a Judge's Choice Award for their 1958 Skyliner.

Thanks to all who came out to support this worthy cause. And thanks, Marian Herbst, for sending the pic of your car—it's the best pic of the lot, and to Brad Kershaw for sending the pic of the Congletons. NTVT ought to fire the other poor photographer who took the rest of these pics!



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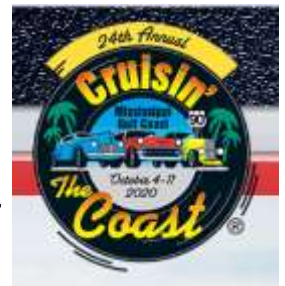
Out and About



Members Ralph and Betsy Haber recently took advantage of the beautiful weather to show off their classics at the Terrell, TX Film Alley Car Show and brought home two awards! Betsy got Runner Up in Convertibles and Ralph took Runner Up in Muscle Cars. Way to go, guys!

Last Minute Road Trip?

Known as the biggest block party in the US, this is the 24th Annual Cruisin' the Coast Event on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. You can still register on site beginning Monday, Oct. 5. The event runs from Oct 4-11th. See www.cruisinthe coast.com for more details.



NTVT 2020 Events Calendar

Visit These Websites:

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Oct 17 11:30 a.m.

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Nov 21

Day Trip; details TBA

Dec 6

Christmas Party—Location and Time TBA

Jan 16, 2021

Tachitos in Dallas

Events in black text are regular meetings. Other events are encouraged!

All events subject to change. Watch your email for announcements!