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A Note From the Editor

Dear Thunderbird friends, it seems we have gone from zero to sixty at our house. This re-opening has been almost as big an adjustment for me as the initial shutdown was! For nearly a year, we went nowhere, did pretty much nothing outside of our home. Now, suddenly, we are whirling with activities! While I love getting back into the swing of things, I am finding myself a bit overwhelmed with the opportunities. LOL!

Like several of you, Brad and I were really looking forward to the Cedar Creek Lake Car Show at Maybank, originally scheduled for May 1. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas. I do hope you all escaped any damage from the monsoons some of us experienced or any hail or high winds you may have had in your area. Over the past week, we have had a lot of rain and noise (thunder and lightning) but no damage here at the Kershaw homestead.

The regular May meeting will be May 15th, at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. Bring your own lunch. There is a pavilion so you may not need your lawn chairs.

The Cedar Creek Lake Car Show has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 22nd. I hope someone will take lots of pictures and send them to me and the webmaster, Mark Ibottson.

If anyone did not pre-register for that show but wants to attend, our spot is paid for and you may park in it as we will be in Colorado that weekend.

If you ordered a t-shirt last year (these were distributed in December), Jan Young will have them at the May meeting and the June meeting for pickup. PLEASE, pick them up then. In July, we will begin offering to sell any shirts not picked up to new members as they join. And that reminds me—Welcome to our newest members, Melissa and Tom Jordan of Dallas, who joined on April 23rd! We look forward to meeting you both and seeing your 1964 convertible!

With travel options on the rise, don't forget to send any pictures of your bird going places to our webmaster. Our website needs some fresh pictures! The weather is getting nicer and we need to get our birds out! Speaking of traveling, Marian Herbst and Rick Viera just returned from a trip to Florida; our President, Dave Egan, had to make an emergency trip to Salt Lake City on family business, and we hope his travels went smoothly. The Youngs took a southwest road trip to see the sights in Arizona; welcome back, Jan and Jim! And the Kershaws are leaving next week to see family in Colorado. If you are traveling, let us know so we can wave as we pass each other on the highway!

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Birdbath Update

The 2021 Rocky MT Thunderbird Club gathering called The BIRDBATH will be held **AUGUST 20-23, 2021** in Amarillo, TX at the Comfort Inn & Suites 2101 Interstate 40 E.

Jan Young called the hotel this week and found out that the special group rate rooms are all sold out. They still have other rooms available, but at a higher price (\$124 per night for Friday and Saturday; \$94 for Sunday night). The hotel does offer a free breakfast. ***Call the Hotel directly to book your room; 1-806-331-7829. ALSO please RSVP to Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-2921.** The Rocky Mountain Club needs to know the number of attendees so they can have an accurate count for events and transportation for those events. The weekend will include touring a car museum on Saturday morning, lunch as a group, the Panhandle museum Saturday afternoon, and dinner from a Food truck before an evening Cruise down Route 66. Sunday morning will be a Trolley Tour of the area.

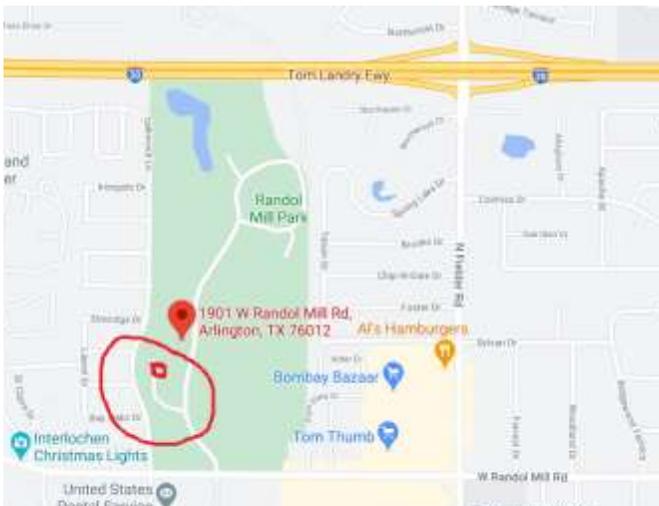
If you think this sounds like a fun weekend, ACT NOW! Call the hotel to secure your room and let Laurie Sarno know you plan to attend. It would be great to have NTVT well represented! There will be people from Colorado, Texas, and OK partici-

May Meeting at Randol Mill Park

At 11:30, Saturday, May 15, the club will meet at Randol Mill Park, 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012-3043 for our May meeting.

Bring your own sack lunch/take out food again (instead of the potluck style picnic we have enjoyed in the past—we may wait another bit before venturing in that direction due to continued concerns of Covid).

This has always been an enjoyable venue, with a nice parking lot. So bring your birds, your food, and maybe a chair if you don't want to sit at the picnic tables under the shelter. It should be a fun day! Remember to turn left at the first turn after entering the park, just past the National Guard Armory. Follow the road up to the shelter. See circled area on the map below left.



Randol Mill Park is south of I30 and west of Fielder Rd.



Cedar Creek Lake Car Show Rescheduled

CEDAR CREEK LAKE CAR SHOW & MABANK ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB CRAWFISH BOIL
May 22, 2021 - **Mabank Pavilion**

(Behind the Rodeo Arena on Bus. 175 Mabank)

Cars line up at 8 a.m., Awards start at 2:00,

Show is over when Awards presentation is over!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, other concession food available

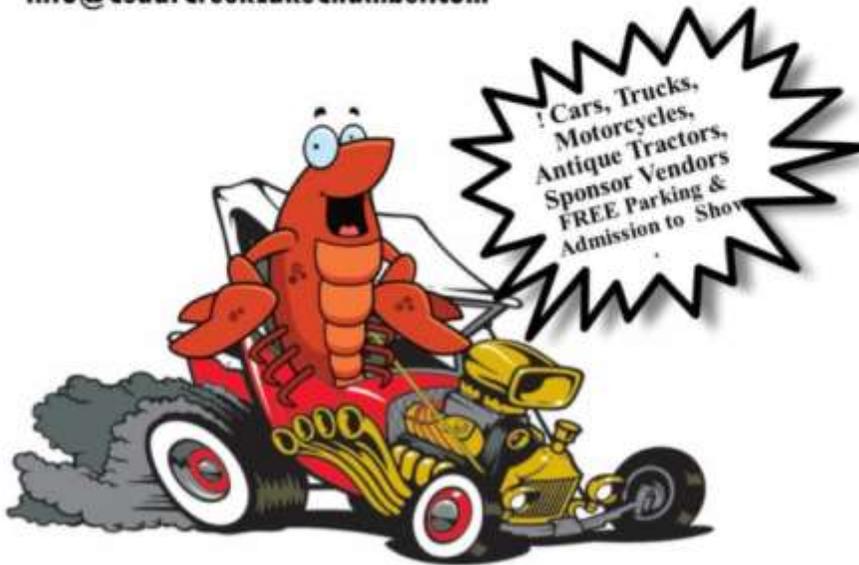
Entrance is FREE to the public!

Car Show Registration \$20 per car

903.887.3152

info@CedarCreekLakeChamber.com

NEW!
Kaufman County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association Barbeque Cook-off



This event has always been spectacular and even though delayed, this year will be no exception. Entrance is free to the public so tell all your friends to head to Mabank to see some really beautiful cars.

Registration is \$20 per car. The first 65 cars are parked under the pavilion. **Register NOW by calling 903-887-3152**, and tell them you are with the NTVT Club so we can all be parked together under the pavilion.

Check in starts at 8 am. Awards are at 2, and the show is over when awards have been given out. Call 903.887.3152 for an entry form or print the attached entry form. Call Bill Hanstrom at 214.683.2811

Yellow Rose All Ford Car Show July 24-25, 2021

The 31st Annual Yellow Rose will be a great chance to show off your Thunderbird in air-conditioned comfort! Get your registration in early and be sure to say on the form that you are member of NTVT so that all our members will be grouped together. There is a form attached to this email.

The actual show is July 24-25, but cars entered in the show must be in place on July 23rd and stay until the end of the day on Sunday. Ask George Antochy if you have any questions.

The 31st Annual
Yellow Rose
Classic
Car Show
Southwest All Ford Nationals

July 24 & 25, 2021
Saturday 10-9, Sunday 10-6

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NORTH TEXAS MUSTANG CLUB

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Thunderbird Appreciation Day—May 16, 2021



We have all seen the classic Ford Thunderbird advertisements which proudly proclaim that Thunderbirds are “Unique In All The World!” And as T-bird owners, we know how much attention these cars get when we drive them and show them to the public. All the years from the 1956 through 2005 are memory-making cars.

Join us on this 5th Annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day, Sunday May 16th, by taking your car out and driving it somewhere: to a car show, to a Sonic for a cold drink, to the park, or just out cruising the highways and byways of the great state of Texas!

Ford made over four million Thunderbirds, yet we rarely see them on the roads. So let's join with members of other VTCL, CTCL, and ITC chapters and clubs on this special day honoring our favorite cars. Let's show the world how wonderful and unique our Tbirds are! Don't forget to take some pictures of your Tbird on this day and send them to our webmaster, Mark Ibbotson, to our newsletter editor, Bonnie Kershaw, or post them on our Facebook Page!

Parts For Sale

Walter Martin has a front bumper for a 64-65 Thunderbird and a rear bumper with the lights that I will sell cheap just give him a call.

He will be at the Canton swap meet this weekend with them if anyone wants to come. Look for his booth. If you need these, jump on this or someone at Canton will!

He also has a 2002 GMC truck S-10 with new rebuilt motor and transmission for sale \$3500 in fair shape; call him at 972-896-7633



April Meeting Minutes—Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary

Seventeen people attended the April meeting at Lost Oak Winery in Burleson on Saturday, April 17. It was a very relaxed atmosphere to greet new and seasoned members alike. Dave Egan opened the meeting welcoming everyone and recognized new members Ron and Brenda Phelps. For those not at the March meeting Daryll & Theresa Hesselius introduced themselves as well.

Dave went on to highlight upcoming events.

The Wheels-For-Wellness organization is hosting a car show at the Pate swap meet. This is scheduled for April 24th at Texas Motor Speedway. The annual downtown Fort Worth show is scheduled for September 18th 2021. We will share club registration info later this spring.

The Cedar Creek Lake Chamber of Commerce show in Mabank is tentatively scheduled for May 1st. Watch <http://cedarcreeklakecarshow.net/> or the Cedar Creek Lake Chamber of Commerce phone at 903.887.3152 for more information.

The Elm Street Rod Run is scheduled for June 26th in Hillsboro. This is an all-day event and provides access to the Roadside America museum. For more information and registration go to www.roadsideamericatx.com.

The Yellow Rose all Ford show is scheduled for July 24-25 at the Arlington E-sports & Ex-Po Center. They have online pre-registration at <http://yracs.ntmc.org/Home/registration>. The NTMC will also start their monthly car get together April 10th (the second Saturday evening of the month) at Parker Square in Flower Mound. All cars are invited.

The Martins will be hosting their Independence Day party Saturday, July 3d. All are invited so put this event on your calendar now. We will send out the address and more information prior to the event.

The VTCl convention is scheduled for August 3 – 8 at Jantzen Beach near Portland, Oregon. Check the VTCl website for more information www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net For those wishing to attend John Garfield will organize a caravan from the DFW area.

The Rocky Mountain Tbirds to hold their annual “Bird Bath” in Amarillo this year August 20th – 23d. The hotel is the Comfort Inn & Suites 2101 I 40 E, Amarillo, TX 1-806-331-7829. The hotel offers a free Breakfast & many other amenities. To keep an eye on your car ask for an East facing accommodations. Approximately 427 miles from Denver, CO & 450 miles from DFW. Call the Hotel directly to book your room. Please RSVP to Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-4921 so they can have an accurate count for providing BBQ dinner. The tentative schedule of events: Friday, August 20th Arrive in Amarillo; Saturday, August 21st Morning Tour Car Museum, Lunch, Panhandle Museum & catered BBQ dinner at Hotel; Sunday, August 22nd Morning Cadillac Ranch, then the rest of the day to tour & explore on your own Monday, August 23^d Depart for home.



April Pictures—Lost Oak Winery





VTCI—Our Parent Club

Have you ever wondered how our parent club got started? It happened in 1968 when Don Brix and Don Harris, two owners of 1960 “squarebirds” ran into each other at an Oklahoma Ford dealership looking for parts for their Thunderbirds. They got to visiting and wondering if there were clubs for them. There was a national club for “early birds” but nothing for later Thunderbirds; and out of their friendship came the formation of what we know today as the Vintage Thunderbird Club International. Seven squarebird owners from the Tulsa area attended the first meeting of “The Vintage Thunderbird Club of America, the Squarebird Society” on September 17, 1968 .

In 1971, Larry Seyfarth became the president of the group, and under his leadership the club grew and developed into a finely structured club with elected regional directors and other national officers. Still today we recognize his efforts by presenting the coveted Larry Seyfarth Award at International Conventions. In 1977, during his tenure (1971-1984) the club expanded, accepting later years of T-birds (1961-1966). In 1988, the club changed its name to our current title. In 1996, the club officially changed its bylaws to include Thunderbirds of all model years. And since its inception, owning a Thunderbird has never been a requirement of membership! We just have to enjoy and appreciate them!

When people ask, “What good is being a member of both the VTCI and the local chapter?” my answer is quick and easy. It’s the people! Of course, being a VTCI member also gives members 6 issues of “The Scoop” magazine. But it puts you into connection with so many knowledgeable Thunderbird people. The conventions are wonderful, and we have made many friends in VTCI over the years.

NEW DATE 2021 VTCI International August 3rd - 8th
Red Lion Jantzen Beach, Portland Oregon

Thunderbird

VTCI 2021 International
Portland, Oregon

*You know your Thunderbird is great.
Now show everyone else!*

Concours Judging happens Friday August 6th. VTCI judges your Thunderbird against standards and not other Thunderbirds. Many owners are awarded for their Thunderbirds!
Instruction at the International could earn you VTCI Judges Certification!
Look for registration details in this Scoop edition or go to nwtbirds.org to print a paper registration to mail in.

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday August 3rd to Sunday August 8th, 2021



July 4th Bash with the Martins on July 3!

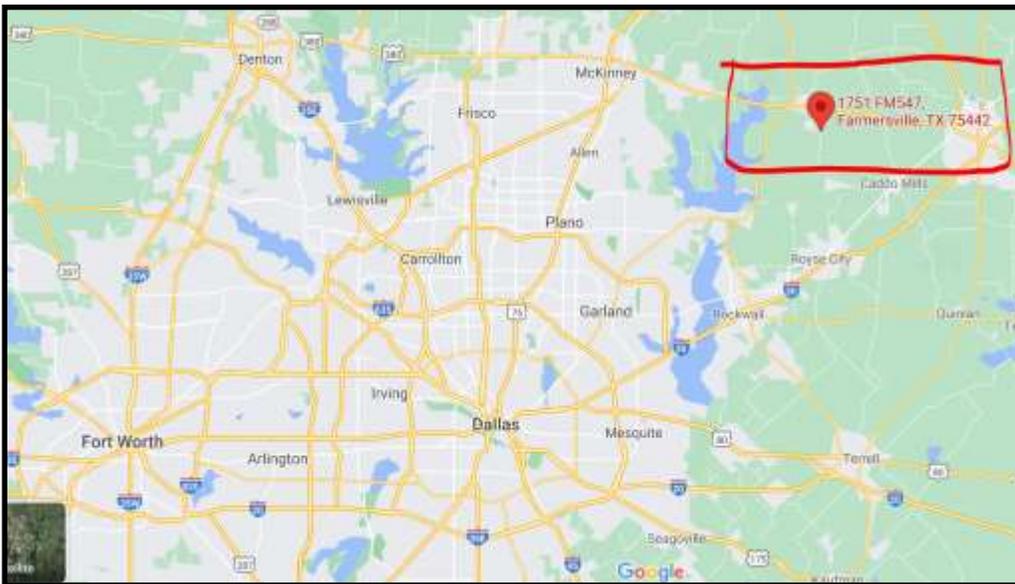
What could be better than celebrating the 4th of July with hot-dogs, hamburgers, and all kinds of goodies? Oh, of course! Celebrating with friends like Walter and Delphiene Martin at their home in Farmersville! This party is not limited to NTVT friends, so come on out, see some club friends and meet some other great folks.

On Saturday, July 3, the party will start at noon. It's casual...come as you are, stay as long as you like until 6 or 7 p.m. If you are coming, give Delphiene a call to coordinate food (so we don't end up with 17 dishes of bean dip—we don't need those kind of explosives!) Her number is 214-675-3341.

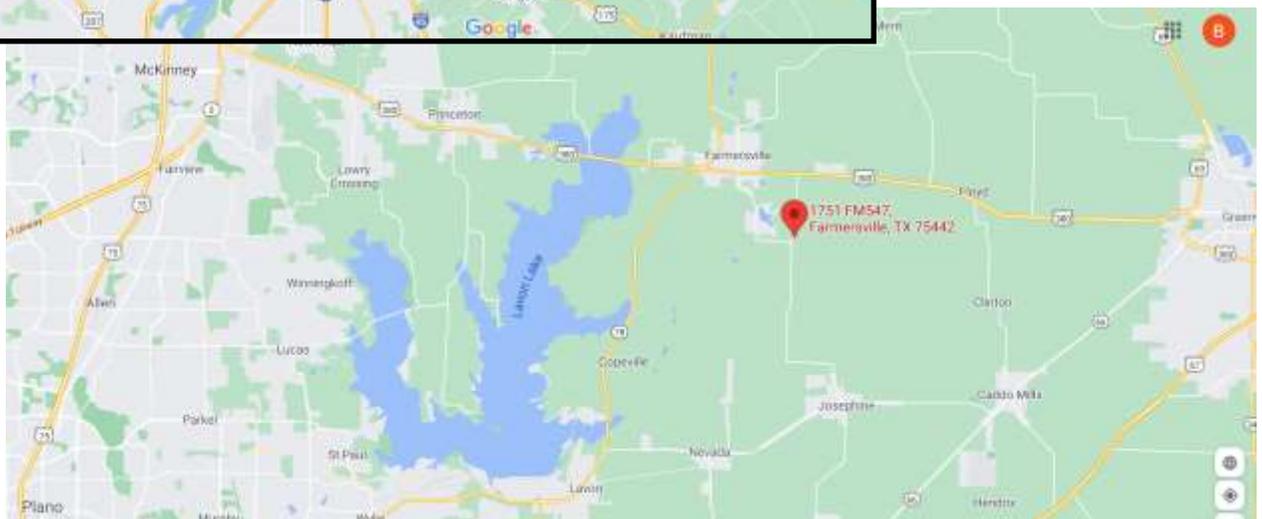
Walter has a margarita machine, and we sure hope it still works! If not, we are pretty sure nobody will go thirsty anyway. But it is always a highlight of the party.

You are welcome to wear masks if you like; not all will be wearing masks. Most people will have been vaccinated. So mark your calendars now for Saturday, July 3!

The address is 1751 FM 457, Farmersville, TX 75442. Farmersville is east of McKinney on Highway 380; the Martins live east of town on FM 457.



From the south, you can take 75 up to 380, or you can go through Garland and take 78 through Wylie and around Lake Lavon, going up to 380 that way.





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NTVT Calendar

May 15-11:30 a.m. Randol Mill Park, 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012-3043

May 16—Thunderbird Appreciation Day! Drive your t-bird & show it off!

May 22 Cedar Creek Lake Car Show—see full info page 3

Jun 19 11:30 a.m. TBA—watch your email!

Jun 26 Elm Street Rod Run, Hillsboro. Call Brad Kershaw for info.

Jul 9 Collector Car Appreciation Day

Jul 17 11:30 a.m. Mercado Juarez, 125 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018.

Jul 24-25 Yellow Rose Classic Car Show, see page 3

Aug 3-8 VTCl International Convention, Red Lion Jantzen Beach, Portland Oregon.

Aug 14 11:30 a.m. Streetside Classics 5400 Sandshell Dr Fort Worth, TX 76137. Note Date change to avoid conflict with The Birdbath event.

Aug 20-23 Bird Bath in Amarillo, sponsored by The Rocky Mt. T-Bird Club.

Sep 18 7:30-3:00 Wheels for Wellness, downtown Ft Worth; details later.

Oct 16 11:30 a.m. Possible meeting at the home of a club member Details TBA.

Nov Day Trip—exact date and location TBD

Dec 5 (Sunday) Christmas Party 4 p.m.—Salt Grass Steak House, Bedford.

Suggestions On Locations?

Do you know of parks (with pavilions, preferably) or other outdoor venues that might be available for our June Meeting? Or are we ready to do indoor lunches? If you know of restaurants with rooms large enough for about 40 people, please let us know. Let Walter Martin, VP in charge of events, know if you have suggestions for the June meeting or other months in the future.