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The Editor's Note

Dear T-birding friends,

Our outgoing president, Dominic Zanella, has a new job and a busy schedule, so instead of his farewell message, version 1.2, you are stuck with me this month. Actually, he already had his chance to say goodbye last year before we extended his term, and I bet he would just say, "What I said last time!"

We truly appreciate all of Dom's efforts to lead us over the last two years. He did a great job and we will continue to benefit from his wise council as he serves one year on the Board as Past President. Thanks, Dom!

As our 2021-2022 officers take their positions in March (see more about that on page 3), I am certain that all of the members as well as the officers have high hopes that 2021 will offer us a lot more than 2020 did! I know how much we have all missed our gatherings!

Things are still a little up in the air for our calendar; and I truly think there will be no going back to exactly the way things were before Covid invaded our world. But I have confidence that we will have the chance to gather safely soon, and we can again enjoy each other's company at our meetings and events.

I do have one request. Is there someone who would volunteer to be a newsletter reporter? I'm looking for someone who will do some interviews with members so we can highlight a member or two each month. Contact me (email: bradandbonnie@yahoo.com) if you would be interested in this job!

Please Pay Your Dues for 2021

It is that time of year again! Many of you have already sent in your check for \$30, and we thank you. If you haven't yet, please do send your NTVT dues to our treasurer, Tom Ossorio, 1619 Caplin Dr., Arlington, TX.

Even though we were not able to have as many meetings last year as we had hoped, we still had expenses. It costs to keep our website up and to pay rental costs for some of our meeting venues; and last year we ordered t-shirts. We also need to keep in mind that if we host a VTCl regional convention in 2022 or 2023, we need our treasury to be able to handle the costs involved.

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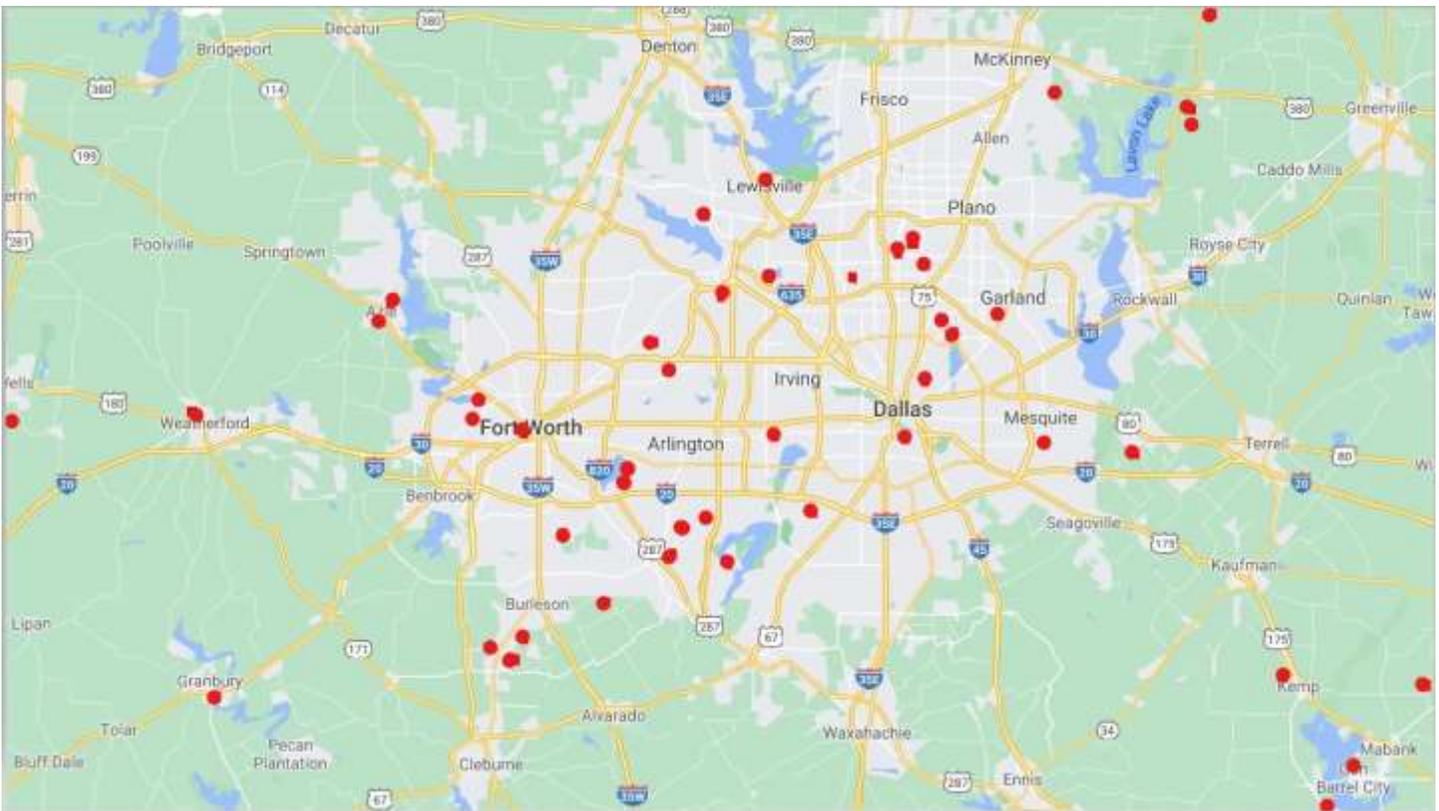
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Where Do We Live?

Do you wonder why we move our meetings around to various locations all the time? There are several reasons. First of all, people like to drive their Thunderbirds and moving the meetings to different places allows us to get out and drive our Birds. Second, our membership extends from Abilene to Granbury, to Wichita Falls, to Farmersville, to Henderson, and to Gun Barrell City! If we had every meeting in just one location, it would mean some people would have to drive a great distance each time while others would not get the chance to drive much at all. And finally, it's fun!

Below, you will find a map of the greater DFW area with markings as to where most of our members live. It's fun to see just how much ground we cover! I couldn't quite get Abilene, Wichita Falls, or Henderson on the map!



Minutes from the Feb 20th Zoom Meeting

Fifteen people attended the February meeting via Zoom. It was great to see friends again even though it was on the computer.

Elections for 2021 will be held at the March meeting scheduled for the Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine. As a reminder to the new folks, the officers rotate up each year. Dave Egan will replace Dom as president. Walter Martin will replace Dave as VP for Events. We elect a new VP for Membership each year to enter the rotation. A possible Zoom catch-up meeting was discussed for those not comfortable with an in-person meeting at this time.

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Feb 20 Minutes, continued

Russ Foster related some issues and solutions for the retro birds. Russ noted that his car showed the 0456 gas cap code due to the weather or just not a good tightening of the cap. Russ also noted that the exact battery called for by Ford is not readily available. O'Reilly has a battery that is slightly larger but will fit with a little finesse. Dave added to make sure the battery is vented since it is in the trunk.

John Garfield and Dave Egan shared that both used the self-serve hose washing places to get the salt and sand off the underside of their cars.

Brad announced that the regional convention scheduled for New Orleans had been cancelled. The letter published in the Scoop detailed the reasons behind this decision. From this information the club had no choice but to cancel the event. We hope these issues will be resolved and we can again enjoy the New Orleans hospitality.

We discussed some potential events for 2021 developed by the NTVT board. We will include the proposed calendar in the next newsletter and include extra events that members may want to attend.

Bonnie reported that Jim Lowenberg had emailed the club regarding the plans of the Rocky Mountain Tbirds to hold their annual "Bird Bath" in August in Amarillo this year. The NTVT may choose to join them or plan our own outing to replace the regional convention this year.

Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary

Officer Elections

March is the month for our annual officer elections. Last year, our officers agreed to serve a second year in lieu of having an election when we couldn't meet in person. But this year, we will return to our normal rotation of officers. Our President, Dom Zanella will hand the baton of leadership over to our 1st VP Dave Egan. Walter Martin will move up from 2nd VP to 1st VP; he will back Dave up and preside over meetings if Dave is unable to do so. Walter will also be in charge of Events. That means we will need to elect a new 2nd VP who will be in charge of New Member Applications.

Our nominations committee has drafted Ben King for that position, and he has graciously agreed to serve. Unless someone is beating down the door for a chance to run against him, he will be unopposed on the ballot. We will call for a vote of affirmation at the March meeting to formalize acceptance of the new slate of officers. (As we have had nobody express interest in the position of Secretary, Brad Kershaw will continue in that position; and Tom Ossorio will continue as our Treasurer. Bonnie Kershaw will continue to publish the newsletter, but she will be requesting some assistance this year! Watch your email for details, please.)



July 9—Collector Car Appreciation Day

Did you know the second Friday in July is actually a holiday honoring Collector Cars? Established in 2010 by a U.S. Congressional Resolution at the request of The SEMA Action Network recognizing that the “collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.”

The SAN encourages classic car owners to participate in the 12th Annual Commemoration of Classic Car Appreciation Day on July 9, or on any date throughout the whole month of July, by participating in Classic Car Events either in person or virtually. You can post photos of events in which you are participating on social media and include the hashtag #CCAD.

Drive your classic with pride and let everyone see and appreciate these cars!

Yellow Rose July 24-25, 2021

The 31st Annual Yellow Rose Classic Car Show will be held in the Arlington E-Sports Arena at 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX 76011 on July 24-25. Setup will be on July 23. Remember, if you enter your vehicle, it must remain on the show floor for the entire show.



This is a great opportunity to show off our Tbirds! And since it is an inside show (with delightful air conditioning!) it's always fun to attend even if you aren't showing your car. You can find discount coupons for attending on the [NTMC website](#) when it becomes available. Our club usually has several entries in the show, and we can attend as a group or individually.

Registration is slated to open up at the end of February (but the links were not live as of February 27th). For complete show details and instructions, please see the [North Texas Mustang Club Yellow Rose Website](#). Watch that page for registration in the next few days.

Bird Bath

The Rocky Mt. Thunderbird Club is planning a Birdbath August 20-23, 2021 to Amarillo Texas. Other Thunderbird owners will be joining us from Texas and Arizona. So, it should be fun to get together.

Comfort Inn & Suites 2101 I 40 E, 1-806-331-7829 \$82 per night when you ask for the Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club rate* Hotel offers a free Breakfast & many other amenities.* To keep an eye on your car, ask for an East facing accommodations. *Approx. 427 miles from Denver & 353 miles from Arlington! *Call the Hotel directly to book your room!



Bird Bath Information, Continued

ALSO please RSVP to Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-4921, so we can have an accurate count.

Tentative schedule of events: In Amarillo Arrive Friday August 20th at Hotel. 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 23rd: Depart.

Questions, send an email to: jamit793@gmail.com

Provisional Calendar for NTVT 2020 Meetings & Events

Although we can't say for certain how Covid will play its numbers games this year, we are hopeful that as members begin to get vaccinated, some will be interested in resuming our in-person meetings and events and that we will be able to find venues allowing groups of our size.

With that goal in mind, the NTVT Board met recently to draft a provisional calendar. While not set in stone, these are some of the dates that might interest you this year. Please note that the items in **Red** are regular meetings; additional events will not include any business meeting.

- Mar 21-11:30 a.m.** Lunch at Spring Creek 315 W Hwy 114, Grapevine, TX
- May 1** Cedar Creek (Mabank Crawfish) Show—let organizer Bill Hanstrom know if you plan to attend. Call the Chamber of Commerce, 903 887 3152 to reserve a spot with the NTVT group in the pavilion.
- May 1** : Sam Pack Spring Nationals Car Show (unconfirmed; TBA in April)
- May 16-11:30 a.m.** Revolver Brewery in Granbury; Details TBA when confirmed.
- Jun 20 11:00 a.m.** Picnic in Randol Mill Park, 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012. Possible Whole-Group T-bird picture!
- Jun 27** Elm Street Rod Run, Hillsboro. Call Brad Kershaw for info.
- Jul 9** Collector Car Appreciation Day
- Jul 18 11:30 a.m.** Mercado Juarez, 125 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018.
- Jul 24-25** Yellow Rose Classic Car Show, @ Esports Stadium and Ex- po Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX
- Aug 3-8** VTCl International Convention, Red Lion Jantzen Beach, Portland Oregon.
- Aug 15 11:30 a.m.** Streetside Classics 5400 Sandshell Dr STE 100, Fort Worth, TX 76137.
- Aug 20-23** Bird Bath in Amarillo, sponsored by The Rocky Mt. T-Bird Club.
- Sep 19 7:30-3:00** Wheels for Wellness, downtown Ft Worth; Tom Ossorio will announce details later.
- Oct 17 11:30 a.m.** Possible meeting at the home of a club member Details TBA.
- Nov 21** Day Trip
- Dec 6 Christmas Party**—Location and Time TBA



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Out and About!

Driving our thunderbirds always brings joy to us, but isn't it great when we can use our t-birds to put a smile on someone else's face, too? That's what Marian Herbst and Rick did in December when The Christian Cruisers Car Club held a parade at an Aledo nursing care facility to honor Ms. Tippy Foster's 100th birthday. Ms. Foster is a WWII veteran, and she was thrilled to see Marian drive up in what she called "**her**" car! At 100, Ms. Foster is mobile and still enjoying life. Thanks, Marian, for sending in these pics! Sorry it took so long to get a newsletter out to include them!



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