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The President's Message by Dave Egan

It is HOT outside, and it was a hot time at the Yellow Rose all Ford car show for NTVT. Members John and Cece Congleton won the coveted Participants Choice award with their black 1958 Skyliner. The exhibitors vote for the winner and it is a great honor for the Congletons. Every member who had a car entered in the show came home with a trophy! There were also several members who came to the show just to spend the day and show support. It was great fun and a great event for our club.

It's not too long before the Bird Bath gathering in Amarillo. There are several of us attending and it should be a fun event. It's always a good time when Thunderbird owners get together and compare notes. Hopefully COVID will not put a damper on this travel event.

Did you hear about the newest addition to Dan Hubert's fleet? I won't spoil the surprise, so get him to show you a picture. Very nice car!

See you at the next meeting.

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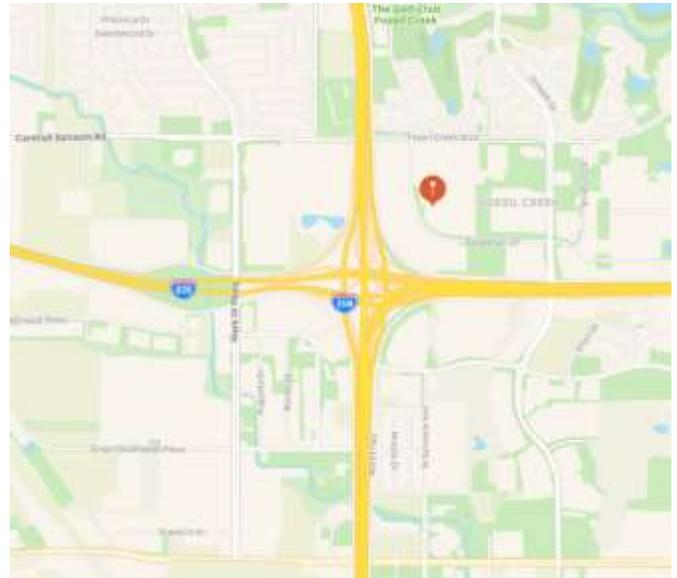
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August Meeting—Date Changed to Aug 14!

As we did not wish to conflict with the Rocky Mt. Tbird Club's annual Bird Bath event in Amarillo August 20-23, we have switched the normal August meeting from the third Saturday of the month to the second for this month only.

Join us on Saturday, August 14th from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for lunch, our meeting, and an opportunity to look at many gorgeous cars in an air-conditioned building. That is always a nice plus when we meet at Streetside Classics, 5400 Sandshell Dr, Unit 100, Fort Worth, TX 76137.

We will be catering lunch (likely sandwiches) so it will be important for you to let us know how many of you are attending. We don't want anyone to go home hungry. Watch your email inboxes for the reminder and RSVP, please.





Car Swap Meet-Aug 5-8: Canton

The Lewis Car Swap Meet will be held on Highway 19 in Canton, TX from 8 a.m until dark Aug 5th—8th. Buy, sell, swap all makes of trucks, cars, parts, and accessories.

<https://festivalnet.com/89906>



Yellow Rose Report

The 31st Annual Yellow Rose Car Show was a huge success this year! We thank the No TX Mustang Club for all their hard work putting this show together.

This year, the show celebrated the 65th birthday of the 1956 Thunderbird, and The Big D Little Bird Club (many of whose members also belong to NTVT) put together a beautiful display of the early tbirds. Our own Marian Herbst and Rick Viera planned and executed that award-winning display. We congratulate them on winning 2nd place in the Display Category!

Our club was well represented as 5 members showed 6 Thunderbirds in addition to the two non-club Thunderbirds included with ours (and one of those owners plans to join our club! Yay!) Thanks to John and Cece Congelton, Bruce Davis, Dave Egan, Darrell and Theresa Hesselius, and Jim and Jan Young for bringing their Tbirds to the Arlington Convention Center. Several other members came to enjoy the show and support the displaying members. A special shout out to Betsy Haber who, at the last moment, wasn't able to bring her thunderbird but came to the show both days to support the club!

Congratulations to John and Cece Congleton who, in addition to showing their Retro, brought their incredibly beautiful 1958 Fairlane Skyliner as the featured car. They took home the coveted Participants' Choice Award for their efforts! Way to go, John and Cece!



Congrats to all the owners whose awards I know: Bruce Davis for Best in Class and Best Late Model Paint and Cece and John Congleton for Participants' Choice; Dave Egan, Jim and Jan Young, and Darrell and Theresa Hesselius also went home with awards. Although participating with the Early Bird Club, dual club members Marian Herbst and Rick Viera, Al and Barbara McDonald, and James Oglesby showed their thunderbirds, and the awards on that side of the aisle were numerous, too. It's a win for all of us whenever a Thunderbird takes a prize!



The editor thanks to the members who sent in pics: Congletons, Davis, Haber, Herbst, and the Youngs.



Yellow Rose 2021 Pics





Yellow Rose 2021 Pics, continued





One NTVT Bird Flying High!

Thank you to Tim and Brenda Stephens for sending in these pics of their “high-altitude” retro on the road to the summit of Pikes Peak. (and my apologies for not including it in the last newsletter!)

This month, Tim also sent a picture from the same trip of the bird next to an interesting warning sign: “Big Foot Crossing—Due to sightings in the area of a creature resembling Big Foot, this sign has been posted for your safety.” Yikes!



A Work in Progress!



Our new members, Leonard and Samantha Kelley have a little work to do to get their bullet bird ready for driving or showing, but it will be a beauty when they do.

Leonard and Samantha, we welcome you to the club and hope you will enjoy being involved as much as the rest of us do! We look forward to meeting you soon.

September 18: Wheels for Wellness!

NTVT has always had a great showing at the Wheels for Wellness Car Show in Downtown Ft Worth on the third Saturday of September. Most of us enjoy lunch together at a nearby restaurant but we won't try to have much of a regular meeting as the crowds inside the restaurants and on the street make that difficult!

If you have not already advised Tom Ossorio that you plan to attend, please call or email him right away (see the contacts on the last page). He needs to make sure the organizers reserve enough space for us. Go online to get the form, print it out, and send it and the check to Tom as he registers the entire group together. **DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE.** Hope to see you there!

Cost is \$35 and proceeds support Prostate Cancer Research and Awareness.



Finally! The 2021 Cedar Creek Lake Car Show

After being unable to have the annual Cedar Creek Car Show in 2020 due to Covid, the May 1st show this year was postponed due to the threat of bad weather. But on Saturday, July 31st, the show did go on! Unfortunately, the rescheduling caused some conflicts for some NTVT members who had planned to attend, but several members attended and a few received awards!

Our club received Best Club Participation based on the number of registrations entered; Dave Egan accepted that award on the club's behalf and earned a Best in Class for his Retro. John and CeCe Congleton took home Best of Show for their 1958 Fairlane Skyliner, and Tom Ossorio's 1958 Thunderbird earned the special award from the local Ford Dealership. Dominic Zanella and his son Michael both showed their mustangs, and Michael's took home the prize for best in class while Dom settled for Class winner! Dominic did win a terrific door prize, however. He took home a nice tool chest that was too big to fit in his Mustang! However, Brad's 1960 was plenty big enough, so he came to the rescue.



Pictures courtesy of www.themonitor.net





More Cedar Creek Pics





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NTVT Calendar

Aug 3-8 VTCI 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.

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.

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