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## The President's Message

I am very excited to start my new term as President of North Texas Vintage Thunderbirds. Thanks to Dom and all the officers who have served in this position before me. Without them, the other officers and people like Bonnie Kershaw, Tom Osorio and the great membership, NTVT would not be the success that it has become. They are the glue that hold it all together.

When I was 12 my neighbor had a black 1955 Thunderbird. He would get out every Sunday with a bottle of Testors paint and cover the rock chips that had been inflicted. I didn't understand that then, I understand that now. I knew that someday I would own one.

I bought my first Thunderbird in 2010 and very soon after the purchase I took my first Thunderbird road trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a 2003 whisper white car and I still own it. I avoided the interstate highways as much as possible. I drove in the rain with the top down and remember looking up at the lightning and the rain passing over my head and hoping I wouldn't have to stop. I would have been very wet. I stayed dry and I drove it

out of the rain, That began my relationship with Thunderbirds. What great fun I just had and what a great car this is for a cruise. I decided that I need to get me some more Thunderbirds. Since then, I have driven that whisper white car in all the lower 48 states and four Canadian provinces. I have also added three more Thunderbirds to my nest. Two of the other three I have driven in excess of thirty states. You could say that I like to drive. I have been blessed with many friendships all over the country because of the Thunderbird.

My professional life was in computer interfaces, mainly to credit card processors, fuel pumps, and point of sale systems.

I am very proud to be a member of NTVT and I am looking forward to the challenges the future brings.

COVID caused complications, but it looks like it may be on the wane. I hope so. I enjoy showing cars and I am glad that the car show season seems to be starting.

If you have ideas, comments or suggestions, please let me know.

Its not just about the cars, it's about the people that drive the cars!

Dave Egan

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## A Birdbath By Any Other Name...

When I think of a birdbath, I think of a garden decoration designed to let birds take a dip. But the Rocky Mt. Thunderbird Club has a different version of a birdbath...it's a rollicking good time with a whole bunch of birds!

This summer we have been invited to participate with the Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club in their annual summer trip, which they call the Birdbath. This is a fantastic group of folks (ask the Lowenbergs and the Garfields as they have participated in previous birdbath trips), and they have graciously included us and the OK City club in the fun.

The 2021 RMTTC BIRDBATH will be held AUGUST 20-23, 2021 in Amarillo, TX. That's a short 5 or 6 hour drive for most of us. They are staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites 2101 I 40 E in Amarillo.

\*\$82 per night when you ask for the Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club rate

\*Hotel offers a free Breakfast & many other amenities

**\*Call the Hotel directly to book your room; 1-806-331-7829**

**ALSO please RSVP to Laurie Sarno at [landsarno58@gmail.com](mailto:landsarno58@gmail.com) or 720-244-2921, so we can have an accurate count for events.**

Here is the Updated Tentative Schedule for the Weekend:

**Friday, August 20:** Arrive at Hotel

**Saturday August 21st:**

Morning Tour Car Museum  
Lunch  
Tour Panhandle Museum  
Hotel Dinner Food Truck  
Route 66 Evening Cruise

**Sunday August 22nd:**

Morning Trolley Tour  
Afternoon To Do As You Please

**Monday August 23:** Depart

If you think this sounds like a fun weekend, ACT NOW! Call the hotel to secure your room at the special rate and let Laurie Sarno know you plan to attend. It would be great to have NTVT well represented! Let us know you plan to attend as well so those attending can discuss caravanning, etc.

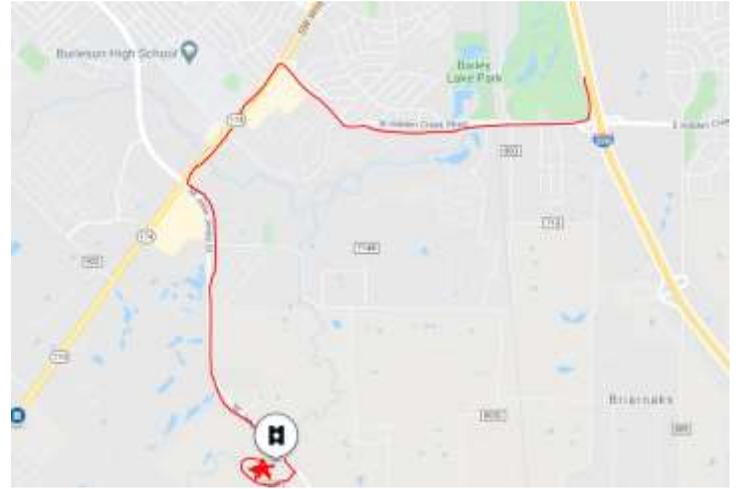
## Message from the Treasurer

If you have already paid your 2021 NTVT dues, THANK YOU. But if you have not yet paid your 2021 dues, it is time to do so! Please send a \$30 check made out to NTVT to Tom Ossorio, 1619 Caplin Dr., Arlington TX 76018. Our dues help us pay for the costs of venues for some of our meetings, pay for our name tags, provide door prizes, and maintain our webpage among other things.



## April in the Vineyard—Meet me at the Winery!

Our April meeting will be outside! Come enjoy the sunshine, a glass of wine if you want with some cheese purchased at the winery, or bring a takeout lunch. We will meet at **12:00 noon** (they don't open until noon!) on Saturday, April 17th at the Lost Oak Winery, 8101 County Rd 802, Burleson, TX 76028-6348. Bring your lawn chair and we will enjoy a relaxing lunch together! The bluebonnets are coming out, and it should be a great day.



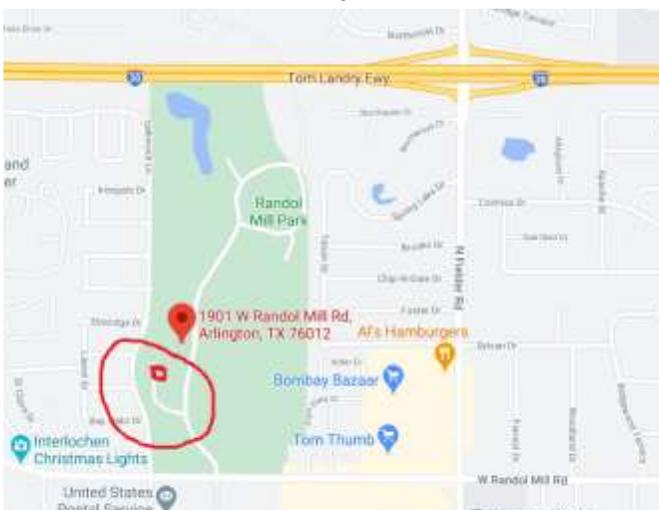
Take I35W south from I20 or north from Hwy 67. Head west on Hidden Creek Parkway, South on Hwy 174 then left on John Jones Dr. to County Rd 802.

## May Brings More Outdoor Fun with a Picnic in the 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 Nat'l Guard Armory. Follow the road up to the shelter. See circled area on the map below.



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



## Cedar Creek Lake Car Show and Crawfish Boil

### CEDAR CREEK LAKE CAR SHOW & MABANK ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB CRAWFISH BOIL May 1, 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 been a club favorite for several years! Entrance is free to the public so tell all your friends to head to Maybank 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 for general questions.

## 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

Open to all Ford Powered Vehicles

Hosted By:




Admission \$12.00 Kids 12 & Under-Free  
For information and discount coupons:  
yellowrosecarshow.com  
or NTMC.org

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## Christmas Is Coming....Eventually!

Our Christmas banquet maven and her trusty elves are already busy planning for the annual NTVT Christmas party. This year we will celebrate the season on Sunday, December 5th (*note—not on a Saturday, as venues are hard to locate for Saturdays during that season!*) with dinner at the Salt Grass Steak House in Bedford.

We will have many more details in the months to come, but be sure to mark your calendars now for December 5. You won't want to miss it!

## Old Birds and their Old Owners, by David Silva

This is a story of how we have all grown older (Birds and their Owners).

My story began in about June of this last past year. I felt frisky and ready to tackle the issue of keeping the old bird alive and respectable. So, I proceeded to pull the 65 out of the garage and started to address issues I found. Cleaning battery posts, running the engine for 15 minutes and bringing it up to temp, washing, cleaning the interior, checking fluid levels etc. I am hard at work on these, and then Tina calls me inside for something.

Returning, I know that I have both hood and trunk lids up as I am pulling tools and cleaning products out of the trunk and the hood so I can complete the items needing done. Things are going smoothly and I am sweating a bit but very happy with the things I have finished. Then Tina calls out to me to see what we will want to eat for lunch, I say something simple that I will go pick up. I don't want things getting in under the hood or bird s\_\_t in the trunk so I close them before I go to get the food.

Upon returning after a good lunch, I told Tina I was going back to finish the work I was doing on the T-bird. Under the hood I check fluid levels and see I need some brake fluid, so I fill that to required levels. All is going well and I start to button up items and get set to pull the bird out for a quick spin. I go to start the car and find that the keys are not in the ignition switch. OK... so I begin to check my pockets, (not there) in the garage (not there) under the hood (not there) in the house, again not there. WTF (What the Frig)? Day light is diminishing; then it comes to me, did I leave them in the trunk? Oh H-ll no. So I know I have extra keys सही, right. I know where they should be and I search. NO KEYS, OMG my mind is going crazy, where did I put them? High and low I search. Nothing. So, did I leave them in the trunk? Time is passing so I think I might have, so I proceed to remove the back seat and pull the back cover. With great flash lights I search and believe I see them on top of my tool chest. I need the extra long grabbing tool to try and reach that far. As I am lying over the differential hump, (on my side peering to see and extending my reach) I try to reach my object. Suddenly I feel a snap on my side. OK, I move around and continue only to fail in my effort to get the keys.

It is now getting dark and Tina is telling me to come in. I can't do any more so I call it quits. My side is hurting a bit but I'm OK. Going inside Tina reminds me to go put my Escape back in the drive as I had taken it out thinking I would take the Bird



## Old Birds and Old Owners, continued

out. Feeling upset I go to move the Escape. As I enter the Escape and start the car, I look to the right into the cup holder, and behold \*\*\*The Keys\*\*\* OMG I was totally happy to see them, I later learned the next morning that I cracked a rib lying over the hump (3 weeks for it to feel better) Next morning, I went to make another set of keys and doubled up on them. Can't have too many. Lesson learned: we aren't as young as we were and always make MORE KEYS.

## NTVT Calendar

**April 17: 12 Noon.** Lost Oak Winery, 8101 County Rd 802, Burleson, TX 76028-6348; bring your take-out lunch and a lawn chair (or purchase a cheese tray at the winery).

**April 22-24: Pate Swap Meet** Texas Motor Speedway; Car Show on 4/24 8am-2pm

**May 1** Cedar Creek (Mabank Crawfish) Show—see full info page 4

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

**Jun 19 11:30 a.m. TBA**

**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 4

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

**Aug 21 11:30 a.m.** Streetside Classics 5400 Sandshell Dr Fort Worth, TX 76137.

**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.

## Lifetime Member Harley Eaton Moves to Austin

Many long-time members will remember Harley Eaton, whose knowledge of Thunderbirds has been legendary in our area. The last year has been rough for Harley with several visits to the hospital and rehab.

He is now happily situated in Austin near his daughter, Leah. He is thrilled to be there, and we send him congratulations on his move and best wishes!

If any of Harley's friends want his new address, please contact Bonnie Kershaw.



## March Meeting Minutes, by Brad Kershaw

Thirty-four people attended the March meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine. It was great to see friends in person again.

Dom was working so Dave Egan opened the meeting. Dave welcomed everyone and recognized new members Lesley & Cookie Betts and Daryl & Theresa Hesselius.

Dave's next duty was to introduce the proposed slate of officers for 2021. 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. Ben King has agreed to serve as second VP for membership. Dom will continue to serve on the board as immediate past president. Dave then called for a voice vote to accept this proposed slate of officers. The membership gave a rousing approval of the new officers.

Dave then switched hats to start his term as president and proceed with the rest of the agenda items.

Marian talked about the Christian Classic Cruisers car show scheduled for later this day. Several members indicated their intentions to attend. (A report and pictures later in this newsletter)

The Wheels-For-Wellness organization is hosting a car show at the Pate swap meet. This is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at Texas Motor Speedway. It shows "Save the Date" at this time but check for more information when its available at [www.wheelsforwellnes.org](http://www.wheelsforwellnes.org) The annual downtown Fort Worth show is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch <http://cedarcreeklakecarshow.net/> or the Cedar Creek Lake Chamber of Commerce phone at 903.887.3152 for more information.

George Antochy provided information on the North Texas Mustang Club activities. The spring nationals at Sam Pack's headquarters have been postponed until fall. 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 start their monthly car get together April 10<sup>th</sup> (the second Saturday evening of the month) at Parker Square in Flower Mound. All cars are invited.

The Elm Street Rod Run is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.roadsideamericatx.com).

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.



## March Meeting Minutes, continued

Jim Lowenberg shared plans of the Rocky Mountain Tbirds to hold their annual "Bird Bath" in Amarillo this year. The hotel is the Comfort Inn & Suites 2101 I 40 E, Amarillo, TX 1-806-331-7829. The cost is \$82 per night when you ask for the Rocky Mountain Thunderbird Club rate. 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 we can have an accurate count for providing BBQ dinner.

The tentative schedule of events: Friday August 20th Arrive in Amarillo 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 for home.

You may plan to join them on your own. The NTVT may choose to join them or plan our own outing to replace the regional convention this year.

The April and May meetings sites are not solid at this time. Bonnie asked if there were other venues for outdoor meetings. Some members would still more comfortable in an outdoor setting. The Randoll Mill park in Arlington and a park in South Grand Prairie were suggested. Bonnie will check out the availability and fees in those parks.

Betsy asked for suggestions for the Christmas party venue. Outlaw BBQ in Grand Prairie has a large room but if there are other places with a more varied menu please contact the secretary or newsletter editor and we will forward those suggestions on to Betsy. Steven suggested Nu-Nu Chinese buffet in Addison. Betsy will check on their room.

The MacDonalds and Lowenbergs won doorprizes. The Youngs won the 50/50 .





## More Pics from March 20, 2021





## Out & About: Tbirds at the Christian Classic Cruisers

Here a bird, there a bird, everywhere a bird! Three Thunderbirds in a row showed up at the Christian Classic Cruiser's first car show of the season on Saturday afternoon, March 20, 2021. Marian Herbst and Rick Viera were busy helping run the show, directing traffic and working hard, so much that I didn't get a picture of them. Marian's beautiful 1956 was also on display (and I failed to get a picture of it! Sorry, Marian!) But Brad Kershaw's 1960 and the 1966 Town Landau belonging to brand new members Darrell and Theresa Hesselius drew lots of admirers. A choice 1957 Little Bird owned by Alan and Sandy, members of The Big D Little Bird Club rounded out the trio of thunderbirds (and I'm sorry I didn't get their last name!) NTVT members Al and Barbara McDonald were also there with their gorgeous white 1957, but were a little ways away (and again, we need to fire the photographer for missing theirs).

The weather was terrific, and it was a great day to soak up some sunshine and enjoy the company of other car folks. Congratulations to Darrell and Theresa Hesselius who were tickled to end up taking home an award! Not bad for their first outing with NTVT!





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## Pate Annual Swap Meet

The Pate Annual Swap meet will happen April 22-24 at Texas Motor Speedway. There will be more than 8,000 vendors of all things automotive: parts large and small, cars for sale in the car corral, and all sorts of transportation memorabilia and merchandise.

This year, due to the vaccination hub at the Speedway, the swap meet will be held on the east side of the complex. Motorized scooters will be available for rental, as well as free hauling of car parts to your vehicle. You can even camp at the swap meet for only \$20 for the entire weekend! Pay at the gate.

Wheels for Wellness is sponsoring a car show at Pate on April 24th from 8-2 pm. Benefiting Prostate Cancer Research, the entrance fee will be \$25 per car at the gate. There will be 20 awards given out. Free PSA screening will occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Directions for Car Show entry: Enter from TX Hwy 114 West. Turn right (north) at the first red light (Labonte Lane). Stay to the right; Labonte Ln becomes Lone Star Circle; drive past Mark Martin Drive. The car show will be in the right side (Pit area); follow the signs.

For more information, check out the Pate website: [The Pate Swap Meet - April 22 - 24, 2021](#)

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