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The President's Message

Here it is the end of May, and the Indy 500 is scheduled to run again. One of my favorite events of the year.

I've been able to put the top down on a Thunderbird and cruise the local show and shine events that are all around the Metroplex. If you are comfortable doing that kind of activity, it's a good time of the year to get out and see some local cars.

Our next meeting is in Ennis at the Sugar Ridge Winery. (<http://sugarridgewine.com/>) It's a great venue and it should be a nice day for a long drive. Ben King is meeting other club members at the CVS on Mockingbird and Central at 10:00 AM to caravan to Ennis if you want to join the parade. It's always fun to ride with a bunch of other Thunderbirds. If you have questions, please call Ben at 817-366-5464.

Thanks to Ben for putting this together!

We had good participation in the tech corner last meeting. Please be thinking about any questions or experiences that you can share with the members. All of our cars need a lot of TLC and the experience that others have had is always welcome.

Dave Egan, president

June 19th Meeting

What could be better than a relaxing day in the country? Well, a relaxing day at the Sugar Ridge Winery and Bistro!

Join NTVT on Saturday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sugar Ridge Winery, **353 Sugar Ridge Rd., Ennis, TX 75119.**

Want to caravan down? Join Ben King at the CVS on Mockingbird Lane and Central in Dallas at 10 a.m. or just motor from wherever you are directly to the winery. The bistro there offers a nice menu for lunch. The average prices range from \$10 to \$14.

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2021 RMTB BIRDBATH Update

Join members of the Rocky Mt Thunderbird Club and the Sooner Thunderbird Club on August 20-23, 2021, in Amarillo, TX. They are staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 2101 I 40 E; call the hotel at 1-806-331-7829 to reserve your room at the discounted event rate of \$82 per night (be sure to ask for the Rocky Mt. Thunderbird Club rate).

The Hotel offers a free Breakfast & many other amenities. There are only a few rooms left at this reduced rate, so call now. Deadline for registration is July 15, 2021.

ALSO please RSVP to Laurie Sarno at landsarno58@gmail.com or 720-244-2921, so we can have an accurate count for events & food truck

The updated Tentative Schedule shows arrival at the hotel on Friday, August 20th. On Saturday, August 21st, there is a morning tour of a local car museum followed by lunch and a tour of the Panhandle Museum. The day ends with a food truck dinner at the hotel before the evening Route 66 Evening Cruise.



On Sunday August 22nd, everyone is free to tour on their own in Amarillo or join on a day trip to Lubbock TX to visit the Silent Wing Museum & Buddy Holly Museum. The group will depart on Monday, August 23.

This sounds like it will be a really fun trip! And it's close to home, so make your plans to attend. Be sure to call the hotel to secure your room, RSVP to Laurie via phone or email, and let Jim Lowenberg know you are planning to attend! You may even want to caravan out to Amarillo! Just don't delay.

VTCI International Convention August 3rd-8th

Up for a road trip? Join John and Ginny Garfield as they head to the Red Lion Hotel on Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon, for the Vintage Thunderbird Club International Convention. There will be opportunities for fellowship with many other Thunderbird owners, tours to Mt. St. Helens, Fort Vancouver, and Mt. Hood, and a dinner cruise on the Willamette River. And, of course, there is the chance for you to have your classic Thunderbird judged in one of a variety of divisions on the show field.



These conventions are fun and educational. And after the convention, you will have the chance to see some exceptional scenery on the way home! Call John Garfield for more information on the caravan to Oregon; fill in and mail the registration form attached to the email delivering this newsletter.



Cedar Creek Lake Car Show Rescheduled—AGAIN!

The Cedar Creek Lake Car Show date has been reset to Saturday, July 31, 2021. Rain or shine, the show will go on that day!

Everything else will remain the same. If you've pre-entered you're good to go; and if you haven't, please go ahead and do it. Check out The Cedar Creek Car Show Facebook Page ([Cedar Creek Lake Car Show & Crawfish Boil | Facebook](#)) for more details or call Bill Hanstrom at 214-683-2811. You can also call the Cedar Creek Chamber of Commerce (903-887-3152) or send an email to info@CedarCreekLakeChamber.com



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.

Elm Street Rod Run, Sat. June

The Elm Street Rod Run in Hillsboro, TX, is always a fun event. Come at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, June 25th for live music at the cruise-in on Elm Street and spend the night in a local motel so you can get an early start on the car show on Saturday, June 26th. Or just come for the day on Saturday, June 26th. Gates open at 9 a.m. on Saturday; awards ceremony begins at 2:30. Call Carroll Estes if you have questions: 972-291-2958.



RAIN or SHINE EVENT - NO RAIN DATE



May Meeting Minutes submitted by acting Secretary, John Garfield

29 people attended the meeting held at the Arlington, Tx Randol Mill Park.

President Dave Egan began the meeting at 12:00 PM with a special welcome to John Congleton who recently recovered from surgery. Dave announced that new name tags were available at the Treasurers table.

Dave announced a new point of meetings is to allow approximately 10 minutes for members to raise questions about their cars and seek help on any special issues. Mark Ibbitson noted that some similar interior parts can be retrieved from the Lincoln LX of the same years.

Dave went on to announce upcoming meetings beginning with the June meeting to be held at the Sugar Ridge Winery in Ennis. Other gatherings coming up are: the delayed Maybank Car Show, May 22nd; July 3rd at Walter Martins for July 4th.; VTCI International Conference in Portland, Or. August 3rd to the 7th. (Note: John Garfield announced his reservation at the meeting and invited anyone who wishes to caravan up to Portland to contact him. He intends to leave on August 1st to arrive on August 3rd. Also to let the Colorado group know that they are welcome to join the caravan in Denver on August 2nd. and to contact John about this. John's email address is j.garfield@att.net.) The Colorado group is meeting August 20th in Amarillo and has extended a welcome to the NTVT members to join them. (As of this writing, all hotel rooms have been reserved but efforts are being made to expand the discount. *Editor's note: the discount deadline has been extended, but book now!*) Other meetings include the Yellow Rose in Arlington on July 24th and 25th. Dave noted that there will be a run to Nocona, Tx too. Other events are listed in the Newsletter.

At the close it was announced that members, especially new members, can get a NTVT T-Shirt for \$15 available through Jan Young.

The meeting ended at 1:00 PM.

Welcome, New Members!

NTVT would like to welcome several new members to our club. Mickey and Michelle Morgan and Tom and Melissa Jordan attended the May meeting at Randol Mill Park. And Gary Averitt will join us at the June meeting at the Sugar Ridge Winery.

I know all of the new members will enjoy being a part of this group. If you have joined recently, I invite you to introduce yourselves via this newsletter. Just send me a picture of your Thunderbird and yourselves (in one pic or separately). Tell us a little about yourselves! You can reply to the email delivering this newsletter or send it to me directly at bradandbonnie@yahoo.com



July 4th Bash with the Martins on July 3!

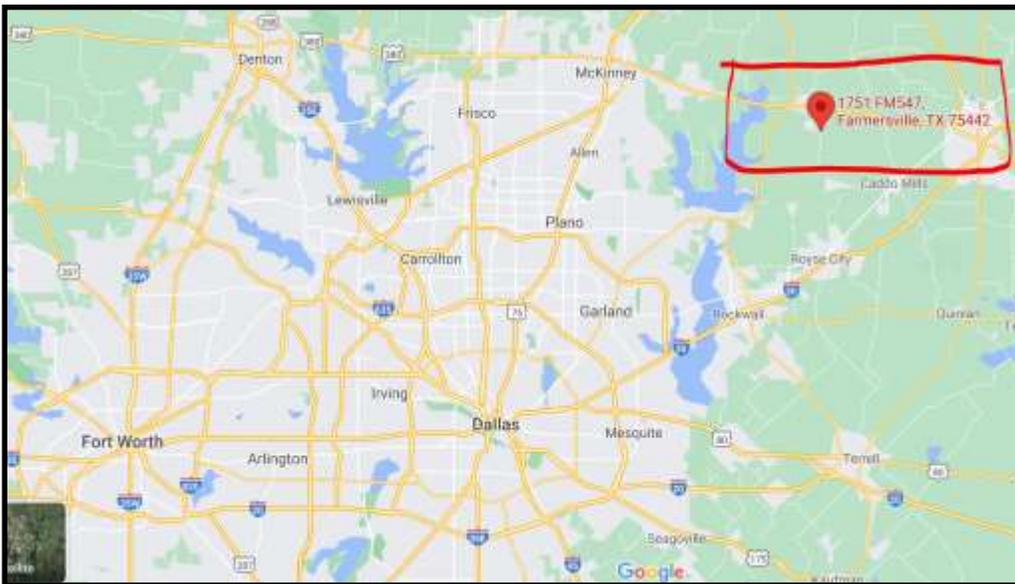
What could be better than celebrating the 4th of July with hot-dogs, hamburgers, and all kinds of goodies? Oh, of course! Celebrating with friends like Walter and Delphiene Martin at their home in Farmersville! This party is not limited to NTVT friends, so come on out, see some club friends and meet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

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

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

Jul 3 Party to celebrate Independence Day at the Martin's; noon-6 p.m. Call Delphiene 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

Jul 31 9:00 Cedar Creek Car Show, Maybank, TX

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.

Pics & Articles Needed

Have you attended a car show? Have you taken a trip in your Thunderbird? Do you have Tbird parts for sale or ones you need? Do you have a tech tip you could share? Would you like to tell your T-bird story (how you got hooked on birds, what your first tbird was and when, etc.)?

Please submit articles and pictures for inclusion in the newsletter by the 4th Monday of each month.