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I want to thank all those who came to the Wheel for Wellness car show Saturday, Sept 17. We had a great showing, taking up both sides of Main Street with our cars, and the show had about 400 cars in total. Our group had Dan Hubert winning a trophy with his Excalibur and a 57 Tbird, owned by Dave Setzer from the Big D Little Bird Club, won the Tbird category. True to form, my 64 made it there with no problem but my ac belt broke and coming home it started heating up.

Delphiene contacted Eloy, and he is doing fine and will be glad to see everyone at his house October 15th for our next meeting, (see article below for address and time). Then a reminder will be coming shortly in a email.

I will be finishing up our new room addition this week and hopefully have time to paint my 69 Jag and make it to some car shows before the end of year. Hope to see everyone at Eloy's and Kitty's for the next meeting.

Walter Martin
President NTVT

Ghouls and Birds in October



In spite of the Zombie Warning, don't be afraid to venture out to Grand Prairie for the October meeting on Saturday, 10/15, starting at 11:30 and staying as long as you can last! We are ordering sandwiches from Jason's Deli, so come prepared to pay \$12.00 cash for a box lunch. Our hosts, Eloy and Kitty Villafranca, will provide drinks. **No costumes necessary; just bring your car**



and YOU!

Parking available in the cul-de-sac in front of the house. Neighbors will be aware of the impending Bird Invasion. **The address is 3008 Pamplona, Grand Prairie, TX 75054.** GPS it. We are close to Joe Pool Lake. **Phone number is 214-287-5899 or eloyandkitty@sbcglobal.net** For those who are interested, there will be billiards, pinball, slot machine, foosball and jukebox in the game room!

Watch your email for your opportunity to RSVP, order a sandwich box, and register your choice of meat for your sandwich(es).

Come and enjoy! You will get to spend time with "old" friends, and perhaps meet some new ones. You can see that Jan Young met her new best friend last year!





Wheels for Wellness 2022





More Wheels for Wellness Pictures



Want to Sail Away With NTVT on a Carnival Cruise?

Most of you know that a group of 19 NTVT members went on a seafaring adventure last spring to the Bahamas and had a blast! In fact, it was so much fun that several have requested an encore cruise event!

Jan Young, our very own cruise planner, is investigating some options for another group cruise in 2023. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, be sure to let Jan know when you see her. She will be gathering some information on possible dates and destinations. So watch your email and future newsletters for more information.





NTVT Meeting Minutes 20 August 2022

Thirty-four people attended the August meeting at Streetside Classics. Ben King opened the meeting for Walter Martin who was attending the first birthday party of his granddaughter.

Ben welcomed second-timer Mike Wood ('57) and new members Glenn Willis & Mary Brewer ('61) and Jim & Merlene Cox ('04).

Eloy Villafranca, our second vice president, is in the hospital but expects to be home soon.

Jan Young reported that John Congleton had been having health issues but after a few surgeries was home now.

Ben King proposed calling the travel mugs with our cars on them "Bonnie" cups since Bonnie will be preparing the photos and ordering them. The attendees were all in favor of this naming. Bonnie has the forms for requesting a cup be made. Send your pictures to Mark Ibbotson for your cup.

The September meeting will be at the Wheels for Wellness car show in downtown Fort Worth. This is a big show that provides the club with visibility throughout the car culture of north Texas. Tom Ossorio coordinates the club attendance and must send in our clubs registration forms by the 29th so he can reserve our spots.

The October meeting place will be at the home of Eloy and Kitty Villafranca in Grand Prairie. His Halloween décor is not to be missed.

Dave Egan noted that he will be organizing an overnight trip to southern Oklahoma for Late October. He will get a proposal ready for next month.

Bonnie noted that there would be a veterans parade between schools in the Mansfield School District the 10th of November. More information will be in the next newsletters.

Ben also noted that the Christmas party was scheduled for December 4th.

Ben asked if there were any maintenance items or tech tips to discuss.

Jim Sasso asked if anyone had used a product called "Ragtop" on their retros. Others said that they were good products for cleaning and water protection.

Tim Stevens asked about seat sensor issues. Dave said that he had solved his with contact cleaner.

Mark Ibbotson noted that he needed picture of cars and shows to update the website. Mark also asked people to get pictures of their collections even if they include more than Tbirds.

Bonnie noted that since we now have a 2004 Thunderbird her '87 Turbo Coupe is looking for a new home.

Ginny Garfield won the door prize. Jim Young (Jan?) won the the 50/50.

Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary

News from the UVP, aka Ben King....The "U" is for Unvolunteered

Howdy T-Birder folks,

Thanks for putting up with me at our meeting at Streetside . We gave Walter a break so he could attend his granddaughter's first birthday party. He's a good Grandpa!

Great club and fun in our (music sign) run run run in our T-Birds today. No one can take it away.



Message from the UVP, continued

We had a great turn out introducing new members and got good tech advice on headlights and top cleaning.

I hope to encourage you, if you chose, to place your pictures on the website and order a "Bonnie Cup" (Big surprise for Bonnie naming with 100% agreement from club). with your picture and color choice. Fits your T-Bird perfectly! It's a great way to honor Bonnie for all the behind-the-scenes support. Thanks Bonnie.

Editor's note: *This message from Ben would have appeared in the August newsletter had there been one. Thanks, Ben, for stepping in when we needed you!*

August Meeting Pics



Welcome, new members Glenn Willis and Mary Brewer. Also present for the first time were Jim and Merlene Cox—**Sorry I didn't get a picture!**





Crazy Water Car Show & Festival—Saturday 10/8

Bring your Thunderbird to Mineral Wells on Saturday, October 8th, for the Crazy Water Car Show and Festival at the corner of Oak Avenue & NW 4th St. All cars and trucks are welcome; registration runs from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the fee is \$25. First and Second Place prizes will be awarded in All Categories. The awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Cars and Trucks will be on display during the Festival for spectators to enjoy. Car Show Coordinators are Len Wood (940-445-2551) or Clay Roundtree (940-284-1833).

NTVT members Jay and Tif Robarge will be showing a car or two so look for them if you attend. *Although there will be no group lunch at their new shop on Hwy 281 (as emailed last month)*, those interested might decide to eat together at one of the festival food trucks.

In case anyone is interested, there is a Car Cruz on Friday evening starting at 6 p.m. (line up starts at 5:30) at the American Legion West City Park, 1200 W. Hubbard St. Mineral Wells, TX 76067. There will be a Crazy Car Cruz viewing party at the rooftop bar of the Crazy Water Hotel—the best view of the Cruz in town!

If anyone is up for an overnight trip to take part in the “cruz” and the Festival, send out a message to the club! Make your own motel reservations.

T-Birds “Fly” to Oklahoma Nov 5-6!

Don't forget if you are interested in going on the overnight trip to OK on **Nov. 5**, you need to make your reservations NOW! The group will meet in McAlester, OK at the Travelodge, 2200 E. South Ave, McAlester, OK, 74501. The phone is 918-302-9312. <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/travelodge/mcalester-oklahoma/travelodge-mcalester/overview> The room rate is \$68.87, less 10% for seniors. **They will not hold rooms for us, so book quickly and cancel later if you need to.** Lana is our hotel contact.

Dinner reservations are at Pete's place at 7:00. We will meet at 6:30 in the hotel parking lot and arrive together. <https://www.petes.org/>

On November 6, the group will meet in the hotel parking lot at 9:00 AM. Gas tanks and bellies should be full and ready for the day. We will caravan to the city of Talihina, then travel to the Talihina highway. We will proceed at our own pace toward the Queen Wilhemina Lodge where we will regroup in the parking lot. See the link for more info on the state park:

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/queen-wilhelmina-state-park>

We will continue to Mena, Arkansas to the Branding Iron Steak House. Our reservations are at 2:00, for lunch. <https://www.thebrandingironsteakhouse.com/>

Then we will head for home and begin planning the next event.

Dave Egan planned this event for 20 people. Please RSVP to him **NOW** (daveegan@tx.rr.com), so he can adjust the reservations if needed.



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Calendar of NTVT Events

Date/Time	Place
Oct 15	*Birds and Ghouls—11:30 at 3008 Pamplona, Grand Prairie, TX 75054
Nov 5- 6	Road Trip to Oklahoma
Nov 10 (Thursday)	Veterans' Day Parade, in Mansfield, TX
Dec 4 (Sunday) @ 4:00 p.m	Christmas Party at Salt Grass Steakhouse.

Legend: *starred items in black denote regular meetings
Items in red are travel opportunities, day trip or longer trips
Items in Blue are extra events of interest or opportunities but no meeting

Member News and Notes

If you have been around NTVT very long at all, you know most of us feel like this club is more like a family than most clubs. That is why we hope when you have medical events or life issues, you will share them with us because we **CARE** about each other.

Several of our members are dealing with various medical situations currently. Please remember Ben King as he deals with chemo treatments. John Congleton also continues to have some medical problems. Recently, both Eloy Villafranca and Pat Lilly have suffered small strokes. Both are doing well, and their doctors are still investigating; they are both going to lots of doctor appointments! Marian Herbst continues to heal after two back surgeries earlier this year. And Bonnie Kershaw will be having neck surgery on October 10 to relieve spinal cord compression from two vertebrae in her neck. Wow. Looking at this list might make one think we are all getting old! LOL.

We send all of these folks our best wishes and prayers for healing and good results. If I have missed anyone, I apologize. **Each and every one of you is an important part of this group!**

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