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The President's Message by Dave Egan

We had a great turnout at the last meeting, it was good to see everyone again. Wasn't that a great venue for a meeting? We should use them again.

We have some trips on the calendar for those who like road trips. The Hemi Hideaway should be a great event. Several Thunderbird clubs will be attending as well as a Corvette club and the Bastrop Classic car club. It will be fun to rub elbows with other car enthusiasts from other parts of Texas. If there is interest, I'll find a hotel and we can travel on Friday, then attend the event on Saturday. Please let me know by the end of the month if you would like to attend. Daily drivers are welcome.

Next month is when our club elects the new officers. I'll be included is the past presidents group and Walter Martin will be the new president of the club, Ben King will be the first vice-president and we will elect a new second vice-president.

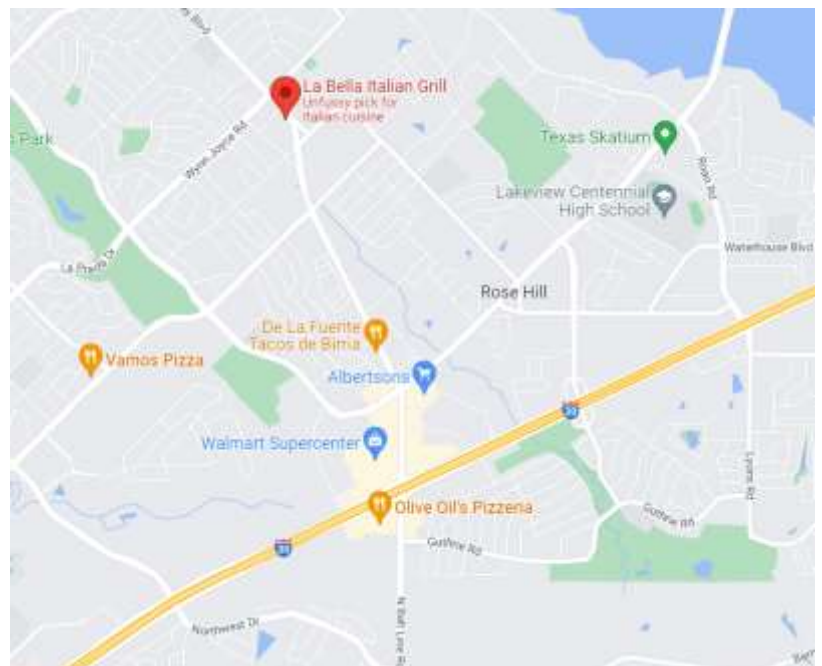
Thanks to all the club members for all of the support you have shown me during the past year.

Dave

March Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 19, at 11:00 am at La Bella Italian Grill, 4125 Broadway Blvd, Garland, TX 75043. La Bella is ranked one of the top 5 restaurants in Garland and offers a nice variety of delicious Italian food from pizza to specialty pasta dishes of all kinds, including seafood.

We hope you will join us! And thanks, Dave Egan, for making the arrangements. Exit Interstate 30 at exit #59 and go north on Broadway past E. Oates Rd. You'll see it on the left!



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February Meeting Minutes

Thirty three people attended the January meeting in person and two attended via Zoom at the No Frills Grill in Burleson arranged by Brad Kershaw.

Dave Egan opened the meeting welcoming everyone.

There was a discussion on maintenance for the Modern Classics (retros). These cars are now twenty years old, and some common issues and related solutions are coming to light. The suggestion was made to maintain a list of these items. Dave suggested we develop this list starting with some of the latest items and include them in the newsletter and website.

Dan Hubert identified a possible venue for the Christmas party in Seven Points, near Cedar Creek Lake. The facility hosts a dance every Thursday for members and guests if some would like to check it out. We would have the dinner catered with cuisine selected by the membership. The board will do more investigation on this potential venue.

Jan Young gave a report on the upcoming cruise. The cruise is in 35 days and we can do the online health assessment now. We can go online at Carnival.com to book any excursions we want now. Jan will send more information on the online check-in procedure before the March 11th sign in date.

Dave handed out the proposed calendar of events for 2022. Several items were highlighted:

The VTCI international convention August 10-14, 2022 in Kansas City. The application is in the latest Scoop and online. Dave noted that he plans to attend.

Bonnie asked members to hold their calendars open for April 23^d or 30th for a memorial service for Harley Eaton, a lifetime member of NTVT. Harley's daughter wanted to include the club in any memorial due to his long-time involvement in Thunderbird restoration.

The South Texas club is organizing a trip to the Hemi Hideout near Houston. Many other Tbird clubs in the region have committed to attend this event on May 21st.

Walter and Delphine Martin noted that their Independence Day party will be on July 2nd this year, and all are welcome.

The October meeting place is open so if you have ideas contact one of the club officers.

Bonnie noted a Veterans Day parade for some schools in the Mansfield district.

George Antochy noted that he would be attending the Hot Rod Power Tour this year running from Memphis to Atlanta in June. There is a smaller Power Tour being planned for Texas. George will forward information to Bonnie when it becomes available.

The elections are coming up soon. If you are interested in serving as the second vice president, membership, please contact Dom or one of the current officers for information on what this commitment involves.

Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary



Attention T-Bird Sailors!

We're in the final countdown now for our Bahamas cruise. I hope you are as excited as Jim and I are.

Here are just a few things for your attention.

NOW: You can do your on-line Health Assessment now. Log in to your Carnival account and click on "Open your planner." Click on Health Assessment and answer the question. It's just that easy.

NOW: Reserve your parking now. We've had good luck with Portparking.com in the past. Cost is \$108(outdoor)-\$119(indoor). ++++Several of us have already made our prepaid reservations there.

NOW: Review the excursions for Freeport and Nassau and consider booking now. Many sell out in advance.

NOW: Most of you indicated that you wanted to join us in renting the villa on Half Moon Cay. The cost is \$67 per person. You can send a check to me at 413 Legends Drive, Lewisville 75057.

MARCH 12: On-line check-in starts March 12. If your dining assignment says Pending, don't worry. We are all linked together and are scheduled for 6:00pm.

MARCH 19: Our travel agent will prepare our travel documents and luggage tags for us. I will have them at the March 19 Tbird meeting.

I'll be sending an email soon with more details. Let me know if you have any questions.

Flashes from the Past—Time Traveling to 2012



It's not a T-bird, but Brad didn't turn down the chance to drive the Duck Tour on Lake Austin.



Tom Ossorio and Bill Strickland at the awards banquet.



Dom Zanella with his ever-ready smile.

Below Left: Tbirds on the show field at the South Central Regional Convention held in April, 2012, in Austin, TX.

Below Right: Right: Bill Strickland's '66 Landau in Salado, TX, at our lunch stop.





32nd Yellow Rose — July 30-31, 2022 by George Antochy

The North Texas Mustang Club is excited to host the Annual Yellow Rose Classic—Southwest All Fords Nationals again this year at Esports Stadium Arlington and Expo Center (formerly the Arlington Convention Center). This year's Classic will be Saturday and Sunday July 30 and 31, 2022. As always, Friday (July 29) will be move-in and setup day. This year's feature will be vehicles powered by the Ford flathead V8, introduced in 1932. The theme for this year's classic has yet to be decided upon.

On-line registration is now open at www.motosho.com. For those more inclined to register via the mail, you can download and print a registration form at www.yellowrosecarshow.com and mail it to the prescribed address with your payment. For another year we have been able to maintain the registration fee at \$50 for a 10x20 space, or \$40 if registered before June 1, 2022. If you would like to be grouped together with other NTVT members, please ensure that you state that when you register.

It is always great to see all of the beautiful Thunderbirds at the Yellow Rose Classic.

Please contact George Antochy @ 817-703.2260 or gantochy@yahoo.com for more information.





Elections in March

The annual officer elections are coming up in March. The board, made up of the current officers and the past president, will present a ballot for the members at the March meeting to vote on.

Historically, the first twenty years of NTVT were under the leadership of some long-term officers. While lengthy terms of experienced people can be good for stability, we all know clubs where one person who stays in leadership for a very long time can lead to stagnation and loss of participation. It's good for clubs to have fresh ideas and new leadership. About 15 years ago or so, the board at that time decided to examine the bylaws of the club and suggest some changes that might have a positive effect on the club.

That was when our rotating leadership got its start. Each year, instead of voting in all new officers, we now elect one new officer...the 2nd Vice President who will be in charge of receiving new members, most of whom come from inquiries to our website. Then the current 2nd VP "graduates" to the position of 1st VP, who is in charge of events, making sure someone makes the reservations and follows up on the details of filling the calendar of events set by the board. And the current 1st VP moves up to fill the spot of the President, who runs the meetings and is listed in the Scoop as the contact person for our chapter. The Past President then continues on the board as an advisor for the next year. This system helps new people get involved while building a level of experience and proficiency as each officer moves upward. The other officer positions (secretary and treasurer) are allowed to stay in their positions as long as they are interested. If a member would like to run for an open position, they can self-nominate by contacting any officer.

We hope this explanation will help new members understand how the club leadership rotates and hopefully best serves the needs of the club.

Tech Tips

Last month, we had two excellent Tech Tips submitted and included in the newsletter. I thought there were other tech tips waiting in the wings; but if there were, I have misplaced/lost them. ***If you sent me a tech tip and did not see it last month, please resend it and it will appear next month.*** And if you have other tips or tricks in your bag, please share them so the whole club can benefit.

At the February meeting, we had a great discussion of some tech issues. The conversation was quick and came from all sides. The participation was super! But it was impossible for me to capture any of those suggestions most of which involved error codes with several possible origins. For these discussions to be shared with the whole club via the newsletter, I really need to have them sent to me via email or text. I'm not "techy" enough to get them down during the meetings! (And, if you contributed to that discussion, please send me your comments!)



NTVT Proposed Calendar of Events for 2022

Date/Time	Place
Mar 19 @ 11:00 a.m.	*La Bella Grill, 4125 Broadway, Garland 75043
Apr 16 @ 11:30 a.m.	*Torque, 2795 SW Wilshire Blvd., Burleson 76028
<i>Apr 23 or 30</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Harley Eaton; in Keller—details TBA</i>
May 6-10	Birds by the Bay Airport Hilton in Sarasota Fl. 5-day Tbirds' Nest Event
<i>May 7 @ 8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Cedar Creek Car Show @ Maybank Pavilion, 483 Easley Pkwy, Maybank, 75147</i>
May 13-15	Birdbath 2022; 3 days at Silverado Franklin Hotel, Deadwood, SD
May 21	Hemi Hideout; joint event with 6 Tbird clubs in Brookshire, 77423. Overnight possible
May 21 @ 11:00	*Sugar Ridge Winery, 353 Sugar Ridge Road, Ennis 75119
Jun 14-15	Oklahoma Cruise/Talihina Hwy
Jun 18 @ 11:30	*Randol Mill Park Pavilion; 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington 76012
<i>Jul 2 from Noon-??</i>	<i>Party at the home of Walter & Delphine Martin, 1751 FM 547 Farmersville, 75442</i>
Jul 30-31	*Yellow Rose Classic Car Show @ Esports Arena 1200 Ball park Way, Arlington, 76011 (*typically we meet there at noon on Saturday and go somewhere nearby for lunch)
Aug 10-14	Vintage Thunderbird Club International Convention at Kansas City, MO
Aug 20 @ 11:30	*Streetside Classics, 5400 Sandshell Dr., Ft Worth, 76137
Sep 17 @ 8:00 a.m.	*Wheels for Wellness, Downtown Ft Worth
Oct 15	*To Be Announced
Nov 5	Day-Road trip to DeLeon/Cross Plains, leaving Burleson ca 8:30
<i>Nov 10 (Thursday)</i>	<i>Veterans' Day Parade, in Mansfield, TX</i>
Dec 4 (Sunday) @ 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Party. Tentatively set for Seven Points

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, with no meeting involved



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Car Show Season is Ramping Up!

Great FAMILY Fun! **FREE GAMES for ALL!**

YESTERDAY'S DINER
MIDDELSPOUT, TEXAS
Presents

RETRO BLAST CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

SHOW REGISTRATION 4pm-6pm
TROPHIES! AWARDS! DOOR PRIZES!
940.683.6620 yesterday50sdiner.com

RETRO BLAST 2022

Car Show Registration Form

\$15 Pre-Register (closes April 3rd) *After April 3rd \$20*

Open to all Antique/Classic Cars & Trucks, Street Rods, Customs & Motorcycles!

FREE! T-shirt & "Goodie bag" to the first 50 entries to pre-register! Dash Plaques to the first 100 entries!

Name _____ Year _____
Address _____ Make _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Model _____
Phone # _____ T-Shirt Size (men+wg ONLY) _____
E-mail _____ Club _____

*Yesterday's is NOT responsible for loss, theft or damage-Call if weather concerns- Rain date April 23rd *
2022 PRE-REGISTERING SUGGESTED! Fee payable to Yesterday's 305 Hwy 380 Bridgeport TX 76426

Many local car shows will be happening in the next few months. Let us know when you find out about one and we will put it in the next newsletter.

This one will be the same day as our April meeting, but it's from 4-6 pm, so let's all go to Bridgeport!

TRADERS VILLAGE SWAP MEET

BUY, SELL, TRADE!

CARS & PARTS!

MARCH 3-5 2022

2002 MAYFIELD ROAD
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS 75052

RESERVE _____ 14' X 30' SPACES @ \$40 (cash registration)
LATE REGISTRATION IS AN ADDITIONAL \$5 PER SPACE
AFTER FEB. 23TH AND AT GATE
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: JASON EARHART PRODUCTIONS
Mail Checks to: JASON EARHART PRODUCTIONS
FOOD AND DRINK BEHINDS RESPONSIBLE - Bring your own for great use only

Some of our members love going to swap meets to sell or buy parts, memorabilia, etc. One good one locally

Visit These Websites:

NTVT

www.ntvtbird.org

Or check us out on Facebook:

[NTVT Thunderbirds](https://www.facebook.com/NTVTThunderbirds)

VTCI, our Parent Club
www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

The Thunderbird Registry
<http://www.tbirdregistry.com/>

will be March 3-5 at Traders' Village in Grand Prairie. Contact Earhart Productions for more info. The other will be the Pate Swap Meet beginning April 28 on the west side of the Texas Motor Speedway.

Sports Event Worldwide created an online event.
February 23 at 11:04 AM · 🌐

PATE SWAP MEET

THU, APR 28 - APR 30
Pate Swap Meet 2022
Shelia and 4 friends like this place

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