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The President's Message by Walter Martin

I would like to thank the NTVT group for giving me the privilege to be your President for the next year. I've been a member for about six years or more. I've had a love for old cars since I was 15 and helped my dad restore a 1926 Chevy Capital for our boss. Ever since then I have been working on old cars and trucks. At present I have three restored vehicles: a 1954 Chevy truck, 1969 Jaguar E type, and a 1964 Thunderbird with several unfinished cars and trucks on my to do list.

I have worked in the construction industry for over 53 years. I am now retired to work on my cars and my shop.

I love this club and the people in it and have made many friends in it.

On a personal note, everyone knows my wife, she is truly an angel. I met her at church on the day I got saved and told her that I was going to marry her. She told me I was crazy. We just celebrated our 45th anniversary last October and hope to go another 45 years. We moved to Farmersville five years ago in a barndominium I built. I have a shop of 3600 sq ft. I am not a very good public speaker and have a hard time remembering names so I ask everyone to wear their name tags or I may call you by the wrong name. I hope this year will be a good one and if I do half as good and Dave, I will be happy. I look forward to serving as President for the next year.

Love you all,

Walter

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March Meeting Minutes

2021 President David Egan opened the meeting noting that this is his last meeting as President with the election of a new VP2 today. Per Bird Bylaws, the first VP now moves to the President position and a new VP2 is elected. He then passed out paper election ballots that are required by VTCI; however only one candidate is listed for each position. Secretary and Treasurer are not elected annually unless the position becomes vacant or the incumbent resigns.

Following standard election procedure, the new President, Walter Martin continued the meeting noting the election of Eloy Villafranca as 2nd VP.

Eloy made a few comments of thank you for the group support.

Walter expressed great thanks to Dave for his leadership during these trying Covid times. He then noted the car show in Mabank on May 7 and requested those who intend to come to get registered. John Congleton noted that there are 13 spaces reserved for the Birds but to please note that you are with the club when registering. He reminded everyone that the show is May 7th and reservations can be made by phone to 903-887- 3152 (that is the Chamber of Commerce number) or by email.

Darrell Hesselius noted that there is a car show this coming weekend in Little Elm at the Hula Hut if anyone is interested.

Walter noted that the Yellow Rose Car Show in Arlington is July 29th to the 31st, so please get registered and be sure to note that you are with the NTVT so all members can be grouped together.

He then noted that the next meeting on April 16th is to be at the Torque Grill and Cantina in Burleson at 2795 SW Wilshire Blvd., Burleson 76028.

He then called for any car repair tips. Eloy noted that he had a problem with leaks on his top seals for his retro but found them on-line but was looking for a hoist.

There being no other business, the door prize raffle was held and the 50/50 money raffle was won by John Garfield. Note that all raffle proceeds go to support the annual Christmas Party.

Submitted by John Garfield in the absence of the Secretary.

Memorial Service for Harley Eaton, NTVT Lifetime Member

Please join us to celebrate the life of Harley Eaton, a lifetime member of NTVT who passed away in January. As a fitting tribute to this Thunderbird Man, his family invites us all to bring our Thunderbirds and fill the parking lot with the cars he loved. The service will be at Keller United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23rd. 1025 Johnson Rd, Keller, TX 76248.

Harley was a vital part of the entire Thunderbird community. We hope you can join us in paying tribute to him.





NINETEEN T-BIRD SAILORS WENT TO SEA by Jan Young

On March 26, nineteen T-bird sailors boarded the Carnival Dream for an eight-day cruise from Galveston to Key West and the Bahamas. What a great trip! The weather was beautiful for the entire trip.

We spent our days at sea in a variety of activities like sunning, swimming, spa treatments, trivia, movies, eating, napping, or just good conversation. At night we had two tables in the dining room and we took turns sitting with different couples and getting to know them better. After dinner it was time for more fun - Piano Bar, Comedy Club, Theater, Karaoke, Movies, and Casino to name a few places our sailors were seen. There was something to do all the time.

Our first stop was Key West which had just reopened to cruise ships and there were welcome signs all over town. Some of us went on tours and excursions, some went to town, some just stayed on the ship.

In Freeport and Nassau, in the Bahamas, we went on various tours and activities. It was fun to meet at the end of the day and share our experiences.

We spent one day in the Bahamas on Half Moon Cay, Carnival's private island. The water was beautiful, and the beach was clean with soft white sand. We rented a two-story villa for the day and spent hours swimming, sunning, floating, snorkeling, eating, and just hanging out.

After two more days at sea, we said our farewells and everyone drove back to DFW and the real world. I think everyone had a wonderful time and would probably do it again. I know Jim and I would!

Editor's note: Speaking for the other 18 members of our group, we really appreciate all the work Jan did to make this cruise happen! It was fantastic!



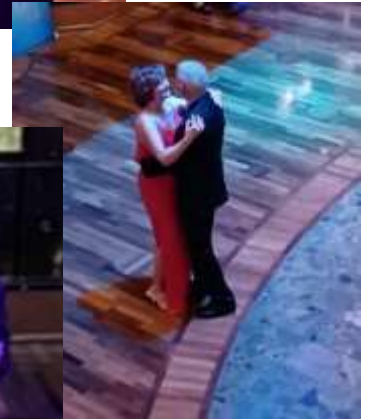
Sunday Brunch on our first sea day.



Cruise Pics



Cruising means dining and dancing and beautiful sunsets. It means eating more than one thinks is possible. It means having talented waiters who dance for you.





Cruise Pics



Cruising means enjoying ourselves on the boat...the views from our balconies, the towel animals that appear every day, visiting with friends on the deck, listening to superb entertainers, **participating in a Veteran's Recognition Ceremony**, and relaxing with friends in the evening.





Cruise Pics, continued



Cruising means taking shore excursions: walking tours and bus tours of Key West, Freeport and Nassau, eating at local bars, and visiting a shipwreck museum; seeing the local natural beauty and wildlife (curly tail lizards in Freeport and chickens in Key West), spending the day on a gorgeous private Carnival beach; sampling the national drink of the Bahamas; and, for **Brad at least, climbing the Queen's Staircase** in Nassau, 65 steps carved into the granite, one for each year of **Queen Victoria's reign.**



Cruising means walking, ... a lot...and arriving back at the boat at the farthest end of the pier after a full day ashore!



The Queen's Staircase at the far end of the street.



April 16 Meeting

Join us this coming **Saturday, April 16th, at 11:30 a.m.** for our regular monthly meeting. It will be held at **The Torque Grill and Cantina, in Burleson.** The address is **2795 SW Wilshire Blvd., Burleson 76028.** There is a roomy parking lot, so bring your birds and show them off. We have invited the Z Club to come and show off their cars as well. The menu has a good variety of burgers, salads, and Mexican food and, of course, beverages; and the restaurant has an automotive theme. You'll enjoy it!



Directions: From the north—take I35W southbound; exit about 8 miles south of I20 using exit 37 (Hwy 174/Wilshire Blvd). Drive all the way through Burleson to 2795 SW Wilshire Blvd at the far south end of town. You will see a QT on the right; Torque will be on the left side of Wilshire shortly after that intersection.



From the south or southeast, take Highway 67 to Cleburne and go north on Hwy 174 past Joshua. Look for The Torque on the right.

Watch your email for a chance to RSVP this week.

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.





T-Bird Parts for Sale

One of our newer members, Steve Violetta, has quite a few t-bird parts for sale. All are original parts which came off a 1958 Parts Car. Contact him at violettas2002@yahoo.com

Exterior door handles	\$ 150.00	pair
Exterior mirror (delta wing)	\$ 250.00	
Center console (red)	\$ 250.00	
Lower Windshield Cowl Screen Cover (white)	\$ 90.00	
Various exterior chrome trim pieces (1958)	too many to list	ask
Front Bumper	\$ 900.00	
Rear bumper	\$ 700.00	including bullets
License plate bracket	\$ 50.00	
Valve covers	\$ 250.00	pair
Radiator (boiled, repaired and ready to go)	\$ 500.00	
Radiator overflow tank anc connections	\$ 350.00	
Heater intake cowl that feeds vents	\$ 100.00	
Heater and AC control head faces. One White and One black.	\$125.00	per
Cardboard heater connectors	\$ 100.00	
fuel pump	\$ 150.00	
Carb	\$ 175.00	
Old front end bearings and seals	\$ 25.00	per
Parking lamp holders and electrical	\$ 75.00	per
1960 Tail lights and bezels	\$ 45.00	per
Ignition Coil	\$ 50.00	
Wheel covers 1960	\$ 135.00	per
Pair 1958 Chrome LH & RH Door Trim Molding Spear	\$ 100.00	
Hoop Scoop Bezel (white)	\$ 125.00	

Don't see it? Ask. violettas2002@yahoo.com





NTVT Proposed Calendar of Events for 2022

Date/Time	Place
Apr 16 @ 11:30 a.m.	*Torque, 2795 SW Wilshire Blvd., Burleson 76028
<i>Apr 23 @ 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Harley Eaton; in Keller—see page 2</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!

April 16, 2022: [19th Annual Retro Blast Yesterday's 50's Diner](#)

4 pm to 8:30 p.m. \$20 registration.

Yesterday's 50's Diner 940-683-6620 305 US Hwy
380 Bridgeport, TX 76426

April 23, 2022: Ol' South Pancake House Classic Car Show

4-7 p.m. 1509 S. University, Ft. Worth, Texas 76107

Call Donna at 817-797-1197

April 24, 2022: MSP Full Class Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show
at Hula Hut on the Lakefront in Little Elm.

11am TO 130pm \$20 Call Joshua Forsyth 214-403-
6149

April 29-30 2022: River Oaks Springfest Car Show, YMCA Camp
Carter, 6200 Sand Springs Road FORT WORTH, TX
76114 Text (817) 692-8496 POLICE ESCORTED
CRUISE on Friday night at Grumps Burgers meet and
greet.

Car show Saturday 10- 4

May 7, 2022: Cedar Creek Car Show & Crawfish Boil. 483 S Easley
Pkw, Mabank, TX 75147. If you have not already registered, call
903-887- 3152 (Chamber of Commerce) ASAP. NTVT has been allot-
ted space under the roof, but space is limited. Be sure to tell them you
are with NTVT in case there is still room with the group.

If you know of other car shows coming up in May or June, please
send me the details for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Visit These Websites:

NTVT

www.ntvtbird.org

Or check us out on Facebook:

[NTVT Thunderbirds](#)

VTCl, our Parent Club

www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

The Thunderbird Registry

<http://www.tbirdregistry.com/>



The Pate Car Show
and Swap meet will
be Apr 28-30 at Tex-
as Motor Speedway.
Check their website
for details.

<https://pateswapmeet.com>

Are Your Annual Dues Overdue?

If you have not sent in your annual dues for North Texas
Vintage Thunderbird Club, please do it ASAP! Send your
check made out to NTVT to our treasurer, Tom Ossorio,
1619 Caplin Drive, Arlington, TX 76018.