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The President's Message by Walter Martin

Well, its been a long 2^{1/2} weeks since the club meeting, I had to tow my Tbird home due to the rear wheel bearing going out. I put the car on the lift and starting taking it apart and found not only the bearing but the differential bearing was bad; so now I have to rebuild the whole rear end now.

It's been busy here working on the room addition and trying to find help but we got the roof on before the wind and storm hit today. We went to my cousin's house for Memorial Day and had good food and good visit. I hope everyone else had an enjoyable weekend and I ask everyone to pray for the ones down in Uvalde as they work through this difficulty and also for our country.

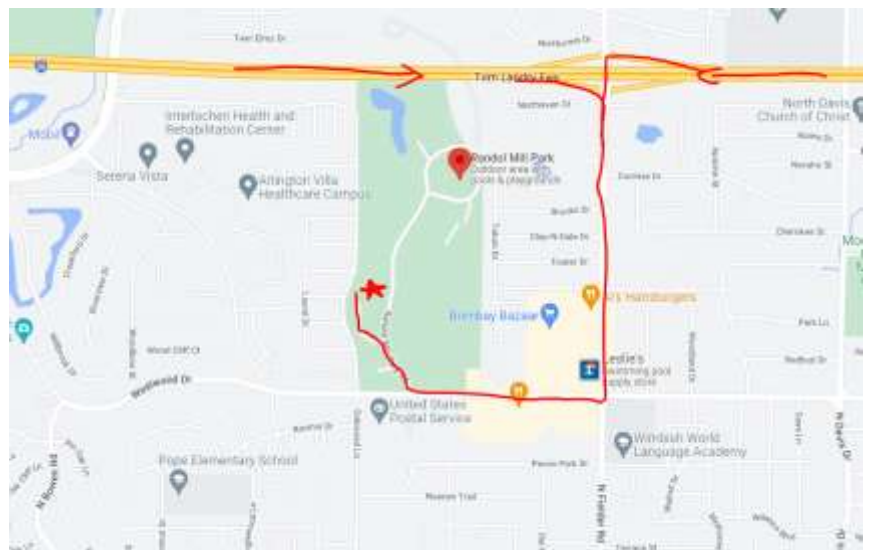
—Walter Martin

June Meeting—Red, White, & Blue!

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, June 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Randol Mill Park, 1901 W Randol Mill Rd, Arlington, TX 76012. Wear your **Red, White, and Blue**, and we will start our own Independence Day celebration just a few days before the rest of the country! Ben King has American Flags for all our Thunderbirds, and we hope to get a great picture for our website. We will feature any Red, White, and Blue Thunderbirds at the front of the picture, too!

Bring your own lunch and drinks and perhaps a lawn chair or two in case we run out of room at the picnic tables under the pavilion. We have the pavilion reserved all day, so we can stay as long as we want! Bring some lawn games or a ball and mitt, and let's have an old-fashioned day at the park!

Take I30 from the east or west and exit Fielder Rd. Go south to Randol Mill Rd. Turn right into the park entrance. At the Y in the road, go left until you reach the pavilion!



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May Meeting Minutes—Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary

Twenty-Three people attended the April meeting at Spring Creek BBQ in Garland.

Walter Martin opened the meeting welcoming everyone. were there. Walter recognized several relatively new members Bruce Belling and Steve & Kathleen Lascola.

Ben King asked the club about buying cups or travel mugs with our cars on them. Those attending favored travel mugs. Ben noted that since the 18 June meeting was close to the 4th of July, we should all wear red, white, and blue.

The June meeting is at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. Each will bring their own food. A reminder and maps will be sent via email prior to the meeting.

Tom Ossorio highlighted an informal car show at the Grand Brook Memory Care center in Garland. This is an opportunity to show our cars to the residents who enjoy seeing cars of their past.

Walter highlighted several upcoming items on the schedule.

1. Walter and Delphine Martin noted that their Independence Day party will be on July 2nd this year, and all are welcome. Watch the newsletter for more details.
2. July 30th & 31st is the Yellow Rose car show in Arlington. Early reservations are due by May 31st. After that the cost is \$10 more. If you intend to enter a car be shure to state that you are with the NTVT so your car will be located with the group.
3. The VTCI international convention is in Kansas City this year. Check the VTCI Scoop for more details.
4. The August meeting is scheduled for Streetside Classics in North Fort Worth. The club will likely accept donations and provide sandwiches.
5. 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 coordinates the club attendance so notify him of your intent so we can maintain our place at the show.
6. The October meeting place will be at the home of Eloy and Kitty Villafranca in Grand Prairie.
7. There was some discussion of going out to the 7-Points center for a November outing. Many thought this would be sounded like fun.

We discussed ordering a new batch of club T-shirts. From Steve Wards recent experience with the Studebaker club this may be challenging. The T-shirt industry is also experiencing supply chain issues. Members asked about getting embroidery on their own shirts. Steve shared a contact that he had used. We will investigate this possibility in the future.

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

1. Dan Bishop has given Brad the kit required to install a tonneau cover over the back seats in a '58 – '66 convertible. Contact Brad if you are interested.

Walter Martin related some heating issues he has been having with his '64. His old-style thick condenser was blocking air flow at highway speeds. It also appears that the auxiliary fan was blocking some air flow. He also discovered that his gas line was pulling air in from



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several cracked and rusted places in the path from the tank to the carburetor.

2. Several members noted that the plastic thermostat housing on their retros had experienced cracking. There is also a small hose underneath the intake manifold that is prone to leaks.

3. Mark Ibbotson noted that he had been traveling but will update the website soon so we need to get him current pictures of our cars and events.

4. Bonnie noted that there are many Facebook pages for Thunderbirds and that there is much information there.

Brad Kershaw, Ginny Garfield, and Russ Foster won door prizes and Bruce Belling won the 50/50.

Pictures from The May Meeting





One More Cruise Picture!

Last month, I neglected to include the “official” group picture taken by the cruise photographer, so here it is!



The Yellow Rose

If you are interested in showing at Yellow Rose this year, July 30-31, the early registration has ended; now the registration will be \$50 for a 10 x 20 space. You can still register online by going Motosho.com or contact George Antochy if you need assistance. George and Laura plan to show their 2020 Petty Garage Mustang. Several of our NTVT members will be entering their Thunderbirds, so if you plan to enter yours, be sure to mention that you are with NTVT so we will all be together.

For those of you who have never entered the Yellow Rose, you need to be aware of information regarding gas tank level and required times for getting your car on the show floor among other requirements. It is a several day commitment as your car must be left in place throughout the entire show.

Be sure to read the host's FAQ page <https://ntmc.org/yellow-rose-classic>. There is also a discount coupon on their page in case you want to attend without entering your own Thunderbird. Usually, if anyone come to view the displays, we will meet near the NTVT Thunderbirds about noon and drive to a nearby restaurant for lunch. The Big D Little Bird Club will be there as well, showing 5 cars.





Cedar Creek Crawfish Boil and Car Show

The club had a great turnout for the Cedar Creek Car Show on May 7th and won many awards: Dom Zanella, John Dulin, and Jim & Jan Young all won Best of Class awards (Dom for his Mustang, John for his '81 Bird, and the Youngs for their Retro)! Congrats to them all.

Dan Hubert won Runner Up in the Open Class with his Excalibur. And Tom Ossorio won an award in his class. Betsy Haber's Tbird. in the 1960-1969 class, received the Michael Wright Memorial Award. Mike was one of the originators of the car show with Bill Hanstrom; and Mike's family gets to choose their favorite each year for this award.

Walter Martin picked up the Club award as NTVT had 14 cars entered, 10 of which were Thunderbirds. Dom & Mike Zanella brought their Mustangs, Dan had the Excalibur, and Ralph brought his Buick GS.

Others attending: were John and Ginny Garfield, Dave Egan, Eloy and Kitty Villafranca, Al and Barbara McDonald, Ron and Brenda Phillips, Delphiene and Walter Martin, and Russ and Susan Foster.





More Pics from Cedar Creek





Best Wishes

Everyone in the NTVT sends out good thoughts, prayers, hugs, and wishes for good recoveries to two of our members, Ben King and John Congleton. Both have been experiencing medical issues and have recently received treatments or had surgery. Hope to see you both back in your Birds soon!



The Hemi Hideout—by Marian Herbst

We had a great time at the Hemi Hideout. The owner John Hoyas was very down to earth and very friendly. He shared with us that he goes all over the world to find these old signs. Has a huge shop, with a guy that makes them like new. His home was on the property as well. About 600 acres of beautiful grounds. He loves to share his passion.

He opened the diner to have lunch with three items: Fajitas, breakfast Carrillo burrito, and homemade tamales. The money to buy them was given to a local charity.

There were several thunderbird clubs there, along with a few other car clubs.

Editor's Note: Thanks, Marian, for sending in the info and pics of your trip. It looks like an amazing place, and we hear there is a chance of repeating this trip next year! It sounds like a fun overnight event!





May Pics, Continued





Grand Brook Memory Care Center, June 4, 2022

The weather was beautiful for the Car Display and Lunch at the Grand Brook Memory Care Center in Garland last Saturday. I think the residents and their families enjoyed seeing the beautiful cars. And I know the members who were there enjoyed showing them off and meeting some new folks at lunch. If you have never participated, it's a great way to bring a smile to some of the residents' faces, and the staff and administration of the facility appreciate our being there so much. Thanks to Darrell Hesselius, Eloy Villafranca, John & Ginny Garfield, Brad & Bonnie Kershaw, Jim & Janet Young, Ben King, Jon Picaros and Dave Egan and Nancy for bringing out their cars!





NTVT Calendar of Events for 2022

Date/Time	Place
Jun 14-15	Oklahoma Cruise/Talihina Hwy—Ask Dave Egan for info
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	Birds and Ghouls—11:30 at the home of Eloy and Kitty Villafranca. Address coming!
Nov 5	Possible Day-Road trip to DeLeon/Cross Plains, leaving Burleson ca 8:30 or a day outing at Seven Points—Details TBA
<i>Nov 10 (Thursday)</i>	<i>Veterans' Day Parade, in Mansfield, TX</i>
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

Welcome, New Members!

NTVT has been fortunate to gain several new members so far this year. We would officially like to welcome: **Bruce Belling**, from Farmersville, owns several Thunderbirds and actually joined near the end of last year; Also joining in late 2021 were **Rob and Michelle Forst** who own a 1959. In 2022, **Bill & Mary Dewald**, owners of a '63 Tudor came aboard as did **Steve and Kathleen Lascola** with their Retro; **Mike Wood** from Ft Worth, who owns a Colonial White 1957 Early Bird, joined in April; **Jon Pierracos** from Garland, who owns a gorgeous '62 bullet bird and a white 1965, joined in May; and **Bruce Harbour** from Dallas joined us most recently in May—let him know if you find a 1964 blue on blue convertible for sale as that is his dream car.

If you have recently joined and don't see your name here, please accept my personal apologies (and email me your names, please)! We hope you will give us a chance to get acquainted with you soon. I know you will enjoy this group as much as the rest of us do!



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Travel Mugs and Bird Pics

What on earth could travel mugs and Thunderbird pictures have in common? Well, we hope a lot!

We need members to submit pictures of their Thunderbirds to the website! Then we will select pictures submitted there to go on to custom-made travel mugs which members can order. We plan to make a few with multiple pictures on each to offer as door prizes; but if you want specific pics on a mug, you will want to order them! So submit your pictures between now and July 30, 2022, and watch for details on how you can order your own custom-made travel mug.

Below you can see a sample of what your travel mug could look like (showing both sides on one mug). This is a double-walled 17-ounce mug with stainless steel exterior and BPA-free plastic interior wall. It is not dishwasher or microwave safe, but it will keep hot drinks hot or cold drinks cold. One side will have the NTVT Logo, and the other will have a picture of your choice and the wording that you want.

The regular cost of mugs like this from Shutterfly runs about \$47, plus shipping. We hope to make use of some special promotions to get the cost down, but it will be a one-of-a-kind travel mug....you won't get another like it anywhere!



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