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Message From the President

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Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and had plenty of food as we did. Give thanks to this great country—even with all its faults, it is still the best country on this planet; also give thanks to God for his love and salvation.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party on Sunday the fourth of December at the Salt Grass Steakhouse (1813 Highway 121, Bedford, Tx) at 4PM. We will be there if we don't come down with any illness (knock on wood). Bring a stuffed animal if you can and enjoy the fellowship of some of the best people in the world

Walter Martin

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Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa has said he is too busy at the North Pole to attend our annual NTVT Christmas Party from 4-6 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at the Salt Grass Steak House at 1813 Highway 121 in Bedford, TX 76021. But I hope the rest of you sent in your RSVP to Betsy Haber! We would hate for you to miss it.

We will be able to order from a set menu, and the club covers the cost of the meal for members in good standing and one guest. We usually support some non-profit or charitable group by bringing donations. This year, we are helping VFW Auxiliary Group 6872. Susan Zanella has worked with them in previous years and recommended we pitch in to help provide a new stuffed animal to nursing home residents who might otherwise go forgotten on the holiday. Thanks, Susan, for suggesting this, and thank you for volunteering to coordinate delivery of our donated stuffed animals.

As in the past, we will have treat bags to take home the cookies and candies that some of our members are providing. If you told Betsy you would help with baking, don't forget to bring your goodies to the party!

By the way, bring your checkbook if you would like to take care of your 2023 dues and get that out of the way as Tom will be accepting dues that night. Checks should be \$30.00 made

2023 NTVT Calendar of Events Coming Soon

The first meeting of the year will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2023. Watch your email for location and time. We will be discussing the calendar for the rest of the year at that meeting. The board has been working on it and will present a skeleton calendar and asking for your input.



Sail Away!

In March of 2022, nineteen NTVT members went on a Caribbean cruise and loved it so much there is an encore in the works for 2023. About 12 members are signed up already, so if you didn't get to go last time, here is your chance! You can still get in on the fun if you act swiftly.

Call Jan Young (contact list coming via email soon!) for more information. The cruise take place April 15 through April 22, 2023 on The Carnival Dream leaving from Galveston. We will visit Montego Bay, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel. The price for 2 adults per balcony stateroom is \$2136.54, and the final payment is due early in January.

Spooky October Fun

On Saturday, October 15, a lively group gathered at Eloy and Kitty Villafranca's for a ghoulish good time. A brief meeting centered on discussing upcoming events. Walter welcomed everyone including Sheri Ossorio's mother who came along for the fun. Dave Egan highlighted the November trip to eastern OK, Jan talked about plans for a Carnival cruise in April of 2023, and the Hemi Hide-out trip will be scheduled again for 2023 (more details coming, but we have since heard it will be in October). Mark Ibbotson noted that he still needs pictures, and "blurbs" sent to him to update the webpage. Jim Young took home the 50/50 drawing, and door prize winners were Delphiene who won the coasters and Dom who got a "Bonnie" cup. Thanks, Delphiene for sending in the pics from the party. And a BIG thank you to Eloy and Kitty for hosting such a fun party although some of the "guests" (the ones who seem only to show up at your house!) did not appear as sociable as Sheri's Mom!





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Celebrating Veterans in Mansfield

NTVT was honored to be invited to participate in the 2022 Veteran's Day Celebration on Nov 10, at Brooks Wester Middle School. The parade took place within the complex of 3 Mansfield ISD schools, and the students from all three schools lined the route, armed with banners, flags, and smiles to greet the veterans. Our club and the Jeep club chauffeured the guests of honor, with most of the VIPs riding in the Thunderbirds. The students were enthusiastic about the old cars and it was heartwarming to see how hard they had worked to honor the veterans. The band, the orchestra, the choir, the cheerleaders and all the classes combined to put on the spectacular display of patriotism and gratitude. Each Veteran got a piece of artwork and a personal note of thanks for their service.







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Traveling the Talimena Highway

On the first weekend in November, Dave Egan, Stephen and Kathleen Lascola, and several folks from the Sooner Thunderbird Club made a trip on the Talimena Highway in Southeastern OK. Skies were blue, fall colors looked pretty, and the birds all “flew” well. I am sure all who attended had a great time. Thanks, Dave, for organizing and planning this outing.



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