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Message From the President-by Walter Martin

It's been a privilege to serve 1 yr as 2nd VP, 2 yrs as 1st VP, and 2 yrs as President but my term has come to an end and time for someone new to take over. We still have 2 positions open and need people to step up and fill them.

I have been extremely busy in my restoration business and spent the weekend at Decatur swap meet trying to sell 2 trucks that I have restored but to no avail. I am in the process of restoring a 59 Chevy truck, a 63 Galaxy 500, a 78 Chevy truck, and a '69 Mustang for customers and doing the work by myself. So if anyone is looking for work in the Farmersville area, I have a job available.

Thanks again to the club for letting me serve, and I will stay a member for I hope many years.

Editor's Note: We thank Walter (and Delphiene—his ever-cheerful wife and able assistant in all things for their dedication to NTVT! Covid extended Walter's term in office, and we appreciate him greatly!

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March Meeting and Officer Election

Join us on **Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.** (*note the later-than-usual start time!) for our one of our most important meetings: the March lunch and business meeting when we will hold our annual elections. We will meet at **Spring Creek Bar B Que, 3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015-3411.**

Usually, we elect one officer per year, the 2nd VP (in charge of membership) who moves up to fill the spot of the 1st VP (in charge of events/door prizes); the 1st VP moves up to become President. This rotating leadership allows officers to provide continuity without changing the entire board of officers each year. This means if a person accepts the position of 2nd VP, he or she is actually committing to a 3-year run, filling the three positions for one year each.

This year, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will be electing both 2nd and 1st Vice Presidents (the 2nd VP will be committing to 3 years (2nd VP in 2024, 1st VP in 2025, and President in 2026) the 1st VP will be committing to 2 years (1st VP this year and President next year) as each moves up the leadership ladder the following year).

We have had one person volunteer to fill the 1st VP position; we are now seeking someone who will fill the 2nd VP position. We are contacting some "likely suspects," but if you are interested in being involved in the leadership of the club and we haven't called you, call Jan (214-549-1558) or Bonnie (817-271-2952) to get more information.

*Note: This meeting starts later than usual to allow participants to attend the CCC Car Show to be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. See details on page 4.





February Meeting Minutes by Betsy Haber

Jan Young welcomed the 26 members that braved the blustery winds Saturday morning to meet and dine at Fred's Texas Café in Fort Worth.

If you were not aware, Ben King had to step down from being the President of this organization due to health reasons, so Jan Young has assumed that position. This means that the position of 1st Vice President (coordination of the annual meeting and event schedule), and 2nd Vice President (head of membership committee) are now open and we are looking for volunteers ASAP. These positions are not time consuming, and you would not be working in a "vacuum"... everything is a team effort. You do not have to know your way around an engine. It is a great way to meet and interact with your fellow members. Please contact Jan Young if you would like to volunteer or have any questions. [Editor's note: with our rotational officer system, the 2nd VP becomes the 1st VP, and the 1st VP becomes the President; normally we elect one officer each March, the 2nd VP.]

All South Central Thunderbird clubs have agreed to help with the 2025 VTCI Convention to be held in the DFW area. More details will be shared as we receive them.

We are still in need of hosts for meetings this year. This only entails making reservations at the location, assisting in collecting RSVP's, and advising the selected location of the number of anticipated attendees. Please see the listings on the last page of this newsletter.

Marian Herbst announced the March 16 Christian Classic Cruisers Car Show. The CCC honors one car club at the first show of the season, and the NTVT was chosen for this date. Usually, 150 classic cars attend from all over the metroplex raising money to either purchase toys or distribute funds directly for underprivileged children through various organizations. She asks that you visit their FB site for more information. Entry fee is \$20. More details will be found later in this newsletter or via email. Please contact Marian directly to RSVP or if you have any questions. hnmj5152@gmail.com

A Retro Tech Day had been suggested by Tim Stephens and Dave Egan. Several indicated an interest in participating. The group will find a time and location.

Door prizes were won by Tim Stephens, Dan Hubert and Mark Ibbotson. Patty Cottell won the 50/50 drawing.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Haber in the absence of NTVT Secretary, Brad Kershaw.

Annual NTVT Dues—Last Call

If you have already paid your 2024 annual NTVT dues, THANK YOU!

If you have not, please **DO! Please send your \$30 check, made out to NTVT, to our treasurer, Tom Ossorio at 1619 Caplin Dr. Arlington, TX. 76018.** It's a bargain, as I bet there isn't much at the grocery store that costs the same now as it did a year ago...much less 5 or 10 years ago! So please grab your checkbook and send that check to Tom today!



February Pics



Thank you, Mark Ibbotson, for taking pics and sending them in!



CCC to Honor NTVT as Club of the Month

The Classic Christian Cruisers Car Club will be honoring NTVT at their March meeting, which will be on **Saturday, March 16 from 5-9 p.m.** This is the same day as our regular March meeting, but we will be finished in plenty of time to get back from Spring Creek Bar B Que on South Cooper St in Arlington to the CCC location at the Birdville Stadium in Hurst at the corner of MidCities Blvd and Precinct Line Rd.

The CCC shows are always a lot of fun, and NTVT will get a club trophy for being the Club of the Month. Marian Herbst will need a count of all who plan to attend by March 1st. Call Marian (817-705-5925) or watch your inbox for an email giving you the opportunity to RSVP.

Let's rally for a great turnout to show off all our beautiful birds at this event!

Car Show Opportunity—4th Saturday of Each Month

**CAFFEINE, CLASSICS
and
COMMUNITY**

Streetside Classics - Dallas/Fort Worth
The 4th Saturday of Each Month
9:00AM - 12:00PM
5400 Sandshell Dr, Suite 100
Fort Worth, TX 76137

PRESENTED BY
**Streetside
CLASSICS**

CO-HOSTED By:
FWW Podcast & TFT ORGANIZATION
TOMORROW'S FAMILIES TODAY

If you enjoy the chance to see lots of great cars, and show off your beautiful Thunderbird, go to Streetside Classics on March 23 (or April 27, May 25....you get the idea!). In addition to the cars arriving for the show, you can check out the collection of classics for sale in their showroom as well. Some of you may not have reached your own classic collection limit yet!

Check out [Streetside Classic's Facebook](#) page for more info.



Restored 1965 Chevy Truck For Sale



1965 Chevy C10 Pickup for sale
\$27,500 call Walter 972-896-
7633





1966 Thunderbird Parts from Rick Viera

T-Bird friends, I still have a few used 1966 Ford Thunderbird parts from my old bird. Y'all know parts are expensive and getting harder to find. If you plan to keep your ride for a long time (and even pass it down), having these parts on hand could prove invaluable.

Check pricing with S/H and Availability elsewhere to verify these deals!

Priced individually below, but I will sell as ONE LUMP SUM for \$1500.

Pictures provided upon request.

QNTY/Description	Condition	Price
1 HOOD w/o NOSE CHROME	GOOD	450
1 LEFT FRONT FENDER	GOOD	225
1 DRIVER SIDE DOOR SHELL	GOOD	200
1 PASSENGER SIDE DOOR COMPLETE w/GLASS	GOOD	250
1 HEADLIGHT DOOR ASSEMBLY - PSGR SIDE	GOOD	25
1 FRONT BUMPER	FAIR	35
1 RT FRONT (PSGR) BUMPER BRACKET & SUPPORT	GOOD	25
1 2" FRONT STAINLESS NOSE TRIM	FAIR	25
1 OEM REBUILT FoMoCo 4-BBL CARB C6SF_A/C6CC	REBUILT	375
1 OEM FoMoCo DISTRIBUTOR CMPLT (C6AF-12127-6AD)	GOOD	75

... and since price and availability are ever changing, you could sit on them for a year or two and double your investment!

INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE CALL OR TEXT RICK @ 682.216.5977

Or Email me @: rix66bird@gmail.com and be sure to mention you are a Club Member!

Automotive Trivia

1. What is the most popular color for a car?
2. How long will the average American spend sitting at red lights in a lifetime?
3. What year was the first speeding ticket issued in the United States?
4. What year was the first auto insurance policy created?
5. Oscar J. Simler invented the turn signal (not a hand signal!) in what year?

Questions from: <https://antimaximalist.com/car-trivia-questions-and-answers/> **Answers on p 8**



NTVT 2024 Calendar

DATE	LOCATION	Host--Volunteer
*March 16	Spring Creek Bar B Que, Arlington	Bonnie Kershaw
March 16	Christian Classic Cruisers Car Show 5-9 p.m.	Marian Herbst
*April 20	Candlelight Inn, Arlington	Mark Ibbotson
May 4	Cedar Creek Car Show	Dom Zanella
*May 18	Sugar Ridge Winery	John Garfield
*June 15	Dan Hubert's house-Kemp	Dan Hubert
June 29	4th of July Party/Martin's	Delphiene Martin
*July 20	Real Texas Café 817 864 8400	Mary Brewer
*August 17	Streetside (817) 764-8000	Need a host
August 7-11	VTCI Inter Conv, Grand Rapids MI	
August 11-18	Alaska Trip	Jan Young
*September 21	Wheels for Wellness	Tom Ossorio
*October 19	Eloy's Halloween Mtg & Party	Eloy/Kitty Villafranca
November 2nd or 9th	Day Trip	Need a host/Planner
*December 8	Saltgrass-Bedford	Betsy Haber
*January 18	Sunny's Restaurant, FW	Bonnie Kershaw

Please note that the locations for all the meetings are proposed and subject to change. The regular meetings are noted with an * and other activities are shown in blue.

Several of the regular meetings currently have no volunteer host listed. The job of the volunteer host is to contact the suggested restaurant, establish availability for a group of approximately 40-50 persons for lunch on a Saturday and then follow up with a call to the restaurant two or three days before the meeting to give them a headcount. If a proposed location is not available, the volunteer host can contact the VP of Events for help in finding a new location. *If you think you could fulfil those duties, please contact Jan Young and sign up for the month of your choice!*

Every month, about a week before each meeting or activity, you will receive an email with complete details and a request to RSVP. Please reply promptly so we can get accurate head-

Automotive Trivia Answers

1. White; 2. 6 months; 3. 1902 4. 1898; 5. 1929



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VTCI—Our Parent Club

Some of our more recent members may not know much about our parent club, the Vintage Thunderbird Club International. In 1968, two owners of 1960 Thunderbirds (called Squarebirds) Don Harris and Don Brix, happened to meet while buying parts at a Tulsa, OK, Ford dealership. Out of their friendship and love for their Tbirds, grew an incredible organization, at first dedicated to the 1958, '59, and '60 Thunderbirds only. Seven Tbird owners attended the first meeting of the Vintage Thunderbird Club of America, The Squarebird Society in September of 1968.

Since then, the club has evolved and now accepts Tbirds of all years. In fact, one does not have to own a Thunderbird to belong to either VTCI or our local Chapter, NTVT. Anyone who admires, has an interest, or just likes these unique and beautiful cars can join! In 1988, the name was changed from "VTC of America" to "International" to include the many Thunderbird enthusiasts from all over the world.

You can learn more about VTCI on their [website](#), including information about the structure of the club which is divided into eight Regions. NTVT is a part of the South Central Region of VTCI which covers Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Mississippi. Each region has several chapters; there are five chapters in the South Central Region.

You can also find out more on the website about the Regional and International Conventions. These gatherings give Thunderbird owners great opportunities to learn more about restoring their T-birds, and just have fun getting to know other owners. These events offer concours judging so owners can learn exactly what their car needs to be a #1 car. Owners who are not interested in concours judging can display their cars or enter them into modified or driver categories where the judging is not as strict. Regardless, the conventions are always lots of fun.

One last item. If you would like merchandise with the VTCI logo, etc., check out the [VTCI Country Store](#) online. There are lots of neat goodies there!

If you are not yet a member of VTCI, please consider joining. You can join [online](#) or ask Bonnie to send you an application form that you can mail in.

Visit These Websites:

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www.ntvtbird.org

Or check us out on Facebook:

[NTVT Thunderbirds](#)

VTCI, our Parent Club
www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

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