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Message From the President-by Jan Young

Greetings!

I feel like the older I get the more intolerant I am to the heat and humidity. Do you have that problem, too? Our family went to the Arboretum for Father's Day and I got heat exhaustion. I was nauseated and couldn't cool down for hours. It felt like my blood was boiling. Lesson learned – don't go to the Arboretum when it's 99°.

As for putting the top down on the Tbird, that needs to be done as much as possible. My "secret" is to turn the A/C as cold as it will go and set it to blow on the dash and the foot area.

We really enjoyed Walter and Delphine Martin's 4th of July party on June 29. They do it bigger and better each year. A good time was had by all who were able to attend. Thanks, Walter and Delphine!

Check out the car show opportunities later in this newsletter.

I hope to see you at our July meeting.

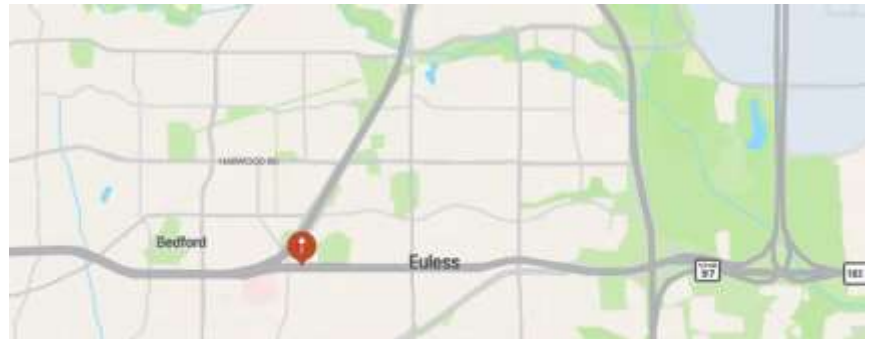
Janet Young

July Meeting

On Saturday, July 20th, come to The Real Texas Café, 2103 Airport Fwy, Euless, TX 76040 at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly lunch meeting. The food is great, and the fellowship is even better!

Use your GPS or just make your way to Highway 183, just east of Hwy 121 North.

Watch your email for your opportunity to RSVP, please. It should be arriving about July 14 or 15. Please RSVP when you get it. It helps immensely to let the restaurant know how many people to expect.



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June 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes by Brad Kershaw, Secretary

Twenty-seven members attended the meeting at First Watch in Mansfield. Jan opened the meeting with a welcome to all the regular members.

Mary noted that she was expecting an application and check from a new member with a '66 Tbird. Mary thanked all for their prayers for her continuing recovery.

The date of October 12th was selected for a retro tech day. Several have asked for technical advice as well as helping hands to address issues now showing up on our 20-year-old "new" cars. Brad volunteered his shop for the event. Start sending your needs and wishes for this event so we can begin research and ensure the proper tools are available. The event is not limited to Retros; if you have an older Tbird with a minor tech issue that is not too involved or lengthy, you may bring it that day.

Brad and John noted that Brian Carron, the south-central regional director, is continuing to plan for the VTCI international convention in the south-central region in 2025. A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 18th of June. Brad, John, and George are expected to attend. The convention has been set for September 9th – 13th 2025. More details will be shared after the August 2024 convention.

Bonnie provided new NTVT cards for us to distribute to prospective members. The new cards have sample pictures of seven series of Thunderbirds. This should convey the idea that all Thunderbirds are welcome. The other side has the NTVT logo with website information. If you did not get a few cards, please ask an officer at the next meeting.

Jan highlighted the Martin's annual 4th of July party scheduled for June 29th.

Jan reported that John Congleton, a past president of NTVT, is doing better following his latest surgery. John and Cici are missing being active in the club.

Jim and Mary won the door prizes. Regina won the 50/50.





More Pics from the June Meeting



Tech Troubles? Bring Your Bird to Tech Day

Many Retro owners have been having some common tech problems and would like some advice and maybe a helping hand in resolving those issues. NTVT will host a Retro Tech Day at the home of Brad and Bonnie Kershaw in Burleson on Saturday October 12th. There will be three “repair stations” set up, one inside the shop using the lift, one inside the shop on ground level, and one outside the shop on the driveway. This event is not limited to Retros, but many of our tech discussions have centered on the 02-05 models. If you have an older T-bird that needs some TLC, you can sign up to bring it as well.

If you would like to attend, email Brad at Thunderbrad@hotmail.com, telling him the year of your car, explaining the problem you are having, and telling him what tools you need for the job. He and Tim Stephens will begin researching the issues and possibly find “experts” in the club who have experience in those issues. Then he will assign you a time slot for your turn in one of the repair stations. We will also try to round up the necessary tools.



If you have knowledge you can share that day, come on out even if your t-bird is doing fine or has already had these issues fixed. Someone will appreciate your advice and input; you might even turn a wrench or two. Spectators are welcome as well.

Once people have signed up to come, Bonnie will contact them and we can plan a meal to share. It can't be all work and no play, you know!



Pics from The July 4th Party at the Martin's





Pics Continued





Final Party Pics



All Aboard! By Janet Young

The clock is ticking and we're getting excited about our Alaska cruise August 11-18. We now have 22 people going. Some of us are old hands at cruising, some haven't been in many years, and some are new to the great waters. It's going to be a fun group this year.

Make sure to complete the online check-in on the Holland America website, book your flights to Seattle, and make your hotel reservation if you are going a day early.

At the July monthly meeting I'll distribute your **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND LUGGAGE TAGS**. Let me know if you can't attend and I'll send them to you.

I'll send more details to you in July or early August. If you have any questions, please let me know.

BON VOYAGE!



Congratulations, Ron!

Recently, NTVT member Ron Young attended the Classic Christian Cruisers Car Show and went home with an award! Congrats, Ron, and thanks for showing off your Thunderbird! You make NTVT look so good!

Ron only recently joined NTVT (in January of this year) so he is off to a great start!





Car Shows and Events

July 4— at Bakersfield Park, located at 1201 Duncan Lane, Flower Mound, TX. Attendees should enter from Spinks Rd. & Gerault as Duncan Lane and Garden Ridge will be closed to thru traffic. Registrations can be picked up at 1200 Gerault Road, Flower Mound, TX 75022, and will follow signs to the event location. Registration is open from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with the show running from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Fireworks will start at 9:15 PM, allowing participants to either stay and enjoy or begin their drive home before the display begins. Spectator entry is free, and dash plaques will be awarded to the first 50 entries.

July 6—6:30-9:30 p.m. Super Bash Car Show and Independence Day Celebration at Newsom Stadium, 3700 E Broad St & Hwy 360 in Mansfield. Live DJ, Vendors, and Awards. For Pre Registration: www.shclassicvintagecarclub.com \$10 & \$10 Day of Show. See you'all there at "Super Bash" For more info see: <https://www.shclassicvintagecarclub.com/>

July 12—6-9 p.m. National Collector Car Appreciation Day, Cruise In at the Dairy Ette in East Dallas, open to All hot rods, collector and classic cars and trucks! 9785 Ferguson Rd, Dallas, TX 75228. Free event celebrating the SEMA effort to raise awareness of the role of automotive restoration and collection in American society. Event is organized by the Dallas Area Classic Chevys. (www.DallasClassicChevy.com)

July 20—5 - 9 p.m., Classic Christian Cruisers, 9200 Mid-Cities Blvd, North Richland Hills, TX. \$20 registration.

July 22—9 a.m to noon Frank Kent Cadillac of Arlington, 701 E Interstate 20, Arlington, Texas 76018 will host the Classic Cars and Coffee. Email jackf@fk1935.com.

July 27—9 a.m. to noon Streetside Classics of Ft Worth, 5400 Sandshell Dr., Suite 100, will host Caffeine, Classics Community.

For many more events, visit: <https://carruisefinder.com/texas-car-events/events/category/texas-car-shows/north-texas-car-shows/>

VTCI Convention News

There is still time for you to register for the August 7th-11th VTCI International Convention which will be held in Grand Rapids, MI. July 12th is the deadline, however, so go to the VTCI website, www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net, and select the Events tab to get all the information and find the online registration link there.

This convention offers great tours (including the Gilmore Car Museum, The Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, and the Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park), the chance to have your Thunderbird judged according to Concours standards, and most of all, the opportunity to make new friends or renew old friendships among Thunderbird owners, the best people on earth! Don't delay!



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NTVT 2024 Calendar

DATE	LOCATION
*July 20	Real Texas Café Host: Mary Brewer
*August 17	Location to be Determined Host: JoAn Haney
August 7-11	VTCl Inter Conv, Grand Rapids MI
August 11-18	Alaska Trip
*September 21	Wheels for Wellness Tom Ossorio will register us as a group
October 12	Tech Day at Brad Kershaw's Pre-register, please
*October 19	Halloween Mtg & Party Hosts: Eloy & Kitty Villafranca
November 2nd or 9th	Possible Day Trip
*December 8	Saltgrass-Bedford Hostess: Betsy Haber
*January 18	Sunny's Restaurant, FW Hostess: 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.

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 headcounts to the restaurants. With a group as large as ours, it is important!

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Or check us out on Facebook:

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

VTCl, our Parent Club

www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

The Thunderbird Registry

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

Wheels For Wellness

Please call or text Tom Ossorio if you intend to participate in Wheels for Wellness in downtown Ft Worth this year on Sept. 21. He will coordinate with the organizers to get us all registered as a group. His number is 817-705-9106.

If you have participated in this event in the past, you may already have received an email from the event organizers asking you to pre-register. Please notify Tom if you responded to that email.