



# T Bird News

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## Message From the President-by Jan Young

Greetings!

What a wonderful time we had in Alaska in August! Twenty-two of us left Seattle for seven days aboard the Holland America Westerdam. We stopped in the ports of Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan in Alaska and Victoria, British Columbia, in Canada. We cruised near glaciers and saw incredible scenery. The weather was cool. We had good food and great company. Some of us found some wonderful souvenirs and others had unforgettable experiences. We will plan another cruise for 2025 so if you would like to join us, give me suggestions for places to go.

Thanks to JoAn Haney for hosting the August meeting/get together. About nine members gathered for a nice lunch together.

Bonnie and Brad told us about a car show in Burleson at the First United Methodist Church (where they are active members). It's Friday evening, September 13, from 5-8pm. The Youth Group is having a Chili Cookoff so come hungry. The entry fee is \$ \_\_. If you plan to show your car, please see Bonnie's information below on how to register. Jim and I are going. I hope you can join us.

If you haven't already done so, it is now too late to preregister for Wheels for Wellness on Saturday, September 21 in Downtown Ft Worth. We do need as many Tbirds as possible to reserve an entire block for our club. You can register the day of the show (but with no discount, and you may not get a "goodie bag" if they run out; but be sure to tell Tom Ossorio if you plan to show up so perhaps we can save room for you on our street.

## VP Resigns

It is with regret that we report the NTVT board accepted the resignation of our second Vice President, Mary Brewer, for health reasons. We hate to lose her leadership, but we understand that health comes first! Mary assures us she will still be able to attend meetings and participate with the club. We wish you well, Mary, and appreciate your dedication, enthusiasm, and service over the last year!

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## September Wheels for Wellness

Every September for the past 16-18 years, NTVT has been proud to participate in the Annual Wheels For Wellness Classic Car Show in downtown Ft Worth. This event, which supports awareness and research for Prostate Cancer, is a dynamite extravaganza. The city blocks off entire streets and you can see hundreds of cars from all years and many different clubs.

It is difficult to have an open-air meeting with the crowds and the street noise, so we usually dispense with the meeting. Instead, we gather and enjoy each others' company, and many of us go out to eat lunch together. Watch your email for information on where our cars will be and the lunch location this year. Non-participants can park in any public lot.

Even if you haven't registered your car to participate, plan to come down and support this great cause. Bring your lawn chairs and set up on the sidewalk with the rest of us. Go to lunch with us if you can! We will be there setting up from about 8 a.m. (show opens to the public at 10 a.m.) until about 3 p.m. Awards are usually about 2:30 p.m.

If you are registered, you should receive a postcard from the organizers very soon giving you instructions for parking that day. Any questions, call Bonnie or Tom.

## Beat the Heat With an Evening Car Show

A reminder that the First United Methodist Church in Burleson is having a Chili Cook-Off and Car Show on Friday evening, September 13th from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be prizes awarded based on "People's Choice" where entrants and spectators will "vote" with tickets purchased for that purpose. All money raised from the \$10 entrance fee per car plus the voting tickets purchased will all go to support the PacMin ministry of the church. This ministry provides weekend food for nearly 200 needy Burleson public school students each week. Brad and Bonnie help deliver the bags of food to one of the local elementary schools. The counselors at each school distribute the food to the children to take home in their backpacks. This is a worthwhile mission, and is totally supported by donations.

There will be live music for entertainment; \$10 tickets for the Chili Tasting with dessert.

Join us at 590 NE McAlister Rd, Burleson, TX.



Don't forget, Christian Classic Cruisers will host 2 more evening shows, Sept 21 and Oct 19, 2024, 9200 Mid Cities Blvd, North Richland Hills from 5 to 9 p.m.



# Halloween—And The Spookiest Meeting—is Coming!

Our October meeting (and Halloween Party) will be on **Saturday, October 19th**, at Eloy and Kitty Villafranca's house. Mark your calendar now, because this is always a fun one and you won't want to miss it. We will gather at 11:30, enjoy a lunch (details coming soon), and then have a meeting.

Costumes are optional. Eloy and Kitty always decorate for the spooky holiday so you will love seeing their ghoulish fiends and friends perched



## Car Shows

**1st Annual Hope-4-Kids**

**CHARITY!**

**Classic CAR EXTRAVAGANZA**

All Proceeds Benefit Hope-4-Kids Work With Families

**RAFFLE**

**35 TOP AWARDS**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 13TH-12-5**

**CANALES FURNITURE**

**I20 & MATLOCK ARLINGTON TX**

Vehicles: \$25 Pre-Registration Or \$30 At The Gate

Entry Registration Begins At 10 AM PRIZES ANNOUNCED @3:30 PM

Email: [r.brazil@hope-4-kids.com](mailto:r.brazil@hope-4-kids.com) or [rose@hometownseostore.com](mailto:rose@hometownseostore.com)

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**The Demonology Car From Youtube**





## More Car Shows

EIGHTH ANNUAL ST. ANDREW

# Cars for Community

SHOW

**October 19**

**Registration Starts at 8:30 a.m.  
Free Spectator Admission**

- Goody Bags to the First 100 Entrants
- Raffle Prizes
- Over 20 Classes, Including Best of Show  
Best Paint and Interior
- Silent Auction Items Will Be Offered
- Breakfast (Coffee and Donuts)  
and Lunch Food Available for Purchase

Registration from 8:30-11:30 a.m. | Awards at 2:00 p.m.  
Registration Fee: \$25 or \$20 with pre-registration  
Pre-register at [standrewcarshow.com](http://standrewcarshow.com)

**Benefiting The Storehouse Community Center** The Storehouse

**St. Andrew Methodist Church**  
5801 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093  
972-380-8001 | [standrewmethodist.org](http://standrewmethodist.org)

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**ST. ANDREW**  
METHODIST CHURCH

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# And More Car Shows



**Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**Sam Pack's Museum**

2070 Diplomat, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

Registration Time | 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Registration Fee | \$25.00

Show Time | 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Awards and Raffle Prizes | 1:00-2:15 p.m.



Pre-Register and Pay on the Day of the Show  
< Register here by scanning the QR code



Sam Pack Auto Group  
Dallas Nationals



This year, featuring the  
North Texas Corvair Assoc.

## Benefiting Holy Angels Residential Facility

[holyangetsresidentialfacility.org](http://holyangetsresidentialfacility.org)

- New 30 under \$30 K class (under 30 yrs of age and no more than \$30K invested)
- AER will donate an engine to one show entrant.
- The Car Pro Jerry Reynolds will broadcast both his local and national shows live from the museum.
- Open to all makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles; outstanding trophies, good food and drinks.
- Sam Pack museum will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Each participant will receive a free pass to the museum.
- Raffle prizes.



## Managed by The North Texas Mustang Club

For additional information please call:

Ron Weaver, 972.965.1431

Mike Rogan, 214.794.4198

Alex Sagcal, 972.408.8062

**Free admission for all spectators!**





## NTVT Cruise to Alaska—We Had a WHALE of a Time!

Eighteen NTVT members plus 4 guests had a delightful time relaxing, learning about Alaska, seeing some wildlife, going on excursions, eating, dancing, and making merry together on our cruise up to the lower edge of Alaska. We pretty much did our own things during the days, and joined each other for dinner most evenings in the dining room. I (Bonnie), for one, considered it a huge victory that I came back weighing exactly the same amount as when I left. With all the yummy food I ate, maybe those extra “steps” each day walking the length of the ship helped! As Jan mentioned in the President’s message, let her know where YOU would like to go on a future cruise!

Here are a few pictures of our fun. I’ll let the pictures speak for themselves.







# Leaving Seattle, Tlinglet Culture, Salmon, & Raptors







# A Whale of a Time—On and Off the Ship







## Scenic Vistas on All Sides





# Glaciers, Icebergs, Rock Walls, Volcanoes, and Waterfalls







## Remembering Ben King

On August 29th, our friend and long-time NTVT member and former VP of our club, Ben King, lost his fight with prostate cancer. Ben will definitely be missed. We are so glad that his last year and a half was a wonderfully happy time in his life as this was when he met Debbie Boyce. They had a storybook romance, dancing and enjoying each day they had together. Debbie was at his side when he passed peacefully from this world to his heavenly home. He leaves many friends to mourn him as well as his daughter Emily and his sister. Just a couple of weeks before he passed away, Debbie hosted an open house for Ben's friends to come and enjoy one last time with Ben. We are grateful some of our members were able to attend.

There have been no arrangements for a service as of yet, but we will certainly let everyone know if that happens. NTVT extends our deepest condolences to Ben's sister, his daughter Emily, and to Debbie Jo. Debbie, please know that your NTVT family surrounds you with love and care, and we look forward to having you in the club for many years.





## Have You Reserved Your Place for Tech Day, 10/12/24?

If you are interested in bringing your Thunderbird to Brad and Bonnie Kershaw's home on Saturday, October 12th, for our first attempt at a Tech Day, it is vital that you email Brad at [thunderbrad@hotmail.com](mailto:thunderbrad@hotmail.com) to tell him what car you are bringing and what the problem is with it. You will need to bring the necessary parts with you, and Brad and Tim Stephens would like time to research the issue before that day and make sure the right tools are available.



Even if you don't want to bring your Tbird for minor repairs, etc., you are welcome to come spend time while some of the members are working on their cars under the guidance of Brad, Tim, Dave Egan, and any other member who would like to offer consultation and assistance on the projects. You can kibitz with the guys in the shop, or hang out with the folks who are just out for a nice drive and lunch.

We will likely take up a collection and bring in Tacos from Rosas for lunch. So come on out and enjoy a fall day in Burleson. Our address is 745 Ladonna Ave., Burleson, TX 76028.

PS. If there is not enough interest, this event will be cancelled. So please email Brad if you want to attend.

## VTCI NEWS!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### **JOINT THUNDERBIRD CLUB EVENT**

***"Stronger Together '55-'05 in '25, Driving The Past Into The Future"***



Don't Miss the  
Mega-Event of  
the year

**HOTEL: EMBASSY SUITES – N.GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**

Tours, speakers,  
separate VTCI and  
CTCI Concours  
Judging

**SEPTEMBER 09-13, 2025**

**HOSTED BY**



**CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL (CTCI) and  
VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL (VTCI)**







## Have You Joined Our Facebook Group?

Did you know that we have an excellent Facebook group? If you haven't checked it out, please do. It was started and is run by our good friend, Grant Payne, who was an "in-person" member of our NTVT club for many years. It is limited to past and present members of our club. Since it is a private page, you will need to ask to join by clicking the Join button the first time you open the page. Anyone can find the page, but you have to join to participate or post. Find it by searching Facebook for North Texas Vintage Thunderbirds.



## Retro Spare Tire Concerns?

Speaking of Facebook, NTVT member George Antochy recently posted some interesting news on our group page. George and Laura have done a lot of traveling this summer, and one trip (on RT 66) was in their Retro. George was concerned because their spare was almost 20 years old, and there have been many reports of problems for other retro owners.

At the time, Maxxis Tires informed him that they were in the process of manufacturing more of the tires. Recently, George visited the Maxxis website and was able to purchase a new spare for \$214.95 including tax and shipping! Once it arrives, however, he will need to find somewhere to get it mounted as Discount Tires will no longer mount spare tires.

Thanks for the info,  
George!



## Need a Transmission?



Free to any NTVT Member; Two late 1950's/early 60's Ford (Borg Warner) 3-Speed Transmissions. One is an OVER-DRIVE model and appears to be complete (Model T89B-148). The other is possibly a Ford Truck application (Model AB-7222-B), also appears to be complete. Both spin freely but have not been tested. These are certainly rebuildable or great for spare parts. PICK-UP ONLY in Frisco, TX. Free to anyone who can use them! Email Neal Swartz at [cuul59@gmail.com](mailto:cuul59@gmail.com) to arrange pick up.



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### NTVT 2024 Calendar

DATE	LOCATION
<b>*September 21</b>	Wheels for Wellness Tom Ossorio will register us as a group
October 12	Tech Day at Brad Kershaw's Pre-register, please
<b>*October 19</b>	Halloween Mtg & Party Hosts: Eloy & Kitty Villafranca
November 2nd or 9th	Possible Day Trip
<b>*December 8</b>	Saltgrass-Bedford Hostess: Betsy Haber
<b>*January 18</b>	Sunny's Restaurant, FW Hostess: Bonnie Kershaw

### Remember When.....?



### Visit These Websites:

NTVT

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Or check us out on Facebook:

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

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