



T Bird News

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Message from the President, Janet Young

Greetings!

Can you believe how hot it's been in this past month. I thought October was supposed to be cool. I'm looking forward to when the heat leaves us and we can enjoy some fall days.

The 2025 T-bird Cruise will be August 16-23, 2025 and we'll be going on Princess Cruise Lines, roundtrip out of Boston and heading up the Canadian Coast. There's a great special pricing package that Bonnie sent out for me. Unfortunately, it's probably expired as the deadline was October 31. However, there are still rooms available but the package and pricing will probably be different. Details for the cruise are posted later in this newsletter. I hope you can go with us in August. We always have such a good time on our cruises.

If I don't talk to you before the end of November, I hope you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Best wishes,
Janet Young

November Day Cruise, by John Garfield

The Club has selected a trip to Clifton and Waco this year. We will begin on Saturday, November 16th starting in two groups (Fort Worth and Dallas) as follows:

Fort Worth will meet at 9:45 at First National Bank parking lot at I-35W and just north of Alsbury St. (in front of Albertsons). We will schedule to leave for Hillsboro at 10:00 AM.

Dallas drivers will meet at 9:45 at Quick Trip (5400 I-35E, Waxahachie) . We will schedule to leave for Hillsboro at 10:00 AM.

Both groups will meet at the new Buc-ees in Hillsboro by 11 a.m. to leave for Lake Whitney by 11:15. We will leave Buc-ees and take exit 368B (or stay on access road) to Old Brandon Rd. and head west to Waco St (turn left). Go one block (turn right and hold here to regroup). Take highway 22 west past Whitney to Lake Whiney and over the dam. Just beyond the dam, turn left into Bosque Inn for lunch by 12:00.

After lunch, head west on 22 to Clifton, turn (left) and go 10 miles to Clifton. Note: bridge is out going into Clifton and we have to go west and follow detour signs back into Clifton. Turn right into downtown. Car museum is on the left just past downtown shopping area. (Some may want to go shopping here, it is a one block long area with on street parking.

We will plan to leave Clifton by 2:00 for half hour drive to Waco on highway 6.

Follow highway 6 to Interstate 35, head north and exit at 335A. Here you can make choice of going left to the Silo shopping (and ice cream), visit the Dr. Pepper Museum (two block away to the north-west), or continue on I-35 access road to the Ranger Museum. Here, spend what time you want on your own and continue north to home.

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Christmas is Coming—Mark Your Calendar for 12/8!

Coming soon! Your annual club holiday party will be held at Salt Grass Steakhouse in Bedford again this year on Sunday, December 8 from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. I will be sending a request for RSVP's the week before Thanksgiving requesting responses by Wednesday, December 4. As in years past, the club will cover the meal cost for you and your significant other from a set menu. A cash bar will be available.

NTVT member Glenn Willis has nominated the Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County as our charity this year. Their goal: "...dedicated to providing love, hope, respect and a new beginning for the homeless. We strive to end homelessness one person at time." They offer programs for homeless individuals to maximize their potential by developing the skills needed to become independent, productive community members.

Their most immediate needs can be found on their website:

<https://www.ugm-tc.org/donate/immediate-needs-list/>

This website includes handy links to Amazon, Walmart, and Target for specific items.

Some of the items include:

- * Men and women's socks
- * Men and women's hoodies (new or gently used)
- * Men, women and children's jackets (new or gently used)
- * Backpacks
- * Bath towels and wash cloths
- * Twin-sized sheets
- * Pillows (new) and pillowcases
- * Men's jeans/pants sizes 30, 32, 34, 36, 48, 50
- * Men's work boots (steel toes) sizes 9, 10, 11, 12
- * Men's tennis shoes (steel toes) sizes 9, 10, 11, 12
- * Scrubs shirts sizes M, 2XL, 3XL
- * Scrubs pants sizes S, M, L, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL, 6XL
- * Razors
- * Travel-sized deodorant and Travel-sized body soap
- * Hairbrushes
- * Throw blankets
- * Twin-sized comforters
- * Women's shower shoes, sizes 9-11
- * Men's shower shoes, size 10 and larger



Donations are optional for members who can help. This will make Christmas special for some of our homeless. Thank you and see you there!



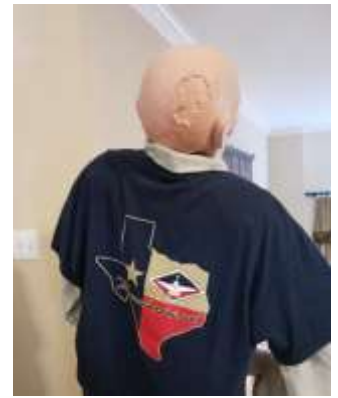
Spooky Party Guests from our October Meeting

NTVT had a howling good time at the October meeting/Halloween Party hosted by Kitty and Eloy Villafranca (aka, Wilma and Fred Flintstone). The brisket and sausage were both delicious, and the Boo Crew made sure we did not lack for anything! Thanks to the Villafrancas for opening their lovely home to us once again.





More Halloween Pics



Our Newest Member??
He's not much to look out,
but he has a mighty roar.





Meeting Minutes from Oct 19, 2024

Twenty-eight members attended the meeting at Eloy and Kitty's haunted house in Grand Prairie. Janet opened the meeting with a welcome to all the regular members and recognized one guest, Mary's friend Ethel.

Janet noted that the NTVT newsletter again earned a gold award by the VTCI due to the efforts of Bonnie Kershaw.

The tech day October 12th was a success. The crew on hand replaced front strut assemblies and changed oil and filter on a 2002 Tbird, changed upholstery on the seat of a retro Tbird, changed a taillight on a retro Tbird, and lastly, diagnosed some trouble codes. Jim Lowenburg expressed thanks to Brad, John, and Ralph for their work on his Tbird. He also thanked Tim for finding parts to finish the job at a local parts store. Ask Jim about the invoice and payment plan presented at the close of the day. Brad would like to acknowledge Bonnie, Janet, and Ginny for making the lunch run.

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. John attended a meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Grapevine where the convention will be held. John was very impressed with the facility.

We discussed the possibilities for the November day trip. The majority favored a driving type outing. The club decided to keep it on the third Saturday since Thanksgiving is late this year and should not interfere. John will investigate a drive to Lake Whitney for lunch and on to a museum in Clifton.

There was a discussion of many car shows going on in the area over the next few weeks. Please pass this info on to Bonnie so she can pass the opportunity on to others.

The club will be developing the 2025 schedule soon so pass any ideas on the Janet, John, or Bonnie soon.

We will be electing officers in March for the upcoming year. This year we need a first VP, events; and Second VP, membership. If you would like to serve, please let Janet or John know. For more information on the duties of an officer contact Janet Young, John Garfield, or Brad Kershaw. If you would like to nominate someone please verify with that person and then let the officers know.

Due to popular demand, Janet is planning a cruise from Boston up the east coast in April or May 2025. More details to follow.

The Christmas party will be December 8th at Saltgrass Steakhouse in Bedford. Delphine asked about charitable donations this year. Glenn suggested Union Gospel Mission. He will inquire as to their specific needs at this time. Any other suggestions can be sent to Janet or Betsy.

Mary asked for sources to install a headliner in a 1966 Tbird. If you have a source, please send it on to Brad and we will forward it to Mary.

Janet recognized Fred and Wilma (aka Eloy and Kitty) for the great party and food. Eloy recognized his "Boo Crew" for their great support. The Boo Crew awarded Elvis (aka John Travolta, aka Glen) first place in the costume contest. Goofy (aka Jim) was awarded second place, and the Pink Lady (aka Mary) third place.

Ethel and Bonnie won door prizes and John won the 50/50.

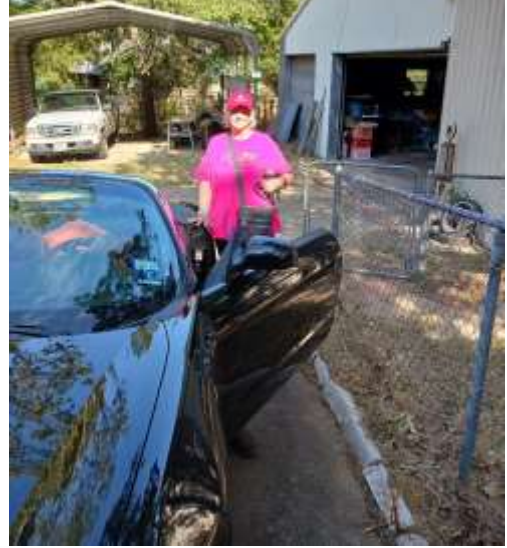
Submitted by Brad Kershaw, NTVT Secretary

2025 Dues...

It's almost that time of year again, folks. Please plan to pay your 2025 NTVT \$30 annual dues to our treasurer, Tom Ossorio, at the Christmas party if you plan to attend. He will also accept your VTCI dues (\$40) if you wish, and pay them to our parent organization on your behalf; of course, you can always pay these yourself if you prefer. If you don't attend the Christmas party, you can always send your check to Tom Ossorio, 1619 Caplin Dr., Arlington, TX 76018



Tech Day 2024 Was a Hit





Who Has Winners? NTVT has Winners!



Darrell managed to get a good shot of his car in front of Ford's Garage!



Walter & Delphine Martin and Darrell Hesselius attended The Parker City-Fest and Car Show, east of Plano. Walter & Delphine won 1st place in imports with their Jag, and Darrell won 1st place in 60's cars with his Tbird.



Marian Herbst sent in these 4 pics and says, "Rick and I took the El Camino to Texarkana, where Jay Leno was the Master of Ceremonies for the weekend. He was a very down to earth guy. We drove backroads thru Paris Tx for photo ops."





Car Show Opportunities

TARVER-RENDON ELEMENTARY'S
CAR SHOW

- ◆ Behind the school
- ◆ 6065 Retta Mansfield Rd
Burleson, TX

**DEC 7
9AM-1PM**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
OUR CHRISTMAS
MARKET AND VENDOR
FAIR

SIGN UP TO
BRING YOUR
VEHICLE

email questions to:
ladenadrake@midmail.org
chelseabledsoe@midmail.org

We are signing up participants for our Car Show at our Christmas Market. The market and car show will be held on December 7 from 9 am-1 pm at Tarver-Rendon Elementary. New this year visitors to the car show will be able to vote on their favorite vehicle and we will have prizes for you! Please complete the form using the link below, to participate in our car show. Also, please share the attached flyer with other car show enthusiasts. **Ask the Antochy's for more info; they are entering their mint-green retro!**

<https://forms.gle/e7yENmHrN3ReUbYD8>

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ALEX VIOLA
MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

SUNDAY NOV 10
KELLER TOWN HALL
1100 Bear Creek Pkwy, Keller, TX 76248

10am - 5pm
Gates Open at 6am
Registration from 8 - 12 Noon

Alex Viola Memorial Car Show Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Pkwy, Keller, TX 76248. Sunday, 11/10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gates open at 6 a.m.; Registration from 8 a.m. to Noon. Supports Families of Fallen Heroes. See ssgalexviola.org

Moslah Shrine Center
1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth, Texas

8th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CAR SHOW
November 23, 2024

CRAFT FAIR
COURTNEY MARCH VENDORS

Open to Cars, Trucks & Motorcycles!

Car Show Information
Contact: Brandon 817-994-0074 John 817-822-7699
Proceeds are for the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Children

Moslah Shrine 8th Annual Christmas Car Show, 1100 Henderson St, Ft Worth, TX with Craft Fair and other vendors. Nov 23, 2024

Contact Brandon (817-994-0074) or John (817-822-7699). Registration 9 a.m. to noon; Awards Presentation at 2:30 p.m.

Entry fee \$25, proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children



Sailing the High Seas with NTVT

For the last three years, an intrepid group of NTVT members have gone “cruising” on the ocean, not on Main Street. Those of us who have gone on these trips have really enjoyed them, seeing new places, making new friends, and getting better acquainted with other NTVT members. We made two trips in the Caribbean, and one to Alaska.

In August of 2025, we are heading east, to Boston where on August 16th we will board The Majestic Princess for a 7-day cruise stopping at 4 ports: Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; Sydney, also in Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; and Portland Maine. At sea along the way we will enjoy fine dining, relaxing activities, and general good times. In the ports, we have many options for excursions or we can explore the sights on our own. Halifax has many historic and scenic places to visit; Sydney is known for its beauty and is considered the center for Canadian Celtic culture and music; Charlottetown, the capital of the smallest province in Canada, Prince Edward’s Island, offers small-town charm in a dynamic city. And of course, Anne of Green Gables fans will recognize many local places from that novel; several points of interest will feature museums that will please fans of that novel. And our last port will be back in the USA, Portland, the largest city and capitol of Maine. Here we can visit a renovated historic Old Port, see Kennebunkport, or visit the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House.

The whole trip sounds exciting, and I hope you will consider joining the 6 or 7 couples who have already booked during the special-pricing period that ended October 31. If you are interested, please contact Janet Young at 214-549-1558. She will put you in contact with Chai, our AAA travel agent who will work to get you the best rates possible on this same cruise even though that particular price promotion is over. Chai can also help us with flights and hotels if we wish to have a couple of days in Boston ahead of the tour, or after we de-board the cruise. There are tons of things to see in Boston, too!

Submit Your Ideas for Places and Things to Do in 2025

The NTVT Board will be meeting soon to begin planning the 2025 Calendar of Meetings and other Events. We really need your input to keep our club fresh and exciting for all our members.

We try hard to select locations for our monthly meetings that are either centrally located or easy to get to. We have members from ALL OVER the North Texas area, from Wichita Falls to Mansfield, from Gun Barrel City to Weatherford (and a few in Abilene!). We try to find places on the east side, west side, north side, and south side. We really like places with a separate room where having a meeting is feasible, and where everyone can hear. We also like a variety of foods so that we don’t exclude anyone because of dietary restrictions.

Therefore, we need your help in finding more places that will fit 35-45 people, have a separate room, won’t charge us a room fee, and will let us order individually off a menu that is not exorbitant in price. If you know of somewhere, please call one of the officers and make your suggestions known!

We also need ideas for special events, overnight trips, places of interest to visit, etc. We need ideas and people willing to help with those special, non-meeting, options! Don’t be shy!



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

NTVT 2024 Calendar

DATE

LOCATION

November 16

Lake Whitney/ Clifton

Day Trip

***December 8; 4 pm** Saltgrass-Bedford

Need Wheels?

Have 4 original 15" TBird wire wheels, good chrome, \$2200 for sale. Call James 469-450-9919. Thanks

Welcome New Members

Welcome, Ed & Linda Lewis from Rowlett who joined in September, and Mitch Womble & Pamela Autrey from Dallas, and Doug & Sheila Puckett, from Colleyville, who joined in October. We look forward to meeting you all!

Election... Looking Forward to it!

I know that headline sounds funny. I personally am currently hating election season. All those nasty, name-calling commercials! But the NTVT elections are different. In March we elect our officers who hold their positions from March through February of the following year. And we don't have annoying commercials or nasty campaigns!

We do have a rotating system in which we usually elect a 2nd VP, who is in charge of Membership. The incumbent 2nd VP becomes the 1st VP in charge of Events/Meetings, and the current 1st VP assumes the office of President. This allows officers to gain experience with the club and "grow" into the President's position. This coming election, John Garfield will move up to become our President for 2025, and we have two positions to fill: 1st VP and 2nd VP.

Our leadership functions as a team, and we work together to build the yearly calendar. If you volunteer to become a 1st or 2nd VP, you will be joining the board made up of the Past President, the President, the Newsletter Editor, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. If more than one person volunteers for any position, we will have a written ballot vote. Think about it, folks. Serving in leadership is a fun and rewarding experience. Contact any current officer/board member if you are interested in serving.