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President's Message

To those of you who missed the June meeting we had a big crowd, and there were plenty of beautiful cars to look at. Streetside Classics was gracious enough to let us use their meeting room during a busy day. A big thanks to John Congelton for setting up the meeting, to Betsy for the great salad, and to Tom for bringing drinks. Also congratulations to John and Cece for a Top 25 award for their gorgeous '66. I don't know if anyone else won, but we were well represented with plenty of great looking cars.

During our meeting we brought up the 2015 regional that we will be hosting. This will be a great time for members to volunteer for one or more of the many committees that will need someone to lead or be an assistant to. There should be something for everyone who wants to help. It will also a great way for everyone to get to know each other better. The more volunteers that we get, the less work it is for everyone involved. We don't want what happened in Houston where just a few people had to do everything and ended up leaving and even selling their Birds. We want this to be fun for everyone involved. I have never been a part of a regional, but I am already looking forward to getting things going. Make sure to email Brad or Dan with your ideas for theme and also to all our artists—send in your ideas for the shirt designs. Hopefully by our next meeting (which should be very interesting) everyone will have an idea as to what they want to do at the regional.

As June comes to a close and the heat of July just around the corner, everyone stay cool and have a fun and safe 4th of July weekend. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting.

Bill

Editor's note: There will be more information on the 2015 Regional coming soon!

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Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2014, by Brad Kershaw, Secretary

Bill Stepina opened the meeting and welcomed our new and recent members. There were 38 members in attendance; no guests were present. The meeting minutes from May 17th, published in the newsletter, were approved by the members present.

Tom Ossorio presented the treasurer's report. Tom also had NTVT T-shirts for those who had not picked them up.

Bill congratulated John and Cece Congleton on their 1st place senior primary and Dom Zanella on his 1st place late model award received at the VTCI convention in New Orleans last month. Bonnie Kershaw was recognized with a Gold Award for the NTVT newsletter. Bonnie gave a summary of the events and great hospitality of the Acadian Thunderbirds. Brad noted some of the highlights of the judging and unique T-birds in attendance.

John Garfield presented an opportunity to take a JFK trolley tour for our July meeting. The trolley can pick us up at a nearby restaurant for a one hour and provide a narrated tour of the notable sights surrounding the JFK assassination in Dallas. For a group of 30 to 35 the cost should be nearly half price (approx. \$12). This should be an interesting event and a preview of a possible event for the 2015 convention. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Brad Kershaw provided an update on the planning for the 2015 VTCI Regional Convention. Dan Sublette and Brad Kershaw have agreed to be Co-Chairs of the event. The steering committee will consist of the current officers, co-chairs, and committee leaders. Members from the steering committee met with representative from the Arlington Sheraton hotel on June 13th. We had to change the dates to May 14-16 since the previous dates were not available. We verbally agreed to a plan of room guarantees, banquet facilities, hospitality suite, and registration/meeting rooms. The hotel will prepare a contract and Tom Ossorio will finalize the arrangements. Betsy prepared a list of committees and tasks from our past regional in 2010 and the international convention in Houston last year. This will provide a guide to the work necessary to host a successful convention. The steering committee will be reviewing possible events in the near future and provide updates to the club at our regular meetings. Betsy has agreed to lead the online registration effort. John Garfield has agreed to lead the judging committee. Brad encouraged all to review the list of committees and tasks to see where each member might best contribute to the success of our convention.

Members were encouraged to keep the Virginia Hutto Classic car show on their calendars for September 27-28th 2014. If you are interested in judging, please contact Dan Sublette. Marion Herbst indicated that rooms at the Eastland LaQuinta were filling up fast.

Recently joined member, Jim Young, won the 50/50 drawing and the money was quickly turned over to Janet.

Yellow Rose All Ford Show

The 25th Yellow Rose Classic is going to be held at the Arlington Convention Center on August 16 & 17, 2014. Admission is \$12.00 and kids under 12 get in free. Discount coupons (for \$2 off per person for everyone in your party!) go to their website: <http://yracs.ntmc.org/> Grab the family, best friend, neighbor, mechanic, and come on out. You will see the best all Ford-powered, indoor car show....Ever!

If you want to enter your car, there may still be time. The fee for registration is \$50.00 per car after July 1st. Check out their website for more information: <http://yracs.ntmc.org/>



July Meeting—JFK Tour

Join us on July 19th when our monthly meeting will include the opportunity to enjoy a discounted tour about the JFK assassination.

The regular meeting will be held at El Fenix Restaurant, 1601 McKinney Ave., Dallas (near I-35W and Woodard-Rogers Freeway) at the regular time of 11:30 a.m. The excursion trolley will pick us up at the restaurant at 1:30 and drop us off about 3:00. Cost of a ticket has been reduced from \$20 to \$12.00 each but we need to get 30 people to sign up for this to make the \$ work. Make checks out to NTVT or pay cash during lunch.

I need confirmations of reservations by July 12th to John Garfield, j-g.garfield@att.net.

If we do not get 30 reservations we may not be able to get the same discount or will have to cancel this opportunity. This is an exclusive for our club only.

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T-Birds and Bits—Cars and Parts For Sale

Do you have a Thunderbird or T-bird parts for sale? Do you have certain parts you hope someone else might have for sale that you could purchase? Send in your information so we can include it in the monthly newsletter! Items will be published for one newsletter only unless you let me know an item needs to be repeated!

And the Winner Is...

Well, NTVT has had several winners in local car shows recently. Earl Hancock took 3rd place at a car show he attended in Fredericksburg, TX, on June 7th with his silver retro ; and he took 1st place on May 9th at Wood, Waves, and Keels, a boat and car show at Eagle Mountain Lake. John Congleton took an award at the Streetside Classic Show on June 14th, and Grant Payne and Dom Zanella (I think!) both went home with awards from the DFW CarShows event at Cocky's Wing Bar Car Show on June 7th in Burleson. Grant and Shaun Payne also showed their car at the Burleson of Honda Car Show on June 14th (look for the pictures on the picture page).

If you attend any car shows, even if you don't win an award, be sure to take some pictures and send them to me. We'll share in the next newsletter so the whole club can see! We are glad that some of our members take every opportunity to share their T-Birds with the rest of the automotive world. They're just too pretty not to share!



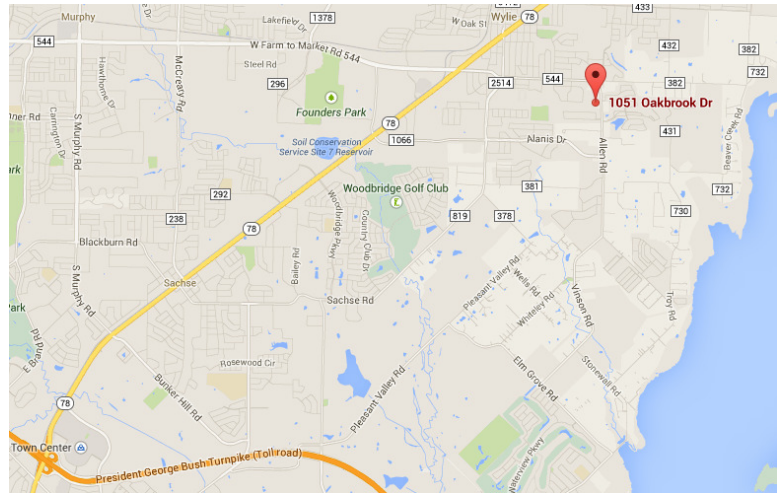
YOU are invited!

You and your family are invited to a BBQ on **Sat July 5th** at Walter and Delphiene Martin's house at 1051 Oakbrook, Wylie, Tx. 75098. We will be having the usual BBQ brisket, ribs, shrimp, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and all the trimming's.

Bring the family—all are welcome (please have the kid's bring their swim suits and yours too). Party starts at 12 noon and goes to usually 9 at night. It's come and go as it fits your schedule.

We will be serving all day but if you are coming please give me a call or email with how many will be attending and about what time you will be arriving so that I will have enough food ready. We will also have plenty of beer, frozen margarita's, sodas and fruit drinks and our famous Texas wine from my brother's winery.

Dress attire is summer shorts and if it gets too hot for you there is plenty of room in the house
RSVP to Walter Martin, 972-896-7633 or email: walmart01@verizon.net



2014 NTVT Event Calendar

- July 5 Party at the Martin's (Walter and Delpheine) see above for details
- July 19 11:30- El Fenix, 1601 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, followed by a JFK Trolley Tour from 1:30-3:00. See p. 3 for details & Email John Garfield (j-g.garfield@att.net) for reservations.
- Aug 16 Yellow Rose Classic Car Show at the Arlington Convention Center followed by a Regular meeting at a nearby restaurant
- Sept 20 **Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure—Do not Register Individually!**
- Sept 27- 28 Virginia Hutto Classic Memorial & Trade Days in Cisco, TX
- October 18 **Regular meeting – Tentatively at the Congleton's in Gun Barrel City**
- November 1 TAMU Homecoming Parade.
- November No Meeting (note Leake Auction is Nov 21-23; no contact yet)
- December 7 **(Note: This is a Sunday!) 4:00-6:00
Christmas Dinner and Party at Humperdinks in Arlington**

Regular NTVT Meetings



Virginia Hutto Classic Memorial Car Show: 9/27/14

Mark your fall calendar now for September 27th and 28th for the Virginia Hutto Classic Memorial Car Show! I know several of you have already volunteered to judge (email Dan Sublette if you are interested and haven't already contacted him) and I hope the rest of you are making your plans to attend. Virginia was a member of our club before her untimely death; and her parents, Danny and Catheryn, are members now. Our club needs to support them in this effort to honor Virginia's memory; she was a beautiful young woman with a ready smile. She loved classic cars so this event is tailor made to reflect the vibrant energy she brought to the world.

In addition to the car show which will offer cash prizes, there will be a chili cook-off, a skillet-chunking contest, a 1960 Pinup Girls contest, live music, vendors, and TONS of doorprizes/raffle items. Even if circumstances prevent you from attending (which would be sad as you will miss an awesome two days!) you can still buy raffle tickets; you don't have to be present to win. Check out the website for all the details:
<http://www.virginiahuttoclassic.com/>

The event will be located at 10010 Hwy 6 Cisco, Tx 3 miles west of Eastland on Hwy 6 going toward Cisco. Look for Wagon Wheel Fence. Don't miss it!



Cowtown Cruisin for a Cure

NTVT has participated in this terrific fundraiser car show for several years. On the third Saturday of September, downtown Fort Worth is transformed into a Mecca for classic automotive enthusiasts. Again this year, hundreds of classic and vintage cars of all descriptions will line the streets of downtown for the 13th annual event the mission of which is to raise funds for research and raise awareness of the importance of screening and early detection of Prostate Cancer. So make sure that Saturday, September 20th is marked on your calendar!

If you plan to show your Thunderbird with the club, please do not register independently (even though you may receive an email from the event coordinators if you displayed last year). Tom Ossorio, our treasurer, will register the club as a group. He will be getting us application information in the coming days and we will pay him the \$35 registration fee so he can make a single payment for the club. Plan to park your car with the rest of the flock—we always have a lot of fun at this show!



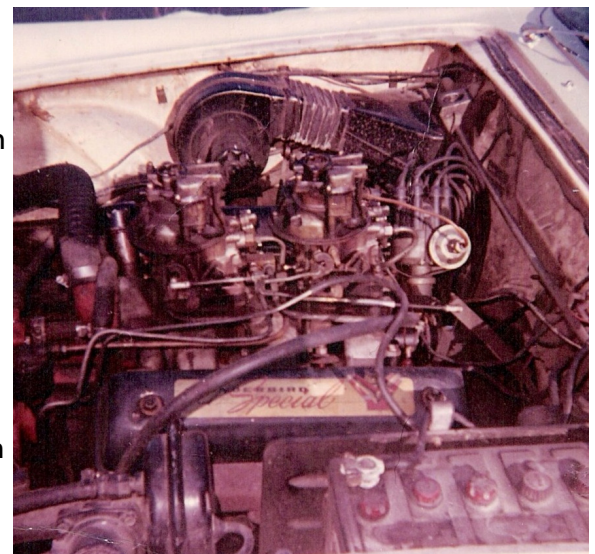
Member Highlight: Dan Hubert

When I was 16-years-old, my mother, Stephany Hubert, bought me my very first car. I had recently obtained my driver's license in November of '59 and was very eager to get behind the wheel of a fancy new vehicle. My mother owned a new 1958 Ford Thunderbird and felt it was a reliable, safe, and classy car which led to her decision to purchase a Thunderbird for me as well. Luckily, she allowed me to pick out the exact one I wanted. It was a gorgeous 1957 model with a white exterior and a bronze and black interior. I was the only student at my high school with a Thunderbird. All of my classmates admired my car; and although I was already a fairly popular boy, I felt that my new car elevated my status, especially with the young ladies.

Driving was an exciting new experience for me, and the fact that I had such a beautiful car in my possession made it that much sweeter. As a teenage boy, I was no stranger to mischief and found myself participating in drag races around town. Most of the competitors drove Corvettes and doubted not only my driving ability, but also the performance of my car. I knew I could take them on. My car had a 3 speed transmission with overdrive and two 4-barrel carburetors, which made it incredibly fast. The other racers might have thought they could beat me, but they never succeeded. I always won, and it felt great. I drove a stunning, well built car, and it changed my life.

I continued to drive the car for about 5 years. It was my pride and joy. Eventually, I made the decision to part with it in 1965 and move on to something newer. But, as time passed, I regretted selling it as much for the memories as the value of it. Today, this car is known as an E-Bird, which is very rare. I've tried to locate my original car several times over the years, but have been unsuccessful. Since I was unable to find my original car, I decided I would search for another, but didn't have the opportunity to purchase one until my recent retirement. Now, I am living the dream and I'm filled with the exciting, joyful memories of my youth.

Editor's note: Thanks, Dan, for submitting this! This was the last submission I have, so the rest of you need to send me a story and some pics. You don't have to write the story yourself as Dan did. Just send me the facts and I can write them up if you don't want to!





June: Pics from Streetside Classics



Outside at the car show and inside at the NTVT meeting, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



Far Right: New member Gary Sestito.
Right: Betsy and Ralph (definitely not new faces, but included just because I never get to post a pic of our past president!)



Below, Center: Relatively new members Mary and Blair Kooistra
Below, Left: Recent members Jan and Jim Young.





More June Pics From Local Car Shows





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