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THE NATIONAL T-BUCKET ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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Hi All,

We're getting close! Less than one month until we start the 2018 Event season with The Cajun Fun Run in Louisiana.

It's been a long antsy winter and most of us are ready to shake off the cold and go cruising in the T Buckets. After Louisiana, we go quickly to Nazareth, Texas, John and Tammy's BBQ, and then our big event in Springfield, The 2018 Nationals.

We also get to nominate and vote on our newest NTBA officers. February allowed anybody who wanted to serve on the Board to submit their names for the three positions open. We received Paul Vrooman for the position of Vice President, Lee MetCalfe for the position of Treasure, and Chris Ward for Secretary.

Paul served as Vice President in the interim this last year while the position was open. Lee is pursuing a second term as Treasurer. Chris has been involved with the NTBA for many years, as well as the Tucson local chapter, and hosting Arizona events.

All three have done outstanding work for the NTBA and we're very excited and grateful they've stepped forward for these positions.

The NTBA bylaws say that we send out ballots. Since there is only one candidate running for each position, we will conduct the nomination and vote process at the general meeting in Springfield, same as we did last year. This will still give the membership the right to vote and save the NTBA over \$900.00 in mailings.

The 2018 season of events is spread out well across the country. We hope all of you can make it to an event close to your area. We're continuing to grow and already starting to plan 2019

I hope to meet all of you at an event this year. Join us for some fun!

Bruce DeAngelis
NTBA President

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Event Calendar

Cajun Fun Run	Baldwin, LA	April 12-14	318-312-3780 225-335-6805
Top of Texas T bucket Run	Nazareth, TX	May 3-5	806-943-0043
John and Tammy's BBQ	Springfield, MO	May 25-26	
River Bluffs Run	Red Wing, MN	June 7-9	
NTBA NATIONALS	SPRINGFIELD, IL	JUNE 14-16	
New England Lobsta Run	Portsmouth, NH	June 28-30	
VroomCrazy's Fun Run and Cookout	Green Bay, WI	July 13-14	
CATs' Scratch Fever	Grant's Pass, OR	August 16-18	
Lake of the Ozarks Fun Run	Ozark Beach, MO	September 6-8	
Heart of Texas Fun Run	Waco, TX	September 28-29	
Southern Arizona Fun Run	Sierra Vista, AZ	November 2-3	

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Election

NTBA Election Update:

Thank you for many inquiries that were received wanting information on the positions of 2018 NTBA Election of Officers.

We have passed the application deadline, and I have received three members who have expressed interest to serve on the NTBA board and sent in a Bio. Their Bio's will appear in this newsletter. They are:

Vice President Nominee:

Paul Vrooman from Little Suamico, Wisconsin.

Treasurer Nominee:

Lee Metcalfe from Overland Park, Kansas

Secretary Nominee:

Chris Ward from Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Since all three members were unopposed, there is no need for a general membership vote. They will be installed as officers this June at the NTBA National Event Members meeting in Springfield, Illinois.

Respectfully Submitted

Dale Wiersma

NTBA Election Officer

Here's an introduction to these incoming officers.

Hi! I'm Paul Vrooman (a.k.a. VroomKrazy), your current Vice-president and will be running for re-election in June. I was born and raised in the Howard-Suamico area, which is about 20 minutes north of Green Bay. I married my high school sweetheart 28 years ago and have been blessed with twin boys. They are 21 years young. YIKES!!!! Brady (youngest) just finished his associates degree and is working at an engineering firm in Green Bay. Lucas is completing his 3rd year at UW Eau Claire and will be going on to graduate school for physical therapy. Very proud dad!!!

Back when I was 14 years young, I saw my first T-bucket at N.E.W. Vans & Customs and was able to get up close to it. From that point on, I was hooked. Flash forward a few years (about 25) I found the NTBA website and started building my T. I became a member in December, 2005. We fired the T-bucket up August, 2008(still can't stop smiling.) I completed the T-bucket in the summer of 2010.

I have been fortunate to go to many events in the past several years and look forward to going to many more. Having attended these events, I have learned the NTBA is more of family than a car club. I have met so many great people because of the club and look forward to meeting and sharing stories with you along the way. It has been great seeing the growth of the NTBA over the years. NTBA is going strong and will only get better. When I started in 2005, there was a 1 NTBA sponsored event - The Nationals. This year we are having 11 events which will give people more chances to get to an event. In the future, we would like to see the number of events increase and take place in different areas of the country so everyone in the NTBA family has an event close to them.

I will be honored to serve you as Vice President for the next three years. Look forward to seeing everyone at the NATS or other events.

Thank you

Paul Vrooman

Treasurer Nominee:

Lee Metcalfe, Overland Park, Kansas

Born August 21, 1948 - Orange, California

Elementary and High School in Costa Mesa, California

Arizona State University - Bachelor in Science, Business Administration - 197

University of California at Redlands - Master in Science, Business Administration - Finance - 1976

United States Marine Corps - 1970-1977 - Combat Pilot

After the Marines, held various senior administrative executive positions in several aerospace companies 1977-1984.

Transitioned to the public sector and served as chief executive of Eagle County, Colorado county government 1984-1989

Served as Executive Director of Johnson County, Kansas Airport Commission 1989-2013.

Currently retired, doing community volunteer work.

I have been a member of the NTBA since November, 2005 and completed my current T-Bucket in June, 2006. I was elected Sergeant at Arms of the NTBA in 2012 and Treasurer of the NTBA in 2015. I have been a member of the Kansas City chapter of the NTBA since 2005 and have been secretary of that chapter for nine years. I am also the NTBA Database Administrator (Caspio) and the NTBA Forums Administrator.

I would be proud to continue to serve the NTBA as Treasurer if re-elected.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Metcalfe

Christopher C. Ward Sr., Secretary

I was born in Virginia and raised in Michigan. I've been married to my High School sweetheart, Shari, for 33 years. I have two children, a daughter who trains soldiers on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle's, and a son currently serving in the Army. Both are married, and we have 3 grandchildren. I am a retired Army Master Sergeant after 22 years of service.

My education is in automotive technologies and business management.

I had built my first T-bucket completing the project in 1999 in Aberdeen Maryland. It took over two years to build, mostly from a Total Performance Frame and Body kit. I became a member of the NTBA in June 2000, shortly after we moved to Sierra Vista, AZ. I was the founding president of the Arizona Chapter and we were established in 2001.

I built another T-Bucket for my wife in 2006, as the NTBA values and atmosphere was something we had been looking for.

Shortly after we organized the AZ chapter we planned to host an NTBA nationals event. I was nominated by the chapter to lead the effort and with the help of my wife at my side, we submitted our proposal to NTBA and was approved to host the 2007 NTBA nationals here in Sierra Vista, AZ. The event as such was a huge success.

I am an outside the box thinker, innovative and always looking for and doing something different.

Currently, I and my wife own 3 T-Buckets. All are what you call uniquely powered by Dodge engines, the latest creation being Viper powered.

I support the NTBA thru donations. Over the past several years I have donated more than 12 Re-built TH-350 transmissions with converters as part of fund raising for the NTBA.

In 2016, I and my wife were nominated for, and were recipients of, the most prestigious award the NTBA offers, lifetime memberships.

My hobbies include classic muscle cars, street rods, racing (Drag).

I would look forward to serving on the NTBA board and give back to my NTBA family

Top of Texas T Bucket Run

The Top of Texas Ts' are hosting their annual run for the 10th year the first weekend in May. If you haven't attended this event yet, you are missing out on some great cruising! The weekend will start with a burger burn at the Milton Barn north of Nazareth, Texas on Thursday evening, May 3. Nazareth is located approximately 50 miles southwest of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle.

Friday morning, May 4, we will cruise to an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet at the one (and only) cafe in Nazareth. After breakfast, the cruising will take us to the Grand Canyon of Texas, better known as Palo Duro Canyon. After cruising the canyon, enjoying its beautiful views, and lunch, we will cruise back to Naz with a possible ice cream stop. Friday evening will take us on a cruise to supper.

Saturday morning, breakfast will be served at the Milton Barn. After breakfast and bench racing, a cruise to another beautiful sight in the Texas Panhandle will take place. Location has not been determined as of this date. After the cruise returns, there will be more bench racing and possibly more ice cream at the Milton barn. Another supper cruise is planned. Remember, bucketheads drive to eat and eat to drive and when you're in the middle of nowhere Texas, you drive to eat!

For places to stay, the Milton RV Park will once again open for the weekend! (It only opens a few times a year.) You just need to let the Miltons know you are going to be there. They can provide partial hookups. For room availabilities, Nazareth has a beautiful bed and breakfast with 3 inside rooms and 3 cute cabins in the back. yellowroseinntx.com Don't book online as you will not get the the negotiated rate. The phone number for the Yellow Rose Inn and Cabins is 806-945-2356. Don't delay as a cabin for the weekend has already been booked. Should you have questions, you can call the Miltons at 806-943-0043. This is the landline with an answering machine. You can also call Chromedome at 806-367-2210 or Angie at 806-367-2212. If you don't get an answer, please leave a message as Angie is still teaching and Chrome subs. The Miltons would love to see all of you as this is their 10th annual run!

A tradition with the Top of Texas run is to see how many buckets we can get into the shop. So far, we have managed to get 17 buckets in! Creative parking is involved!



Cajun Fun Run

I'm not quite sure what to tell people about the Cajun Fun Run. I picked the South Louisiana area because this is where I live! LOL!

Cajun Fun Run, April 12-15, come early, stay late! It's in Baldwin, LA, because we have an awesome campground for campers, nice hotel all to ourselves, plenty of parking, and 24/7 police protection. It's in a Cajun part of the state.

We have nice cruises picked out, great scenery, awesome Cajun food, and we're gonna have home-cooked jambalaya. We will be very close to airboat rides if anyone wants to take an airboat ride in a Louisiana swamp.

Basically, we are basing it out of Baldwin because of the nice smooth roads, good cruising and plenty of parking. There will be free shuttles to go from the camp ground to the hotel, for everyone who wants to bench race and have a ride back to hotel. We're minutes away from a casino for anyone who wants to spend a little time in the casino. We will be touring the Tabasco Company where the sauce is made. For those of you who made it last year, we had some give aways from the Tabasco company, so we are touring it this year. We will once again be giving away an alligator head to the person who drives their T the furthest. And this is just a quick hint of what's coming up!



June 28-30, 2018 will be an exciting time for us as we host the first ever Fun Run in the New England area. For anyone interested in attending, here is our tentative schedule. Note that there will be many stops along the way on each cruise, so there will be plenty of opportunities for gas, snacks, potty stops, etc.

Thursday June 28th: 80-ish miles round trip.

-Winding scenic seacoast cruise North into Maine. We will see the Atlantic Ocean, Nubble lighthouse and President George H. W. Bush's compound in Kennebunkport before stopping at Bentley's Saloon (<https://bentleyssaloon.com/>) for lunch (Lobsta will be available!). Bentley Warren, accomplished race car driver and owner of Bentley's saloon, has invited us to visit his private car museum while we are there. We will then cruise winding roads South to Hot Rod City (<http://www.hotrodcitynh.com/>) in Dover, NH. Hot Rod City

is a custom Hot Rod shop, custom motorcycle shop, guitar shop and 50's diner all under one roof. They have a weekly Thursday late afternoon hot rod cruise-in and all businesses will be open for walk-throughs.

Friday, June 29th: 110-ish miles round trip.

-Cruise West to Loudon, NH. We will be stopping at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (<http://www.nhms.com/>), it's a 1 mile NASCAR track where we will be able to take our t-buckets out for 5 laps around the oval for \$25/car. Immediately next door to the race track we will visit the new Northeast Motorsports museum. (<http://www.nemsmuseum.com/>). Museum admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors. We will stop for a group dinner on the way back to the hotel (yes, Lobsta will be available for those who would like it).

Saturday, June 30th: 80-ish miles round trip

-Cruise South scenic winding roads along a reservoir to a hamburger/hot dog cookout lunch. There will be music and games. Today will be more of a social event. We will cruise back East to the coast and drive a winding road North along the Ocean back to the hotel. As of this writing, it looks that we will have a restaurant very near the hotel close its doors to regular business and open to us for a private dinner Saturday night. It will be a buffet style. Menu and pricing is still being negotiated, but we'll keep everyone posted. This should be a good setting to have one last get-together and thank everyone for coming. I hear there will be some give-aways too!

There will be a list of restaurants provided for those who choose to venture out on their own, but we are doing our best to arrange for group dinners. Dinner reservations for groups of more than 4 can be a challenge around here, especially right before a holiday weekend.

There is a popular diner (<https://www.roundaboutdiner.com/>) .2miles / 3 minute walk from the hotel.

The host hotel is:

Anchorage Inns and Suites (http://www.anchorageinns.com/Welcome_Portsmouth.php) 417 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801 P: (603) 431-8111 F: (603) 431-4443

The hotel is located immediately off of the Rte 95 highway exit. Mention NTBA and East Coast T's to get the negotiated rate.

There are no straight back roads in New England. The local joke is that the roads are all cow and horse paths which have been paved over. Be prepared to turn left and right!

We are monitoring the National T-Bucket Alliance Forum and Facebook pages. Any questions, please ask. We will do our best to answer any questions.

You can also contact Ben Bateman directly at imakethings@comcast.net or 603-706-8567

See you in June!!

River Bluffs Run

June 7th-9th 2018
Red wing Minnesota

Wednesday
Red Wing Pottery Museum
Evening Ice Cream Run

Thursday
Morning short run to Memorial Hill Park and visit the World's largest shoe.
Lunch
Afternoon run to Little Log House Pioneer Village (we will see the historic Porky's Drive-In from St. Paul cruise strip from the 1950's-2000's, and 45 restored buildings).
Cruise back to Host Hotel with catered pulled pork dinner at \$10 a person.

Evening open

Friday

All Day Ray's Memorial Run (FREE memorial ray's run T-shirt with PRE-registration) around Lake Pepin, estimated 150 mile cruise with stops along the way like Lark Toys, Buena Vista Parkway (Free Lunch provided by Ray Leffrig's family), a chose between two winery's to visit, then back to host hotel.

Evening open

Saturday

TBD

New Members

CHUCK AVON	HOHENWALD	TN
JONATHAN LINDER	SPENCERPORT	NY
JOHN CARIO	LIVONIA	NY
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