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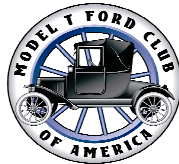
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Michael McDonald and Heather Rugg pass a buffalo while entering Campbell Ranch on their way to the pictographs. And that's no bull... Well, maybe it is.

Follow the action at the 2014 Texas T Party beginning on page 4.

F.A. Stokley

1931-2014



F. A. Stokley was one of five children born to Wayman L. Stokley and Viola Davis Stokley on April 29, 1931 in Hempstead, Texas.

He passed away at 83 years of age in Brookshire, Texas on September 29, 2014.

He is preceded in death by his Father and Mother; brothers, Wayman Stokley and Alton R.

Stokley; brother-in-law, Bill King; sister-in-law, Patricia Stokley; great-grandson Connor Pierce and nephew, Steve.

F. A. is survived by a family whom he dearly loved: wife, Rosemarie Stokley; sons, Wayman Stokley, Herman Stokley, and extended sons, Rick Hiles, Russel LeBlanc, Dean LeBlanc, Kevin LeBlanc and Christopher Matodobra and Roddie Chin; daughters, Monique Matodobra, Tarra Chin, Dana LeBlanc; brother, Herbert Stokley; sister, Vera King; brother-in-law, Bill King; sister-in-law, Melodie Stokley and Gwen Stokley; daughter-in-law, Norma Stokley; grandchildren, Jessica Merritt, Karina Max-Brown, Margie Stokley, Casey Stokley and Linda Stokley; nephews Charles, Curtis, Clifton, Mike, Ray, Doug and David; nieces, Debbie, Karinette and Wendy. He also cherished many more loving relatives and friends.

Election of Officers

A slate of officers and directors was presented at the club meeting on October 8. All officers and board members, shown in the masthead on this page, have agreed to continue in their respective positions. The election will take place at the November meeting on November 12. Installation will take place at the Club Christmas Dinner in December.

Thanks

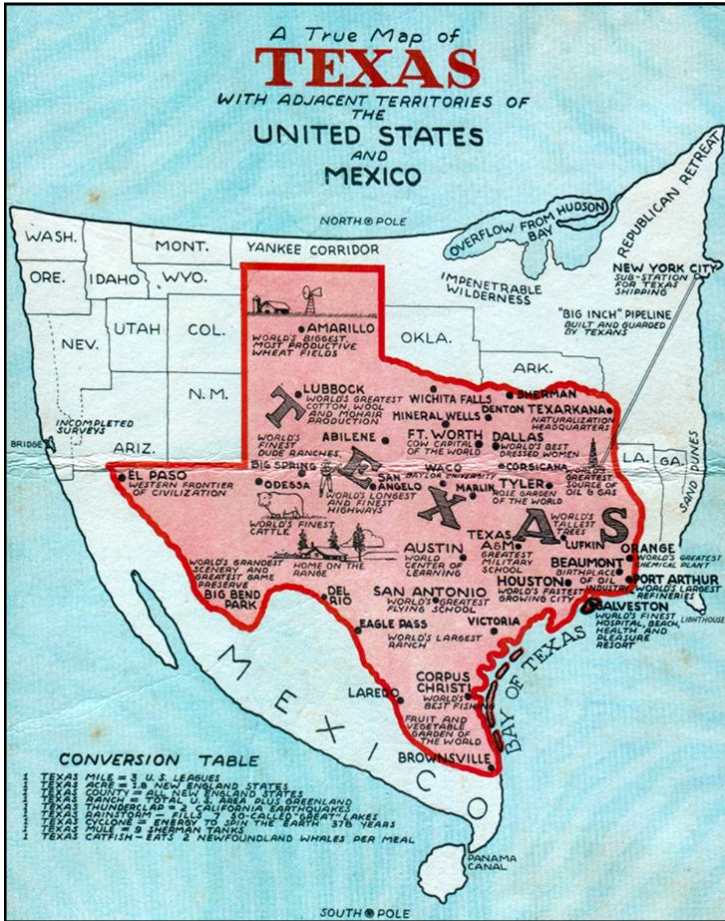
Thank you, Diann Hoops, for putting together another great Texas T Party article complete with photo layout.

This club is populated with very gifted writers and photographers. They make the job of the editor a walk in the park.

Space City T's Christmas Party



Space City T's Christmas Party
December 7, 5:00 PM
Christies Steak & Seafood
6029 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas 77057
RSVP to Sandra or Dave Lucas
Head count needed by November 30



2014-15 Calendar of Coming Events

- Oct.31-Nov.2 2014 Fall Conroe Swap Meet
November 8 2014 Fall Fly-in & Picnic
November 12 2014 Space City T's Meeting
December 7 2014 Space City T's Christmas Dinner
March 2015 50th Annual MTFCA Meeting
July 12-17 2015 MTFCA's National Tour

FALL FLY-IN
November 8, 2014
VINTAGE VEHICLES
RE-ENACTORS
FOOD VENDOR
Gate Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
OLDKINGSBURY AERODROME
www.pioneerflightmuseum.org

Welcome to San Angelo

By Diann Hoops

All three of us are looking forward to the 37th Texas T Party. Abby gets to go since we are taking the '27 Touring car. The weather forecasts look good and the T has four new tires. We are set. Wrong! Just after Burnet one of the trailer wheel brakes locked and tire started smoking. I was driving! Continued on to Inks Lake SP and Tuesday morning had new tire put on trailer AND the electric brake line to that wheel cut. We arrived in San Angelo around noon and got set up in the grassy field behind the Clarion Hotel. Start seeing long-time (*not old, mind you, just long-time*) friends. This is the very best part of the Texas T Party; getting to visit friends we have not seen all year and making new friends.

Wednesday afternoon was the first tour. We drove to the Aermotors Windmill Company. These windmills have been made since 1890 and are highly sought after. We amble past Goodfellow AFB which is a nonflying base; their main mission is cryptologic and intelligence training! It is hot - saw a sign for 96 degrees! We make only one slight detour through the country club (golfers helped get us back on track). Past Lake Nasworthy with fine lake front abodes, we head toward Jim Bass Ford. Most folks head directly for the air conditioning. There were cold drinks and refreshing water. They also fed us (delicious burgers with all the fixings, chips and sodas). Most hung around for 7 pm drawing. Lucky winner was Tom Campbell who won a Yeti Tundra 35 ice chest. The tour continued to the International Water Lily Garden which we had done earlier in the day. The ponds are beautiful and quite unique containing lilies from all over the world.

Thursday morning I missed the drivers meeting! Marshall is running this show on time and very efficiently. First stop is Fort Concho for the official tour pictures. This is considered the best preserved post-civil war 'War Fort' in the country. The Buffalo Soldiers here were one of two all-black cavalry regiments which protected the Southwest and Great Plains. On to the Goodyear Proving Grounds (their largest testing facility) where they test a wide variety of tires. Next we head to Robert Lee and have our first experience with hills. Lunch was wonderful BBQ with all the trimmings. Double lines moved swiftly and food was delicious. Abby and I cleaned my plate. Despite well-marked maps and excellent directions, Robert and I had a hard time getting out of town; took at least 5 U-turns with a brief stop at the 1907 Coke County Jail. However, our true nemesis was Burma Road. There was long steep hill which the '27 sailed up but then it began to stutter. After several stops, opening fuel lines and draining gasoline, Robert solved the problem by sharp blows to the carburetor. We made it home under our own power but skipped the Museum and Ice Cream Social (boo). There were several breakdowns today which is not uncommon for these old cars. Thursday night we had a front row seat to the *Saga of Clair Carlson*. His 1914 yellow Speedster broke the differential pinion gear key damaging the keyway. Car rode home on the vulture wagon. At 7 pm a group of dedicated T'ers started to work. Once disassembled, repairs were made at a local machine shop, and car was reassembled. At 10:25 pm Clair was driving around the parking lot.

Friday's tour left at 7:45 sharp for Paint Rock. I got confused so we stopped at the bank first and had refreshments before heading out to the Pictographs. There were two loose buffalo when we crossed the cattle guard and we missed the beginning of Cora Ellen's talk. Can't remember how old she is but she is a hoot - fascinating to listen to and knows her stuff. Years ago her husband said her name was too much of a mouthful so he started calling her Kay and so does everyone else. I immediately fell in love with Kay/Cora Ellen Campbell and also with her niece, Sue Ellen, who was our tour guide. There are over 1500 rock paintings most 200-500 years old (some earlier). There are numerous 'solar' markers; the two most spectacular are the

"Sun Dagger" which sends a shaft of light on the Winter Solstice and another which appears at each Equinox and is believed to show the ascension of a spirit to the "Happy Hunting Ground". Back to Paint Rock town where we find Dave Lucas fixing his muffler. Then on to Olfen for lunch at St. Boniface Church Hall. This town was settled mostly by Czechs and Germans. Some of the earliest settlers include Diana's great grandparents. Lunch was catered by Llano Heathcott & the "Wall Bunch" from Wall, Texas. Again a wonderful meal with Mikulik sausage and pork roast to die for (wish I had recipe for the gravy).

Leave there driving through cotton fields and one dead/drying/ripening sunflower field. Next stop is the Barrow Foundation Museum. Earnest and Dorothy Barrow founded a trust in 1976 to preserve their collections. You can find anything and everything there including a 'birthing stool'. I have heard of these but never had seen one. There was fine crystal and arrowheads, beer cans galore and three different pendulums which made patterns with tiny glass beads (looked like very clean sand). There were organs and other musical instruments, Hummel and Goebel figures, minerals and gems ... I could go on and on. Nice shade trees for refreshments.

Off we go to the Frank and Dolores Gully Farm where we experienced West Texas hospitality. Frank collects tractors and other stuff; he has an antique tool collection of over 1500 objects carefully and meticulously displayed on peg boards. He built a two-room "Doll House" for his wife to display her collections - mostly dolls but also punch bowls. Both Frank and Dolores were friendly and interesting to talk with. Frank does need to fix the sign over the door to his collection which says "Nothing is for Sale". I told him that Dan Hayes said, "Good, it must be free!" Back home to Abby and the motor home.

Saturday's tour began with a beautiful morning still cool enough for jackets. Saw a live fox as we drove past the regional airport. Also saw several dead porcupines. First stop West Texas Boys Ranch. "Raising Boys-Building Men" is their motto. The boys come from all across the United States and from all backgrounds. Many of the guys took the boys for rides in their Model T's and the president of the San Antonio "T Fords of Texas" club even let a kid drive (he shall remain nameless for insurance reasons). I got a private tour of one of the houses which consists of two apartments and 8 bedrooms (one for each boy) with large central great room and adjacent kitchen. Head out to Christoval Vineyard and Winery (lovely place). We were met by the local greeter, a mixed white lab rescued dog named Lucy. I tasted only one dry white wine and liked it so much I requested that for my free whole glass. Got a Tex-Mex fix with combined chicken/beef fajitas (good spicy red sauce). Huge canopy was set up with sufficient shade for all. We even had live music. Robert and I headed out early to the ranch to see the exotic animals. We were not the first. Two Model T's and one modern pickup were in front of us at the gate. One pm is not prime animal viewing but the drive thru the ranch was lovely and we did see three Addaxes. Rancher was at back gate inviting everyone to return.

At Saturday night's banquet Dennis Irving's slide show was a hit *before and during dinner* as everyone watched for their car, themselves or their pet! The banquet was a multi-course feast with hors d'oeuvres, spinach salad, yummy rare beef and lovely white fish, tasty cheesy mashed potatoes and green beans with two types of cake for desert.

Diana and Marshall Huling were given a standing ovation for one of the best Texas T Parties. Their venue highlighted the unique history, beauty and culture of San Angelo and the surrounding areas. The tour book was excellent with so much research and details that the standing joke was, if you asked Marshall a question, he would respond "Check your book." Seriously, they and their local 'family' expended tremendous effort to plan, organize, document and execute such a *Fabulous Tour*. Thank you again.

Cars



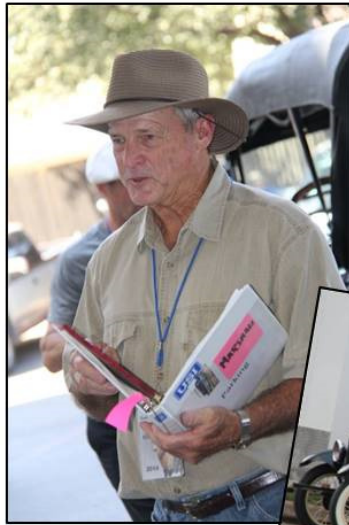
and more cars



Slick Willie



People



and animals



Places & things



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Diana & Marshall Huling

Congeniality - San Angelo Volunteers



Space City T
President
Rick McCracken



Hard
Luck

← Furthest driven
Jim & Sandra Ruhmann



Oldest driver – Tom Taylor



Youngest – Heidi Neunhoffer



Donna & Jerry Giebler
have attended all T Parties!



Member's Choice

David Carter
1914 Touring
(Nancy's car)



Raffle winners, awards, and miscellanea are listed below:

Free Entry to Next Year's Texas T Party **George Wilson** from Atascosa

Furthest Traveled was a tie (20-mile difference)
Lloyd & Pamela Gillet from Winter Garden, FL
Ray & Sharon Foster Santa Maria, CA

Furthest Who Drove Model T **Jim & Sandra Ruhmann** (Danciger about 380 miles)

Largest group traveling Together **George Wilson** (Atascosa), **Tom Campbell** (Castroville), **John Dozier** (Ingram), **Neunhoffers – Julius, Janie, Heidi, Marvin & Karen** (Kerrville)

Hard Luck

1st place **Clair Carlson** (Jackson Hole, WY) pinion gear key broke damaging keyway (took less than 3 hours from start to finish for the repair)
 2nd place **Joe Pinnelli** (Austin) was nominated by Marshall because his tow vehicle had a problem and had to go to the local dealership; then his 1923 TT broke down so he toured in a rent car

Congeniality

1st place to **San Angelo Volunteers** who got a well-deserved standing ovation
 2nd place to **Eric 'Gator, Gould** (Monroeville, AL)

Members Choice

1st place **David Carter** (Houston) 1914 Touring *but it's Nancy's car*
 2nd place **Larry Young** (Tulsa, OK) boat-tail 1914 Speedster
 Youngest driver: **Heidi Neunhoffer** (Kerrville)

Oldest driver: **Tom Taylor** (San Antonio) 85 years young

Most Texas T Parties Attended: **Jerry and Donna Giebler**

Ben Hardeman announced the new owner of 'Texas T Parts' is Bill Devine's Birdhaven Vintage Auto Supply. Mr. Devine has promised to continue providing the specialized parts and accessories.

Jim & Sandra Ruhmann are doing next year's tour and Kathy & David Harris will do 2016.

Note 1: This must be the only Texas T Party which included a baby squirrel. Sandra Lucas rescued this adorable critter and had to feed it every 4 hours around the clock!

Note 2: The contents of this article are all mine including errors, omissions and typos. Please except my apologies for the former. I wish to recognize those who participated in the Picture of the Day Contest, as well as, those who submitted photographs for the slide show and article. Thank you again.

Picture of the Day Winners First place: Tony Marino, Daniel Hayes, Dennis Irving, Sandra Ruhmann Second place: Kathy Harris, Daniel Hayes (twice), Jason Ruhmann Third Place: Kathy Harris (twice), Fran McGlenn, Honorable Mention: Michael McDonald, Tony Marino, Jay Jeba

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Place Your For Sale or Wanted Ad Here — No Charge

Do you have a Model T you want to sell or do you want to acquire a Model T? Have Model T parts you're looking for or Model T parts you are ready to part company? You've come to the right place. Let the editor know what you would like to place in your ad.

For Sale: 1917 Model T Touring Car I have \$15,500 invested and would like to get \$12,500. New tires, perfect body, It is a total restoration with electric starter. The body is rust free and in great condition. Ross of Lilleker Antique Auto Restorations reworked the transmission, clutch, and the engine runs great.



More photos at <http://transformationalchurchconsulting.com/about.htm>

For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components

Rebuilt Model T Transmission
 Rebuilt Model T Starter
 Rebuilt Model T Generator
 Call Bill McRee

For Sale: Two Model T's



For Sale or Trade 2003 190 Bay Boat Triumph

In excellent condition. Has 115 Yamaha, Center Cold console, GPS, Fish Finder, MinnKotta Trolling motor, Triumph trailer. \$14,000.00 or best offer. Would trade for Model T.

The '24 has lots of extras such as a floating rear wheel bearing, high speed Ruckstell, Rocky Mountain brakes with Kevlar linings, ball-bearing 4th main, Kevlar transmission bands and clutch disk. The '15 has small version Rocky Mountain style brakes, starter and one piece exhaust/intake manifold.

For Sale: 1922 Coupe

Suicide doors, mechanically sound, runs good, good top and upholstery. Asking \$9,500.
 Contact Jerry Hathcoat

The engines in both cars were built with special updates. High compression heads, aluminum pistons, stainless steel valves, hardened exhaust valve seats inserts, adjustable valve lifters, tour cam, modern spark plugs, alternator, modern carb and air filter. Both cars are 12 volt and have signal lights.

For Sale:

1927 Roadster New top, knockoff wire wheels, rumbleseat
1927 Coupe white wall tires, wire wheels, shims still in the main caps. Asking \$7,500 for each
 Contact: Gaylord Willet

Contact: Robert Kirk

For Sale: Walker Estate Model T's

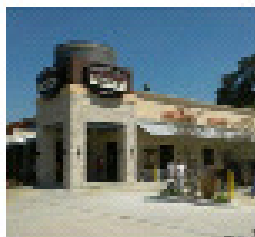
- 1915 Brass Roadster,
- 1925 Fordor Sedan,
- 1927 Tudor Sedan,
- 1926 Roadster,
- 1925 Touring,
- 1924 Roadster with Chevrolet Transmission

For complete photo depiction of the collection, see page 6 of the October 2013 issue of the Flivver Flash.

Contact: Craig Corley



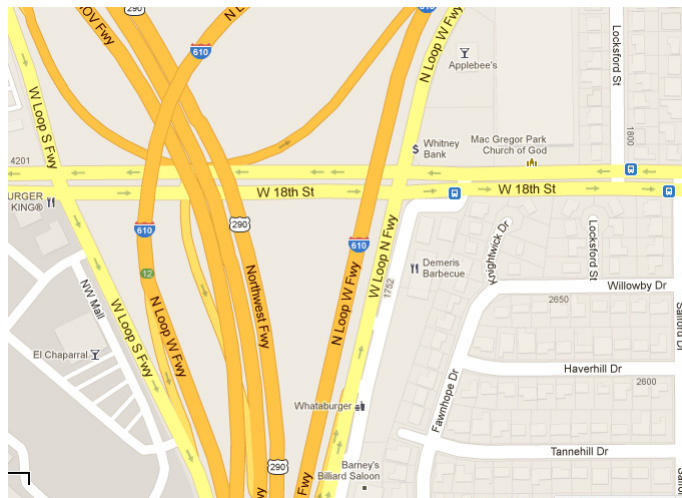
**Next Meeting
November 12, 2014**



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.
located at 1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008
Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:
Lazy Brook Baptist Church
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**

**Program:
Model T Coils — Part 3 - Adjusting the Points**



Directions to Demeris BBQ

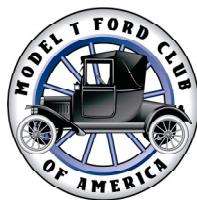
From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris after Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.

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