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## 2014 Space City T's Roster

The new rosters will be available at the next meeting on April 9. After distribution at the meeting, the balance will be mailed to the remainder of the club members.

### Tin Lizzie

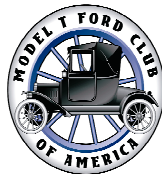
By P.F. Freeman

Once I own'd a gallopin' "Lizzie" about the first that Ford did make,  
 The kind that made a fellow dizzy when she'd start to rattle and shake.  
 Her coal oil lamps were made of brass and no battery did she need,  
 Ne'er seem'd to crave for cars to pass, 'cause she wasn't built for speed.

She had four coils beneath the cowl that would buzz in weather dry,  
 a differntial that oft would howl if you drove too fast in high.  
 Her transmission was a queer affair an' would oft your pleasures spoil,  
 as in disgust, you'd go seeking there, for a brake band soaked in oil.

She had an engine hard to beat, though her pistons oft would thump  
 as you tried your best to hold your seat every time she'd hit a bump.  
 Modern cars have chang'd in many ways, for she's been gone for quite a spell  
 as now I think of bygone days when gallopin' Lizzie was my pal.

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## On The Cover



### A Scene From Antiquity.

Well, perhaps not Denny, but the Model T's and the Castle.

The Space City T's visit Newman's Castle in Bellville.

Follow the action beginning on page 4,

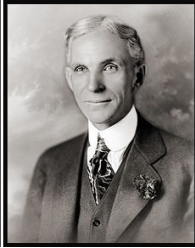
## Correction

The January, February and March issues of the Flivver Flash show Denny Irvine as a club director.

The editor neglected to replace Denny with duly elected director Bobby Wright for the year 2014.

Our apologies to both gentlemen.

## An AfFordable Quote



When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

(Henry Ford)

## 2014 Calendar of Coming Events

- April 5           **Spring Tour to La Grange**  
2014           Hosted by the Centex Tin Lizzies  
Please let Tom Romberg know of your plans to participate  
by March 28
- April 9           **Space City T's Meeting**  
2014
- April 24-27       **Pate Swap Meet**  
2014           Texas Motor Speedway  
Fort Worth Texas USA
- April 25           **Inventor's Day**  
2014           Call for Model T's  
Robison Elementary  
Contact: Bill Sherrill
- April 26       **58th Annual Sylvan Beach Day Parade**  
2014.2014 Sponsored by the La Porte-Bayshore C. of C.  
See accompanying flyer
- May 15-18       **Frio Canyon Tour**  
2014           Hosted by the Texas Tin Lizzies  
Contact: Jim or Sandra Ruhmann
- May 17           **Model T Homecoming**  
2014           **MTFCA Museum**  
Richmond, Indiana  
<http://www.modelfordclubofamerica.com/homecoming/show-and-tell/>
- July 13-18,      **MTFCA Western National Tour for 2014**  
2014           Hosted by the San Diego Model T Club
- October 1-4      **2014 Texas T Party**  
2014           San Angelo, Texas  
Marshall Huling, Chairman  
Registration form and payment must be submitted by August 1  
If you need a Registration Form, contact Marshall  
Make hotel reservations ASAP

## Email to the Editor

Stan:

Good morning. Jerry King and I, members of the T Fords of Texas, San Antonio came out to the Castle Tour. We want to thank all the members that welcomed us with open arms. What a wonderful and fun day we had. It was our pleasure in meeting the members of the Space City T's and we look forward to rumbling' down the roads with you all soon.

Warmly,  
Beverly Luce

Does your husband

Misbehave

Grunt and grumble

Rant and rave

Shoot the brute  
some

Burma-Shave

## The 2014 Castle Tour

By Denny Irvine

Saturday morning, February 22 was the date for the Allred Castle Tour. The group started gathering in Sealy at 8:00 at the WalMart parking lot. Clint & Kathy hit the jackpot on the weather, as the forecast was for 70's and no rain.

As we waited for everyone to arrive, there was coffee to enjoy and visiting to be done. At the beginning, there were 12 cars in the lot. We were waiting for the Cordes family, but a failed cylinder shut them down. They would catch up to us later, along with a couple other cars.

We even had one car, the King's, join us after driving in from San Antonio. They were visiting relatives in the area and this made a nice addition to their trip. Left you see Jerry's wife in period dress, drawing on a jug. The sign says Jerry's Juices, but you can see it used to say "Wine" under the paint. (and "end prohibition")

Finally, it was time to pull out with Clint and Kathy in the lead. This was to be a 71 mile tour (not counting getting lost). Cost was \$15 per person, and would include lunch at the castle.

Judging from the turnout, people were ready for a tour after a cold winter. As usual, it wouldn't be a T-Tour without a few breakdowns. Shortly after the turn to New Ulm, Broderick's left rear tire blew out with a loud bang. He had his cousin with him, and I'm sure she was wondering whether this had been a good decision or not. We had him back on the road in less than 20 minutes. We had a vulture trailer on the tour and did have one other car go "on the wagon".

Weather was perfect! The usual spring winds were even missing. And the dogwood trees and redbud bushes were just coming out.

Finally, the cars reached the Castle. To our surprise, the road was blocked by a huge bus with a surprise tour out of south Houston. A motorcycle club was also there and just finishing.

Lunch was your choice of ham or turkey sandwiches, chips, tea and cookies fresh from the bakery. Donuts too! And the bread was thick, homemade and delicious. You had to sit where you could, in the giant kitchen, dining hall, or (like we did) in front of an enormous fireplace.

Upper left shows the drawbridge being raised by a human in a "hamster wheel". And upper right shows the construction on the 6 story bell tower which will accommodate the numerous bells on display on the ground. Eventually it will all be stuccoed and look like the rest of the castle.

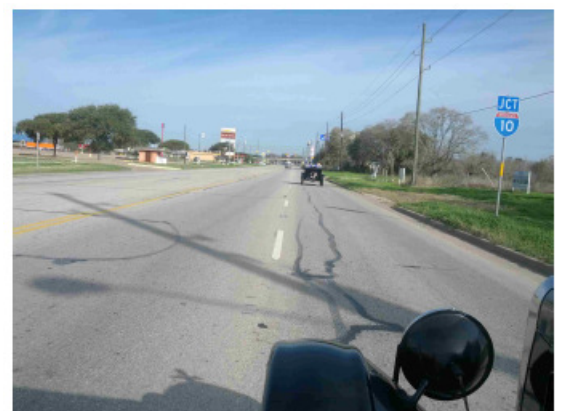
There was armor on display, towers to climb, gifts to purchase and crowns to wear. Movies were played to show films that had been made here. There's even a small chapel.

The four-story tower has bedrooms on each floor, complete with their own bathroom. (Flushing toilets might not be accurate for the period.) Mike Newman plans to offer the castle as a Bed&Breakfast, and is already using the facility for weddings, dinner theater, and family events.

Any self-respecting castle will have a dungeon, and this one didn't disappoint us. There were locks, cages, beds of nails, ball & chain and instruments of torture. In fact, on the second floor, there was a skeleton in a chair who had apparently died from watching continuous recordings of "Wheel Of Fortune"

A view from the 4 story tower shows the moat that is all around the castle. It even has fish—you can see people on the shore trying to catch a few. When we were through looking around, most of the group travelled back to Bellville to check out Newman's Bakery.

Thanks go to Mike Newman for hosting the Space City T's on such an interesting tour. Also, many thanks to Clint and Kathy for taking the time to plan, organize and lead a tour. Their luck with the weather indicates that this might be a good time to buy some lottery tickets.





Classified Ads

**For Sale: 1924 Coupe:** Standard axle, good upholstery and paint, fatboy steering wheel, generator, side fence, honeycomb radiator, #4 exhaust leak. Asking \$8500.. Contact: Richard Smith  
Smith Tire & Auto



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**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.  
Contact Leon

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, shimst still in the main caps. Asking \$7,500 for each  
Contact: Gaylord Willet Montgomery, Texas

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



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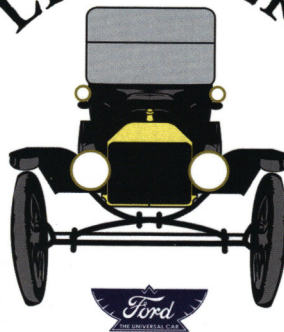
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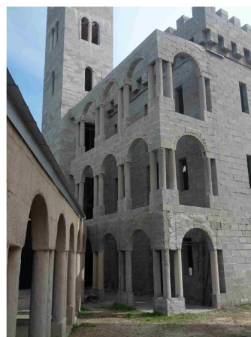
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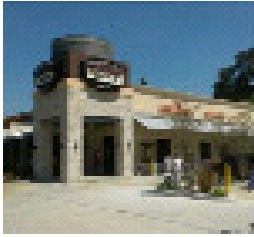
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**Next Meeting:**

**April 9, 2013**

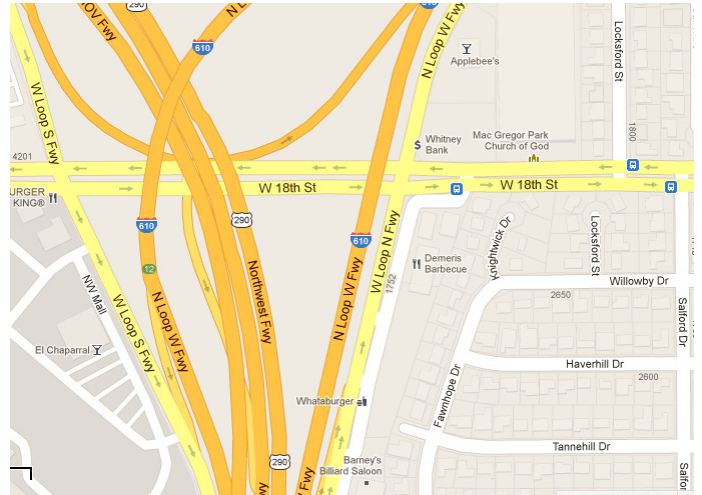


**Dine with Friends at Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M. located at 1702 West Loop North, Suite A, Houston, TX 77008 Then attend the Space City T's Meeting at 7:3**

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

**Program:**

- Model T Bands**
- Changing the transmission band linings.**
- Types of transmission bands and linings available**
- Inspecting and restoring bands**
- Adjusting bands**
- Tips and tools needed.**
- Presented by Broderick Thompson**



**Directions to Demeris BBQ**

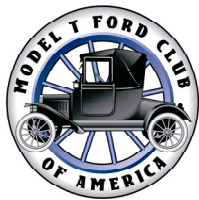
From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be right after Houston Garden Nursery.

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

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