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On The Cover



The pacemaker of most Model T engines, in conjunction with the coils and the flywheel magneto, is the timer. It keeps the heartbeat of the ignition sparks appearing when and where they should.

Many variations of the basic timer appeared on the market.

See page 4 for a few.

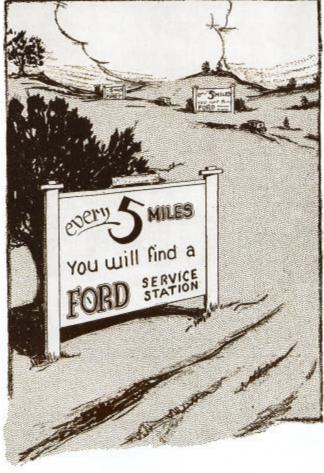
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Members: Please Note !!!

The July meeting will be held on the the 17th, the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

This change is for the month of *July* only!

A FORD Service Station within an average of one to every five miles insures genuine Ford parts and authorized Ford Service throughout the entire United States.



Model T Ford Sales and Service Data Manual Floyd Clymer Publications 1959

Rosters Are Ready

The 2013 Membership Rosters will be distributed at the July 17 meeting. Those who do not receive their copies at the meeting will receive theirs via United States Postal Service

Do to technical complications, member photos of themselves and their cars will not be included in this issue. We hope to resurrect the practice in 2014.

2013 Calendar of Coming Events

July 6 2013 Cypress Historical Society 2013 Sth Annual Old Fashion Picnic Contact: Rodney Sprenger If you wish to participate with your Model T

July 17 2013

September 8 North Houston Swap Meet 2013 Will Clayton Parkway—Humble - One Day Only 337-249-7667

October 2-6 2013 **Texas T Party** Lufkin, Texas Contact: Dave Lucas

Space City T's Meeting

Note the date. 3rd Wednesday

November 1-3Conroe Fall Swap Meet2013Montgomery County Fairgrounds337-249-7667 or www.hotrodsoftexas.com

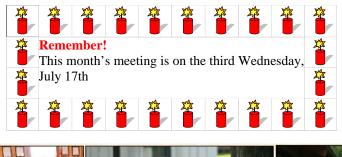


Model T World Tour

Dirk and Trudy Regter continue their adventure as they travel westward from Texas into California by way of Las Vegas. En route, they visited with Jay Leno in his famous garage and attended the Tonight Show, thanks to arrangements made by Space City T's member, Bill Sherrill.

At the time of this writing, they are on their way back to Las Vegas to rendezvous with their relief support crew. Follow them on their blog at http://www.tfordworldtour.org Click on the news tab.











Almost Heaven

After Market Timers By Stan Hoekstra

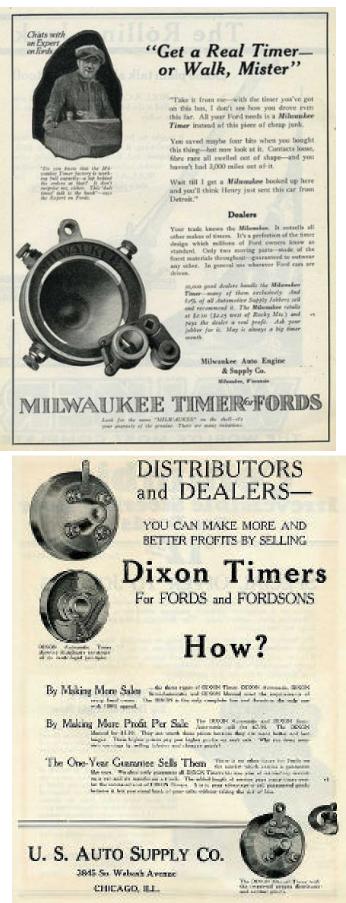
Over 15 million Flivvers rolled out of the Ford factories. Henry Ford may have considered the Model T perfect, but entrepreneurs thought otherwise. Witness the multitude of accessories, improvements and add-ons available in the era. This was especially true on the easiest to access components. Very few internal aftermarket parts were available for the engine and the transmission in particular.

However; suspension parts, brakes, bodies and ignition components, among others, were fair game for the shade tree inventor. This article shows a number of replacement timers, or as Ford called them, commutators. And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Many more were offered. This is pure conjecture, but it may be that there was more experimentation and marketing of Ford timers than any other Model T component.

Most were variations on a theme, that of the pickup of current on the contacts. Some employed brushes; others, rollers and flappers

Today, the beat goes on with iterations still appearing on the market.





A Turner Timer For a Quick Start in Any Weather

The Turner Two in One Timer is a guaranteed product, time tested and proven, with the stamp of approval from every Ford owner who has used one. It will start the Ford instantly in the coldest weather, an advantage in itself that is more than worth the cost of the device. It stops fooling of two frost plags in most cases, saves gasoline, stops "licking," is oil, grease and waterproof, requires no oiling and is simply and rasily installed. Note the following points of quality construction:

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The NELSON

Ball Bearing Timer

Does away with all Timer Troubles on Fords

The Nelson Timer is guaranteed for 100,000 miles on any Ford

Countless thousands of Ford owners have demonstrated that the patented Nelson Ball Bearing Timer is positively trouble proof and that it will outwear a Ford car.

The large Nelson Ball Bearing Brush revolves at 1/30 the speed of the ordinary Timer brushes.

Due to the large brush or roller on the Nelson Timer, the contact ring never gets bumpy, the contact seg-

DEALERS ATTENTION—During the past seven months more than 3,000 dealers have taken on the sale of the Nelson Timer. This is a remarkable recommendation not only for the Timer itself but for our selling proposition. The Nelson positively sells on sight,

Write today and ask us to send you sample half dozen C. O. D. at dealer's price.



POPULAR MECHANICS





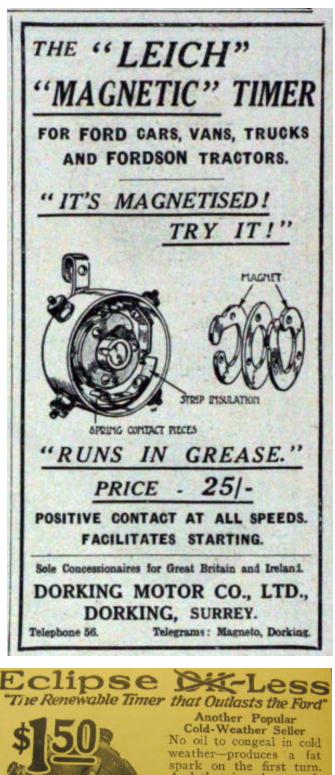
ments never glaze over with oil and the fibre never spreads over the contact segments.

The Nelson Timer insures perfectly timed ignition for the life of the car, for this Timer never requires adjustment and has no delicate parts to break or wear out.

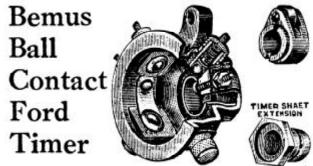
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Another Popular Cold-Weather Seller No oil to congeal in cold weather—produces a fat spark on the first turn. And that is only one advantage of the Eclipse. No roller to wear out, contact points are instantly renewable, gives perfect timing all the time. Has been adopted as standard equipment on hundreds of large commercial Ford fleets.







Has rapid, snappy action in making contacts and yet has durability sufficient for thousands of miles. Made of patented composition, Bakelite. Will not short circuit when wet. No starting trouble because of hardened oil on contact segments. Very little oil used and balls do not retain any to harden. Connections handily made from top. Size, 3%x3¼x2 inches.

61R4730-Weight, 8 ounces...\$1.75



Cuno Timer

This is recognized as a high-grade accurate timer and is especially adapted for use on Ford cars. It is very compact. Diameter, 2½ inches. Quite accessible and very easily adjusted. Weight, 8 ounces.

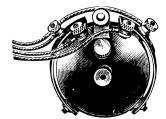
61R5154—For 1913-14-15-16 Ford Cars......95c

Milwaukee Timer

61R5999—For 1910-11-12 Ford Cars......\$2.25



Even The Accessories Had Accessories



United Terminals

A convenience, and a trouble saver to be used on timer of Ford cars. Brings all the wires on top where they can be easily seen and reached and preventing them from getting oil soaked with consequent short circuiting. Also prevents twisting or straining at their connections. Connecting and disconnecting of wires is easily done without removing timer. **61R8611**—Weight, 6 ounces....37c



Classified Ads

For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components Rebuilt Model T Transmission Rebuilt Model T Starter Rebuilt Model T Generator Call Bill McRee

For Sale: 1927 TT Truck New carb, mag, coil, points and gas tank. New wood in bed and frames, new cedar cutand planed from my farm. Asling \$12,000.00, negotiable. George Hart

For Sale: Texaco Gravity Flow Gas Pump

It is in beautiful condition We are asking for \$3,200.00 It is stored inside Judy Latham





For Sale: 1922 Coupe Suicide doors, mechanically sound, runs good, good top and upholstery. Asking \$9,500. Contact Jerry Hathcoat

Wanted:'27 Model T Front Bumper & Brackets Contact: Gaylord Willet









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:

Henry Ford "The World He Created, He Longed to Escape"

An Opinionated Folk Hero The End of the Model T River Rouge & Greenfield Village



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 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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