



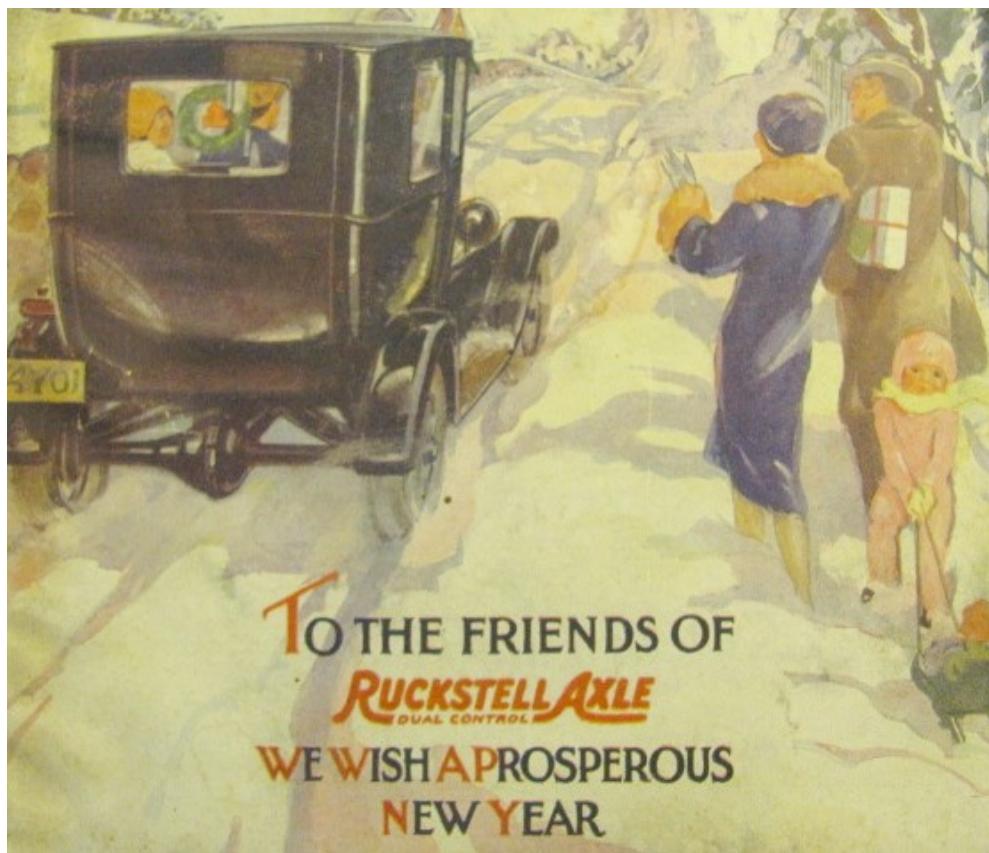
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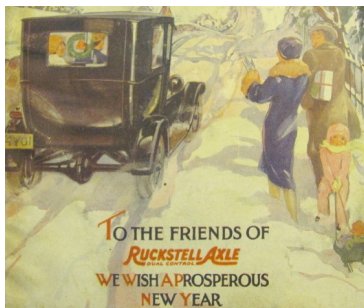
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On The Cover



The Ruckstell ad says it for us; We Wish **YOU** a Prosperous New Year

Donna Elaine Marino 1948 - 2012



Donna Elaine Marino (McLaughlin), passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012, in League City, TX, at the age of 64 in her beloved home.

She was born on March 18, 1948, in Rutland, Vermont, and was the oldest of 9 children. Donna, a Registered Nurse, began her career in the Labor & Delivery unit spanning over 30 years. She rose through the ranks of administration and became the Director of Women's Services, where she was a strong advocate for nurses in her field. She obtained her Bachelor's

Degree in Nursing from Angelo State University in Texas and was a few classes away from earning her Master's Degree in Nursing.

In addition to her career in management, Donna enjoyed her shopping trips to Marshalls, drinking her Starbuck's lattes, traveling the world and dining out whenever she got the chance. She was known for her spunk, her wit, her generous nature and her fighting spirit in life.

Her true passion in life was the love for her family. Donna and her husband of 39 years, Anthony, enjoyed participating in local antique car clubs showcasing their antiques. She has 2 beautiful daughters, Jennifer Marino Christensen and Jaclyn Marino and two sons in laws, Troy Christensen and Giustino Cellini. Donna is survived by 4 wonderful grandchildren: Julia, Colin, Lauren and Kevin Christensen, whom she adored.

Surviving siblings include: Karen Kinder, Ernest McLaughlin Jr., Robert McLaughlin, Margaret Skidmore, Ann Klavin, Thomas McLaughlin and Jacqueline Vick. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Palma McLaughlin, her brother Richard McLaughlin and her beloved grandmother Emma (Nanny) Combatti.

Henry Says

"I will build a car for the great multitude. It will be large enough for the family, but small enough for the individual to run and care for. It will be constructed of the best materials, by the best men to be hired, after the simplest designs that modern engineering can devise. But it will be low in price that no man making a good salary will be unable to own one-and enjoy with his family the blessing of hours of pleasure in God's great open spaces."

-Henry Ford

Dues Are Due

The deadline for dues payment is January 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid up. Miss the deadline and your information will not appear in the club roster.

The MTFCA requires timely annual submission of an up to date roster for insurance purposes.

Repeat: Deadline for dues payment is January 15

Dues are still \$25.00 per year

Do not send dues to the editor

Send all dues to our treasurer for 2013,

Dave Lucas
2115 County Road 160
Alvin, Texas 77511

NOTE:

Dues are not tax deductible.

To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status

New Pre-Meeting Dining Location !



This month we are trying something different.

Instead of dining at Jax prior to the meeting, we are going to congregate at Demeris BBQ located at 1702 West Loop North, Suite A Houston, TX 77008

See the back page for map

SEE YOU THERE !

2013 Calendar of Coming Events

January 5 **Children's Museum of Houston Car Show**
 2013 Contact Will Rice at wrice@cmhouston.org
 or call 713-535-7286 to reserve your spot
www.cmhouston.org/pedal-car

January 9 **Space City T's Meeting**
 2013

Feb.25—Mar.17
 2013



Reliant Center- 8334 Fannin Street - Houston, Texas 77054

March 22-24 **MTFCA 48th Annual Business Meeting**
 2013 Dallas, Texas
 Hosted by the DFW Chapter MTFCA
 (aka Lone Star T's)
<http://lone-star-ts.com/2013-Annual-Meeting/>

April 25-28 **Pate Swap Meet**
 2012 Texas Motor Speedway Fort Worth Texas USA
 Intersection of Interstate 35 West and State Highway 114
 Vendor Registration : 713-649-0922



Children's Museum of Houston

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Car Show Saturday January 5th 10:00am to 2:00pm



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Pedal Car Exhibit Now through March 24th!



The Second Annual Marines Toys For Tots

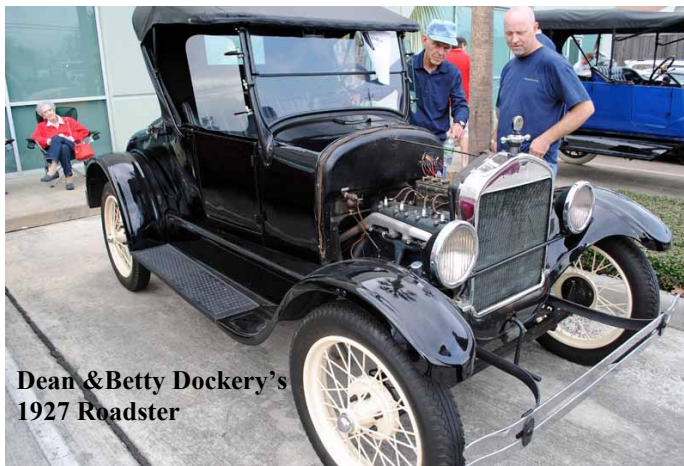
On December 15, Marines Toys for Tots was hosted by the Westside Mustangs and Tommie Vaughn Ford. The turnout produced a record breaking 58 cars registered. The toy drive exceeded that of last year's record breaking collection for the Gulf Coast. Members of the Space City T's showing cars were Ted Adcock, Clint Allred, Dean and Betty Dockery and Bill Sherrill. The cars shown were mostly high powered Mustangs and other high performance products. Also showing were Packards from the Packard Club. Thanks to the club members for showing the public what original Fords look like.



**Ted Adcock's
1912 Touring**



**Bill Sherrill's
1967 Fairlane**



**Dean & Betty Dockery's
1927 Roadster**



Santa Was There Too. With Bikes



**Clint Allred's
1923 Touring**



The Packard Club Presentation

The 2012 Space City T's Christmas Dinner

We counted 46 attendees at the annual affair. This year it was held at Christie's Seafood and Steak.

After the preliminary social mingling, Dave Lucas gave the blessing and we sat down to our entrees of chicken, tilapia or shrimp followed by coffee and dessert.

President Dave Carter presented the new and some not-so-new club officers for 2013, Rick McCracken, President; Broderick Thompson, Vice President; Stan Hoekstra, Secretary and Dave Lucas, Treasurer. Dave then presented the gavel to incoming President Rick.

The grand finale of the evening was the gift exchange. Of course there was much cajoling, jockeying for position and acquisition. At the right are shown Mandy McDonald and Dave Carter tackling the gift wrapping.



Photo By Denny Irvine

The Tractor in the Lumberyard

In the present state of high prices of horses and mule, many lumberyards and sawmills are turning to the small gasoline tractor.

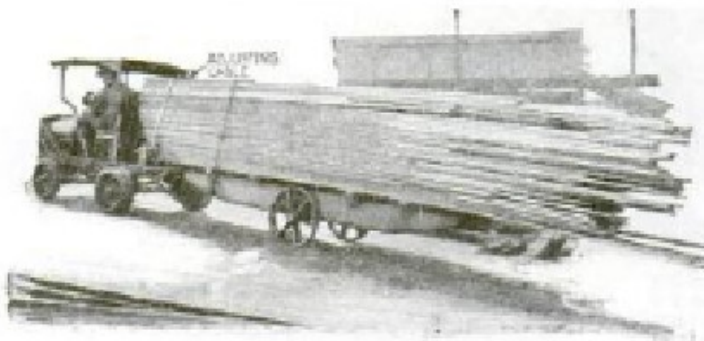
Owing to the special tasks to be performed, not every small gasoline tractor will give good results/ Some do not secure sufficient traction in rainy weather; others do not have sufficient pulling power; and still others cannot turn in a small enough radius to permit of quick work in the narrow lanes between the lumber piles.

The tractor shown in the accompanying illustrations is the invention of two lumbermen, S. K. Prescott and H. A. Thurlow, of Seattle. They claim that the tractor will do the work of from three to seven horses and mules, at a cost of less than that for one horse or mule.

The machine can perform many kinds of work. It can pull two-wheeled lumber buggies, three-wheeled lumber buggies or four-wheeled wagons; move small timbers with a grab-hook; push lumber buggies and other loads; pull heavy tim-

While the tractor is not in any sense a rebuilt automobile, it is fitted with a Ford engine which is so geared through a sprocket and chain drive that it delivers between fifty and sixty horsepower to the rear wheels. This power is delivered eleven inches off the ground, giving the machine an exceptionally strong drawbar pull. The Ford motor has been found particularly well adapted for lumber-yard hauling because of the foot gear-shifting mechanism, which enables the driver to get under way with a load very quickly.

A truck type radiator with double the cooling capacity of the Ford passenger-car type is fitted to prevent the engine from overheating under steady pulls. A guard in front of the



The machine performs many kinds of work in the lumberyard; it is not a rebuilt automobile, and does seven horses work.



Equipped with a Ford motor, this baby tractor is so geared that it delivers sixty horsepower to the rear wheels.

radiator permits loads to be pushed as well as pulled. At the rear of the tractor is fitted a special swivel-bar with a wire rope and winch to support and regulate the front end of the load when carried on a two-wheeled dolly.

With its small but powerful engine the tractor is adaptable to a great variety of work easily serving other than lumber manufacturers.

- From Popular Science, October 1920

It never ceases to amaze, the number of ways the Model T has been used.

Post Script



Ouch!



Classified Ads

For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components

- ☼ Rebuilt Model T transmission
 - ☼ Rebuilt Model T Starter
 - ☼ Rebuilt Model T Generator
- Call Bill McRee at 281-427-0792 for details.

For Sale: Texaco Gravity Flow Gas Pump It is in beautiful condition. We are asking for \$3200. It is stored inside.

Contact: Judy Latham 512-629-6500



For Sale: Set of USED Front and Rear Bumpers for 1926-7 Model T. Rear bumpers are split style. Complete with brackets. Face bars are pitted and need to be plated. Brackets are in very good condition. They have no breaks or welds. Email photos can be sent so they can be enlarged for better view. Contact: Eric "Gator" Gould, Monroeville, AL 251-765-2677 or gatorsts@frontiernet.net

For Sale: 1926 Model T Tudor Sedan.

Needs restoration. Has wood wheels. \$3,000.

Gator Gould 251-765-2677 gatorsts@frontier.net

For Sale: 1927 TT Truck New carb, mag, coils, points and gas tank. New wood in bed and frames, new cedar cut and planed from my farm. Asking 12,500, negotiable. George Hart, 12782 Hwy 259N, Omaha, TX 75571 903-452-2900

For Sale: 1926 coupe "Basket Case".

99.9% complete, but needing full restoration. Running gear from former club member Charles Brandt's coupe. Body from local Austin county car. Other sheet metal from other cars but in nice condition. Car will be parted out, if not sold together, soon. Not numbers matching, but clear Texas title in my name. \$2000.00 Contact Terry Woods 281-693-2236



For Sale: 1926 Fordor California "Barn Find".

Needs full restoration, but original wood in relatively good shape. Only two or three pieces need to be replaced. Was running and driving when bought in 2009. 99.9% complete. Matching numbers car. Clear Texas title in my name. \$3,000.00 Contact Terry Woods 281-693-2236



FOR SALE: Lightweight, all-steel, low profile, tilt-type car hauler trailer, custom built to transport a Model T. You drive up the gently sloping trailer itself to load the car, no steep ramps to mess with. Car rides only 12 inches higher on trailer than it does on the ground. New Load Range D tires. Tows great, easy to back up. Asking \$2,200. Call for more information: 832-692-2288 Jim Cannon



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Email: Slh1314@aol.com Silsbee, Texas

For Sale: 1927 Model T Ford Coupe

West Texas car Drivetrain intact. Engine turns. Solid Body. Make reasonable offer. Contact Carl Sexton 337-356-7723 candpsexton@aol.com



Wanted—1927 Model T Front Bumper and Brackets

Contact: Gaylord Willet—Montgomery, Texas 936-448-1550

Wanted: Model T Ford—1909 - 1925 Car or parts needing restoration, running or not. Roadster preferred, must be reasonably priced. Contact: David Craft 281-328-6375



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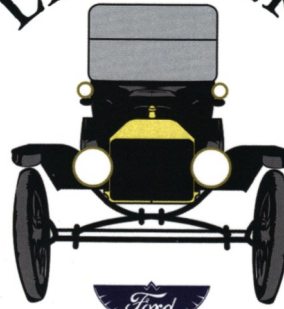
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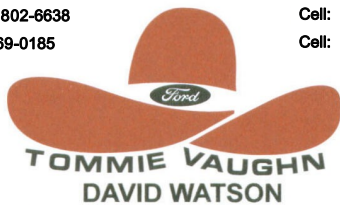
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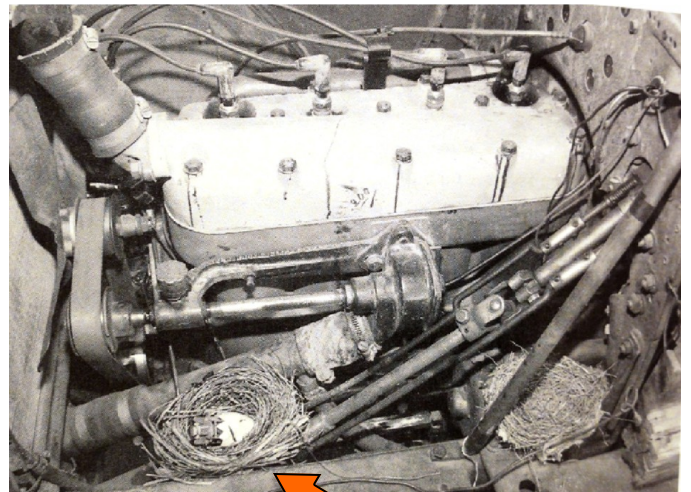
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Ever feel like you're in the wrong place?



Next Meeting

January 9, 2013



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**
located at 1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008

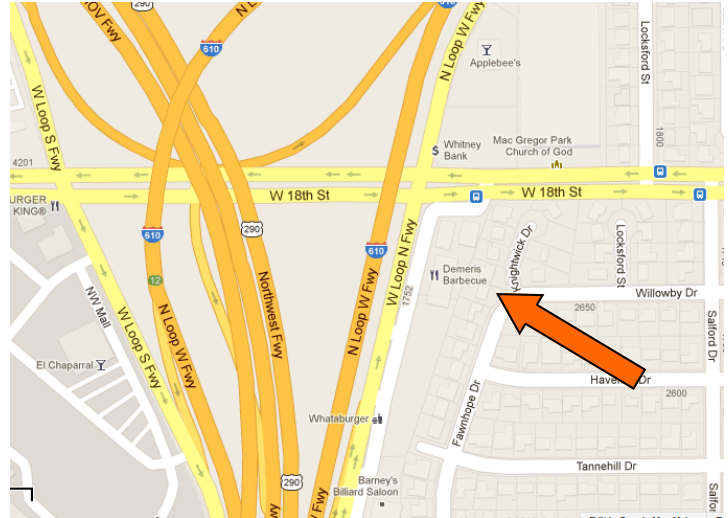
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

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

Program:
To Be Announced



Location of Demeris BBQ



Located at 610 West Loop North and 18th Street
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