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Note: No trees were killed in the sending of this newsletter,
but a large number of electrons were terribly inconvenienced.

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On The Cover



Michael and Doug Brough pose in the snow in front of the Model T Ford Club of America Museum.

Here's an opportunity to see what the Klehfoths and many volunteers hath wrought.

Enter on page 4.

Why drive a shabby car?



Put your car on the "Spring Cleaning" List!

"So little trouble to apply that it's a joy to use it!" This is the verdict of Mrs. Miller* after refinishing her Ford with Valspar-Enamel.

"I used less than a pint and a quarter of black Valspar-Enamel to do the whole body, fenders and top. And it looks fine!"

Why shouldn't women put their motor cars on the "spring cleaning" list? We sometimes associate the men of the family with the job of repainting the automobile, yet women are just as interested in keeping their cars looking smart and new. And Valspar-Enamels are so easy to use!

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Yogi Says

A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.

In theory there is no difference between theory and practice.
In practice there is.

—Yogi Berra

Model T Still in Production

Partially supported on a jack, the once shiny ebony Model T was a now vital component of the rickety chicken roost. The car's robust construction reflects well on its makers, though I doubt a whisper of their iconic product's more recent use had clouded any boardroom discussion.

That T had excellent company; two junked crystal sets and a couple of buckled wheels, as well as the broken basket—once the proud thrusting figurehead of Grandmas's prized bike—are also dingily in evidence.

The basket too has been recycled, and is now uniquely in production as a highly productive nesting box

—Alan McAlpine Douglas

Members Note:

Texas T Parts has moved.

New address: 711 Ashford Hills Drive
Bryan, Texas 77801

Ph: 1-822-337-6977
www.TexasTParts.com

See new ad on page 7

2013 Calendar of Coming Events

March 13 **Space City T's Meeting**
2013

March 16-17 **VCCA Trader's Village Swap Meet**
2013 Houston
Contact: Debbie Boyer(281)373-4046

March 21-21 **Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet**
2013 Sponsored by The Old Pueblo Touring Association
"1895-1945"
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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**
2013 Texas Motor Speedway Fort Worth Texas USA
Intersection of Interstate 35 West and State Highway 114
Vendor Registration : 713-649-0922

April 27 **Freeport Riverfest Classic Car and Truck Show**
2013 Charles at 281-804-0355 or riverfestcarshow@yahoo.com
<http://freeportriverfest.com/index.html>

September 7 **The Ultimate Pitstop South Houston Swap Meet**
2013 555 Almeda Genoa Road & I-45 Gulf Frwy, Houston
www.TheUltimatePitStop.net
or call Jay @ 281-332-7886 or 281-797-7824

October 2-6 **Texas T Party**
2013 Lufkin, Texas
Dave Lucas
281-388-0761
daverlucas@yahoo.com



Welcome New Members



A big Space City T's Howdy to the following new members:

Tim and Beth Grebe
Marshall and Diana Huling
Daniel McDonald and Jessica Norman
Thomas and Patsy Supak
Thomas and Diane Supak
Steve and Lisa Wilson

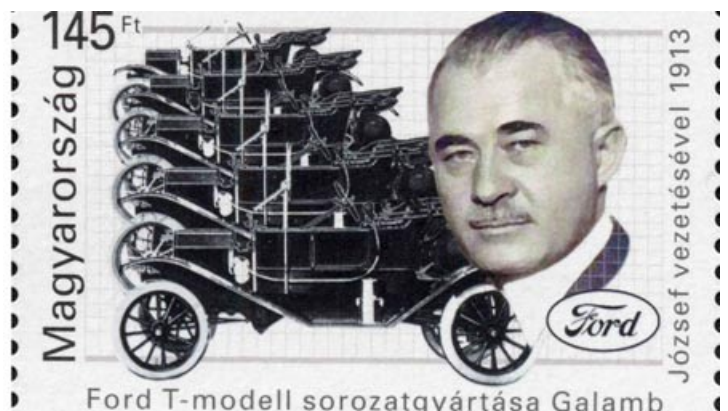
Howdy and Welcome back to:
David and Linda Renner

The club continues to grow in size.
Membership now numbers an even 100

Joseph Galamb - Hungarian Stamp

To honor Joe Galamb and the 100th anniversary of Model T mass production, Hungary has issued a stamp with the Model T and Hungarian born József Galamb, who was born in Makó, Hungary.

Mr. Galamb was a close confidant of Henry Ford and one of the primary architects of the Model T Ford.



The MTFCA Museum

By Doug Brough



This past December, we drove from Texas to spend Christmas with our families in MN and OH. Enroute from MN to OH, we got to stop at the new Model T museum in Richmond, IN. For those that had been to the previous museum, it's just a few exits further down the road heading toward OH. In fact, once we got back on I-70, the OH/IN border was nearly the next exit!

The new museum is about 4 miles south of I-70. The old museum (next to the Candle Factory) is now just a cement slab. A timely transfer to the new building!

The new "digs" are quite nice. It's right in the heart of a historic downtown area. I don't think it's quite as big as the other location, but is nicely arranged. About a dozen cars, and 1 plane are on display and a gift shop area.

The car that intrigued me the most was the "fishing" car. Note the home-made still mounted on the running board. If it resembles a French horn, there's a reason. Its makeup includes "recycled" musical instrument parts. The docent pointed that out to me. And the day we visited, they could have taken the snowmobile out for a ride! Thankfully on all the days we had long drives, we drove in between the heavy snows

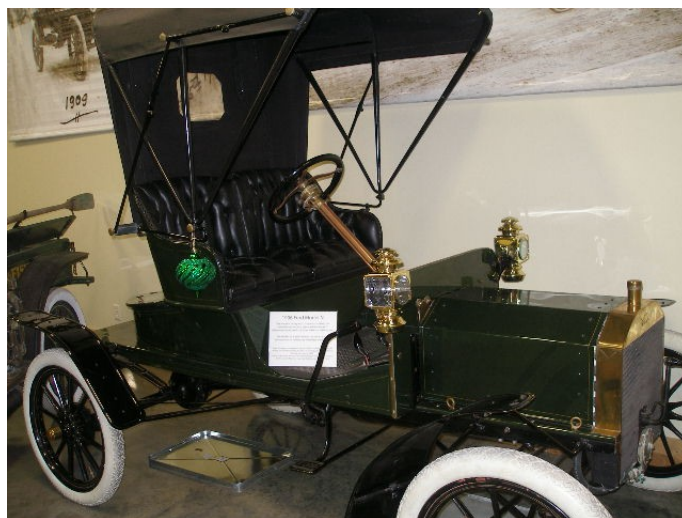
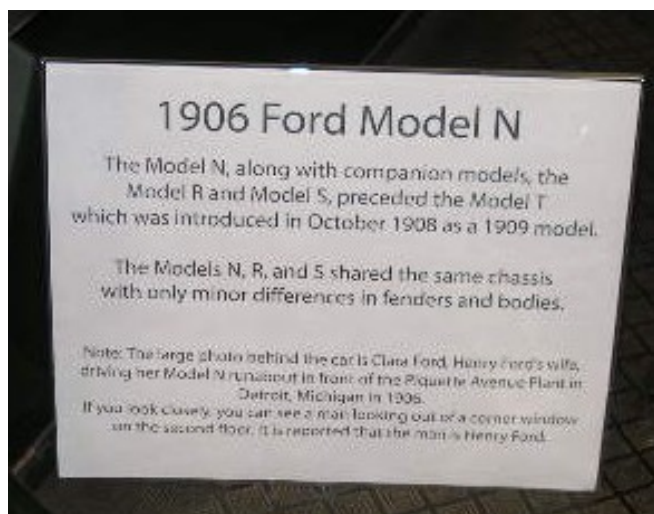
So if you're ever in the area, come check out our club's museum.



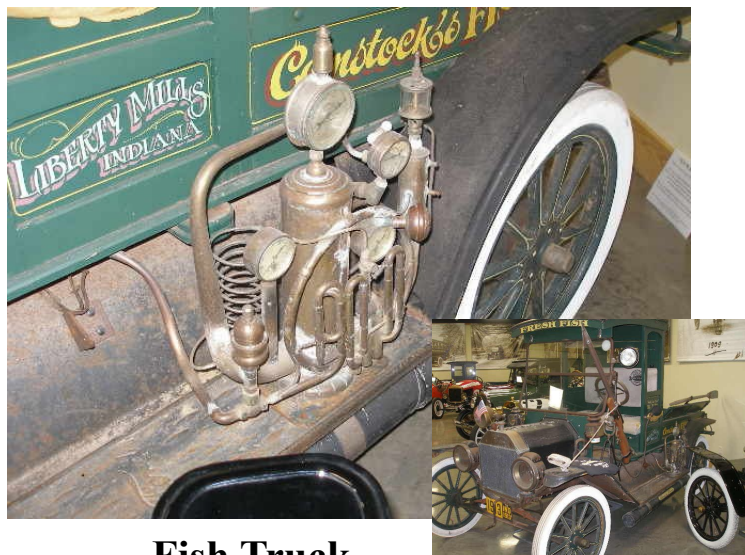
Michael! You Tracked in Snow!



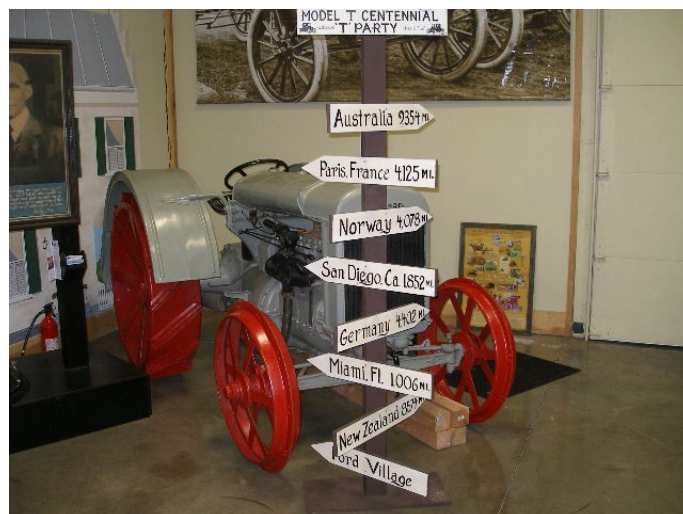
Snowmobile Detail



Model N



Fish Truck



Fordson



Emergency T's



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Center Door

Post Script

Great Advice About Stress

- 1 Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker..
- 5 If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague
- 6 If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9 Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

- 10 Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11 Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- 12 The second mouse gets the cheese.
- 13 When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14 Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 16 Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- 17 We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- 18 A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a de-tour.
- 19 Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

- 20 Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate !

Submitted by Jerry Groves

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: Set of USED Front and Rear Bumpers

for 1926-27 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@frontier.net

For Sale: 1926 Model T Tudor Sedan

Needs restoration. Has wood wheels. \$3,000
Contact Eric "Gator" Gould, Monroeville, AL 251-765-2677 or gatorsts@frontier.net

For Sale: 1927 TT Truck New carb, mag, coil, points and gas tank. New wood in bed and frames, new cedar cut and planed from my farm. Asking \$12,500.00, negotiable. George Hart, 12782 Hwy 259N, Omaha, Texas 75571 Ph: 903-452-2900

Wanted: 1927 Model T Front Bumper and Brackets

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

For Sale: Texaco Gravity Flow Gas Pump

It is in beautiful condition.
We are asking for \$3200.
It is stored inside.
Judy Latham
512-629-6500



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. \$2,000.00.
Contact Terry Woods 281-693-2236



For Sale: 1926 Fodor 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. Ninety-nine point nine percent complete. Matching numbers car. Clear Texas title in my name. \$3,000.00
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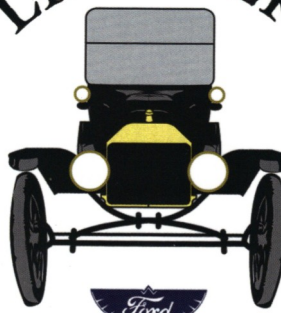
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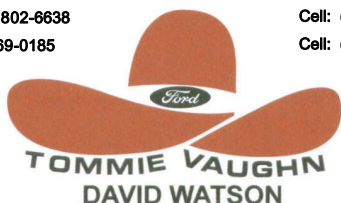
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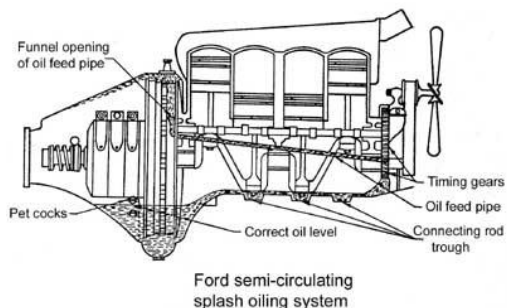
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Do you remember that rich old Mr. Ford,
Who produced cars that folks could afford?
The first Ford, you see,
Was the ubiquitous Model T,
Many of which are around still, **restored.**





Next Meeting

March 13, 2013

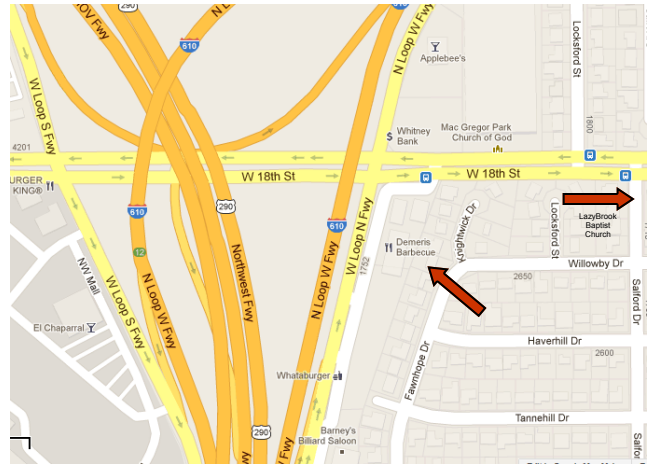


**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.
located at 1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

**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:
The Lincoln Highway
A Video Presentation
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 your right after Houston Garden Center.

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