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Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae

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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 heart-beat 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.



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!

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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 Cypress Historical Society
5th Annual Old Fashion Picnic

Contact: Rodney Sprenger
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If you wish to participate with your Model T

July 17 **Space City T's Meeting**
2013 **Note the date, 3rd Wednesday**

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

October 2-6 **Texas T Party**
2013 Lufkin, Texas
Contact: Dave Lucas
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November 1-3 **Conroe Fall Swap Meet**
2013 Montgomery County Fairgrounds
337-249-7667 or www.hotrodsoftexas.com

October 2-6 **Texas T Party**
2013 Lufkin, Texas

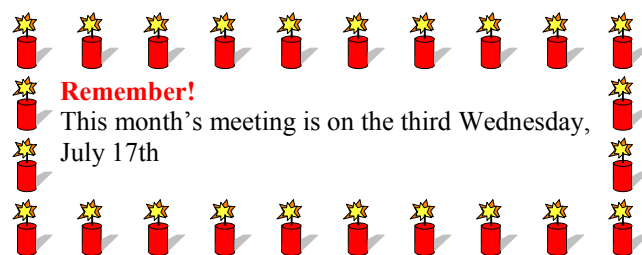


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Model T World Tour

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.



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Invites You to Our
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When: Saturday, July 6, 2013
Hours: 10:00am - 3:00pm
Where: Cypress Top Historic Park
Cost: Free to Members & Invited Guests

Home-made Pies & Ice Cream

Harris County Precinct #3
Cypress Top Historic Park

Activities for Kids

Local History & Genealogy

Classic Cars & Hot Rods

Watermelon Contest

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Almost Heaven Blue Grass Band

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 after-market 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.

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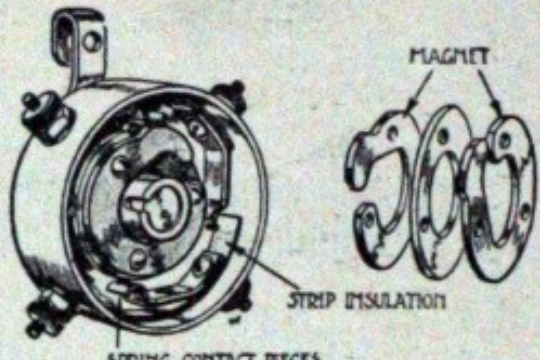
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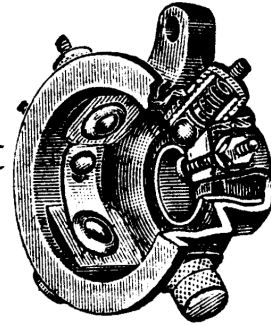
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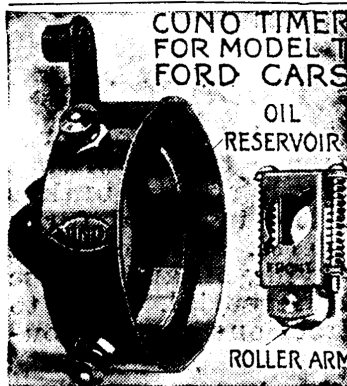
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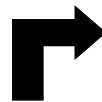
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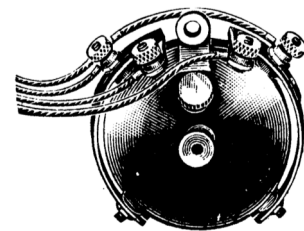
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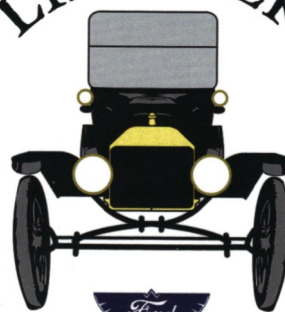
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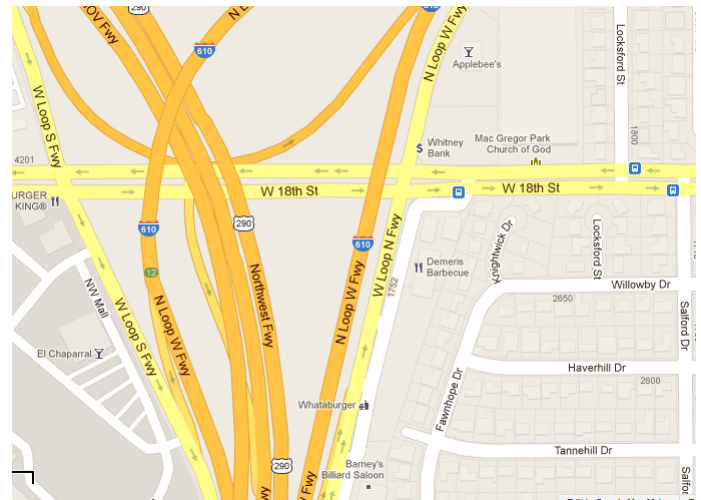
**Then attend the
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**Place:
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