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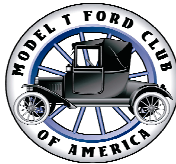
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On The Cover



Scott Grant poses with the Allred's 1923 Touring at the Cypress Top Historical Society Old Fashion Picnic.

For more, turn to page 4.

TIME for T



2013 Membership Rosters

By the time you read this, you should have received your 2013 Membership Roster. If not contact the editor. Contact information is found elsewhere on this page. Also let us know of any errors or deletions so that we may correct for the 2014 Roster and publicize corrections in the newsletter.

What a Waste!



Outdoor Art at the G.I. Body Shop - Grand Island, Nebraska

Christmas Dinner Date

A vote was taken at the club meeting to hold the dinner at Christies Seafood on Sunday, December 8. Later it was found that the 8th was not available. We then took a vote by email on the choice of Sunday, December 1 or Friday, December 6 at Christies.

The final tally was twenty-seven in favor of December 1 and ten for December 6.

So, mark your calendars for Sunday, December 1 for the club Christmas Dinner.

2013 Calendar of Coming Events

August 14 **Space City T's Meeting**
2013

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

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October 26
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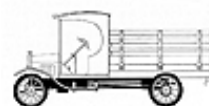
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December 1 **Space City T's Christmas Dinner**
2013 Christies Steak & Seafood
6029 Westheimer
5:00 P.M.

Letter to the Editor

Hi Stan,

I read the following in a novel I just finished reading. The story is about Texas in the 1916-1917 time frame.



"We need a new truck—considered the a Ford (they now make the Model T cars in Dallas) but everyone who owns a Ford has had a shoulder dislocated (or broken) when the starting handle kicked back. You can judge a Ford driver by the cast on his arm— that is the old joke."

—Excerpt from *The Son* by Phillipp Meyer

You may have already read this but, if not, I know you will find it amusing. Jack would have loved it.
Regards to you and Evelyn.

—Jean Schwecke

A Word of Explanation

If you were looking for *A Very Short Model T Musical* in the July issue of the newsletter, you can stop looking now. In one of those all too frequent episodes of a brain dump, we decided to make a change on the interior of the publication and neglected to do the same on the exterior. Hence, it was announced on the front page that the article would appear on page 6 and it did not. You will find the article on page 6 of this issue.

The editor has a mind like a steel trap, albeit a rusty one.




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Cypress Old Fashion Picnic

By Clint Allred

We arrived at the Cypress Top Historic Park at about 8:00 AM. After unloading the 1890's Doctor's Buggy, our 1923 Touring and golf cart which we use for transporting the handicapped, we went to IHOP for breakfast. When we returned to the park Dean and Betty Dockery were unloading their 1926 Roadster. What a beautiful car.

From then on, we spent the day visiting and sight seeing. There were tours of the family house. The old country store was open which was neat to see. The old service station has a 1929 Model A Dump Truck which belongs to Harris County.

We met Scott and Leslie Grant who have been members of the Space City T's since 1976. They chaired the 1992 Texas Texas T Party held in Victoria, Texas. They own a 1911 Touring and a 1915 Fire Truck, which is not surprising since Scott is a Houston Fire Fighter. They live in Simonton and this makes it difficult to attend our meetings. He plans to retire in about a year and they hope to become active in club events again. Also in the Grant stable is a 1955 Ford Thunderbird and a 1976 Buick 455 GSX.

The Sharecroppers Antique Engine and Tractor Club displayed many fine looking restored and unrestored tractors, engines and tools.

There were free hot dogs and all the trimmings available. Yum, tasty. Watermelon for desert. HEB had a tent set up where you could get a free cup of ice cream.

Some custom cars were present, but club affiliation unknown.

This is a very pleasant event and a great venue for showing Model T's and they are welcomed by the event planners.



Pre-T



Easy Does It



Model T Admirer



Dockery T



Almost Heaven Blue Grass Band



Food Pavilion



Side Shows



'40 Ford Hauler



'58 Ford

A Very Short Model T Musical

Title: Time Out For Make-Up

Characters:

Two Co-eds Scene: *A college campus in the '20's. As
Boy the curtain rises, we find an old Model T
Girl Ford on stage*
Mary McGiver *The Two Co-eds cross from stage L. to R.*

First Co-ed: Did you see Betty tonight? I never saw so much make-up on a girl in my life!

Second Co-ed: She was DRENCHED with make-up. It's disgusting!

First Co-ed: And she took Mary McGiver's date right away from her.

Second Co-ed: Poor Mary McGiver!

(Mary enters, goes to a bench down R. and cries quietly to herself.)

First Co-ed: Mary— we're so sorry, really.

Mary: That's all right. I just can't compete with all that rouge and lipstick.

Second Co-ed: Is there anything we can do?

Mary: Nothing. She took him right away from me.

First Co-ed: Men! They'll fall for anything.

Second Co-ed: How are you going to get home?

Mary: I'll get home somehow. Don't worry about me.

First Co-ed: we're really sorry, Mary.

Second Co-ed. If you'd like to come with us?

Mary: No, thanks— I'm just plain old Mary McGiver— a victim of a new craze!

The Two Co-eds exit R. Boy and Girl appear The Girl is Betty—made up to kill—full of rouge, mascara and lipstick.

Boy: *(As they walk toward the car. They don't even notice Mary.)* You mean to say you won't ride home with me because I've got an old wreck of a car?

Girl: Really—I just can't stand these old flivvers! Honestly! In my evening gown, too!

Boy: But I'll buy you a midnight supper, and everything will be so romantic. Gee, Golly.

Girl: If I had known you had an old car like this, I'd have gone after Al Morgan. He's got a Cadillac.

Boy: But I gave up everything for you. My date,. Everything.

Girl: .How could you ask me to ride in a thing like this?

Boy: Listen—please.

(Music up. It is a very standard tune use for singing limericks, very simple.)

Boy: (Sings)

I'll buy you some bacon and liver,
Then drive you right home in my flivver,
In the light of the moon

I can sing you a tune

As we glide along down by that river.

Girl: (Sings)

You hardly could call that a car

And I'm sure it won't drive very far.

The engine is missing;

The fenders are missing,

And I'll get a mouthful of tar!

Boy: (Sings)

The night is so lovely and charming

And you are so cute and disarming,

The wind's barely stirring;

The engine is purring

There's nothing you find alarming.

Girl: (Sings)

I'm dreadfully sorry to say

That my answer as go to be nay

The steering wheel's broken

And since I've just spoken

The windshield is blowing away.

Boy: (sings)

These problems are all very minor

And everything couldn't be finer.

No need to be frantic,

The night is romantic

We'll cruise like a luxury liner.

Girl: (Sings)

But haven't you noticed the seat?

With cushion that's like shredded wheat?

It wouldn't be classy;

That horrible chassis

Should really be butchered for meat.

(Sound and flash of THUNDER and LIGHTNING.)

Boy: (Sings)

I surely don' like to complaining.

But it's really beginning to rain.

If you want to decide

That you'd rather not ride—

Then you're bound to be washed down the drain!

Girl: (looks up at the sky, then sings)

Well— now that there's clouds in the sky

I guess I shall change my reply.

Your offer I'll take up

Because of my make-up;

It has to stay totally dry!

(Mary McGiver on the bench has been taking in this whole scene, in a combination of envy and wonderment.)

Boy: *(Sings and pretends to crank to crank the motor, loud sound of bad motor)*

If you'll just excuse me a minute

I'll crank up the motor and spin it.

I'll take Miss McGiver

Who likes this old flivver!

Who's never afraid to get in it!

(He walks over to Mary, offers his arm. She tosses her head in the air, walks off R. Boy turns back toward Girl, who does the same, and off L. Boy starts to get in car alone, SOUND of explosion

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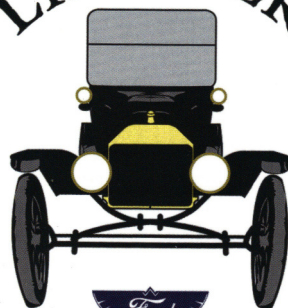
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For Sale: Two Model T's



1915 Roadster \$25,000



1924 Touring \$20,999

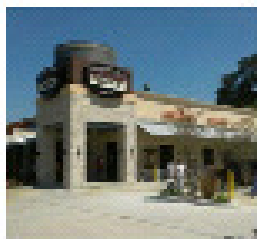
1915 Roadster ('Lil Red)

1924 Touring

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.

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.

Contact: Robert Kirk 281-332-1701



Next Meeting August 14, 2013



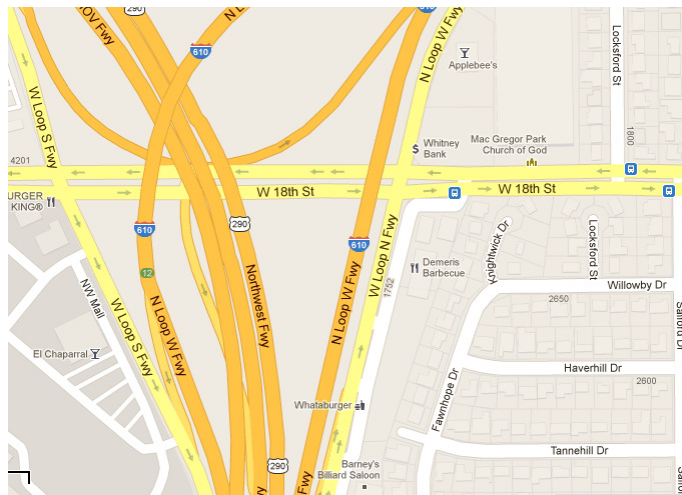
**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.
located at 1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

**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:

**"Henry Ford; the World He Created, He Longed to Escape."
Henry Ford genealogy chart
Henry Ford III (interview at Fabulous Fords Forever 2012)
Henry Ford III (reflects on the impact of his Great-Great
Grandfather)**



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.

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