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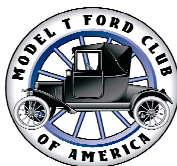
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## On The Cover



### Start 'em early.

Five year old Will Szerkes gets basic training on the operation of a pneumatic impact wrench from Dad and Denny Irvine during the Men's Night Out hosted by Denny.

Foreground, left to right:  
Peter, Will and Denny.  
Background: Bobby Wright.

## Spring Thaw



### "Detour"

(Paul Westmoreland)  
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Headed down life's crooked road  
Lots of things there that I never knew  
Because of me not knowin' I now pine

Trouble got right on my trail  
I spent the next five years in jail  
Should have read that detour sign

Detour, there's a muddy road ahead  
Detour, paid no mind to what it said  
Detour, all these bitter things I find  
Should have read that detour sign

Well when I got to the place  
Where that sign told be about my face  
Well, I figured all of my worries were behind

But the farther I go  
I find more chug holes there in the road  
I should have read that detour sign

Detour, there's a muddy road ahead  
Detour, paid no mind to what it said  
Detour, all these bitter things I find  
Should have read that detour sign

Well, I got stuck down in the mud  
All my hopes fell there with a thud  
I felt like my heartstrings were made of twine

I had no power to get  
From that hole I was in yet  
I should have read that detour sign


Detour, there's a muddy road ahead  
Detour, paid no mind to what it said  
Detour, all these bitter things I find  
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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_detailpage&v=ZSY6AJeFF8I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=ZSY6AJeFF8I)





## 2014 Calendar of Coming Events

- March 4-23 2014  **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**
- March 12 2014 **Space City T's Meeting**
- March 20-21 2014 **Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet**  
"World's Largest Early Auto Meet"  
Contact: Mike or Susie Ersland  
Phone: (405)224-9090  
email: [information@pwsfm.com](mailto:information@pwsfm.com)
- April 25 2014 **Inventor's Day**  
Call for Model T's  
Robison Elementary  
See accompanying flyer
- April 24-27 2014 **Pate Swap Meet**  
Texas Motor Speedway  
Fort Worth Texas USA
- April 26 2014 **58th Annual Sylvan Beach Day Parade**  
Sponsored by the La Porte-Bayshore C. of C.  
See accompanying flyer
- May 15-18 2014 **Frio Canyon Tour**  
Hosted by the Texas Tin Lizzies  
See accompanying flyer
- May 17 2014 **Model T Homecoming**  
**MTFCA Museum**  
Richmond, Indiana  
<http://www.modeltfordclubofamerica.com/homecoming/show-and-tell/>  
See accompanying flyer
- July 13-18, 2014 **MTFCA Western National Tour for 2014**  
Hosted by the San Diego Model T Club
- October 1-4 2014 **2014 Texas T Party**  
San Angelo, Texas  
Marshall Huling, Chairman  
5811 Pecan Valley Lane  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Ph: 325-651-7132  
Email: dmhul@suddenlink.net  
Registration form and payment must be submitted by August 1  
If you need a Registration Form, contact Marshall  
Make hotel reservations ASAP

## Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae Revisited

As we mentioned in this space last month, the contest was on to see who could come up with the correct translation soonest of the following:

**Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae**  
The accepted answer was that of the Google Translator.

The winner is Tony Marino!

He turned in the first following correct rendition;

**Fords Rattle First, But They Rattle Longest**

The next submission came from Hugh Hemphill, V.P. of T Fords of Texas

**Fords rattle when started but they rattle for a long time.**  
And then he added; It could be paraphrased as;

**Fords might be noisy but they go for ever.**

Then, Paula Gould called from Louisiana, a day late and a dollar short with the correct, but sadly, not soon enough answer;

**Fords Rattle First, But They Rattle Longest**

Finally, Bobby Wright turned in this sad submission;

**Fords rumble at first, but they rattle the longest**

Close, but no cigar.

Therefore, Tony is declared the Grand Poohbah and all the entitlements that go with the title.

**Disclaimer:** This contest will not produce a prize, implied or actual. You will just have to lie back and rest on your laurels.

## Dues Are Way Past Due

We are in the process of compiling the 2014 Membership Roster. The club rolls have already been forwarded to the MTFCA for our club insurance. For those who receive the newsletter via US Postal Service, if your name on the mailing label is followed by (14) it indicates that we have recorded your dues. If your name is followed by (13) it indicates that we do not have a record of receiving your payment. If you have paid, we will make the correction to our records.

Please send payments to:

**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 with the IRS.**

**THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR DUES!!!**

**Do not send dues to the editor**

If you wish to be included in the roster have your delinquent dues paid up by sending \$25.00 to our treasurer

**before March 31**





## Men's Night Out

By Stan Hoekstra

On the afternoon of Saturday, January 18, 2014, members of the Space City T's gathered for the first ever M.N.O. in club history. The event was hosted by Denny Irvine at his shop located in his hanger at the Conroe airport.

Other clubs have carried on this tradition for quite some time and it is hoped that the practice will take hold in this club. Several years back, the late Charlie Tyner hosted an engine rebuild in his shop but it was not called M.N.O. and Delton Stokes did the Pre-Tour T Tuneups.

The project at hand was a '26-'27 engine tear-down to see what would be required for a re-build and slated as spare for Denny's roadster pickup. An engine stand will be built to fit in the bed of the tow vehicle in the event of a catastrophic engine failure during an out of state tour, a parking lot swap can be made to keep the Model T on the tour.

The teardown commenced with the removal of head which revealed cast iron pistons. It wasn't long, and several pairs of hands were digging into the innards of the motor with great enthusiasm.

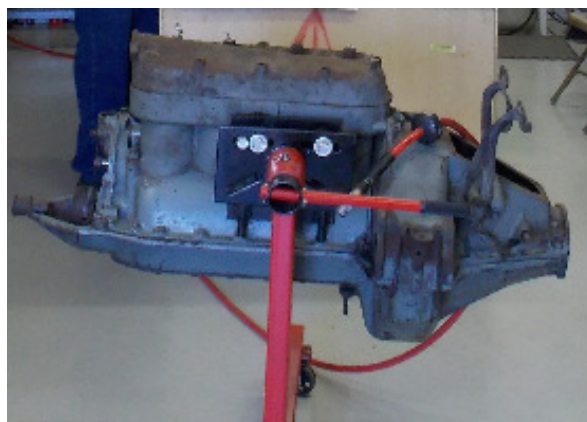
Five year old William Szekeres was in the middle of the operation with basic training on the pneumatic impact wrench. It wasn't long and he was spinning nuts and bolts with aplomb.

The evening concluded with the block stripped bare, the parts organized in orderly fashion on the workbench and attendees digging in to pizza delivered to the shop.

Thanks to Denny for organizing and hosting this gathering.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Clint Allred  
 Jerry Davis  
 Dean Dockery  
 Stan Hoekstra  
 Dave Lucas  
 Tony Marino  
 John Matejka  
 Rick McCracken  
 Delton Stokes  
 Mark Swick  
 Peter, Shelly, William and Andrea Szekeres  
 Broderick Thompson  
 Bobby Wright



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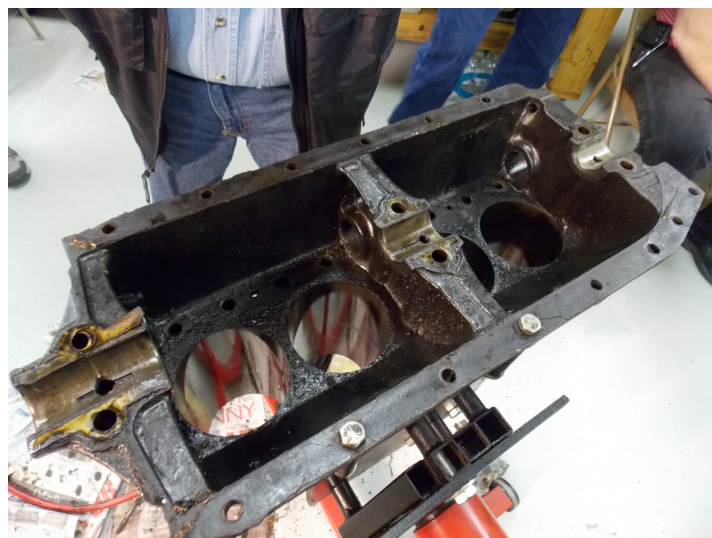
Well, We Did Meet in a Hangar



Yesterday and Today ~ Cheek to Cheek



Jerry Mikes the Crank



Shucked Right Down to the Cob



**For Sale: 1924 Coupe:** Standard axle, good upholstery and paint, fatboy steering wheel, generator, side fence, honey-comb radiator, #4 exhaust leak. Asking \$8500.. Contact: Richard Smith  
Smith Tire & Auto 936-756-5363



**Wanted: Newsletter Editor** We looking for a new editor to take over the Flivver Flash. This will not be a jump in and sink or swim situation. We will be as involved as much or as little the new editor wishes. However we will not intrude. We will remain available to assist and do research for articles. If interested contact Stan Hoekstra  
Phone:281-858-5577 Email: stanhoekstra@att.net

**For Sale: 1917 Model T Touring Car** I have \$15,500 invested and would like to get \$12,500. New tires, perfect body, It is a total restoration with electric starter. The body is rust free and in great condition. Ross of Lilleker Antique Auto Restorations reworked the transmission, clutch, and the engine runs great.

More photos at <http://transformationalchurchconsulting.com/about.htm>



**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 or Trade 2003 190 Bay Boat Triumph**

In excellent condition. Has 115 Yamaha, Center Cold console, GPS, Fish Finder, MinnKotta Trolling motor, Triumph trailer. \$14,000.00 or best offer. Would trade for Model T.

Contact Leon at 817-473-1333.

**For Sale: 1922 Coupe**

Suicide doors, mechanically sound, runs good, good top and upholstery. Asking \$9,500.

Contact Jerry Hathcoat—Brashear, Tx. 903-582-2241

**Wanted: '27 Model T Front Bumper & Brackets**

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

**For Sale: Two Model T's**



**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

**For Sale: Walker Estate Model T's**

1915 Brass Roadster,

1925 Fordor Sedan,

1927 Tudor Sedan,

1926 Roadster,

1925 Touring,

1924 Roadster with Chevrolet Transmission

For complete photo depiction of the collection, see page 6 of the October 2013 issue of the Flivver Flash.

Contact: Craig Corley at 936-875-6034



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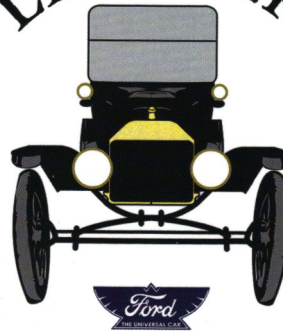
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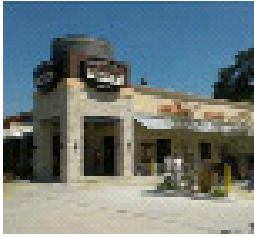
When told the reason  
for daylight savings  
time the Old Indian  
said, "Only the  
government would  
believe that you could  
cut a foot off the top  
of a blanket, sew it to  
the bottom, and have  
a longer blanket."

**FREE YOUR MIND and THINK**



## Next Meeting

March 12, 2014



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:**

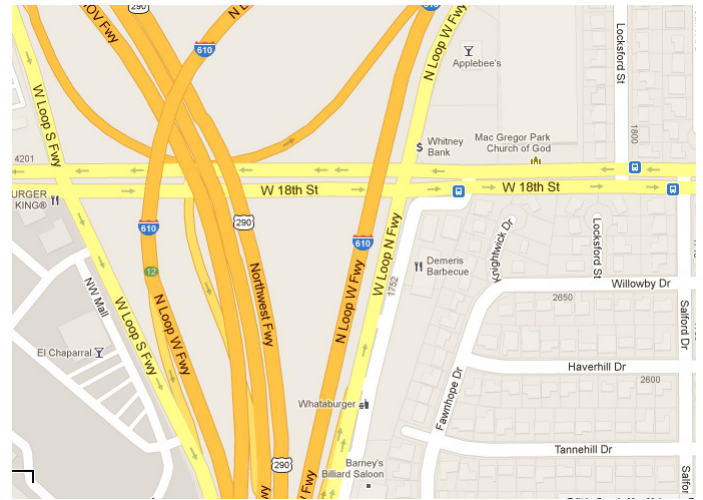
**Lazy Brook Baptist Church**

**1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**

**Program:**

**How To Video from the Model T Ford Club of America**

**"Spoke Tightening"**



### Directions to Demeris BBQ

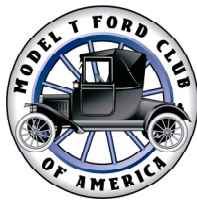
From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be right after Houston Garden Nursery.

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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