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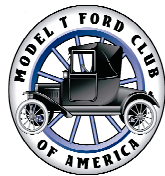
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A scene probably never seen before and probably will never be seen again. You see, the last event featuring Mustangs and Model T's is the last event to be held at the Texas World Speedway before it is closed and dismantled. See page 4.



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Tin Lizzie

By P.F. Freeman

Once I own'd a gallopin' "Lizzie"
about the first that Ford did make,
The kind that made a fellow dizzy
when she'd start to rattle and shake.
Her coal oil lamps were made of brass
and no battery did she need,
Ne'er seem'd to crave for cars to pass,
'cause she wasn't built for speed.
She had four coils beneath the cowl
that would buzz in weather dry,
a differential that oft would howl
if you drove too fast in high.

Her transmission was a queer affair
an' would oft your pleasures spoil,
as in disgust, you'd go seeking there,
for a brake band soaked in oil.
She had an engine hard to beat,
though her pistons oft would thump
as you tried your best to hold your seat
every time she'd hit a bump.
Modern cars have chang'd in many ways,
for she's been gone for quite a spell
as now I think of bygone days
when gallopin' Lizzie was my pal.

Obviously, He Isn't Into Model T's



"This is the only spot on the estate I'm not pleased with."



2014 Membership Roster

The 2014 Roster was distributed to those in attendance of the May meeting. The balance have been mailed to the membership not present at the meeting.

If for some reason you have not received your roster, please contact the editor. Also please let us know of any errors or omissions.

Where Are They Now?

Our friends, Dirk and Trudy Regter, are resuming their around the world tour this month. The following is from their website <http://www.tfordworldtour.org/>.

April 28th Shipping cars to Cartagena

Posted on 29 April 2014 by DirkJan

Ready for shipping to Cartagena, Colombia.

The last month Dirk prepared the Model T for our trip through South America.

He changed the piston rings, made an extra air-filter on the carburetor and checked the whole car for this more than 15.000 miles tour through Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chili, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

We will start this leg of our worldtour at the end of May and because it takes about 4 weeks to get the cars from Holland to Colombia, today we put both cars in the container at the harbour of CTVrede in Zaandam, Holland.

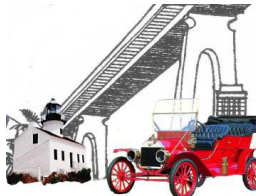


2014 Calendar of Coming Events

June 11 **Space City T's Meeting**
2014

July 12 **"Old-Fashioned Picnic" in July**
2014 Presented by the Cypress Historical Society
Cypress Top Park on old Hempstead Road in CypressTx
Contact Rodney Sprenger 713-806-9174 / rodneytu@aol.com

July 13-18, **MTFCA Western National Tour for 2014**
2014



Hosted by the San Diego Model T Club

October 1-4 **2014 Texas T Party**
2014 San Angelo, Texas
Marshall Huling, Chairman
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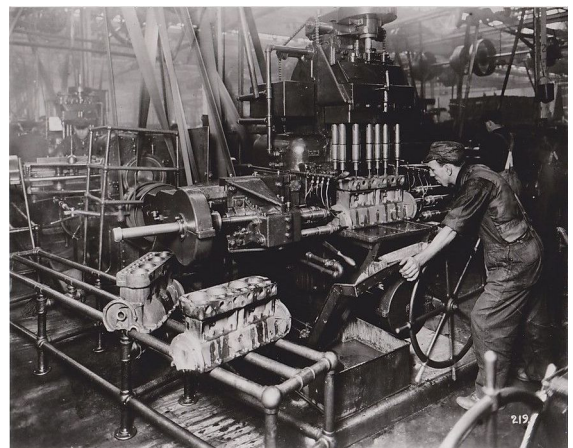
Email: dmhul@suddenlink.net

Registration form and payment must be submitted by August 1

If you need a Registration Form, contact Marshall

Make hotel reservations ASAP

The Ford Shops



This is tapping 24 holes at once from 3 directions, operation 28 in Ford Cylinder Machining Operation.

The photo and information appears on page 82 of the Ford Methods and the Ford Shops by Arnold & Faure (1915).

Model T's and Mustangs

By Bobby Wright

On March 29 Space City T's and Texas Touring T's were invited to Texas world Speedway in College station to participate with the Mustang Club of America in a Mustang warm-up event for the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang. Although there were many Mustangs this was not a Mustang only event. There were Corvettes, and a little bit of everything there including one very nice Texas Flag painted Ford GT40. There were seven T's from SCT's and one from TTT's. There a young lady assigned to our group who handled our parking and hospitality. Unknown to us she also picked "Lady's Choice" trophies for her pick of top three vehicles. (See pictures)

Weather was great for the Saturday event. There was a bit of sadness because the evening before the College Station City Council voted to allow the Speedway to be torn down and redeveloped. This was likely the last event at the facility.

In the afternoon the T's were gathered to take a tour of the Speedway high banked oval. We did two "fast" laps and learned that Model T's and a high banked race track and not particularly compatible. The turns at TWS are banked around 24 degrees and it was a challenge to hold a T up there. They really wanted to return to the apron which was much flatter. Everyone completed the two laps and everyone has fun doing it.



Model T Pit Area



Herb and Ty Janzen Try Out Broderick Thompson's Touring



Model T Delegation



Clint Allred and Designated Riding Mechanic



The Other End of the Spectrum



You Dance With The One Who Brought You To The Dance

Robison School Inventor's Day

By Doug Brough

Doug Brough, Bill Sherrill, Bill Severn and Broderick Thompson made their way to Robison Elementary (in Cypress, TX) for the 4th annual Inventor's Day. This is Space City's 2nd showing at the event.

In talking to our hosts (parent volunteers), we found out each year after the STAAR test each class has a fun-day. The 3rd grade does Inventor's Day, celebrating the inventions of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and others. Other classes have different themes. We even saw Benjamin Franklin wandering the halls for one class's Colonial Days.

We gave a presentation on Henry Ford and how he learned to be a great inventor. We also talked about some of the inventions that the early automobiles brought about (e.g. running board "luggage" rack, jack, and others). Bill Sherrill demonstrated the very sophisticated Model T gas gauge and talked a bit on why the cars were called "A", "B", "T", etc and not Fusion, Mustang or Cobra. Bill Severn demonstrated how the Model T was started with a crank.

We gave our presentation to 7 classes, each about 30 mins long. We talked for about half of that (including reading the book "Mama, Me and the Model T"), then let the kids climb in the cars (their favorite part, I'm sure).



Classroom Introduction to the Model T



Up close and Personal Introduction to the Model T



Doug Brough Demonstrates a Piston Ring Compressor



Students Check Out Broderick Thompson's Touring



Bill Sherrill Demonstrates the High-Tech Gas Gauge



Bill Severn Demonstrates the Armstrong Starter

Classified Ads

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



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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

For Sale:

1927 Roadster New top, knockoff wire wheels, rumbleseat

1927 Coupe white wall tires, wire wheels, shimst still in the main caps. Asking \$7,500 for each

Contact: Gaylord Willet Montgomery, Texas

For Sale: Two Model T's



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.

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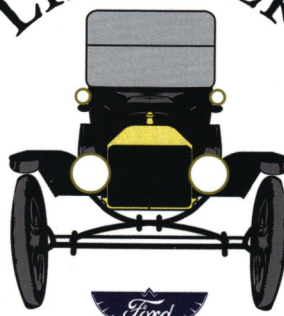
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Tomball Retirement Center Car Show

A note of appreciation
from Sally Osborn:

Dear Fellow Members
I want to Thank you Thank you for
Coming to the Car Show at the Place
where I live Tomball Retirement Center. It
really made me feel so good to have
you there. I really hope I can maybe
be at the Texas T Party again this year.
and see you there. Again Thank you
Love
Sally Osborn

Photo Credits: Bill Severn

Club member Sally Osborn requested
the presence of samples of Model T's
at the car show held at the Tomball
Retirement Center on May 16. The
Space City T's were well represented
by Bill Severn and Denny Irvine.
Denny brought his hit 'n miss ice
cream churn which is always a hit.



Car Show Gathering



Bill's Touring Gets an Inspection



Denny's Hit and Miss is a Hit

Next Meeting:

June 11, 2014



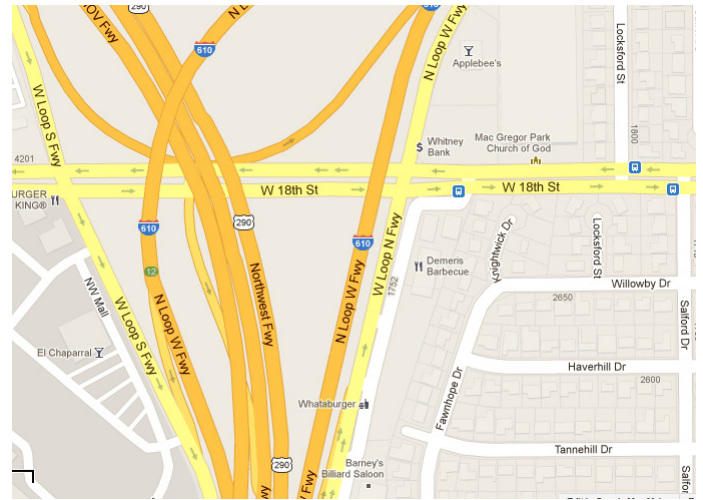
**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.
located at 1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008
Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30**

Place:

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

Program:

To Be Announced



Directions to Demeris BBQ

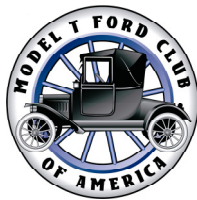
From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will right after Houston Garden Nursery.

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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