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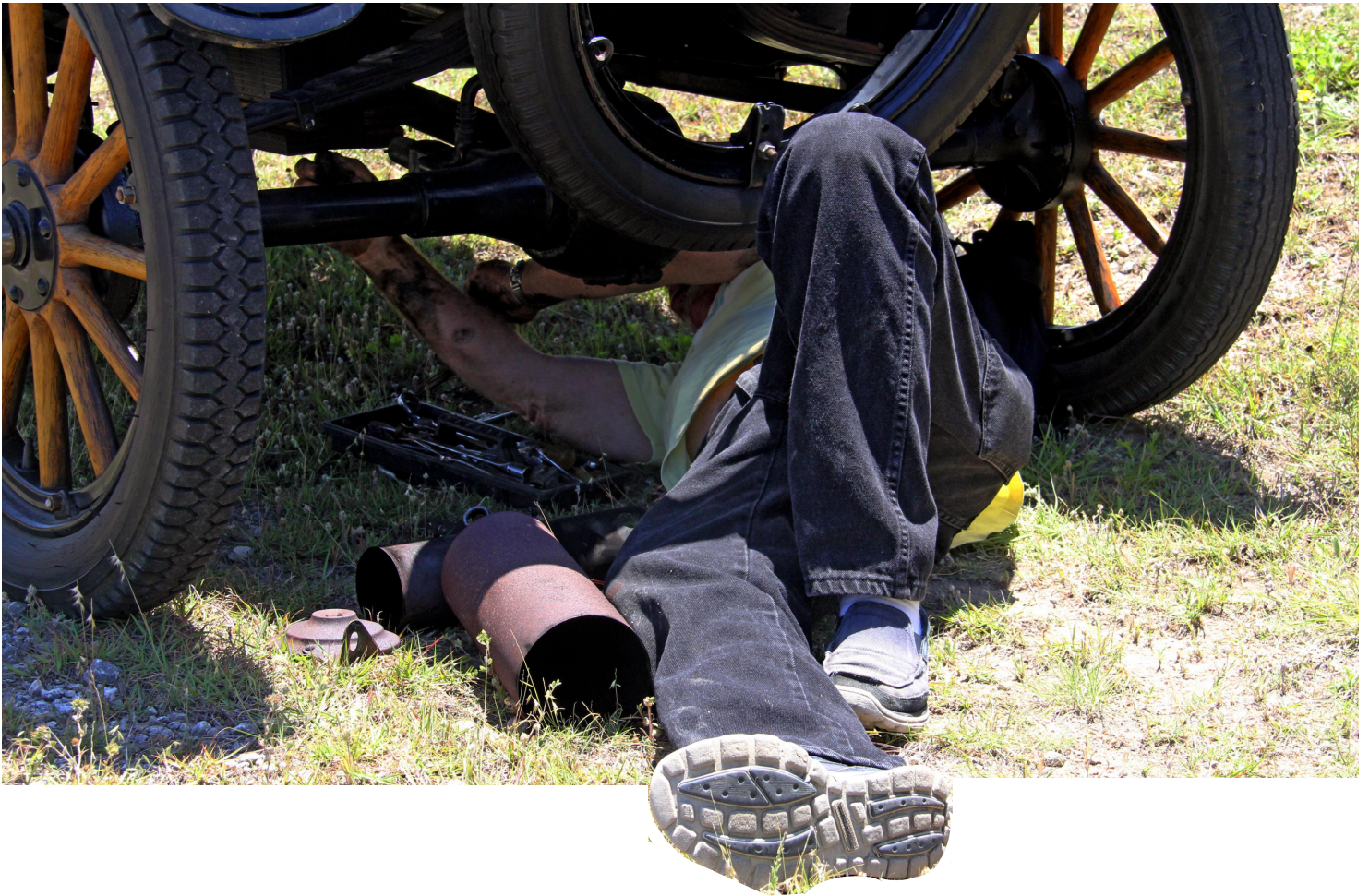
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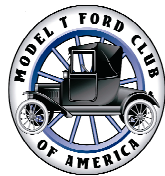
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On the Cover



Get Out and Get Under

Don Simmang ministers to a blown muffler on the Frio Canyon Tour.

To see how it all turned out, turn to page 4.

Bud Abbott & Lou Costello

ABBOTT: Driving a Model T is simple, Lou. You just have to remember the names of the controls.

You can drive a manual transmission, right?

COSTELLO: No problem, Abbott—I learned how to drive on a stick. So okay, where's the stick?

ABBOTT: Well, there IS no stick. You put your left foot to the floor and you're in first.

COSTELLO: With my left foot.

ABBOTT: Right.

COSTELLO: No, you said "left."

ABBOTT: That's right: left.

COSTELLO: Well, which IS it?

ABBOTT: Which is what?

COSTELLO: Which is first?

ABBOTT: Your left foot.

COSTELLO: My LEFT foot.

ABBOTT: Right.

COSTELLO: Right?

ABBOTT: No, left.

COSTELLO: Left.

ABBOTT: Right. And when you lift your foot, you're in second.

COSTELLO: So, there's no stick?

ABBOTT: No stick.

COSTELLO: Okay, what about the clutch?

ABBOTT: The clutch is the pedal on the left.

COSTELLO: Good, at least THAT'S normal.

ABBOTT: The gear-shift is the clutch.

COSTELLO: What? Let me understand this; the gear-shift is the CLUTCH?

ABBOTT: Except for reverse.

COSTELLO: And where's THAT?

ABBOTT: Middle pedal.

COSTELLO: So the brake is really reverse.

ABBOTT: I guess you could say that.

COSTELLO: I just DID say dat!

ABBOTT: Right.

COSTELLO: WHAT'S right?

ABBOTT: Right is the brake.

COSTELLO: But shouldn't that be the gas pedal?

ABBOTT: Well, that pedal actually makes the car stop.

COSTELLO: WHAT? You say the gas pedal makes it STOP?

Well, if the gas pedal makes it stop, then what's that pedal in the middle?

ABBOTT: Reverse. Oh, and to put it in neutral, you pull the lever back to the middle.

COSTELLO: Okay—Well, at least that's normal—

WAIT A MINUTE, ABBOTT!

I thought you said there WAS no stick!

ABBOTT: Well, the stick is the brake.

COSTELLO: Hold it! You just said the brake was the gas pedal! —Then where's the gas pedal?

ABBOTT: That's lever on the right side of the steering column.

COSTELLO: Oh! The gear shift!

ABBOTT: You shift gears with the left pedal.

COSTELLO: Yeah, the left pedal is the clutch.

ABBOTT: Right.

COSTELLO: What?—But you said the right pedal is the brake.

ABBOTT: Right.

COSTELLO: Okay!

ABBOTT: And when you want to shift into high, you push the big lever on the floor all the way forward.

COSTELLO: But you said that was the brake, Abbott.

IN UNISON: Right.

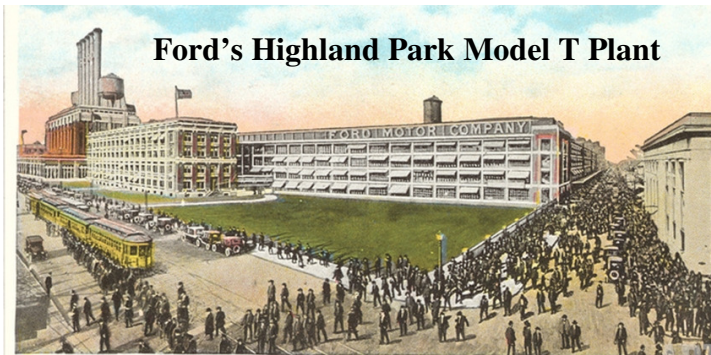


Bud and Lou

Notice - Meeting Date Change

Lazybrook Baptist Church will be hosting their annual Daily Vacation Bible School during the week our club traditionally conducts its monthly meeting. Please make a mental and calendar note that for the month of July we will meeting at 7:30 PM on July 16, NOT July 9.

**So remember;
The July Meeting will be held on July 16 !!!**



2014 Calendar of Coming Events

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 / rodneyttu@aol.com

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



Hosted by the San Diego Model T Club

July 16 Space City T's Meeting
2014

October 1-4 2014 Texas T Party
San Angelo, Texas
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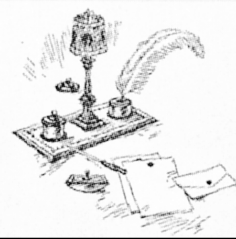
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Cost: Free to Members & Invited Guests

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Frio Canyon Tour May 15 – 18 Hosted by the Texas Tin Lizzies

By Diann Broughton Hoops

Preparing for this tour has been stressful. Robert has been working on the '27 to get it in running condition. He got a drag link from Ross and that has helped tremendously. We think it is ready for a tour. Monday night storm rolled thru most of Texas. In Burton we got 4.5 inches of rain with lightning and thunder; Abby was terrified. Tuesday was spent packing and loading. Wednesday skies are overcast but outlook is lovely. Hope we have everything we need as Rio Frio ain't got a Walmart.

Thursday: The morning dawns clear and cold. 43 degrees! It was 45 inside since I had left the A/C running last night. Brrrrrrrr! Interesting morning. Our T died about ¼ mile out. It seems the fuel line is clogged. Robert had filled the gas tank to the brim and thinks that may be the culprit. Car started and stopped repeatedly with Brinson and Ross helping each time. Finally the 'rest' of us decided to go on to the low water crossing so I could get the picture taking started. I rode with Tommy and Patsy Supak and they ferried me across water. Took off my shoes and got two shots of each car coming across. After waiting for others to catch up, Jim and Sandra decided to go while I elected to remain. AM I NUTS! I had nothing except my camera – no phone (coverage or not), no money, no credit cards, not even the keys to the motorhome were I able to find a ride back there. FINALLY, Brinson, Ginger, David, and Tom appeared. They had gotten lost but a pickup led them here (thank goodness). I hitched a ride with David. Good thing as no one else made it to the crossing. Apparently Alton Hues had a flat and that slowed them up and then they all got lost! Some of us met up at the filling station but no Robert. Group decide to continue on to Uvalde for the lunch stop. People kept getting separated but we (David and Tom and me) made it to the Oasis. Robert and Abby were there much to my relief. We ate lunch and then went to the airport to meet the EMS helicopter. (Jessica Norman is Supak's daughter; she joined the group Thursday night.)

Next on to The First State Bank of Uvalde. Mr. Dillard, Senior Vice President, gave the tour regaling us with anecdotes from Dolph Briscoe's tenure. The bank is filled with antiques and fine art which Mr. Briscoe bought for the bank (and I am certain by the bank). It is now 4:30 pm so Robert, me and Abby left Uvalde to head back to camp. Got home barely before 6 pm. We elected to skip the group supper and the trip to see the bats; we are whipped.



Friday: I'm having withdrawal symptoms without phone service or Internet! Around 9 am people start leaving and eventually most meet at the historic Leakey courthouse. All day long we meet and separate from one group or another. When we are furthest from home (and civilization) we get a flat tire! Ran over a nail. My heroes, Michael McDonald and his friend, Austin Payne, changed the tire for Robert. Everyone following stopped to either help or watch. We were quickly back on the road but with no spare.

Day warmed up considerably so we put the top up. Abby and I are getting too warm. She has been a joy and perfect angel traveling with us. Everyone has commented on what a good dog she is; some even question if she is a GSP since she is so laid back (LOL). We eat lunch in Camp Wood at Two Fat Boys BBQ "Never trust a skinny cook" (recommended by the local newspaper owner). Robert bought me (and Abby) a plate of sliced beef, potato salad and beans with two slices of bread. We ate everything except the jalapenos. Very tasty.

On the road we make it home without further incident. Arrive before 4 with car back firing; apparently fuel line is getting clogged again. After a brief rest we drive down to the water. A couple floated by; the guy had a large dog in the tube with him then his other dog (also large) climbed aboard as well! Dogs had their own tubes but preferred riding on his. There was a giant cypress tree so I had to do my tree hugging bit. Mary Ann and Don Simmang came for a visit; they always make us laugh. As they left I stepped out and the stars overhead were beautiful. Lovely day, lovely evening, and now time for a good night.

Saturday: Today is longest and hardest day. Michael is having car problems and has to get a tow inside the campground! Seems everyone is having troubles of one sort or another. I guess that is standard for Model T's. Still there are so many knowledgeable folks and they are all willing to pitch in and help. That's what it is all about.

Robert checks the 'old' spare which is on the rear right and discovers it is coming apart! He says *he thinks it will last the day*. How reassuring. We make it to Utopia where Robert goes in for a cup of coffee with the folks having breakfast at Lost Maples Inn. We check the spare and it is further deteriorating after only 15 miles. Go by local tire shop (closed) and call emergency number. We meet young man at the shop and he pulls out the nail. After discovering tube is ruined, Robert gets one from David. We are back on the road with the 'old' spare on the back and the flat tire fixed and on the car. Don and Mary Ann hung around and the four of us decide to skip Bandera. We find out later we went the 'scary' way which the others had avoided. About 11 miles out of Medina, Don's muffler system fell apart (this is just after the really steep place - thank goodness). We were in the lead and had pulled over to wait for them to catch up. We became concerned and circled back and found them on the side of the road. Large diesel pickup had stopped to help (people are really nice here). Don could not reassemble the muffler but was able to use Robert's bailing wire to tie exhaust pipe in place. *See, you really do need bailing wire in a Model T tool kit!*

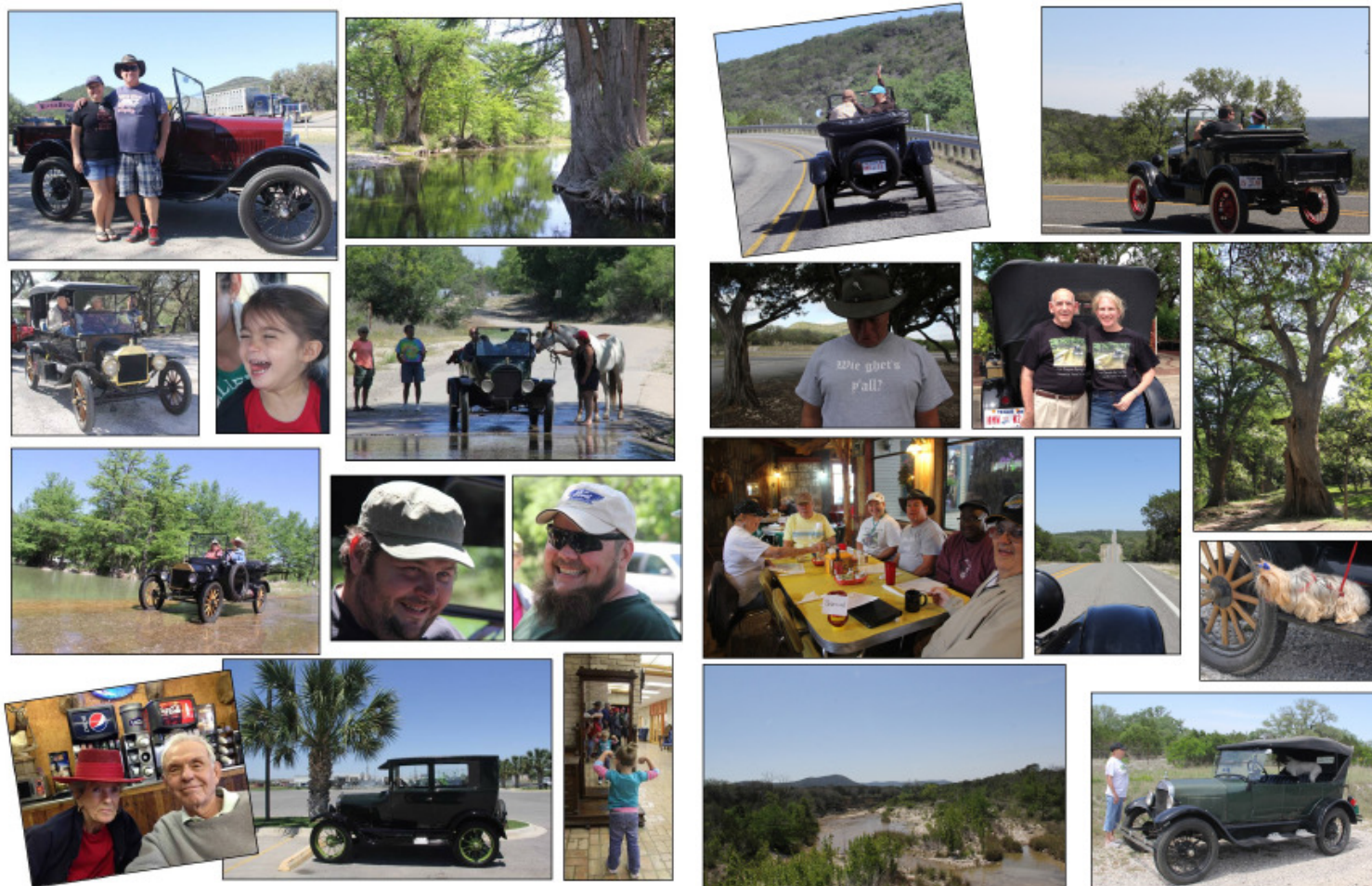
We arrive at The Apple Store for lunch – yummy. Robert and I split a cup of ice cream for dessert and Abby got a piece of my bun and to lick the cup. The Simmangs and us discuss the way to return to camp. I can't get it straight which was the scary road (not knowing we had already done it). Finally decide not to go back exactly like we came but to take 337 to Leakey. This has some real hills and even switch backs like Colorado. We did pretty good and had to pull over only once to drain carburetor (water?). Fill up with gas in Leakey and head for home. *I would like to mention how nice the bikers were.* With the lovely weather there were lots of motorcycles on all the back roads. Invariably they were polite and very patient following us up hills; they were either waving or giving us thumbs up or trying to take our picture.

I take a shower after downing a bottle of cold water. Robert is loading the car and Abby is tapped out. She got a goat-head sticker in left front foot where the muffler died and is now limping on two legs. Poor baby. (She has injured muscle on her right rear leg and is taking anti-inflammatory drugs for it. Doesn't seem to be helping much.) Mary and Don stopped by after I went to bed. Said they were tired and were going to bed early too.

Sunday: Up before 6 and stripped the bed. Left just after 7 am and saw a hawk. I yelled "Look!" Abby definitely understands that word ... she was up on the dashboard lickity split. Finally get Verizon phone signal and Internet. Yeah. Sun is coming out and we are headed east. Should be home by noon.

Thank you, Jim and Sandra Ruhmann, for organizing this Spring adventure in such a lovely place. Saw quite a bit of wild game including deer, antelope, turkeys, and some exotics. *I missed the giraffe.* There were wildflowers and the cactus was blooming. Many hit the river every night and had a bon fire with or without cookouts. Never did get a 'good' car count but it was close to 20 though not all were running at the same time! I believe the head count was 44. I don't know if I have all the names right (sorry for any mistakes). Here goes:

Jim and Sandra Ruhmann; Ross and Jennifer Lilleker with Vivian and Courtney; Brinson and Ginger Burks; David and Kristi McBride; Tom Black; Jeff Cordes and Melissa Curlin; Luke Cordes with Stephanie and Patrick Prihoda; Ken Parker with Jim Haney; Michael and Mandy McDonald with Austin Payne; Daniel McDonald; Broderick Thompson; Toni Marino and Debbie; James and Lori Deatherage with daughter, son-in-law, Abigail and Chandler; Betty and Dean Dockery; Tommy and Patsy Supak; Alton Hues with daughter, Toledo; Tom and Diane Supak; Don and Mary Ann Simmang; and Robert and me



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
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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.



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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
936-448-1550

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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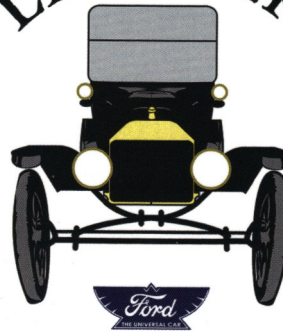
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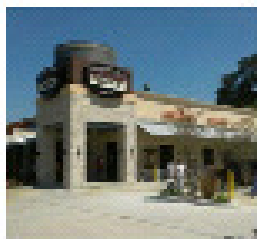
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More Photos From The Frio Canyon Tour





Next Meeting

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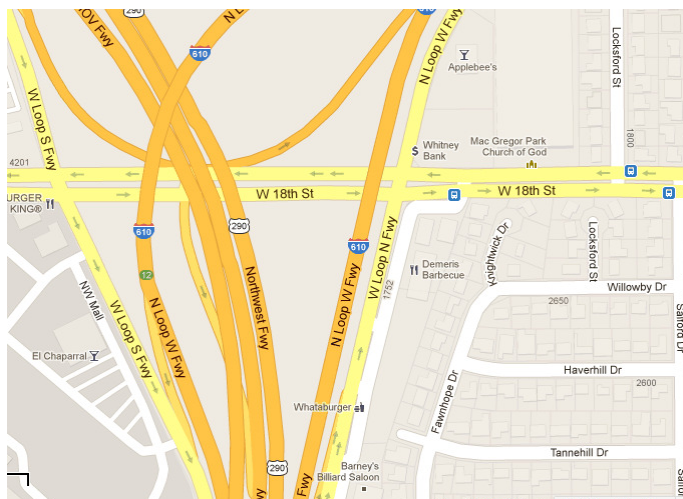
**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**
located at 1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008

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 American Road”



Directions to Demeris BBQ

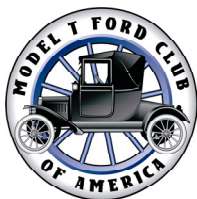
From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be right after Houston Garden Nursery.

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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