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Model T enthusiasts reenact 1911 ascent of Ben Nevis in Scotland

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MODEL T HOMECOMING

3 Days of Fun
JUNE 4-6
Tours 4th & 5th

IN THE
DEPOT DISTRICT
AND
Model T Museum
309 N. 8th Street — Richmond, IN

Saturday
Open to the Public
FREE

Guaranteed
GOOD TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 • CELEBRATION EVENT
Activities Begin at 8 AM • Rain or Shine!

PRE-1945 **ALL-FORD** SWAP MEET & SHOW-N-TELL
MODEL T RARITIES • EARLY FORD MEMORABILIA
FOOD VENDORS • FRESH POPCORN • AND MORE
SATURDAY NIGHT MEET & EAT AT FIREHOUSE BBQ AND BLUES

ONE DAY ONLY
Saturday
FREE
ADMISSION
Model T Museum

June 4th Tour
Free 1/2 Day Tour
Richmond Highlights

June 5th Tour
Free Full Day Tour
2008 Centennial Highlights

Fun for the whole family!

*For the latest news or to register
for Swap Meet or Show-N-Tell:
www.mtfca.com under "Homecoming"*

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2015 Calendar of Coming Events

April 8 **Space City T's Meeting**

April 18

Thrill of the Hill Hot Rod and Classic car Show
Soap box Derby grudge races
Hockley Derby Park
Contact ghsbd@hotmail.com
Reg.form ghsbd.org/carshow

April 24

Robinson Elementary
#rd Grade Inventors Day
Contact Bell Sherril

July 12-17
2015

MTFCA's National Tour
Celebrating the MTFCA's 50th year
Cochrane, Alberta, CANADA.
Hosted by The Foothills
Model T Club of Calgary

Dues Are Due

The deadline for dues payment is January 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid up. Dues are still \$25.00 per year

Do not send dues to the editor

Send all dues to our treasurer for 2015,

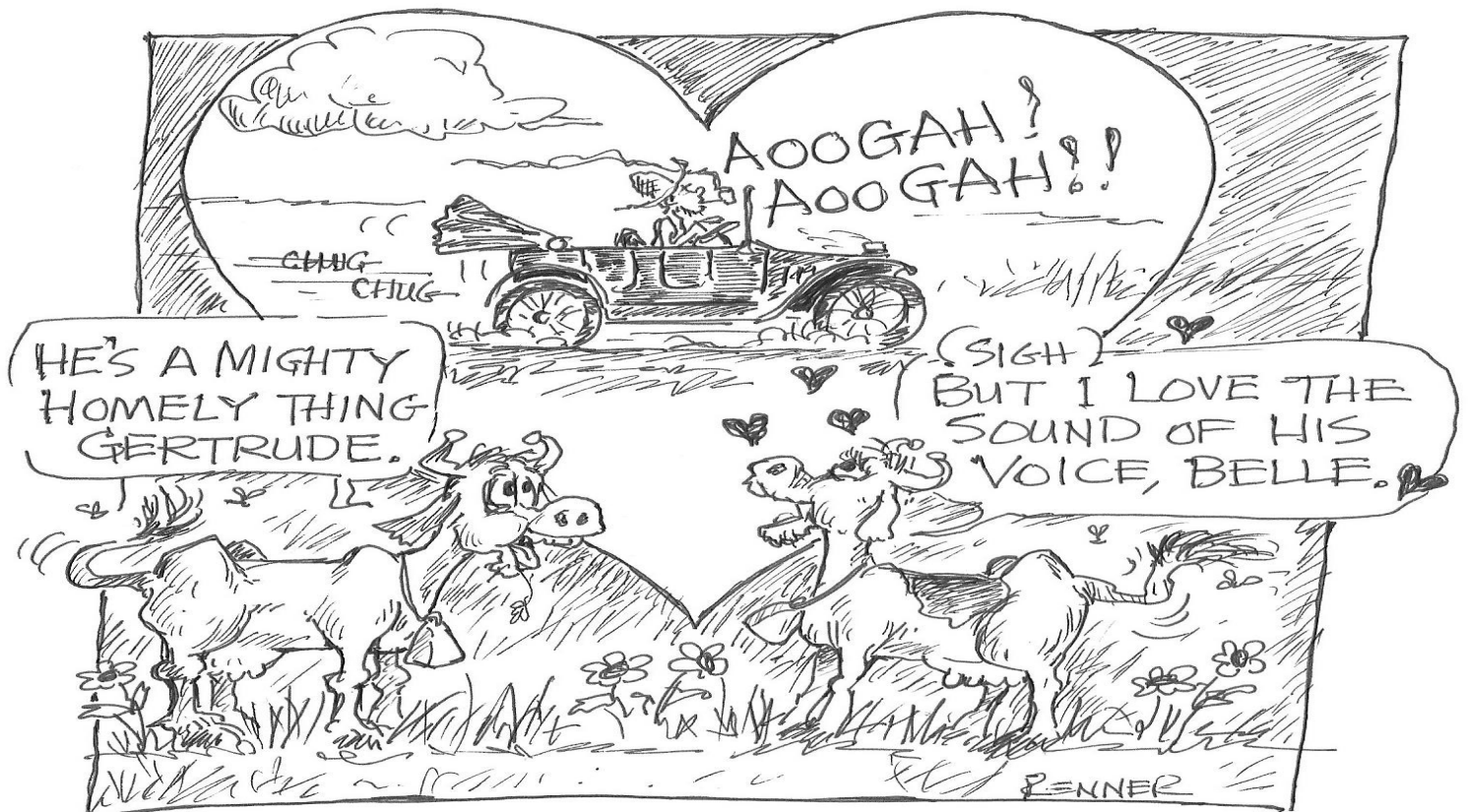
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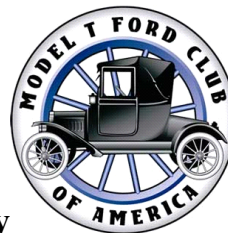
NOTE: Dues are not tax deductible. To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status with the IRS.

PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN HOUSE NUMBER IS 2115





**38th Annual Texas T-Party
Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 2015
Uvalde, Texas**



It is time to mark your calendars for the 38th Annual Texas T-Party. This year's event will be in Uvalde, Texas. We will start the tour on Wednesday morning Sept. 30th, and will close it with the banquet on Saturday evening October 3.

There are very scenic roads in this area with steep hills so have your cars, especially the brakes, in top condition. We will have alternate routes on some of these roads.

The Hampton Inn will be the host hotel and the Holiday Inn Express right across the street will be the over flow hotel. We will have to use both hotels to hold everyone. Rates at both hotels are \$92. Mention the Texas T-Party when you call. Neither hotel allows pets but the Quality Inn does. Make your reservations now you can cancel later if you need to. This is a busy time for them so we need to fill up the rooms blocked and they will add more to it. Trailer parking will be either in a field next to the Hampton Inn or a paved parking lot at the nearby civic enter.

Tour fees will be \$175 for the car & driver, passengers will be \$150 and children 12 and under will be free. We will accommodate a few single day visitors—call for a daily amount—but if riding more than one day, please figure the full tour amount. We will need to know how many are attending on Wednesday's tour to get a lunch total.

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Holiday Inn Express 830-278-7300
Quality Inn 855-849-1513

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Now, put it on your schedule, and tell your family and friends.

When I got my T back in 2007, my friend Art Ellis sent me a Model T story. Today he gave me permission to publish it, so I am sending it to you.

Bill Severn

An Early Model T Story from Art Ellis.

(Editors note: Mr. Art Ellis is one of the founding members of The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, Pennsylvania. At the tender age of 95, Art is still active with the Trolley Museum. When Art heard that his friend Bill Severn had purchased a Model T Ford, Art sent the below story of his experience with a Model T Ford on a winter day in the late 1930's.)

"Your note about restoring a 1916 Model T reminds me of an adventure which I had with one many years ago (shortly before WW II).

At the time I was living in Vermont and a friend was the possessor of a 1914 'T' touring car. One fine winter day he invited me to go skiing at Mount Mansfield, a journey of about 25 miles. The conveyance was the 'T'. We had no problem getting there and enjoyed the day on the slopes.

About the time we started home, a freezing rain started, coating the windshield thoroughly. No problem, my friend simply stood up and looked over the top of the windshield until we got to Stowe and got some razor blades to scrape the glass.

About that time the rain turned to a wet snow. After a while cylinders quit one after another because the ignition wires were in terrible shape. And then it got dark, and headlights were needed. Unfortunately, the magneto refused to power the one working plug when the headlights were on. So we sputtered along blind until my friend called "Lights", whereupon I grabbed the floor mounted light switch and pulled it On. As soon as he was oriented, and just before the car was about to stall, the driver would yell "Off", and we would sputter along.

Believe it or not, we made it back to Montpelier. At the edge of town we stopped for gas. Big mistake! No amount of cranking would get it to start. So my friend called his brother who came down with his Buick to tow us home. Unfortunately a steep hill intervened and the Buick couldn't tow us up the snowy road just a few hundred feet from home. So down came Dad with his Buick. The two couldn't tow.

Fortunately their Dad was the Superintendent of the Vermont State Highway Department garage. He moved the 'T' out there and put it to bed in a warm, dry stall. The next day it was fine.

I thought you might find this story interesting.

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



Vintage Ford Magazines for Sale Approximately 115 books total. Earliest 1968, latest 2005. Most issues are between 1980 and 1989. Some issues missing, a few issues duplicates. Also 7 Model T Times books 1980 to 82. Great reference for a new Model T'er. \$35.00 takes them all. I will deliver to Space City T's monthly meeting. Bill Severn 936-443-8006

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 trans-



MODEL "T" FORD FOR SALE - \$16,000 or reasonable offer. Clunker 2 is a 1926 Model "T" Ford touring car in excellent condition, painted green with black fenders. The car starts and runs good. Equipped it with an alternator. It is equipped with an after-market water pump, which greatly improves water cooling. The car has a nearly new cloth top, which looks very pretty.

David (Corky) Renner. Call for Model-T for sale at **713-301-7620** or **281-386-8256** or **832-386-**



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: 1922 Touring T Dads old T

1927 Motor, 6 Volt Electric, no rust or dings, runs good, good top and upholstery. Asking \$9,000.

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

For Sale: Two Model T's



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.

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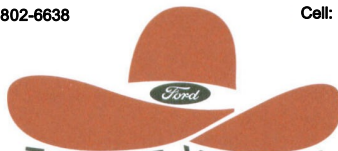
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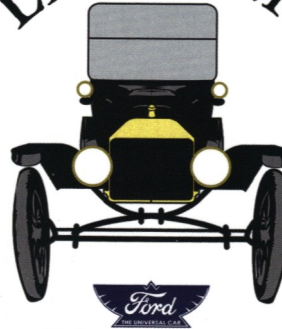
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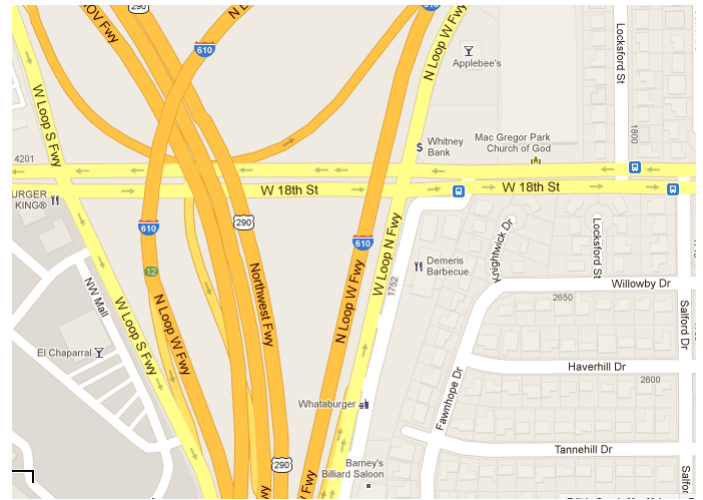
**Next Meeting
April 8, 2015**



**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**



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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