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A VISIT TO MINNESOTA

by Doug Brough

Doug Brough and family spent the 4th of July weekend with relatives in Cook, MN, about 80 miles south of the Canadian border. It is a small cozy town, with a population of 572 as per Google. We stayed in a hotel in the downtown area and went walking around one day. We came across these murals depicting various scenes of yesteryear. We thought folks might enjoy this scene with the Model T. And lest the summer heat gets you down, enjoy this winter scene with the steam train.

Makes me feel cold just looking at it!

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60th Annual MTFCI National Tour

July 16 - 22, 2016 in Auburn, New York -- by Jennifer Lilleker - http://mrmodelt.com/

Every year for the last sixty years the MTFCI has sponsored an annual national tour for it's members. This year the tour was in upstate New York in the Finger Lakes Region. Dan and Ellen Killecut and their team organized a week long tour for just under 300 cars! No small feat! We went to enjoy the beauty of miles of rolling hills and farmlands as well as the Finger and Great Lakes. Back roads took us to some interesting villages, wineries and museums all that were quaint and relaxing. We met up with old friends and made some new ones too! We certainly enjoyed seeing all the cars, each and everyone of them unique!

MODEL T FORD CLUB INTERNATIONAL
60th ANNUAL SUMMER TOUR
CENTRAL NEW YORK
JULY 17-22, 2016
Finger Lakes, Farm Lands, and T's

Saturday, July 16th. Once we arrived at the Holiday Inn and registered for the tour, we unpacked our car and went for a swim in the indoor pool. We were at the pool a lot over the week. We were glad to finally be in Auburn and we enjoyed greeting people as they arrived. While Ross attended a MTFCI board meeting, the girls and I explored the town and had dinner.

Sunday, July 17th. Today the tour took us to Emerson Park on Lake Owasco. There the group had a car show and a BBQ chicken lunch. We took our tour picture and enjoyed the afternoon visiting with friends. After a short drive around the area we were treated to a dessert party to welcome us! Yum!

Monday, July 18th. We started the day in historic Seneca Falls where the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" was based on. Rich in history, we visited a old Episcopal Church that houses authentic Tiffany glass windows. The Museum of Waterways and Industry had quite a few hands on exhibits which my girls enjoyed! After a quick walk through the town we got back on the road and headed for lunch at Three Brothers Winery Complex. A full morning left the girls tired out and they fell asleep in the car, so we drove past the Rose Hill Mansion a National Historic Landmark built in 1837. It looked grand, but not the type of place to take tired children. Our afternoon was filled with beautiful scenic drives along Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. There are rolling hills and family farms everywhere! Some of them are owned by Mennonites, and we crossed paths with horse and buggies a few times. We then headed back to the hotel for dinner and special kid's activities which included a Caricature artist!

Tuesday, July 19th. Today began with a tour of a Private Police Car Collection. Then we were off to the MacKenzie-Childs factory. They make unique hand painted decor and furnishings. What is a Model T tour without a daily ice cream stop? Today was no exception. The ice cream is pretty good around here (not BlueBell, but good). There are many dairy farms in the area.

Tonight the tour hosted a Bluegrass band and more playtime for the kiddos. We have really enjoyed this tour so far. We are lucky our little cousin, Jackson, is here having fun with us! Model T'ing really is a family affair!

Wednesday, July 20th. On Wednesday we visited the town of Weedsport and stopped at the Weedsport Speedway Museum for a donut break. Some of the cars on the tour even drove around the dirt track!! Next, we got lost in the Oswego College Campus and finally made it to Lake Ontario for a boxed lunch The lake was so big it was more like an ocean, with waves and a beach. You couldn't even see the other side. Again, we missed the afternoon stop in lieu of a nap. The Killecuts opened their home for us to tour their collection of cars and take a break from driving.

Thursday, July 21st. The highlight of today and possibly the whole tour was the Finger Lakes Live Steamers train rides. This model train community has a great track going and was more than happy for us to ride every train, over and over again!! Ross particularly liked the steam train that ran on coal!! After being the last ones to leave, we continued on the drive along the Historic Erie Canal and into the Village of Palmyra. The day finished off with the kids painting a Model T wooden craft and everyone helping themselves to ice cream sandwiches before the Youth Auction got on the way.

Friday, July 22nd. Starting with a full tank of gas, we headed to the Village of Skaneateles. Today was their Curbstone Festival and sidewalk sale and the little tourist town on the lake was bustling. We stopped just short of the village (and the crowds) and had a great sandwich lunch at a country store. Vernak Country Store was a treat. A couple of good hills today had us hungry!! Skaneateles Lake is the highest and arguably the cleanest of the main finger lakes. It's all the way downhill to Syracuse.

After the shorter day, we headed back for the closing banquet and a pizza and pool party for the kids. It has been an excellent tour! We have thoroughly enjoyed hanging out with friends, driving our cars, seeing the historic sites and feeling the cooler breezes on our skin. Now, exhausted, we head back to Texas' summer heat.

South African Visitor

By Bill Severn

Reading the MTFCA Forum on June 27th I came across a thread by South African MTFCA member Ockert Van der Berg. Ockert said that he was passing through Houston on June 29th on a business trip and wanted to touch base with some Model T people. I, along with two others, responded to the thread and I invited Ockert to call when he arrived. Unfortunately his layover was only over-night and I only got to talk with him by phone. His return trip, a month or so later, would have a layover in excess of 24 hours. I asked him to call when he came back on his return trip, that I would pick him up at the airport and that he should plan to spend the night at my house. He promised he would.

Ockert is an employee of the Nestle company and is a manufacturing automation expert. He certifies food processing and packaging systems as ready for operation in Nestle's plants. Nestle sends him all over the world to certify its new plants.

The return trip got rescheduled several times but Ockert finally arrived on July 26th. The weather was good and Model T's were handy so some driving around The Woodlands was done.

Nearby lives John Mays, owner of two Model T cars. A quick call found John at home. A short drive to Conroe and we were looking at John's fine cars.

Ockert owns a couple of Model T cars and talked to us about restoring Model T's in South Africa. Parts are very scarce. Vendors are in the US, which makes parts very expensive to buy, ship and pay duty on. So the South African restorers make a lot of their own parts. Here it becomes really amazing. He showed me photos (sorry I didn't get copies) of brass radiators that they hand made. They were beautiful. Just as amazing, fenders, made from scratch. Restoring down there is a real challenge.

Another challenge is titling and registering a car. South African rules require that any car registered or titled in South Africa MUST be right hand drive. No exceptions, not even for antique cars. Ockert has a friend who is restoring an older Model T (1912 I think) a left hand drive car that is being converted temporarily to a right hand drive, just to qualify for registration. It will go back to original when the paperwork is done.

In South Africa they do not have a Model T club, just an old car club. So, everybody drives, they just allow time for the Model T's to catch up. Still, sounds like a great place and sounds like a lot of fun.

Help support Houston area veterans at the sixth annual Guitars N' Cars Auto Show

Houston October 2016. Start your engines and save the date for the Houston Construction Industry Charities' sixth annual fundraising extravaganza, the *Guitars N' Cars Auto Show & VIP Benefit*. Scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at the Sam Houston Race Park, this big Houston family event is all about classic cars, vintage guitars and veterans, with funds raised once again benefiting U.S.VETS-Houston.

The show kicks off at 12pm on Saturday, October 22nd with the Guitars N' Cars Auto Show, which is open to the public and runs until 5pm, showcasing American classics, exotics, hot rods, muscle machines, cars, trucks and motorcycles galore. It's a rain or shine, family-friendly gathering, with live music, VIP tent and a kid's zone offering pedal car races, Trunk or Treat, bounce houses and games. The Guitars N' Cars VIP Benefit, from 6-10 pm, is an adult-only celebration with live music, a fantastic guitar display courtesy of Fuller's Guitar, silent and live auctions, dinner, drinks and a "Top 40" display of celebrated motorcars.

Houston Construction Industry Charities was founded with a mission to unite local construction industry resources in giving back to the local community. As in previous years, the 501c(3) non-profit is committed to raising money for the Houston U.S. Vets program, helping with housing, job placement and the general daily needs of over 500 veterans. Over the past five years it has built a much needed state of the art commercial kitchen for the Houston U.S. Vets facility (2012-2013), purchased a transport van (2014), donated a further $65,000 in 2014 and another $100,000 directly in 2015. In the process of all of this, it has raised a staggering **1.4 MILLION DOLLARS** in goods, services and monetary donations.

Guitars N' Cars serves as the Houston Construction Industry Charities' main annual fundraiser and all levels of participation help fuel the cause. General admission to the Auto Show is $10 for adults and $5 for children (or free with a donated item from the needs list). Vehicle entry registration in the Auto Show is $25 and all makes, models and years are welcome. Cars can be registered in advance or on the day itself. Tickets to the evening Guitars N' Cars VIP Benefit are $50. Visit www.hcias.com, for full details on admission, car registration, event sponsorship and trade booths, call 281-356-5777 or email Kaleigh Clunn at kclunn@clunnacoustical.com. You can also keep up to the minute on all the news by liking Guitars N' Cars on Facebook at facebook.com/guitarsncarshouston

About U.S. VETS-Houston. *The United States Veterans Initiative (U.S. VETS) is committed to the successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive support. Founded in 1998, U.S.VETS-Houston currently has a location in Midtown and a service center in downtown Houston. U.S.VETS-Houston serves over 500 veterans daily.*

Join us for a Fun Day Trip to the *HEMI HIDEOUT* - Saturday September 10th 2016 (Rain or Shine)

To All Members & Friends, Relatives or other Car Clubs:

JUST A REMINDER

For T's or trailers driving, meet at 8:30 am at the West Memorial Elementary School 22311 Provincial Blvd. Katy, TX. The auditorium parking lot is toward rear of the school and at the side. The cross street is Promenade Blvd. We will leave at 9:30 am sharp. I will provide maps along the way.

Also

First stop is at the Katy Heritage Museum 6002 George Bush Drive and Ave. D in downtown Katy. Others driving their personal cars can meet us there. They are opening early just for us! Really great place they have three beautiful T's, farm equipment and all antiques from the area. Then on to Midway BBQ and Smokehouse about 11:30 am at 6025 (old) 90 West for lunch, paid on your own. We have a reservation spot for our group. After lunch we will drive to Hemi Hideout (an amazing place) at 1172 Wilpitz Rd. Brookshire. We will go in as a group at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. There is a $5.00 per person charge - Rosie will collect before entering (Hemi Hideout does not allow any children under 12 yrs. of age). We get unlimited beer (please drive responsibly) soft drinks, appetizers, cookies and ice cream.

A lot of fun trading stories with other antique car lovers! Hope you can join us all day or any part of the day .

Please respond ASAP for a head count to:

Rosie Stokley (832) 444-9927

Model Ts Invited to attend and display at:

What: **Aldersgate United Methodist Church Bazaar**

When: October 15, 10:00a to 4:00p

Where: 13217 FM 1764, Santa Fe, Texas

This is a static display at the Church's Bazaar. There is Food, and Craft vendors on site. There is also and antique tractor and engine show. Parking for tow vehicles is available close by.

Plan to be on site by 9:30am

For additional information contact **Bobby Wright at 409-771-5548**

A Festival of Living History

Oct 21—22

George Ranch Historical Park

10215 FM 762 Road

Richmond TX 77469

Contact **Matt Driggers**

mdriggers@georgeranch.org

39th Annual TEXAS T PARTY

Sept 28th - Oct 1, 2016

Stephenville, Texas

Cowboy Capital of the World

Hosted by Space City T's

Preparations are well underway for this years Texas T's Party, returning to Stephenville, Texas for four days of driving, sightseeing, eating and this year's added attraction - the 9th Annual Ranger Fly-In.

We are planning excursions to Hico, Glen Rose, Dublin, DeLeon, Commanche and then on Saturday to Ranger to spend the day at the Fly-In with over 100 antique airplanes at a vintage grass airstrip that once welcomed Amelia Earhart.

As previously advertised the Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express
121 S. Lockhart, Stephenville, TX 254-965-8899
We fully booked this hotel in less than 30 days, you can call and be added to a waiting list in case there are cancellations, but if you have not yet booked a room please do so now as we will be sharing Stephenville with the parents of Tarleton University this same weekend and all rooms will be sold.
First alternate - Make your reservations here:
La Quinta Inns & Suites - 105 Christy Plaza - 254-918-2444
This hotel is pet friendly, refer to Texas T Party when making your reservation to get the rate of: Single King - $115.00++ 2 Doubles - $105.00++
This hotel is next door to the Holiday Inn - serves breakfast.

RV Parking - Lost Creek RV Park - Contact Jason
1962 US-281, Stephenville, TX 76401 254-965-6223
He would not give me rates, please contact him for rates and availability.

Tour fees will be $175.00 for the car & driver, passengers will be $150.00 each and children 12 and under are no charge. We will be able to accommodate a few single day visitors - contact me for pricing for the specific day, but if your visitors are riding more than one day they will need to pay the full tour pricing.
The registration form is included, please complete and mail back with full payment no later than August 15th.
Note that Inspections Forms will be mailed separately at a later date, you will be required to turn in your inspection form at the time you receive your registration package at the tour, we want to make sure all cars are inspected and road worthy prior to starting the tour.

Fire Truck Pull & Car Show

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Bellaire City Hall (directly in front)
7008 S Rice Ave, Bellaire, TX 77401

Fire Truck Pull

Play "tug of war" with a fire truck in support of Special Olympics Texas athletes and compete for bragging rights and prizes. It's excitement for all ages!

Schedule

8:00 a.m. Check-in
9:15 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
9:30 a.m. First Pull
Awards to follow

Registration

Fire Truck Pull Registration

$300 per team of 12 or $25 per person
T-shirt included with entry.

Awards

Fastest Public Safety Team (1st–3rd), Fastest Civilian Team (1st–3rd) and Most Money Raised

Car Show

Bring your favorite ride – hot rod, vintage, custom, motorcycle or just your daily driver, and enjoy a day of family-friendly fun in support of Special Olympics Texas athletes!

Schedule

7:00 a.m. Check-in and Day of Event Registration
9:00 a.m. Registration closes
Judging and Awards to follow

Registration

Car Show Registration

$25 Pre-registration or $30 Day of Event
Goodie bag & T-shirt for the first 50 entries.

Awards

Best of Show, People's Choice, Best Motorcycle, Best Exotic, Pre-40, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80 and up

Calendar of Events

Sept 10	08:30am - Day Trip Shakeout tour before T Party 1:00pm - Hemi Hideout Event
Sep 14	Space City T's Meeting
Sep 24	Rice University Antique car display in the football stadium parking lot at 10am. Contact Matthew Brandsema, Account Executive for Rice Athletics
Sep28-Oct2	Texas T Party in Stephenville
Oct 12	Space City T's Meeting
Oct 15	Aldersgate Methodist Church Bazaar, 9am-3pm in Santa Fe
Oct 21-22	Texian Market Days 2016 George Ranch Historical Park 10215 FM 762 Road Richmond, TX 77469
Oct 22	Bellaire Fire Truck Pull - $25 Bellaire City Hall 9:30 1st Pull
Oct 22	Guitars N' Cars Auto Show 12-5pm Sam Houston Race Pk.
Nov 9	Space City T's Meeting
Nov 12	Kingsbury Aerodrome Fly-In
Dec 4	Space City T's Holiday Dinner Sunday, 5:30PM Christie's Seafood House 6029 Westheimer Road

Flivver Flash Inputs Needed

Do You Have Something to Share? A Barn find, Funny and not so Funny Model T stories? Tour Photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, Restoration Photos or Swap meet finds? A special interest article?

We need articles and photos for our Flivver Flash news letter.

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For Sale: 1924 Model T Touring 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 engine was built with special updates. High compression head, aluminum pistons, stainless steel valves, hardened exhaust valve seat inserts, adjustable valve lifters, tour cam, modern spark plugs, alternator, modern carb and air filter. 12 volt system and signal lights. Asking $13,000. Contact: Robert Kirk 281-332-1701

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Next Meeting

September 14, 2016

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

NOTICE: FM 290 CONSTRUCTION DETOURS

If construction allows, 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 immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

If construction allows, 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 BBQ after the WhataBurger.

If construction allows, 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 BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.

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