The FLIVVER FLASH

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Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae

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Thank you and all the members of the Space City T's of Houston for the sponsoring of the spare tire carrier.

Trudy and I appreciate it very much that you help us getting the Model T on the road again.

Last weekend we had our first event in the garden of the Royal Palace in Holland with the (not completely ready) Model T.

We have very nice memories of our visits to your club during our tour through the USA in 2013.

We hope to continue our world tour next year to New Zealand and Australia. Greetings to all the members of your Model T Club and a big hug from,

Trudy and Dirk from Holland.

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2016 MTFCA Land Of Enchantment National Tour

Albuquerque, New Mexico -- Recap by Kathy Harris

Approximately 89 Model T's met at the Elegante Hotel in Albuquerque for the 2016 MTFCA National Tour. There was a meet & greet kick-off Fiesta Sunday evening, which included the first "Navigator's" meeting. Our tour books included altitude information for each day so that the drivers would be aware of necessary carburetor changes. Monday we drove out to Mountainair and then back thru several small villages to Albuquerque, total mileage was 157 for the day! Tuesday we packed up our luggage and drove the T's to Santa Fe, it was an easy drive, lunch on our own at a choice of restaurants, sight seeing and shopping galore. At the end of the day we checked in to the Buffalo Thunder Resort at a total of 90 miles.

Wednesday morning greeted us with temps in the 60's - being from Texas THAT was wonderful. We left the resort and headed for Bandalier National Monument and Los Alamos National Laboratory. It was a fun day, beautiful scenery, and an interesting time at Los Alamos. Thursday was the second longest driving day, 122 miles; we departed Buffalo Thunder with our luggage and headed back to Albuquerque. The "high" point of the trip was at 9,101 feet, making the climb out of Los Alamos to the Valles Caldera and then to Jemez Springs. We were treated to lunch by pueblo natives at the Walatowa Visitors Center. They served us native Indian tacos - flat bread with chili, lettuce, tomato, cheese and onions. It was VERY good. On the way back to the hotel in Albuquerque we were invited to the Azevedo's home for root beer floats and to see his shop and garage. That was AWESOME!

Friday was a "free" day to do what you wanted around Albuquerque. David and I ventured out to the antique shops out on Old Route 66, had lunch at a diner and then back to the hotel to rest up for the closing banquet.

Friday afternoon we learned that one of the participants from California had loaded his speedster into his trailer Thursday night with the anticipation of heading home Friday morning. When they went to the parking lot, their truck with the speedster inside, was gone!

It was reported to the Albuquerque Police Department - only knowing that it was stolen sometime from 9pm Thursday to 6:30am on Friday. At the banquet we learned that the pick up truck was recovered that afternoon - being used in a home robbery, but no news of the trailer containing the speedster.

I'm happy to report that on the MTFCA Forum, on July 19th the Speedster was recovered, it had been left off the side of the highway, no damage, key in the ignition and it runs! It is on the way back to California now by our MTFCA Club President - Larry Azevedo, he was on the call list for the local police, and picked it up rather than it being towed.

For those of you wondering - the temps in Albuquerque were very warm in the afternoon but with no humidity it was ok. In Santa Fe there was no "heat". I could move to the mountains there in an instant!

Photos taken by Kathy Harris - except the last one to the right of the green speedster, this is the stolen car after it was recovered and back at Larry's house, thought y'all would want to see what it looks like. The guy in the photo with the white speedster was not broken down, he was directing traffic, as was I when I was handed a flag to wave the cars in.

Shafted!

By Stan Hoekstra

Probably the most difficult aspect of the disassembly of the Model T rear axle and drive shaft is the removal of the pinion bearing sleeve. If you have a need to remove and replace the sleeve, or are replacing the drive shaft Hyatt roller bearing with a pinion tapered roller bearing; the sleeve *must* be removed. It can be extremely difficult to extract from the drive shaft.

A three jaw gear puller may be no match for the job. If it can't be pulled off, perhaps it can be pushed off. To this end, try the following:

Purchase a 1 ¼ inch x 5 foot steel pipe and matching coupling (Available from Lowes) and thread two together.

Purchase a 5/8 - 18 nut (Available from Ace Hardware). Grind the nut hex so that it is less than 1 inch in diameter.

Thread the nut on to the pinion end of the drive shaft so that it is flush with the end of the shaft. This is to provide structural rigidity to the threaded end of the shaft.

Place the pipe and coupling assembly over the drive shaft so that the coupling rests on the pinion thrust washer.

Place the pinion end of the drive shaft on a 2 inch thick plank.

Lift the pipe about three feet and let it drop.

After about 10 or 15 blows in this fashion, the sleeve should be driven down to the point where it is flush with the wood plank.

Then turn the pipe/shaft assembly over 180º so that the threaded end is now at the top, lift the shaft several feet and let it drop. The drive shaft is 54 inches in length and pipe/shaft is 61 inches long. This difference in lengths allows adequate room for displacement of the sleeve without damage to the drive shaft.

After about 10 more drops, the sleeve should be off the shaft, over the nut and totally separated from the shaft. Your results may vary depending on how much force is applied.

Considering the abuse received by the thrust bearing and washers, it is recommended that those components be scrapped.

To any club member who has a need to remove a pinion bearing sleeve; before running out and buying the equipment (pipe, coupling and nut) described above, contact me for free usage.

The Problem

The Tool Setup

Modified 5/8 - 18 Nut

Driving

Driving

Sleeve Off!

Mission Accomplished

A MODEL T BIRTHDAY FOR MARY

By Bill Severn

Mrs. Mary Bales, a resident of Shenandoah, Texas, turned 95 years young on April 24, 2016. She is a mentally sharp and active lady who loves to tell her family how she used

to drive Model T Ford cars. Before her birthday arrived, that remembrance of Model T's gave her family an idea. "What if we can get some Model T cars to come to Mary's birthday on the 24th". They contacted the Space City T's

and got the ball rolling. A call went out for cars and three responded. From the Space City T's came Denny Irvine and Bill Severn. From the far away Arkansas Tin Lizzies came Nellie and Bill Howell. Denny and the Howells would bring their roadster pickups while Bill would bring his Center Door Sedan.

April 24th dawned overcast but pleasant. At the appointed hour all three cars met and drove to the Bales' home. Out came Mary and her family on the porch. The surprise was total. Mrs. Bales was overwhelmed by her family's Model T birthday surprise.

Period hats were donned and Mary and her family got into the Model T's. A slow ride through the community with horns sounding brought birthday wishes from almost every house. After cake and ice cream, the fun began. Many

Model T rides around the community were given. Denny Irvine began giving the local kids Model T driving lessons. Denny, riding 'Roman style' on the driver side running board, had the kids checked out in no time. Luckily, no insurance agents or police were in the area.

Great fun was had by all.

Otto's Restaurant car show, Sugarland, TX

Alan Fairclough & Stephanie Oehrlein

Every Saturday evening, starting around 5 PM to dark, Otto's Restaurant in Sugarland has a free car show. Participants can be anything from trucks, muscle cars, dune buggies, Corvettes, Mustangs, conversions and anything that a V8 engine already has or will fit in.

We parked in a vacant spot and got our free drink tickets as show participants and watched the people

walk by and get their pictures taken next to our Model T. It gives me a warm fuzzy feeling to see people getting pictures of "Amelia" and especially when there are kids posing. Just imagine one day many years from now these kids will tell their grandchildren they actually saw a Ford Model T that was 92 years old at the time the picture was taken. There were awards for the winners but since they were judging trucks we had no chance to win anything. We had our dinner in the comfort of an air conditioned

restaurant and watched the car display get more and more visitors as the sun went down. They will have a FORD day in the next few months so we definitely don't want to miss that show.

July 4th parade in Meadows Place, TX

Alan Fairclough & Stephanie Oehrlein

Having missed the opportunity of participating in the same parade last year, we kept a keen eye on this year's parade. The registration arrived in the newsletter saying the deadline for registration was four days ago. Stephanie called and pleaded with the authorities and when she said we were driving a Ford Model T from 1924 they quickly agreed to let us in.

We offered the back seat for any dignitaries they might want parading but they said they had it already covered and did not need more available seats. With that in mind we invited our next door neighbor to sit in the back and parade with us. When we lined up for the parade they came and asked if we had a spare seat for someone important. We said we already had someone important riding with us and they did not dare ask our neighbor

who she was or how important she was.

The parade kicked off and although it was slow driving and very hot the mercury only crept up half way to the hole in the motor meter. We saw several friends on the way and lots of thumbs up, plenty of pictures and people complimenting us on the car. I am sure we will be pictured in the next newsletter.

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.

39th Annual Texas T Party - Registration Form

September 28th - October 1st - Stephenville, Texas

PLEASE PRINT / TYPE IN ALL INFORMATION - RETURN BY AUGUST 15TH

DRIVER: _____ **CELL #** _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ **MTFCA Chapter:** _____

PASSENGER 1: _____ **CELL #** _____

ADULT / YOUTH PASSENGER _____

ADULT / YOUTH PASSENGER _____

MODEL T INFO: YEAR: _____ **BODY STYLE:** _____

LICENSE PLATE # _____ **STATE:** _____

AUTO INSURANCE CO: _____ **PHONE #** _____

POLICY # _____ **EXP DATE:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ **PHONE #** _____

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With submission of this registration form I certify that my vehicle is registered and insured as required by the issuing State. I will complete a Safety Inspection with the form and turn in at the time I pick up my packet at the sign in table in Stephenville. I release and hold harmless the MTFCA Chapter - Space City T's, the Model T Ford Club of America officers, directors and members from any liablity of any kind whatsoever as a result of personal injury or property damage sustained by the undersigned.

REGISTRATION FEES:	#	FEE	TOTAL
Car & Driver:	1	$175.00	$ 175.00
Adult Passengers:	_____ @	$150.00 each =	$_____
Youth Passengers:	_____ @	N/C each =	$ N/C
Extra Photo:	_____ @	$12.00 each =	$_____
Extra Tour Book:	_____ @	$12.00 each =	$_____
Dangles:	_____ @	$ 3.00 each =	$_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED AND DUE 8/15/16			$_____

CHECKS ONLY PAYABLE TO:

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MAIL TO:
KATHY HARRIS
1014 Monclair Dr
Garland, TX 75040

Guest Tickets - Call for single day/event pricing, we will accommodate if possible.
Refunds: If your plans change after you register we will do our best to refund the fees. Full refunds made for cancellations made by 7/31/16. After 8/1/16 refunds will be prorated and made after the final accounting audit after the tour.

_____ _____

Registrant Signature Date

Calendar of Events

Aug 10	Space City T's Meeting
Aug 13	5th Annual Alvin Masonic Lodge Car Show and Chili Cookoff at National Oak Park
Aug 15	**T Party registration deadline. See pages 8-9**
Aug 20	Car Restoration Roundtable Discussion, W. H. Stark House in Orange TX - Drew Whatley dwhatley@whstarkhouse.org.
Sept 10	08:30am - Day Trip Shakeout tour before Texas 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 22	Guitars N' Cars Auto Show
Nov 9	Space City T's Meeting
Nov 12	Kingsbury Aerodrome Fly-In
Dec 3	Space City T's XMAS Dinner

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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Next Meeting

August 10, 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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