



The FLIVVER FLASH

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A Model T Christmas

Tw'as the night before Christmas and the old Model 'T'
Would need to be started - a real job for me.
For we were all goin' to the community hall
Ol' Santa was comin' with presents for all.
The oil was so stiff and the battery was old
She'd be so hard to start out there in the cold.
It hadn't been started in over a week
Which meant that assistance I really should seek.
I got two large pans of hot coals and ashes
Which i placed under lizzie in a couple of dashes.
The coils, do they buzz? Try them one at a time
The gap on the plugs - the size of a dime.
I pulled out the choke and the crank I did try
The motor so stiff - I thought I would cry.
For the crank when I pulled it - came up oh-so-slow
And I knew at this rate the car never would go.
I got some hot water which I poured from the kettle
Over the intake - more than a little.
I cranked and I cranked - till I was ready to drop
And just as i did - it ventured a 'pop'.
This gave me new hope - I returned to my work
For as long as there's hope - I never would shirk.
In the next fifteen minutes - four times it did fire
Just often enough my thoughts to inspire.
I thought it all over - out there in the dark
Let's try just a little advance of the spark.
I took hold of the crank and gave it a twist
Just then I felt a sharp whack on the wrist.
I found 'twasn't broken why was I so dumb?
I should have watched closely the placing of thumb.
By now I'd decided to try a new tack
One rear wheel I'll raise with the jack.
Again I told ma to pull down on the spark
If I get this car started - it won't be a lark.
Just as i was getting as mad as a hatter
She starts with a roar, a bang, and a clatter.

The vibration shook her right off the jack
And I was run over as i stood in my tracks.
About the time it ran through the shed
Ma pulled on the brake, and to me she said -
'Now dust off your pants - let's don't be too late
You know the program starts straight up at eight'.
Well, we loaded the kids and we flew through the snow
Ol' lizzie at last was a-rarin' to go.
When we arrived at the hall - I knew we were late
For the yard was parked full - clean out to the gate.
From inside the building came a hearty 'ho' 'ho' 'ho'
It seemed that Ol' Santa was ready to go.
As I ran up the walk - t'wards the big double door
It suddenly flew open, and then with a roar
Came a stampede of reindeer I was knocked on my rear
Once again that evening shooting stars did appear.
And i heard the fat driver - as I was losing my sight,
"Merry Christmas To All, and To All a Good Night"
—Author Unknown



Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?
In the lane, snow is glistening

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Baby, It's Cold Outside...

by Debbie Houck

Despite the transition from open air cars to enclosed vehicles with glass windows that helped keep the elements out, methods of creating heat on a cold winter's day were the same ones used since horse drawn carriages, such as warm clothing and gas lamps. Another method in the early 1900s was the heater box, a metal box covered in heavy fabric used to hold a hot brick heated from a fireplace or oven, which was then placed on the car's floor to keep feet and legs warm.

Lap robes were also common items when car heaters were ill-made or not yet in existence. Even FDR owned one with an embroidered presidential seal. Along with aftermarket labels, many auto manufacturers like Packard and Cadillac offered motor robes as a factory accessory item. The Model A Ford Lap Robe became an approved Ford accessory, us-

ing left-over upholstery fabric (typical of thrifty Henry Ford) with the body cloth on one side, headlining cloth on the other side, and a layer of padding in between them.



All of these attempts with portable heaters and layers of clothing could only go so far at keeping the blustery cold at bay, and by the 1920s, the thought was that exhaust fumes from the automobile itself could be used as a heat source by circulating those gases into pipes. Manufacturers began popping up with designs for exhaust manifolds that allowed the exhaust heat to channel into the passenger compartment. Aftermarket parts for the Model T, anything from the Aermore horn to the Ruckstell rear axle, were commonplace, as everyone was looking for ways to improve or individualize their vehicle. The Kunkel heater was no exception.



For around \$6, one could follow the instructions of the brochure from the Kunkle Manufacturing Company out of Hart, Michigan, and remove the exhaust pipe from the exhaust manifold, swing the exhaust pipe to the left of the car and slide a flexible tube over the pipe. controlled, there was constantly way too much of it. However, it wasn't until the 1930s that moving heat from the cooling system, rather than the exhaust manifold, would become an earlier version of current day heating systems. Hot coolant from the engine was run



This illustration shows how the intake flexible tube is connected onto the engine and placed back of the fan.

The installation of a Kunkel Heater is a very simple matter and can be completed in forty-five minutes by the most inexperienced mechanic. To install this heater it is necessary to remove the exhaust pipe out from the exhaust manifold, swing the exhaust pipe to the left of the car, slide the flexible tube over the exhaust pipe, replace the exhaust pipe into its normal position and connect front header and rear header, which are furnished in halves and are bolted together with four screws in each header. The intake pipe is connected at the front of the engine on the radiator water-hose bolt, and also at the rear on Number Three manifold lug connection as is shown in illustration above.

We also furnish this heater to be installed in the rear of a two-door or four-door Sedan at an additional charge of \$1.00. Various lengths of flexible sleeves to connect the register to the heater can also be furnished.

The price of a Kunkel Heater

\$6.00

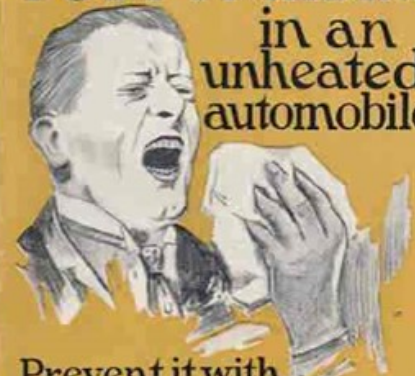
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Ask Your Local
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The exhaust pipe was then returned to the normal position, and connected to the front and rear header. The intake pipe was connected at the front of the engine on the radiator water hose bolt and at the rear on number three manifold lug connection. Various lengths of flexible sleeves to connect the register to the heater were available.



Because the amount of heat vented into the cabin couldn't be

into the radiator where an electric fan under the dash then blew the heat into the passenger cabin. The basic design hasn't changed much since. Nash Motors, after joining with the high-end refrigerator and appliance company Kelvinator in the late 30s, is often credited with being the first car maker to sell an optional air conditioning/heater in using their combined knowledge by powering the hot water to work with fresh air. Soon after, the Nash Weather Eye heater, the first thermostatic climate control system, was introduced.

EQUIP YOUR FORD WITH A KUNKEL HEATER



This illustration shows a Kunkel Heater installed and the relative position of the floor register.

The Kunkel Ford Heater, which is illustrated in this circular, is positively the most serviceable heater which is on the market today. Any owner of a Ford car can rightly feel proud of a Kunkel Heater which will so easily supply sufficient heat during the most extreme winter weather and eliminate the disagreeable task of driving in a cold car.

This heater permits only fresh heated air to enter the car and prevents gas from the exhaust pipe to enter which is so often the case with many heaters on the market today. There are two headers, the intake header and the outlet header with a piece of flexible metal tubing which connects both headers. The exhaust pipe is encased with the flexible tube and the two headers, and the air passing between the exhaust pipe and the flexible tube is furnished by the motor fan, thus passing through a funnel-shaped intake and into the flexible tubing.

This supply of fresh air coming through the radiator, being forced by the fan, assures a continual circulation of fresh heated air into the car, which is not only comfortable, but at the same time is conducive to good health.

The Kunkel Heater has ninety-seven inches of radiation surface to draw from which assures a warm car.

Lest you think some of our other luxuries such as heated seats are modern day comforts, these items had early starts as well. There is some debate on when heated seats came to be, but it is believe that GM introduced them in 1939, and were quite popular with military troops fighting in cold weather. Automobile seat heaters were patented by Robert Ballard of General Motors in 1955. Saab is usually credited with the first electrically heated car seats in production vehicles back in 1972.

As I'm writing this, it was 80 degrees yesterday and the A/C in the house just kicked on, but this is Texas and you know the saying, "If you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes." That being said: stay warm, and have a wonderful holiday season.

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CYPRESS COWBOY CHURCH

FRONTIER CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

FREE EVENT FOR CYPRESS COWBOY CHURCH FAMILY, FRIENDS & GUESTS

CYFAIR EXHIBITS CENTER
11208 TELGE ROAD, CYPRESS, TX 77429

LIVE MUSIC

OUTDOOR STAGE

3:00 P.M. CCC BAND
4:30 P.M. BLUES2JOY



BLUES2JOY

INDOOR STAGE

8:00 P.M. BRANDED
7:50 P.M. JOHN RANDOLPH



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FOOD

**ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC CHUCK WAGON MEAL PREPARED BY
THE EPPLER CATTLE COMPANY**

(STEW, RICE, BEANS, SAUSAGE, CORNBREAD & APPLE COBBLER)



SERVING BEGINS AT 4:00P.M.

KIDS ACTIVITIES
(INDOOR AND OUTSIDE)

DOOR PRIZES
(NEED BE PRESENT TO WIN)

FOR UPDATES AND MORE
EVENT INFORMATION



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CYPRESS COWBOY CHURCH

Merry
Christmas

Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid. Dues are still **\$25.00** per year. Please **print** out this page, **fill out** the form below with your most recent information, and make your check payable to **Space City T's**.

Please **mail** your dues to the Treasurer at:

Anthony J. Marino

302 Torrey Court

League City, Texas 77573

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

SPACE CITY T's MEMBER ENROLLMENT

Model T Ford Club of America membership # if Applicable _____

Model T Ford Club International membership # if Applicable _____

DATE _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Minor Children (under age 18) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Occupation: _____

Model T's Owned:

Space City T's of Houston Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4: Dues for members admitted to membership between July 1 and December 31 shall pay (1/2) of the annual dues. (\$12.50 for the given year, \$25.00 per year thereafter)

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The following Space City T's Officers were elected for 2018:

President	Dave Lucas
Vice President	Rick McCracken
Secretary	Rose Marie Stokley
Treasurer	Anthony J. Marino
Board Member	Bobby Wright
Board Member	David Carter
Board Member	Bill Severn

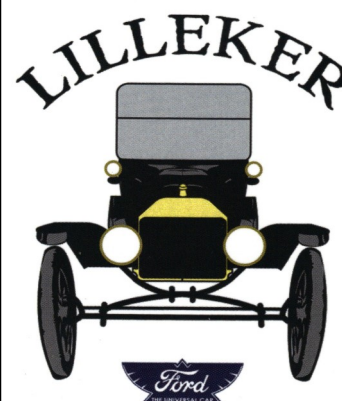


Seven (7) USED 30 x 3 1/2" tires for sale
Wards Riverside, Universal etc. **\$10 to \$20** each depending on wear.

Muncie auxiliary transmission with Power Take Off (PTO): \$200

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\$40 Annual dues includes six issues of The Vintage Ford

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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? **Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. to:**

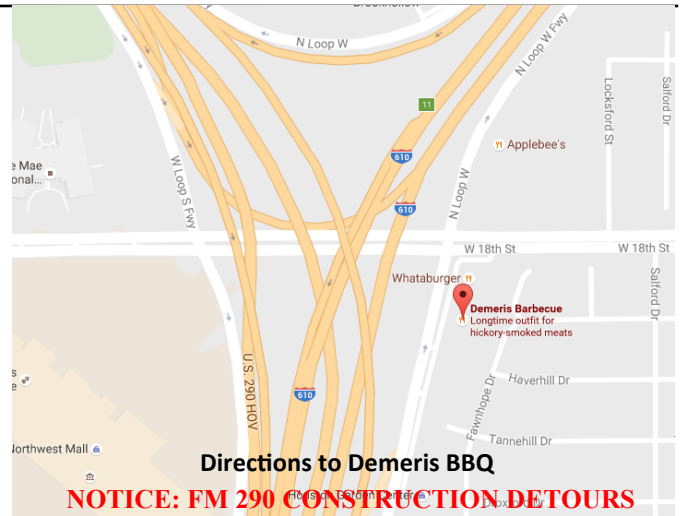
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No Meeting in December



**Instead,
Christmas Dinner at
Christie's Seafood &
Steaks
6029 Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77057**

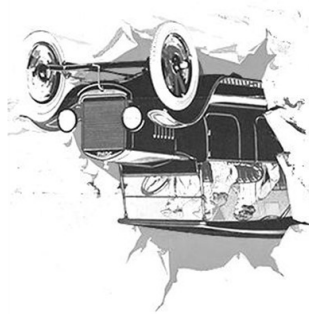
December 3 at 5:00 P.M.



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



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