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On The Cover



Model T's to the horizon mark the daily production at the Highland Park Ford plant.

Many, many steps led to this output.

For a peek inside the factory, turn to page 4



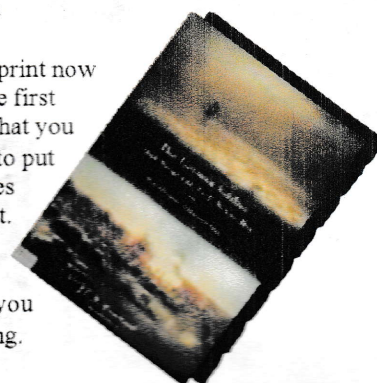
to the Editor

From: JIMMIE C FOREHAND

To: Stan Hoekstra

Stan:

I want to tell you that my book is in print now and below is an announcement of the first book signing. You may remember that you sent me some pictures of model T's to put in the book. I have one of the pictures you sent in the book and two from St. Louis. The book is available on-line at Amazon.com and at Barnsandnoble.com. I hope to see you and some club members at the signing. Thank you for your help,
 J. C. R. Forehand



Event Scheduled - Book Signing

Author: J. C. R. Forehand

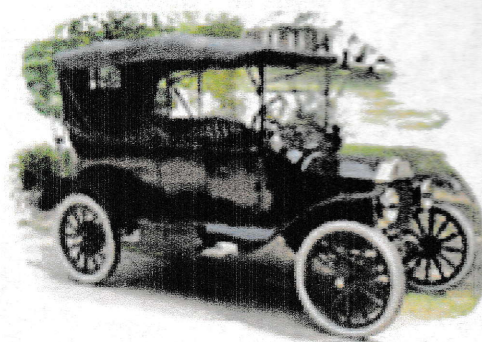
Title: "The German Soldier that Sergeant York Never Met"

Event Date: Saturday, February 19, 2011

Event Time: 2:00 p.m.

Store Address:

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 19419 Gulf Freeway
 Webster, TX



Dues Are Due

The December issue of the newsletter contained a card for submission of dues. If you received the newsletter via email, a form for submission of dues was attached that can be printed and filled out for return to our treasurer. If you could get your dues paid by February 12, it would greatly aid us in the process. The sooner all are in, the sooner the annual roster will be available. If you have a change you would like to make in your entry, make a note on your dues submission form.

Do not send dues to the editor

Send all dues to our treasurer,

Tony Marino
 302 Torrey Court
 League City, TX 77573



Cowboys and Coal Mines

the last best west

Pincher Creek Alberta June 27 - July 1, 2011

MTFCA announces the 2011 National Tour

Some features planned:

- Remington Carriage Museum at Cardston
- Waterton National park and lunch at the Prince of Wales hotel
- Fort Macleod (one of the first RCMP forts in the west) (+antique shops!!!)
- World Heritage site of Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump
- Unspoiled foothills ranch land of the Cowboy Trail (where the Sundance Kid once rode)
- Crowsnest pass and the Frank Slide
- Potential to be in a July 1 Canada Day Parade with a pit bar be que entertainment to include: A Barn Dance, Performance by Stan Howe and others

All these within a 50 mile radius on civilized roads typically with wide shoulders, moderate traffic, and no city congestion. Currently the committee is 15 enthusiastic people from the Foothills Club who are developing tour plans.



Les Schubert of the Foothills Club, tour co-ordinator
Visit website at: cowboysandcoalmines.com

2010-2011 Calendar of Coming Events

- February 9 2011 **Space City T's Meeting**
- March 6-10 2011 **Model T Ford Winter Tour**
Ocala, Florida
Contact: Steve Ellis 352-207-1498
or Miriam Williams 937-465-4661
Email: ellis-1@embarqmail or wintertourinfo@hotmail.com
- April 28 - May 1 2011 **Pate Swap Meet**
April 28 - May 1, 2011
 Don Moore (713) 649-0922
www.pateswapmeet.com
- June 27-July 1 2011 **2011 MTFCA National Tour**
Cowboys and Coalmines
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Limited to under 100 Model Ts.
- September 28-October 2 2011 **Texas T Party**
Bastrop, Texas
The Heart of the Lost Pines
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Meet our Membership Chairman

A newly formed post has been filled by member Will Rice. He has some neat tricks up his sleeve.

Stay tuned!



How the snowplow operator gets to work



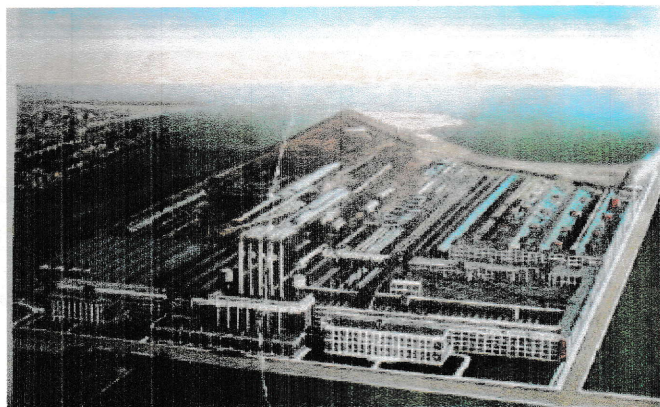
1914 Highland Park Plant Tour

Leave your Model T parked. This is a pictorial tour of the birthplace of many, many Model T's.

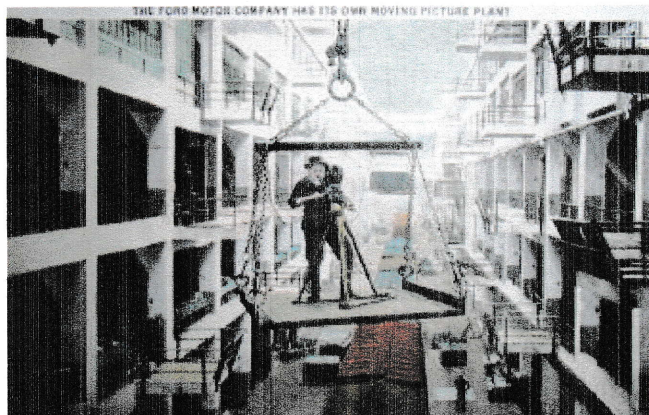
It offers an intimate view of the factory life. These postcards are used with permission from Luke Dahlinger who maintains a web-site, *Vintage Ford Facts*. Luke is a frequent poster on the MTFCA website forum.

For a very interesting experience log on to

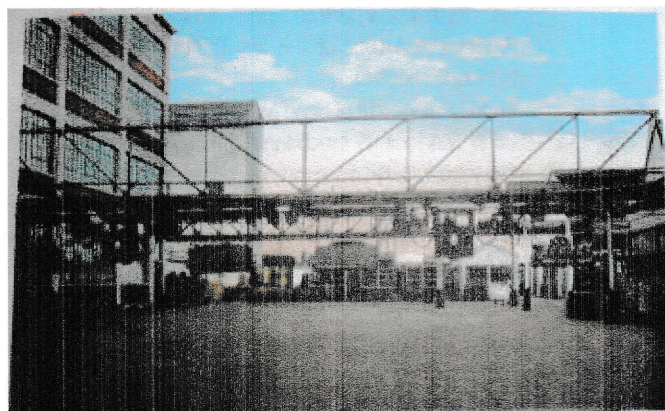
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Highland Park Plant of the Ford Motor Company



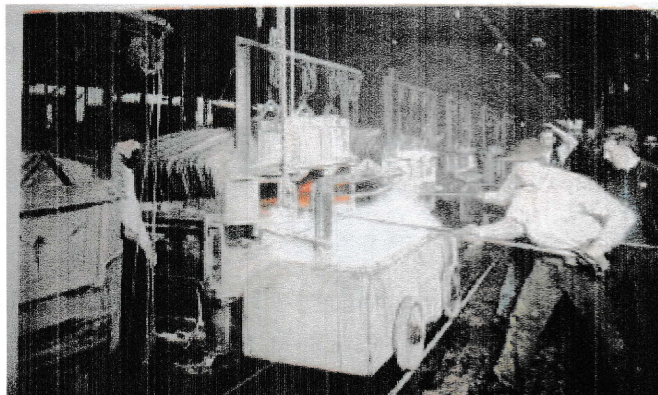
Ford "Movie Men Go Anywhere to Get Pictures



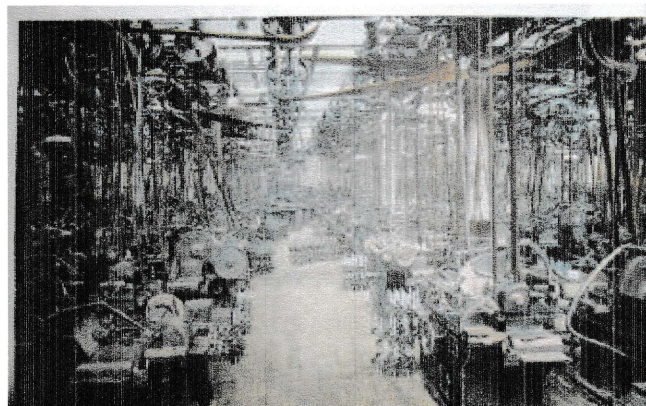
There Are Two Miles of Overhead Monorail Track in the Ford Factory



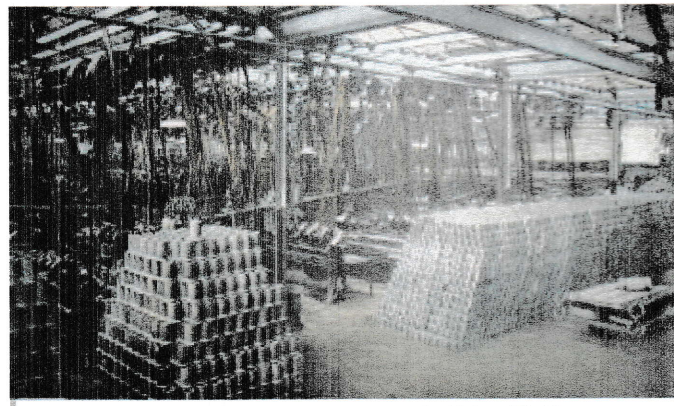
Main Craneway, Showing Storage of Over \$1,000,000 Worth of Stock



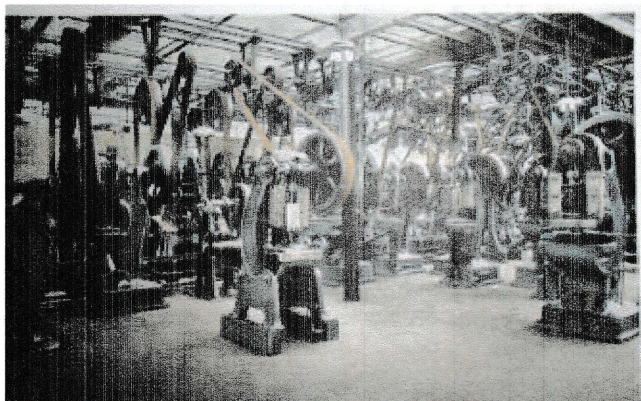
Ford Heat Treatment Gives Wonderful Strength to Axles, Steering Rods, Gears, Etc.



Crankshaft Grinding Department, 50 Miles of Belting Are Used to Drive Ford Machinery



Piston Machining Department, Veritable Jungle of Belts and Shafting



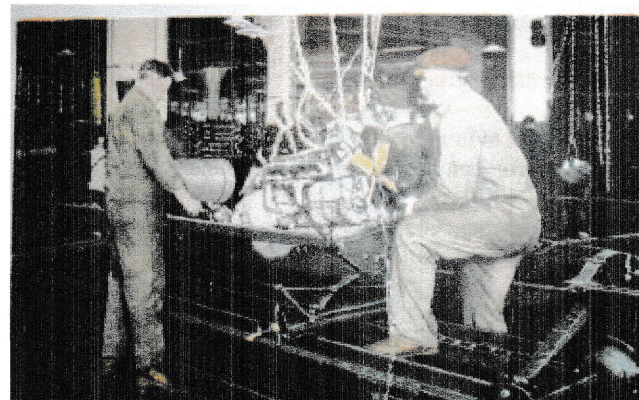
Pressed Steel Department, Where Small Parts are Made



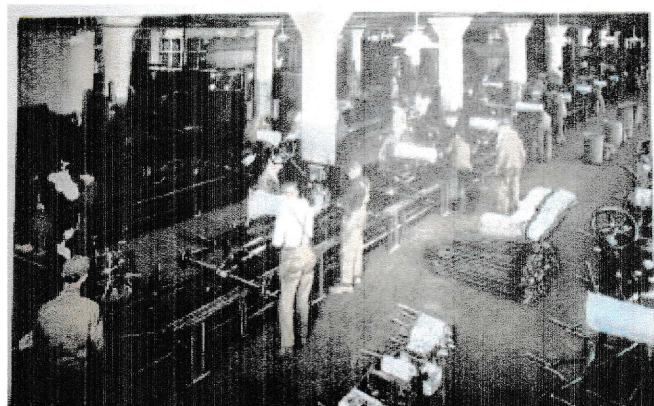
Craneway in New 6 Story Building, Showing Loading Platforms.



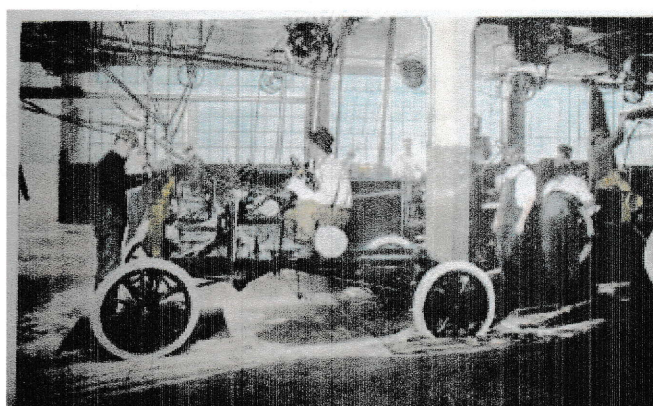
Moving Conveyors Hasten the Motor Assembly



Setting the Motor, During the Final Assembly



The Final Assembly Line



At the End of the Assembly Line. Cars Run From Here on the Their Own Power.



Ford Motors Receive a Thorough Test on the Electric "Blocks"



The Garage, Where Cars Remain All Day in Safety

Post Script

After weeks of beans and taters, even a change to taters and beans is good.

Never take to sawin' on the branch that's supportin' you, unless you're bein' hung from it.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: when you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

The best way to find a lost stray is to go to the place you would go if you were a lost stray.

Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

The best way to cook any part of rangy ol' longhorn is to put it in a pot with a horseshoe and when the horseshoe is soft and tender, you can eat the beef.

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it is still there.

The best way to have quiche for dinner is to make it up and put it in the oven to bake at about 325 degrees. Meanwhile, get out a large T-bone, grill it, and when it's done, eat it. As for the quiche, continue to let it bake, but otherwise ignore it.

Remember, even a kick in the caboose is a step forward.

There's two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.

Don't get mad at somebody who knows more 'n you do. It ain't their fault

Just because a man takes his boots off to go wadin' don't mean he plans to swim the Atlantic.

Control your generosity when you're dealin' with a chronic borrower.

When you throw your weight around, be ready to have it thrown around by somebody else.

The only way to drive cattle fast is slowly.

Always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's critical to know what it was.

Most folks are like a bob-wire fence. They have their good points.

There's lot more to ridin' a horse than just sittin' in the saddle and lettin' yer feet hang down.

Nobody ever drowned himself in his own sweat.

No tree is too big for a short dog to lift his leg on.

Comin' as close to truth as a man can come without actually gettin' there is comin' pretty close, but it still ain't the truth.

The length of a conversation don't tell nothin' about the size of the intellect.

From the book:

Don't Squat With Yer Spurs On!

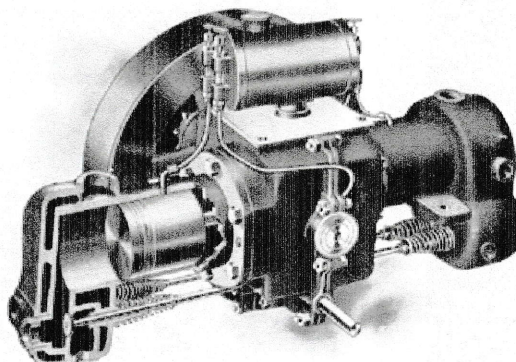
A Cowboy's Guide To Life

By Texas Bix Bender

ISBN 0-87005-470-0

Model A Engine

Before the Model T there was the Model A, the first Ford Model A, in 1903. Two cylinders. Note what appears to be an oil reservoir on the top of the crankcase to lubricate the main bearings and cylinder walls.



THE FORD MOTOR

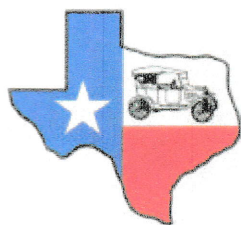
TEXAS MAY IMPOSE PROHIBITIVE TAXES

FORT WORTH, TEX., JUNE 12—A keen fight is in prospect at the forth-coming session of the Texas legislature over a tax on motor trucks, engaged in commercial traffic and on buses operated for profit.

Legislation levying almost prohibitive tax on these two classes of vehicles has been drafted, it is reported, and will be offered to the law-making body.

Steam transportation lines are said to be behind the move, which successful will stop the use of the trucks for freight carrying between towns and drive out jitneys, so far as passenger travel is concerned.

— News item, 1922



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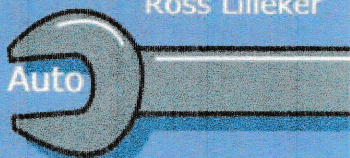
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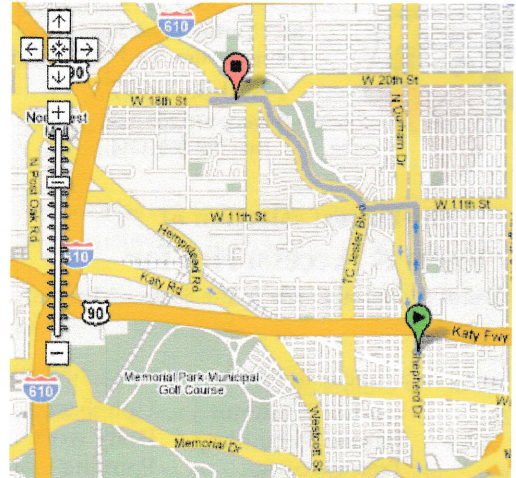
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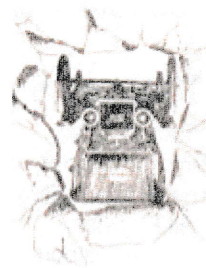
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"A Virtual Tour of the Model T Engine"

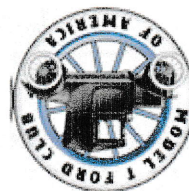
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