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## On The Cover



Photo by Denny Irvine

This was a scene on the side of the road on the Stokley-Haney Tour.

Jerry Davis has a problem.

Must be serious, note the hood on the ground.

Photographers on hand to record the episode for posterity.

For more on the tour, turn to page 4.

Under a costly canopy  
The village blacksmith sits;  
Before him is a new Ford car  
Broken to little bits  
And the owner, and the chauffeur, too,  
Have almost lost their wits.

The village blacksmith smiles with glee  
As he lights his fat cigar  
He tells his helpers what to do  
To straighten up the car  
And the owner, and the chauffeur, too,  
Stand humbly where they are.

The village blacksmith puffs his weed,  
And smiles a smile of cheer,  
The while his helpers pump the tires  
And monkey with the gear-  
And the owner, and the chauffeur, too,  
Stand reverently near.

Behind the village blacksmith is  
The portal of his shop;  
The shop is very large in size,  
With a tiled roof on top  
And the owner, and the chauffeur, too,  
At it were glad to stop.

The children, going home from school,  
Look in at the open door;  
They like to see him make his bills,  
And hear the owners roar  
And the chauffeurs weep as they declare  
They ne'er paid that before.

He goes each morning to the bank  
And salts away his cash;  
A high silk hat and long frock coat  
Help him to cut a dash  
But the owner and the chauffeur, too,  
Their teeth all vainly gnash.

The chestnut tree long since has died,  
The smith does not repine;  
His humble shop has grown into  
A building big and fine  
And it reads "Garage" above the door  
On a large electric sign.



Author Unknown

## Greatest Things Ever Said About Texas

Most areas of the world may be placed in latitude and longitude, described chemically in their earth, sky and water, rooted and fuzzed over with identified flora and populated with known fauna, and there's an end to it. Then there are others where fable, myth, preconception, love, longing, or prejudice step in and so distort a cool, clear appraisal that a kind of high-colored magical confusion takes permanent hold.... One quality of such places as I am trying to define is that a very large part of them is personal and subjective.

And surely Texas is such a place.

- John Steinbeck

From **1001 Greatest Things Ever Said About Texas**  
Edited by Donna Ingham





## To The Editor

Wed, April 13, 2011 5:28:07 PM

Hi Stan,

This is Carey Green. I would like to tell the club that Barbara and I have moved down to the Alabama coast (or we are taking an extended vacation down here). Barbara says I am too old to put up with the cold weather and snow in Silverton, so we leased a house in Fairhope, Alabama for a year. We loaded up my trailer with some extra furniture and moved down here at the end of January. We consider it an experiment and an adventure. We are keeping our house in Silverton and will go back some time in June (if it gets too hot and humid maybe sooner). I did not bring any of my model T cars or even any parts.

That's the down side. When we come back in the fall I intend to bring a couple of engines to assemble. I would like to bring one of my cars, but I don't think I can.

We may decide to move here year round. If we do I guess we would have to sell our house in Silverton. But then now is not a good time to sell real estate. If we do move here permanently I will have a whopper of a job moving all of my model T's and all of my extra parts. I've got to get rid of a lot of stuff. I have a shed full of parts that I need to sell or give away. If Silverton wasn't so far from Houston and someone had an eighteen wheeler I could fill it up.

Oh yeah, I Guess I should point out that Barbara and I both grew up down here but across the bay in Mobile. We moved away in 1961.

I'll be eighty-one Friday the fifteenth and not as spry as I used to be. That's the main reason for what we are doing.

—Carey <depothack@frontier.net>

## Introducing.... Vivien Grace



Vivien Grace Lilleker made a debut at the recent workshop held at Lilleker Antique Auto where her parents hosted a workshop conducted by Clastique Upholstery.

## 2011-12 Calendar of Coming Events

- June 8, 2011 **Space City T's Meeting**
- June 27-July 1 **2011 MTFCA National Tour**  
**Cowboys and Coalmines**  
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 Contact: Les Schubert 403 931-2628  
 Limited to under 100 Model Ts.
- September 28-October 2 **Texas T Party**  
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## Welcome New Members



Ok, it's confession time. We thought we welcomed some of the following folks earlier. However, we find no record of doing so. Without further ado, we present following "new" members.

**Robert Belt**, 3210 Bingle Road, Houston, Texas 77055  
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 1927 Touring

The following folks are in the 2011 Membership Roster

**Phillip and Donna Cavanaugh**, Katy, Texas  
**Terry and Deb George**, Humble, Texas  
**Bobby and Rebecca Wright**, Santa Fe, Texas  
 Welcome Aboard!

## Stokley-Haney Tour aka F.A.'s Birthday Tour

By Jim Haney

We met at the FieldsStore Community Center at FM1488 and FM 362. We had six cars show up and we started at about 9:30 A.M.

F.A. felt like he should stay at the center to get the Barbecue and other things ready. He asked me to lead the tour on a route that we picked out and had driven.

We drove north on FM 362 from the center. We went past Camp Allen. We saw a lot of ranches and goat farms. We stopped at White Hall and some had to get gasoline and use the restroom. We continued north on FM 362 where it ran into FM 105/ We turned west and drove to Navasota, Texas. We toured the old homes there and then stopped at a large antique store called the Emporium which was on Washington Street (also called FM 105). We shopped for quite a while and several wanted to go see the miniature horse farm near Brenham, Texas.

We gathered and started out and drove to the miniature horse farm. Well, it was closed and we were out of time so we drove back to Navasota and then on back to Fields Store Community Center.

F.A. and Rose Mary had put together a lot of excellent food including Barbecue Chicken, Brisket and Sausage. We had lots of refreshing beverages for everyone, including homemade root beer.

Denny and Gwen Irvine took movies of the tour and will show them at the June or July meeting.



**Tour Co-chairs F.A. Stokley and Jim Haney**

**Editor's Note:** The Tuesday, May 24, 2011 issue of the Houston Chronicle carried an article headlined "NUNS GIVE UP REINS". It went on to describe the closing of the Monastery of St. Clare Miniature Horse Farm in Brenham. At one time, 20,000 visitors year visit the facility. Then 20 nuns cared for a herd that averaged 70 head after spring foaling. Now two sisters remain and the stable holds eleven horses. They closed on May 28.



**Over Hill and Dale**



**Break Time**



**Lone Star Model T**





**Get Out and Get Under**



**Tina de Flores**



**Cowboy Advice**



**A Flock of Flivvers**



**What Guys Do When the Ladies Shop**



**The End**

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## Do You Have Henry's Punch Bowl?

By Mike McNessor



The Fords want their punch bowl back.

No, not Betty Ford's family; they're most likely off the punch for good. This would be the other Fords, the ones who make the cars. It seems that Dearborn's first family unwittingly auctioned off the punch bowl that Henry won as a trophy in 1901 when he drove his hand-built race car *Sweepstakes* to victory at the Detroit Driving Club race in Grosse Point, Michigan.



As the story goes, Alexander Winton was so heavily favored to win the race that he was allowed to pick out the grand prize. But when Winton's car suffered some mechanical issues on lap 7 of the 10-lap feature, Ford famously drove around Winton, thus handing him his chimney pot hat and taking home the punch bowl. After Henry's wife, Clara, died in 1950, the bowl was auctioned off with many of the Fords' possessions, and there are no records to document who purchased it.

You can read the story on Ford's [www.racinginamerica.com](http://www.racinginamerica.com), along with the text of a recent speech that Edsel B. Ford II delivered about the race and the punch bowl. Or, in the event that you actually know the whereabouts of the bowl, contact the Benson Ford Research Center at The Henry Ford.

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## Work Day at Lilleker Antique Auto

By Gary Page

..... some pics I took while at the Classtique Upholstery ([www.classtique-upholstery.com](http://www.classtique-upholstery.com)) demo put on by Elizabeth and Joe at the Lilleker's.

The demo included installing seat covers on seat springs and seat-backs installed onto the body. Elizabeth was into hands-on, so everyone was able to try their hand. This made for an informative morning and I'm prepared to do some seat covers myself. Friday night we worked on a custom top install on a speedster seat.



Elizabeth and Joe



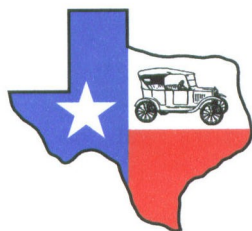
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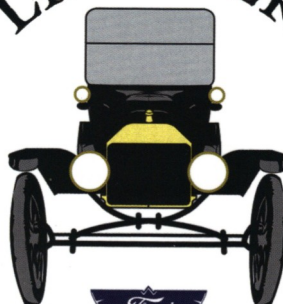
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### For Sale: 1922 Canadian Coupe

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Butch Edmunds 713-201-5963

Waller, Texas





## Next Meeting

June 8, 2011



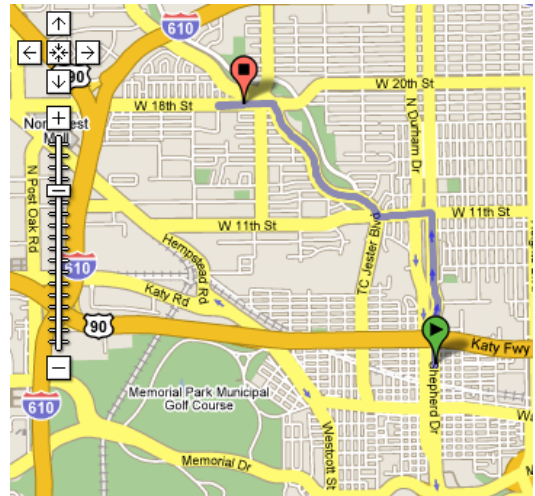
Dine with Friends at  
Jax Grill at 6:00 P.M.  
1613 Shepherd Drive in the Heights

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



Program:  
The Stokley-Hancy Tour  
aka F.A.'s Birthday Tour  
A Denny Irvine Three Wheel Production



### Directions from Jax Grill to Lazybrook Baptist Church

Head **north** from Shepherd Dr - go **0.3 mi**  
Continue on N Shepherd Dr - go **0.8 mi**  
Turn **left** at W 11th St - go **0.4 mi**  
Turn **right** at TC Jester Blvd - go **0.2 mi**  
Bear **left** at W TC Jester Blvd - go **1.0 mi**  
Turn **left** at W 18th St - go **0.4 mi**  
Turn **left** into the **parking lot** of the church



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