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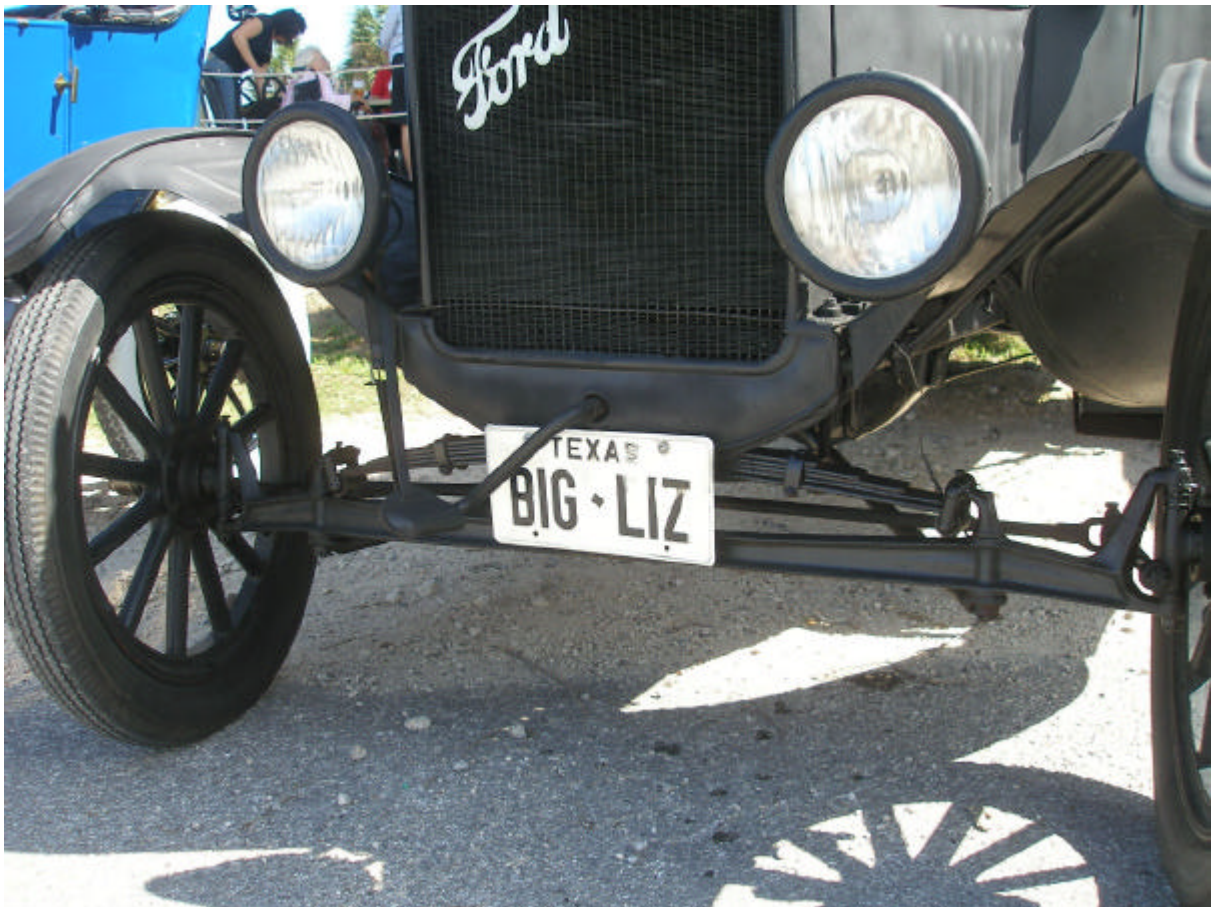
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Elizabeth of Tin

Though you're not so fair of features
As a lot of cars I know,
And though you're scorned and scoffed at
By some folks that have dough,
Yet there isn't any limit
To the things that you can do,
Nor the number of tight places
That you can wiggle through,
Elizabeth of Tin.
O, you furnish healthful pleasures
For many thousand folks,
And you furnish the material
For many thousand of jokes.
In the list of benefactors
To the weary human race
Surely you must be entitled
To a high and honored place,
Elizabeth of Tin.

1924

On The Cover



Tony and Donna Marino's Ton Truck is called Big Liz for a reason.

No ordinary TT, she sports a modified drive train consisting of the standard 2 speed Ford planetary, a Muncie Overdrive, Ruckstell 2 speed axle and a 5:1 worm and ring gear differential and stays up with any other T on the road.

Big Liz was at the Seabrook 50th Anniversary Celebration. See page 4

Club Officers And Board Members for 2012

The members in attendance of the November 9, 2011 meeting approved the following:

Officers:

David Carter—President
Denny Irvine—VP
Tony Marino—Treasurer
Stan Hoekstra—Secretary

Board Members:

Luke Cordes
Rick McCracken
Dave Lucas



From: Sophie Adcock
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I feel so honored to be accepted in the Space City club as a Life Member. I really have enjoyed being in the club, Don and I met so many wonderful people and had so many great adventures going on tours. We saw so many places and did so many things that the Model T's were involved in. They are really a great part of American History. The public we met could always remember a story about some one they knew of who had owned a model T Ford and this made you an immediate friend.

I'm so pleased that our children have now become active members of this organization. I know the other Life Members have this same feeling of this great honor.

Sincerely ; Sophie Adcock

2011-12 Calendar of Coming Events

December 3 2011 **Space City T's Christmas Dinner**
See item this page

December 17 2011 **Westside Mustangs**
3rd Annual Toys for Tots
Show and Shine Car Show
At Tommie Vaughn Ford in the Heights
767 North Shepherd
Looking for some Model T's to show
Contact Anthony 713-869-4660

January 11 2012 **Space City T's Meeting**

March 17/April 4 2012 **See the South Slowly Tour**
North American Touring Ts
Susan and Joss Sanderson
5220 W. Larkspur Ridge Dr.
Tucson AZ 85743
az_tchr@yahoo.com
520 260 9772

March 22-25 2012 **MTFCA's 47th Annual Meeting**
Hosted by the Tin Lizzies
of Albuquerque, New Mexico
Email: susanandkirk@msn.com

Space City T's 2011 Christmas Dinner 2011 Christmas Dinner



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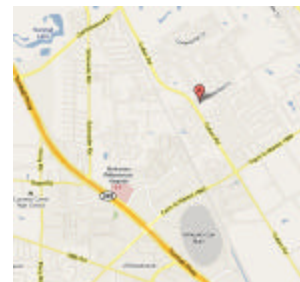
December 3, 2011
5:00 PM

Where?

County Line BBQ
13850 Cullen Road, Houston,
Texas 77069

Please R.S.V.P to the Carters
by Tuesday, November 29
Email: flymyrv@aol.com
Phone: 281-931-8268

See you there!



Dues Are Due

This issue of the newsletter contains a card for submission of dues. If you receive the newsletter via email, a form for submission of dues is attached that can be printed and filled out for return to our treasurer. If you could get your dues paid before the end of the year, 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 for 2012,

Tony Marino
302 Torrey Court
League City, TX 77573

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

Seabrook's 50th Anniversary Celebration



By Doug Brough

We were blessed with a sunny, not too hot day for the Seabrook festival. The parade had many participants. The first entries reached the end before the later entries even left the staging area! We got signed in and got our numbers without any problem. It started promptly at 9:00. We were numbers 22-28, lined up in year order of the cars. We reached the end of the route by 9:30.

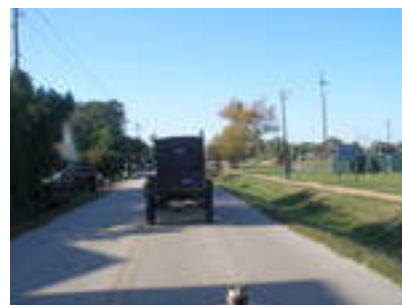
After waiting for the parade to finish, we drove back to Meador park to put the cars on display. We had a steady stream of visitors (and a nice shady spot to camp out in). The park was full of activities including various arts and crafts booths, inflatable's and games for the kids, live entertainment and of course, food!

Around 11:30 we packed up and headed off to Bubba's Shrimp Palace in San Leon, home of the endless shrimp meals! Bill told us it was just about 5 miles down the road. 30 minutes later, we're pulling in. Let's just say 5 Bill miles is closer to 12 US miles. But it was nice to give the cars a little work out, and we got some great views of the bay. I won't say how many shrimp refills we had, but lets just say nobody went home hungry.

It was a wonderful day complete with NO breakdowns. Thanks Bill, for organizing this!



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Post Script

Old But Odd Gift Ideas

By Mike Cox

Finding just the right Christmas gift for that special someone on your list has been an issue for Texans since the holiday first became commercialized.

The December 1911 issue of a long-forgotten but fun-to-read iconoclastic monthly called *K. Lamity's Harpoon* offered a full-page ad from a Uvalde taxidermist with some unusual gift items for sale that some modern readers will probably wish were still available today.

Published in Austin, the *Harpoon's* masthead proclaimed: "Minnows are safe, I am after whales." Like most of that era's practitioners of personal journalism, owner-editor John S. "K. Lamity" Bonner wrote most of the content, sold and composed advertising, handled the circulation list and kept the office swept.

Doubtless written by Bonner, the taxidermist's ad copy began:

"Don't waste money on useless Christmas presents. Give your friends or relatives something artistic, as well as valuable."

Women, he continued, often send their male relatives or friends a box of cigars "with Johnson grass wrappers and alfalfa fillers." Such cigars, he continued, "won't smoke, and are not even pretty."

But what about a deer's foot thermometer?

Yes, long before all the wares offered via toll-free 800 numbers, from knives that never need sharpening to singing bass, the Muter and Collier Taxidermy Co. of Uvalde sold preserved deer's feet with thermometers attached, suitable for hanging.

"Beautifully polished," Bonner waxed on, the deer-foot temperature tellers were "an article that is useful as well as an art treasure." All cloven-hooved stocking stuffer cost was \$1.50 plus a dime for postage and handling.

Of course, the women folks could not be overlooked.

"Gentlemen, as a rule, send books that have been read [re-gifting apparently is not a new concept], glassware that breaks, and is lost, handkerchiefs that won't blow good, or glucose candy that makes 'em sick," Bonner went on.

So, rather than giving any of those cliché articles, "send them an art treasure – a beautiful and useful work basket, made from the shell of an armadillo."

Highly polished and lined with "dainty silk," the baskets are "not only a great curiosity, but valuable and handy, and will last a lifetime, and then some." In other words, give a gal an armadillo shell and create a family heirloom.

An armored basket cost \$1.50, same as the deer's foot thermometer, plus "a trifle extra for express charges."

Another gift idea ran only \$1, a Miller's Lightning Nut Cracker. Manufactured by J.H. Miller in Austin, the nut cracker, according to an ad in the *Harpoon*, had been "wonderfully improved" (Presumably from an earlier model, though that is not explained in the ad.) Eighty per cent of the time, the sales copy boasted, with Miller's Lightning Nut Cracker "nuts come whole from the shell." On top of its efficiency, the ad continued, the device was "handsome enough for parlor, or ladie's [sic] hat ornament."

Imagine how stylish a young lady in 1911 would look while strolling along Congress Avenue with an armadillo basket in her hand and a nut cracker on her hat.

For young boys, the *Harpoon* editor could think of no better gift than a copy of his self-published book, "The Three Adventurers," an action-filled novel of the early days along the Texas frontier.

"Beautifully illustrated," the 350-page soft cover book cost 50 cents, payable in coin, money order or postage stamps.

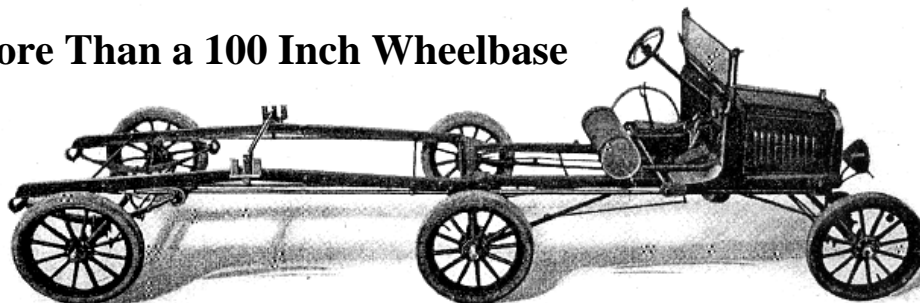
Even though the book retailed for only half a dollar, Bonner had one more offer to sweeten the deal:

"Buy your boy a copy of 'The Three Adventurers' for a Christmas present. Let him read it clear thorough, and then ask him how he liked the book. If he does not say that it is the best story he ever read, send the book back to us (uninjured) and we will return you your 50 cents."

Alas, advertisers in this issue of the *Harpoon* offered no specific recommendations of gifts for girls. Maybe they got armadillo baskets just like their moms.

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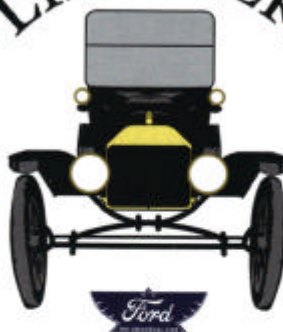
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Clear title, block requires rebore because of removed seized piston. Asking \$6,000.

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West Texas car Drivetrain intact. Engine turns. Solid Body. Make reasonable offer.

Contact Carl Sexton 337-356-7723

candpsexton@aol.com



Wanted—1927 Model T Front Bumper and Brackets

Contact: Gaylord Willet—Montgomery, Texas

936-448-1550

Wanted: Model T Ford—1909 - 1925 Car or parts needing restoration, running or not. Roadster preferred, must be reasonably priced. Contact: David Craft 281-328-6375

For Sale: 1923 T Ford Touring Good tour car.

New tires and battery, everything works.

Has distributor, starter, outside oil line.

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Contact: Ray Barth 16411 Heiden Circle
Spring, Tx 77379 Ph. 281-253-6237

rbjfp@earthlink.net



For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components

Rebuilt Model T transmission

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Rebuilt Model T Generator

Call Bill McRee at 281-427-0792 for details.

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No December Meeting

2010 Christmas Dinner

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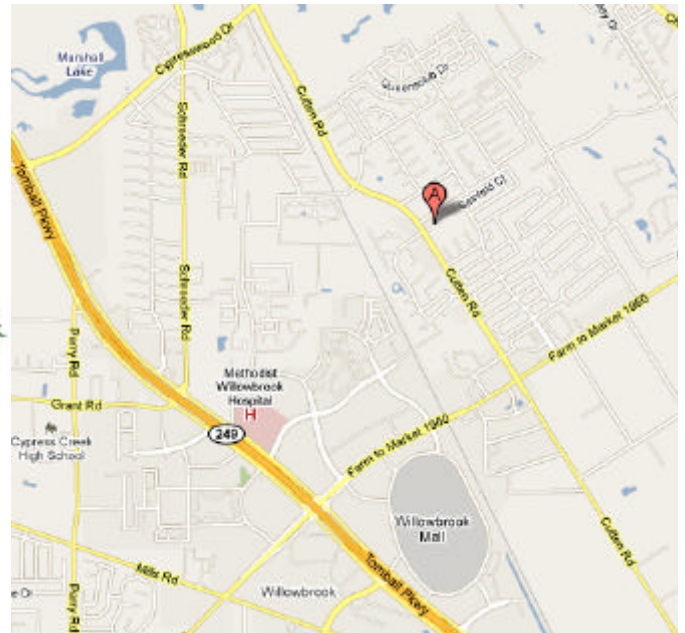


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