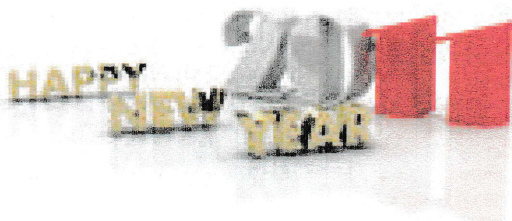




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On The Cover



Participants of the Bryan/College Station Golf Course Stroll arrive at the Miramont Country Club. The threatening weather earlier in the day turned pleasant to the delight of the tourers.

The tour begins on page 4

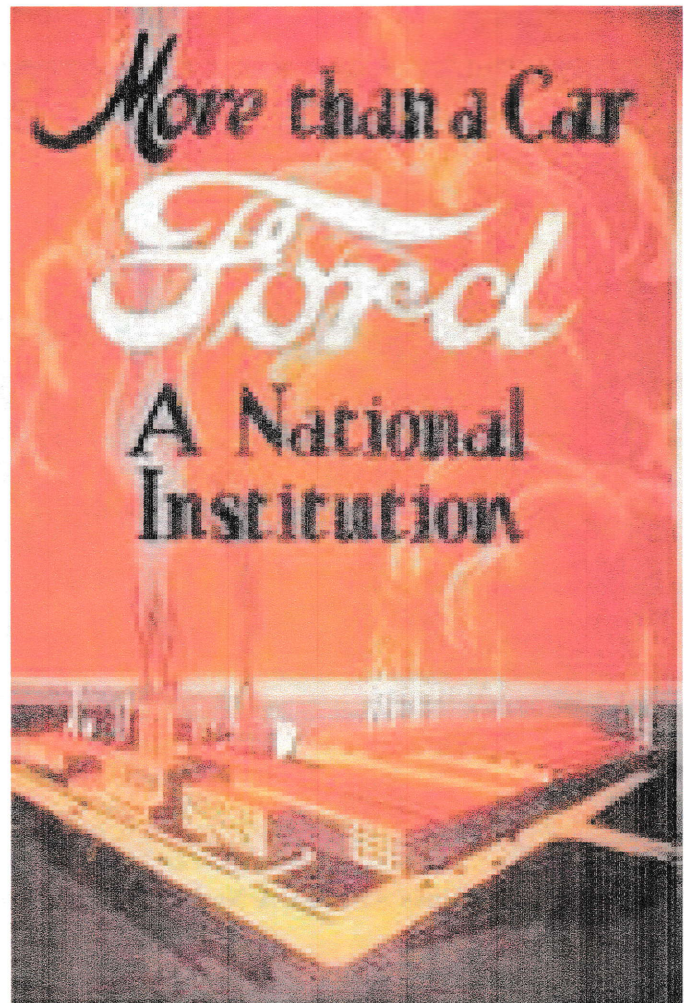
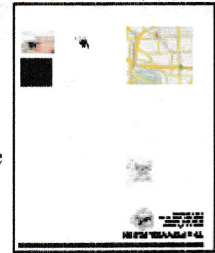
Upside Down ?

Have you noticed something different on the back page of this newsletter? The address information has been rotated 180 degrees for a reason.

We were told by a postal worker that if we were to do this, the document would pass through the Post Office automatic processing equipment with less possibility of jamming and tearing.

This is because the leading edge of the document now has the smooth folded back spine as a leading edge.

And now.... you know the rest of the story.



So Big This issue is 12 pages in length because the Space City T's is an active club. To report everything we are doing required expanding the publication to contain all the activities and stay on schedule. Otherwise, the Christmas Dinner would have been featured in the February Flivver Flash.

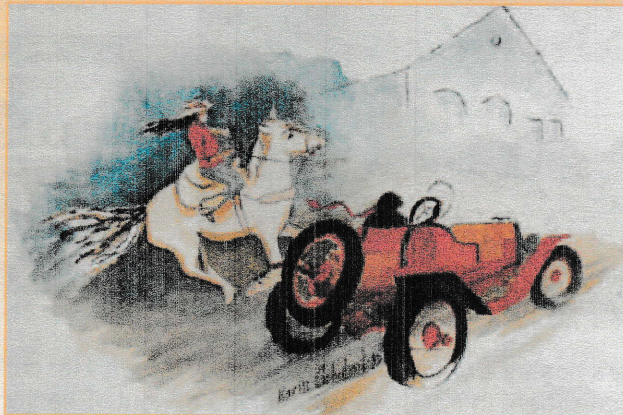


MTFCA announces the 2011 National Tour

Some features planned:

- Remington Carriage Museum at Gardston
- 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

- January 12 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
- June 27-July 1 2011 **2011 MTFCA National Tour**
Cowboys and Coalmines
Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada
Contact: Les Schubert 403 931-2628
Limited to under 100 Model Ts.
If someone wants to go, they better be sure to send the monies with a postmark of Jan 3, 2011

- January 21-22 2011 **Model T Technical Seminar**
Hosted by the Sunflower State Crankers
Hutchinson, Kansas
More information at mtfca.com/sunflower.pdf
Sharon Barton: 785-628-1106 or dbarton@eaglecom.net

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 before the end of January, 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



Model T Ownership

Wherever I drive is a parade;
Wherever I park is a car show.

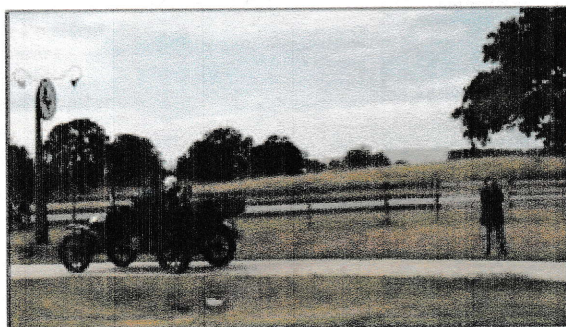
Bryan/College Station Golf Course Tour November 13, 2010 Hosted by Ross and Jennifer Lilleker

By Diann Hoops



"Singing in the rain" or "Oh, what a beautiful day!"

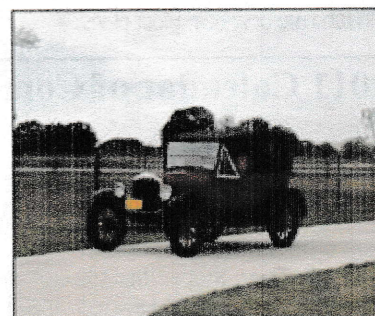
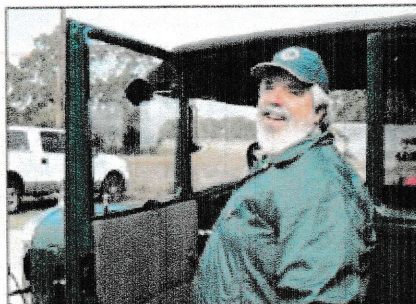
For the past week Robert checked the weather forecast on a daily basis. Saturday arrived and we awoke to rain and 48 degrees! However, Robert persevered - along with 12 other cars - and we had a beautiful day touring the golf courses of Bryan and College Station. No major mishaps and everyone made it back on their own power and in their own vehicles.



Ross and Jennifer



The Lillekers hosted a one day 42-mile tour. It began with coffee and donuts and ended with Blue Belle ice-cream; ya can't beat that. There was a good turnout. Everyone bundled up against the wind (thank goodness rain had already passed by). Some souls with enclosed cars were quite smug and laid it on thick to those of with no windows and with tops up and down.



We had a lot of dogs on the tour ... very well behaved dogs. There was Bailey, Jasmine and Emma with the Lillekers; Marian Rose and Buddy (his first tour) with the Hardemans. Poor Abigail was left locked in her pen at the cabin (she is not well behaved)!

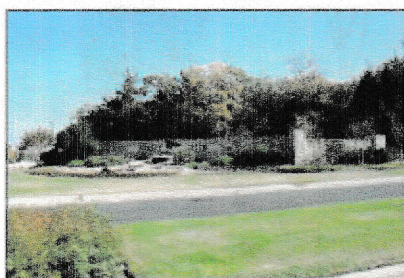


Woe is me!

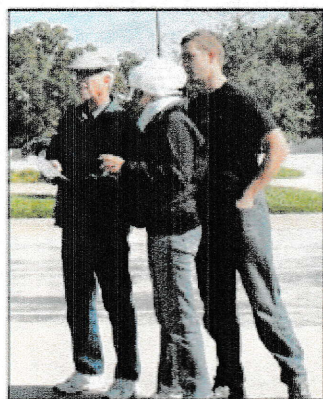


The golf courses were gorgeous (and I don't even play golf). Some of the houses were huge mansions with unbelievable landscaping; there is much money in this town. New subdivisions are springing up and new elementary schools are being built everywhere. There is no sign a recession in this part of Texas.

Pebble Creek was the first gold course/community we hit. There was a brief stop and photo op before moving on. By the way, Michael McDonald's Model T had the happiest and friendliest folks; they waved at every car and every person the entire day.



A quick conference:



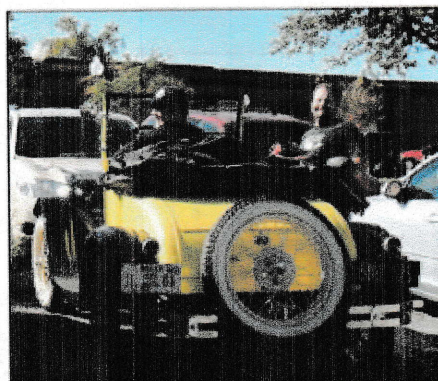
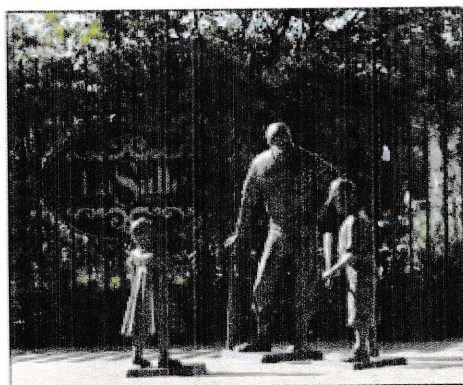
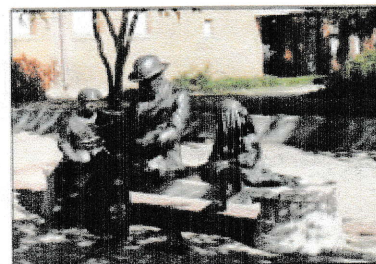
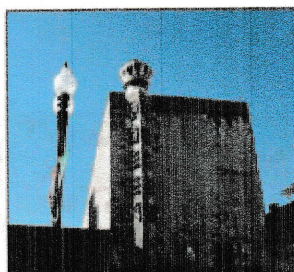
After passing some longhorns *who took exception to our cars*, we made a quick pit stop and continued on before arriving at Miramont with its most impressive country club.



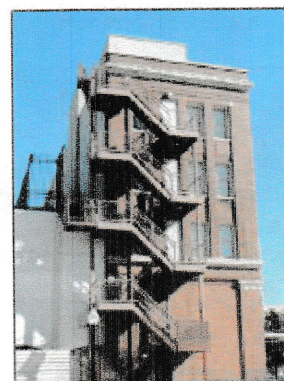
Lunch time in downtown Brian allowed us to eat and check out the local shops. We stopped at first Mexican food restaurant and then checked out some stores (my priority - food first and then the other stuff).



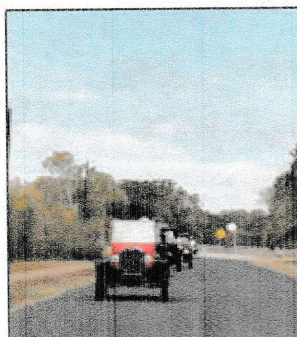
What's with the trains?



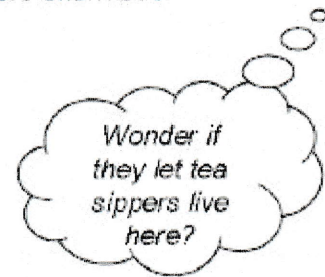
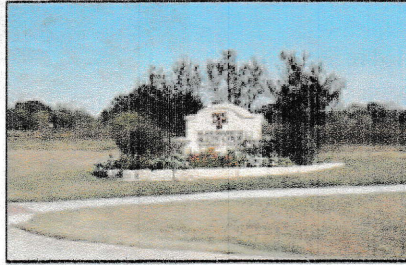
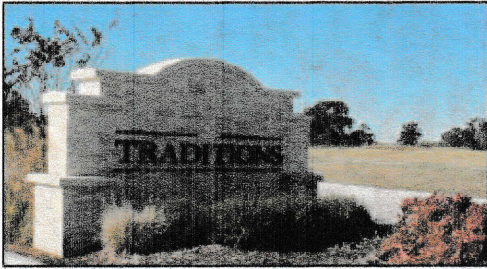
The boys (Luke & Jeff Cordes) catch up with us finally!



At 2pm tour continues and blue sky is everywhere; even the wind has died down and warmed up.



Traditions was the last golf community visited. Tons of construction was going on; this place appeared to be the biggest and most spread out. The cottages were huge and the homes were enormous. Unfortunately I was so busy gawking, I forgot to take pictures.



After circling College Station and Bryan, I was completely clueless as to where we were. What a surprise to find the shop just around the corner.



"What's your flavor?" The last of the tire kickers hung around before heading home. Thanks, Jennifer and Ross for an excellent tour, warm hospitality and wonderful weather. *Diann Broughton Hoops*

2010 Space City T's Christmas Dinner

By Stan Hoekstra

It was a beautiful evening on December 3 as twenty-six hungry Space City T'ers descended upon the Cutten Road County Line Barbecue Restaurant nestled among the pines of Northwest Houston. The mood was festive as the revelers filed in and smoozed for a bit before taken their places at the tables.

President Dave Carter introduced the 2011 officers and board of directors who had been voted in at the November meeting.

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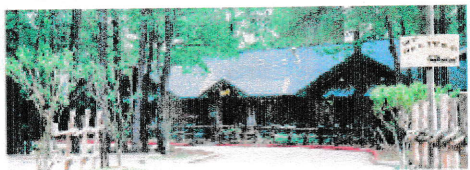
Dave Lucas was making his way back from Pennsylvania after being hampered by a snowstorm, dealing with delays and the TSA. But he made it in time to partake and enjoy the gift exchange.

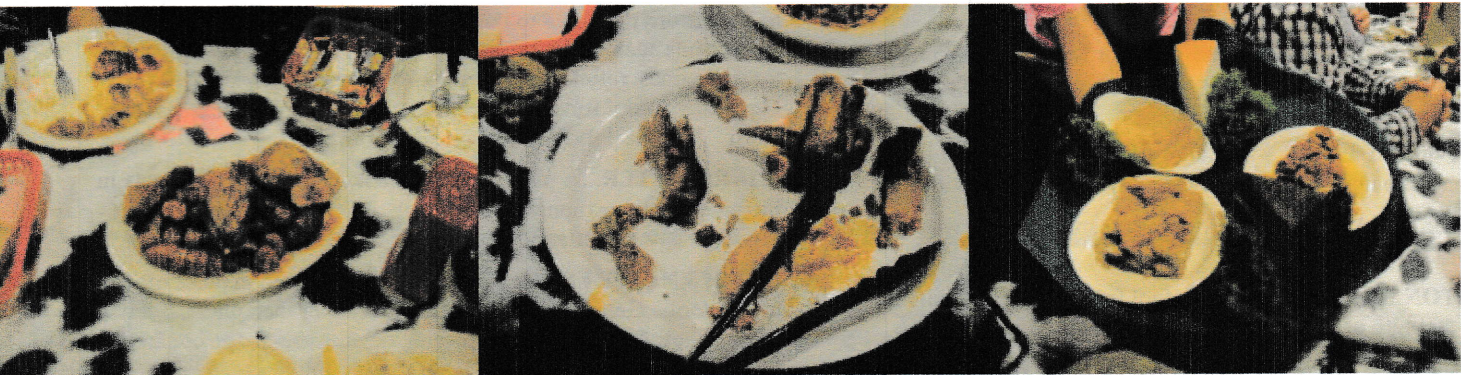
To add to the homey atmosphere, food was served family style with platters laden with Chicken, Brisket and Sausage along with bowls of Potato Salad, Coleslaw and Beans. This course, of course, was followed by Texas sized classic Texas desert offerings of Pecan Pie, Blackberry Cobbler, Bread Pudding topped with Jack Daniel's Bourbon sauce, Cheesecake and Chocolate Mousse Cake. Optional Blue Bell Ice Cream was offered with all deserts.

After the tables were cleared, the gift exchange was launched. Numbers were drawn to determine the order of execution of gift selection. Sally Osborn stepped off with #1. From there it generated into chaos as it usually does. Strategies were planned, ambushes were followed by strafings. It was all in good fun and in the spirit of the Holiday.

Dave and Nancy Carter
 Ted and Judy Adcock
 Dave and Sandra Lucas and granddaughter Mina Gibson Lucas
 Rick and Naomi McCracken
 Mandy McDonald,
 Michael McDonald and Rachel Wendt
 Luke Cordes
 Will Rice
 Willie and Gaynell Cordes
 Bill and Pat Sherrill
 Dean and Betty Dockery
 Delton and Mamie Stokes
 Chester and Irene Gilbert
 Stan Hoekstra
 Charlie and Jerria Worthen
 F A and Rosemary Stokley and Trish Slayton
 Denny Irvine

We think we have included everyone present.
 If not, in the spirit of the season, please forgive us.





Before

After

Grand Finale

Post Script

Tool Descriptions

Author Unknown

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your coffee across the room, splattering it against that freshly - stained heirloom piece you were drying.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Ouch!"

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters. Most often the tool used by all women.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

WELDING GLOVES: Heavy duty leather gloves used to prolong the conduction of intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out of.

WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16 or 15/16 socket you've been searching for the last 45 minutes.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

EIGHT-FOOT LONG YELLOW PINE 2X4: Used for levering an automobile upward off of a trapped hydraulic jack handle

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing wood splinters and wire wheel debris.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps neatly off in bolt holes thereby ending any possible future use.

RADIAL ARM SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to scare neophytes into choosing another line of work.

CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 24-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A very large pry bar that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end opposite the handle.

AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw.

TROUBLE LIGHT: The home mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, 'the sunshine vitamin,' which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids and for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads. Women excel at using this tool.

FLAT-HEAD SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Often used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws

AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts which were last over tightened 90 years ago by someone at Ford, and instantly rounds off their heads. Also used to quickly snap off lug nuts

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

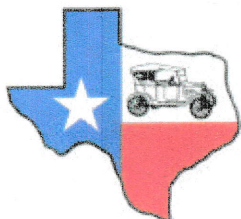
HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit. Women primarily use it to make gaping holes in walls when hanging pictures.

POCKET KNIFE: Used to slice through the contents within cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as car seats, vinyl, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while being worn.

MICROMETER...A precision tool made for measuring objects in increments of one thousand of an inch. In emergency situations it can double as a 'C' clamp.

CRESCENT WRENCH: Adjustable wrench used in place of proper tool. Generally rounds off bolts slower than pliers, but with same effect. Also used as hammering device, usually on concrete followed by loud cursing.



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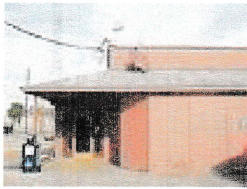
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Wanted: Model T Ford—1909 - 1925 Car or parts needing restoration, running or not. Roadster preferred, must be reasonably priced.

Contact: David Craft 281-328-6375

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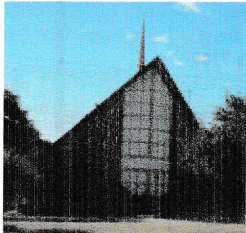
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Dine with Friends at
Jax Grill at 6:00 P.M.
1613 Shepherd Drive in the Heights

Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

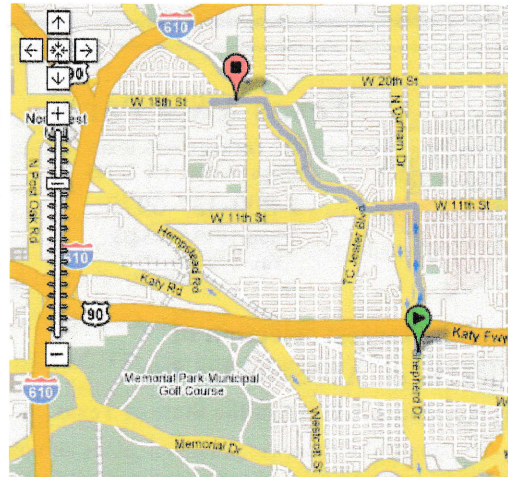
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Lazy Brook Baptist Church
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights



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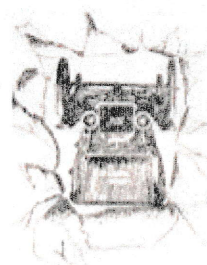
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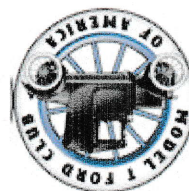


Directions from Jax Grill to Lazybrook Baptist Church

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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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