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In Memoriam

Donald Adcock

Donald J. Adcock, age 81, passed away Tuesday, July 5, 2011 in Houston, TX. Don is preceded in death by his son Tommy and survived by his loving wife of almost 62 years, Sophie, son Ted Adcock and wife Judy, daughter Nancy Carter and husband David, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He served proudly with the National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves for 43 years, and was a member of A.A.C.A. and Space City T's. Visitation will be 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 7th at Earthman Resthaven. Don's Celebration of Life will be 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 8th in the Chapel of Earthman Resthaven, with interment to follow.

Virginia Louise Page

Virginia Louise Page, 90, formerly of Amarillo passed away on Monday, July 11, 2011 at Grace Presbyterian Village in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Page was born in Burkburnett, TX, on September 19, 1920 to George H. and Simmie Vann Measley. She moved to vicinity of the Gulf Oil Camp near Borger in 1926. She graduated from Panhandle High School, Amarillo College and West Texas State Teachers College. Mrs. Page taught 5th



grade in Happy and Borger and was a substitute teacher in Amarillo. She married Eugene D. Page on June 30, 1946. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. She was a Charter Member of Temple Baptist Church since June 15, 1947 and taught Sunday School for fifty-five years.

She was preceded in death by her son, Edward Lee Page; her parents, George and Simmie Measley of Borger; and brothers, George Jr. and Charles Measley.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene D. Page, who is retired from Santa Fe Railroad now living in Dallas; her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Suzy Page living in Duncanville; grandchildren, Ross Page, Sandelynn Davis, and Jon Carson; six great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

On The Cover



"Knocked down and dragged out." That was part of the delivery process for many Model T's.

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Real Fords



Correction to the June Meeting Minutes

The June meeting minutes said that the Hampton and Holiday Inn had 40 participants registered, of which 11 were Space City members. Actually, that was for T Party participants registered.

The Hampton at that time had 65 "T Party participant" registrations. Not everyone registered for a room at the Hampton as of that date were paid up for T Party. As of now, 'almost' everyone staying at the host hotel is already registered with T Party.

Bi-fold Newsletter

The last two issues of the newsletter were not bi-fold editions printed on 11 x 17 sheets and folded to form a booklet because we encountered printer problems involving software updates. We have found a work around and if anyone would like a proper bi-fold copy of the June and/or July newsletters, let us know.

2011-12 Calendar of Coming Events

August 10 **Space City T's Meeting**
2011

September 28-October 2 **Texas T Party**
2011 Bastrop, Texas
 The Heart of the Lost Pines
 Jeff and Luke Cordes, Chairmen
 713-926-3217
 Email: cordesworks@yahoo.com

March/April **2012 - See the South Slowly Tour**
2012 North American Touring Ts
 Susan and Joss Sanderson
 5220 W. Larkspur Ridge Dr.
 Tucson AZ 85743
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Cheaper gas drives man to Model T

Associated Press

BARTLETT, Tenn. — Bill Butner has reached into the past to save money on gasoline.

He's parked his sport utility vehicle and is driving a Model T, which has been in Butner's family since his grandfather purchased it in 1922.

The Model T, in mint condition, costs just \$10 to fill up, and goes 100 miles on a tank.

It takes \$100 to fill up his SUV.

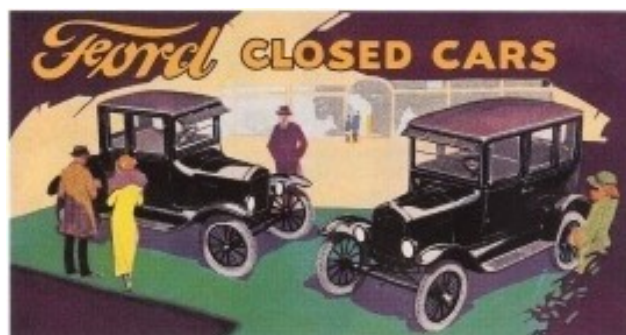
An accountant by trade, Butner is also a well-known harpist. He uses his Model T, named Leaping Lizzie, to get to and from musical performances.

"This old car runs on regular gas and has only 4 cylinders," he told WMC-TV in Memphis.

There are drawbacks. When he fills up, he has to use a stick to measure the amount of gas. "These cars don't have any gauges," he explained.

Butner said his family in Lauderdale County took a trip from California and back in this same vehicle in the 1920s.

"If it (the price of gas) gets any worse, I may have to go to a bicycle, or a horse and buggy would be cheaper," he said.



Model T Birth Pangs

Today, eighteen wheeler auto carriers delivering to dealers up to a half dozen sleek modern automobiles at a time is a common sight. Such was not always the case.

The lack of a cohesive system of suitable highways in the early days of the twentieth century dictated that most freight moved by rail. This included new cars of the day. Over fifteen million Model T's rolled out of Ford factories, but not all were delivered in a completely assembled state from Detroit, Michigan.

Initially, knocked down to kit form and packed into box cars, the skeletal Model T's were sent on their way to Ford dealers for final re-construction and checkout. Later, Ford developed a network of assembly plants called branches which allowed for denser packing of Model T parts in railroad cars and consequent savings in shipping costs.

Texas Assembly Plants



US Ford Assembly Plants

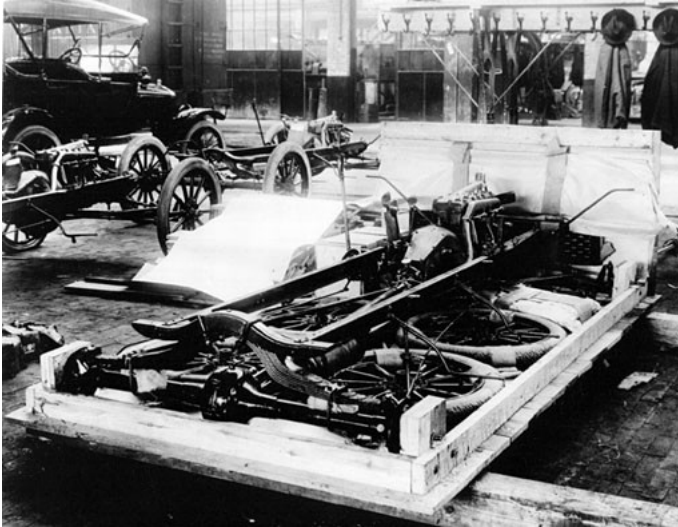
- Fully assembled Model Ts that had been manufactured in Detroit were "knocked down" - the wheels removed and then prepared for shipment to the car dealers around the USA.
- A standard railroad boxcar contained three or four "knocked-down" Model T cars.
- In **1910**, because the parts and sub-assemblies of twelve cars could be dispatched in a railroad boxcar, the company started to dispatch the main parts of the Model T for assembly at certain branches.
- Some branches included specially designed assembly plants.
- The first branch with an assembly capability plant in the USA was opened in **1910** at Kansas City.
- Later in **1910** a second branch assembly plant was opened at Fargo, North Dakota.
- Ford's first San Francisco branch, which opened in **1911**, originally received "knocked down" Model Ts. In late **1913** a new branch assembly plant was opened in San Francisco.
- By **1914**, 15 of the company's 29 US branches were branch assembly plants.
- These 15 branch assembly plants were responsible for producing about a quarter of the company's total output in **1914** of more than 202,000 cars.
- In **1914** the company's largest branch plant, which was in Chicago, assembled more than 150 cars daily.
- By **1920** there were 36 Ford branches in the USA.
- A report in "The Ford Industries" published by the Ford Motor Company in **1926** included the following information:
- In addition to the Highland Park manufacturing plant in Detroit there were 34 branches in the USA, 31 of which contained assembly plants.
- Model Ts were not assembled at the Washington DC, Fargo and Salt Lake City branches.
- The Company used over 500,000 freight cars annually to move material and supplies to its branches.
- 50,000 workers were employed in Detroit and 26,000 at the other 34 branches.

From:

<http://www.carhistory4u.com/the-last-100-years/special-features/model-t-ford>

Ford Assembling Plants were located in the following Cities

Atlanta Buffalo Cambridge Chicago Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Dallas Denver Detroit Fargo Houston Indianapolis Kansas City Long Island City Los Angeles Louisville Memphis Milwaukee Minneapolis Oklahoma City Omaha Philadelphia Pittsburgh Portland, Ore. San Francisco Seattle St. Louis

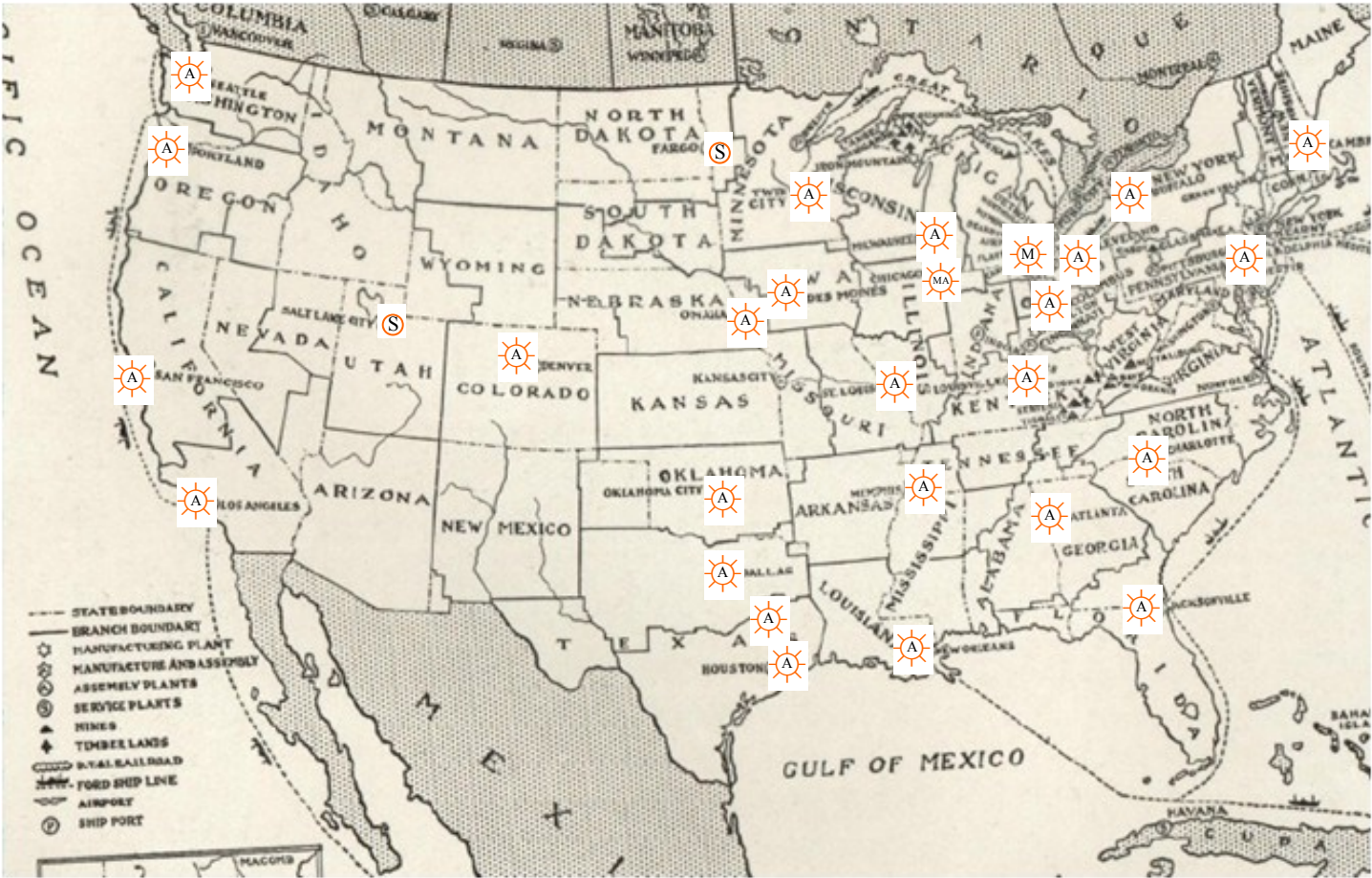






Model T chassis in shipping crate, 1917.



Off She Comes

Distribution of Ford Manufacturing and Assembly Plants



- Legend:
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|---|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Manufacturing Plant |  | Manufacturing and Assembly Plant |
|  | Assembly Plant |  | Service Plant |

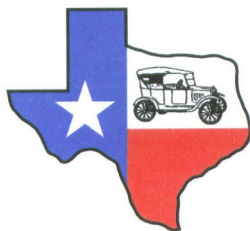
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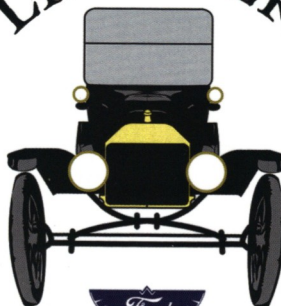
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For Sale: Complete set of Vintage Ford Magazines. \$450

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For Sale: 1923 Model T Ford

All original, needs complete restoration. No rust through anywhere, stored inside. Ran last summer \$8000.00

Please call Russell Gibson—281-691-2669

For Sale: 1914 Model T Truck

Excellent condition \$12,500

New car trailer \$1500. Contact:

Lee Latham le2_lat42@yahoo.com



Wanted—1927 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: 1925 TT C-Cab Stake Bed Truck - Restored 10+ years ago. Approx. 200 miles on full engine and transmission rebuild completed in 2005. Has Texas T Parts water pump and distributor installed. Located in San Antonio, TX.

Chris Chambers 210-265-9250, crchambers17@yahoo.com.

For Sale: 1922 Canadian Coupe

Engine number C379398, more parts than shown. Asking \$800.00

Butch Edmunds 713-201-5963

Waller, Texas



Next Meeting

August 10, 2011



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

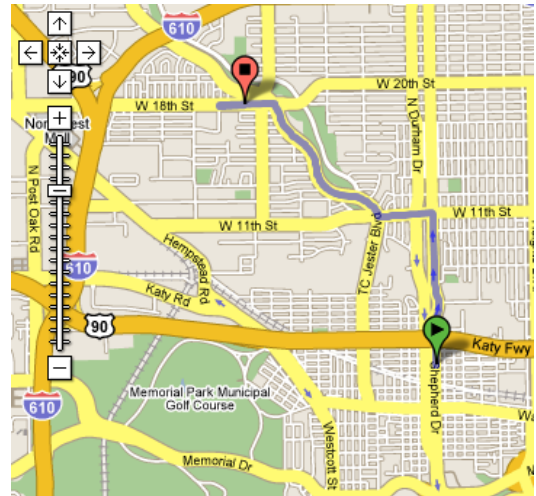
Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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



Program:

Lilleker Upholstery Workshop
A Three Wheel Irvine 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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