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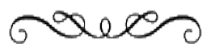
## On The Cover



It's a scene that could have taken place 85 years ago.

Actually, it occurred on the 2011 Tune Up Tour, hosted by Denny and Gwen Irvine.

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## Shirley Wingerson

1929-2011



Shirley McKnaught Wingerson, passed away April 13, 2011. Shirley is survived by her husband, Donald Wingerson; sons, Skip Wingerson and wife Melanie, Brian DeAlton Wingerson and wife Penny, and Kevin Wayne Wingerson and wife Lori; 4 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; sister, Joan Arta Eakes and husband Casper; brother-in-law, Ron Wingerson; nephew, Dan Frickey and wife Elaine; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.Rosewood.cc](http://www.Rosewood.cc)

## A Tribute to Shirley by Gay Nell Cordes

Wingersons were always wanting to promote the club. When Shirley got sick, understandably, Don's participation fell off and I admire his devotion to her but they were still a vital part of the Space City Family for many years.

They never did put on a T Party but did do some local tours. There was almost no local tour that they failed to attend. Their loyalty to Space City was something to be proud of.

Many, (if not most) of Space City folks do not know them. That's OK. They were long time active members for many years. Time goes on and hopefully if Don feels like it in the future, he'll be back participating in tours in his RED touring car (a '19 I believe). I think Shirley would want him to.

She was an interesting lady. They were school sweethearts. That says a lot to folks of "our" generation, Mine and Willie's. They stayed together where young folks rarely do.

## Correction

The article in the April issue about the Lilleker baby shower had the baby's name spelled incorrectly. The baby's name will be spelled Vivien. The name comes from Ross' family and is spelled the European way with an 'e' instead of 'a'. Think Vivien Leigh. Thanks to Gay Nell Cordes for spotting the error.



**TTM & 'T Fords of Texas'**  
PRESENT **5th Annual San Antonio Ford Model T SHOW**  
**Saturday & Sunday May 14 & 15**  
**10:00am to 5:00pm**

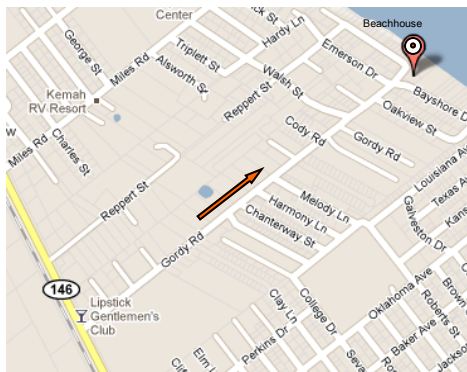
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We encourage all attendees of this event to arrive in style by driving your most prized possession to the event. We will have spaces reserved for those who wish to put their vehicle on display.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

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## 2011 Calendar of Coming Events

May 10, 2011 **Carriage Club Open House**  
6:00 to 8:00 PM  
Home Away From Home for the Car Enthusiast  
See item this page

May 11, 2011 **Space City T's Meeting**

May 14, 2011 **Ice Cream Social at the Sherrills**  
1:00 PM  
See item this page  
See backside of minutes for directions

May 14-15 **5th Annual San Antonio Ford Model T Show**  
2011 Presented by the TTM & the "T Fords of Texas"  
See item this page

May 19-21, 2011

**The Show Me Tour**

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## The 2011 TuneUp Tour

By Denny Irvine

It all began in February, when we were locked in the house during the cold spell. We were to originally go from Navasota to Independence and back, when I talked to Art Langrish of the Texas Touring T's of College Station. They were going from Texas T&A to Independence and back, and it was just a natural to combine the two tours. And so it happened, when Saturday, April 2 arrived, 16 cars and 39 people arrived at a very full parking lot, hosted by Ross and Jennifer Lilleker.



Understandably, Ross and Jennifer did not accompany us, but did greet us with coffee and doughnuts. Then the group launched at 9:45 to drive to Independence. While there, the choices were the Antique Rose Emporium, the Independence Gun Shop, the Baptist Church Museum, and the Baylor State Park site.

There wasn't enough time to do it all, but everyone enjoyed whatever they chose. At 12:00, the group gathered at the Independence Barbeque Icehouse, which worked hard to handle our large group as well as heavy walk-in traffic.

Following lunch, the parade continued through the back roads of Burleson County looking for fields of Bluebonnets. While we found many, the drought conditions and late freeze took its toll. Still, the weather and other flowers made it an enjoyable drive.



Another pair of stops were made at Lake Somerville and then a Shell station for ice cream. Finally, we headed back to Texas T, and nobody got lost on the entire trip.

All 16 cars made it on their own, although Ross did sell a few replacement parts for ones that dropped off on the tour. After some loading and good-byes, everyone was headed home before 5:00.



Make sure you make it to the next one!

Pictures courtesy of Gwen Irvine and Tony Marino







**Antique Rose Emporium Pathway**



**Clay Pot Arch**



**Colorful Fenceline**



**Garden Pond**



**Birdhouse For Sale?**



**Windmills Are Everyone's Favorite**

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## Car Travel – 1914 Style



**Sam Moore**

by Sam Moore

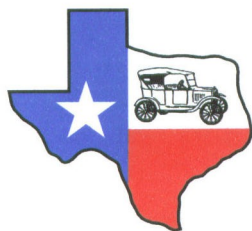
When we plan a car trip today, besides packing our stuff, preparations include giving a little attention to the car. About all that's necessary before a long trip is an oil change and lube, along with a check on all the fluids, and the tire pressure. 100 years ago, it wasn't so easy.

Recently, I was looking through a slim little volume titled "Autocraft." Published in 1914, it contains a chapter that gives: "A Few Hints to the Tourist ... before starting on an extended trip."

- The Motor. Your engine should be in proper trim and everything should be gone over carefully. Change oil every 500 miles. Examine motor bearings, and if there be 1/32 inch play, they should be taken up.
  - The Valves. Determine the compression of each cylinder by using the compression relief cocks, and turning the motor with the hand crank. If there be a loss of compression in any cylinder, grind and adjust the valves.
  - The Ignition. Follow all wires to check for loose connections or rubbed insulation. Clean and file the platinum points on the make-and-break contacts.
  - The Transmission and Axles. Starting from the front axle, detach all wheels and remove all bearings. Wash the bearings, spindles, and hubs in kerosene, and repack with grease before replacing and adjusting bearings. Remove the drain plugs from the transmission and rear axle and allow all old oil or grease to empty out. Replace drain plugs and jack up rear wheels. Pour one and one half quarts of kerosene in the transmission and rear axle. Start the motor and allow the rear wheels to turn at low throttle for about two minutes to wash out the bearings. Again remove drain plugs to drain off this cleansing solution, after which you reinsert plugs and refill with a fresh supply of oil or grease.
  - The Brakes. With the car still on jacks, check to see that the brakes are being applied equally to both wheels. If brakes are not adjusted equally, it will cause the car to skid to one side.
  - The Radiator. In time a radiator will become clogged and may overheat. The use of a little washing soda mixed in boiling water and allowed to stand a few hours will clean out a radiator wonderfully. Be sure to drain off solution and flush good with the hose and a good force of water.
  - Miscellaneous. Manufacturers have provided a means to lubricate all moving parts. Spring bolts, radius rod support pins, brake linkage pins, steering connections, shock absorbers, speedometer, etc., should be given daily attention. With a piece of waste and an oil can, oil such parts as are supplied with oilers and give grease cups each one turn daily.
  - Tires, Tools, Accessories, Curtains for the Tour. Having attended to the pointers mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, it now remains for the tourist to prepare for weather conditions, tires and the necessary tools to make minor repairs while on the road. With the top raised, all curtains should be attached to assure they will fit properly. Do not fold curtains; it cracks the isinglass and creases the cloth. Roll them to pack them away.
- It is advisable to replace badly worn tire casings and to keep older tires for emergency use. Inflate tires to proper pressure. Take two extra tires and about four or five inner tubes, together with tire patches, fresh cement, chalk, and blowout patches.
  - The tourist should next have a tool kit and be supplied with such tools as will enable him to make small roadside repairs. The following can be used as a guide to help make up a tool kit:
    - 1 two-pound hammer
    - 1 small screwdriver
    - 1 large screwdriver
    - 1 each, Nos. 25, 27, 29, and 33 double open end wrenches
    - 1 jack and handle
    - 1 tire pump
    - 1 complete tire repair kit
    - 1 oil can
    - 1 6-inch cold chisel with 1/2-inch face
    - 1 12-inch monkey wrench
    - 1 14-inch pipe wrench
    - 1 pair combination cutting pliers
    - 1 10-inch flat file
    - 1 set tire tools
    - 1 12-inch hack saw and blade
    - 1 box assorted nuts and bolts
    - 1 box assorted lock washers and cotter pins
    - 1 spool wire
    - 1 piece, 2 feet long, of insulated wire
    - 1 spark plug
    - 1 6-inch drift (punch)
    - 1 canvas pail
    - 1 gallon lubricating oil
    - 1 tire repair kit, containing:
      - 1 piece emery cloth, 1/2 dozen small patches, 1 tube cement, 1/2 dozen large patches, 2 tire valves, 1/2 pound French chalk, 2 tire valve nuts, 3 tire valve cores.
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- Today, fortunately, we don't need to adjust any engine bearings or grind any valves, and about the only tool necessary from the above list is a jack and handle. We travel in comfortable, climate controlled conditions (without having to rely on isinglass curtains), on smooth surfaced roads at more than a mile a minute, and the thought of a flat tire never crosses our minds. Our wives don't need long dusters, goggles, or scarves to tie on their hats, and we don't have to "get out and get under" even once (we hope).

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Editor's Note: Traveling as we do in Model T's, the above precautions are well advised to be heeded.



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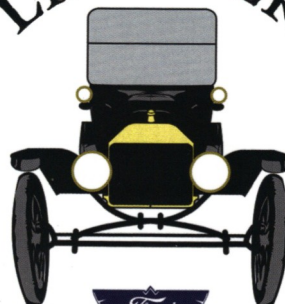
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Waller, Texas



## Next Meeting

May 11, 2011



Dine with Friends at  
Jax Grill at 6:00 P.M.  
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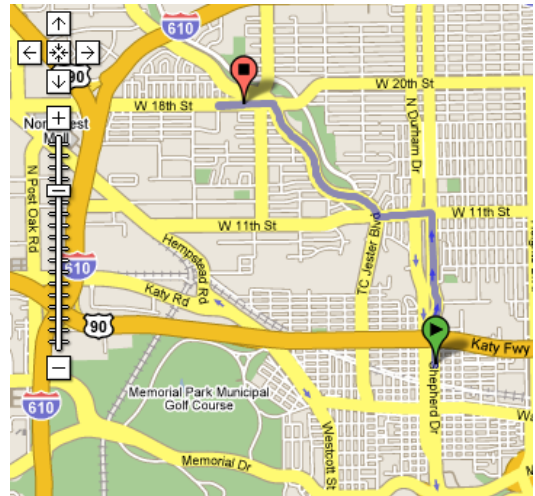
Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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

### Program:

The 2011 Tune Up Tour

Hosted and Produced by  
Three Wheel Irvine



### Directions from Jax Grill to Lazybrook Baptist Church

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



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