

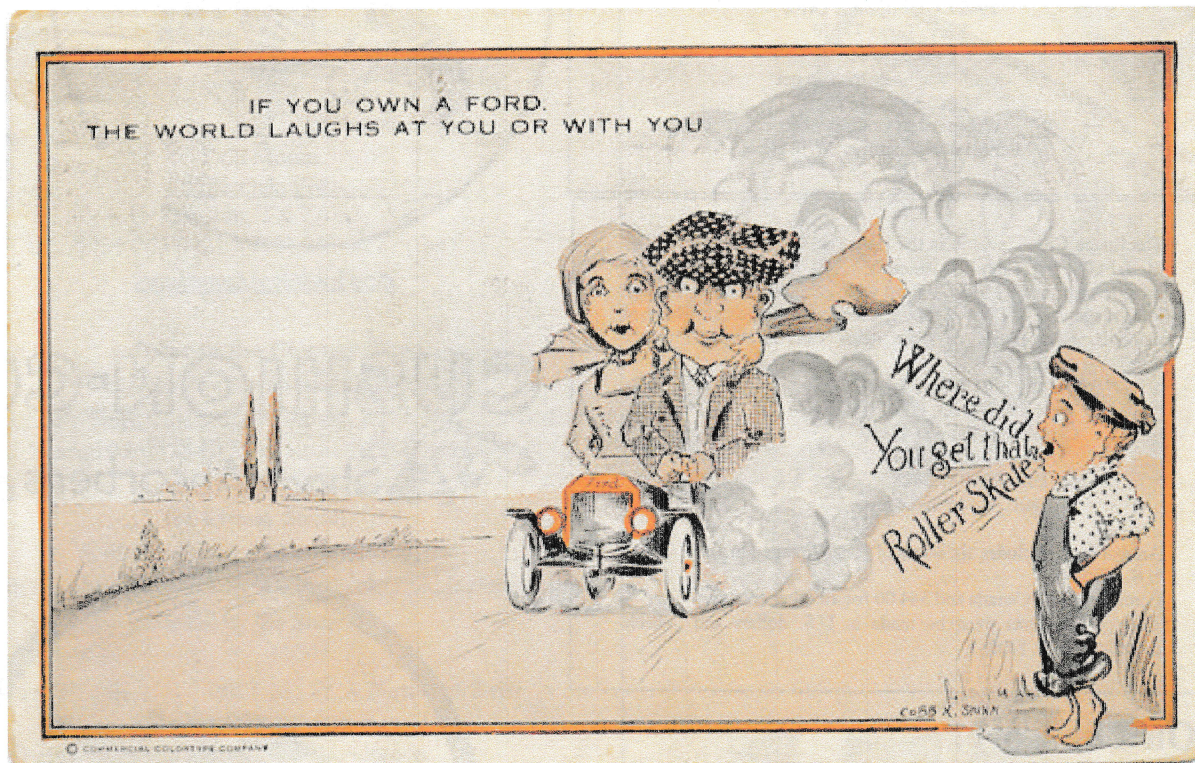
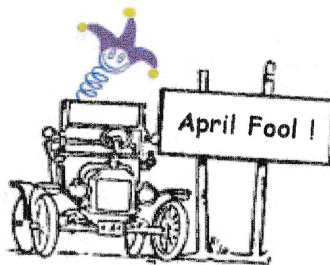


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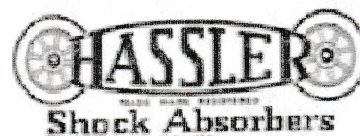


The Model T was (is) the brunt of a lot humor. The flivver is tough old car and just shakes it off.

Shinn Cobb's comical postcard is typical of the slings and arrows tossed its way.

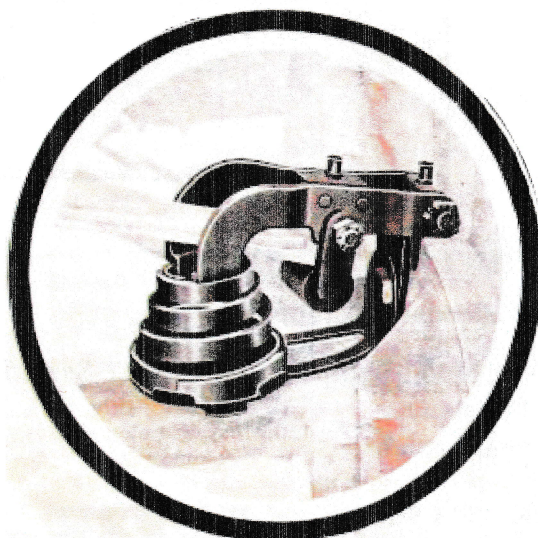
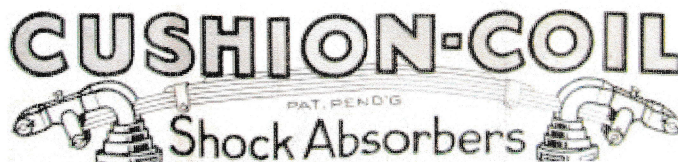
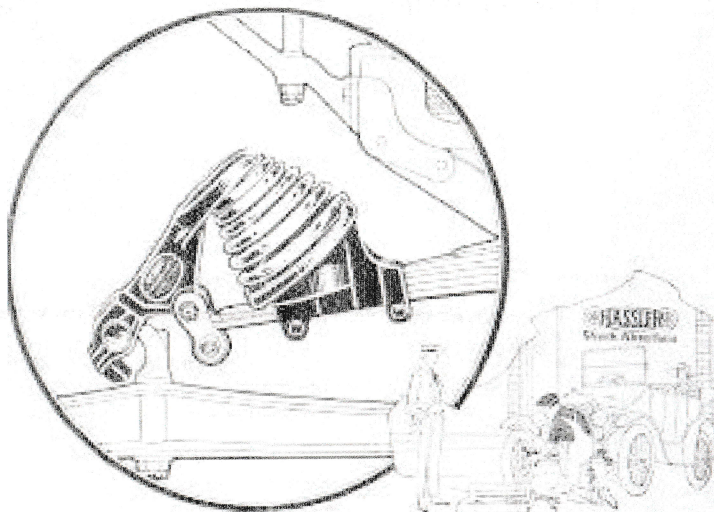
For more side-splitting laughter, turn to page 4.

Shocking!!!.... Simply Shocking !



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2011 Calendar of Coming Events

April 2
2011

2011 Tune Up Tour

Based out of Texas A and T Parts
One day tour in the Navasota area
Rain date—April 15
Hosted by Denny and Gwen Irvine
(936) 856-2929
dirvine@suddenlink.net

April 3
2011

5th Annual San Antonio Ford Model T Show
Presented by the TTM & the "T Fords of Texas"
Texas Transportation Museum
11731 Wetmore Road, San Antonio TX 78247
(210) 979-6107
www.txtransportationmuseum.org

April 13
2011

Space City T's Meeting

April 28-May 1
2011

Pate Swap Meet



Don Moore
7751 Oak Vista
Houston, TX 77087
(713) 649-0922 (713) 645-4177 (fax)
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April 30
2011

A Drive in the Country Tour

Hosted by Jim Haney and the Stokleys

Out of Field's Store Community Center, 26098 FM 362 Waller.
Sharon 936-425-6171 or Rosie 832-444-9927

May ?
2011

Ice Cream Social

Sometime around Memorial Day,
With the possibility of very specially churned ice cream.
Hosted by the Sherrills

June 27-July 1 **2011 MTFCA National Tour**

Cowboys and Coalmines

Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada
Contact: Les Schubert 403 931-2628
Limited to under 100 Model Ts.

September 28-October 2
2011

Texas T Party

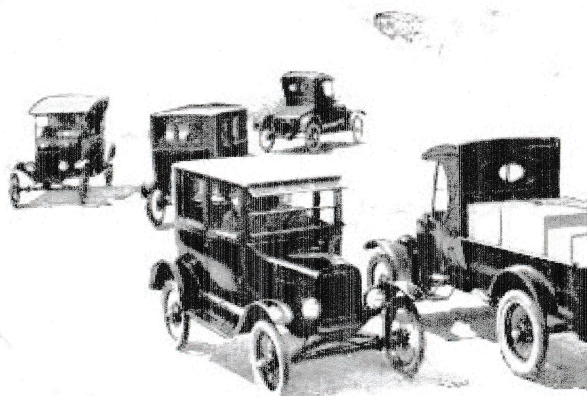
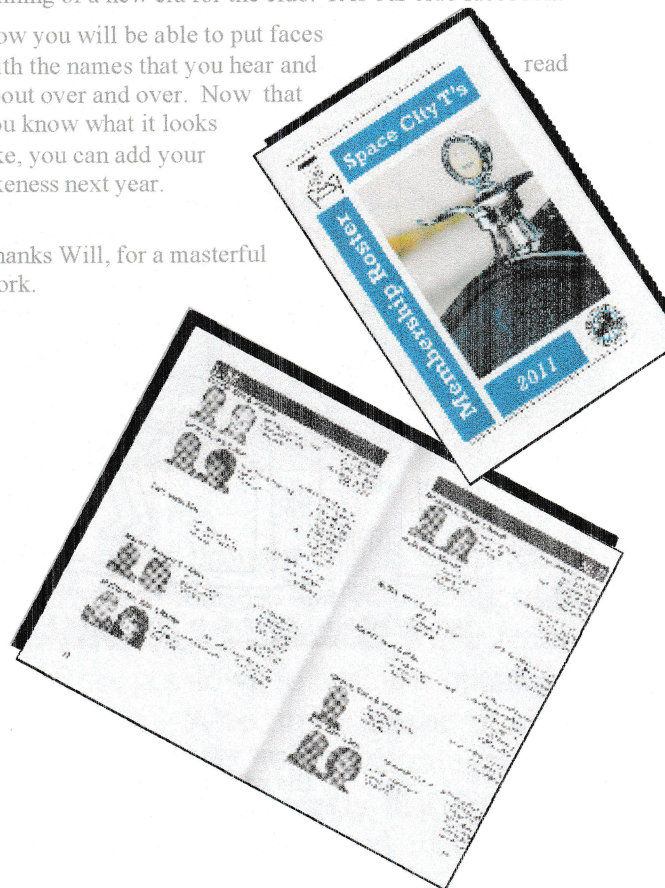
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The 2011 Pictorial Membership Roster Is Ready

Our Membership Chairman, Will Rice has produced the new pictorial membership roster for 2011. This is the beginning of a new era for the club. It is our club facebook.

Now you will be able to put faces with the names that you hear and about over and over. Now that you know what it looks like, you can add your likeness next year.

Thanks Will, for a masterful work.



"Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.
I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved." Will Rogers

It's been a slow news month down at the Flivver Flash editorial office. Since we are at the cusp of April Fool's Day, we decided to have a little fun at the expense of the Model T.

Here, for your enjoyment, are a batch of jokes aimed squarely at the old Ford.

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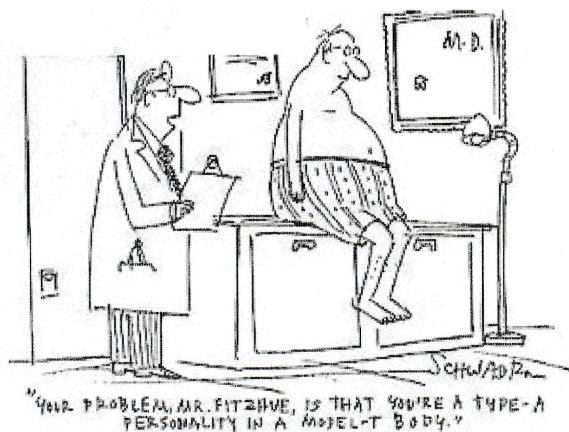
Old Mother Hubbard went to her cupboard
To take her Ford out for a spin,
But when she got there, the cupboard was bare,
They had sold her machine for old tin.

* * *

BY THEIR WORKS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

"That chap who just passes us in his Model T must be a politician."
"Why so?"

"Didn't you notice the way he was throwing mud?"



* * *

Jack Sprat was rather fat
His wife was awfully lean
And so between them both they filled
Their little Ford machine.

* * *

Henry Ford, the man who made walking a pleasure.

* * *

Q: What do you call a Model T at the top of a Hill?

A: A Miracle.

Q: What do you call two Model T's at the top of a hill?

A: A mirage.

* * *

EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

"Can a man be in two places at the same time, Ed?"

"Yes, he can. Last Tuesday I was on a trip in my Ford and I was home sick all the time."

* * *

In the year twenty hundred and ten,

What car will predominate then?

The Model T, without doubt,

Will be going about

Without any fuel. AMEN!

An oil drilling company in Texas had a big well fire. Even Red Adair couldn't put it out. They offered an award of \$50,000 dollars. A Finnish fire department from southern Texas offered to come up and put out the fire. As they came roaring up the highway in a Model T fire truck, they turned off into the oil field....not only up to the oil, but right INTO IT. The Finnish firemen jumped out of the fire truck and began to frantically thrash at the fire with their jackets. Miraculously, the fire was put out by these Finns! As the superintendent reacted with amazement, he led Ole, the fire chief, into his office where he made out the check for \$50,000 dollars. "Congratulations, Ole. What do you intend to do with the money?" the superintendent asked. Ole replied, "Vell, first of all ve vill haff to get da brakes fixed on our fire truck."

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

A man advertised that he would sell his Ford for one-half the price he paid for it, but he received no response from the "ad." He then advertised that he would sell it for one-quarter of the price he paid. Still no response. He was pretty well discouraged, so offered to sell it for enough money to pay for the advertisements. No response. Finally he made the announcement that he would leave his car in front of the post office the next night and if anyone would take it away, they were welcome to it. That night after supper he drove up and left his car as announced.

The next morning he went to see if anyone had taken the Ford but when he got there he was more discouraged than ever. There were five other Fords besides his own.

* * *

Ford owners don't ring a bell
On the stories that other folks tell;
For the little Ford jokes
Keep on pleasing the folks,
While the Ford cars continue to sell.



"Have you heard the last Ford story?"

"I hope so."

The Lilleker Baby Shower

By Denny Irvine

The Wednesday night meeting was well attended—over 35 members showed up—and the rumor had it the offer of free food did the trick. President David Carter ran an efficiently quick meeting, and then we got to the real business of the baby shower. As you can see, the gift table was covered, and everyone was excited about the prospect of another Lilleker in the Space City T Club. The event was organized by Sandra Lucas, who was assisted by Mandy McDonald, Nancy Carter, Kay Tyner, Naomi McCracken and Betty Dockery.



Her name will be Vivian Grace,
and she is due on April 18th.

All of the Club members would like to wish Jennifer and Ross the best of good fortune in this upcoming change in their lives. We will all enjoy watching Vivian grow up.

Many others brought snacks and utensils, all of which made a festive evening of fun. Members were able to visit while Jennifer and Ross got down to business opening the many gifts. A recurring theme of all the presents seemed to concentrate on baby-travel items, so it seems that “our” new baby girl will be expected to travel in a Model T from day number one.



Post Script

Eight Steps to Taking Better Photographs of Your Model T

By Dan Conder

I will give you 8 points to consider when taking a photo of your T. Remember, because Model T's are predominately black they are difficult to photograph so a little care and planning should be taken.

1. Start with a clean car.

Dust the body and wipe down the tires. Even wipe the tire tread once it is in the final location.

2. Choose a scenic location.

It could be a country road or an old house or barn. Look for a spot that is free of utility poles and wires, and has no modern autos or subject matter. Position the car so it is a ¾ view. Clean up the foreground and background of trash and litter.

3. Pick a time when the sun is at your back.

The sun will light the car and show detail. Shooting into the sun will put the car in a shadow. Also a shady spot will cause hot spots where the sun is coming through the tree.

4. Shoot at the highest resolution.

Most cameras now of days are digital, use the highest resolution. This will allow for the photo to be used in print or as a photograph later.

5. Steady the camera.

Use a tripod or monopod to give you the least camera motion. If you don't have one rest it on the hood of another car, a fence post or against a tree. If none of those are available, take a deep breath, steady yourself and shoot.

6. Have people out of shaded areas.

For best results bring any people outside of the car so you are not photographing them in shadows. When possible have them in period dress. Make them take off their sun glasses or hats that hide their faces.

7. Try to create interest.

Use interesting angles or objects in the foreground and background to create a path for the eye to follow. Don't try to get too much in the photo. This makes the car many times too small.

8. Select the best photo.

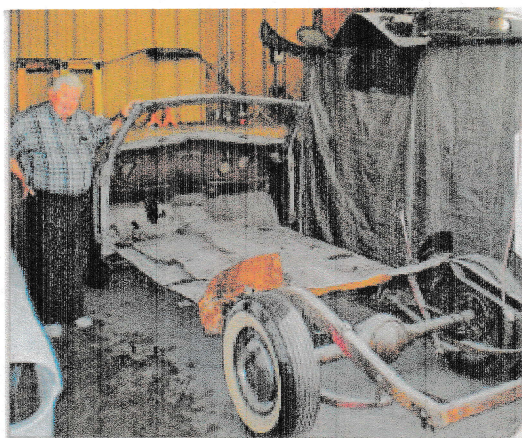
With digital today's cameras you can see instantly whether you have the best crop, angle or any motion. Delete the poor photos and shoot till you have the best shot.

Everyone knows when they see a poorly taken photo and when they see a great photo. Next time you take a photo of your T try these 8 steps. Eventually they will become second nature and your photos will be pleasing to the eye.

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It May Not Be a Model T, But It's a Ford

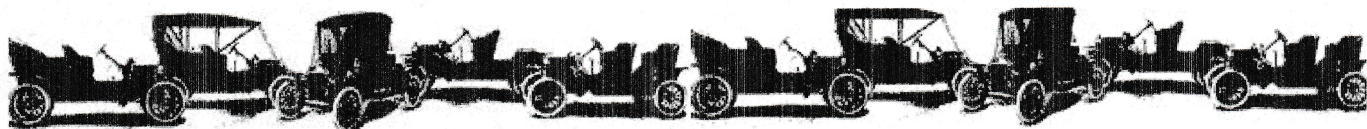
Space City T's member Gordon Fenner's restoration of a 1949 Ford Convertible was the subject of an article in a national publication.. There on page 60 of the May 2011 issue of Hemmings Classic Car begins a five page full color article of the restoration profile of Gordon's car. Beautiful car, Gordon.

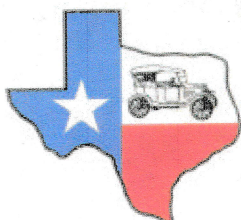


Unknown to Gordon, his 1949 Ford was terribly rusted. The body had to be reduced to separate sections, with the entire floor pan getting replaced, as well as the rockers and lower quarters.



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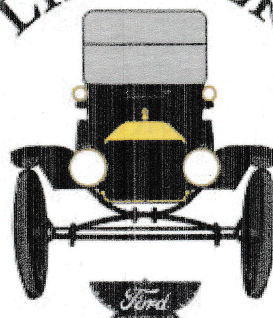
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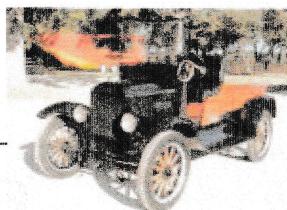
gatorsts@frontiernet.net

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: 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

Next Meeting

April 13, 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

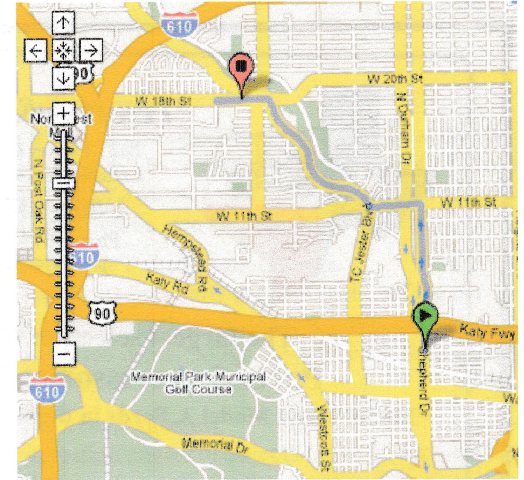
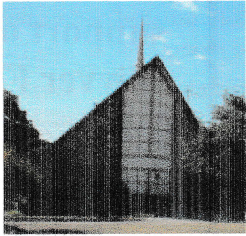
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights

Program:

Stephenville T Party

This is an early Three Wheel Irvine Production

We're not sure, but it may be a silent film
in grainy black and white
with captioned subtitles cast upon the screen.
(just kidding)



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

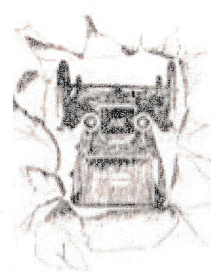
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Turn right at TC Jester Blvd - go 0.2 mi

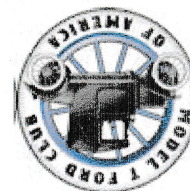
Bear left at W TC Jester Blvd - go 1.0 mi

Turn left at W 18th St - go 0.4 mi

Turn left into the parking lot of the church



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