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## On The Cover



Ready to Tour the  
Bluebonnet Fields.

Perfect weather  
made for a great  
outing.  
See page 4

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John Mays

## Model T Found... What Bliss!

Just before leaving the house to attend the Space City T's April meeting I received a phone call from a Mr. Drew Patterson. He was looking to purchase a Model T. Well, here, we'll let him tell you about it.

"I am looking for a **Model T touring car** in good condition – one that looks good and drives well. I would prefer a car dating from the **late teens to about 1924**, but would consider other years. Thank you for any help you can provide in helping me with my search. I had a Model T in high school and let it go just before I went in the service in 1966 and have never forgotten the fun I had in that car. Below is a photo of **my car** (1921 coupe) in the Memorial High School parking lot taken in 1964."



The story doesn't end there. The next evening we received an email from Drew. It read as follows:

Stan, I'm writing to tell you that I bought a very nice '24 T Touring car today and don't need to pursue my hunt any further. Thank you for being willing to help with my search. I will stay in touch and try to visit you on the way into or out of Houston in the next few months.  
Best regards,  
Drew

So there you have it. We were in the process of inserting a Want Ad in the newsletter classifieds for Drew when we received his message. Man and Car joined in automotive matrimony.



**==:THE IMAGES OF MOTHER :==**

- 4 years old - My mommy can do anything!
- 8 years old - My mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
- 12 years old - My mother doesn't really know everything.
- 14 years old - Naturally, Mother doesn't know that either.
- 16 years old - Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 years old - That old woman? She's way out of date!
- 25 years old - Well, she might know a little bit about it.
- 35 years old - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
- 45 years old - Let's go down the hallway and ask Mom what she thinks.
- 55 years old - Wonder what Mom would have thought...
- 65 years old - Wish I could talk it over with Mom...

— Author Unknown

**Freedom! Paid for by Veterans**



Clint and Cathy Allred participated in the parade in Hempstead honoring Iraq War Veterans.



**Email to the Editor**

We received the following message from Bill Sherrill;

Due to Pat having a Severe case of Pneumonia I feel that we should postpone the Ice Cream Social until she gets back to normal. She is at home and recovering a little each day, but it will take a long time to get back to 100%.

**A Very Worthy Local Cause**

Last year Paul Spitzenger and Will Rice showed their Model T's at the 1st Annual Dennis Sehorn Foundation Fundraiser. Their cars garnered a lot of attention from the hot-rodders.

**2012 Calendar of Coming Events**

May 5 2012 **2nd Annual Dennis Sehorn Foundation Fundraiser**  
 Circle D Transmission  
 13706 Hempstead Highway  
 Houston, Texas 77040  
 713-895-7019  
 See enclosed flyer

May 9 2012 **Space City T's Meeting**

May 17-19 2012 **2012 Frio Canyon Spring Tour**  
 Hosted by the Texas Tin Lizzies

June 17-22 2012 **Heartland of America "T" Tour**  
**MTFCA National Tour**  
 Hosted by the  
 Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club  
 Website: [www.heartlandofamericattour.com](http://www.heartlandofamericattour.com)  
 Contact: Mike or Beth Vaughn. 402-781-9359

July 7 2012 **Cypress Historical Society**  
**4th Annual "Old Fashioned" Picnic**  
 Cypress Historic Park  
 26026 Old Hempstead Highway  
 Cypress, Texas 77429  
 Maximum of two or three cars needed - See enclosed flyer

October 4-6 2012 **35th Annual Texas T Party**  
 Bryan/College Station, Texas  
 Contact Tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at  
[mrsmodelt@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsmodelt@hotmail.com) or 979-218-4083.



Check out the foundation website at [www.als-sehorn.org/pals/](http://www.als-sehorn.org/pals/) and read the stories of those they are helping.

**Second Annual Dennis Sehorn Foundation Fundraiser**



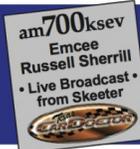
Dennis passed away in '08 after a 4 year battle with ALS



Dennis Sehorn Foundation

**Saturday, May 5, 2012**  
**11am - 3pm**

Circle D Transmission  
 13706 Hempstead Road  
 Houston, Texas 77040  
 713-895-7019



Great BBQ lunch Served 11:00am - 2:00pm by: BBQ Plates \$10 each  
 Car Show - Classic Hot Rods & Late Model Performance Cars

Bring the kids for a day of fun! Face Painting & Snow Cones  
 Transmission & Torque Converter Show-n-Tell

Silent Auction - Check our website for the current list of items up for auction

The Dennis Sehorn Foundation is a 100% volunteer operated organization working to honor Dennis' legacy by providing support to PALS (People with ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Our mission is to do what we can to assist PALS and their families with medical and quality of life needs that result from this debilitating disease.

**Thank you for your support!**  
 Please visit our website for the latest information on this event. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, our website accepts online donations.  
[www.als-sehorn.org](http://www.als-sehorn.org)  
 We are a 501(c)(3) charity and your donation is tax deductible.

# The Charlie Tyner Memorial Bluebonnet Tour

By Denny Irvine March 17, 2012

After losing the “Tuneup Tour” to bad weather, it was a real treat to see the sun out. A total of 10 cars came together at Texas T&A Parts in College Station Saturday morning.

Greeting the drivers was the curious donkey, miscellaneous dogs, and now the much more grown up Vivien, who is walking, smiling, sporting new “teef”, and sounding like she could strike up a conversation at any moment.

Participating drivers included organizers Art and Gloria Langrish, Denny and Gwen Irvine, Don Wingerson and Pat Hope, Jim Haney and Kathy Feagin, Phil and Donna Cavanaugh, Wes and Karen James, FA and Al Stokley, Dean and Betty Dockery, and John and Marilyn Mays. Ross and Jennifer were there to see us off, but Ross had to keep working on overdue projects.

Art held a short driver’s briefing, and then the group was off precisely at 10AM. The goal was to reach the Brenham Airport by 11:30, and Art was a “Man on a Mission”. The group passed lots of photo ops without stopping.

When they reached Independence, they kept going—barely slowing for the Rose Emporium, coffee shops, or Baylor Campus buildings. They shot right by the Independence Gun Store where a Gun Show was obviously underway.

But then the first breakdown struck, and it was Art’s car. Puffing steam and suspecting a blown head gasket, the lead was passed to Denny Irvine. The remaining cars continued on to the Airport, arriving right on time for our scheduled meeting with Freedom Flight from the Conroe Airport. The four aircraft and six pilots put on an interesting flyover, with several passes in different formations.

Once the aircraft had all landed, the group combined and headed into The Southern Flyer, the restaurant at the Brenham Airport. Our group had 28 people alone, and others kept coming in and joining us. Since it was the first weekend with



nice weather in a long time, the restaurant was packed, making for a long, leisurely lunch.

Then it was time to continue the Tour. Once again Art led, driving a Coupe that Ross had delivered. Art’s Touring car turned out to not have a bad gasket, but a defective head.

One of the pilots joined Denny, and the mob headed off in the direction of Chappell Hill.



As earlier mentioned, we did not have the luxury of a first of the year “shakeout” drive when we lost the

TuneUp Tour. Therefore, this tour turned out to be the tuneup.



We had two fairly “new” cars to touring that showed need for tweaking. FA’s ’25 coupe had an undetermined fuel problem and had to be picked up. Also, Phil Cavanaugh brought his gorgeous ’26 touring, but it also had fuel problems requiring a lift home.

You couldn’t have asked for better weather. Coats were unnecessary. Everyone headed home before dark—a perfect day!



Now its time to get busy getting the cars ready for the next weekend.

## The Woodville Chicken-Run by Denny Irvine

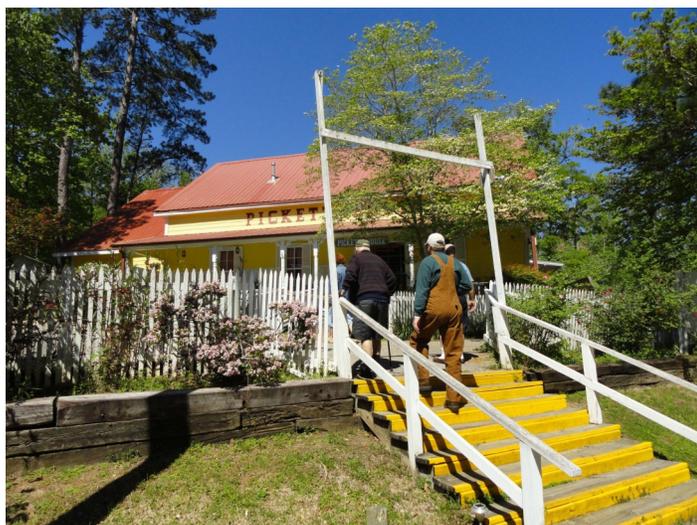


If you figured you had something else to do the weekend of March 24-25, you made a big mistake! We cancelled the “TuneupTour” for weather, and the “Bluebonnet Tour” was so-so weather, but this one was PERFECT! We even greeted a brand new trailer behind the Dockery tow vehicle. Attending were Hosts Denny & Gwen Irvine, FA & Rose Stokley, Dean & Betty Dockery, David & Nancy Carter, and Ken Parker with Butch Nesmith, Trey and Nicholas.

All five cars pulled out on time at 9:00AM and went to work on a 75 mile day. First stop was in Coldspring, followed by a scenic stop at the Lake Livingstone Dam. Too bad we couldn't spend some time fishing. Third stop was in Livingston, and then the race was on to reach the Pickett House in Woodville before the 12:00 lunch rush. The occasion was the Dogwood Festival, celebrated by the Heritage Village Museum. The Pickett House is a family style restaurant where we shared bowls of fried chicken, potatoes, muffins, dumplings, veggies and peach cobbler. Then it was out to the Museum



where there were displays of weaving, spinning, blacksmith shops, musicians, and an endless quilt show. One of the largest displays was the Carriage House where they inherited the entire collection of early American horse drawn vehicles from the Canyon Texas Panhandle-Plains Museum. We even did a side trip to Colmesneil for another historic site, and returned to our Woodville Inn hotel and dinner. After breakfast at the hotel, we departed Sunday morning on the next leg of the trip, over 97 miles! It included a tour through the Big Thicket



Visitor Center, a stop for pie and coffee at the Cookie Jar Café in Rye, and on to Cleveland for lunch. We completed the circle and were back to the tow vehicles by 3 PM, and I am pleased to report that all 5 Model T's made it back under their own power. This tour was a “Keeper” and we will try it again next year.

**Don't Miss It!**



## A Wooden Model T

Michael Smith of BMC Software and friends constructed the Model T truck for the YMCA playground in Cinco Ranch shown in the photos below. The plans are available from The Winfield Collection. Website: winfieldcollection.com



## Yesterday Once More

Wooden doors, painted floors, transoms with glass of lead.  
 Curtain lace, rouge on face, portieres and gingerbread.  
 Parlor doors, straw matted floors, wrapped porches, white lines and tea.  
 Minister calls, horses in stalls, Godey's ladies book for thee.  
 Walking stick, a ball to kick, calling cards on a silver plate.  
 Piano shawls, cotillion balls, find a star on which to wish.

Servants there, a wreath of hair, hoop skirts for a look of fashion.  
 Gloves and top hats, knickers and spats,  
 Keeping secret any manner of passion.  
 Eastman's pix, Edison's flicks, carriage rides in the park.  
 Model T's, "Bees Knees," privies in the dark.  
 Music in parks, curfew at dark, iceboxes and cellar doors.  
 Corsets that pinch-save that inch, emporiums for their stores.  
 Memories? Yes . . . the very best to travel back in time  
 And we would be . . . in history. Victoria. How sublime!

-Linda Hymrod

## Classified Ads

### For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components

\*Rebuilt Model T transmission \* Rebuilt Model T Starter \*Rebuilt Model T Generator\*  
 Call Bill McRee at 281-427-0792 for details.

### For Sale: 1926 Model T Tudor Sedan.

Needs restoration. Has wood wheels. \$4000.  
 Call Gator Gould 251-765-2677 [gatorsts@frontier.net](mailto:gatorsts@frontier.net)

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

Call Gator Gould 251-765-2677 [gatorsts@frontier.net](mailto:gatorsts@frontier.net)

### For Sale: 1926 coupe "Basket Case".

99.9% complete, but needing full restoration. Running gear from former club member Charles Brandt's coupe. Body from local Austin county car. Other sheet metal from other cars but in nice condition. Car will be parted out, if not sold together, soon. Not numbers matching, but clear Texas title in my name. \$2000.00  
 Contact Terry Woods 281-693-2236



**For Sale: 1923 Model T Speedster** Totally restored from ground up. Features: 12 volt electric start + hand crank, new radiator, Rocky Mountain brakes, new fuel system, 5 new Firestone tires and much more. Excellent show car and run about. Drives and runs great. \$17,500.00 OBO. Will deliver at no additional cost up to 500 miles when funds are verified. Pat Hardy 409-385-8888,



### For Sale: 1927 Model T Ford Coupe

West Texas car Drivetrain intact. Engine turns. Solid Body. Make reasonable offer.  
 Contact Carl Sexton 337-356-7723  
[candpsexton@aol.com](mailto:candpsexton@aol.com)



### For Sale: 1926 Fordor California "Barn Find".

Needs full restoration, but original wood in relatively good shape. Only two or three pieces need to be replaced. Was running and driving when bought in 2009. 99.9% complete. Matching numbers car. Clear Texas title in my name. \$3,000.00  
 Contact Terry Woods 281-693-2236



### Wanted—1927 Model T Front Bumper and Brackets

Contact: Gaylord Willet—Montgomery, Texas

**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

**Wanted: Pair of 1926 Texas License Plates** for purchase or trade for pair of professionally restored 1923/24 plates. Contact Phil Cavanaugh 830-660-0181 or email [pcavanaugh1@consolidated.net](mailto:pcavanaugh1@consolidated.net).



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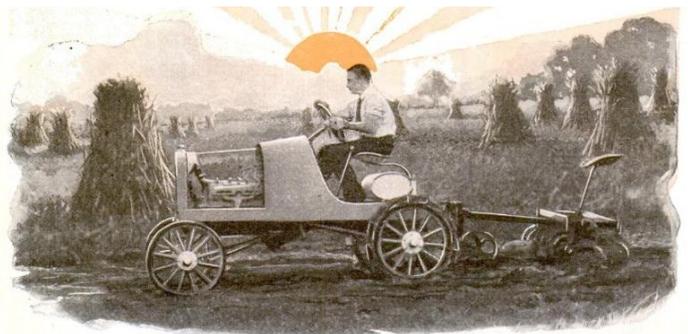
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## Gentleman Farmer



## Next Meeting

January 11, 2012



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

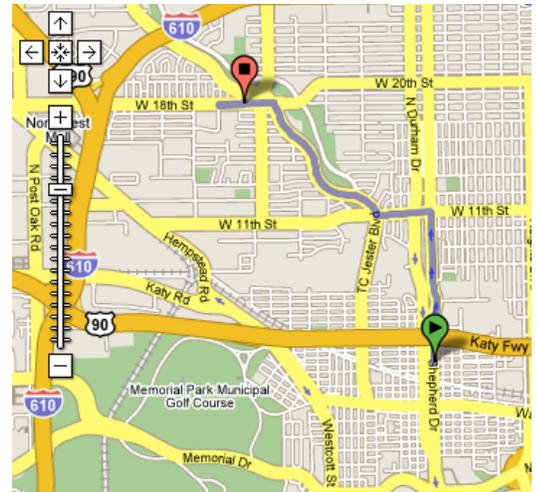
Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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



### Program:

"The Charlie Tyner Memorial Bluebonnet Tour"



### 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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