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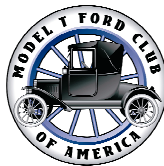
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## On The Cover



Who wouldn't want to see a Model T radiator and shell under the tree on Christmas morning?



## The Results Are In...

The election of the officers and directors for the year 2013 took place at the November meeting.

President	Rick McCracken
Vice President	Broderick Thompson
Treasurer	Dave Lucas
Secretary	Stan Hoekstra
Board Member	Dave Carter
Board Member	Denny Irvine
Board Member	Ted Adcock

Installation will take place at the Christmas Dinner December 2. Dave Carter will hand the gavel over to Rick McCracken.

We look forward to an exciting and fruitful year.

## Henry Says

*"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right."*

— Henry Ford



## Dues Are Due

The deadline for dues payment is January 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid up.

Dues are still \$25.00 per year

**Do not send dues to the editor**

Send all dues to our treasurer for 2013,  
**Dave Lucas**  
 21125 County Road 160  
 Alvin, Texas 77511

**NOTE: Dues are not tax deductible. To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status with the IRS.**

## 2012 Calendar of Coming Events

December 2      **Space City T's Christmas Party**  
 2012              Christies Steak & Seafood  
                      6029 Westheimer  
                      5:00 P.M.  
 RSVP to Dave and Sandra Lucas 281-388-0761  
                      daverlucas@yahoo.com

**No club meeting in December**

December 15      **Model T's at Toys for Tots**  
                      **No Fees, Show Off Your Model T**  
                      Tommie Vaughn Ford Parts Department  
                      9 am to 1 pm  
                      Contact: Anthony J. Hoekstra  
                      713.802.6600(direct) 713.293.4320 ( fax)  
                      767 North Shepherd  
                      Houston, Texas 77007

## Christmas Party



R.S.V.P. to Dave and Sandra Lucas  
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## The George Ranch Texian Market Days

By Doug Brough



The George Ranch invited cars for their annual Texian Market Days. The festival was held over 2 days. Friday was school day visits, with schools from all over the Houston and surrounding area descending on the ranch. Members Clint & Kathy Allred and Dean and Betty Dockery had their cars on display for the kids. I understand it was quite a lively day!

On Saturday, Doug Brough joined. The cars were parked in front of the garage, next to the display of army equipment, which ended up being 1 army jeep. We did have a fair number of visitors look over the cars. Many a child got to sit in a Model T or try to crank one. We saw many families and a few other auto enthusiasts.

It was a nice, rain-free weekend. I know the ranch appreciates the club's efforts bringing cars out for the day. And we Model T'ers had a nice time getting to know one another too! We'll look forward to next year's festival.



Clint and Cathy Allred's 1923 Touring



Doug and Shelly Brough's 1926 Tudor



Dean and Betty Dockery's 1926 Roadster





## Inspiring Success

By Don Wingerson

On Monday, October 15, 2012, Robert Kirk and I had the honor and privilege to show our cars at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament for Sentinels of Freedom in the Gulf Coast area which was held at South Shore Harbour golf course. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year we have shown our cars at this event.



The purpose of the Sentinels Foundation is to provide our Sentinel with a four-year mentoring and life scholarship program that will support their successful return to civilian life in our community while facing their new physical and emotional challenges. The four year scholarship will provide the following:

- Rent/Mortgage-Free Housing
- Career Placement with training
- Higher Education
- New Vehicle with adapters if necessary
- Financial and Personal Mentorship

Never before in the history of this nation has a comprehensive scholarship of this nature been offered to the members of our Armed Forces who return to us severely wounded and injured for life.

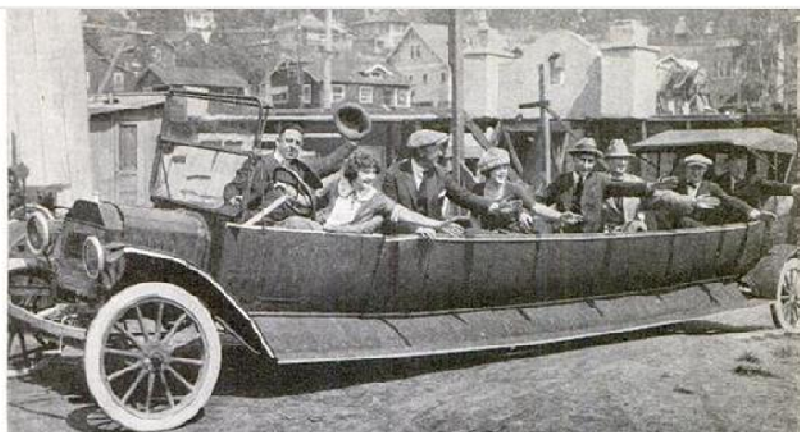
## Timer and Ignition Test on Model T Fords and Fordson Tractors



Ignition trouble in the Model T Ford car and Fordson tractor is frequently encountered, and many owners are at a loss how to find the cause. The timer may be out of order, the wiring harness short-circuited or broken, the coils incorrectly adjusted, or one coil may be defective. The test method illustrated in the drawing is one that any car owner can apply, as it requires no special equipment. The timer is removed by springing the retainer aside and taking it out with the four terminal wires attached. With the switch placed on the battery side of the circuit, each of these terminals is in turn touched against the engine casting. The contact cause the coil in this circuit to vibrate, and a spark will occur at the plug. Absence of a buzz at the vibrator indicates that the trouble is in wire, coil or coil points under test. The spark plug can be removed and placed on the cylinder head. As soon as the trouble is definitely located in one of the circuits, the wire is tested separately. A length of wire from the dash terminal to the timer terminal can be shorted around the old wire. If this extra wire causes the coil to buzz and plug to spark, it will be evident that the old wire is broken. If, when testing, all terminals produce a solid buzz, and plug is known to be in good condition, the trouble will possibly be in the roller which revolves inside the timer. Bend this outward with the end of a screwdriver, replace the timer, and it is probable that the engine will fire on all cylinders. With the four plugs on the cylinder head and the timer removed, the method described makes it possible to tell in a very short time how each ignition circuit is working.

— Popular Mechanics  
January , 1930

## Post Script



**Freak Automobile Body Built For Comedy Picture**

Comedy motion picture producers go to great expense to evolve new and absurd situations in which the cast perform, and the elongated automobile shown in the accompanying photograph is a late instance of this. An old car of well-known make has been transformed into an imitation motor bus, whose excessive length of wheelbase and the sagging or bouncing effect seen when the machine is moving, tend to create a ridiculous impression. However, these and other details have been obtained at a cost which is considered trifling, provided the finished picture accomplishes the desired end—that of making people laugh.

From Popular Mechanics  
July 1922

## Classifieds

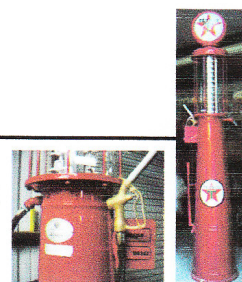
### For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components

- ☼ Rebuilt Model T transmission
- ☼ Rebuilt Model T Starter
- ☼ Rebuilt Model T Generator

Call Bill McRee at 281-427-0792 for details.

**For Sale: Texaco Gravity Flow Gas Pump** It is in beautiful condition. We are asking for \$3200. It is stored inside.

Contact: Judy Latham 512-629-6500



**For Sale: Set of USED Front and Rear Bumpers** for 1926-7 Model T. Rear bumpers are split style. Complete with brackets. Face bars are pitted and need to be plated. Brackets are in very good condition. They have no breaks or welds. Email photos can be sent so they can be enlarged for better view. Contact: Eric "Gator" Gould, Monroeville, AL 251-765-2677 or [gatorsts@frontiernet.net](mailto:gatorsts@frontiernet.net)

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

Needs restoration. Has wood wheels. \$3,000.

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

**For Sale: 1927 TT Truck** New carb, mag, coils, points and gas tank. New wood in bed and frames, new cedar cut and planed from my farm. Asking 12,500, negotiable. George Hart, 12782 Hwy 259N, Omaha, TX 75571 903-452-2900

**For Sale: 1921 Produce Truck** - Original Body LIKE a Martin/Perry, but not a Martin/Perry. Good Paint. Two new tires. Has 12 Volt system, electric starter. Nice stock vehicle. \$12,500

Helping sell for a friend.

Contact : Gator Gould 251-765-2677 or [gatorsts@frontiernet.net](mailto:gatorsts@frontiernet.net)



**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,

Email: [Slh1314@aol.com](mailto:Slh1314@aol.com) Silsbee, Texas



### 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  
[candps Sexton@aol.com](mailto:candps Sexton@aol.com)



### Wanted—1927 Model T 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: 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

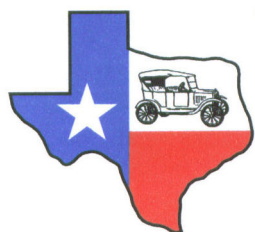


### For Sale: 1926 Fordor California "Barn Find".

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







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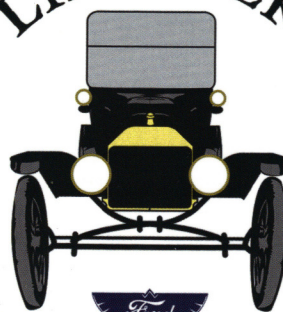
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## Flivver Follies

### INCURABLE

Days may come and days may go, but the Ford car's with us forever. The audience will please join in the chorus:

The doctor can cure the measles and mumps,  
The plumber can fix a leak;  
The druggist's pink pills cure fever and chills,  
And rid you of gout in a week.  
The tailor can hide all your corners and bumps,  
The shoemaker fixes your soles;  
When pebbles and rocks get into your socks  
There's some one to fix up the holes.  
It's easy to cure most any disease  
With medicine, hammers or tar;  
But there's one thing that's sure,  
there'll ne'er be a cure  
For a man with a brand new Model T Ford car.

## Thanks

We wish to thank all who contributed to the newsletter in any way during the past year. Articles, photos and ideas. It's what makes a newsletter interesting. Especially, when it comes from the members. After all, it is about you and your cars. Keep those cards and letters coming.

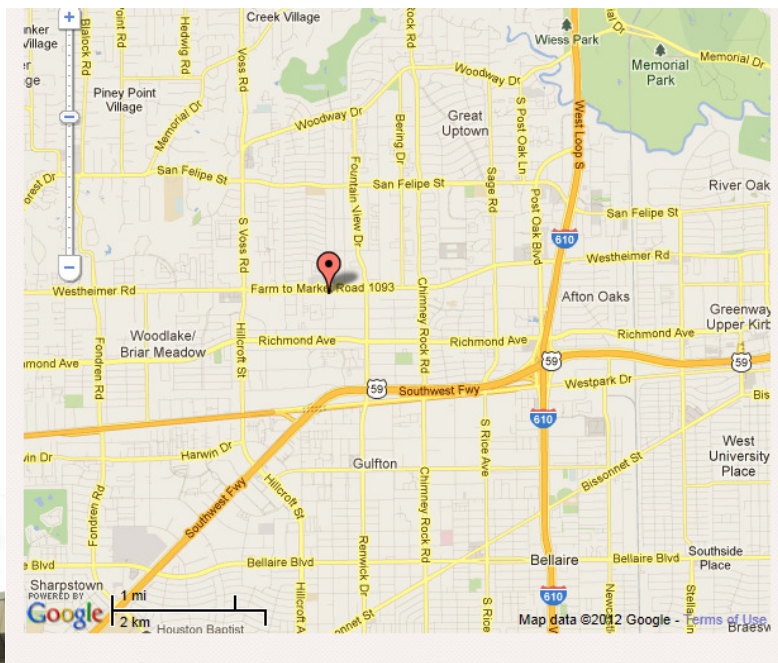
— Your Editor

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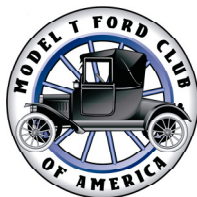
**Instead, Christmas Dinner at  
Christie's Seafood and Steaks  
6029 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77057  
December 2 at 5:00 P.M.  
See Item on Page 3**



Located on Westheimer between Hillcroft and Chimney Rock

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