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Humphrey Wallace "Wally" Shipley 1926 – 2012

Wally Shipley, 85, of Garland, Texas was called home to his Lord and Savior on July 12, 2012. Wally was a long time member of Eastern Hills Baptist Church, where he served as past treasurer and Deacon ordained in 1954. He retired at age 63 after serving as the business agent for Plaster's Local 61 for 23 years.



Wally served our country as a member of the Army during W.W.II. He spent his tour in the Pacific. After the war ended, Wally returned to Dallas, Texas where he spent many years. Wally prided himself as a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years, serving as a Master Mason. He was one of the founders of the Dallas Muzzle Loading Gun Club. Wally spent many hours building and restoring flintlock and percussion rifles. He enjoyed driving and working on his Model T's and was a member of the Model T Ford Club for over 35 years. Wally and his wife, Faye attended more than 20 tours with the Dallas Model T Ford Club. In the 1960s, he enjoyed participating in reenactments of Civil War Battles.

Wally will forever be remembered by his loving wife of 64 years, Faye Shipley; his beloved son, Larry Shipley and wife, Denise; beloved daughter, Sheila Landua and husband, Mark. He is also survived by grandchildren: Kyle Landua, Blake Landua, Brad George, David George, and April Shipley; great grandchildren: Kammie Shipley and Haley Shipley; aunt, Myrtice Creekmore; sisters-in-law: Billie Bobele and Jo Shipley; nieces and nephew: Sue Perry, Cathy Brooks, Jackie Townsend and Jerry Shipley. Wally also considered Nolan Renfro and wife, Pam as an extended son and daughter. Preceded in death by his parents: Humphrey and Gladys Shipley; brother, Jack Shipley; and grandson, Jason Shipley. He is only remembered by countless other friends and family who were blessed to know him.

On The Cover



Photo by Peter Szekeres

Andrea Szekeres wrenches on her Daddy's Model T. With the exception of Michael McDonald of the Space City T's, she may be the youngest Model T mechanic we have encountered. Certainly, the youngest girl.

Follow the email conversations that took place recently beginning on page 4.

Well, Yes It Does

A wife tells her husband, "Darling, there's trouble with the car, it has water in the carburetor."

The husband looks confused and says, "Water in the carburetor, that's ridiculous!"

But his wife insists. "I tell you, the car has water in the carburetor."

Hubby, starting to get a little nervous, says "You don't even know what a carburetor is.... but I will check it out. Where is the car?"

"In the pool," she replies.

Meet The New Club Printer

The Hewlett-Packard Business Inkjet 2800 club printer is being retired. After several years of service, the time has come to replace it. We were encountering paper jams causing carriage obstructions which resulted in a waste of paper, ink and time.

After consulting with the Board of Directors, it was decided to replace the HP with a Canon Pixma iX6520. This a wide format printer that will allow us to continue to print 11 x 17 inch sheets in color for the newsletter. The product has received rave reviews from users.

The HP printer will be used for printing minutes and flyers until such time as the ink inventory for that printer is consumed. Standard 8 x 11 sheets are less susceptible to jamming.



Cypress Historical Society "Old Fashioned Picnic"

The Allreds and the Stokleys showed their Model T's at the Cypress Historical Society event held on July 7. The location is Cypress Top Historic Park. This is the original location of Cypress, Texas the scene of an Annual "Old Fashioned Picnic". Today, it is a collection of historical buildings from a bygone era. Building tours are conducted on Tuesdays.



Gas Powered Ice Cream Churn



F.A. Stokley and Buddy



Clint Allred Relaxes



Stokley's T

2012 Calendar of Coming Events

- August 8 2012 **Space City T's Meeting**
- August 24-26 2012 **Giddings Swap Meet**
Fireman's Park
3 miles west of Giddings US Hwy 290 and County Road 205
Giddings, TX 78942
- September 28-29 2012 **Lone Star Regional 37th Annual Swap Meet**
Vintage Chevrolet Cub of America
Traders Village, Grand Prairie, Texas
- October 4-6 2012 **35th Annual Texas T Party**
Bryan/College Station, Texas
Contact Tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at mrsmodelt@hotmail.com or 979-218-4083
- November 2-4 2012 **Conroe Fall Swap Meet**
Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds
Information: 337-249-7667
www.hotrodsoftexas.com
- November 22 - 25 2012 **Autorama**
George R. Brown Convention Center
1001 Avenida de las Americas
- December 2 2012 **Space City T's Christmas Party**
Christies Steak & Seafood
6029 Westheimer
5:00 P.M.

Engine Raffle

Tickets \$10 each

Purchase tickets by August 15, 2012
Drawing to be held August 31, 2012

Need a new Model T engine?
Not just a new—but better than new. This is a 23 Canadian engine and transmission with starter and manifolds. It has a "drop in" and travel cross...
The members of the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque have the direction of Larry Azevedo, a...
built an engine that...
...st have...
...ts in

Due to the overwhelming response to the donations for the museum and engine, the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque have sold the allotment of 500 tickets. Those who have sent in checks that cannot be accommodated with a ticket will be contacted and given the option to have their check returned or destroyed. The drawing will be held in August and the lucky winner of the rebuilt engine announced.

...\$10 each.
...to claim the prize.
...for picking up the engine.
...23 Canadian engine, (C445141). The en-
...bored, bored to 30 over, has new aluminum
...oil slingers, inside and outside oil lines, and re-
...The transmission has been balanced and has Kevlar
...Newly rebuilt starter. It is painted and even has a fan in-
...It has been run-in for 8 hours. All it needs is a carburetor of
...your choice and a generator, if so desired.

How's This For Enthusiasm!

We recently received an email that resulted in a series of interesting exchanges. We will let the messages speak for themselves.

From: Peter Szekeres
To: Stan Hoekstra
Sent: July 9, 2012, 1:29:23 PM
Subject: Lizzie

Hi,

I'm a long time gear head. I finally become the care taker of a 26 T. I've found our Lizzie in an Arkansas barn not too long ago. She was probably been rebuilt once in the 80's (I'm guessing), then after overheating she has been left to sleep for at least 10 years. I did lots of repairs to her for the last two months and now she finally runs!



I'm living in Cypresswood, close to Kuykudahal and Louetta corner. I was wondering if you have any members close by who would come over and give me some advise about repairs and general care of our Lizzie. I have a well furnished air conditioned little garage with many tools and I think I'm mechanicy inclined. I love fixing things as a hobby. I have about nine vehicles most of them between the 50's-70's.

My 6 year old daughter is in love with Lizzie! We are planning on keeping her for a long time. Andrea always ready to help me fixing or cleaning her. She helped me to do a valve job (burned exhaust valves), and do other re-



Lappin' in the Valves



pairs as well! I think this weekend I will teach her how to drive Lizzie. (not in any traffic off course)

Thank you, Peter Szekeres

From: Stan Hoekstra
To: Peter Szekeres
Sent: July 9, 2012, 7:34 PM

Hi Paul,

Welcome to the wonderful world of Model T's. I will send your message out to our members who have email access and let them respond.

In addition, I am inviting you come to our next monthly meeting. Normally, it would be held this Wednesday the 11th, but because of a scheduling conflict with the church in which we meet, it has been canceled. Our next meeting will be held on August 8. There you meet the friendliest group of people in the old car hobby. We come from all walks of life and have Model T expertise ranging from novice to expert. Anybody and Everybody fits in.

I have attached our newsletter, The Flivver Flash, and application sheet if you wish to join. The dues are \$25.00 per year, but if you join in the last half of the year it drops to \$12.50 for the balance of the year.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, Stan Hoekstra
 Editor, The Flivver Flash Secretary
 The Space City T's of Houston, Texas

From: Stan Hoekstra
To: Peter Szekeres
Sent: Mon, July 9, 2012, 9:02:42 PM

Peter,

First, I want to apologize for addressing you as Paul in a previous email. I was answering another email at about the same time and I was still in neutral when I let the clutch out.

I also forgot ask you if it would be ok to include your email and photo of your Model T in the August newsletter.

Stan

From: Peter Szekeres
To: Stan Hoekstra
 July 10, 2012 12:03:20 PM

Thank you very much for your warm welcome! I was reading earlier newsletters from the club, and I have to admit that you are a good looking bunch! I have a feeling, that we will be the youngest family in the club. I'm looking forward to meet all of you!

I am originally from Hungary, I've lived in many places around the world, but I like Spring the best so far. I've moved here about seven years ago. I have a few other old cars in my "collection" but only one T (so far).

Thank you for forwarding my email to the other members, I hade quite a few replies.

I would like to join your club, and will send you my application as soon as I get home.

It is very interesting to read a story from Fayetteville! I got my T from Bentonville!!!! I'm pretty sure that the guy whom I got it from knows everyone on the picture! Due to the fact that I have a 1960 Austin Healey I'm getting

newsletters from Moss motors a parts supplier. I was reading about the Ozark British car club in it, and since I had a long overnight in Fayetteville, I've emailed them so I can visit with them. They've organized a quick chips and beer party for me at one of the members man cave who had at least a hundred cars! In one of his dark barns there was Lizzie! I think other than his curved dash Olds, I liked her the most from his collection! He said that she is for sale. (no other car was for sale....) I told him that I love the car but I have no money to buy anything new. I was showing him pictures of my small collection of vehicles, and when he seen my WWII looking BMW motorcycle with a side car copy (it was a Ural made in Russia) he told me that he would trade it with me for Lizzie. I've jumped on the deal and took the bike up to Bentonville and brought Lizzie back on a trailer. (By the way, I have a large dual axle car trailer, if anyone would like to use it let me know, I would be happy to lend it to any club member)

Once we had her in my garage I left for a 3400 mile long trip with my friend. We've joined the Hot Rod Magazine's Power Tour with an Austin Healey. I've built that car in my garage for my friend. It's outer shell is an Austin Healey but everything else is home made. Has a 302 V8 and a custom frame...

After getting home from the trip, I was very excited to start working on Lizzie. Just visited the Henry Ford museum in Detroit. The Power Tour started in Detroit at the GM proving ground. I was able to get a ride in a 26 Touring in Henry's park behind the museum and got a quick driving lesson from the lady driving her around.

I was able to determine that she had 4 burned exhaust valves due to a broken water pump, and needed new wires all around. I fixed the water pump, and the leak! Instead of the packing I've installed an automatic trans output shaft seal in the brass nut what used to hold and squeeze the packing around the water pump shaft. I fixed the starter, the generator, put a new Anderson Timer on, got a missing plate for the steering column and many other new parts from Texas T Parts and bought 4 re-calibrated coils off of ebay. Now she runs like a charm! (at least I think she is)

Please use my picture and some or all of this or my previous email.

Greetings, Peter
Budapest speed shop always ready to do you quick

So, there you have it, an interesting exchange of emails that will most likely lead to another Model T owner becoming a member of the Space City T's. And thanks to the members who responded to Peter's request for advice. It sounds as if he is well on his way.

What follows in the next column is another exchange that took place nearly simultaneously. We even got the names mixed up. It came about because the Allreds and the Stokleys showed their cars at the Cypress Historical Society Old Fashioned Picnic.

From this, you can see that the public is watching the Model T community. Whether assisting a newcomer or showing your car at an event. Be on your best behavior.

And Another Email Exchange.....

From: Paul Sundquist
To: Stan Hoekstra
Sent: July 9, 2012, 11:49:04 AM
Subject: Photo of Family T

I was at the Cypress Picnic last Saturday and really enjoyed seeing the Ts. While talking to one of your members, I mentioned that I had a photo of my

maternal grandfather and family in their Model T. From the age of the youngest child, it looks to have been taken in about 1915. My grandfather, Erik Johnson, supposedly was the first to buy a car in their small town in Upper Michigan and then he bought two, one for the family and one for the farmhands. He had two farms and a logging camp at the time. He later opened a gas station/country store next to the main farm. At the request of your member at the picnic, I am enclosing the photo for use as you see fit.

Paul Sundquist
Spring, TX



From: Stan Hoekstra
To: Paul Sundquist
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 7:20 PM

Hi Paul,

Thanks for sharing your story and photo with us. With your permission, I would like to include your email and the photo in our August issue of our newsletter, The Flivver Flash. I have attached the July issue of the newsletter.

If you have an interest in Model T's, please feel free to come visit us at our monthly meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting this month has been cancelled because of a scheduling conflict with the church in which we meet. Our next meeting will be the second Wednesday of August, the 8th. I had hoped to make an appearance at the picnic, but got caught up in other matters.

Thanks again, Stan Hoekstra

From: Paul Sundquist
To: Stan Hoekstra
Sent: July 9, 2012, 8:01:00 PM

As I said in my email, you can use it as you see fit, including in your newsletter. I am not what you could call an old auto enthusiast but I do like to see them in original condition, not customized. I have thought about getting an old car but really don't have a place to keep it, we have two cars and a two car garage. I would like to come to one of your meetings, unfortunately I bowl on Wednesday evenings so that would be a problem. I will be looking at your newsletter on your web site.

The nickname for the high school in Kingsford, MI where we lived when I was born is the Flivvers. No one seems to know where the name came from. My dad worked at the Ford plant in Kingsford until it closed in the late 40's.

Paul

Let Me Call You Lizzie

(Sung to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart")

"Let me call you Lizzie, I'm in debt for you,
Let me hear you rattle, like all good Fords do,
Keep your tail lights burning, and your headlights, too,
Let me call you Lizzie, I'm in debt for you."

Post Script

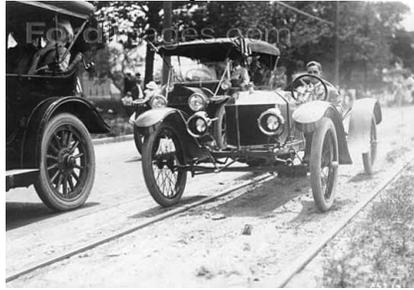
Edsel's Speedster

The speedster shown on the right is purported to be that of Edsel Ford. Designed around 1912, the engine is an experimental six cylinder. Note the vee-radiator has been replaced by a conventional core.

The car will cross the auction block on September 15-16 under the gavel of Classic Motorcar Auctions in Canton, Ohio.

Edsel also had a speedster built to his specifications in 1934. And he was instrumental in the overall concept of the original Lincoln Continental in 1939.

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.classicmotorcarauctions.com/glenmoor12/product.php?id=6890>



Classified Ads

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

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: 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

For Sale: 1926 Model T Tudor Sedan. Needs restoration. Has wood wheels. \$3,000. Gator Gould 251-765-2677 gatorsts@frontier.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 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 candpsexton@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: 1909-1918 Model T Low Head. Has been cleaned and checked for cracks. Has only minor surface rust. There are good threads in the spark plug holes. Also has Ford script USA. \$125.00 Gator Gould 251-765-2677 or gatorsts@frontiernet.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: 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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The Minutes

There are no minutes that accompany this issue of the newsletter because the July meeting was canceled. The June minutes were sent with the July issue of the newsletter.



**SAVE THE DATE
12-2-12**

**Space City T's Christmas Party
Christies Steak & Seafood
6029 Westheimer, Houston
The fun starts at 5:00pm**

Next Meeting

August 8, 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

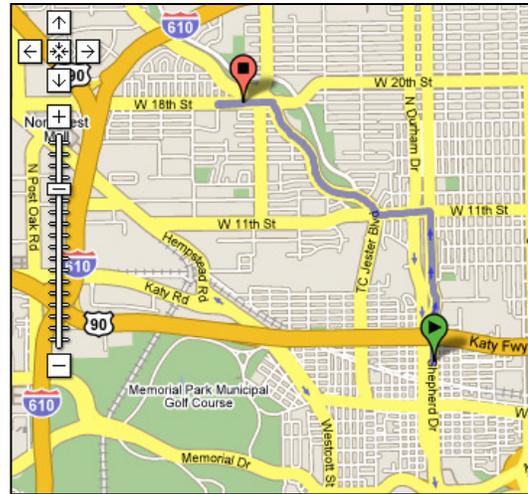


Program:

“National Heartland of America Tour”

Video Presentation by Denny Irvine

Under the auspices of the Three Wheel Production Company



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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