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2012 Calendar of Coming Events

November 10 **Pioneer Flight Museum Fall Fly In**
 2012
 190 Pershing Lane
 Kingsbury, Texas 78638
 Al Sumrall—Vehicle Volunteer Coordinator
 512-917-8902

November 14 **Space City T's Meeting**
 2012

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

Dues Are Due

If you could get your dues paid before the end of the year, it would greatly aid us in the process. The sooner all are in, the sooner the annual roster will be available.

Do not send dues to the editor

Please send dues for 2013 to :

Dave Lucas
21125 County Road 160
Alvin, Texas 77511

Note: Dues are not tax deductible.
To do so would jeopardize our club's 501 non-profit status with the IRS.

On The Cover



Model T's parked in front of Lilliker Antique Auto are ready to launch the 2012 Texas T Party

Turn to page 3 and come along for the ride.

Nominations for Club Offices for 2013

President—Rick McCracken
Vice President—Broderick Thompson
Treasurer—Dave Lucas
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Officers:

Dave Carter
Ted Adcock
Denny Irvine

To be voted on at the November 14 meeting

35th Texas T Party

By Diann Hoops



Bonus Day Wednesday October 3, 2012



Getting ready is NOT half the fun! Yesterday Robert concentrated on outside stuff and me on inside stuff. Once motorhome was ready, Robert started working on car and trailer. He is taking the '22 Roadster and we have elected to leave Abby at the kennels. As the 'cold front' moved thru Monday weather turned glorious.

October 3rd is the 41st anniversary of our first date and we are both happy to be going on a Texas T Party. It is clear crisp morning of 59 degrees. In Bryan some guy in a pickup hollered we were dragging our electrical cord! We forgot to unplug (I guess we are getting old). Looks like I'll be ordering a new one. We arrive and set up in the field across from the hotel. Were the first to register but not the first to arrive ... some folks came yesterday. I do a stint of manning the 'ramp' and it is hot. Quit so I can eat lunch before afternoon tour.

Ross is my kind of man; I like promptness. He gives a 2-minute leeway and then off we go on our bonus day tour! We are on back roads and it is nice and flat with little traffic. There are some really swanky subdivisions along the way. Have no idea how we get back to where I recognize stuff but we do and then head to the Lilleker Antique Auto where lemonade and cookies are available for all. Dogs galore and they are all very well behaved (poor Abby is not in their league but we do miss her). Run into lots of old friends; it is always nice to reconnect. It is also good to see young people enjoying the bonus day of our Texas T Party. I find a place to park my butt as I can't stand for any length of time. Robert brings me a drink and I get a chance to visit before trying to get pictures of the cars. Today's warm-up tour was just over 34 miles.

Day 1 Thursday October 4, 2012

Weather forecast is good. Our first stop is an Amish barn and blacksmith shop. The barn was built by a crew from Lancaster County, PA. They arrived on site on February 23, 1999 – a crew of 9 men, two wives, and several children plus three 18-wheelers. All the wood came with them from PA. They had done the joinery there and merely assembled the barn upon arrival. After 4 days everyone left except for a small crew of 3 who left on March 3, 1999, having completed all the work! The blacksmith shop contents came from the Herzog family blacksmith shop in Kyle, Texas, with some things dating back to the 1860's.

The lunch stop was at Pidgeon Community Center in Franklin. There was fresh salad, garlic bread and lots of delicious lasagna. I skipped dessert but saw others enjoying the cannolis. Next we drove to Pin Oak B&B in Calvert. This lovely old house built in 1900 is surrounded by beautiful mature oak trees. It has 11-foot ceilings, stained-glass windows, 5 fire places and two second story balconies. You can rent the entire place for \$450 a night and that includes breakfast.

Our next stop was Camp Hearne WWII POW Camp. More than 70 camps in Texas housed some 50,000 prisoners; Texas had so many because the Geneva Convention said POW's should be housed in similar conditions to where they were captured. Since many Germans were captured in North Africa, hot dry Texas seemed the best match. Final stop of the day was the historic Hearne Railroad Depot built in 1901 which was transformed beginning in 2003 to a visitors center and museum ... and nicely done too. Hot windy drive home on 3 cylinders! We had a great day. And to top it all off there was an ice cream social that evening where 12 ounces of ice cream were served per person!

Day 2 Friday October 5, 2012

I overslept (and so did Robert). We both got up after 7. Good grief! Picture taking begins at 7:45 am. I have not taken yesterday's winning picture over! Skip exercise and breakfast. Rush the poster board to hotel and arrive in time for driver's meeting. We leave mid pack. After photos in downtown Bryan in front of the Queen Theater we head to the George Herbert Walker Bush Presidential Library. Enjoyed the library and contents but heel is bothering me. Favorite thing was paying \$5 to get my picture taken behind the desk in the oval office.

Next stop is the Royalty Pecan Orchard. Lunch was BBQ pork sandwich, chips, slaw and brownie (I was hoping for pecan pie). It was hot but we managed to snag a table in the shade. After lunch we rode the hay wagon down to the orchard. It was even hotter still but interesting. They have different bird calls to keep the squirrels from eating all the profits (aka pecans). We followed the tour route back but didn't stop at the winery. Home around 3 pm. Car ran better today after Robert worked on it yesterday.

Got tomorrow's poster ready and then visit with friends before fixing supper in the motorhome. We elect not to drive downtown for the social. We are tired and tail lights on '22 are very very dim. Lots of folks did go and the town came out as well to view the old cars. I think we missed a fun time.

Day 3 Saturday October 6, 2012

Looks overcast but sky clears quickly and it is another lovely day. We briefly drive along side some Fun Run runners on Highway 30 before heading further south toward Anderson which is a small community in Grimes County. There is a lovely old courthouse which appears to have been redone recently. Texas does have some of the neatest old court houses and it is quite fortunate that they are being restored and preserved. Anderson is also the location of the Fanthorp Inn built in 1834 and purchased by Texas in the early 1970's. It is now a State Historical Park; there was one Texas Parks and Wildlife lady in uniform and a number of docents in period costume who entertained us and performed the tours. The inn itself is quite interesting and our cars are 'modern' in this environment. We fill up on drinks and donuts before heading to our lunch stop at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

As we cross into Washington County I almost feel home (our cabin is located in this county). There are burgers and hotdogs with all the fixings served under in the group pavilion surrounded by lovely trees many of which are pecan. Dennis Irvine tried out a few of the pecans and stained his hands. Today it is cooler as a result of the dry front coming thru or getting closer. This made for a delightful alfresco meal. After lunch we head back to town. There is plenty of time to get ready for the feast tonight.

Banquet

We head to the social hour and get an opportunity to visit with more friends and meet some new folks as well. There are quite a few first timers at the T Party this year. The banquet theme was 'Academy Awards' and the room was beautifully decorated. Supper was excellent (wonderful salad, choice of pork or snapper, mixed veggies, rice and potatoes followed by either chocolate cake or to-die-for pecan pie).

Driver who drove the furthest was William Hedges who came 180 miles from Fort Worth. Sandra and Jim Ruhmann thought they had tied by each driving their own Model T from Danciger but they lost out by 20 miles. Furthest trailered was won *hands down* by Clair Carlson who came from Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Rose Marie Stokely won the silent auction for the beautiful turquoise dress and hat; Mr. Hedges had donated these in honor of his late wife. He requested that the proceeds go to the Model T Museum. Jerry and Donna Giebler were recognized as the only folks who have attended EVERY Texas T Party – all 35 of 'em. Heidi Neunhoffer at 17 was the youngest driver. This reminded me of all the years Michael McDonnald won - 5 times - of course Heidi is much prettier than Mike!

Members Choice went to Tom Campbell's 1912 Runabout with the mother-in-law seat. There were some close runners-up but he walked away with the coveted prize. There were lots of nice cars this year as there are every year. Another coveted award is the Most Congenial couple and that deservedly went to Gwen and Dennis Irvine.

The 'least' desired Hardship Award had several contenders. Anthony Mackechney 'won' with a blown out low speed drum on his 1923 Model T fuel tanker. Sue McDonald, a first timer from Aledo, TX, won the name tag draw which entitles her a free entry for car and driver to next year's Texas T Party. A number of children participated this year so Vivien had competition for being the most adorable. There were also quite a few pets - mostly well-behaved dogs - but there was that mouse....

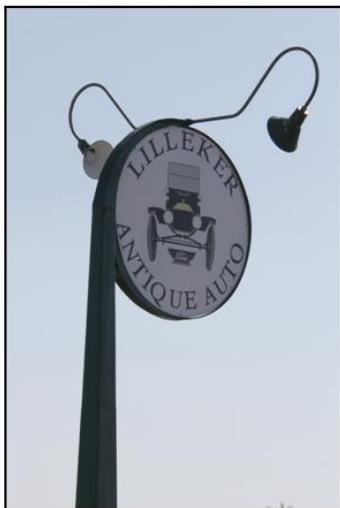
Next year the T Party will be in Lufkin with a committee running the show – David Carter, Rick McCracken, Dennis Irvine and Dave Lucas. For 2014 Marshall and Diane Huling from San Angelo have volunteered to host the Texas T Party.

Jennifer and Ross Lilleker deserve our heartfelt gratitude for putting on another fabulous Texas T Party. They devised new routes and cleverly picked places which were interesting, educational, and entertaining. Thank you both; we truly appreciate all the effort and work it took to pull off such a smooth operation. You did a remarkable job.



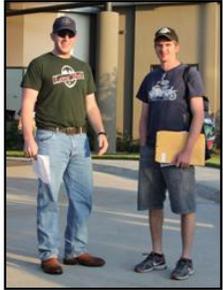


35th Texas T Party – Bonus Day





35th Texas T Party – Day 1



Who is that man?



Dennis!

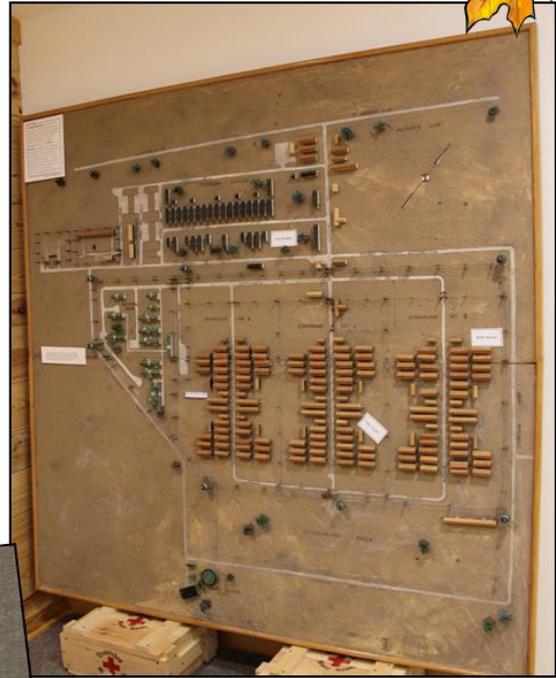




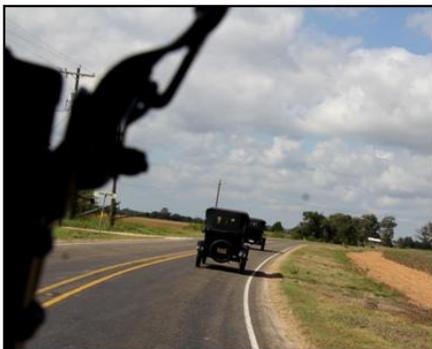
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35th Texas T Party – Day 1 (continued)



35th Texas T Party – Day 2



35th Texas T Party – Day 3



35th Texas T Party – Banquet





35th Texas T Party – Awards



What, we didn't win?



Mr. William Hedges drove the furthest.



Mr. Clair Carlson trailed the furthest ... all the way from Jackson Hole, WY



Rose Marie Stokley won the silent auction

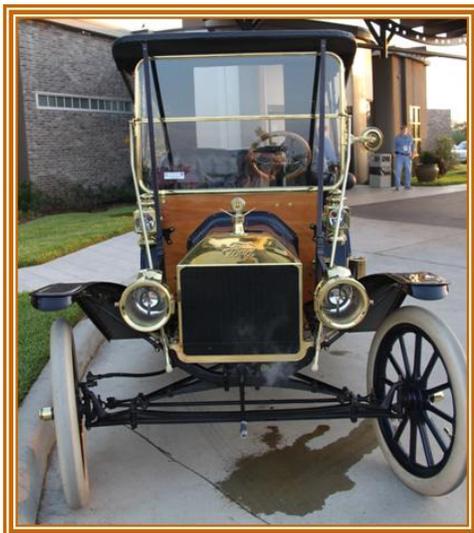


Donna and Jerry Giebler have attended every Texas T Party!



Heidi Neunhoffer was youngest driver

Members Choice!



Mr. Tom Campbell's 1912 Run-about won the coveted Members Choice



Most Congenial: Dennis and Gwen Irvine



Mr. Anthony Mackechney's 1923 fuel tanker got the Hard Luck award for a blown low speed drum

Mrs. Sue McDonald won the name tag draw so this first timer will return!





35th Texas T Party – Picture of the Day Winners



Sandra Ruhmann



Sandra Ruhmann



Kathy Harris



Me (no one else had time to submit photos)

Texas T Party article was written by me and all errors are mine. Additional pictures were contributed by Kathy Harris, Todd Roundtree, Katie Neunhoffer, John Jebavy, Sandra Ruhmann and Nancy Carter. The Picture of the Day contest is such that it is difficult for all who wish to participate, to do so. I need to work on this aspect! Hopefully the 'contest' encourages folks to look for opportunities to enjoy their own photographic efforts.

Diann Broughton Hoops

Texas T Party DVD's

If you want a copy of the Bryan DVD, they'll be the usual 2 bucks. However, I'd like to know how many people want one so I don't make too many. So email me:

dirvine@suddenlink.net

and tell me how many you want. I'm not going to bring alot of extra ones. — Denny Irvine

Brief Monthly Meeting at the Texas T Party

A general gathering took place at the tour site, but no minutes were established to review due to T Party functions. No monthly meeting was officially held. Candidates consented to be placed in nomination for club offices and in a discussion were briefed about duties of positions of each. At the November meeting we will vote to implement these volunteers and reconcile the party treasury report. The t party had about 100 cars and great weather, minimal breakdowns... Great host and food as usual. The next years t party was discussed and presented at the T Party banquet by Dave Lucas. The host city for 2013 will be Lufkin and the following year angelina texas chaired by Marshall Dueling . No treasury report was presented because Tony Marino didn't attend the tour , so our meeting was limited. Dues will be due by the cut off date Jan 15th. The Christmas party is on schedule and waiting on turnout confirmations to Dave and Sandra Lucas. Please RSVP now so a headcount may be established . Candidates for the next year officers. They are: President - Rick McCracken, Vice President—Broderick Thompson, Treasurer - Dave Lucas, Secretary - Stan Hoekstra, Board members-Dave Carter, Denny Irvine, Ted Adcock.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Model T 2dr Sedan This car was once owned and modified by Ed Forsythe, who was president of the Model T Ford Club International at one time. He set this car up for long distance touring; he once drove it from Texas to New York, and then across to Washington, then back. It has many modifications from stock. Engine bored and stroked 0.250", Model A crank and rods, crank counter-weighted and balanced, Jensen Hi-comp alum head, Bosch front plate VW distributor, Hi-lift cam, oversized valves, VW oil pump, Transmissions, stock T + 3-speed 50s model Rambler w overdrive, Air conditioner, Tachometer, Electric wiper, 4-wheel hydraulic brakes, 12 V system w alternator, direction signals, wire wheels, For questions, contact Jerry Groves—972-964-9455



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

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: 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: 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: 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: 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



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 936-448-1550

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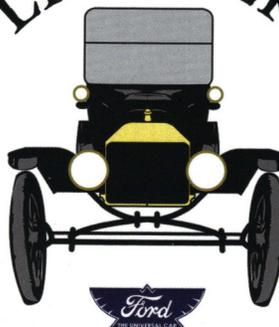
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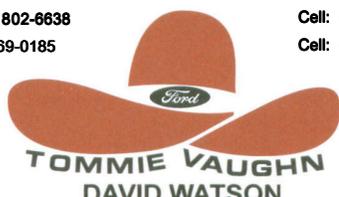
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Matching Grant Awarded MTFCA and Model T Museum

The Wayne County (Indiana) Foundation has awarded the MTFCA and the Model T Museum a matching grant. Contributions from donors who have NOT given to the Club in the last 12 months (up to \$1,000 per gift) will be matched 1:1 by the Foundation.

If you have given to the Club in the last year, the Wayne County Foundation will match any increase gift over that amount.

The match period is limited to donations received October 29 through November 9, 2012.

The Wayne County Foundation will match up to \$7,500 in donations and will consider a "bonus" for donations received over \$7,500.

Donations from Oct 29 thru Nov 9, 2012 can be mailed to the MTFCA, PO Box 126, Centerville, IN 47330, made online at www.mtfca.com or through ww.waynecountyfoundation.org. Please help us reach our goal! Any and all donations are much appreciated.

Way To Go, Rosie!

On behalf of the officers, directors and members of the Model T Ford Club of America, I wish to thank the Space City T's Chapter for the kind and generous contribution of \$255 (check #5138 from Rosemarie Stokley for the silent auction of a vintage dress and hat at the Texas T Party held Oct 2012). We appreciate your support as we strive to ensure that the history of the Model T Ford is kept alive, now and for future generations.—(signed) Barbara Klehfoth, MTFCA Secretary

Next Meeting

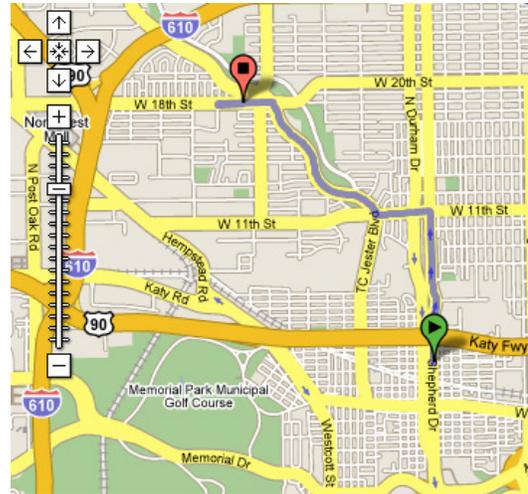
November 14, 2012



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



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

Video Program:

“The 35th Texas T Party--Bryan”
Presented by Denny “3 Wheel” Irvine



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