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**A Tale of Two License Plates**  
 By Phil Cavanaugh

I bought my nice, green 26 touring through an Ebay auction early this year. I have always like to use original plates on my cars and never had a problem using them and registering them when we lived in New Braunfels. I waited patiently for a good set of plates and finally found some very nice vintage ones in original paint. Paid, what I consider, way too much but they were really good shape and I figured I would not have to restore them as they met the requirements of the Texas "Application for Classic License Plates" DMV Form VTR-850. Requirements read: "The old license plates must be original Texas plates in good, readable condition and have the same color scheme as the original license plates." (see picture)

I took the plates and the forms to the Montgomery County DMV office in Conroe. All was going well until the clerk took the plates into the back office. She returned saying the plates were unacceptable because they were rusty. I pointed out that I believed they met the requirements on the application form and asked to speak to her supervisor. Supervisor was reasonably friendly but said they were rusty and had to be repainted. I didn't agree but asked who I could talk to about this. She gave me a number of the Regional DMV in Beaumont. I spoke to a nice lady there and she asked me to send a picture of the plates. A couple of days later she emailed me. "If you have them repainted they will be OK"

Restoring license plates is something I have done before, and not a big deal to do well if you take your time. It was sort of sad to remove the nice original paint but I wanted to get the car fitted out with the original plates. I striped off old paint, used primer filler, sanded between coats, applied the correct gray background and very carefully painted the numbers and text in gloss black. (see picture) I thought they turned out great, that is until I took them to DMV again. Very nice clerk reviewed the already filled out papers, then took the plates to the back office. Returned and informed me that they were unacceptable as they were done with a "Magic Marker". I showed her that it was paint and not a marker. She took them to back and returned with the same supervisor who had turned me down before. I showed her that the plates were painted and not done with a black marker. She said, "The lines are "squiggly". She then held up a brand new set of license plates and said "They have to look like this". I told her the plates were 85 years old not new. She said, and these were her exact words. "You will have to have them professionally restored". She took the plates and ran them through the copying machine and said she would send them to Beaumont to see what they thought. I told her I believed she was not judging them according to the DMV requirements but she would not budge.

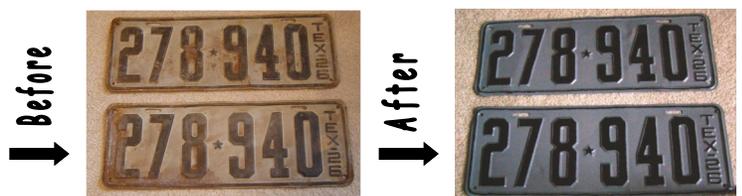
I left the DMV for the second time without registering the car. I once again called the Beaumont Office, the supervisor was out but the told me to email pictures of the plates. I then called the specialty plates office in Austin, explained what happened and they seemed to agree with me and told me to email pictures of the restored plates. Just as I hung up the supervisor from Conroe called to inform me that Beaumont said "The plates are unacceptable".

On Monday I called the Beaumont office, by this time I was firmly convinced that the Conroe supervisor was never going to approve these plates no matter what I did. Finally got to talk to the specialty plate supervisor in Beaumont, a really nice and friendly guy. He asked me if the name of the woman at Conroe was "-----", I confirmed it was. He said, "Wait two hours and then go register your car."

Once again drive to Conroe DMV, waited in line, got the nice clerk that tried to register me the first time, as luck would have it my "favorite" supervisor was standing behind her when I got to counter. The clerk began looking over my papers and said "Haven't you been here before?" She said all my papers were OK but she would have to get approval for the plates -- supervisor said angrily "The're approved!"

One day later got email from Austin approving the plates and told me to take the email to Conroe and have Conroe supervisor to call the Austin office if she would not approve the plates. Luckily I did not have to do this but was nice to receive the support from Austin

Petty bureaucrats seem to love to exercise power and DMV's have their share of them. If any member wants to register an antique car with original plates at the Conroe DMV office call me first.



**On The Cover**



Photo by Heather Hailey

This picture embodies the spirit of the Model T hobby. Sharing the Model T with those who really appreciate the car...

Our Senior Citizens.

The tour was organized and led by Don Wingerson. See page 4 for more.

## 2nd Annual ALS Fundraiser

The 2nd Annual Dennis Sehorn ALS Fund Raiser took place on May 5, 2012.

This year the organization raised \$49,000 to provide assistance to ALS patients and their care givers.

In attendance were Ted Adcock and David and Nancy Carter showing their cars. As usual, the Model T's drew curious and admiring spectators.

There must have been upwards of more than 75 vehicles on display, mostly beautifully restored and/or maintained high performance cars.

Thanks Ted, Dave and Nancy for taking part in this very worthwhile endeavour.



Ted performs Eye Surgery on Old Blue



Nancy ALS Caregiver



Vittles



Dave Expounds



A Teachable Moment



A Sampling of the Display

## 2012 Calendar of Coming Events

- June 13 **Space City T's Meeting**  
2012
- June 17-22 **Heartland of America "T" Tour**  
2012  
**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 **Cypress Historical Society**  
2012 **4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Old Fashioned" Picnic**  
Cypress Historic Park  
26026 Old Hempstead Highway  
Cypress, Texas 77429  
Contact: Rodney Sprenger 281-955-5208 713-806-9174 cell  
Maximum of two or three cars needed - See enclosed flyer
- July 27-29 **Hill Country Swap Meet**  
2012  
Lady Bird Johnson Park  
Highway 16 South, Fredericksburg, Texas  
<http://www.fredericksburgcarclub.com>
- August 24-26 **Giddings Swap Meet**  
2012  
Fireman's Park  
3 miles west of Giddings US Hwy 290 and County Road 205  
Giddings, TX 78942
- September 28-29 **Lone Star Regional 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet**  
2012  
**Vintage Chevrolet Cub of America**  
Traders Village, Grand Prairie, Texas
- October 4-6 **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas T Party**  
2012  
Bryan/College Station, Texas  
Contact Tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at  
[mrsmodelt@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsmodelt@hotmail.com) or 979-218-4083.

## 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 complete engine and transmission with starter and manifolds. Ready to "drop in" and travel cross country.

The members of the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque, under the direction of Larry Azevedo, a master engine builder and machinist, have built an engine that is being raffled. The value of the engine is in excess of \$6,000.

The engine is on display at the Model T Museum  
309 N 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Richmond, IN 47374  
765-488-0026

Tickets are a donation of \$10 each.

You do not need to be present to claim the prize.  
The winner is responsible for picking up the engine.

Details: The block is a 1923 Canadian engine, (C445141). The engine has been re-babbited, bored to 30 over, has new aluminum pistons, balanced, oil slingers, inside and outside oil lines, and rebuilt magneto. The transmission has been balanced and has Kevlar bands. Newly rebuilt starter. It is painted and even has a fan installed. It has been run-in for 8 hours. All it needs is a carburetor of your choice and a generator, if so desired.

Get tickets from:

**Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque**  
PO Box 1465  
Corrales, NM 87048-1465

All proceeds benefit the Model T Museum.  
Thank you for supporting the new museum.  
Good luck on the drawing!

P.S. What a great Father's Day gift!  
(or birthday or 'just because')



## Nursing Home Tour-April 14, 2012

By Don Wingerson

The drivers participating were Dean and Betty Dockery with a 1926 Roadster, Robert Kirk in a 1915 roadster ("Little Red"), Anthony Marino in his 1924 TT, Bobby Wright in a 1924 TT and Don Wingerson and Pat Hope in his 1919 touring car. Our first stop was at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home in Pasadena. There were only three cars at this stop because Anthony and Bobby joined us in League City. We had about 40 people come out in groups at this location. They looked at the cars, asked questions about them and mentioned learning to drive in a similar car. Several remembered cars like them in their families growing up. A lady in the nursing home next door inquired about a tour to her place sometime. We stayed at this place about 45 minutes, which was only 5 minutes away from our starting point.

We progressed on to stop two which was Harbour View Care Center, about 20 miles down the road. Kirk in "Little Red" missed a stop light turn and got lost but with the help of cell phones we found him and directed him to our stop. His car and farmer attire (straw hat, overalls and a pig tie) were a big hit at every place we visited. At this point we picked up Anthony and Bobby. We also had a photographer, Heather Hailey who is Pat's daughter and her grandson Matthew. One lady overhead Matthew asking about singing for the residents one day and when we were leaving was disappointed he didn't sing. He just stood in front of her wheelchair and sang "Amazing Grace" bringing tears to her eyes. Several of the residents, about 40 were wheeled out or with walkers came to view the 5 cars. Everyone seemed so happy to see us. Anthony and Bobby also took pictures on this tour.

We then traveled about 3 miles on 518 to lunch at "Red River Barbecue" where we were joined by two more couples including Hershel Payne's son. His Dad was one of the original founders of Space City T's. Anthony recommended this location, it was great food.

Our stop #3 was Baywind Village Nursing Home with probably the largest crowd of about 50 people, most of who were in wheelchairs, some already waiting for us. They seemed so thrilled to see us and we visited with several residents, their families and employees at this home.

Victor Villicana, Activities Director wheeled each resident in their wheelchairs to their chosen favorite car where their picture was taken and every single one did it. We asked him what would be done with the pictures and he planned to put them on the mirrors in each resident's room. The individuals in the nursing home thanked us over and over for bringing our cars out for them to see. One lady said "God Bless You" as we got into our T's.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> nursing home off Highway 96 on West Walker in League City was Regent Care Center. The wind had increased to gales of 30 – 50 miles an hour by that time so the residents couldn't come out to view the cars due to health risks. The activities director commented on how excited the residents had been and they were disappointed they couldn't join us. She advised us to try again with better weather.

At this point "Little Red" had a squeaky tire so Kirk headed home. Bobby and Anthony also left for home. Betty, Dean, Pat and I headed back to the parking area in Pasadena. On the way the strong

winds ripped the back portion of the top off my car. Dean and I tied the top down for the return trip. They loaded their T on the trailer and headed to Sugarland and we headed home too. The end of a perfect day with for the most part great sunny weather, good food and company and most important we felt so good appreciated by many.



Lead Car



Images Incubating as Memories to Hatch as History  
— Nancy Gibbs





**The Arrival**



**Mmmm...**



**Kirk, Lil' Red and Spectator**



**At Ease**



**CUZN LIZ**



**Kissin' Cousins**

**BIG LIZ**

## Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the Space City T's of Houston, Texas

In accordance with Article XVIII-Amendments to the Bylaws of the Space City T's, the Board of Directors and Officers hereby present the original Article VI Dues and Revenues to the membership followed by the proposed revision to Article VI.

The stated reason for the change is to streamline the process of getting the Annual Membership Roster to the membership of the club and to present the membership status to the Model T Ford Club of America in order to re-instate our club liability insurance policy within the national club deadline of March 1.

### Original Article VI-Dues and Revenues

**Section 1.** Dues are payable upon acceptance to membership and thereafter annually on January 1.

**Section 2.** Dues will be considered delinquent after March 1 of each year.

**Section 3.** Except in the case of Life Members, annual dues shall be \$25.00 per member. Payment of dues may be waived by action of the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis for good cause.

**Section 4.** Dues for members admitted to membership between July 1 and December 31 shall pay one-half (1/2) of the annual dues.

**Section 5.** The membership roster will be published and distributed at the April monthly meeting and members not in good standing as of March 1 shall not be included in the roster and shall not participate in Club activities thereafter.

**Section 6.** The Board of Directors may plan or recommend the raising or accumulation of revenue from sources other than by dues i.e. car displays, swap meets, etc. funds shall be maintained.

**Section 7.** All funds, to which the public or members have contributed for the specific purpose of financing charitable, educational or civic activities of the Club, shall be used solely for those purposes and separate records of such funds shall be maintained.

### Proposed Article VI-Dues and Revenues

**Section 1.** A call for dues will be announced and a letter will be sent on November 15 by the secretary and published in the November Flivver Flash stating that dues are due for the next year.

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This amendment is published here and is to be voted upon by the membership at the June 13, 2012 meeting of the space City T's. The amendment may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present.

## 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,

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  
[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  
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



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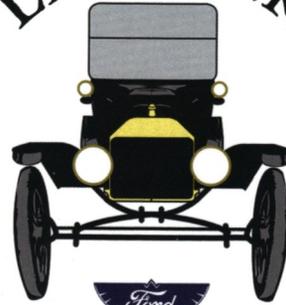
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## The Cordes Brothers Are At It Again

Luke and Jeff Cordes are becoming an annual feature at the Houston Art Car Parade. Here's Luke posing with their decked-out TT featuring a bluegrass band in tow. This event may give greater exposure of the Model T to the general public than any other event in Houston. Thanks, guys.



## Next Meeting

June 13, 2012



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

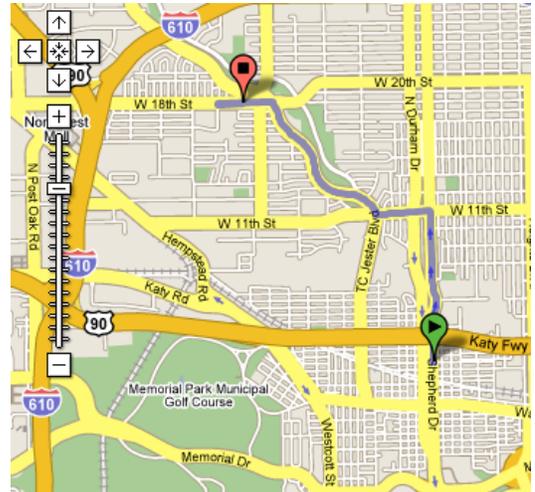
Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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



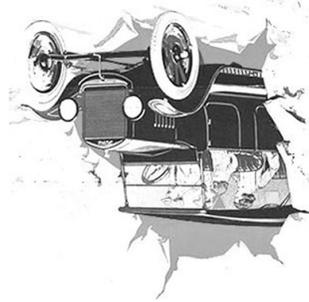
### Program:

"The Woodville Chicken-Run"  
Another Three Wheel Irving Video Production



### 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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