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On The Cover



Photo by GayNell Cordes

The scene is Sam Walton's first store, now a museum, on the square in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Gary and Ginny Hein's Model T is parked in front. Note the Texas Longhorn radiator ornament.

See more beginning on page 4.

Ida Wernell Grant

July 15, 1925 - May 6, 2012

Longtime Houston resident, Ida Wernell Grant, died May 6, 2012, at her home in Fulshear, TX.



Wernell was born July 15, 1925 in Shiner, TX, the only child of Gus and Ida Boldt. She lived with her family in Cuero, TX, before moving to Houston.

A member of the Simonton Community Church, she was actively involved with the Country Seniors, and devoted much of her time to the Linus Project – making quilts for hospitalized children.

Wernell worked several years for Gulf Oil before being blessed with a child. She spent the rest of her life being a wife, mother, homemaker and friend.

She is survived by her son, Scott S. Grant; daughter-in-law, Leslie; granddaughter, Aimee; as well as many loving friends and church family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph S. Grant, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Simonton Christian Academy, P.O. Box 490, Simonton, TX 77476.

Alma Marino

October 10, 1914-May 25, 2012

Alma J. Baldori Marino age 97 of Hiller, PA passed away on Friday, May 25, 2012.



She was born on October 10, 1914, daughter of the late Luigi Baldori and Rosa Tomasini. She was a member of St. Peter's Church, Brownsville, PA; a longtime member of the Brownsville Garden Club and the Brownsville Bridge Club.

She was predeceased by her husband: Anthony J. Marino
Sisters: Stella Baldori Terry, Lucy Baldori Rosin, Virginia Baldori,
Brother: Albert Baldori.

She is survived by her Children: Joanne Collins – California
Anthony Marino and wife Donna – Texas
Rosalyn Sally and husband Alan – Brownsville
Jacqueline Francis and husband Michael – Florida

11 Grandchildren: Sean, Kieran, Desmond and Celine Collins, Jennifer, Jaclyn Marino, Jesse, Leann, Elliott and Rebecca Sally, Christopher Francis.

5 Great Grandchildren: Sophia Sally and Julia, Colin, Lauren and Kevin Christensen, Brother: John Baldori and wife Lucile, Peter Baldori and wife Dorothy

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to the Brownsville Garden Club in memory of Alma Marino.



SAVE THE DATE
12-2-12

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

2012 Calendar of Coming Events

- June 11 **Space City T's Meeting**
2012
- July 7 **Cypress Historical Society**
2012 **4th 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 37th Annual Swap Meet**
2012 **Vintage Chevrolet Cub of America**
Traders Village, Grand Prairie, Texas
- October 4-6 **35th Annual Texas T Party**
2012 Bryan/College Station, Texas
Contact Tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at
mrsmodelt@hotmail.com or 979-218-4083.
- December 2 **Space City T's Christmas Party**
2012 See Item at Top of This page

Doppleganger

We recently received the following email:

I was amused to see a picture of a young lad named Drew Patterson from Memorial High School with a Model T in the school parking lot in 1964. Attached is a picture of me with "Clunker" our 1926 Model T touring car that I drove to Spring Branch High School (rival of Memorial) from 1964 through 1966 when I graduated. I guess I was a doppleganger to Drew.



Dave Renner

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 8th 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 re-built 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')



Arkansas Tin Lizzies ~ 2012 Springtime in the Ozarks Tour

By GayNell Cordes

This Arkansas tour was the first 'large' tour the Arkansas Tin Lizzies had hosted. They collectively have had many tours for the club (like we do) but as I understand, never with 40+ cars. It was a good time of year, the middle of April and there were many flowering trees along the roads. This was a free tour, no entry fees and as such, there were no tour books but we did have written instructions for each day. But, no maps. This gal missed the maps! 🙄

The tour officially started on Thursday so we arrived late Wednesday only to find that we were the last to get there. We quickly met up with Nell and Jerry Teer along with Jerry's sister Bonnell and husband Jesse whom we had met on the Teton/ Yellowstone tour with Clair Carlson in 2009. Ginny and Gary Hein were also there with their "longhorns" radiator ornament. There were also other T Party friends from Missouri, namely Karol and Al Spencer as well as Beverly and Wilbur Swearingen.



Front, L-R: Jesse & Bonnell Lathan, GayNell Cordes
Back, L-R: Jerry & Nell Teer, Ginny & Gary Hein, Willie Cordes

Thursday we drove north from Fayetteville towards Bentonville, the home of Sam Walton's first five and dime store (now a museum to Walmart) as well as the new Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art funded by the Walton family. The paintings and sculptures etc, are largely the collection of Alice, the only daughter of Sam.



The place is huge and while Willie was not so impressed, I'm glad we stopped there. The entire museum complex is like something out of a futuristic movie and the landscaping is wonderful with lots of water elements. After we left there, we went into downtown Bentonville to eat lunch on the square. We also visited the Walmart Museum where Sam's old red and white pickup is resting, complete with everything in it the way it was when he last drove it.

On Friday, we ventured westward to Tahlequah Oklahoma, not far from the border with Arkansas. We drove Arkansas' scenic road 16 and then in Oklahoma, another scenic road which follows the Illinois River for a bit. Both roads reminded me of some of our county roads with twists and turns. We stopped at a small state park in Oklahoma and did some exploring on their trails, one of which led to a 'surprise' waterfall. It was a lot easier going down to it than getting back up from it!

Our group of 4 or 5 cars had lunch at Braum's in Tahlequah and we enjoyed a rest stop there. Some of the folks had opted to take a picnic lunch with them and they ate back in the Oklahoma State Park. On the return trip to Fayetteville, we went through several little towns and being Friday, there were plenty of folks and tourists on the streets. We had the chance to do a little antiquing and I "found" some Texas Bluebonnet butter pats that needed a new home back in Texas.

We also stopped at The Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park, a civil war battlefield but because it was almost closing time, we only had time to enjoy the visitor's center and didn't get to explore the grounds. It is recognized nationally as being one of the U.S.A.'s most intact civil war battlefields. In a one day battle, December 7, 1862, there were almost 2700 casualties combined and this was the last major civil war engagement in NW Arkansas.

The news on Friday evening looked pretty grim with forecast of an impending storm for Saturday and Sunday. Many of the Missouri people had driven their Ts south to Fayetteville as well as about 10 or 12 Ts from the Arkansas Tin Lizzies that had driven north from Russellville AR. Those folks were concerned about getting home before the actual heavy rains were due so on Saturday morning there were long lines to check out before leaving for the tour.

The tour for Saturday was another scenic drive, this time to the 2500 acre Devil's Den State Park near West Fork AR, where the host club treated us to a catered lunch. We had a brief stop in downtown Fayetteville for the weekly Saturday morning farmer's market on the square. The place was packed with all sorts of yummy things as well as some artisans and entertainers. Arriving at the park, the entrance had 7 or 8 sharp switchbacks to get down to the "den" and those kept the drivers on their toes but everyone made it safely to the pavillion and visitor's center which were constructed by the CCC beginning in 1933. There was a picturesque smallish river, maybe a branch of one, with a stone dam which had been constructed by the CCC as well.

Photo Credits: Gary and Ginny Hein

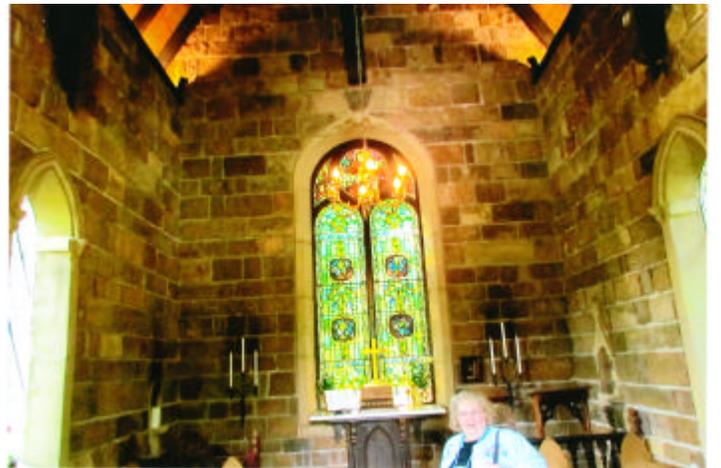


Devil's Den State Park ~ Native Stone Dam built by CCC



Hand Built Chapel Near Fayetteville

There was plenty of barbeque and all the trimmings (it was not Texas barbeque so was a different treat) and after eating and visiting for a while, the folks who were leaving for home got in their caravans and left the tour. Fortunately, the exit from the park was just a short climb which put us right on the road, no switchbacks this time. There were no other activities planned for Saturday and when we returned to the hotel, everyone loaded up. We had no idea that all those other folks would be leaving for home too! The Texas group practically had the hotel to ourselves that night! The eight of us had our own little farewell banquet at a nearby restaurant which we were able to get to by walking. We enjoyed seeing the Arkansas Ozarks and meeting some new Model T friends in addition to visiting with some old ones. Not that our friends are old, just that we've known them a long time/ wink wink.



Interior of Chapel



We received the following information from Genia King.

Many Space City T's members remember Kim & Marge Kimbrough from Longview, Texas. Their car, unknown year, was a black Touring with an oil company logo on the tire cover. Kim died several years ago and Marge married Tom Dome.

Marge is in the movie, "Bernie" with Jack Black, Matthew McConaughey and Shirley McLain. A true story from Carthage, Texas where many town people had cameo rolls.

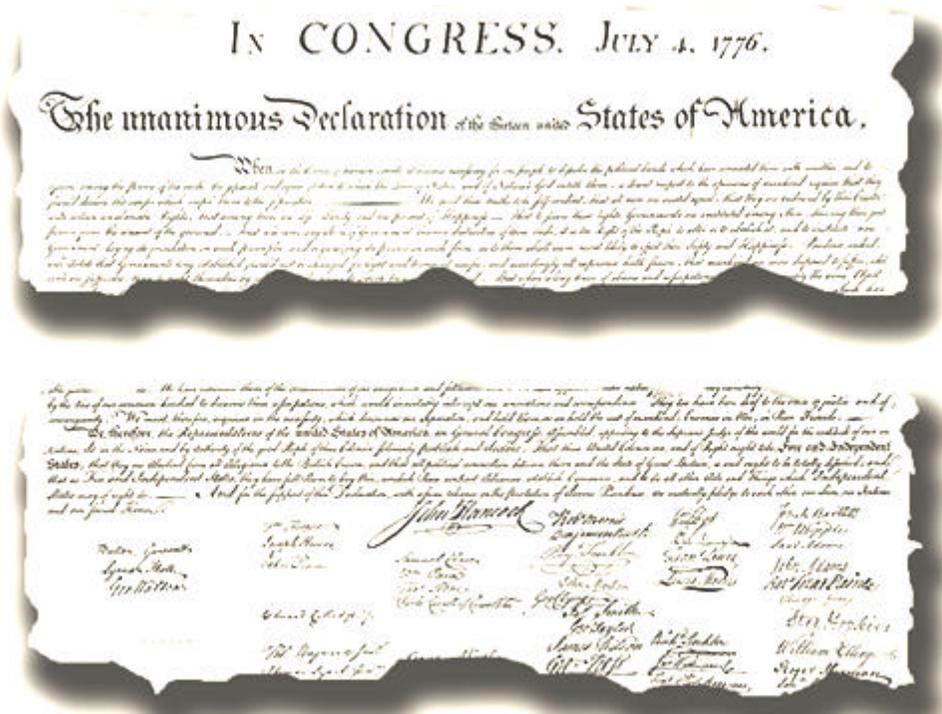
Genia recognized Marge immediately but thought it couldn't be because she was not from Carthage. Genia called her and asked how she knew Bernie and Margorie Nugent (Bernie killed Mrs. Nugent) when she lived in Longview.

Mrs. Nugent had lived in Longview and was Marge's next door neighbor. Marge and her husband had gone on trips with Bernie and Mrs. Nugent. So, if you see the movie, look for Margorie Dome.

Bernie is a 2011 comedy-drama crime film, loosely docu-dramatic while interspersed with non-fictionalized interviews, directed by Richard Linklater, and written by Linklater and Skip Hollandsworth. The film stars Jack Black as Bernie Tiede, Shirley MacLaine as the elderly widow Marjorie Nugent, and Matthew McConaughey as the local District Attorney. It made its world premiere as the opening night film of the 2011 Los Angeles Film Festival. The film's distributor, Millennium Entertainment, released the film on April 27, 2012.

The film is based on a 1998 *Texas Monthly* magazine article by Hollandsworth, "Midnight in the Garden of East Texas," that chronicles the 1996 murder of 81-year-old millionaire Marjorie Nugent in Carthage, Texas by her 39-year-old, employed close companion, Bernhardt "Bernie" Tiede. Nugent was shot in the back four times with a rifle by Tiede, who confessed to the 1996 murder. According to the *Amarillo Globe-News*, police searched Tiede's home and found videotapes showing Tiede "engaging in homosexual acts" with local married men. Tiede admitted the murder to police in August 1997 and was sentenced to life in prison.

Post Script



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

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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.

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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.

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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 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



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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Address Change

We received a note from Ruby Graff letting us know of her address change. She and Bill were members of the Space City T's for many years and many of the older members will remember her.

Ruby Graff
Town Center
970 Cherry Road, #147
Memphis, Tennessee 38117



Next Meeting

July 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

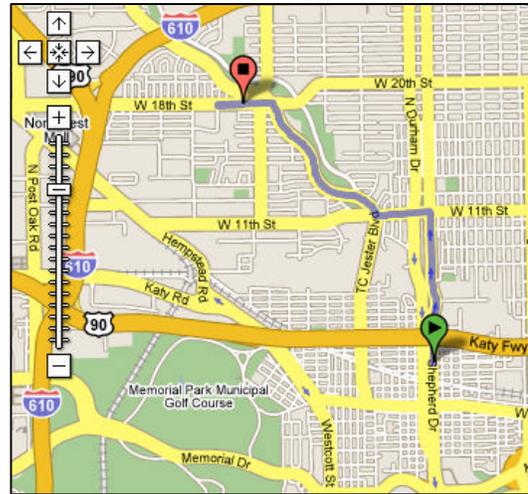


Program:

“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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