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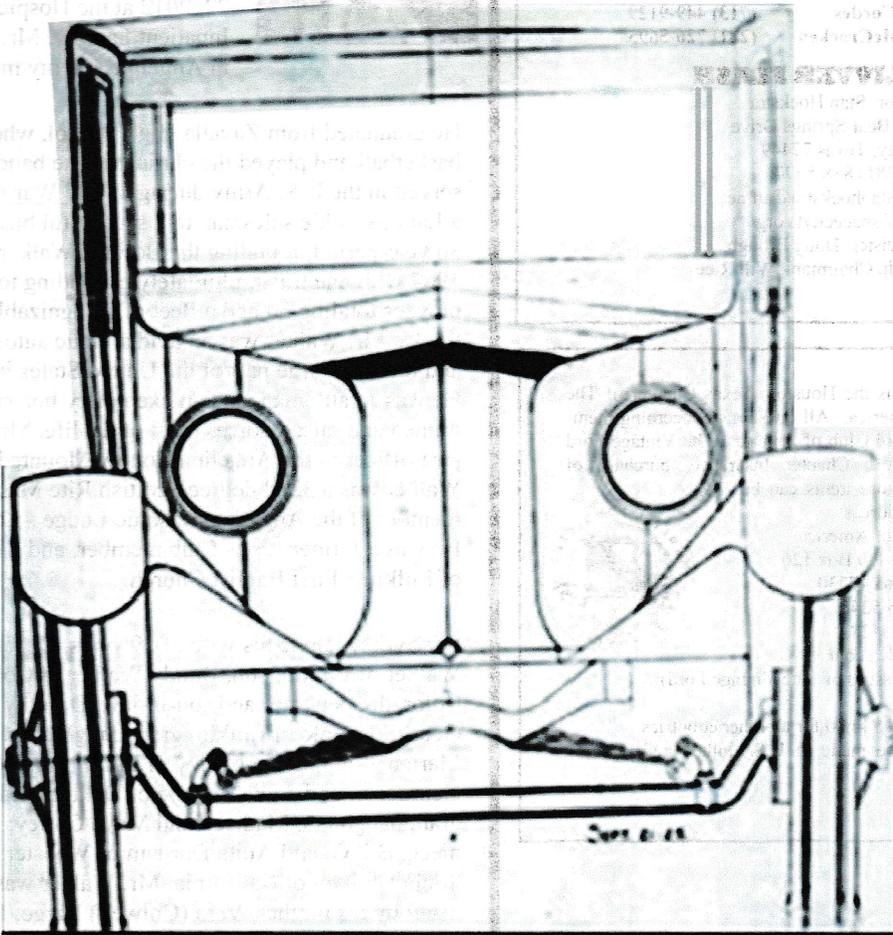
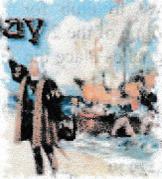
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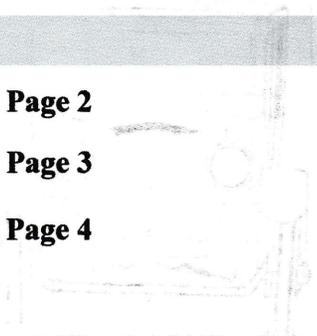
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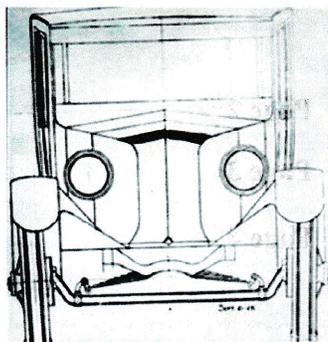
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**On The Cover**



Headed your way is the once and future Model T as conceived by Eugene Farkas at the behest of Henry Ford. It was to be powered by an eight cylinder X-configuration engine.

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**Berwyn Walker**

**1923-2012**



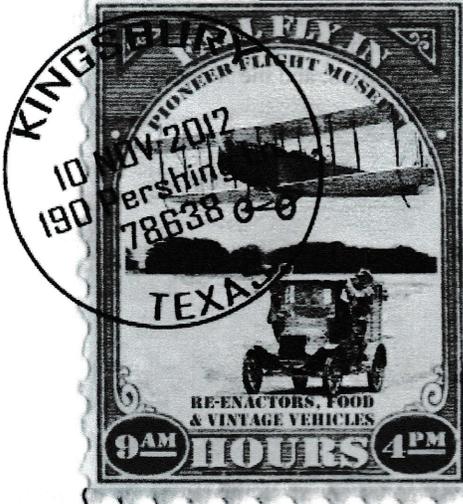
Funeral services for Berwyn Walker, 88, of Lufkin were held Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Carroway Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain, Major Buddy Walker, USAF officiating.

Mr. Walker was born November 15, 1923 in Zavalla, Texas to the late Carey Cornelius Walker and Vara (Colwell) Barge, and died Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at the Hospice in the Pines Inpatient Facility. Mr. Walker resided in Angelina County most of his life.

He graduated from Zavalla High School, where he played basketball and played the clarinet in the band. Mr. Walker served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He grew from a Lance Cookie salesman to a successful businessman over a 30 year period, founding the Berwyn Walker Trucking Co. in 1967 with one truck, ultimately expanding to a family of employees totaling 50 and a fleet of recognizable red Mack trucks. Mr. Walker was an avid antique automobile collector, and toured a large part of the United States in Model T Fords. He was a cattleman, and an exemplary horseman who broke, trained and raised horses most of his life. Mr. Walker was a past officer in the Angelina County Mounted Patrol. Mr. Walker was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a 60 year member of the Angelina Masonic Lodge #1263 A.F. & A.M. He was a former Lions Club member, and a longtime member of Lufkin's First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Dorothy (O'Quinn) Walker of Lufkin; son, Buddy Walker of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy Lynn and George Temple of Lufkin; granddaughter and husband, Marian T. and Craig Corley of Lufkin; grandson and wife, George, Jr. and Anna Temple of Dallas; great-granddaughters, Madison and Maya Corley; nephew and niece, Bill G. and Anita Durham of Webster; and great-niece, Sonja Durham of California. Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his mother, Vara (Colwell) Barge; father, Carey Cornelius Walker; sister, Mozelle Franklin; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jim and Matilda O'Quinn.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Michael Huber, our faithful pastor friends, Brother Mardy Guidry of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and Brother Horace Fletcher of Hillcrest Baptist Church, devoted caregiver for five years, Sarah Reed, her son, Gabe Jones, Larry Byers, Hospice in the Pines and their entire staff, and the staff of Castle Pines Health and Rehabilitation. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice in the Pines, 1504 West Frank Avenue, Lufkin, Texas 75904, or online at [www.hospiceinthepines.org](http://www.hospiceinthepines.org).



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 Goggles & scarf not required

## Welcome New Members



A Big Howdee to:

**Tomas and Diane Supak**

**Peter and Shelly Szekeres**

**Broderick Thompson**

## Just When You Think You've Seen Everything...



Bobby Wright spotted this Model T making a grand entrance (exit?) recently while passing through Giddings, Texas. Check the awning on center building

## 2012 Calendar of Coming Events

October 4-6 **Space City T's Meeting Will Be Held at the 2012 Texas T Party**

October 4-6 **35th Annual Texas T Party**  
 Bryan/College Station, Texas  
 Contact Tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at [mrsmodelt@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsmodelt@hotmail.com) or 979-218-4083

October 12-14 **Wagon Wheel Swap Meet**  
 2012 Hwy 304 & Hwy 535  
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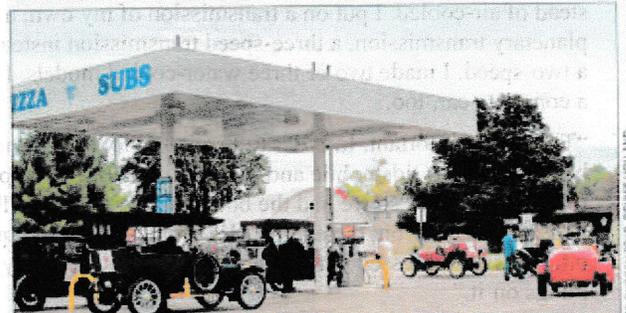
October 21-26 **2012 AAA Texas Glidden Tour**  
 Brenham, Texas  
[www.vmcca.org](http://www.vmcca.org)

October 26-27 **Texian Market Days Living History Festival**  
 2012 George Ranch Historical Park  
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November 2-4 **Conroe Fall Swap Meet**  
 2012 Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds  
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December 2 **Space City T's Christmas Party**  
 2012 Christies Steak & Seafood  
 6029 Westheimer  
 5:00 P.M.

## Texas Glidden Tour



## Glidden in Texas

THE 2012 AAA GLIDDEN TOUR will be in rural Texas from October 21-26, when the town of Brenham welcomes the 200 pre-war cars attending the event. Late October should see ideal touring temperatures, and the small town 70 miles northwest of Houston is in gently rolling countryside that provides perfect driving roads. The Glidden Tour isn't really a spectator event; however, the cloverleaf tour will rendezvous every day at the Washington County Fairgrounds north of town, making it a great space to visit in the evenings. Why not bring gloves and coveralls and be prepared to lend a hand? Contact: [www.vmcca.org](http://www.vmcca.org)

## Back to the Future

**What the Model T Might Have Become ~ by Stan Hoekstra**

Last month we explored the experimental engines in Ford's past, including the legendary X engine. That particular engine did find its way into an automobile.

Henry Ford clung stubbornly to the Model well into the 1920's. But he must have nagging doubts about the T even as he fought the desire of those around him to make radical changes to the car.

His impetus, of course, was mechanical. He left the matters of styling to his son Edsel. He had always had an interest in innovative designs for engines, and by the twenties he was enamored of the X cylinder layout of eight cylinders.

In his book "Tin Lizzie, The Story of the Fabulous Model T Ford" Phillip Van Doren Stern related the following:

Had the X-engine car ever been perfected it might have made automotive history as had the Model T before it. Eugene Farkas, who worked on the design of the X-engine, said of the projected car:

"Mr. Ford had an idea to go into production on this car as the successor to the Model T. He was very serious about it. Horton already had the car running. It was a very advanced thought, that car. Of course he still wanted to continue the planetary transmission, but I think they made some changes in the planetary transmission also.

"It was a very small car, and a very unique car. It had quite a few original ideas, but it didn't look like a production type car yet. It wasn't as big a family car as the Model T, although they could have taken care of it some way. And the chassis could have been enlarged. It was a front-engine, rear-wheel drive car. There was a different type of transmission that Horton had in it, and also cantilever springs for the rear wheels. As far as the front axle, it still had the cross spring, as I remember. It had four-wheel brakes; I am not sure about that, though . . . It had a couple of seats like they used to put on these test cars. There was an apron that would act as a wind-shield . . . .

"After Horton left, I made the X-engine job water-cooled instead of air-cooled. I put on a transmission of my own; a planetary transmission, a three-speed transmission instead of a two-speed. I made two or three water-cooled models. I built a complete car, too.

"Time was important. In order to facilitate the job, I remember we took an Oldsmobile and took the engine out and put that in place of it, so we had the body and everything. All we had to do was try out the engine. We drove that around quite a bit. I wasn't impressed with it very much. It had so many new things on it."

(Again, Van Doren writing:)

Then Henry Ford wanted to use the flywheel as a supercharger on the X-engine, but this proved impractical because the flywheel revolved too slowly to force enough gasoline and air into the cylinders to make any appreciable difference in the engine's performance. By this time the company's executives had persuaded him that the X-engine car could not be developed quickly enough to replace the Model T with a truly competitive product.

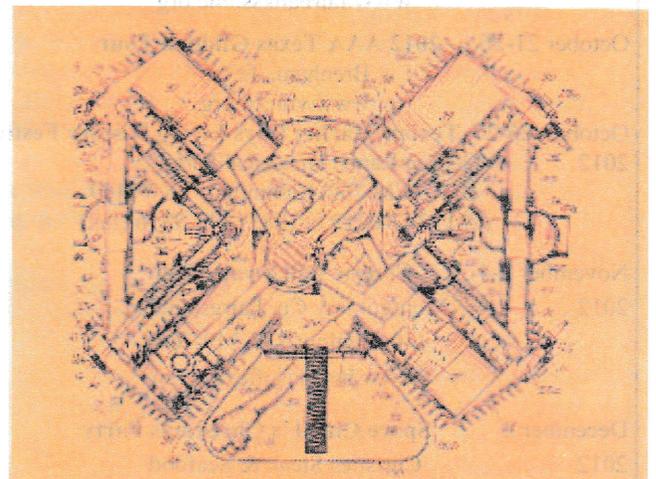
They induced him to go ahead with the planning of what they called "an intermediate car," which would have greater power and be smoother running and faster than the Model T, but which would also bear some remote resemblance to that car. The development of the new Model A was begun, and the X engine was abandoned.



**Eugene Farkas**

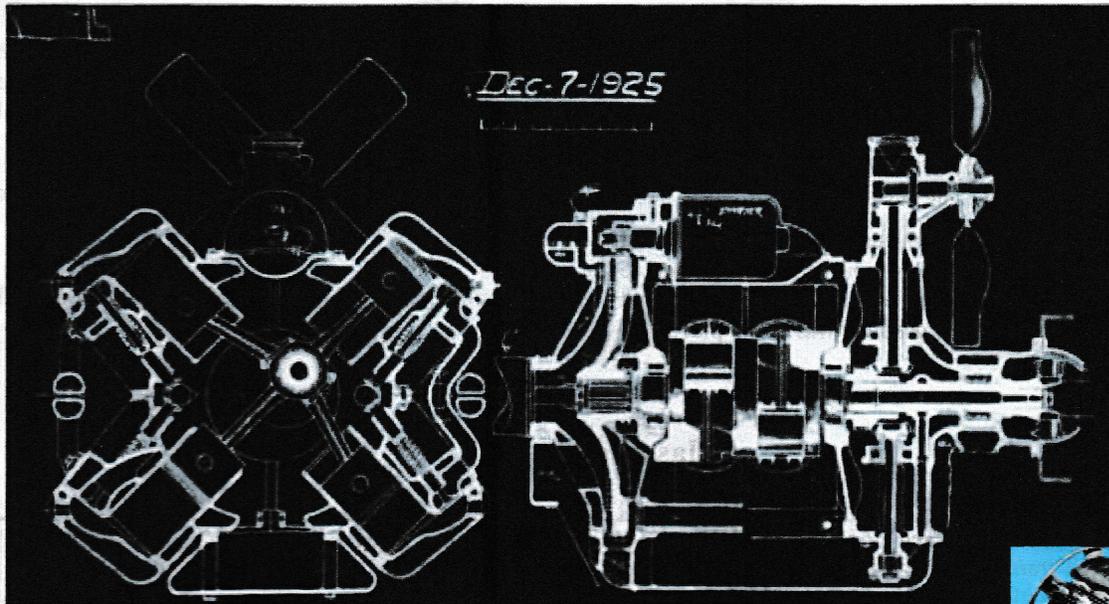


**Allen A. Horton**



**The X-Engine Patent Drawing**

### Chalk Drawings by Eugene Farkas

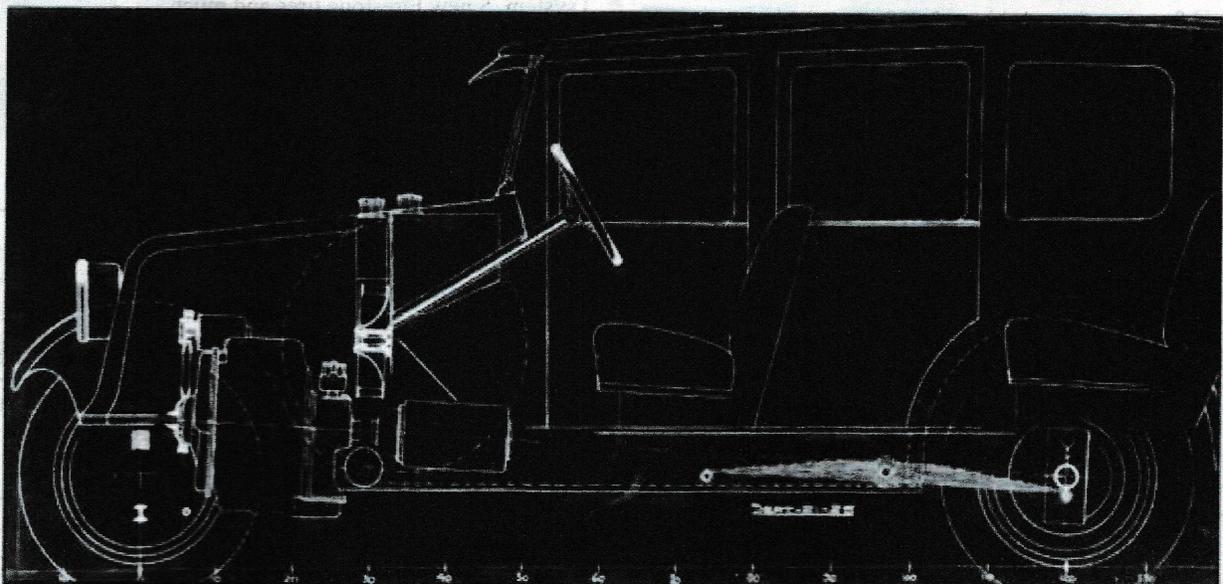


A December 1925 blackboard drawing by Eugene Farkas of one of the experimental X-8 engines which was to replace the four-cylinder Model T engine. It is very compact, occupying approximately one cubic foot in size. Both water- and air-cooled versions were built and tested. (189.3169)



Blackboard drawing by Eugene Farkas of an X-engined four-door sedan, dated September 21, 1925. Note the 120-inch wheelbase, the longitudinal rear springs, the low road clearance of the front axle; and the cowl locations of water and gas openings calling for a long cowl and a short "Franklin"-type hood. The side-mounted spare wheel, "drum" headlights, and slanting windshield indicate that body styling was given considerable attention, although it is doubtful that Edsel Ford was much involved. (189.3024)

*Ford's Amazing X-8 Vehicle*



*Post Script*

Being around diesel powered vehicles and equipment brings back memories of when we were young. It was not uncommon back then for older homes to have summer kitchens, usually an enclosed back porch. Cooking would be done on kerosene stoves that gave off that order peculiar to oil fed combustion. Today, diesels have the same aroma.

It has been said that back in the early days of the Model T, Henry Ford had considered kerosene as the fuel of choice for Model T. Country stores carried it and at the time, an infrastructure for distribution of gasoline was not in place.

However, rapid advances in the development and refinement of the motor car and the discovery of oil set off by the gusher of Old Spindletop in Beaumont, Texas soon brought about gas stations in every town and country cross road.

Kerosene was still used in the Fordson and other tractors. They were started on gasoline and after warming up a valve allowed the carburetor to be switched to kerosene.

Eventually, kerosene gave way to gasoline and diesel fuel. The song is ended, but the melody lingers on.

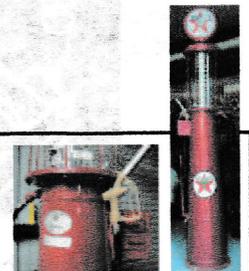
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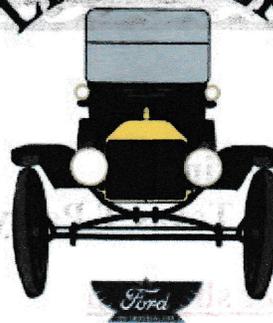
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**SAVE THE DATE  
12-2-12**

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

## Attention Members!

Be thinking about nominees for election to positions as officers and directors to be voted upon at the November meeting.

Better yet, throw your hat in the ring and have an influence on the operation of the club.

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Phone: 281-931-8268  
Email: [TOYPYLOT@aol.com](mailto:TOYPYLOT@aol.com)

**RSVP to Dave and Sandra Lucas**  
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# 2012 Texas T Party ~ October 4-6

Gas 'Em Up!... Let's Go!



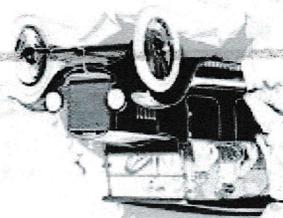
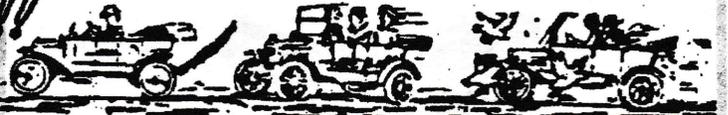
## October Meeting at the T Party

**Next Meeting  
Will be held at the Texas T Party**

**Please do not show up  
for the meeting at  
LazyBrook Baptist Church  
on October 10 !!!**

**See you at the Texas T Party**

# LET'S GO TOURING!!



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