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## On The Cover



T for Two and Two for T

An old valentine card  
captures the essence of  
Valentine's Day



## Congratulations, Gramp and Gram !

Pat and I are introducing  
Reagan Elizabeth Sullivan  
Born 10:54 AM, Thursday  
December 29th 2011.  
Mother and Daughter are doing  
fine Dad's a little Shakey.  
I see a Pink T in the future.



Bill and Pat Sherrill

Editor's Note: How's that for a tax deduction?

## Henry Sez

"It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning."

? Henry Ford

## The Zapps Are Still Touring In Their 1928 Graham-Paige



<http://www.argentinaalaska.com/>

### HELLO!

We arrived to the Ganges River in India! In the following link of our web you can see pictures about our latest travels in Asia

<http://www.argentinaalaska.com/blog/novedades>

In the picture at the Everest Base Camp you will see that we are holding the Tibetan flags. They are full of wishes that the wind will carry to you to make them come true. We hope the wind will carry our desire of a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to you! Hugs from India!



## 2011-12 Calendar of Coming Events

February 8      **Space City T's Meeting**  
2012

February 18    **Day Trip to Martha's Bloomers**  
2012                      Originating out of Texas T Parts  
Contact: Denny Irvine at 936-827-0091  
or Art Langrish at 979-820-4031



March 17      **Brenham One Day Bluebonnet Tour**  
2012                      Contact: Denny Irvine at 936-827-0091

March 17/April 4    **See the South Slowly Tour**  
2012                      North American Touring Ts  
Susan and Joss Sanderson  
5220 W. Larkspur Ridge Dr.  
Tucson AZ 85743  
az\_tchr@yahoo.com  
520 260 9772

March 22-25    **MTFCA's 47th Annual Meeting**  
2012                      Hosted by the Tin Lizzies  
of Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Email: susanandkirk@msn.com

March 24-25    **Overnighter to Woodville & the Festival of Arts**  
Details to be forthcoming

April 26-29  
2012



Texas Motor Speedway  
Fort Worth, Texas USA

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

## Dues Are Due

The December issue of the newsletter contained a card for submission of dues. 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. If you have a change you would like to make in your entry, make a note on your dues submission form.

**Do not send dues to the editor**

Send all dues to our treasurer for 2012,

**Tony Marino**

**302 Torrey Court**

**League City, TX 77573**

**NOTE: Dues are not tax deductible. To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status with the IRS.**



## MTFCA Special Invitation

This is a special invitation to you and your chapter to attend the 2012 National Business Meeting of the MTFCA which will be held in Albuquerque, NM March 22-25. The Information page and Registration page are in the last two issues of the Vintage Ford. Hope to see you in March.

If you need any further information, feel free to contact me.

Bernice Young  
505-294-7450





## Ghosts Along the Brazos

By Sandra Ruhmann

Saturday morning started off very well with a two car tour from the Ruhmann's home in Danciger. Jim and Sandra drove their cars to West Columbia, and since Jim had made previous plans to work at an antique store in town, he parked his '23 Touring outside and I'm sure got lots of attention.

Meanwhile Sandra was getting some attention of her own, driving her newly restored '26 Roadster pick-up and dressed in period style.

The weather looked like rain but for the show we lucked out. The Roadster got lots of heads turning when it drove down the streets of East Columbia where Ghost Along the Brazos was to be held. There were five homes and a Bed and Breakfast open for tours during the day, a craft sale, a luncheon at the old church, and a Paddle Wheel Boat ride to take you up and down the river. Sandra even took a couple people for a ride in the truck and they had a blast!!!

Because of the weather and the fact that the Roadster's lights weren't working correctly, Sandra took the truck back home. After getting the modern truck, Jim and Sandra returned around 5pm to the children's activities - a hay ride, Civil War reenactments, a petting zoo and crafts for the kids - Bull Roarers, Corn Husk Dolls, and Pinecone Bird Feeders - and a lesson on Owls.

There was also a group of clowns from Houston to entertain everyone and the Boy Scout Troop sold hot dogs, chili pies and hot chocolate.

Let's not forget the real reason for this gathering - Ghost Stories - were being told at the Ammon Home by the Houston Lier's Guild and at the B&B by Mr. and Mrs. Early...fun was had by all!!

Make sure you put on your calendar for next year...second Saturday of November...Ghost Along the Brazos...come have fun and bring your cars. Hope to see you there!



Photos by Sandra Ruhmann

## Ghosts Along the Brazos Sounded Very Familiar for Some Reason

By Gay Nell Cordes

In August of 1986, Don and Marlene Oaks who had chaired two past T Parties, organized a weekend tour in West Columbia. Marlene had some connections with the "new" Columbia Lakes golf club and got us real cheap rates for Saturday night. The place was very nice, with duplex apartment type buildings that had two bedrooms/baths on each end of the building with a huge living/kitchen/den in the middle shared by both bedrooms.

Anyway, the Saturday tour was very interesting, visiting several of the old homes and antique shops, then to Varner Hogg Plantation. The highlight of the evening was that after we had dinner in the club house, a guest speaker was to tell us some real ghost stories of the Brazos River area. She was called the Ghost Lady and her name was Catherine Munson Foster. She had put some of her stories into book form and it was titled *Ghosts Along the Brazos*. She sold some of us signed copies of her book that night and I still have mine. She was very active in the preservation of historic old East Columbia and while the fliers attached to the event shown in your forwarded email do not mention her, I feel sure that her book and her stories are somehow connected to the celebration. Imagine my surprise when I checked Amazon.com and the book is going for \$95!!

Just a little Space City trivia. How do I remember the date you might ask? She dated the signature after wishing a "Happy Haunting!"

I also have a book by Sister Bernadette, the Cowboy Nun from Texas. She was the force behind the Poor Clair Monastery in Brenham, the one that recently sold all their little mini horses. SCT had two different tours that visited their facility.

She was a hoot.

Visit the Third Annual  
**GHOSTS**  
ALONG THE BRAZOS

East Columbia, Texas

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

<b>TOUR HISTORIC HOMES OF EAST COLUMBIA</b> 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	<b>GHOST STORIES</b> HOUSTON STORYTELLERS GUILD 5 - 9 P.M.
<b>HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH OUR VENDORS</b> 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.	<b>BRAZOS BELLE RIVERBOAT ON DISPLAY</b>
<b>CIVIL WAR BOOK REVIEW AND LUNCHEON</b> \$8 - SEPARATE TICKET REQUIRED	<b>HAY RIDES</b> W/HISTORICAL NARRATIVES
<b>TICKETS</b> Adults <b>\$10</b> Students <b>\$5</b>	<b>HISTORICAL MILITIA</b>
<small>Purchase in advance from the West Columbia Chamber of Commerce - Elmo's Prosperity Bank - Chesney's Texas Gulf Bank</small>	<b>WILDLIFE CENTER OWL PROGRAMS</b> 6 - 7 - 8 P.M.
<small>Purchase the day of the event at Bethel Presbyterian Church or the Aycock-Crews House in East Columbia</small>	<b>PETTING ZOO</b>
<small>Proceeds benefit the First Capitol Historical Foundation's preservation of the Ammon Underwood House.</small>	<b>RAFFLE</b>
<small>Printing Courtesy McDonald's, West Columbia</small>	<b>CHILDREN'S CRAFTS</b> <b>MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT</b>



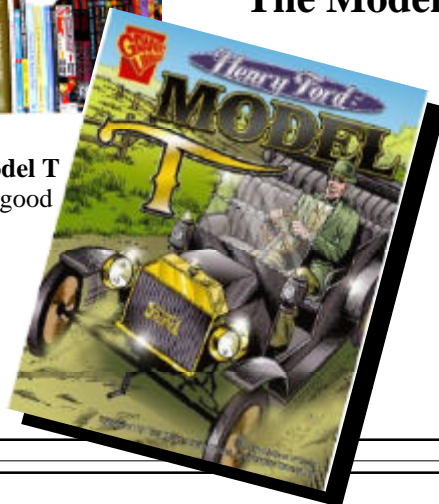
### Editor's Note:

Normally we don't publish flyers for events that have passed. However, in this case, the information was received too late to place in the November newsletter. We sent out an email with the information and GayNell and Sandra responded in kind with the tidbits shown in the neighboring columns.



**Henry Ford and the Model T**  
by Michael O'Hearn is a good book for youngsters.

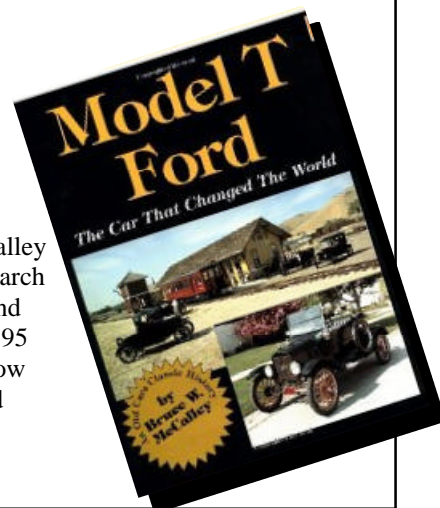
ISBN 0736896422



## The Model T Bookshelf

**Model T Ford** by Bruce McCalley is considered the Model T research "bible". Highly sought after and now out of print, it sold for 39.95 when introduced in 1994. It now goes for \$377.46 new and used from \$98.95 on Amazon.com.

ISBN 0-87341-293-1





## Post Script

### Great Advice About Stress

Submitted by Jerry Groves

- 1 Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker..
- 5 If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague
- 6 If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9 Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

- 10 Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
  - 11 Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
  - 12 The second mouse gets the cheese.
  - 13 When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
  - 14 Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
  - 16 Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
  - 17 We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
  - 18 A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
  - 19 Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY**
- 20 Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate !\*

## Classified Ads

### 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: 1927 Model T Ford Coupe

Selling for my cousin because of health reasons. Clear title, block requires rebore because of removed seized piston. Asking \$6,000. Also selling \$1,000 in new parts.

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

[candps Sexton@aol.com](mailto:candps Sexton@aol.com)



### For Sale: 1924 Ford Touring,

frame up restoration 1970, engine rebuilt by Julius Neunhoffer 2009, rear axle rebuilt by Julius Neunhoffer 2000, 12 volt system with distributor and alternator. New radiator from "brass works" 1999, this car will NOT boil.

Jack rabbit clutch, new wood in all for

wheels, good tires, side curtains, tonneau cover, new muffler. This is a fast, dependable strong running car and ready for any tour, \$12,500.00.

Contact me for more pictures. Phil Cavanaugh 830-660-0181



### 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: 1923 T Ford Touring Good tour car.

New tires and battery, everything works. Has distributor, starter, outside oil line. Old restoration by Ralph Reeder. Been in storage for some time. \$7,500.

Contact: Ray Barth Ph: 281-253-6237  
[rbjfp@earthlink.net](mailto:rbjfp@earthlink.net)



### For Sale: Rebuilt Model T Ford Components

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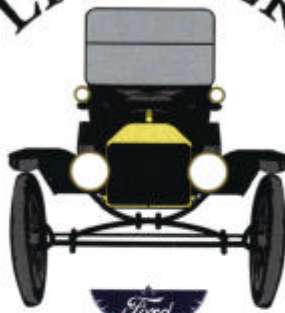
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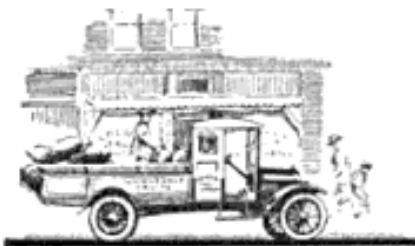
## Flivver Follies

Did you hear about the guy who went into an  
auto parts store and said to the clerk,

"Can I get a new gas cap for a Model T?"

The clerk thought for a second and said,

"That seems like a fair trade."



## Next Meeting

February 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:

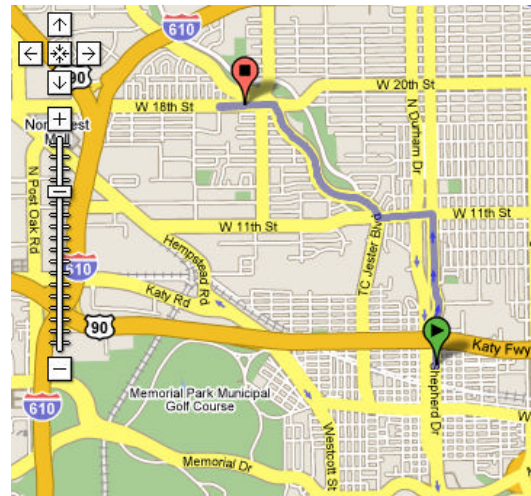
Lazy Brook Baptist Church  
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights



Video Program:

"Herschel Payne's 2nd Annual Texas T Party--Nacodoches"

Presented by Denny "3 Wheel" Irvine



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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