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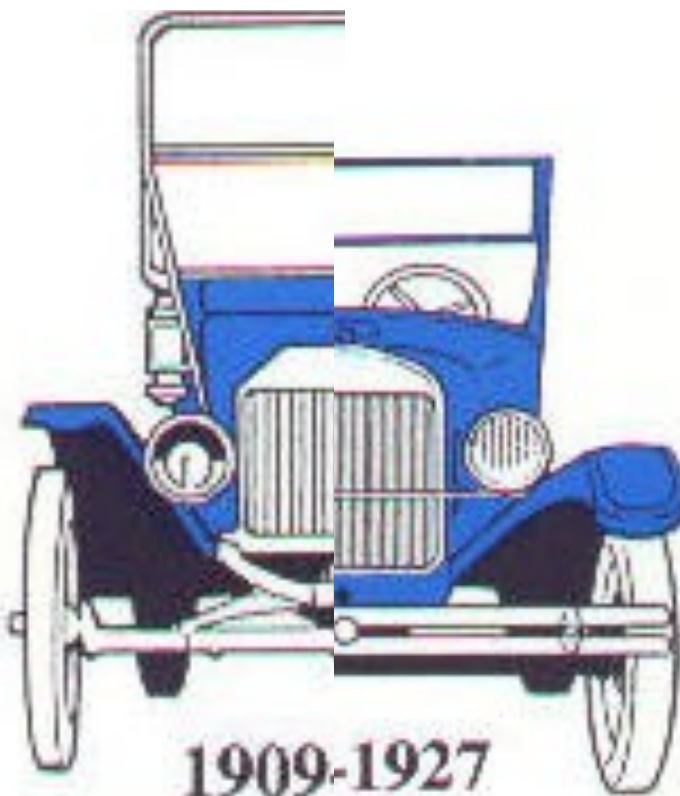
The FLIVVER FLASH

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Begins Sunday,
March 11
Set Your Clocks
Ahead 1 Hour**

March 2012



The Many Faces of Ford

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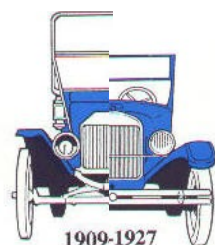
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On The Cover



Not all Model T's are alike. Mechanically they are pretty much the same. But cosmetically they present a variety of shapes. For a sampling, see pages 4 and 5.

The Many Faces of Ford

Bruce McCalley 1926-2012



Bruce McCalley, of Allison Park, one of six founders of The Model T Ford Club of America, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012.

Known worldwide as the preeminent historian of the Model T Ford, Bruce was an eloquent and often humorous author. His mission was to disseminate as much information on the car as he possibly could and he dedicated his lifetime to doing just that. The bane of his existence was the people who refused to share their knowledge or skills.

Bruce was born Feb. 4, 1926, in San Diego, Calif., and lived in California until 1991 when he moved to Allison Park. While in California he worked in the electronics business for a time. He was editor of "The Vintage Ford", from its inception in 1966 until 1991. He also served as office manager for the Model T Club. Bruce continued to research and write articles into his retirement and spent many days at the Ford Archives in Dearborn, Mich., researching old Ford records. Without question, he was universally honored as the quintessential information source for the car that changed the world. He authored several books: "The Model T Ford Encyclopedia", "Model T Ford, the Car that Changed the World", co-authored "From Here to Obscurity", and wrote a lengthy series of technical manuals. Because all of the books are now out of print, Bruce transferred the encyclopedia to CDs so that people could still access the information. Until shortly before his death, he continued to add and revise material on the discs.

He was the first recipient of The Model T Club International Lifetime Achievement Award and was extremely proud and humbled by the designation. The award recognized his tremendous devotion to the hobby. A veteran of World War II, serving in Alaska as a radio instructor, he continued his interest in radios by restoring old radios and writing a variety of articles on antique radios and receivers. He also edited a magazine for those who shared his enthusiasm.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Barbara; his beloved cat, Holly; his sons, David and Stephen; and his granddaughter, Samantha, all of California. He was predeceased by his mother, Hilda; his father, Isaac; and his sister, Barbara. There will be no viewing or visitation. Burial will be private. A celebration of his life will be held at a future date. We respectfully ask that donations be made in Bruce's name to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, or to Gateway Hospice, 9380 McKnight Road, 201 Arcadia Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

2011-12 Calendar of Coming Events

March 14
2012

Space City T's Meeting



March 15-16
2012

Chickasha Pre-war Swap Meet

Contact: Mike or Susie Ersland

Telephone: (405)224-9090

email: information@pwsn.com

March 17
2012

Brenham One Day Bluebonnet Tour

Contact: Denny Irvine at 936-827-0091

March 17/April 4
2012

See the South Slowly Tour

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
2012

MTFCA's 47th Annual Meeting

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

May 17-19

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2012 Frio Canyon Spring Tour

Hosted by the Texas Tin Lizzies

See enclosed flyer

June 17-22
2012

Heartland of America "T" Tour

MTFCA National Tour

Hosted by the

Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club

Website: www.heartlandofamericattour.com

Contact: Mike or Beth Vaughn. 402-781-9359

October 4-6
2012

35th Annual Texas T Party

Bryan/College Station, Texas

Contact Tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at
mrsmodelt@hotmail.com or 979-218-4083.

Space City T's Universal Car Logo Signs



These signs are computer cut black vinyl on white vinyl.
They are high quality and look very nice.

Magnetic signs:

Price for pair: 18 inch wide \$70pr, 12 inch wide \$35pr.

Peel and Stick signs:

Price each: 18 inch wide \$13ea., 12 inch wide \$9ea.

(These are good for aluminum skinned haulers)

The default color is Black on White. If desired other colors on White are available.

To order contact Club Member Bobby Wright

Email: bcw54800@gmail.com (best way)

Phone: [409-771-5548](tel:409-771-5548)



Eighteen inch sign shown on door of a Touring Car

T Party Dispatch

October 4-6th, 2012- Bryan/College Station, Texas.

Come join the Space City T's for the 35th Annual Texas T Party.

This three day tour will be featuring the central Texas area. No hills, but lots of thrills and as always a great time to mingle with your friends or meet new ones. We will be cruising back country roads, stopping to see the local attractions and enjoying lots of ice cream in the warm Texas weather.

For more information and a registration form please visit

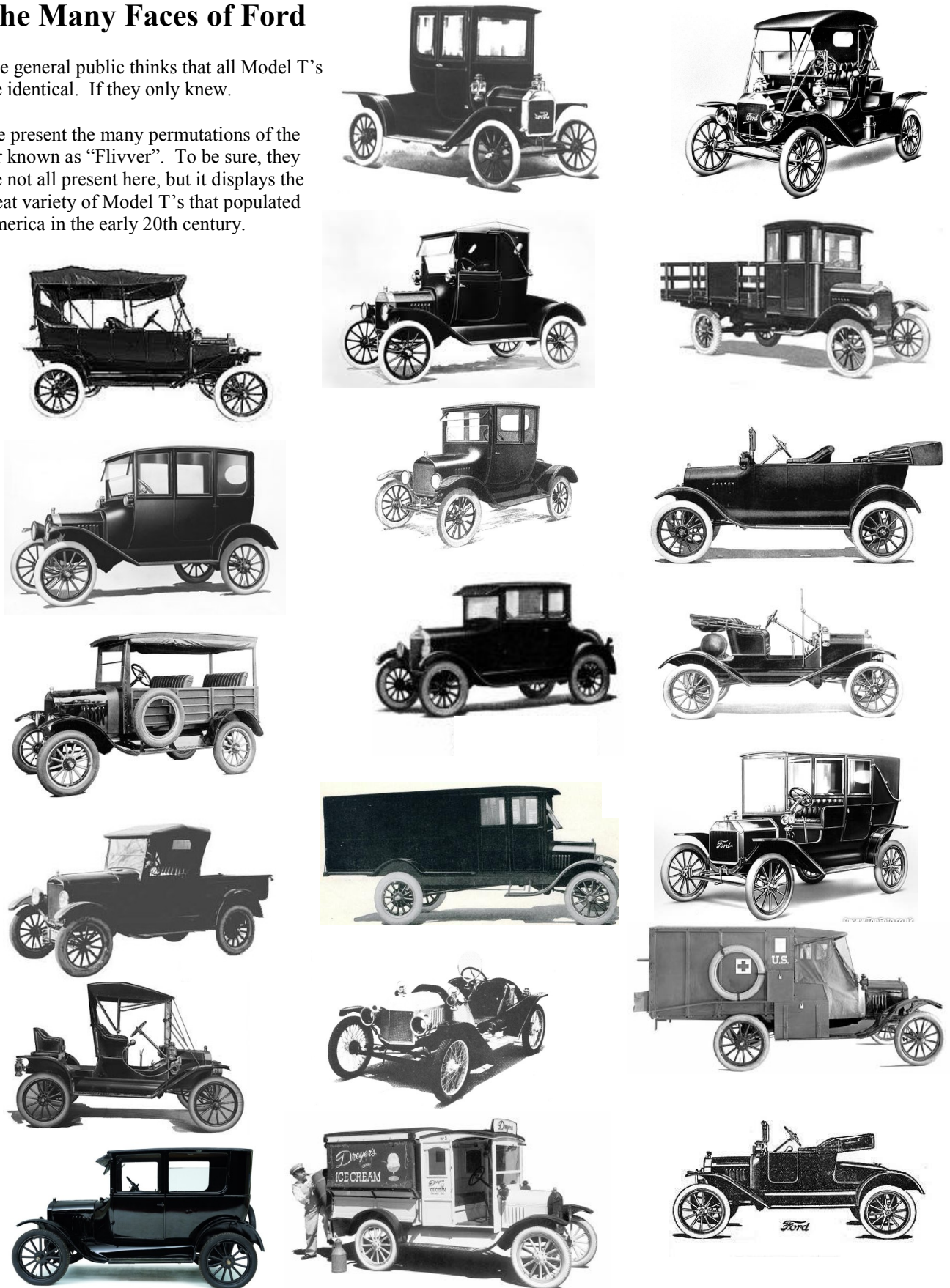
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or contact tour Chairmen Ross and Jennifer Lilleker at
mrsmodelt@hotmail.com or 979-218-4083.

The Many Faces of Ford

The general public thinks that all Model T's are identical. If they only knew.

We present the many permutations of the car known as "Flivver". To be sure, they are not all present here, but it displays the great variety of Model T's that populated America in the early 20th century.



Change the Body to Suit Your Taste

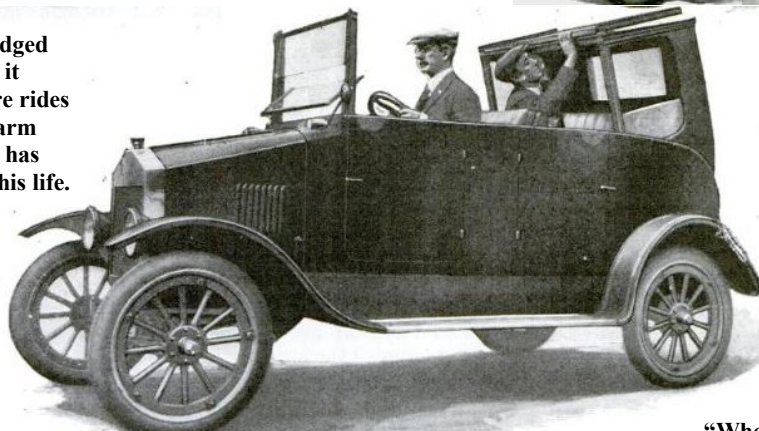
No more family arguments over which style of car to buy



The car is here a full-fledged roadster. This the form it takes when Mr. McGuire rides to his office on a fair, warm morning. Mr. McGuire has been a coach-maker all his life.



Remove the front window –panes of the sedan, fold up the top and you have an open touring-car with a sort of Victoria top. This changeable body is mounted on a “flivver” chassis



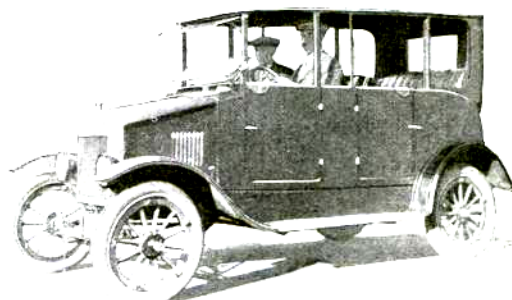
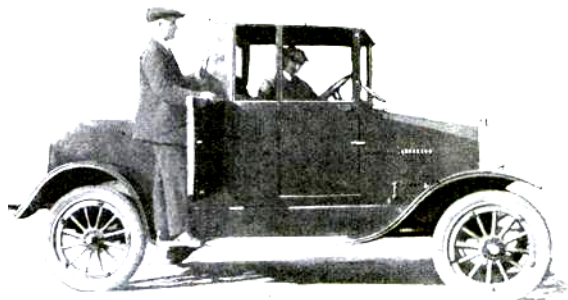
To the right is shown the special compartment for the spare tires beneath the rear seat. The backs of the front seats are on hinges and can be lowered to meet the rear ones, thus forming a bed.

A coupé for two is illustrated below. It is made by resurrecting the back and side windows and bringing them forward to the windshield. These windows cannot be opened from the outside, so when the door is locked, no thief can enter.



“When a touring-car becomes a roadster” is a suitable title for the picture at top center. The top is swung forward until its edge rests on the back of the front seat. The rear cushions automatically disappear below when this happens.

Below: What is it? A sedan of course. But the inventor, Mr. John J. McGuire of New York, has constructed it so that it can be transformed into practically any other type of car as the mood of the owner dictates.



This appeared in the February 1921 issue of Popular Science

Something New in Remote Control

Of simple construction, it's a great comfort when you get stuck in the mud

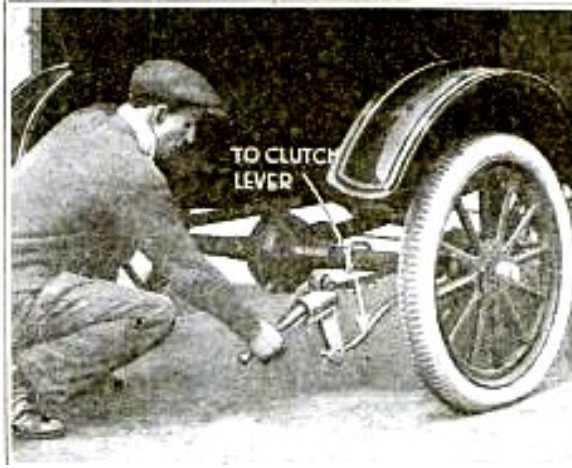
Suppose you were out riding in the country in your Ford car, and suppose your car got stuck in a mudhole. No one in sight and not even a plank or a tree to help you extricate the car. Now suppose you had only to go to the rear, pull a lever, pushing the while with your shoulder against the back of the tonneau and just follow your car back to firm ground?

An invention by a Minnesota man makes this a reality by a simple spring-rod attachment running from the rear axle to the speed levers and carburetor, the connection being such that when the brake-lever is swung to immediate speed or vertical position the clutch-pedal will be swung to the neutral position, the brakes not being applied unless the

brake lever is swung to its backward position. It also connects with the shank of the brake-pedal and with the carburetor, having a helical spring which has one end bent to form an eye that encircles the shaft, with its opposite end hooked into a near-by plate, the spring serving to hold the parts in position.

If the Ford is embedded so deeply in the mud that engine is not capable of pulling the car out, the driver swings the hand brake-lever to neutral, releasing the speeds so the engine is idle.

By insertion of a handle (in most cases a jack-handle) into the socket, pulling upward and at the same time pushing against the back of the car, the handle moving upward speeds up the engine and slowly pushes the pedal into low speed. This power is transmitted to the rear wheels, and the driver soon has the car on firm ground.



In extricating his Ford from mud holes, this invention enables the driver to operate his car from the rear.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1926 Model T Tudor Sedan.

Needs restoration. Has wood wheels. \$4000.
Call Gator Gould 251-765-2677 gatorsts@frontier.net

For Sale: Complete set of Vintage Ford Magazines. \$450

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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
candpsexton@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 motor. This is a fast, dependable strong running car and ready for any tour, \$12,500.00.



Wanted: Pair of 1926 Texas License Plates for purchase or trade for pair of professionally restored 1923/24 plates. Contact Phil Cavanaugh 830-660-0181 or email pcavanaugh1@consolidated.net.

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



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: 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.
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Flivver Follies

**Ashes to ashes,
Dust to dust.
If it wasn't for Fords,
Our tools would rust.**



Spring Thaw—Get a Horse



Next Meeting

March 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.

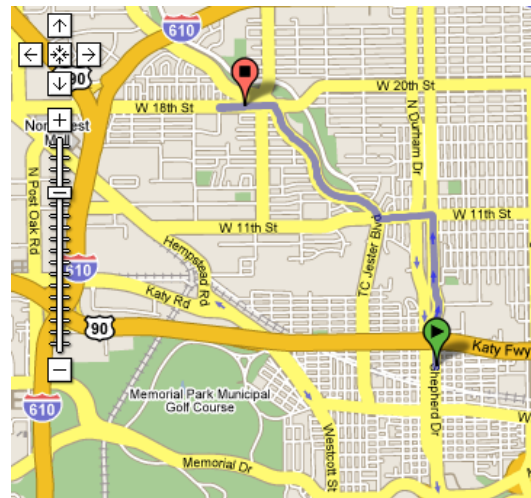
Place:

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

Video Program:

"Model T Medley"
Little Bit of This and That

Presented by the Irvine Production Enterprise



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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