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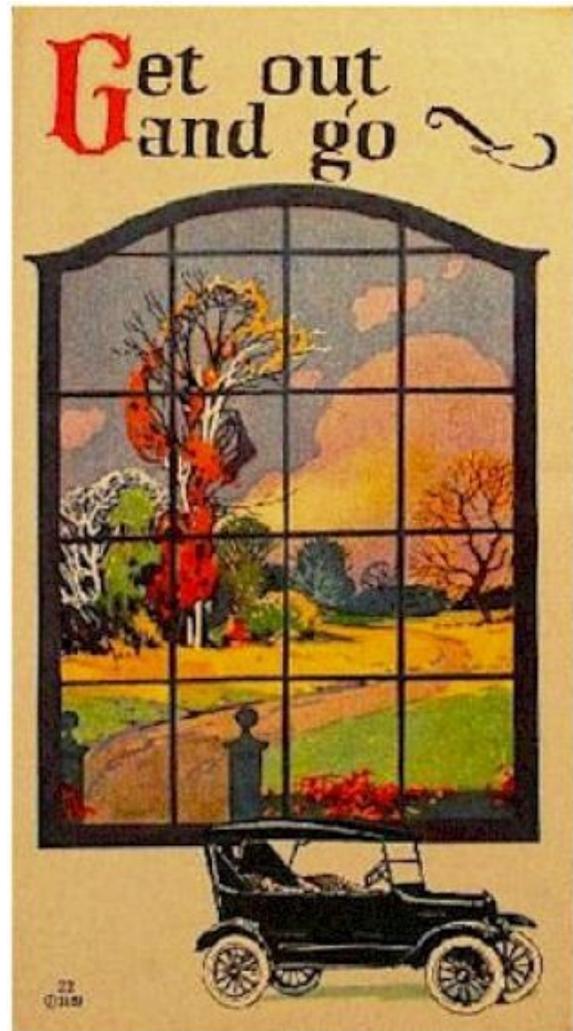


Come stroll the aisles of the Chickasha Swap Meet.

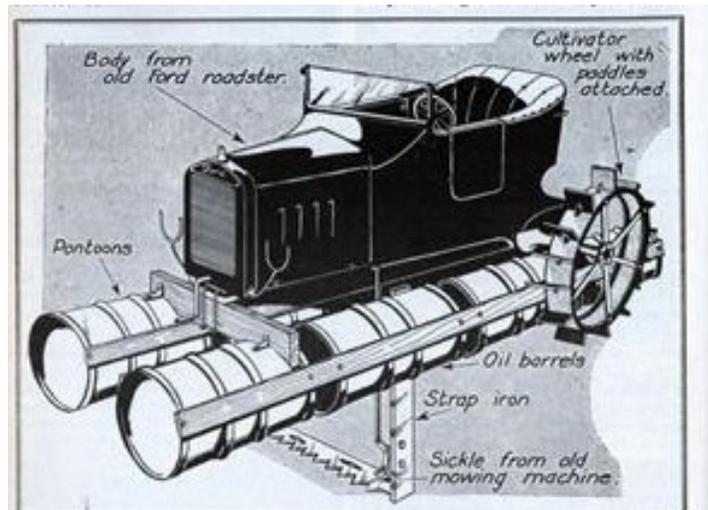
Considered the premier meet for antique cars by antique car pickers.

Thanks to Diann Hoops for the photo montage beginning on page 4.

And check out her article on page 6.



Another Use for a Model T



It's a rough night, mates, when this cornfield battlewagon swings into action! Here's a machine for cutting channels in weedy lakes. It is mounted on two pontoons built up of empty oil drums, driven by paddle wheels attached alongside the regular flivver wheels and steered like a caterpillar tractor.

Modern Mechanix—March, 1930

Chickasha 2012

Vendors lined up Wednesday afternoon.



Chickasha 2012 continued



Chickasha 2012 ... From a Woman's Perspective

By Diann Houghton Hoops

We arrive around 2 pm on Tuesday and were lucky enough to get one of the last 50 amp hook ups. It is not that crowded (with campers and/or vendors) yet. We meet some interesting folks and check out some cool trailers. One is named r-pad or r-pod and looks like a 'grown-up' teardrop. Our neighbors on one side are from Nebraska and are camping in a 1947 Curtis-Wright trailer (looks like a really early Airstream).

Wednesday morning buyers and vendors are pouring into the parking area. The vendors have to line up on a large grassy field waiting for the 'gate' to open at 4 pm. The organizers only rent the fairgrounds for Thursday and Friday but allow vendors to begin setting up after 4 the day before. However, from where I sit, lots of deals are being made on the grassy field. Ladies, I would estimate if one were looking for a man, this is the place to come. The ratio of men to women is over 10 to 1 and may be as high as 20 to 1. 'Course they probably won't be interested in you unless you are pulling a trailer full of rusty car parts.

The Cordes boys, Jeff & Luke, along with Mike McDonald and Brinson Burks are here and others from our club are expected. Lo and behold the president of Space City T's shows up; Abby loves David Carter. Dave Lucas stops by. We have a nice visit; it is so good to laugh with friends and see familiar faces. After lunch Robert and Abby left to walk the parking area. A little later I went exploring on my own and took a few pictures. Can't believe the number of rusty parts piled up on trailers. Some things are easy to identify but other objects mystify me. Met some folks including Marshall Huling whose 1911 Torpedo Speedster won Members Choice Award at last year's T Party. Saw Heidi Neunhoffer with her dad who came from Kerrville and there were other faces I recognized but could not put a name to (getting old is tough ... memory is one of the first things to go and I forget the second). Jim Ruhmann is here with Mike Noe. Almost feels like a Texas T Party or a Space City T monthly meeting.

At 4 pm as I watch the vendors pour thru the gate, a man driving an American Eagle with California plates pulling a trailer full of who knows what, passed me and hollered out his window, "It looks just like the Oklahoma Land Rush!" I agreed. Next saw Ben Hardeman driving the opposite way into the traffic trying to get out of the vendor area. He and a few others had unloaded, dropped off trailers and were trying to get their vehicles on the

outside of the barrier. When I returned Robert was talking with our neighbors on the other side (from California) and Corky (Gerald Huddleston) strolls up with a Nikon around his neck. I 'borrow' his camera and my Cannon cord is compatible so I upload his photos.

Thursday morning well before sunrise, cars are pouring in; don't know if they are additional vendors or potential customers. Robert gets a late start around 8 but is back before 8:30 having made his first purchase. He saw Jerry Davis who did not immediately recognize Robert because of his beard. Our neighbors from California have taken their RV to get 8 new tires (\$7K plus) after noticing huge tear on side of right rear tire. I move the truck over to reserve the site and put a sign on my windshield explaining why I am saving prime property. Would you believe it! Within 5 minutes, some idiot in a small SUV tried to park between the pickup and our DP. I went out and explained the situation to him and he eventually moved.

Sun is shining as more folks arrive. This place amazes me. I took a stroll and saw lots of old friends ... Jennifer and Vivian Lilleker, June Carter, Ben and Nancy Hardeman, and Gator. Ran across Robert just in time for him to buy me an official Chickasha Swap Meet T-shirt (I had not brought any money). T-shirt has 1912 Chevy on it! Back home to a lonely Abby. However, since we did see dogs on the fairgrounds, Robert returned with Abby in tow (that should be interesting). We got lunch at Rib Pit which was slow, inefficient ... took literally forever ... but after hauling the stuff back to the motor home, I chowed down on best ribs I have had in years. Clouds start to gather in the afternoon but no rain. Robert goes on more shopping excursions while me and Abby remain in the air conditioning enjoying our view out the windshield. Late Thursday afternoon guys gather at the Burke motor home (there was a keg). Willie Cordes and Robert had a long conversation while the others picked on me. Popularity hint #2: The way to a man's heart is his stomach. Make them nachos and they will agree to anything, right guys?

Friday morning before 8 o'clock folks start clearing out. I guess this really is a one-day event or perhaps I should say it is a two-day happening where the first day is unofficial, more like a pre-sale, and Thursday is the second day but actually the first official day on the fairgrounds. Shortly we will be joining the exodus and leaving the plains of Oklahoma for the sweet hills of Washington County.

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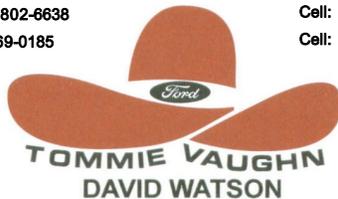
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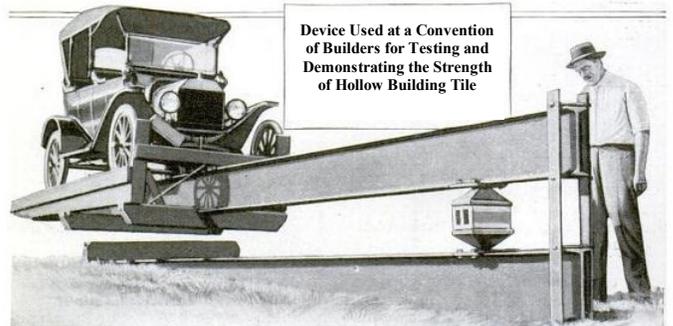
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MTFCA Museum Conceptual Drawings

The new museum is taking shape and this is the look they are striving for.

The drawing on the far right evokes the image of a Model T Ford era showroom



Next Meeting

April 11, 2012

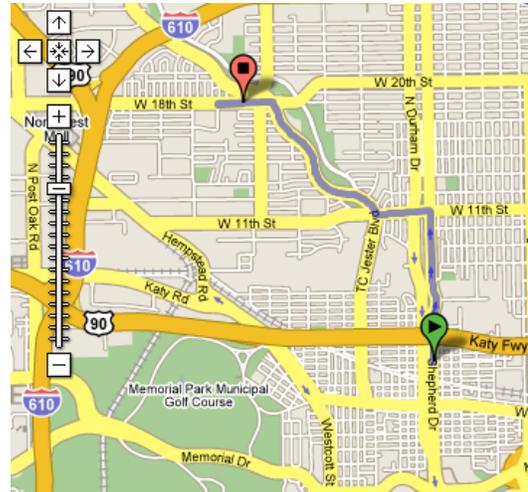


Dine with Friends at
Jax Grill at 6:00 P.M.
1613 Shepherd Drive in the Heights

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



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**
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