



# The FLIVVER FLASH

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*Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae*

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## On The Cover



This is no ordinary Model T:  
Engine by Ross Lilleker,  
Model A crank, pressurized mains,  
high compression head and 260 cam.

Dirk and Trudy Regter arrive at port of Houston with their 1915 Model T Ford that is on an around the world trip having covered Southern Europe, Africa and is now launching a tour of North America.

The club meets and greets the Regters  
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## Members: Please Note !!!

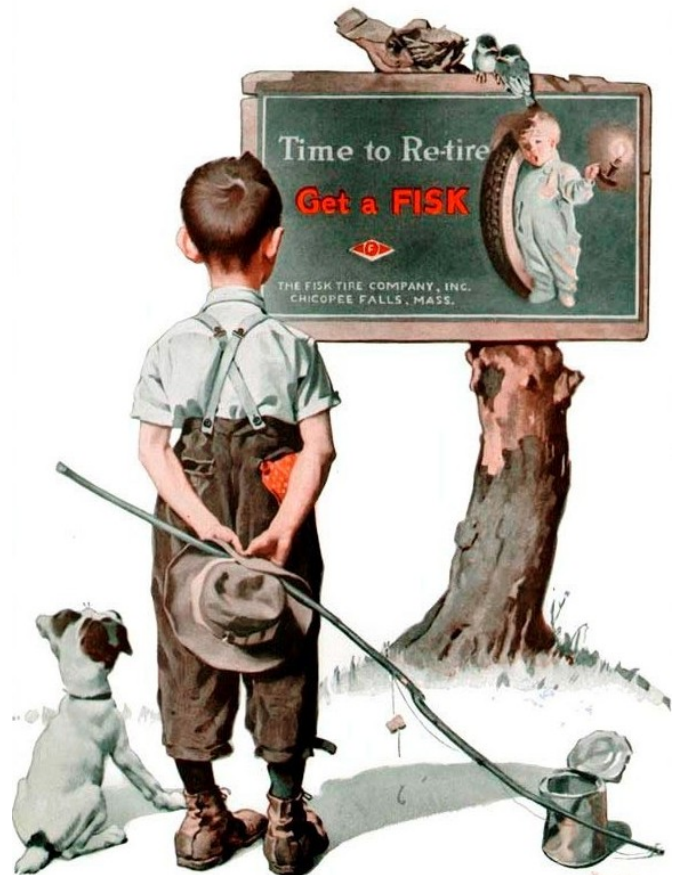
The July meeting will be held on the the 17th, the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

This change is for the month of July only!

The June meeting (this month) will be held on June 12 which is the 2nd Wednesday.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

## Time To Retire



## This Month's Issue is a Whopper.

With the visit from the Regters and Ice Cream Social, the Kingsbury Fly In, the Burton Cotton Gin Festival and the Washington on the Brazos Celebration, eight pages just wasn't going to cut it. We considered spreading the articles across more issues, but news has a shelf life of about a month.

So we opted to put out a twelve page issue this month.



**On a Personal Note...**

Evelyn and I are of Dutch descent and we had some fun chatting with Dirk and Trudy. We with our Yankee-Dutch and they with their Dutch-Yankee. They fared much better with English than we did with Dutch.

—Stan



**Aw, Bummer! ! !**

We received the following email from Peter Szekeres just prior to the Ice Cream Social. What a bummer, an appendectomy followed by an absence of ice cream!

Stan,



My little guy William was admitted to the hospital yesterday. He had an appendix surgery. He is coming home today, but still a bit weak and having hard time walking. I'm not sure if he will be at the Ice Cream Party tomorrow. He was very excited about it so I'll have a hard time talking him out of ice cream...

I figured it would be a news for our "sun shine report"

Greetings, Peter

**You Find Model T's in the Darnedest Places**



Bobby Wright was in a souvenir shop in Alaska recently and he came across a 1915 Roadster on display among the stash. We can't believe he didn't buy it and drag it home.

**2013 Calendar of Coming Events**

June 7-9 2013 **Conroe Summer Swap Meet**  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds  
337-249-7667 or www.hotrodsoftexas.com

June 12 2013 **Space City T's Meeting**

July 6 2013 Cypress Historical Society  
5th Annual Old Fashion Picnic  
Contact: Jim or Terri Sigmund  
281-373-9052 or JSigm@aol.com  
See Flyer2013

July 17 2013 **Space City T's Meeting**  
*Note the date, 3rd Wednesday because Lazybrook Baptist is holding its Daily Vacation Bible school that week..*

September 8 2013 **North Houston Swap Meet**  
Will Clayton Parkway—Humble - One Day Only  
337-249-7667

October 2-6 2013 **Texas T Party**  
Lufkin, Texas  
Contact: Dave Lucas  
281-388-0761  
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November 1-3 2013 **Conroe Fall Swap Meet**  
Montgomery County Fairgrounds  
337-249-7667 or www.hotrodsoftexas.com

| 1925 Car Registration       |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Reflects Ford Dependability |           |
| FORD.....                   | 8,120,600 |
| CHEVROLET.....              | 1,439,100 |
| OVERLAND.....               | 654,900   |
| STAR.....                   | 227,000   |



## Around the World in a Model T

By Stan Hoekstra

Call it serendipity, call it coincidence; Dirk and Trudy Regter landed on the shores of the United States in time for them to attend the Space City T's Annual Charlie Tyner Ice Cream Social and to allow the club to extend a big Texas Howdy and sendoff as they begin the North American leg of their round the world tour.

Once again the club gathered on the shores of Galveston Bay at the summer home of Bill and Pat Sherrill to indulge in Bill's excellent artistry on the grill and to partake of homemade ice cream offerings produced by the Sherrills and the Irvings. However, the highlight this year was the presence of the Regters, their Model T and their support crew.

We have heard of Model T's traveling coast to coast and to Alaska, but this undertaking is a circumvention of the globe.

The story opens on this side of the Atlantic when Bill Sherrill picked up our world travelers and took them to the harbor to pick up the Model T.

The next day, Saturday, brought temperatures approaching 90° with humidity to match. However, shore side, there was a delightful breeze coming from the bay and all was well with world.



Ah, the tranquility



Relaxing on the veranda over looking the bay



Trudy and Bill



Chef Sherrill Presiding Over the Grill



After Clearing Customs,  
Dirk and Trudy Again Receive Their Model T.  
The Next Chapter of Their Adventure Is About to Commence



Denny's Hit 'N Miss Ice Cream Churn



With the gathering of the club, we met our guests of honor; the Regters and their support crew, Guus and Henk



**Dirk and Trudy with our Hostess, Pat Sherrill**



**Dave Lucas Offers the Blessing**



**Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer**



**The Indispensable Support Crew, Guus and Henk**



**Yum!**



**The Other Guest of Honor and Star of the Show  
★World Girdling 1915 Model T Ford★  
Inquisitive and Inquiring Minds Want to Know More**



**Leaving Houston to Tour the Rest of North America  
Crossing FM1960 in Huffman  
Farewell Mr. and Mrs. Regter, We Shall Meet Again**



## Pioneer Flight Museum Spring 2013 Fly In By Clint Allred

On Friday, May 10, Kathy and I left for Kingsbury at 9:00 AM and it was raining. Motorhome with Model T on trailer behind and John with pickup and trailer with 1936 Farmall F12 tractor following.

The rain had mostly stopped by the time Columbus was reached and by the Kingsbury, the sun was shining the weather was great with little wind and thunder in the distance. The Model T was unloaded along with the golf cart and tractor.

I aided in replacing the transmission bands on the museum's TT. The airplane group was washing and test running the show planes. The Cannock had a miss and was repaired and test flown.

Saturday began at 7:00 AM with a bugler blowing reveille. At breakfast there was a German couple touring America in a rented RV. They had seen the Fly In advertised in Lulling and decided to take it in .

Everyone there helped set up the planes and vehicles for the show. The U.S. or French 'T' Ambulances wouldn't start, so they were pushed or towed out. Visitors started arriving around 9:00 the largest crowd between 10:30 and 1:30. Betty and Dean Dockery, Broderick Thompson, John Matejka, and others from space City "T"s dropped by. Many out of town planes flew in and out all day. The PFM crew and I gave Model 'T' rides throughout the day. Great show.



The Allred HOV Lane Co-Pilot



Blériot XI



Allred 23 Touring and Fokker TriPlane

2013 SPRING  
**AIR FAIR**  
*May 11<sup>th</sup>*

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★ RE-ENACTORS  
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Other Cars on Display



Kurt Maurer Giving Rides in TT, Al Sumrall Standing



Cameron Explaining Edison and Victorola Phonographs  
U.S. TT Ambulance in Background



Museum's Barn Find Roadster



Flight Museum's Model T Wrecker



Ron Wahl's Traveling Museum of Statoc RC Planes





The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Cotton Gin Parade on Saturday morning could not have had better weather. The skies were clear and the day started out cool but quickly warmed. Jackets and long pants gave way to T-shirts and shorts.

The parade went smoothly after a delay when some tractors had trouble with the hill in downtown Burton. The T's made it up fine! I was following the T's in a '34 V8; I waited in the intersection until the hill was clear so I could make it in one pass (I don't do well stopping and starting on slopes).

Space City T's were well represented including Denis & Gwen Irvine, Dave & Sandra Lucas, Mayes Fuller, Jerry & Marge Davis & son, Dennis & Judy Weis, Dean & Betty (in the wonderful red hat) Dockery, Clint & Cathy Allred, Broderick Thompson plus Robert & me.

There was music, crafts, food and refreshments. The Cotton Gin tour was popular and there was much tire kicking. I had the ignominy of needing an early Camaro jump start after flooding the V8 roadster and running down the battery.



*Diann Broughton Hoops*





## Burton Cotton Gin Festival Continued



Upon reaching the fairgrounds, we discovered Bobby Wright's stationary engine "popping" away. You can see the lines of cars, trucks and tractors in the distance.



Just south of the Gin, they had set up a petting zoo for the kids, along with various games. The rabbits were a favorite.



However, nobody seemed to want to pet this Texas Longhorn. He was actually very tame. His "wingspan" on his horns was nearly 8 feet!



For the bigger kids up through age 90, there were crafts displays and hands on demonstrations.

Here's one trying out a pottery wheel. There was spinning, weaving, knitting, leather, arrow-head making & woodworking.



But the real reason for the day was to see the Gin work. A tractor delivers a wagon full of raw cotton. During the afternoon, they "ginned" out several cleaned bales of cotton.

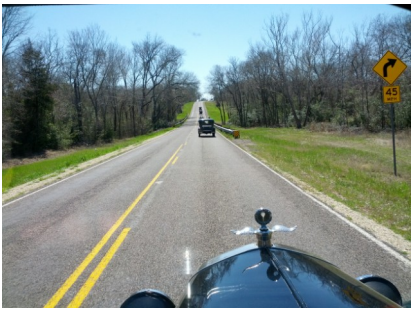




## Washington on the Brazos Independence Celebration March 3, 2013



It was a cool Sunday morning when members of the Brazos Valley A's, the Texas Touring T's, and Space City T's met in Wellborn. The plan was for brunch at Hullabaloo's and then a visit to Washington on the Brazos to celebrate the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Diners included BVA members Bob & Nancy Gilmore, TTT members Art & Gloria Langrish, Ernie & Ginger Wentreck, Don Warner, Ben & Nancy Hardeman, and SCT members Denny & Gwen Irvine.



After breakfast, the group proceeded to the Wellborn Chevron, where we met with BVA members Norman & Susan Cummings, Ray Hinnant, and TTT members Wes & Karen James. What a great idea to combine the 3 clubs—I hope we can continue to do so as it makes for a great car show “down the road”.



As we reached the State Park, the parking directors ushered us right up to the front of the festivities. The festival had already had a busy Saturday, and the Sunday crowd was still surprising. The museum was packed and there were re-enactors everywhere. One of the most popular events was the firing of the cannon. (Simon, the Wentreck dog, disagrees) There was a birthday cake, plenty of food vendors, and lots of frontiersmen firing muzzleloaders.



But my favorite part was meeting with friends Joe and Nancy Waltz, and her dad Randy Nichols. Randy had a picture he shared with us, showing himself at age 4, perched on the running board of a Model T Touring. He had clear memories of the car, and wanted to see one again. That's him, third from the right, in the old photo. You can see him again—same position on the running board, with his daughter Nancy.

We hope to see you on the next combined tour!





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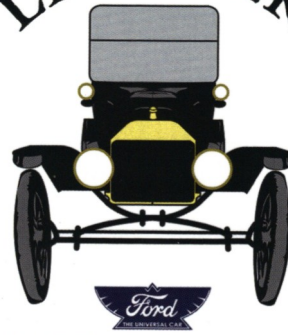
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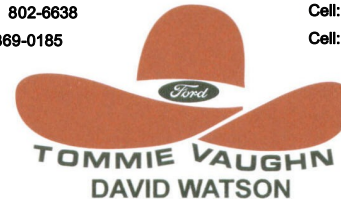
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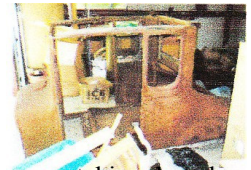


**For Sale: 1922 Coupe**

Suicide doors, mechanically sound, runs good, good top and upholstery .  
Asking \$9,500. Contact Jerry Hathcoat—Brashear, Tx. 903-582-2241

**For Sale: 1926 Coupe "Basket Case"**

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.  
Contact Terry Woods 281-693-2236



**Wanted: '27 Model T Front Bumper & Brackets**

Contact: Gaylord Willet — Montgomery, Texas 936-448-1550



**Next Meeting  
June 12, 2013**



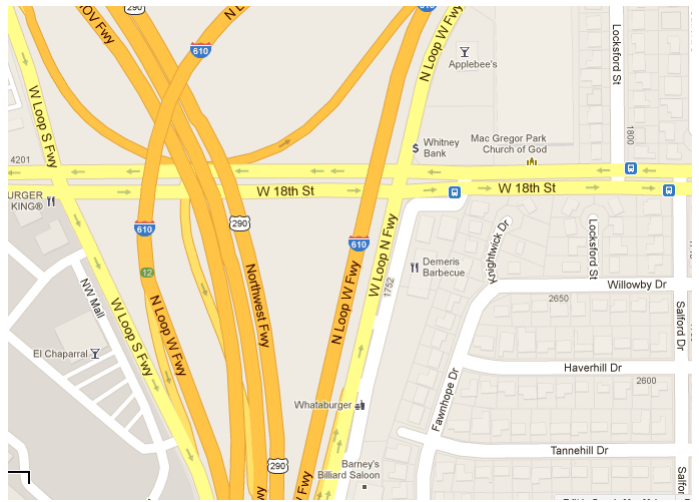
**Dine with Friends at  
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.  
located at 1702 West Loop North,  
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

**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:**

**Art Car Parade  
Kingsbury Spring Fly In**



**Directions to Demeris BBQ**

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris after Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.

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