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As I fly back from Atlanta to St. Louis this today, I wonder how many of our members will be flying out to Carson City in about 90 Days.. You can fly into Reno or Las Vegas and get there pretty easily. Unfortunately I will be one of those flying due to employment changes in the Hessel house. I won't have the time needed to trailer out and back but I don't plan to miss this event!! Regardless of how you get there I encourage you to join us in Carson City!!! Gilbert and his team continue their work to finalize plans for what I am sure will be an awesome week of fun, cruising, and family fellowship. I hope someone might have an empty seat available to enjoy the cruises but I will have a rental car, just in case ☺.. Be sure to watch the boards for additional information regarding the cruises and activities. We will be updating the itinerary with times along with dates and times that registration will be open as we get closer to June. There is also a list of those that have registered that we will keep updated.

Speaking of cruises, for many of us the weather is just breaking to where we can begin to get our cars out for the first time this year. Be sure to give your ride a good once over to check for loose bolts, low fluid levels, worn parts, and so on. We have a safety day, in the STL Chapter, where we look each other's cars over and it is amazing what others see that we might miss. Whether you do it with a group or by yourself, take the time now so you can enjoy the season safely! That's all for now so be safe and share the smiles as you cruise!!

Rolla

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Event Calendar

Texas Panhandle Spring Cruise	Nazareth, TX	April 26-29 2013	806-367-2210
Springfield Cruise & BBQ	Springfield, MO	May 24-25 2013	John
15th Annual NTBA Nationals	Carson City, NV	June 19-22, 2013	www.nationaltbucketalliance.com
Arkansas Razor Ts Cruise-in	Mountain Home, AR	July 15-20, 2013	Rick
Pigeon Forge NTBA Regional	Pigeon Forge, TN	July 25-27, 2013	Ron Pope 865-932-7541
Missouri Mini-Nats	Osage Beach, MO	Sept. 5-7 2013	www.cowtownt.com

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MEMORIAL for Margarita Man

Norman Benson, an NTBA Hall of Fame and Lifetime member, passed away January 1, 2013. He was also an awesome margarita maker and many have been able to share his margaritas at previous NATS.

Eleven NTBA members met in Kingman on January 12th to celebrate the life of Norm Benson. We also gathered to enjoy each other and support Dottie Snyder, Norm's best friend and life partner.

Angel and Mike (Lincolnut) Wade and Kathy and John (Pinky T) Foppe shared dinner with Dottie and her brother, Joe, on Friday night. At lunch on Saturday, we were joined by Sandy and Gary (Diesel Man) Shugart and their granddaughter, Brittany, Cindy and Eddie (Candy T) Jones, and Clarence (Big Dog) and Ann Lee before the memorial and again for dinner that night.

It was a pleasant gathering and Norm was definitely missed.



Texas Panhandle Spring Cruise

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
April 26, 27, 28, 2013

Friday: Supper cruise

Saturday: cruise to breakfast, cruise to Vega for photo op, then on to Boys Ranch and give all those boys/girls a ride plus a free burger burn~

Sunday: Breakfast cruise

Chromedome and Angie are located 60 miles southwest of Amarillo, Texas or 90 miles northwest of Lubbock For exact directions call 806-367-2210 or 806-943-0043

We will accommodate as many as possible in our home. Bring a bed roll!

Tribute to the NTBA Members that passed away in 2012.....

Rose Ashlock passed away on July 28-2012, she had two requests for 2012 to see her grand-kids and attend the 2012 NTBA Nats in Chattooga Tenn. and she got to do both of those things. Those that visited with Rose at the Nats saw a real fighter and she will be missed by all the NTBA Family for sure.....

A celebration of her life was held at hers & John's home in Fulton Missouri in Sept. 2012 with many T Bucket Friends in attendance.....She leaves her Husband of 31 years and three sons, Brian, Josh & Kyle, along with three grandkids.

Have you ever looked real close at a Rose?

They are so beautiful when they bloom and to hold one brings joy to your heart. A velvet look, soft warm colors and a real sweet smell. I've always thought that a Rose is a sign of love. The NTBA family was so fortunate to have known and loved Rose.....RIP.

On Oct 12-2012 the T Bucket world lost an Icon when Norm Grabowski passed away. Norm was called the father of the T Bucket with the "Kookie" car that was the star of the Television show 77 Sunset Strip. Who did not want one of those cars when we first saw that show. One of the many stories he told and there were many is when 'Life Magazine shot the car when he was parked at Bob's Drive-in in Toluca Lake Ca. in 1957. They had been following him around trying to get him to stop and he never knew it but when he did finally stop at Bob's they took about 200 pictures and Norm is still immortalized in magazines such as "Street Rod", "Car Craft", "Rod & Custom" and many others...RIP



Norm.....

Oct 18 2012 we lost Robyn Taylor also known as the “Sunshine Lady” and Punkun said it best.....In 2002, she volunteered to be the Sunshine Lady of our National T-Bucket Alliance car club, a growing club that has seen over 4500 members. When someone in the club was sick, hospitalized or grieving, she would send a card or letter. What very few people knew was that most of the time the cards and letters were sent from her hospital bed. Yes, I was inspired by her.

Just a couple of days ago, Punkun Johnson, posted ready for the day and no sunshine this morning, ing. I know he has plans He took home another an-given sunshine and smiles of my extended family. close. Watch over Tim and Sunshine if you want to. ful, her smile and laughter thinking of you all weekend. Godspeed Sunshine Lady Robyn...aka Mrs. Toolman, you will be missed.”



the ex-president of the car club, the following: “Still trying to get weekend. I’ve looked out and seen just rain. I figure God must be cry- and I know he knows I am hurting. gel yesterday. Someone that has to many people. Another member Dear Lord, please hold Robyn family. You can put her in charge of She will do a great job, but be care- has melted many hearts.” “I will be

On New Year’s Day 2013 the club lost another great member of the NTBA when Norm Benton passed away at his home in Kingman Az. Norm was well known for the evenings in the Parking- many years. Norm make “Margaritas” up to the table and margaritas. Norm the T Bucket he drove block Chevy, with that was usable. also a Professional his own Upholstery County Sheriff’s Kingman Az. Norm was always ready and willing to help with any problem, need or whatever some member may want.....Several Bucketheads attended the services in King- man.....RIP Norm



home in Kingman Az. known for the eve- lot at the Nat’s for so and Dottie both had to for anyone that walked Damm they were great was also known for with the 454 small only half the throttleNorm was Truck Driver, Owned shop and was a Deputy for a time in

All of these members will missed greatly, the NTBA has lost several great members.....

Mike (Lincolnut) Wade

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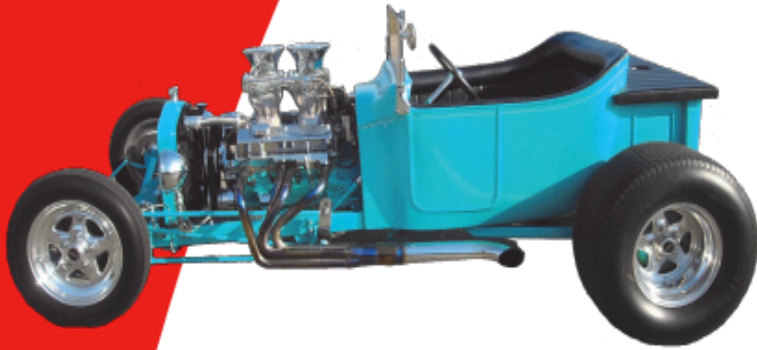
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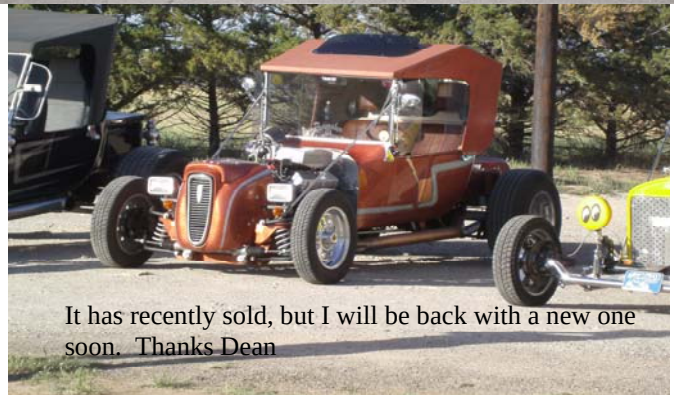
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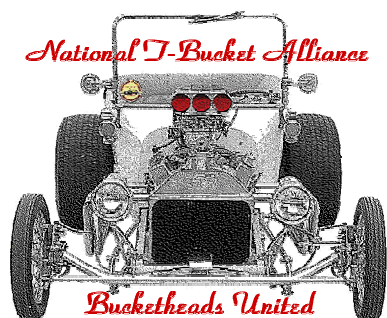
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