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We are now two months post Nationals in Carson City and I don't think anyone has slowed down a bit ☺.. There have been gatherings literally all over the country from North to South and East to West. I hope many of you are taking advantage of the opportunity to get out to the gatherings that are closer to you and getting to know the NTBA family. Speaking of Nats, a BIG KUDOS goes out to Gilbert and the NEV-CAL Chapter for putting together such an awesome event. The cruises were beautiful, the weather was great, the food was delicious and the camaraderie was second to none. I had the opportunity to meet so many new folks who had just joined the NTBA or for some, it was their first Nats and I enjoyed the feedback regarding our event and structure. And of course seeing all of the old family members is something that we all look forward to.

By now everyone should be aware that there will be 3 events in 2014!! For those who don't travel from one coast to the other, we want to provide the opportunity to gather for a larger event all across the U.S. on annual basis. As I discussed this with our members from the west coast there was quite bit of excitement and enthusiasm to have an annual event on both sides of the country.

SO, There will be an EASTERN REGIONAL EVENT in Ocala FL. In April, a WESTERN REGIONAL EVENT Yakima WA in August, and our annual NATIONAL EVENT will be in June in Mt. Home AR, with the first part of the week being held in Branson MO.. Ceec is working on the Western event, Dewey on the Eastern event and the Nats will be quite different this year☺.. In past years many folks have come in as much as a week early to Nats to enjoy activities in the area and see everything they can. Bill Darr has been working with the folks in Branson to provide this same opportunity for the early arrivers that would like to catch some shows and enjoy what Branson has to offer!! Rick Lucy, Lee Metcalfe and the Razorback chapter are working on the details of our NATS in Mt. Home and I promise it will be quite an enjoyable event, regardless of how many times you may have been to Mt. Home in the past. Be sure to watch the boards as additional information will be showing up in the near future. Meanwhile, there are a number of events, coming up ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY, which will allow the NTBA family members to gather. Be sure to check the boards and get out to those that are near you!!

Be safe, Be Careful, and Have a GREAT Fall.

Rolla Hessel

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| Artesia Fun Event | Artesia, NM | September 12-14 2013 | Bill Darr 575-365-7259 |
| Fred's Run        | Tucson, AZ  | 10/31-11/1,2 2013    |                        |
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## Panhandle Fun Run.....

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It's time for another road trip to visit with some of my T Bucket family at Harvey & Angie's barn/house in Nazareth Texas. Angel & I left about 8:00 am on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April for the 250 mile run up the eastside of New Mexico and Westside of Texas, after a lunch stop and gas stop we arrived around 2:00 pm Texas time. At the time we arrived Big Dog & Ann Lee, Charles & Lavelle Tunnell, John & Tammy Brown and Bill & Wanda Darr were already in the yard and mostly hooked up for the weekend.....Shortly after we got the Motorhome set up Uncle Larry & Pam Green and Dean & Sharon McClure arrived and the Fun was now underway in earnest.....



to begin...The supper cruise TX for an all you can eat fish buffet.....This was 25 miles one way and a beauti-



The T Buckets were unloaded and the first cruise was about on Friday was to Umbarger



ful drive and a great supper with lots of benchracing.....Back in Nazareth about 7:30 PM and set around the barn/house have some adult beverages and lots



of benchracing was done before we started drifting off to rest up for all the Fun on Saturday, around 10:00 PM..... I may have been a bit earlier than 10.....



Saturday began with a nice cool cruise to Dimmit TX for breakfast and a gas stop.....Well some of us had to stop for



gas, before breakfast.....Some folks had to be helped to the gas station. Breakfast done and the cruise was on for Vega, Texas to be in a parade & car show. We were running a bit late because the gas problems and a slow cook in the café, so the 60 miles





was done somewhat fast but we arrived just in time to get in the last part of the parade..... After the parade through town we parked at the courthouse for a little car show, the T Buckets were the show, but it was fun.....Some of the Bucket drivers gave rides to the bystanders while the rest of us did what a car



show participant does, stand around and visit. That was fun for sure.....



Around 11:30 we started the cruise to the Texas Boys Ranch for lunch and a small car show/visit.....As we arrived at the Boys Ranch the burgers were done and lunch was served....While we ate the boys &



girls that make up the Boys Ranch young folks came out to look at all the cars. Peggy Sue really had lots of



fun in the Yelot playing with all the young people, the young ones really liked her too.... Lots of fun and then some rides were given. We toured the museum and then given a tour of the



grounds and facilities. The teacher that runs the automotive shop was our tour guide. We drove our Buckets in a parade formation around the compound and then got a tour of the auto- shop.

..That done it was time for Ice Cream in the commissary then time to cruise back to Vega for

an early Sup-bines just could not the Boot Hill Saloon that go with that Harvey & Angie will have to tell them stories some other day.....Bill &



per.....Photo Op with the Wind Turbe passed up.....Supper was great at in Vega, Texas..There are some stories building but I don't remember them so



Charles sitting at the end of the table made the ghost mad and almost got done in for it.....LOL...

....The day was long and getting late so the 75 mile trip



back to Nazareth was on and we did that pretty fast, kinda like when we came up here this morning, by the time we arrived back at Harvey's & Angie's it was dark and COLD.. .....After more adult beverages it was time to get some rest again.....

On Sunday Angie along with the other ladies, put together a real good breakfast. Then goodbys that always come around at these T Bucket family get togethers were done and all of us hit the road in all four directions again, the Panhandle Fun Run was done for 2013..... Until next year or at the Nats in June we will see you later.....

.Mike (lincolnut) Wade



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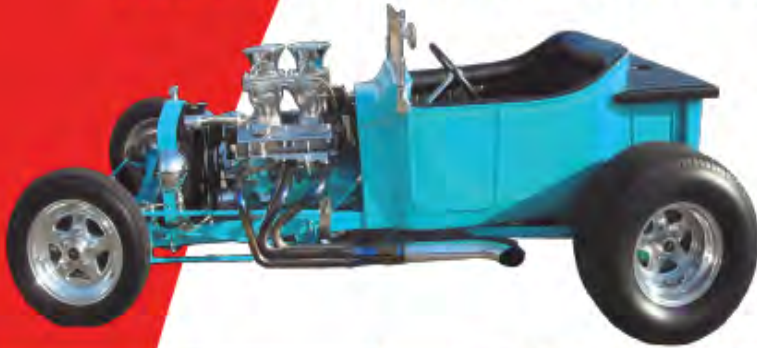
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