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Can you believe we are already halfway through February? It seems like time passes much more quickly these days, but the reality is, I think, that as we get older we just appreciate the time we have more, and thus it goes by too quickly. I have enjoyed reading the stories on both our website and FB about those of you that have been able to get out and cruise already. We are not so fortunate in Missouri yet; between the cold, snow and ice, but we are sure looking forward to warmer weather. I also noticed quite a few working on their T's, like Lincolnut T, who is doing a complete face lift and expansion.

As you prepare for the season, be sure to take time and check your rides closely!! Something as simple as a loose or missing bolt can shut you down along the road, or worse, so be sure to check them all. April is just around the corner, and Dewey is ready to host us in Ocala, Florida, so if you have not made your reservations, be sure to do so. All of the information regarding Ocala, as well as the many other events coming up, is listed on the Home page of the NTBA website so check it out.

Stay warm, stay dry and be safe.

Rolla



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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 2014 Eastern Regional | Ocala, FL                   | April 24-26      | See website and Page 5 |
|                       |                             |                  |                        |
| 2014 Nationals        | Branson, MO<br>Mt. Home, AR | June 22-29, 2014 | See website            |
|                       |                             |                  |                        |
| 2014 Western Regional | Yakima, WA                  | August 21-23     | See website            |

If you have an event you would like in the event calendar, send the info to:  
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## Artesia Fun Run 2013

Rain! Rain! Everyone knows it never rains in Artesia. Until, that is, it's time for the T buckets to arrive in town for the annual Fun Run. Then it rains about 5 inches, at least it did this year. Oh, well, we are a stubborn bunch of bucket drivers, so what do we do? Load up in about 4 pickups/cars and make the annual trip to the Lo-taBurger in Carlsbad for lunch. We were met here by the one and only Fat Pat from Missouri and his lovely lady, Pat. They were on a trip through New Mexico and Arizona in his "store bought" hot rod. This year we were going to the Carlsbad Caverns, but due to the rains they were closed so that did not happen. The NTBA's newest member happens to live in Carlsbad, so we delivered his membership packet and said hello. There is a new automobile museum in town, so some of us toured that while some of the ladies went shopping for stuff. After those activities were done it was time for Ice Cream, so on the way out of town we stopped at the local Kaleidoscoops. Boy that was a great stop. On the trip toward Artesia we made a small detour up the hill on the north side of town to look at all the water running in the rivers below. Unfortunately, I did not use my picture taking machine all day, my bad. After some rest & MORE RAIN supper was in Hagerman at Piccolinos about 20 miles north of Artesia.



so on the way out of town we



Friday the SUN came out finally and then the T Buckets came out of hiding (382-383-384) for a run to Roswell and the UFO's.

Smiles, Sun and T Buckets what more could you ask for? Great trip to the UFO Museum and some bench racing in the parking lot led to lunch at the Golden Corral



on the north side of town. Lots of bench racing and photos in the parking lot after lunch. It was time to go back to Artesia in time to line up for the Homecoming Parade at 3:15 pm. The return trip was on SR 2 through the valley for some nice cruising. The parade went off at 4:00 pm but it was so large that it was about 25 minutes after before the buckets began to travel down Main Street. I think the parade starts when the buckets turn east on Main, and from the comments I hear during the parade the kids think that, too. Next it was time to line up at Bill's shop for the annual BBQ run to Kelly's in Local Hills, about 25 miles east of Artesia. Great food again. Thanks to Kevin, Kelly and their crew for a very good meal. I also would like to thank the sponsor that paid for that meal, THANK YOU. After a busy day, it is now time for rest.







Saturday again we woke up to beautiful sun and a great day to cruise. Seventeen buckets lined up at Bill's shop around 9 a.m. for the run to Cloudcroft and back to Mayhill for lunch. About 9:45 the cruise on US 82 west began, really a great day to cruise. After 60 miles we made a stop at Runyan's fruit stand for snacks and a rest stop. While resting here Bill and I had a discussion

about the rain, that you could see happening in Cloudcroft at the moment, only about 40 miles in the distance. It was decided that there was no good reason to drive into the rain when we could just stop in Mayhill for an early lunch and drawing.

So just about 20 miles on west we arrived in Mayhill and set up a little show & shine right on the side of US 82 in the middle of town. Lots of folks stopped to look at the cars while we had lunch. The drawing was to be held after lunch but Bill decided to ask the Bucketheads if they would rather draw for prizes worth 0 bucks to 500 bucks in envelopes you cannot see thru or just split the pot equally? Well, much to my surprise, they voted to split the pot, so a drawing was not held this year. After dividing the loot the race back to Artesia and the



end of the 2013 Artesia Fun Run was done and some flying bugs were not happy with the trip. One last supper at La Herradura in Morningside was held for the folks not leaving Artesia until Sunday. Great Fun Run weekend in spite of the RAIN.

Mike (Lincolnut) Wade





## Who Are We? Dewey Burton, aka "Sparkplug"



Back in the late '90's I obtained an old Bird body and frame that had been hanging in a garage rafters since 1968. As I had finished a new Super Gas car and was without a project, and I had always wanted T-Bucket, I went on line to look for some guidance and found a new club that had been formed in the Midwest, the National T Bucket Association. I got a lot of good info, as at that time, there were a lot of guys on the web building buckets. It was a good place to learn from people who had already made the mistakes I was about to make, thereby, I got to avoid some of them...LOL. This would have been a good time to join up, but I was heavily involved in drag racing at the time. (I didn't even have my T running yet). Also, it was a time of tension in the club. Well, thank goodness most every one got behind Punkun and it all turned out well. This was when the name was changed to the National T Bucket Alliance. It could be said (and has been) that Punkun saved this club. In support of Punkun, I finally joined in 2000. About this time Ilona and I were planning our move from Michigan to Florida, but the sale didn't go as quickly as we anticipated. When we got to move, we trailered all of our cars down and built a new workshop. Now I could get back to the business of the T bucket. After I got it up and running, I was contacted by Jumping Jack Anderson down in Coral Springs, who had just got his bucket together, and we formed the informal Florida chapter, "The SunTs", the name of which was suggested by Jim Baggas (TrackT)'s daughter. Together we started going to National events, starting with the one in Mountain Home. Also, since we were so spread out in Florida, we would have an event in Orlando at Old Town, and one in Tampa at the NSRA meet. We would average about 20 to 30 cars and always had a good time. This year we will host our first regional meet in Ocala in April and of course everyone is welcome. Here is a rough schedule of events as we have it now.....

Thurs. morning....Poker run

Thurs. afternoon ...tour of National Parts Warehouse private car collection (its big)

Fri. morning....tour to Daytona...spend the day exploring Daytona Beach, Racetrack, North Turn Restaurant, (site of the famous beach races) and other sites.....About 80 miles each way.

Sat. Tour to Don Garlits' Drag and Antique Museum. If you have never been here, you are in for a treat. Somewhere in all this fun and excitement, we plan to have a burger burn, and in the evening set around in the lot and tell stories about how we built our cars....LOL

There are lots of things to do and see in Florida, and we hope you will come early or stay late and take the opportunity to explore.

.....Dewey (SparkPlug) Burton



**The Sun-Ts**  
and  
*The National T-Bucket Alliance*  
present a  
**SPRING T- PARTY**

where....Ocala Florida  
when.....April 24, 25, 26th

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