

Fun in the Park: Just That!

By Rachel Long

On Saturday, May 12, the Fellowship Cruisers held their annual Fun in the Park Mother's Day Car Show in the Goldthwaite City Park.

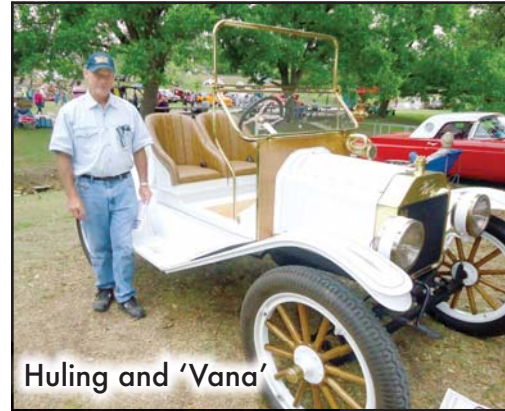
It was a huge turn out and people from all over came to show off their unique cars. Locals and visitors had a great time looking at the cars and trucks and listening to interesting stories about cool cars and their passionate owners. But one man in particular had a true love for his car — a 1911 Ford Model T. Torpedo named "Vana."

Vana's proud owner is Marshall Huling of San Angelo. Huling said that all cars need names, and Vana was the perfect name for his white car.

"She's blonde, shapely, and much older than she looks," Huling said.

His masterpiece took a year and a half to rebuild and he spent 40 to 50 hours a week working on her, Huling said.

The traditional 1911 Ford Model T. had a blue body with black fenders, Huling explained, but he didn't want the traditional look. The look he really liked was the 1909 Buick because they were white with brass, but Ford did not make a white car back then. So Vana was refurbished to



Huling and 'Vana'

look similar to the Buick and turned out beautifully. She has a fiber glass on top of wood body and even has tires with beautiful wooden spokes that have to be imported from either Vietnam or India.

Huling owns five other Model T.'s and has been in the Model T. business for about six years now, he said. Vana is the oldest of his collection, and has won several prizes at various car shows.

"Every time she goes out she brings home something," Huling said.