The FLIVVER FLASH

The Official Newsletter of The Space City T's ~ Houston, Texas

Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae

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This will be your last printed copy of the Flivver Flash. Space City T's (SCT) of Houston members will need to use *email* or the www.spacecityts.org web site to receive the Flivver Flash. You may always print the Flivver Flash on your printer if you prefer a printed version.

For *email* please go to www.spacecityts.org and input a 'Contact Us' message to the SCT (ModelT@spacecityts.org) with your corrected/updated email address to receive the Flivver Flash.

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On Romance, the Model T, and Christmas

by Debbie Houck

Henry Ford was known to have referred to his wife, Clara, as the “believer” because of her unwavering support of his innovative desires and his plan to create a horseless carriage. By 1891, he presented her with a design for an internal combustion engine on the back of sheet music paper. On the kitchen sink of their home on Bagley Avenue in Detroit, after supper on Christmas Eve of 1893, he tested a one-cylinder experimental engine built from scrap metal, running a wire from a ceiling light bulb. Clara assisted him by hand feeding the gasoline to the intake valve while he spun the flywheel. It was in June of 1896 that he completed his first car now known as the 4 horsepower, 20 mph Quadricycle.

His appreciation and love for Clara never wavered either, as he was quoted many years later as saying “The greatest day of my life was the day I married Mrs. Ford.” (NY Times Magazine, SJ Woolf interview, 7/24/1938). Later in a *Forbes* magazine issue dated 3/1/1940, he states,

> “I attribute whatever I may have been able to accomplish in life far more to my wife than to anything else and to everything else put together. But I cannot flatter myself that I found her because I was a 'good picker', I believe profoundly that we are guided, led, in such momentous matters."

https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/240622

This painting made by artist, Irving Bacon, in 1938 was based on Henry Ford's verbal reminiscence about this pivotal career event.

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The Henry Ford’s website www.thehenryford.org is more than just a way to advertise its destination in Dearborn, Michigan. The organization’s collections of innovation, history and artifacts are well documented and accessible on the same site. Authenticating quotations from Henry Ford, the man, is one of the many research topics you can find there online. Here is a quote attributed to Ford, listed as a Christmas greeting in the *Ford News* of 12/15/1923 on page 1.

> "Christmas stands for the human factor which makes life tolerable midst the hurry of commerce and production. All of us need the annealing effect of Christ's example to relieve the hardening we get in the daily struggle for material success."

Perhaps a bit lengthy, but you get the gist. Spend some quality time with family and friends, be kinder to others (even the curmudgeons) and enjoy the simpler things in life during this holiday season. Have a very Merry Christmas!

The Model T Ford Club of America is the world's largest club of Model T owners and enthusiasts.

You do not have to own a T to join in the fun!

Founded in 1965, together we share a passion to preserve and promote the Model T Ford for future generations by educating people in its history, lore and maintenance. We have members in all 50 states and 41 foreign countries, with more than 130 chapters that provide local activities and fellowship for Model T enthusiasts.

Member Benefits Include:

- **Subscription to The Vintage Ford** - An award-winning magazine filled with information on all aspects of the hobby: resources for Model T parts, repair and maintenance info, lists of tours, swap meets and events, plus lots of photos and articles for and about Model T enthusiasts.
- **Free Museum Admission** - Membership includes free entry to the MTFCA Model T museum and access to the museum library for members and their immediate family.
- **Free Classified Ads** in The Vintage Ford (non-commercial ads) up to fifty words each.
- **Events & Tours** - Your entire family will enjoy reliving the days of the Model T at national, regional or chapter events and tours. Participants often dress in period clothes. National events can attract 100+ Model Ts (from perfectly-restored, show quality to right off the farm).
- **Annual Meeting** - Held early in the year, our Annual Meeting gives members the chance to get together, visit and learn. Activities include awards, educational seminars, club business, entertainment and social events.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(If already a member, please give this to a friend)

Sign up online at our website or fill out and mail us this form. Membership extends to immediate family members, including spouses and children (under 18) living in the same household.

Name _____

Immediate Family Members' Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email _____

ANNUAL DUES*: One year membership is $40 in US, $50 in Canada and $56 in all other countries (includes 6 issues of The Vintage Ford magazine). Life membership is $700 in US, $850 other countries.

To charge your membership, fill in the information below or join online at **www.mtfca.com**.

Credit Card # _____

VISA • MasterCard • Discover **(circle one)**

Expiration Date _____ CVV Code _____
(Last 3 digits on back of card)

Signature (required) _____

Make checks or money orders payable in U.S. dollars and send to:

MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
P.O. Box 996
Richmond, IN 47375-0996 USA

☐ **Check this box if you are renewing your membership.**

Membership dues are subject to change.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Spouse name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Province (if other than U.S.): _____

Country (if other than U.S.): _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone (optional): _____

MTFCI membership number (for renewal): _____

Are you a member of a local chapter? _____ If yes, which one(s)? _____

List up to four Model T's that you own:

Car 1: _____ Car 3: _____

Car 2: _____ Car 4: _____

Membership roster:
Membership information is normally included on a club roster which is never sold/used for non-club purposes. You may request that your information not be included in the printed roster by answering yes or no below:

Include my information in the club roster: yes _____ no _____

One year, individual or family membership dues, (12-month rolling):

- U.S.: $40.00
- Canada: $45.00
- All other countries: $50.00
- All memberships payable in U.S. funds on a U.S. bank only .
- Individual Life Membership: $700.00 U.S. / $800.00 Foreign

To pay by check: make check payable to MTFCI and mail with application to: MTFCI, P.O. Box 355, Hudson, NC 28638-0355

To pay by credit card: complete the information below, visit www.modelt.org and pay by Authorize.net, or call 828-728-5758.

Please charge my card for this amount: _____

Card type: MasterCard _____ VISA: _____ Discover: _____

Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Don't miss your opportunity to receive a FREE year of membership!

Simply give a MTFCI membership to someone by submitting an application and payment for them or have them reference your membership number below when they submit their own application and payment. You must give or sponsor two (2) new memberships in order to receive your free year.

Offer expires December 31, 2016

Sponsoring member #: _____

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Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid. Dues are still **$25.00** per year. Please **print** out this page, **fill out** the form below with your most recent information, and make your check payable to **Space City T's.**

Please **mail** your dues to the Treasurer at:

Anthony J. Marino
302 Torrey Court
League City, Texas 77573

NOTE: Dues are not tax deductible. To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status with the IRS

SPACE CITY T's MEMBER ENROLLMENT

Model T Ford Club of America membership # if Applicable _____

Model T Ford Club International membership # if Applicable _____

DATE _____CHECK # _____ AMOUNT $ _____

Name: _____ Spouse_____

Minor Children (under age 18) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State:_____Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work:_____

Cell: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Occupation: _____

Model T's Owned:

_____

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Space City T's of Houston Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4: Dues for members admitted to membership between July 1 and December 31 shall pay (1/2) of the annual dues. ($12.50 for the given year, $25.00 per year thereafter)

Calendar of Events

Dec 4	Space City T's Holiday Dinner Sunday 12/4 5:30PM Christie's Seafood House 6029 Westheimer Road Houston, TX
Jan 11	Space City T's Meeting
Feb 8	Space City T's Meeting
Mar 8	Space City T's Meeting
Apr 12	Space City T's Meeting
May 10	Space City T's Meeting
Jun 14	Space City T's Meeting

The following Space City T's Officers and Directors were elected for 2017:

President	Rose Marie Stokley
Vice President	Luke Cordes
Secretary	Rick McCracken & Dave Lucas (joint)
Treasurer	Anthony J. Marino
Board Member	Bobby Wright
Board Member	Nancy Carter
Board Member	Bill Severn

Voting was held at the November 8th Space City T's meeting, with the installation of Officers to be held at the December 4th Holiday Dinner.

BE THERE!

Flivver Flash Inputs Needed

Do You Have Something to Share? A Barn find, Funny and not so Funny Model T stories? Tour Photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, Restoration Photos or Swap meet finds? A special interest article?

We need articles and photos for our Flivver Flash news letter.

Please contact the editor at:

topkick7@outlook.com

September 2016 Old Car Festival Gaslight Parade

Texas T Party in Stephenville, TX in September, 2016

For Sale: 1915 Model T Touring
Hand crank start only. Starts, runs, and stops as should. Roll up rear top. $15000

For Sale: 1926 Model T Touring
Red over black. Wire wheels. Ruckstell. Rockies. New clutch. $12500

If interested let Bobby know soon.
Otherwise will be listed on Forum and eBay.
Call or text Bobby Wright at 409-771-5548
or email at bcw54800@gmail.com

Eleven (11) USED 30 x 3 1/2" tires for sale Firestone, Wards Riverside, Universal etc. $40 to $50 each depending on wear.

Two (2) used Kelsey rims, eight (8) square clamps and eight (8) lug nuts; $200. 6 volt horn needs repair, $15

— OR BEST OFFER —
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Space City Club Officers and Board Members

President	**RoseMarie Stokley**	**(281) 574-7850**
Vice President	**Luke Cordes**	**(713) 449-9129**
Secretary1	**Rick McCracken**	**(281) 351-0701**
Secretary2	**Dave Lucas**	**(281) 388-0761**
Treasurer	**Anthony J. Marino**	**(281) 482-4156**
Board Member	**Bobby Wright**	**(409) 771-5548**
Board Member	**Nancy Carter**	**(281) 931-8268**
Board Member	**Bill Severn**	**(936) 273-3592**

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For Sale: 1924 Model T Touring Lots of extras such as a floating rear wheel bearing, high speed Ruckstell, Rocky Mountain brakes with Kevlar linings, ball-bearing 4th main, Kevlar transmission bands and clutch disk. The engine was built with special updates. High compression head, aluminum pistons, stainless steel valves, hardened exhaust valve seat inserts, adjustable valve lifters, tour cam, modern spark plugs, alternator, modern carb and air filter. 12 volt system and signal lights. Asking $13,000. Contact: Robert Kirk 281-332-1701

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas Chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership in the Model T Ford Club of America, The Vintage Ford magazine, MTFCA Library, Chapter Insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues or store items can be directed to the following:

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E-mail: susan@mtfca.com
$40 Annual dues includes six issues of The Vintage Ford
Join MTFCA at: http://www.mtfca.com/

Next Meeting
January 11, 2017

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

Directions to Demeris BBQ

NOTICE: FM 290 CONSTRUCTION DETOURS

If construction allows, 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 be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

If construction allows, 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 BBQ after the WhataBurger.

If construction allows, 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 BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.

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