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The Santa Fe Aldersgate Methodist Church Bazaar - October 15, 2016

Bobby Wright & Tony Marino showed three of their Model T's: a 15 Runabout, a 24 TT C Cab wrecker, and a 24 TT C Cab Express Body.

Bobby's wrecker TT - Cuzn Liz

Tony's Express Body TT - Big Liz

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39th Annual Texas "T" Party

Stephenville, Texas

September 28 – October 1, 2016

by Debbie Houck

With photos by tour participants, Dave Stoltz, and the author

The Texas T Party occurs every year in a city residing in Texas and is sponsored by the Space City T's, the Houston chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. For 2016, the location was Stephenville, Texas, being held there once before in 2005. Kathy and David Harris served as the 2016 Chairmen for the event, and anyone who has ever attended a multi-day trip like this sees first-hand what hard work goes into the planning and execution for a smooth tour consisting of over 80+ vehicles. Many thanks.

Tour activities began on Wednesday, September 28th, which means that most people were arriving with their vehicles and trailers the prior day at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn. The hospitality suite served as the place to pick up the registration packet (including a very thorough 50 page tour book of participants, touring maps with directions, and daily schedules), as well as a place to meet up with other drivers before and after the days' events. Each year, the tour book includes a page recognizing the Model T's who are celebrating their centennial birthday on that year, as well as, those who have already surpassed the 100 year mark (there were 22 vehicles noted for the 2016 tour). Goodie bags and door prizes, thanks to sponsors and member donations, were also given away.

Each day begins back at the hospitality suite for the navigator meetings. There are always additions or changes to map routes, as construction and other events may have altered directions since the

printing date, so these meetings are the best way to get the latest updates and avoid getting lost. During the tour, participants are asked to fill in ballots for the Hard Luck Award (not an award you actually want to win, but a badge of honor all the same). Kathy initially kept a record on the suite's white board of the daily occurrences, but the 3 vulture

wagons (2 provided by the local TexStar Ford dealer and another by member Bobby Wright) were kept so busy on day one, she wasn't able to keep up with all of them!

The first day of the tour took us from Stephenville to Dublin, Texas. Dublin Bottling Works was the first facility to bottle Dr. Pepper back in 1891. This

and other sodas were created with pure cane sugar, and although the "Dublin Dr. Pepper" is no longer produced there, the bottling plant still creates Dublin Bottling Works branded items, such as a lovely Dublin Vanilla Cream Soda I enjoyed. Guided tours of the bottling company run every 45 minutes. There are also self-guided tours of the W.P. Kloster Museum, and a visit to Old Doc's Soda Shop.

Next stop was the historic Comanche Depot, where the city's Chamber of Commerce is located, to pick up lunch and proceed to City Park. With over 50 acres and lots of covered tables, it was a great way to enjoy the outdoors and show off the Model T's. Something you don't normally expect to see at a park was a dinosaur statue of a Therapod. Back in 1926, receding flood waters revealed over 150 dinosaur tracks around Comanche's

Lake Eanes, the average track about 21" x15". City Park now has molds of two of the tracks under the old rock archway moved from historic Lake Eanes Park. There are also several tree carvings created by chainsaw sculptor Cam Dockery, as a result of live oaks succumbing to the deadly fungus known as oak wilt, refashioning lives into something that was lost.

After lunch was Feltz Terrill's Auto Museum in De Leon, Texas. His son Feltz Jr. runs the museum now, along with Terrill Machine Shop, supplying parts for antique cars. The Terrill's own a 1925 Ford Model T Touring, which has been in the family since 1946. Among many uncommon finds is a two-cylinder, air-cooled rope drive 1908 Eagle High Wheeler made by Eagle Motor Carriage Company of Elmira, New York.

But the most unique was the 1901 Coffin Steam Carriage built by Howard E. Coffin of Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is the only one produced, built for about $400 while he was a student at the University of Michigan. Upon graduation in 1903, he went to work for R.E. Olds in Detroit, and then later became head engineer and a co-founder of the Hudson Motor Car Co. The vehicle was resold several times until Coffin acquired it again in 1914, and in 1936 he presented it to Henry Ford Museum. A photo of Coffin and Ford together is also displayed nearby the steam car at the Terrill museum.

Dinner was at Stephenville's Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, where we kept the restaurant busy for hours filling our orders and feeding us all. The remainder of the evening was used to help others make repairs on those Model T's that could be fixed in the parking lot to get the cars back in running order for the following day. Some of issues involved Tony Marino's 1926 Touring fan pulley bearing failure, Julius Neunhoffer's 1926 Touring broken axle (while

Heidi was driving), and Tim Eyssen's 1914 Touring bad gas and stuck valves. Keep in mind that every day of the tour involves roughly a 100 mile round trip, so constant checks to vehicles is a must during each stop.

On Thursday morning, after another navigator meeting, the group headed out to the late 1890's Oxford House, an ongoing preservation project of the Stephenville Historical House Museum. This was "picture day" where drivers and passengers, if they choose, can dress up in period costume, or not, and have their picture taken alongside their Model T by a photographer. An 8 x 10 photo of each car in line is later provided to the participants, usually on the banquet night.

By mid-morning, all of the cars settled into the town of Granbury, Texas, for some shopping and more photo opportunities in their historic square, which was the first town square in Texas to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In the center of the square sits the beautifully restored 1890's Hood County Courthouse. Inside you will find historical documents and clothing displayed, as well as the old vault door being used for the entrance into the County Clerk's office.

Lunch was just a little further down the road at the Mesquite Pit for Fried Catfish, Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Tenders. The restaurant sits on Lake Granbury, and for those of us sitting on the back patio, it offered a lovely view of the lake, a water skier behind a boat, and geese resting nearby. No time to rest for participants, though, as there were still some more antique shops to explore before making it back to Stephenville for dinner. The Morgan Mill United Methodist Church was kind enough to supply their parking lot as a rest stop for drinks and snacks and use the restroom facilities at the church prior to the last leg with a few Ruckstell-worthy climbs.

The Stephenville Chamber of Commerce served all of us in the pavilion at City Park with a dinner of pulled pork sandwiches and sides from Greer's Ranch Cafe in town. It was an opportunity to catch up with each other for those who were wagon-training with a different group that day and also to show off the cars once again. The Pizza Place pizzeria put out an announcement that they were offering a free ice cream cup to anyone showing their name tag badges that evening and for the rest of the tour. You don't have to belong to a Model T club for very long to realize how much its members love their ice cream, so many of us took them up on their kind offer, and even enjoyed their pizza a few nights later, as well.

Friday morning marked halfway through the tour and already people had developed routines of meeting each other in the hotel's breakfast area, reading the newspapers provided (including the Stephenville Empire Tribune who published not one, but *two* articles that week about the 4-day event), and checking up on their Model T's in the parking lot prior to heading out for the day. That day, the city of Hico was visited. It has some nice shops in their historic district, as well as a small Billy the Kid Museum, where visitors can decide for themselves if Ollie "Brushy Bill" Roberts was indeed William H. Bonney.

There was only a little time to give those credit cards a workout, though, because no one wanted to miss lunch at GlenLake Camp in Glen Rose, Texas. The center opened their dining hall just for the large group, offering a baked potato bar, salad bar, and dessert. With so much to fill up on, if anyone left hungry that day, it was their own fault! More shopping and antiquing afterwards, while a few of us happened upon Big Rocks Park, which true to its name, has some unusually large rocks to climb or just enjoy. The park sits on the Paluxy River and has both shallow areas to walk around, as well as swimming and tubing areas.

Optional stops included either the Creation Evidence Museum or the Dinosaur Valley State Park just outside of town. Most everyone chose to take their cars over the Paluxy Riverbed Crossing option, which involved two shallow low water crossings on CR 1008, and in some cases, turning around and doing it all over again! There is something that brings out the kids in all of us when playing in the water, and driving through a water crossing in a Model T makes it all the more fun.

Back in Stephenville that evening, banquet night was held at The Agave Bar & Grill. This was another opportunity for some to get dressed up in period clothing if they chose. After a social time and blessing, the buffet lines were formed. The tables got quiet as the feasting began. Afterwards, Space City T's club president, Rosemarie Stokley, gave a nice speech and Kathy Harris presented the awards. The Hard Luck award was finally narrowed down to David and Nancy Carter for their 1914 Touring for a broken crankshaft. Congeniality awards were presented to Dave and Sandra Lucas and Gator Gould, as a tie. Member's Choice award went to Mitch and Suzzane Owen for their 1911 Touring as having the Model T on this tour that participants would most want to take home with them. Attendance award went to Jerry and Donna Giebler, after having attended all 39 Texas T Party events. The Furthest Traveled using a tow vehicle and trailer was Les and Barbara Von Nordheim of Fallbrook, California, and the Furthest Driven Model T was George Wilson, having travelled from Atascosa, Texas, southwest of San Antonio, to Stephenville at 274 miles. Youngest Driver was awarded to Heidi Neunhoffer at 21 years of age and Oldest Driver to Ken Harding at 91 years of age, who also won the drawing for the 2017 Free Registration.

The last day of the tour, Saturday, October 1st, brought the Model T's to Ranger Airfield, in Ranger, Texas, where the 10th annual Old School Fly-In and Airshow was already in progress. The Model T's became part of the show themselves, lined up in a row for viewing, nearby the airstrip. A BBQ lunch was provided, and an hour-long airshow with a de Havilland Chipmunk. Super Pitts Viper2, and a DR 109 Rhino treated the audience to aerobatic maneuvers, including multi-colored smoke generators.

It is no small feat to pull off a tour like this year after year. Many thanks to the chairmen and everyone else involved who volunteer to take time out of their own busy lives to ensure the T Party runs smoothly. They plan everything from parking accommodations in or around hotel properties, planning and mapping routes that best accommodate Model T's, feeding about 165 people on multiple days, and making deposits/reservations/prepayments, etc. etc.

It would appear to be well worth the effort as the Space City T's will sponsor the 40th Texas "T" Party in 2017 (location and chairmen still unknown – seeking volunteers, hint, hint), and members continue to look forward to the event each year. Friendships and camaraderie develop between members from other clubs, as the long distance between these clubs make it possible only to meet up this one time a year. As a result, both volunteers and everyone that attends the Texas T Party make this a special and memorable time for all involved.

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2016 Space City T's Christmas Dinner

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2016

CHRISTIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

5:30pm

Guest List

ADCOCK—TED AND JUDY	2
CARTER—DAVID AND NANCY	2
FAIRCLOTH—ALAN	1
HANEY-JIM	1
HOUCK-DEBBIE	1
LUCAS --DAVE AND SANDRA	2
MARINO – ANTHONY	1
MCCRACKEN—RICK AND NAOMI	2
OEHRLEIN—STEPHANIE	1
SEVERN-BILL AND DOROTHY (GUEST)	2
SHERRILL—BILL AND PAT	2
SMITH – JERRY AND NANCY	2
STOKLEY—ROSEMARY	1
THOMPSON—BRODERICK	1
VEIR—DAVID AND HELEN	2
WRIGHT—BOBBY AND REBECCA	2
TOTAL	25

Please call and add your names to this list for a head count to:

Dave or Sandra Lucas at:

(281) 388-0761

Men should bring a man's gift and women bring a woman's gift with a value in the **$20** to **$25** range.

You may also bring a *new* Toys for Tots gift as an option if anyone wishes to bring one.

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 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

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

Cruisin' The Coast 2016 in Mississippi in Debbie Houck's 70 Mustang Mach 1

Calendar of Events

Nov 9	Space City T's Meeting
Nov 12	Kingsbury Aerodrome Fly-In
Nov 12	The Katy Car Rodeo
Dec 4	Space City T's Holiday Dinner
	Sunday 12/4 5:30PM
	Christie's Seafood House
	6029 Westheimer Road
	Houston, TX
Jan 10	Space City T's Meeting
Feb 14	Space City T's Meeting

The following Space City T's Officers and Directors were nominated 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 will be held at the November 8th Space City T's meeting, with installation 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 Anthony at:

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Bruce Carter cranking his 1915 Touring at the Galveston AACA Central Division National Fall Meet on October22.

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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

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Next Meeting
November 8, 2016

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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