



# 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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## Robison School Inventors Day

by Stan Hoekstra

The Space City Ts made their 3rd annual appearance at the Inventors Day activities. Participants were Doug Brough, Bill Sherrill and Bill Severn.

Two and half Model T's were on hand. Here's the back story: Doug fired up his car and loaded it on the trailer to come to the event. Upon arrival at the school the old gal got stubborn and refused to start. With that, the car remained on the trailer in the parking lot while the automotive duties were handled by Bill Sherrill's '27 Tudor and Bill Severn's '16 Touring. Doug went on to give the oral presentation to the seven classes that passed by cars. Bill Sherrill pitched in on the presentation by expounding on the life of Henry Ford.

It was another warm (hot) Texas day that was made bearable by the presence of a nice breeze. Plus the fact that we were ensconced under the porte - cochère at the entrance of the school made the day and enjoyable one.

The kids are always enthralled by the cars. Doug led them through the history and the features of the Model T. Question and answer time always is interesting as the kids give their interpretation of the various features of car. The horns are always the highlight of the

tour. It goes without saying, the peace was disturbed that day at Robison Elementary.

Thanks to Doug, Bill and Bill for answering the call to arms.



Doug's T Sat Out the Class



Bill on Deck for Show and Tell

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**Doug Mesmerizes the Kids**



**Einstein Monitored the Class**



**Teaching Aids**



**Doug Works His Magic**



**Bill Demonstrates the Armstrong Starter**



**Orderly and Disciplined**



**Both Bill and the T Were Huffin' and Puffin'**



**Bill Presents Henry Ford**





Hands On Experience



Taking Turns in the Cockpit



That Was Fun!



Learning... That's What It's About

## Everything From Model T's to F Series Fords

By Stan Hoekstra

I submitted an article for the June 2017 issue of the Flivver Flash that covered the Tommie Vaughn Car show held on April 29. At the show, we photographed a 1966 Ford F100 that was on display. A beautiful vehicle restored to as close to showroom condition as possible. The owner is Roy Duke and we assured him that we would include his truck in the upcoming article in the newsletter. We submitted an article and specified that the Custom Cab Ford photo be included. We should have been more specific. The editor interpreted Custom Cab to be the jacked up four-wheel drive F150. Due to space limitations in that issue, something had to be edited out, and Roy's truck got the scissors. Here's Roy's Custom Cab F100 described in Roy's words.

So, here's the story on my '66 Custom Cab.

We bought it last June pretty much as is, from the son of the original owner. It was purchased on June 14, 1966 in Brigham, UT. It was ordered with carpet and lap belts. The dad passed away in '77 and the son drove it from Utah to Tempe, Arizona, where he and his wife were professors at Arizona State University. They only drove it to and from school during school and if the temperature was under 95 degrees. They lived 3 miles from school. The week we went to pick it up, they were moving into a retirement home. From 2009-2013 they started putting money into the old truck to keep "dad's truck" in good condition. These folks are not car people, just wanted to keep the old truck in good condition. It has no Bondo and original paint on the firewall. Original 352 V8, and 125,000 miles. Standard 3 speed on the column, no air, new carpet and new gaskets and seals. Original glass. They had replaced the radio with a modernized one, which I just replaced with a period correct radio. I also found a company outside of Portland, Oregon who made a replacement seat cover, with the exact material pattern and uses original Ford embossing tool to put the original logo on the seat back. The original seat had a couple small tears in it.

I love driving the old truck and letting folks enjoy seeing, take pictures and even sit in it. It's a nice piece of automotive history.

Roy, thanks for sharing your Custom Cab with us. Passion runs deep for old Fords, be they Model T's or F Series trucks.





**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas T-Party**  
**Oct. 11 - 14, 2017**  
**Kerrville, Texas**



It is time to mark your calendars for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas T-Party. This year's event will be in Kerrville/Fredericksburg, Texas. We will start the tour on Wednesday morning October 11, and will close it with the banquet on Saturday evening October 14.

The Wednesday tour will begin at 8:30am from the hotel, driving to visit James Avery Jewelry Showroom and Museum, Harper Community, and Stone Hinge.

Thursday will begin at 8:30, for Picture Day in Fredericksburg. We will be visiting The Pioneer Museum, lunch on your own and doing some shopping.

Friday will begin at 8:00, and we will drive to Comfort to Luckenbach to Sisterdale to Waring for lunch, and back to Comfort for visits to some wineries and shopping, then back home to hotel.

Saturday, we will be visiting Bandera. There is a Natural History Museum, with the skeletal depiction of a dinosaur that was used in the movie "Night at the Museum", and The Frontier Museum.

The Y O Ranch Resort Hotel is the host hotel. Rates at hotel are **\$99**. Mention the Texas T-Party when you call. Make your reservations now you can cancel later if you need to. Trailer parking will be across the road from hotel in a rock lot next to Cracker Barrel. Tour fees will be **\$175** for the car & driver, passengers will be **\$150** and children 12 and under will be **free**. We will accommodate a few single day visitors—call for a daily amount—but if riding more than one day, please figure the full tour amount.

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Yogi Bear Jellystone Park 830-460-3262

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**So put it on your calendars, tell your family & friends and we'll see you in**  
**Kerrville, TX**



**40<sup>th</sup> Texas "T" Party  
Oct 11 - Oct. 15, 2017  
Kerrville, Texas  
Registration Form**

**Please Return Completed Form and Payment by August 20, 2017**

Registrant Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

T Year/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Model T club: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List Adult Passenger Names below: \_\_\_\_\_ List Youth Passengers below (12 and younger): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Car & Driver	1	\$175	\$175
Adult Passengers	—	\$150	_____
Youth Passengers (12 and under)	—	\$ 0	_____
Extra Photo	—	\$ 12	_____
Extra Tour Book	—	\$ 12	_____
Dangles	—	\$ 2	_____

**Total Enclosed and due by August 20, 2017** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you showing up for Wednesday tour?** YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ **How Many** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Tickets:** Call for single day prices. If participating more than one day, full registration is suggested.

**Refund Policy:** If your plans change after you register, we will do our best to accommodate cancellations. However, many of our vendors base their pricing on a guaranteed minimum. We will make a full refund if you cancel by July 31, 2017. Refunds for cancellations after August 1, 2017, will be made on a prorated basis with funds available after the final accounting audit.

The SPACE CITY T'S of Houston is a chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America and is a club interested in the preservation of Model T's. Many hours have gone into hosting this event. **Registrants, by signing this registration form, agree to indemnify and hold THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston and each of its members harmless from all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of negligence of the Registrant, his agents or employees or passengers, and/or the ordinary negligence of THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston or any of its members.** Registrant also certifies that his/her car is in road-worthy condition and meets all requirements of the registered state.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registrant Signature Date

Make check's payable to: **SPACE CITY T's** and mail to:

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## Calendar of Events

- Jul 19**      **Space City T's Meeting**  
**(July meeting delayed 1 week by church)**
- Aug 9**      **Space City T's Meeting**
- Sep 13**     **Space City T's Meeting**
- Oct 11-14 2017 Texas T Party**  
**Kerrville, TX**
- Oct 11**     **Space City T's Meeting**

## 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?

**Please send ads, articles, photos, etc. etc. to: [topkick7@outlook.com](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)**

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Some of you may remember my dad, Ralph Reeder and Performance T Parts. My dad had gathered a large collection of parts some of which I have sold since he died in April of 2009. I still have a lot of miscellaneous parts that I hate to see sit with me and deteriorate. There are rear ends, engine parts, hogsheads, magneto rings and lots of small parts. Some of the inventory of Performance T Parts is still intact and includes quite a few restoration parts, distributors, camshafts (both re-ground and cores), alternators, the virtually indestructible belts he made in various lengths, gasket sets and a few new aluminum heads and a couple that have been run. There are several lights, carburetors and lots of other stuff. I have one complete engine and the chassis and some sheet metal from a TT truck. The Performance T Parts trailer is still sitting in my driveway and is full of miscellaneous parts. I still have the underslung 27 Roadster he and I built as well. It has been sitting under cover for 8 or 9 years and I might consider selling it. I would like to sell everything in one lot and will make a good deal if any of your members might have interest or pass my phone number along to anyone who might.

Thanks,

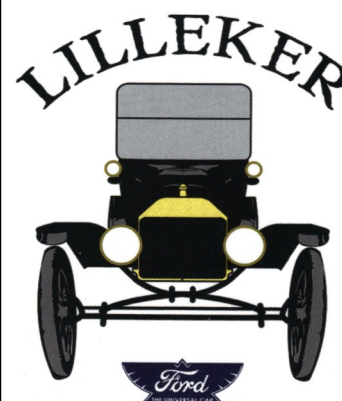
**Bubba Reeder 281-507-3713**

**Seven (7) USED 30 x 3 1/2" tires for sale**  
**Wards Riverside, Universal etc. \$10 to \$20**  
**each depending on wear.**

**Used Muncie auxiliary transmission (missing U-Joints) with Power Take Off (PTO): \$200**

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**Next Meeting  
July 19, 2017**



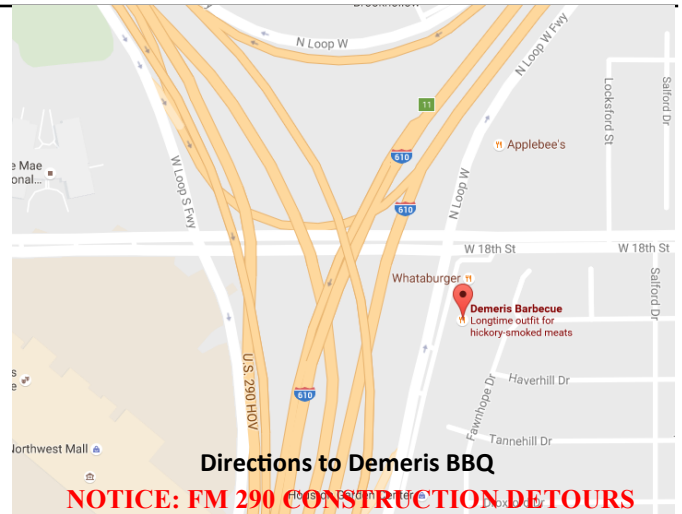
**Dine with Friends at  
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

**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:**

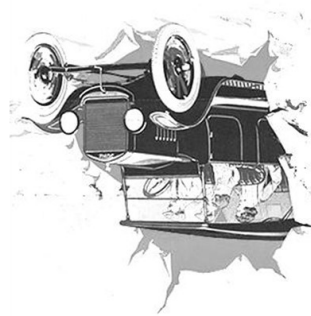
**Lazy Brook Baptist Church  
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**



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



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