



# 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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## Windows vs. Ford

submitted by Jerry Davis

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX) : Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating: If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash, twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.

5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.

6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.

7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.

8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself! Please share this with your friends who love - but sometimes hate - their computer!

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## Model Ts to Monster Trucks

By Stan Hoekstra

.... And everything between, including vintage motorcycles, pickups and Mustangs. April 29 was a warm day, but relief from the heat came in the form of strong steady breeze.

The Tommie Vaughn Car Show showcased all things Ford. Of course, that includes Model Ts and that category was filled by the Carters and Benny Guseman.

Beyond that, the lot was filled with all sorts of transport conveyances. Most of the stalls contained the classic Mustangs of all stripes and colors, including the world's fastest at 260 mph in the standing mile. And even a Snake (Cobra).

Not to be missed were the pristine 1966 Custom Cab F150 owned by Roy Duke, Vice President of the Mustang Club of Houston. The truck has an interesting history which is story for another time.

Also present was a 1948 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Fun on three wheels with a sidecar.

The other bookend of the display was the extremely jacked monster truck. It towered head and shoulders above everybody and everything present.

Thanks to those who displayed. It was a very nice affair. A tip of the hat to Tommie Vaughn Ford, Glen Tinsley and Anthony Hoekstra for organizing the event. Photo credits to Dave & Nancy Carter, Benny Guseman, Roy Duke, and Glen Tinsley.



Mustangs of All Stripes, Colors and Vintages



Pristine Ts



How High Can You Go?



Big and Little





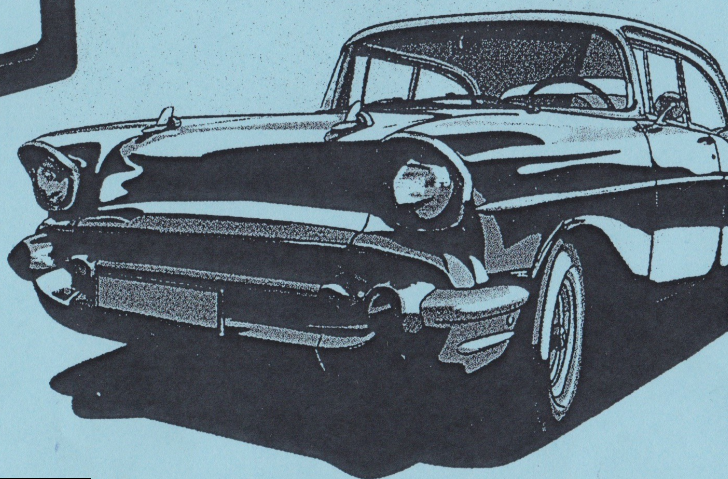
**FREE Hot Dogs and Drinks**

**Live Music**

**Community is Welcome:  
Come Join Us!**

**June 16th**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**13415 Medical Complex Dr.  
Tomball, TX 77375  
281-357-4843**



## **Minnie Carolyn Fuller**

**November 15, 1936 - May 4, 2017**



Minnie Carolyn Fuller, age 80, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on May 4, 2017, in Weimar, Texas. She was born to the late Noye Patton and Opal Lee Adler on November 15, 1936, in Apple Springs, Texas. Carolyn is survived by her beloved husband of 63 years, Mayes E. Fuller, her daughters, Karen (Kent) Robinson and Janice Smeltzer, and her grandson Connor Smeltzer. Carolyn is also survived by her brother Albert (Ruby) Adler, sister Lavern (George) Young, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Carolyn loved spending time with her family, traveling with Mayes and friends, entertaining friends and family in her home, helping with the youth choir in her church, and bringing laughter to children as Minnie Lou the Clown.

## **David Maurice "Corky" Renner**

**1924-2017**



David Maurice "Corky" Renner passed away peacefully in his home in Houston, Texas on May 5, 2017. His loving wife, Rosilyn Renner and dear friends Ken and Carol Ancell were by his side. Corky was born in Cottage Grove, a suburb of Houston on June 1, 1924. He is preceded in death by

his parents, Paul St. Elmo and Emma Burris Renner and his first wife, Lucy Wynell "Winnie" Renner. He is survived by 3 sons, David, John and Keith; their wives, children and grandchildren. Corky served in the United States Marine Corps in World War II and later worked for Humble Oil and Exxon. Corky retired from Exxon after 35 years of service. He was a deeply religious man and life time member of the Methodist church.



**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.

Y O Ranch Resort & Convention Center 877-967-3767

La Quinta Inn 830-896-9200

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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
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

- Jun 14**      **Space City T's Meeting**
- 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**

## 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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**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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**Next Meeting  
June 14, 2017**



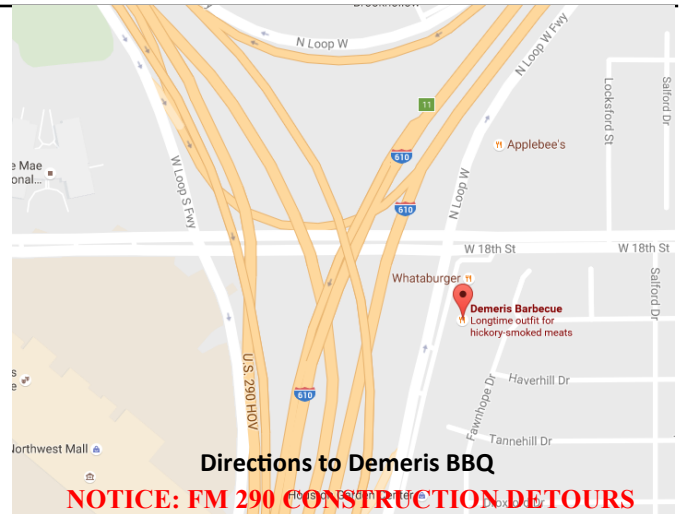
**Dine with Friends at  
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

**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**

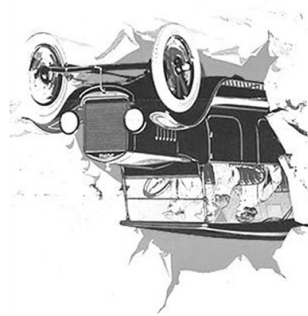


**Directions to Demeris BBQ**

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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