



# The FLIVVER FLASH

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## MTFCI 2017 Stynoski Award Winner

Ross Lilleker won the 2017 MTFCI Stynoski Award with a beautifully restored 1921 Canadian built Model T Ford Coupe.



The award is given annually to only the most qualified restorations adhering to strict MTFCI restoration rules applied by a Panel of MTFCI Judges. If no restorations qualify, the award is not given that year. It is a very prestigious award that is sought after by only the most qualified Model T restorers.

**Congratulations Ross!**

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# We All Scream for Ice Cream!

By Debbie Houck



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Harry Burt was a confectionery owner in Youngstown, Ohio, who created a chocolate coated ice cream bar on a stick in 1920. His daughter Ruth liked it but felt it was too messy to eat. Son Harry Jr. suggested freezing the wooden sticks being used for their Jolly Boy Suckers, a hard candy that had brought earlier success, into the ice cream to make a handle. The Good Humor name is based on a belief that a person's temperament (or "humor") was related the humor of their palate, in other words, affected by their sense of taste from the foods one ate.

Predicting a larger market, Burt bought a dozen Ford Model T trucks and specially outfitted them with freezers. He hired salesmen who used ringing bells to attract children to the product. The first set of bells were from his son's old bobsled. The trucks, like the drivers' uniforms, were white to give the impression of cleanliness. (<http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com/2014/06/remembering-the-good-humor-truck/> and <http://www.goodhumor.com/article>)

For you ice cream connoisseurs, the Eskimo Pie was actually the first American chocolate shell ice cream bar, invented by Christian Kent Nelson in 1919. He joined up with Russell C. Stover in 1921 and Nelson's "I-Scream Bar" became the Eskimo Pie. The company would eventually be ran by the supplier of the Eskimo Pie wrapper, United States Foil Company, later known as Reynolds Metals Company, until 1992. <http://amhistory.si.edu/archives/d8553.htm>. Ironically, when Nelson made the original I-Scream Bar, he had put it on a stick. Stover convinced him to take it out, feeling that the stick made the bar look too much like a lollipop, so it ended up being sold without a handle. [http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future\\_tense/2015/10/what\\_the\\_history\\_of\\_eskimo\\_pies\\_says\\_about\\_software\\_patents\\_today.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2015/10/what_the_history_of_eskimo_pies_says_about_software_patents_today.html)



Ford Ice Cream Trucks, 1925, are lined up ready to sell Harry Burt's Good Humor Ice Cream Suckers. <https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/artifact/163696>



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

By Bill Severn

I live in The Woodlands, about 30 miles north of Houston. The Woodlands has a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade every year. It's a fun parade with lots of folks looking on. Unfortunately, most of my grandchildren live south of the Woodlands in a community called Northhampton. As you probably know, grandchildren love to ride in Model T's. I love driving them around, too. So, the decision was made to enter the Northhampton 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. A smaller parade with smaller crowds, but just as enthusiastic response, and besides, my car was full of grandchildren.

After the parade, everyone meets at a local park where judging of the cars takes place. It's not with professional judges; everyone who can write a number gets a ballot. Every car is given a number and the balloting begins. I think my 1916 Touring Car barely beat out some beautifully restored cars. But you've got to consider that my T was the only Model T in the parade.



Great times were had by all.

Thanks Northhampton.

## Progress: Slowly But Surely

By David and Nancy  
Carter





## TOMBALL RETIREMENT CENTER 7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

by Rosemary Stokley

The date was June 16th, 2017. The place was Tomball Retirement Center, at 13415 Medical Center Drive, Tomball, Texas. I decided to attend this car show because a dear friend and Space City T's member and lifetime member, Sally Osborn, lives here. I decided to surprise her as she did not know I was coming. Of course, it is always a surprise if I attend, as we all know much to the amusement of the club, that my stock answer to an event is: IF IT IS A SUNNY DAY AND LIZZIE STARTS I WILL BE THERE!

Well, the day before, Lizzie started so I backed her out of the garage, cleaned her up, checked all fluids, and went for gas. It's the best that I can do. She was ready.

Now the morning of the show was hot as Hell but sunny, and Lizzie started. Yeah! Now you must know Tomball is about 32 miles from my house in Katy, which is not a big deal for a T, but it is a big deal getting there. There is much humor in the club, since I have an EZ tag on Lizzie as some of the highways in between places no longer have side feeder roads and they are toll roads. To take the back roads would take forever, and in the morning when people are trying to get to work, they get pretty pissed off if you are going slow on two lane roads and they want to put you in the ditch. So I bought red blinkers that go on bicycles and put one on each of my bumpers with twist ties, very professional, the alternative to bailing wire. We all know about that; our cars came with a lot of that before restoration.



So off I went with my blinkers on to Hwy 99, no side roads, and then on to Hwy 249, which has feeders, after I went up a high entrance ramp. Great fun in the T. The traffic averages about 70 mph, but I was so proud of Lizzie; she breezed along probably at 45 mph.



Of course I was the only T there at the car show, and probably the only pre-war car. There were lots of ques-

tions. There were mostly classic cars and street rods, one big truck and a 30's foreign car that was a beauty. The paint jobs on some of the cars were outstanding. Everyone was very friendly and we all hovered under tree shade with our chairs.



The center gave free hot dogs and fixings etc. and cold drinks. They also had a live DJ; he was very funny and played music matching the classic car period. The staff line danced a few dances until they looked like they were going to pass out. The eating tables were in the shade though. The residents had a great time, and the staff were so good with them. I bought a T shirt, proceeds going to Alzheimer's disease, I think {of course I cannot remember}. The trophies were really nice, but a 1929 Chevy, 1932 Plymouth and 1955 Chevy won.



Well it was really nice, I would go again but hope it is not in our heat wave. I like the heat but not when there isn't a breeze.



**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. Room rate is **\$99**. Mention the Texas T-Party when you call. Make your reservations now; you can cancel later if you need to (request the 1st floor if have special needs, as there are no elevators). Trailer parking will be across the road in a rock lot next to Cracker Barrel. Tour fees will be **\$175** for the car and 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

Jim and Sandra Ruhmann

La Quinta Inn 830-896-9200

Rosemary Stokley

Yogi Bear Jellystone RV 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

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**Dave Lucas is collecting old T Party tour books. Please contact Dave at 281-388-0761 or [daverlucas@yahoo.com](mailto:daverlucas@yahoo.com) with your old copies to see if he already has them.**

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**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

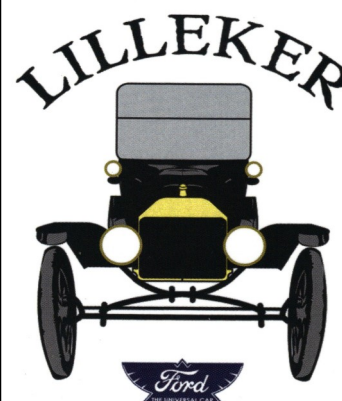
Aug 9	Space City T's Meeting
Sep 13	Space City T's Meeting
<b>Oct 11-14</b>	<b>2017 Texas T Party</b>
	<b>Kerrville, TX</b>
Oct 11	Space City T's Meeting
Nov 8	Space City T's Meeting
Dec 2	Christmas Banquet
	Christies Restaurant
Jan 10	Space City T's Meeting
Feb 14	Space City T's Meeting

**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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### 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 email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to:**

[topkick7@outlook.com](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)

**Next Meeting  
August 9, 2017**



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

**located at  
1702 West Loop North,  
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

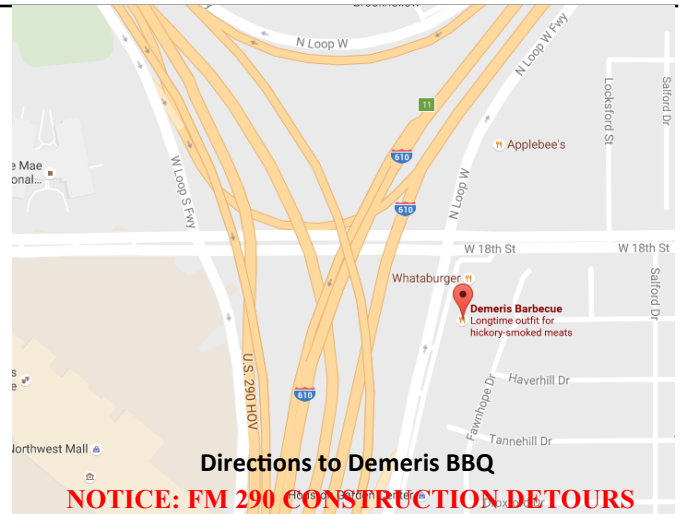
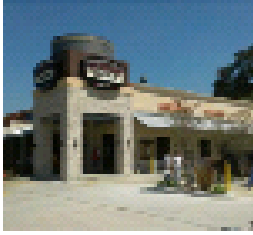
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

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

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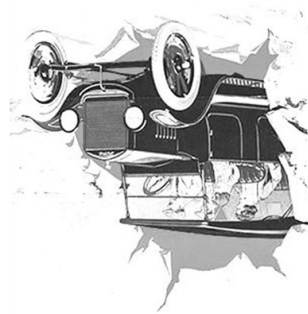
**Directions to Demeris BBQ**

**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



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