



# 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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## I Beheld That Tin T

By Ignatio Valdes

I beheld that tin T.  
On eBay she was found.  
Full of promise, history and coolness.  
And other mysteries round.

First it was the carb, the coil, the tank, the glass.  
Those tires too.  
Then the differential.  
And all its sticky goo.

Replace it all!  
The advice was good.

The manuals arrived.  
The parts flowed in.  
The money flowed out.

For I have squeezed the bearing grease Ziploc  
bag of iniquity.  
I have shed tears of back-order pain.  
But mine eyes have seen the glory!  
of a fresh set of galvanized rims.

I have received midnight revelation from Steve Jelf.  
OD and ID in everyday conversation.  
Girlfriend doubts my love for her.  
And that car now has a name.

And when  
they bury me  
under the  
receipts.

And embalm  
me with parts  
wash solvent.

Let my chil-  
dren know  
how fun it  
was.

To ride in  
that tin T.



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## Pre-War Swap Meet - Chickasha, OK

by Bobby Wright

As implied by the name, the swap meet in Chickasha is for vehicles produced prior to World War Two. It is held each spring. And because it is Spring in Oklahoma the weather is unpredictable at best. It can be cold, or hot, or raining, or tornadoes, or all the above. But this year it was about perfect. No rain. Cool in the mornings and warm in the afternoon. The swap meet is Friday and Saturday with move-in on Thursday. Lots of sales happen in the line-up Thursday before the gates even open for set up. There are two buildings, commonly called the North and South, plus outside spaces. Chickasha has been a pretty good place to shop for Model A and Model T parts for some time, especially before the Internet.



Now I am not one that plans to go every year; there are lots of collectors who do. I was there two years ago, so for this year I made hotel reservations.

Dave Lucas, David Carter, and I decided we would go together and share the cost of fuel and room. And just in case you are wondering, there is no route to and from Chickasha that is not under construction somewhere. It is about a seven hour drive plus stops and delays.

We got there mid afternoon, checked into hotel, and headed out to the Fair Grounds to



see friends and do some early shopping. I picked up a pre-order from Ron the Coil Man. Mostly we talked with other Model T friends until the gates opened and the lines started to move. Time to go look for something to eat.

The next morning after a really good breakfast we were off to forage for deals. It started out rather cool so I started out in the buildings. Ross Lilleker was set up in his usual spot in the North Building. Al-

ways a good spot to sit and rest a bit and enjoy a free cup of coffee Ross provides for his customers. Plus Ross and Jennifer's daughters are there making sure everyone walking by knows there is free candy to be had. Not sure where Dave and David went, but our paths crossed from time to time. Lucas made the find of the day when he found a set of hard to find spare tire covers for his Packard.



That evening we went to a restaurant recommended by Jennifer and had a really good meal. The Lillekers must have really liked it because about the time we finished eating they showed up and chose the patio. We moved out with them and it was really nice and cool. We had a nice evening.

We decided not to go back to the Fair grounds on Saturday so after a good night's sleep we were headed home Saturday morning. Seven plus hours again plus construction. Ross's trip back wasn't nearly as quick as ours. He left later but also was having problems with his tow vehicle. At 45 mph max he got home after 11p that night. Guess he will be getting rid of his Brand X truck.



All in all it was a fun trip. Future trips....We will see.

But not next year for me.





## The 2017 MTFCI Model T Ford Winter Tour

by Nancy Smith

*It was a great sight to see 120 Model T's lined up in rows on the banks of Crystal River, Florida. T's ranging from a 1910 Mother-in-law out of Davenport, IA to a 1915 Canadian Touring car, a 1914 C Cab Fire Chief's Truck out of Defiance, Ohio, a 1927 Tudor driven by Ross Lilleker and family from College Station.*



*Our furthest travelers were the Murphy's from Limerick, Ireland.*

*Day One* : We had a noon departure and a local cruise of about 33 miles . We went to the Crystal River Archeo-

*logical Site. Lunch at Crackers and a leisurely drive. That night was the opening banquet where we had a chance to meet old friends and make new ones.*



*Day Two:* Our tour took us a total 112 miles round trip with stops at Alpaca Magic USA, Dade County Battleground Historical State Park. We stopped for a delicious lunch at Paquette's Tractor Museum where you will find a unique collection of tractors and period memorabilia.



**Day Three :** found us on the road to Rainbow Springs State Park a total of 62 miles. On the way back we stopped at Swampy's for a delicious lunch. That evening we enjoyed an ice cream social and auction.



**Day Four:** we were on our way to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. Home of a Unique Mermaid Show, boat ride and lots of animals. A swap meet was in the trailer parking lot. That evening we boarded a boat for a tour of the Crystal River, we saw manatees, gators and the bird house.



**Day Five :** and we were on the road to Homosassa Springs State Park, Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins. The only way to get to the heart of the park is either boat ride or tram. The boat ride offered a beautiful view of Florida in the wild.

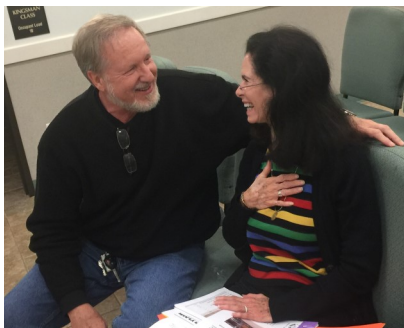


## Why You Shouldn't Miss a Meeting

by Debbie Houck

The February 8<sup>th</sup> Model T meeting at Lazy Brook Baptist Church started out in the usual way: Rosie called the meeting to order, the Treasurer's report was given by Tony, the annual Texas T Party was discussed, as well as upcoming tours and events. It was when members were asked for any new business items that things got really exciting.

Alan Fairclough raised his hand and began telling the group that he had been doing some cleaning and found some airplane part that he had in his possession, leading



those in attendance wondering where this discourse was going. He then proceeded to take said part out of his pocket, instead producing a ring and asking his lady love Stephanie Oehrlein to marry him. I don't

know if the group or Stephanie was more surprised to realize that this proposal was really happening, as there had been no indication during our group dinner at Demeris BBQ.

Here's to wishing Stephanie and Alan much happiness today and in their future!



### CELEBRATE CONROE HISTORY VILLAGE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CONROE

APRIL 29, 2017  
10AM TO 5PM

100-YEAR PLUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED IN DOWNTOWN CONROE WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CONROE KIDZ FEST WITH ARTS, RIDES, UNIQUE SHOPPING, ENTERTAINMENT, AND MUCH MORE. OVER 10,000 PARTICIPANTS ATTEND THIS ANNUAL EVENT.

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

***PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR ANTIQUE VEHICLE FOR A STATIC DISPLAY OF PRE-WWII VINTAGE VEHICLES ALONG THE BRICK-PAVED SIMONTON STREET AND MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN CONROE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29.***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT LARRY FOERSTER AT 936-537-9070 or [foerster@dfcllp.com](mailto:foerster@dfcllp.com)**



## Bellville tour rescheduled!

**NEW** Date: Saturday, April 29

**NEW** Meet at:

**Arbors of Briarwood Assisted Living**  
**1515 W Main St**  
**Bellville, TX 77418**

Time: We'll depart at 9am and return around 4pm (so try to arrive around 8:30 to give time to unload)

Apr 29 is the first available date, working around the Round Top Antique show and Easter.

**NOTE the new meeting location above for trailers.**

Arbors of Briarwood is on the left on 36 just north of the 159 intersection. The nursing home has graciously allowed us to park here and in return, we'll show off the cars in the morning before we leave.

We'll head to Fayetteville and have lunch at Orsak's, swing back by Bellville for an afternoon stop. Looking at a 60-70 mile total drive.

If you are interested in attending, **please shoot me an email with a headcount.**

I need this for two reasons:

- 1) in case of any last minute changes due to weather, family emergency, etc.
- 2) Orsak's is the only restaurant in Fayetteville and they have agreed to staff for us

**Hope to see you April 29!**

**Doug Brough**

**doug@brough.biz**

**mobile: 832-963-6532**

## TOUR de ISLE Galveston Island on April 1st

13.5 miles

Tow vehicle and trailer parking unloading at  
**Moody United Methodist Church** at 8am.

**Tour begins at 8:30am**

**1st leg: Drive to Bishop's Palace for tour.**

**2nd leg: Driving tour through Historic Homes areas.**

**Lunch** Continue on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, cross Broadway, go 2 blocks to **Sonny's Tavern** for lunch on your own. After lunch drive or walk to **Bryan Museum** for tour. The Bryan Museum is in the old Galveston Orphanage Building. Allow 2 to 3 hours for tour.



**3rd Leg: Drive through Historic Evergreen Cemetery to Cedar Lawn, 1926 subdivision.**

**4th leg: Drive back to tow vehicle parking area.**



***Note: This tour does not include trip to the Strand Area. You have that option on your own if you want rather than returning to parking area. Or If the group wants we can do another tour in Fall.***

**Please send me an email for a headcount**

**Hope to see you April 1!**  
**Bobby Wright**  
**bcw58400@gmail.com**  
**Cell: 409-771-5548**



**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, Texas. We will start the tour on Wednesday morning Oct 11, and will close it with the banquet on Saturday evening October 14.

Since we got a really late start on plans due to a late decision on who, where or if, the T Party was going to take place this year, we ask your forgiveness in not having any more information except the hotels at this time. But know we are working very hard to make this one of the best T Parties.

We are going to a great part of the country and if you've been on any of the other Kerrville Tours or even been in the Kerrville - Fredericksburg area on your own, you know what a great place it is. We have lots of help, Julius and Marvin Neunhoffer and George Wilson, who are going to show us some beautiful scenery as well.

**Y O Ranch Resort Hotel** at 2033 Sidney Baker St Kerrville, TX 78028. **Rates are \$99 (includes breakfast buffet).** Mention the **Texas T-Party** when you call using the 800 number below or use <http://reservations.travelclick.com/12007?groupID=1775784> to make reservations. Y O Ranch Hotel allows pets but they have a one-time \$25 non-refundable deposit. La Quinta allows pets also. Make your reservations now, you can cancel later if you need to. This is a busy time for them so we need to fill up the rooms blocked and they will add more to it.

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**

Jim and Sandra Ruhmann

La Quinta Inn 830-896-9200

Rosemary Stokley

Yogi Bear Jellystone Park 830-460-3262

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So put it on your calendars, and tell your family and 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

- Apr 1**      [Liberty Church 2nd annual car show](#) at 200 FM 2025  
Cleveland, TX 77328
- Apr 1**      Galveston 'Tour de Isle' Model T tour
- Apr 12**      Space City T's Meeting
- Apr 22**      [San Augustine TX car show](#)
- Apr 29**      Bellville, Fayetteville  
Model T Tour
- Apr 29**      Celebrate Conroe History  
Village Car Show
- Apr 29**      Tommie Vaughn Car Show  
**First 5 T's get \$25 each!**
- May 10**      Space City T's Meeting
- Jun 14**      Space City T's Meeting
- Jul 12**      Space City T's Meeting
- Aug 9**      Space City T's Meeting
- Sep 13**      Space City T's Meeting
- Oct 11-14**    Kerrville Texas T Party 2017

### 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?

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### For Sale: 1915 Model T Touring

Hand crank start only. Starts, runs, and stops as should. Roll up rear top. \$15000



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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, hogs-heads, 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 reground 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 under-slung 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.

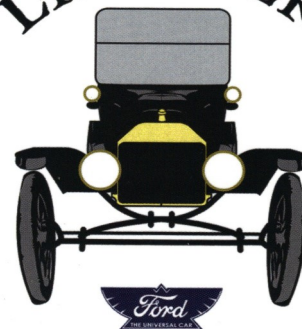
Thanks, Bubba Reeder 281-507-3713

Seven (7) USED 30 x 3 1/2" tires for sale Wards Riverside, Universal etc. \$30 to \$40 each depending on wear.

Two (2) used Kelsey rims, eight (8) square clamps and eight (8) lug nuts; \$200.

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**Next Meeting  
April 12, 2017**



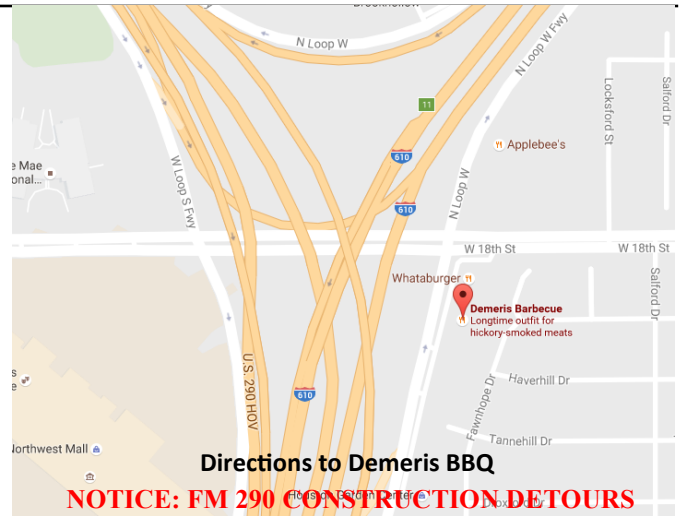
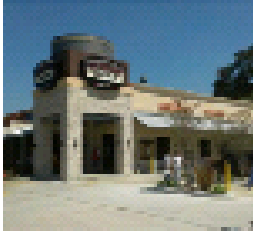
**Dine with Friends at  
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

**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:**

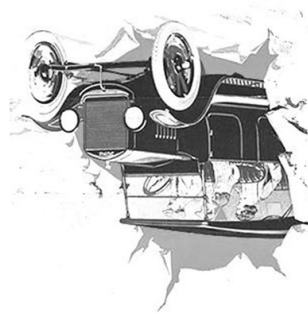
**Lazy Brook Baptist Church  
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**



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.

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