



The FLIVVER FLASH

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Fords crepitant primum, sed ipsi crepitant longissimae

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A huge thank you from William Szekeres. April turned out to be a busy month for me.



First, Mr. Clint Allred answered my Model T parts request. I got a frame, engine, transmission and many more suspension parts from him.



We also had a chance to look at his incredible car collection. Thank you, Mr. Allred!

Then we got an outreach from Sharon Frank. She said that her late husband and his dad were avid T collectors. Their T went to a family member, but they had tons of parts left that she wanted to donate. Here is what she wrote when we asked her about her late husband: My husband's name was Mickey G. Pate and his dad's name was Eldridge M. Pate. I believe



Mickey's dad found the car in 73 and it was on the road by 76. Mickey even used it to get to his senior prom! We put on the 86 Model T tour out of Kerrville at the YO Ranch. All those parts were accumulated from 73 on at: Pate Swap meet, Houston car shows, Hershey, PA etc. etc. Herschel Payne was a great friend as

well as, many club members. At the time, we joined I believe we and one other couple were the youngest members. Mickey's dad passed away in 83 and Mickey in 08. I hope this helps and it was wonderful meeting you and hope you can put all those parts to good use or trade. Good thing we drove my Dad's 71 Buick Wagon! We filled it up with T parts! I even got some nice pictures and vintage firefighting accessories. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Frank!

With the already fully loaded Buick Wagon we stopped at Mr. Alan Fairclough's house and picked up a much, needed radiator and other goodies including scooter goggles.



Thank you, Mr. Fairclough!

I'm still looking for a late model engine cowl, radiator shell, fuel tank and the front body part that holds the tank in place. Thank you again for all the support! More to follow. Will give you updates as we move along with the build. I've decided on a T racecar. It will have ash wood frame with an aluminum body shell around it.

Cheers, William and Peter Szekeres

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Galveston Oh Galveston!



What a delightful tour we had on April Fools' Day. There were 8 Model T's and one modern car. Everyone arrived promptly at the Moody United Methodist Church parking lot with plenty of time to unload and get ready to tour

First leg was a drive along Seawall Boulevard (before the crowds) followed by a drive through some lovely old houses before parking at the Sacred Heart Church (across the street from the Bishop's Palace). While waiting for the palace to open, we popped into the church and had a look. Lovely. By the way, the proper permission to park in the lot was obtained in advance but there was an issue with the young priest ... apparently a funeral was to take place and he did not like our beautiful cars in his lot! *We won.*

Our audio tour of the Bishop's Palace explained much of the history of the house as well as its contents; however, I missed the docent who years ago took such pains to tell our kids about 'long leaf pine' versus 'short pine' versus 'curly pine' wood used throughout the structure. Tee Hee. This place is something else. Stain glass windows are beautiful and the contents very interesting. *I always learn something new!* There was a wooden box labeled 'the post card box'; apparently this is how people in the old days bored their friends with their vacations before slides and film were readily available. I was also surprised by the size of the fireplaces (they are relatively small) then I remembered (duh) this is Galveston; it never gets that cold. There is a huge gift shop in the basement (first floor?) but I purchased nothing.

Next we headed to Sonny's Place for lunch; Sonny's is a tradition for local folks. They had set up a long table for us and several booths. Gumbo is the specialty and is usually served only on Friday but they made extra for us today. I got seafood platter (half oysters and half shrimp); Robert got the gumbo and nibbled off my plate.

Our next stop was the Bryan Museum which I had never heard of. Mr. J. P. Bryan bought an abandoned orphanage to house his collection of 'western' things. The museum is interesting for the history of the building and for its contents today. We were very fortunate to have a superb docent, Donna. She is a retired history teacher and made the anecdotes of our beloved state come alive. I think she talked over 2 hours non stop and I was completely enthralled. Standing is a killer on old people's backs BUT it was worth it to listen to her. My relative's picture was there too; there was one of the stern mean-looking Quanah Parker and another taken when he was young and handsome! Mr. Bryan liked guns; he has all sorts - rare and common. His goal was to display guns which made a difference in the taming of the west. Personally I am not a gun person and there many other objects to view and ponder (guns just happen to be of particular interest to Mr. Bryan). I do highly recommend a visit to this museum next time you cross the Causeway.

From there we drove through the Evergreen Cemetery, one of seven cemeteries grouped together between 40th and 43rd St and Broadway to Ave L. *Is this where the machine gun used to reside?* Next we took a quick detour into the Cedar Lawn neighborhood (established in 1926) where the street plan was very different from the grid design of most of Galveston. Headed back to trailers where everyone was able to load up their cars well before any rain appeared.

Thank you and kudos to the Wrights and Tony Marino for organizing and conducting a rich and rewarding tour of this interesting historic city so close to Houston.

Diann Broughton Hoops

P.S. I take issue with the definition of BOI! My sister is BOI; she was born at John Sealy Hospital and did not move to Houston until she was 9 months old. This malarkey about having to 'grow up' on the island to be a BOI is nonsense! LOL





Sacred Heart Church





The Bishop's Palace
(1887 to 1893)





The Bryan Museum
(old Galveston Orphanage Building)





The 1895 Galveston Orphans Home, Courtesy Galveston & Texas History Center, Rosenberg Library



The Galveston Orphans Home After the 1900 Storm, Courtesy Galveston Historical Foundation's Preservation Resource Center



Caveat: No photos were allowed inside; these are all from the museum website.



Charro Spurs With Silver Inlaid Rattlesnakes, Maker Unknown (1885)



Volcanic Lever Action No. 1 Repeating Pistol, Smith & Wesson Co. (1854)



Donna



Teacup and Marbles



40th Annual Texas T-Party
Oct. 11 - 14, 2017
Kerrville, Texas



It is time to mark your calendars for the 40th 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

La Quinta Inn 830-896-9200

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



**40th 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 _____

Registration Fee	#	Fee	Total
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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INTERESTING FIGURES.

The Ford Motor Company was organized June 16, 1903. The history of the greatest automobile production is given below, recording one of the most phenomenal industrial developments in the world's history.

In 1903-4, to Sept. 30, there were made and sold... 1,708 Ford cars.
 In 1905 the Company built and sold..... 1,695 Ford cars.
 In 1906, there were made and sold a total of..... 1,599 Ford cars.
 In 1907, the total of cars made and sold was..... 8,423 Ford cars.
 In 1908, the production and sales reached..... 6,398 Ford cars.
 In 1909, the phenomenal growth began with..... 10,607 Ford cars.
 In 1910, the production jumped to a total of 18,664 Ford cars.
 In 1911, there were made and sold a total of.... 34,528 Ford cars.
 In 1912, production more than doubled, with... 78,440 Ford cars.
 In 1913, a new high water mark was reached with 168,220 Ford cars.
 1914 saw an even greater triumph achieved by 248,307 Ford cars.
 While 1915 crowned all efforts with a total of 308,213 Ford cars.
 1916 Ran the Figures up to 533,921 Ford cars.
 The minimum production planned for this year 1917 is 700,000 Ford Cars

There are now over 2,000,000 Ford Cars in Service.

Following are the approximate amounts of various materials entering into the manufacture of 700,000 Ford cars, based on the figures for previous years.

Four carloads of spark plugs each month.
 310,464 tons of steel.
 80,811,500 sq. ft. rubber cloth material in the tops.
 2,800,000 each of wheels and tires.
 3,500,000 lamps.
 6,209,280 feet of Vanadium steel shafting and gear axes.
 2,950,000 feet of exhaust pipe.
 3,450,000 sq. ft. of glass in Ford windshields.
 9,800,000 pounds of steel in Ford magnetos.
 24,791 miles of wiring used in magnetos.
 3,041,825 pounds of solder
 6,158,000 sq. ft. galvanized metal in gasoline tanks.
 45,000 horse power developed in Ford power house.
 22 tons of coal per hour, used for power,
 29,512,000 cubic feet of gas required each day.
 1 1/4 miles of conveyor tracks.
 312 1/2 gallons of lubricating oil used every hour.
 35,000 gallons of fuel oil used daily in heat-treating steel.
 100,000 people are engaged in making and selling Ford cars in all parts of the world.

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

Calendar of Events

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	2017 Texas T Party Kerrville, TX
Nov 8	Space City T's Meeting
Dec 2	Christmas Banquet Christies Restaurant

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**For Sale: 1915
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Touring**

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Call or text Bobby Wright at [409-771-5548](tel:409-771-5548)
or email at bcw54800@gmail.com

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.

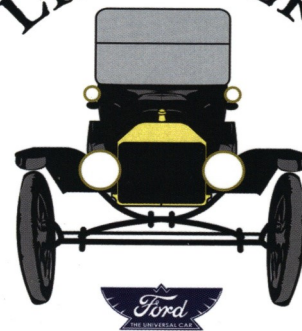
Thanks, Bubba Reeder 281-507-3713

**Seven (7) USED 30 x 3
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lug nuts; \$200.**

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**Next Meeting
May 10, 2017**



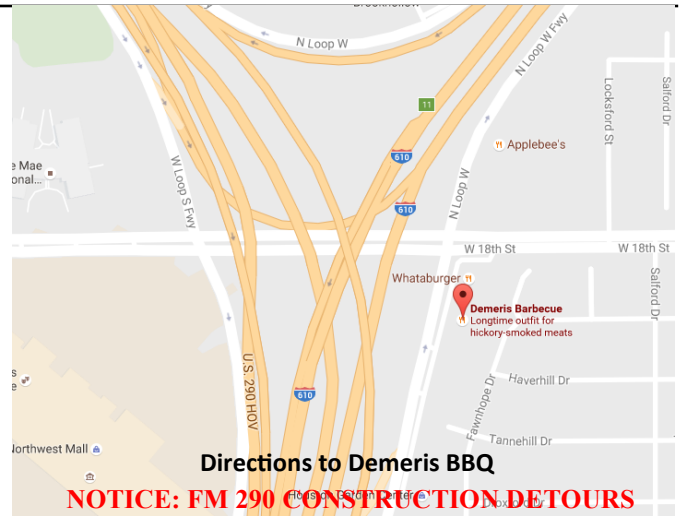
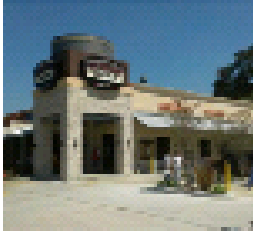
**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

**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:

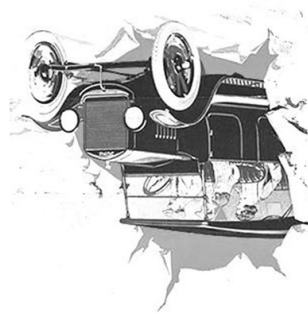
**Lazy Brook Baptist Church
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**



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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