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Tim Moore's Coast to Coast Model T Journey

by Debbie Houck

Back in early May of this year, a British travel writer named Tim Moore posted on the Model T Ford Club of America Forum that he planned to fly across the pond, buy a Model T on our East Coast and drive it west on the old highways, then sell it at the end of the journey. He further disclosed that he had never driven a Model T. Seeking input from members on the forum, most were cautiously optimistic at best, and many had some kind of suggestions/objections in the form of questions posed back to him, although he admitted he had "few illusions about the mechanical grief (he'd) suffer." Good thing, too, because the journey has been besotten with it.

But first things first. By mid-June, Tim had not only had some practice drives in T's in the UK, but also located our very own

Ross Lilleker who found him a 1924 Touring out of Webster, Texas. The previous owner, Bob Kirk, a life-time Space City T's member, had owned it since 1966, and it was outfitted with a Ruckstell and Rocky Mountain brakes, bronze thrust washers, side curtains, distributor and Kevlar bands. Ross did a little prep work, and on July 1st, Tim met up with him and the trailer in Newark, New Jersey. The two of them proceeded to Charlottesville, North Carolina, where the husband of one of Tim's cousins kindly titled and registered the car on his behalf.

By the eve of July 2nd, Tim was on the road, stopping overnight in Ordinary, Virginia having traveled 160 miles that day, and breaking 50 mph a few times. And speaking of breaking, I've outlined his daily journeys and the car's mishaps along the way.



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7/2- performed "distributor surgery", Ordinary, VA, 160 miles
 7/3- Culpeper, VA, 150 miles
 7/4- new set of points, ignition switch, Franklin, WV, 110 miles
 7/5- Fairmont, WV, 152 miles
 7/6- right brake, Granville, OH, 110 miles
 7/7- starter (downtime to Gaslight 160 miles roundtrip for replacement starter)
 7/8- blown headlight bulb
 7/9- Monroe, MI, 219 miles
 7/10- Gross Pointe, MI
 7/11- #2 connecting rod, Dearborn, MI
 7/12- visit to Ford world headquarters
 7/13- repair work being completed
 7/14- Bryan, OH, 136 miles
 7/15- Liberty, IN, 144 miles
 7/16- Danville, KY, 189 miles
 7/17- fan belt, Cookeville, TN, 189 miles
 7/18- Huntsville, AL, 140 miles (garaging for about a week while in Hong Kong for a previously booked literary festival)
 7/26- Hamilton, MS, 130 miles
 7/27- Jackson, MS, 209 miles
 7/28- Natchez, MS, 130 miles
 7/29- Jasper, TX, 190 miles
 7/30- radiator neck broke loose, Sugarland, TX, 209 miles
 7/31- College Station, TX, 109 miles (visit with Ross)
 8/1- Temple, TX, 87 miles
 8/2- Breckenridge, TX, 189 miles
 8/3- Paducah, TX, 153 miles
 8/4- Pampa, TX, 148 miles
 8/5- Liberal, KS, 160 miles
 8/6- Sharon Springs, KS, 180 miles
 8/7- blown head gasket, Imperial, NE, 127 miles
 8/8- running badly on only 3 cylinders, Sedgwick, CO, 81 miles
 8/9- #4 cylinder exhaust valve
 8/11- broke intake/exhaust manifold, Terrytown, NE, 122 miles
 8/12- the Black Hills of South Dakota, 180 miles
 8/13- Belle Forche, SD, 140 miles
 8/14- manifold gaskets, tie rod broke/welded, Dickinson, ND, 195 miles
 8/15- rental car to Denver to pick up wife at airport
 8/17- Medora, ND, 61 miles
 8/18- Jordan, MT, 172 miles
 8/19- need hole drilled in axle, another connecting rod knocking, Billings, MT
 8/20- towed to Clark, Wyoming
 8/21-24 #3 connecting rod, head cleaned, crankshaft sanded, moved the tie rod damper away from the weld, pan cleaned, muffler blown.
 8/25- Yellowstone, WY, 180 miles
 After a nice "T-free holiday with (his) wife around Yellowstone" while multiple repairs were being made, Tim was able to resume his travels again on his own by 8/25.
 8/26- new fuel filter, float/needle swap, Arco, ID, 158 miles
 8/27- crack in tie rod?, Mountain Home, ID, 148 miles



8/28- removed damper, Ontario, ID, 149 miles
 8/29- suspected gas tank/sediment bowl/fuel issues, Burns, OR, 131 miles
 8/30- fixed condenser

Although he had originally thought to sell the car at journey's end, the plan may now be to reach Seattle in order to ship the car home to the UK. In the meantime, with 5000 miles already logged, he and the T accomplished the climb of the 8530 foot elevation of Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone. As of press time 8/31, Tim was making his way from Burns to Bend, Oregon, inching his way closer to the Pacific Coast. Should be an interesting ride, so keep up with the last legs of his journey daily on the MTFCA Forum!

For more information on Tim Moore's Coast to Coast trip click any on the following MTFCA Forum links:

[Model T Ford Forum: A Model T novice's ambitious quest...](#)
[Model T Ford Forum: Coast to coast! - Model T Ford Club of America](#)
[Model T Ford Forum: Coast to coast II](#)
[Model T Ford Forum: Coast to coast III](#)
[Model T Ford Forum: Coast to coast IV](#)
[Model T Ford Forum: Coast to coast V](#)

It's the "Bellville 3rd time lucky, I hope" tour. Sorry for all the re-schedules. Hoping no weather issues or other conflicts this time!

Date: Saturday, Sep 23

Where: Meet at 404 Phillipsburg Church Road Brenham TX 77833

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

Scott and Leslie Grant have graciously allowed us to meet and park on their property.

Now, a bit of confusion. Coming north on HWY 36, you pass:

Bellville

Loop 497 (about 6 miles later)

Phillipsburg Church Road ****DO NOT TURN HERE!****

Sempronius Road

Church Road ****THIS IS WHERE YOU TURN****

This area has a lot of roads with the word "church" in them. The above 404 house address will work in Google Maps, although it did not work in my GPS. Once you turn on Church Road, you'll see their mailbox on the right, less than 1/2 mile down the road.

We'll visit a nursing home, head to Fayetteville and have lunch at Orsak's, swing back by Bellville for an afternoon stop, then head back to the Grant's and call it a day. Looking at a 70 to 80 mile total drive.

If you are interested in attending, please shoot me an email with a headcount. I need this for 2 reasons:

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

Hope to see you September 23!

Doug Brough

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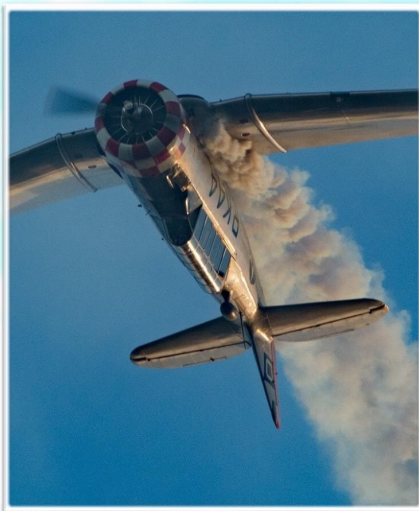
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OCTOBER

6-8



RANGER AIRFIELD's OLD SCHOOL FLY-IN & AIRSHOW #11



FRI: Burgers 5pm, Airshow 6:30pm,
Fire pit & drinks

SAT: BBQ 11am, Airshow 1-2pm, Flying,
Fire pit & drinks

SUN: Breakfast, Flying & departures

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Ranger Fly-In & Airshow No.11 will take place at Ranger Antique Airfield the first full weekend in October. The event draws owners and enthusiasts

Drive-in Adult \$10

Fly-ins and kids -12 Free

from all over the south for a fun weekend of flying, camping, fire pit, flying, BBQ, burgers, drinks and more flying!

200 aircraft including 26 radial-powered machines attended Ranger No.10 last October. The event raises funds for upkeep and preservation of the historic strip. New to this mission is funding the construction of a hangar to house the airfield's growing antique fleet and benefit future airshows with adequate restroom and shower facilities, kitchen and more.



TRAVEL AIR 4000 RIDES

Biplane rides in a 1927 Travel Air. Seating two passengers side-by-side, the TA is a trip back in time! Jared Calvert acquired the TA in 2015 and uses the open-cockpit airplane to barnstorm Texas promoting and raising funds for Ranger Airfield's future hangar. Take to the skies in a piece of history for \$75/person.

1402 Oddie St., Ranger, TX 76470 - www.RangerAirfield.org



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/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. 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.

- The Y O Ranch hotel does not have an elevator, so if anyone has difficulty with stairs, contact hotel and ask for lower level rooms. Just a reminder, the hotel will charge \$25 for pets, a onetime payment for the duration of stay.
- If anyone has dietary restrictions please let Sandra Ruhmann at (979) 292-5658 know, so they can plan-ahead of time. Wednesday will be BBQ for lunch, Thursday on your own, Friday will be Hamburgers for lunch, and Saturday will be King Ranch Casserole for lunch.
- Dave Lucas would like to get a Farkle tournament going. If anyone is interested in joining, contact Dave at (713) 299-3059. Also, if there are any other games (dominoes, Mexican Train, cards, etc.) bring those and we can play those in the hospitality room any night as well.
- We need door prizes. Get in touch with Rosemarie Stokley at (832) 444-9927 so she can put you on the list of donors.

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

979-415-4630 jimmodelt@yahoo.com

979-292-5658 rdstrqn26@yahoo.com

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

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



**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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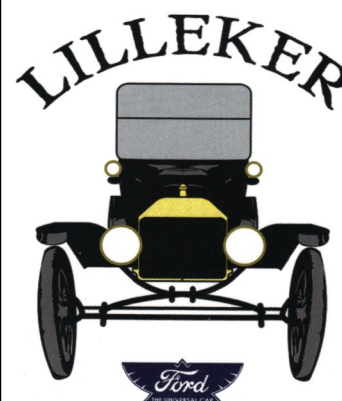
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Calendar of Events

Sep 13	Space City T's Meeting
Oct 6-8	Ranger Fly In & Airshow
Oct 11-14	2017 Texas T Party
	Kerrville, TX
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

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

**Next Meeting
September 13, 2017**



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

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

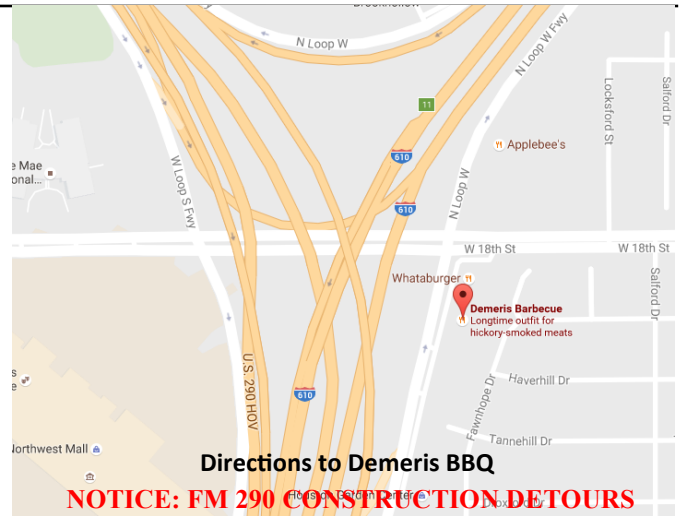
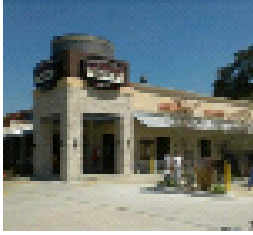
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

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

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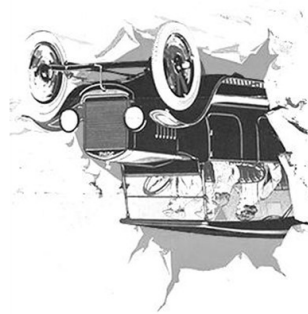
Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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