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A Model T Picnic with *My Other Club*

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Yes, all right, I admit it, I belong to another Model T Club. However, it's not very close by. I've been a member of the Blue and Grey Model T club in West Central Maryland for the last few years. This area of Maryland is where I spent a lot of my time when growing up. My grandparents' house was in Mt. Airy, Maryland, about 30 miles west of Baltimore. I spent weekends and summers there and it's an area that feels like home to me. I joined mainly to keep in touch with Model T activities in the area.



The club covers a large part of western Maryland and has members from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and of course, me from Texas. They are a pretty active group with tours and events throughout the year. One of the annual events is their annual picnic. Held sometime during the sum-

mer, it includes not only a gathering of Model T's, but a picnic lunch, a raffle and an auction to raise money to help cover the cost of the picnic catering. It always sounded like fun, but living in Texas, I've never had the opportunity to attend. Well, that changed this year.



Both my brother and sister still live in Maryland. They are always asking me to come up for a visit and this year I said yes. I planned to fly up on August 17th and stay until the 22nd. Well, as fortunes would have it, the picnic was on Sunday, August the 20th, so I told the club that their distant Texas member would attend. I asked my brother and sister if they'd like to attend. My brother, yes; my sister, not so much.

My brother Michael and I attended the picnic, were welcomed warmly, saw six or seven fine cars and generally had a great time. For you car experts, yes, there were two Model A's present, a Singer, and a pretty rare British made sports car. I love Model T events.

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40th Annual Texas T Party in Kerrville, Texas

Weather forecast is perfect, the green '27 Touring is running fine, and anticipation of seeing old friends is high. Robert, Abby and I head out and arrive in Kerrville-Schreiner Park mid-afternoon. Unloaded the Model T and discovered it was almost out of gas. Drove .5 miles to nearest filling station and coasted in on fumes. On to the YO Ranch Hotel where we registered and picked up our goody bag. Began visiting with folks we had not seen in several years.

Wednesday: Cloudy 61 degrees. Tour Day 01: 68 miles. First stop the hotel for driver's meeting and then after quick stop at Walmart, we meet up with the group at Avery's Visitor Center & Store. Lots of folks were shopping but not us; Robert bought me nothing. After Avery's we continued on to a Pioneer Museum in Harper where we had absolutely wonderful BBQ. Last stop of the day was at the fake Stonehenge which also boasts two 13-foot Easter Island head replicas! Homeward bound and Abby (who was left behind) greeted us warmly (especially me with two small left over pieces of BBQ).

Thursday: Another beautiful day – a little warmer than yesterday Tour Day 02: 65 miles. After attending the drivers meeting we head out at the front of the pack. Saw a cool llama who tried to stare us down! Really great roads again with very little traffic. We stayed on track until we missed the turnoff for Morris Ranch. About that time, the right wing vent fell off with no warning whatsoever. Glass shattered everywhere! Robert stopped, I walked back and picked up/kicked off as many pieces as I could so no one would get a flat tire. Official T Party Pictures were taken at the Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg in front of lovely little log cabin. Lunch was on your own and we sought out German food naturally. From there we took back roads (lovely) back to Kerrville and our home away from home. (We skipped the Farkle Tournament as driving after dark is scary. Doris Cain won first place)

Friday the 13th (but this is a lucky number for my family) Tour Day 03: 90 miles. Abby is going with us today and I drag her into the driver's meeting where we sit on the floor while she covets some man's breakfast (she got to lick the Styrofoam box at the end). Today we head south to Comfort then on to Luckenbach after brief stop at the bat tunnel. Lunch was at Waring General Store (hamburgers and fries). Store had lots of neat old stuff; my favorite was an old butcher block table. Robert fell off the picnic bench backwards (bench was very skinny and another person almost did the very same thing). Fortunately he was not hurt – no blood, no bruises, nothing. After lunch we head back to Comfort via Brownsboro, a small community washed away in 1932 flood. The cemetery (located in the middle of the road where the town had been) contains Civil War headstones. In Comfort many folks shopped but we continued home. Roads were great today and weather was wonderful.

Saturday: Tour Day 04: Long – 108 miles Short – 68 miles. We get an early start from the hotel and are bringing Abby again (she was so well behaved yesterday). We elect to do the long tour naturally. Drive to Ingram was a repeat and on to Hunt. We tool along the Guadalupe River for quite a ways and it is lovely. Passed Stonehenge and the cow-

boy boots. See other T's here and there but mostly we traveled by ourselves which means Robert can set his own pace. Lots of motorcycles are out on this lovely Saturday morning and they seem to like the T's. At Medina Robert gets us each an apple ice cream cone. They were so big and melting quickly. Abby and I share or rather she gets my left overs. On to Bandera and Skyline RV Park where lunch is catered. It is King Casserole, with lovely salad and nice broccoli. Took my food out to Abby where she even ate the broccoli leftovers. We fill up with gas and head back to town. Had a nice break at picnic tables at Camp Verde and Abby got to run a little. We arrived home early and Robert naps. We bath and dress for the banquet. Food was buffet style with ham, chicken AND roast.

Awards: Marshall Huling's white 1911 Speedster won "car most people wanted to take home". Broken crankshaft won hard luck award went to Gary Hein (there were actually several broken crankshafts along with some broken springs). Youngest driver was 20-year-old Timothy Kratz from Virginia; Kenneth Harding was oldest at 91. Furthest driven was only 90 miles by Timothy Kratz; furthest traveled was Ross Lilliker's mother Barbara from England (there were two people from Ireland, Paul & Sandra Murphy attending as well). Jerry and Donna Giebler won the award for attending all 40 T Parties. (I apologize for not getting all the names and awards but what can I say; I'm getting old. Tony helped; he had the brains to take notes)

Many, many thanks go to the organizers and planners of this year's Texas T Party. The Ruhmann's were super hosts and the Neunhoffer's (who won the congeniality award) found some of the best routes ever for our daily driving tours. I wonder did they save the best/hardest for the last day.

Diann Broughton Hoops

P.S. If they gave Hard Luck Award for the 'towing' vehicle, Robert and I would have won! Tuesday morning, Robert discovered flat tire on the rear inside wheel of driver's side of the motorhome. Turned out to be bad valve stem; towing service sent someone to fix it. Discovered tires are worn out and need to be replaced SOON. Driving to Kerrville Robert noticed dash volt meter was showing below 12 volts (not good). Bought a battery charger in Kerrville and charged the three engine batteries. Sunday driving home dash volt meter continued to show dropping voltage. We tried several things including running the generator to no avail. I was behind the wheel in Giddings when it dropped to 10 volts and transmission started acting up. Dropped into 4th gear (should be in 6th) and I had a hard time maintaining 55 mph in a 75 speed zone. Furthermore, the emergency flashers and turn indicators no longer worked. White-knuckle driving for 27 miles where transmission gave up the ghost half way into our driveway at the cabin. Whew, we made it home barely! Eventually got the sucker all the way on to the driveway and under cover where we store it!



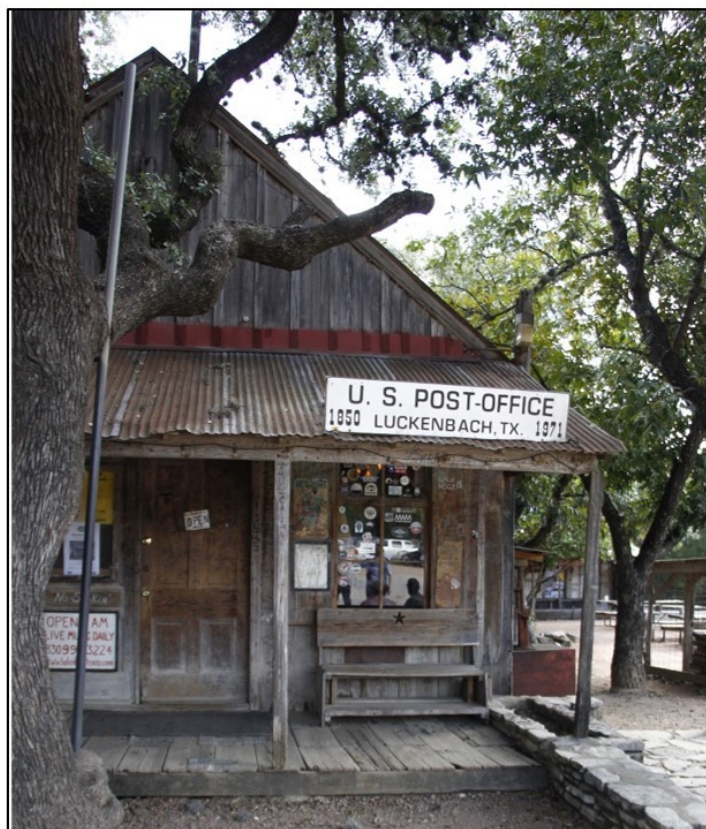
Day 01: Wednesday



Day 02: Thursday



Day 03: Friday the 13th



Day 04: Saturday



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2017 Space City T's Christmas Dinner

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2017

CHRISTIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

5:00pm

Please RSVP for a head count to:

Dave Lucas at:

(713) 299-3059

Men should bring a man's gift and women bring a woman's gift with a value of \$20.

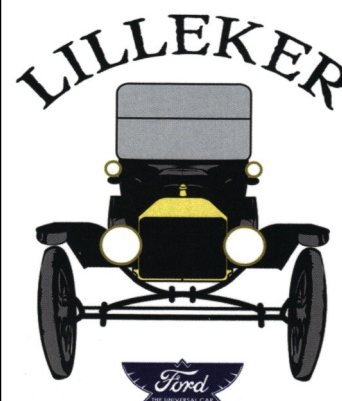
You may also bring a **new** Toys for Tots gift as an option if anyone wishes to bring one.

Seven (7) USED 30 x 3 1/2" tires for sale
Wards Riverside, Universal etc. \$10 to \$20 each depending on wear.

Muncie auxiliary transmission with Power Take Off (PTO): \$200

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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. to:**

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**Next Meeting
November 8, 2017**



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.
located at
1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

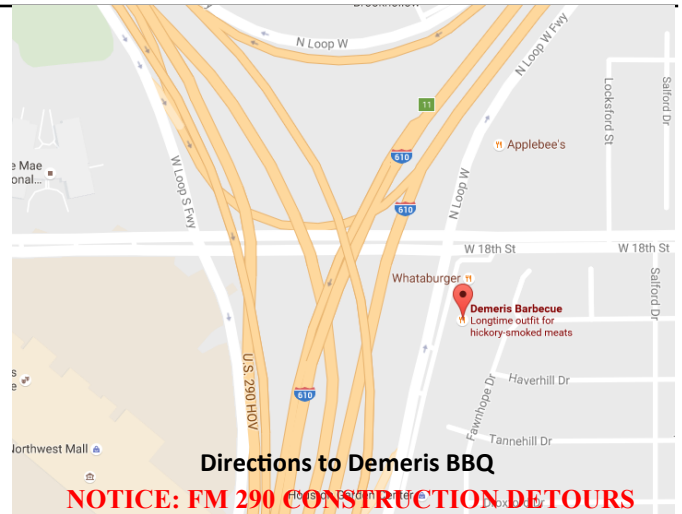
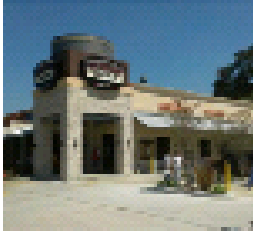
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

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

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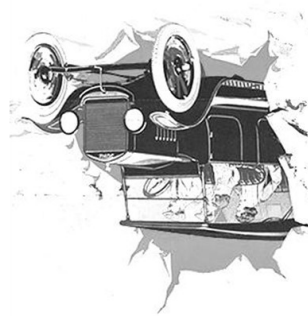


Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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