



# The FLIVVER FLASH

The Official Newsletter of The Space City T's ~ Houston, Texas

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## Space City T's Christmas Banquet

The Space City T's Christmas Banquet was held on December 3rd at Christies Seafood and Steakhouse. Fun was had by all!

After the preliminary social mingling, Jim Haney gave the blessing and we sat down to our entrees of chicken, tilapia or shrimp followed by coffee and dessert.

New President Dave Lucas presented the new and some not-so-new club officers for 2018, Rick McCracken, Vice President; Rosemarie Stokley, Secretary and Anthony J. Marino, Treasurer. 2018 Board of Directors are: David Carter, Bill Severn, and Bobby Wright.



The big hit of the evening was the white elephant gift exchange. Of course, there was much cajoling, jockeying for position and acquisitions (outright stealing) of gifts!

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Bobby's 15 and Tony's 26 out looking at Christmas lights



## Christmas Was Good To Me

By William Szekeres

As you probably remember, I really would like to have a Model T of my own. Thanks to Miss Sharon Frank and Mr. Clint Allred I got many mechanical parts like engines and transmissions. I bought wire wheels on a swap meet. The only major part missing is a body. I prefer a 2-door convertible or a speedster body.

During the last T Party we noticed a T speedster body for sale on eBay. On the way home we stopped for lunch and bid on it. Luck was on our side and we won! And it wasn't too much money either. I didn't realize at that time why my Dad was so excited. As it turns out my grandpa traveled 3 days to bring it back from South of St. Louis. Apparently, it wasn't easy to buy. The seller used foul language and accused my Dad of being a crook on the phone. The seller (and the maker of the speedster body) had no idea how eBay works and probably was mad about letting his nicely-made T body go for buttons. Fortunately for me it's not easy to piss my Dad off.



Meanwhile, thanks to Tony Marino, we bought a 1920 Touring with a Montana title that was issued in 1961! We were able to

transfer it and get a clear Texas title.



Then came Christmas and my Dad put the speedster body on top of the Touring frame. I got a title and a license plate as my last present. Then we went outside. I couldn't believe my eyes! I got a race car for Christmas! It could be a new song from now on...

Now I'll start saving money for an engine and transmission rebuild service. Once I have a moving and stopping frame we will continue with installing the body. I have 7 years left to do all this. I would like to take my speedster to the driver's license test. I want to see the look on the examiner's face!



Hi, first call for doing a batch of hot dip galvanized rims by Southwest Galvanizing in the Houston area. These will not be clear zinc plated they will be hot dipped which is not original correct but close enough for many and seems better than silver painting. It does leave a few little zinc fingers that are easily filed off. Result was good last year. This is an all volunteer amateur cooperative that worked okay last year. Last year, the



price for doing up to 600 lbs. was \$300 + \$75 for sand blasting, with a 5 day turn around once the batch is turned in. Rim cost is the total \$375 (or whatever it costs this year TBD) divided by the total number of rims. Cost to each person will be rim cost times how many rims you put in. Let me know if interested. We will probably do this sometime in January. Pick up and drop off at my garage in Houston near the Medical Center. Please call 713-249-2874.

Ignatio Valdes

3519 Blue Bonnet Blvd

Houston TX 77025

Dirk and Trudy Regter from the Netherlands will be continuing their journey in their restored 1915 Ford Model T, visiting New Zealand and Australia.



At the end of January 2018, they will arrive in Christchurch on the southern island of New Zealand. There they will pick up the shipped cars and then start their journey through New Zealand and Australia, with Steef and Greetje Reilingh as a support team in a Land Rover support vehicle.

The total journey of over 50 countries started in 2012 will be made in order to raise

money to support the world-wide work of SOS Children's

villages International. Your contribution will of course be highly appreciated. Get more information at their web site at <http://www.tfordworldtour.org/>.





**Dues Are Due**

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid. Dues are still **\$25.00** per year. Please **print** out this page, **fill out** the form below with your most recent information, and make your check payable to **Space City T's**.

Please **mail** your dues to the Treasurer at:

**Anthony J. Marino**

**302 Torrey Court**

**League City, Texas 77573**

**NOTE: Dues are not tax deductible. To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status with the IRS**

**SPACE CITY T's MEMBER ENROLLMENT**

Model T Ford Club of America membership # if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Model T Ford Club International membership # if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Children (under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Model T's Owned:

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*Space City T's of Houston Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4: Dues for members admitted to membership between July 1 and December 31 shall pay (1/2) of the annual dues. (\$12.50 for the given year, \$25.00 per year thereafter)*

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## Calendar of Events

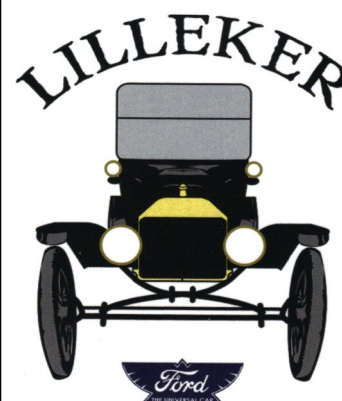
Jan 10	Space City T's Meeting
Feb 14	Space City T's Meeting
Mar 14	Space City T's Meeting
Apr 11	Space City T's Meeting
May 9	Space City T's Meeting
Jun 13	Space City T's Meeting
Jul 11	Space City T's Meeting
Aug 8	Space City T's Meeting
Sep 12	Space City T's Meeting
Oct 10	Space City T's Meeting
Nov 8	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.

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

— OR BEST OFFER —

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#### Model T Ford Club of America

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Richmond, IN 47375-0996

Phone: 765-855-5248

E-mail: [susan@mtfca.com](mailto:susan@mtfca.com)

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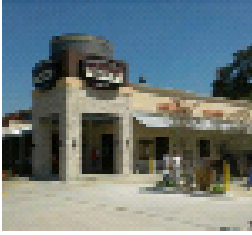
Join MTFCA at: <http://www.mtfca.com/>

### 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. to:**

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

**Next Meeting  
January 10, 2017**



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

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

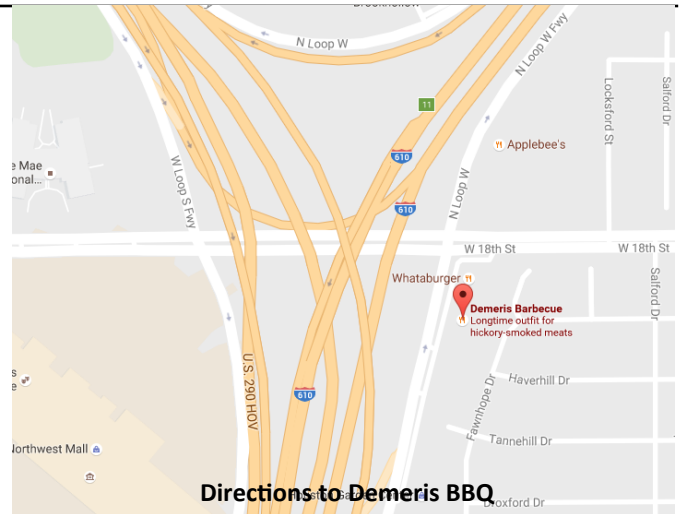
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

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

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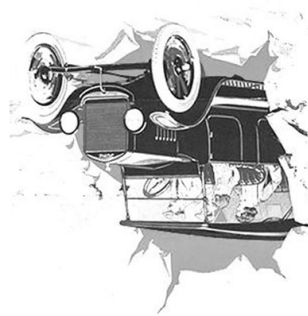
**Directions to Demeris BBQ**

**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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