

# The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

## I STUCK IN MY THUMB AND PULLED OUT A.....

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I've been a member of the Model T Ford of America for a long time. I found a couple of Vintage Ford magazines in a Used Book Store in Topeka, Kansas back in 1974. One had a membership application inside, so I filled it out and joined. That was sometime in late 1974. I collected the magazines because they were such a great reference, and you've got to understand, there was no Internet back then. No cell phones either; I think we used smoke signals. When I moved to Houston in 1975 the collection of books came with me. I continued to collect the books until I moved to Saudi Arabia in 1985. The books I had went into storage and the new books from MTFCA were delivered to my parents.

As we were returning from Saudi Arabia in 1989, we found that everything that had been in storage had been stolen, books and all. My parents had the 1985 and later books, but all the earlier were gone. I continued to receive books up until I

moved back to Houston in 1999. Now back with The Space City T's, I decided to try to replace the missing books. I set my sights on having a complete collection. I accumulate a few books here and a few books there, but no really early editions.

Back in Houston, I worked as a Flight Crew Instructor for Continental Airlines. This job required that I periodically fly on the cockpit jump-seat to observe crew actions and procedures. This flying on the jump-seat came into play when a box of early Vintage Ford books came available in the Los Angeles area. The price was right, so I called and told the seller I'm coming from Houston to buy the books.

I got the jump-seat on a flight the next morning. When I arrived, I called to touch base with the seller. He said he had the box of books but had sold the earlier editions to someone else. Wow was I let down. He said he would bring the box to

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the LA airport, so a few minutes later; I had a cardboard box of books. I transferred the books to an overnight bag I had brought along. They were earlier editions, books that I did not have, but I was disappointed about his sale to someone else.

Off I went to the gate to await my return flight. Sitting there bored, I thought I would take out a book to read. I reached down into the overnight bag, grabbed a book and pulled it out. It looked quite early, having the black border at the bottom of the cover. The price on the cover said one dollar and the picture on the cover showed a family having their picture taken in their Model T. Very curious by now, I looked at the Volume, Number and Date.

Holy Cow, it is Volume 1, Number 1 dated March – April 1966. It's the Holy Grail of Vintage Ford magazines, the very first magazine. Whoever the seller sold the early books to had missed this

one. Their bad, my good!

Over the years I have continued to collect Vintage Ford Magazines and now have a complete collection. Of course, now for a few bucks you can get the entire collection on a couple of CD's.

Where is the justice?





## A REAL BARN FIND!

by Jim Davis

My new ride is a 1923/26 Open Express from Risk Rice in Gainesboro, Tennessee and delivered by Bill Squires of Bill's Auto Works on schedule. It has a home built wood bed and it's called a "BITSA". A Model T slang term used to indicate the car is not factory original but built from available parts. In my case, the Open Express is stock more or less just not all parts are from the same year or model and has some original period accessories.

It has a 1922 engine, a 1926 hogshead and large drum 26ish rear brakes. The front hood and cowl seem to be about a 1918 to 1923. It had a roadster or touring body that someone cut off at the front door jams, and installed the home made wood bed patterned after wood beds of the period with out splash guards.



It's basically original like Henry built it, with four buzzer coils, working magneto, no water pump, 6 volt battery with

standard generator, cutout and starter. It also has kerosene cowl lights and a spot light. I added a kerosene tail light and license plate bracket on the rear of the truck for show. It has the official license plate with electric tail light mounted under the rear of the truck. It came with original 1917 accessory turn signals and stop lights from Diamond Signal Co with an original turn signal Joy Stick type control which mounts to the steering column that needs to be reinstalled.



I ordered a gag license plate for the front of the truck: "Clampett" Bug Tussle, Tennessee. This is a take off on the 1962-1971 TV series the Beverly Hillbilly's. Now all I need are a couple of small wood whiskey barrels and a wood rocker for Granny. I have the 12 gauge! There are a few issues to deal with which is SOP on an almost 100 year old Model T.

### FLIVVER FLASH INPUTS NEEDED

Do you have something to share? A barn find, funny or 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](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)

**The Model T Ford Club of America is the world's largest club of Model T owners and enthusiasts.**

*You do not have to own a T to join in the fun!*

Founded in 1965, together we share a passion to preserve and promote the Model T Ford for future generations by educating people in its history, lore and maintenance. We have members in all 50 states and 41 foreign countries, with more than 130 chapters that provide local activities and fellowship for Model T enthusiasts.

#### Member Benefits Include:



- **Subscription to The Vintage Ford** - An award-winning magazine filled with information on all aspects of the hobby: resources for Model T parts, repair and maintenance info, lists of tours, swap meets and events, plus lots of photos and articles for and about Model T enthusiasts.
- **Free Museum Admission** - Membership includes free entry to the MTFCA Model T museum and access to the museum library for members and their immediate family.
- **Free Classified Ads in The Vintage Ford** (non-commercial ads) up to fifty words each.
- **Events & Tours** - Your entire family will enjoy reliving the days of the Model T at national, regional or chapter events and tours. Participants often dress in period clothes. National events can attract 100+ Model Ts (from perfectly-restored, show quality to right off the farm).
- **Annual Meeting** - Held early in the year, our Annual Meeting gives members the chance to get together, visit and learn. Activities include awards, educational seminars, club business, entertainment and social events.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*(If already a member, please give this to a friend)*

Sign up online at our website or fill out and mail us this form. Membership extends to immediate family members, including spouses and children (under 18) living in the same household.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Immediate Family Members' Names \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES\***: One year membership is \$40 in US, \$50 in Canada and \$56 in all other countries (includes 6 issues of The Vintage Ford magazine). Life membership is \$700 in US, \$850 other countries.

To change your membership, fill in the information below or join online at [www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com).

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☐ Check this box if you are renewing your membership.

\*Membership dues are subject to change.

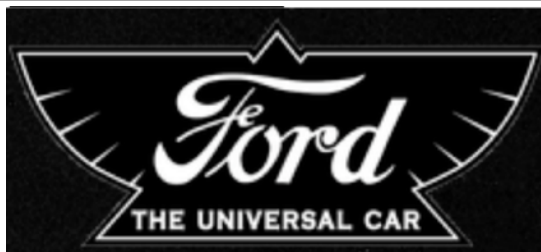
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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Province (if other than U.S.): \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if other than U.S.): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

MTFCI membership number (for renewals): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a local chapter? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

List up to four Model T's that you own:

Car 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Car 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Car 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Car 4: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership roster:

Membership information is normally included on a club roster which is never sold/used for non-club purposes. You may request that your information not be included in the printed roster by answering yes or no below:

Include my information in the club roster: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

#### One year, individual or family membership dues, (12-month rolling):

- **U.S.:** \$40.00
- **Canada:** \$45.00
- **All other countries:** \$50.00
- **All memberships payable in U.S. funds on a U.S. bank only.**
- **Individual Life Membership:** \$700.00 U.S. / \$800.00 Foreign

**To pay by check:** make check payable to MTFCI and mail with application to:  
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Simply give a MTFCI membership  
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application and payment for  
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membership number below when  
they submit their own application and  
payment. You must give or sponsor  
two (2) new memberships in order to  
receive your free year.

**Offer expires December 31, 2016**

**Sponsoring member #: \_\_\_\_\_**

## 2019 Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15, 2019. 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 2019 Treasurer at:

**Jerry Smith**  
**13723 Llano Lake Court**  
**Houston, Texas 77059**

**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 there- after)*

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#### 2019 Space City Club Officers and Board Members

President	Dave Lucas	281-388-0761
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## Calendar of Events

<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>SCT Christmas Dinner</b> <b>Christie's Seafood &amp; Steaks</b> <b>6029 Westheimer Rd.</b> <b>Houston, TX 77057</b>
<b>Dec</b>	<b>NO Meeting in December</b>
<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>SCT Meeting (audit prior)</b>
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>SCT Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>SCT Meeting</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Robison Elementary</b> <b>Inventors Day</b>
<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>SCT Meeting</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>SCT Meeting</b>
<b>Jun 12</b>	<b>SCT Meeting</b>
<b>Jul 10</b>	<b>SCT Meeting</b>

The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

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\$40 annual dues includes six issues of the Vintage Ford

Join MTFCA at: [www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)

#### 2018 Space City T's Christmas Dinner

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2018**

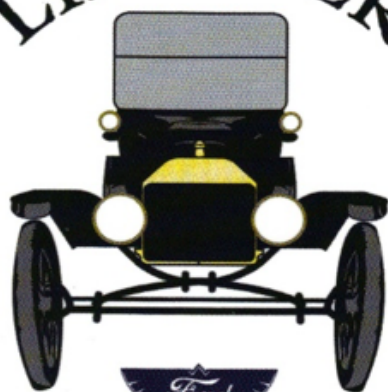
**CHRISTIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 5:00pm**

**Please RSVP for a head count to Dave Lucas at**  
**[daverlucas@yahoo.com](mailto:daverlucas@yahoo.com) or (713) 299-3059**

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

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This ad expires January 2019

## Next Meeting

### No December Meeting



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

located at

1702 West Loop North,  
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008

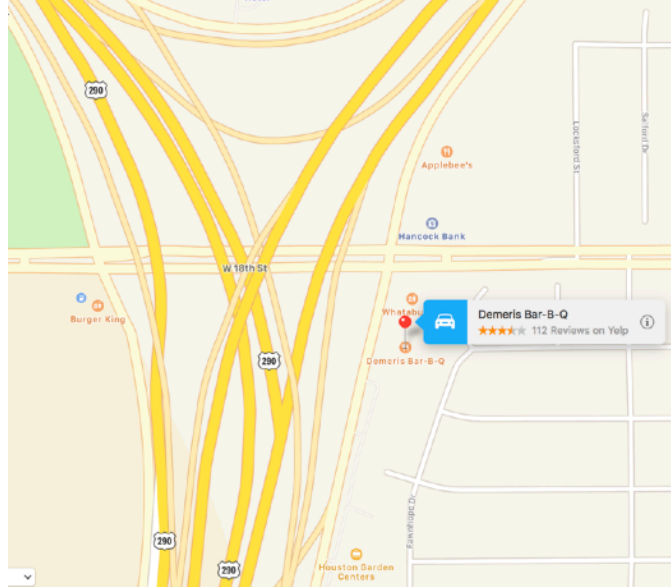
Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Place:

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

Website: [www.spacecityts.org](http://www.spacecityts.org)

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#### Directions to Demeris BBQ

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.

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.

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 to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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