



# The FLIVVER FLASH

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

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## Galveston Tour d'Isle

By Debbie Marino

May 5<sup>th</sup> marked the second year of Tour d'Isle on Galveston Island. Due to an iffy weather forecast, turnout was not as large as in 2017, but the Space City T's managed to have 5 vehicles on the day trip that morning. Present were Bobby and Rebecca Wright (organizers second year in a row for this fun trip), Jerry and Nancy Smith (who routed out the lovely tree sculpture tour), Anthony and Debbie Marino, Bill and Pat Sherrill, Dave Lucas, Broderick Thompson, and guest/new T owner Tim Wheeler. The initial meeting point was the Moody Methodist Church, who was kind enough to again allow parking of the trailers and tow vehicles in their lot. Then a pleasant ride westward on Stewart to 13 Mile Road with an eastward return via FM 3005 to Seawall Boulevard. Plenty of marsh and grassy areas provided some bird watching and wildflower glimpses.



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Next stop was northward across Broadway to the Galveston Railroad Museum. After some nice photo ops of the cars and their occupants in front of a few caboose on track 1, we entered the ticket office to begin the tour. There are around three dozen rail

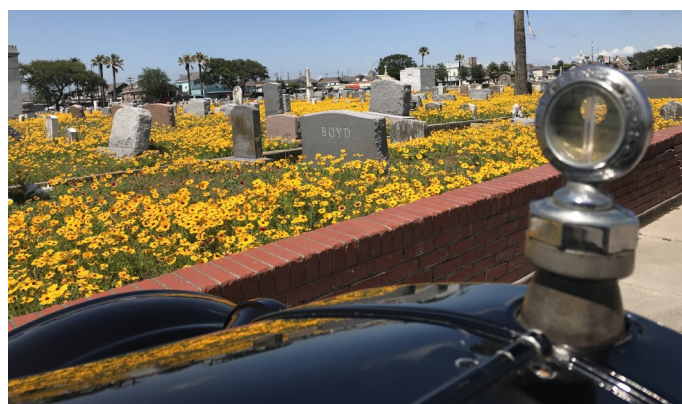


cars from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, from private cars, passenger cars, mail cars, caboose and locomotive, and some of these cars can be entered for additional exploring. There is a display building with an extensive railroad dining collection representing various railroads' unique signature dining ware. The building also houses model train layouts in both O and HO gauge. Next door is the Depot, which served the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroads beginning in 1913, and was remodeled in 1933 to its current state, with active passenger service to the island until 1967. The gift shop was originally a cigar newsstand, and plaster molds of likely visitors of the Depot in 1932 co-mingle with today's visitors in the waiting room.

Lunch was the next on the agenda. Some chose to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at El Jardin Mexican Café', while others went for the soda fountain atmosphere at Star Drugs. Afterwards was either a little shopping on The Strand or some relaxing out of the sun in the back of the Model T's. Not too far down from The

Strand is the East End Historical District Tree Sculpture Tour. This is either a self-guided walking or driving tour of roughly four blocks showcasing over 20 tree carvings by various artists, nestled in gardens and side yards. Majestic oak trees that once lined the streets were killed from the tidal surge of Hurricane Ike in September 2008. From the destruction came new life in the form of dolphins, birds, mermaids and angels, and even the Tin Man and Toto! There are other sculptures throughout the island, as well, some of which are also highlighted in the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau brochure: <https://www.galveston.com/uploads/files/treesculpture.pdf>.

This time of the spring season is also perfect for visiting Evergreen Cemetery when its grounds are covered in beautiful yellow coreopsis. The landscape made for amazing photo ops with the Model T's lined up against the backdrop of the prolific flowers. Evergreen Cemetery was known as Cahill Cemetery until the late 1950's and is one of seven historic



cemeteries located off Broadway. An extra side trip was made again this year through the Cedar Lawn Historic District, a mid-island subdivision that has earned conservation status. The tree-line circular drive offered a lovely shaded view of the neighborhood's homes and gardens.

Thanks to all involved who organized the trip and to those who took a chance on the weather. It was a fun day to be on the island.



## Robison Elementary – April 20, 2018

By Doug Brough

Bill Severn, Bill Sherrill and I represented the club at Robison Elementary for their inventors day. I can see past emails going back to 2013 so I'm calling this our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary there! We worked up a routine where Bill Sherrill talked about Henry Ford and the



first cars, I talked about some of the automotive inventions and improvements and we put Bill Severn to work as the official “cranker”.

We presented to eight 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. Our largest class was a double class – nearly 40 kids!

The kids visit a variety of stations throughout the day including a lego-assembly line where they build cars by themselves, then compare that speed to building on an assembly line. Benjamin Franklin also usually makes an appearance. We sat with him at lunch!

We asked the kids what they noticed different about the Model T's vs the cars in the parking lots. Most kids picked up on the different wheels and the fact the T's were taller. Some of the more interesting observations were:

His car (Bill Severn's) didn't have a top

His car (Bill Sherrill's) didn't have an armrest

These cars are older

That car is green

I don't see any seatbelts

We would ask the kids what the crank on the front of the car was for. The 2 usual guesses were either to make the car go up and down or to “make the motor go”. We had Bill Severn demonstrate and the kids were always amazed you could really start a car that way!







The weather was really nice and the staff & volunteer parents treated us well. They had a nice breakfast and lunch for us.

As your schedule permits, come out and join in 2019. We heard more than once that we were one of the kid's favorites. I'm sure we'll be invited back.



Of course the favorite part was getting in the cars and honking the horn. I think we got the award for being the noisiest station!



**Schulenburg/Dubina  
Czech Culture  
Mini Tour and Static Display at Church Picnic**

June 30 and July 1

Saturday June 30

2:00-2:30 meet at Holiday Inn, Schulenburg

2:30-4:00 Drive around Schulenburg

4:00-6:00 Dinner at Momma's Sengelmann's Hall

6:00-7:00 Drive around Schulenburg (tentative)

Sunday July 1

8:30-9:00 Meet at Holiday Inn Schulenburg

9:00-9:30 Drive from Holiday Inn to Church in Dubina

*Note: this Church is one of the Painted Churches and will be visited in  
October at the Annual Texas T-Party*

10:00a-3:00p (approx.) Static Display at Dubina St. Cyril and Methodius  
Church Picnic

3:00p-3:30p Return to Holiday Inn, Schulenburg

Have a Safe Trip Home

Contact person: Bobby Wright 409-771-5548 or  
[bcw54800@gmail.com](mailto:bcw54800@gmail.com) *Please email if you plan to attend.*

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 200 Heinrich St., Schulenburg  
979-743-2301 (Note: there is no special block of rooms)

*Note: May be minor changes and adjustments as dates near.*

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## Ordering New Club Wind Breakers

Hello All,

In last month's meeting it was suggested and approved that the club offer the wind breaker light weight jackets once again. This is the Deep Blue color with the club logo on the back. If you want to order one Luke Cordes will be the one coordinating this effort and you should email him with your size and quantity. Last time we ordered these I believe the cost was around \$25.00 to \$30.00. You will have until July 31, 2018 to place your request. After that it will be next year before we may place another order.

Luke Cordes email address is: [modeltman@gmail.com](mailto:modeltman@gmail.com)

Thanks, Dave Lucas, cell-713-299-3059

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## 2018 TEXAS T PARTY OCTOBER 10 – 13

As of the writing of this letter we have 25 registered drivers and 30 passengers for the **41st Annual Texas T-Party** which will be held in **Schulenburg, Texas**. We will start the tour on Wednesday morning Oct 10th, and we will close it with the banquet on Saturday evening October 13th.

We are looking for any, and all door prizes. If you will contact Rosemary Stokley or Sandra Ruhmann we can get it on the list.

The hotels are: Main hotel is **Holiday Inn & Suites at 200 Heinrich St, Schulenburg, TX 78956**, call (979) 307-5555 (service animals ONLY). Overflow hotel will be the **Best Western Plus at 101 Huser Schulenburg, TX 78956** call (979) 743-2030 (\$20 fee per night for pets). Make your reservations now, you can cancel later if you need to. Mention the **Texas T-Party** when you call, rates are \$109 (includes breakfast). Unfortunately, there aren't any RV Parks nearby, the nearest one is 16 miles away in Weimer. There is plenty of grassy area with the trailers.

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.

### See y'all in Schulenburg!

[2018-T-Party-Registration-Form.pdf](#)

[MTFCA-Inspection-Form.pdf](#)

Tour

Historic Painted  
Churches & Restored  
Iron Bridges

Visit a couple  
Wineries

Corn Maze

Airplane Museum

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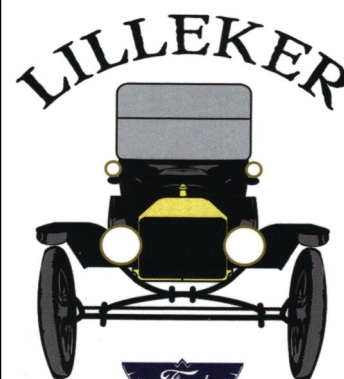
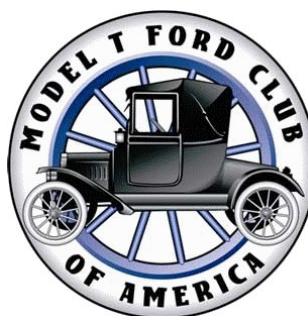
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## Calendar of Events

Jun 13 SCT Meeting

Jun30-Jul 1 [Schulenburg/Dubina Czech Culture Mini Tour & Static Display Bobby Wright](#)

July 11 SCT Meeting

Aug TBD Ice Cream Social

[Dave Lucas](#)

Aug 8 SCT Meeting

Sep 12 SCT Meeting

Oct 10-13 [Schulenberg Texas T Party: Rosemarie Stokley](#)

### 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  
June 13, 2017**



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

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

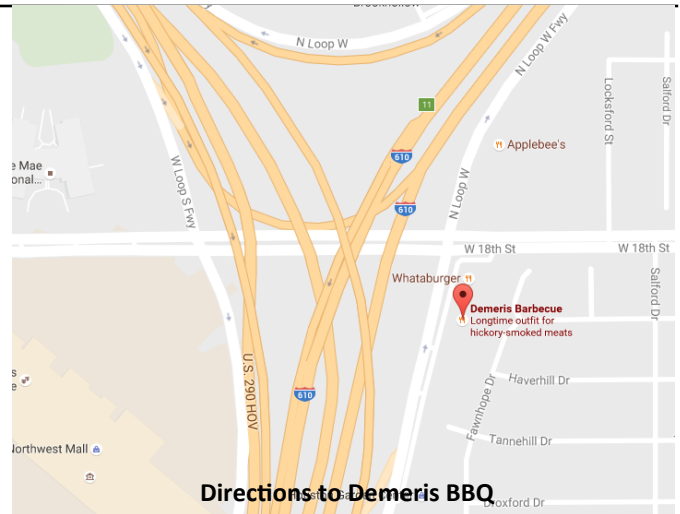
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

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

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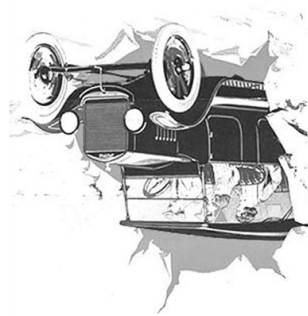
**Directions to Demeris BBQ**

**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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