

The Flivver Flash

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

2018 Space City Model T Christmas Party is in the books

by Dave Lucas

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What a great time of fun, food and fellowship we had at the 2018 Christmas Party. If you were not there, you missed a great dinner followed by a load of fun playing the White Elephant Gift exchange. Gifts were being swapped around like hot potatoes by all in attendance and it finally came to an end around 8:pm. Gifts were able to be swapped until it had been stolen 3 times, and I think everyone was involved in a stolen gift several times over. If you did not make it out this year we certainly hope you make it out in 2019 and have a night of great entertainment.



A significant part of our party was the return of long time member (30 years) Carey Green from Silverton, Colorado. He called and wanted to reconnect with some ole club members that he had not seen in many years. His daughter Kathy brought him to the party and the first contact he made was with Sophie Adcock and then the reminiscing began. Mr. Green still has 5 model T's in his possession. A 1914, 1915, 1918, 1924, and a Snow Mobile. It was great to have Mr. Green and his daughter in attendance and we hope to see more of them at our meetings.

Front Row L to R--- Nancy Carter, David Carter, Sandra Lucas

Second Row L to R--- Kathy Green, Carey Green, Sally Osborne, Sophie Adcock, Pat Sherrill, Bill Sherrill

Across the Back---Gwen Stokley, Rosie Stokley, Beth Greebe, Olivia Greebe, Tim Greebe, Dorthy Van, Bill Severn, Dave Lucas, Judy Adcock, Ted Adcock, Debbie Marino, Jerry Smith, Tony Marino, Bruce Carter, Grace Carter, Naomi McCracken, Rick McCracken.

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PS: I want to thank each and everyone who brought a toy for the Toys for Tots program that our club supports to those less fortunate than we are. I am sure they will all make some little girl or boy very happy.



SCMT Club leadership team for 2019 are pictured from left to right:

Bill Severn Board member, Rosie Stokley Secretary, David Carter (rolling off board and replaced with Broderick Thompson, not in picture), Dave Lucas SCMT Club President, Rick McCracken Vice President, Jerry Smith newly elected Treasurer and Tony Marino Flivver Flash production.





Whiskey Cake Restaurant

By request from an email to the SCMT website Dave Lucas showed up with his car and Jerry Smith showed up for support at the Whiskey Cake Restaurant to help them celebrate the Repeal of



Prohibition back on December 5, 1933. Great fun was had by all, as the wait staff dressed in period attire to serve customers some good food and spirits.



Lighting of the Mansion on SawMill Lake

By request, the Space City Model T Car Club was asked to participate in the Lighting of the Mansion on SawMill Lake in Mannings, Texas. This is a quiet little town just outside of Diboll, and south of Lufkin, Texas. Back in the 1900's, Mannings was a huge lumber town that cut timber and floated it

down a lake to the sawmill. The town was the second largest in the area next to Lufkin. The house has been through several owners from the first builders to the current owner Bob Fluronoy, who is a grandson of the third owner. He restored the house to its former glory and has turned it into a bread and breakfast location.

A very quaint place out in the middle of the piney woods of East Texas, there is not much left in Mannings, but there are some great antique shops and plenty to see in nearby Lufkin. Dave Lucas and Jerry Smith of the SCMT club carried cars up to the Mansion and set up for a static display along with several other cars from around the area.



A booth was set up for donations to the Salvation Army, and with a donation of \$5 dollars you could get a car ride. Jerry Smith became very popular and gave many rides in his 1923 Touring car. A beautiful day it was and good fun, good BBQ, and a beautiful mansion out in the woods made for a very pleasant day relaxing in the cool air with sunny skies. We are hoping to do this again next year and get more cars out to display, so plan on joining us then.



Door and Door Frame Rebuild – 1914 Runabout ‘Bessy’

by Peter Adey

The door on my '14 never closed well, never latched, stuck out about two inches at the bottom and had the terrifying habit of flying open on a speedy left turn! After tearing her down into parts, I found the door sill wood and metal were shot. The wood in the door had been replaced by a previous owner with a straight piece of plywood. Since the original door shape had a slight curve at the bottom, this really messed up the fit. Additionally, the right front quarter panel is a reproduction body part and seems to be a bit out of shape.

Tearing her down was the easy part. For the door I purchased a wood kit from a vendor. The bottom of the door skin was in pretty bad shape. I retro fitted a new piece of sheet metal along the



bottom curve. The wood kit fit fairly well, but did require a bit of narrowing to get the nice snug fit. The new wood has a gentle inward curve to it that had been lost with installation of the plywood. This alone made a big improvement on the door fit.

The bottom of the door frame was also pretty rusted out. I managed to fit in some new wood to help form the frame and some new sheet metal pieces to shape the sill's curve. A liberal amount of bondo filled in the gaps and shaped the sill pretty well. The right front reproduction quarter panel required some bending to get the hinge alignment



even with the door frame latch. This took several tries and in the end was still a bit out of whack.

To finish up I put it all back together and used a bit more bondo to fill in all the gaps. Reasonably



satisfied with the results I began prepping for paint. Yes, Bessy is green – came to me that way – that may be a project for another day. Matching the color was tricky. I took the top of the carbide generator over to Lowes. They matched up the color and identified it as “Mack Green” – fortunately a fairly standard color. After sanding all the fill in areas and a fine sanding of the entire side of

the car I masked and covered the car to expose only the target areas and shot the paint! The color match was pretty good (better than the pictures show)

and the final result met my expectations. The door still sticks out a bit on the bottom but I can live with that. The



good news is the door latches very well and no longer flies open terrifying the passenger!

Before & After:



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:

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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Calendar of Events

Jan 9	SCT Meeting (audit prior)
Feb 13	SCT Meeting
Mar 13	SCT Meeting
Mar 29	Robison Elementary Inventors Day

For Sale: Set of four vehicle dollies.



The kind you jack up, set four wheels on and can roll around the vehicle.

\$75.

Bobby Wright: (409) 771-5548 text or call and leave a message.

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:

Model T Ford Club of America

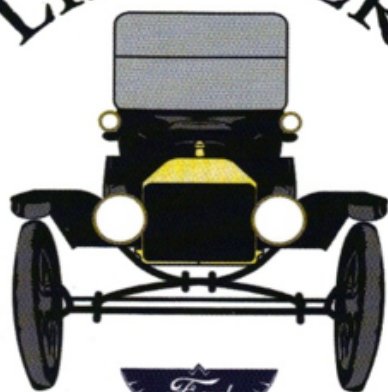
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This ad expires January 2019

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

Next Meeting

January 9, 2019



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

located at

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

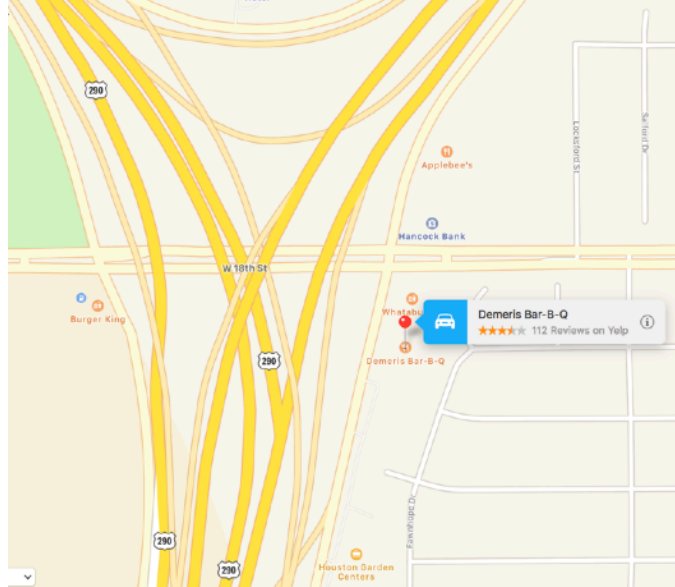
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

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

Website: www.spacecityts.org

Email: modelt@spacecityts.org

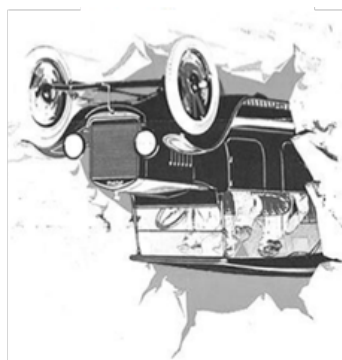


Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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