

The Flivver Flash

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

OK, MILLENNIAL ONE, OLD GUY ZERO

by Bill Severn

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I put nicely restored Holley NH carburetors on both my cars about 5 years ago. They were Potter restorations. At the same time I put new brass fuel shutoff valves on both. The valves are at the carburetor fuel inlet.

For the past year, the shutoff valve on my 1921 Center Door has been binding, and is very hard to move. Along with that, it is leaking fuel. It just drips, drips, drips from the valve body of the brass shutoff valve. I had to make a decision; fix it or replace it. The vendors sell them but I hate to give in to a minor malfunction, so I decided I'd try to fix the valve.

In my supply of 'stuff', I still had the tubes of lapping compound that I had used ten years ago to grind the valves on my 1916 engine. It made sense to me



that if that stuff would work on cast iron and steel, it should work on brass.

Since that leaking shutoff valve had leaked every bit of the gas out of my Center Door, it was an easy removal. I had to use an impact screwdriver to get the screw loose that held the valve

together, but once loose the valve came apart easily.

The valve surfaces were pretty galled and gouged.

I clamped the lever into the vise, applied



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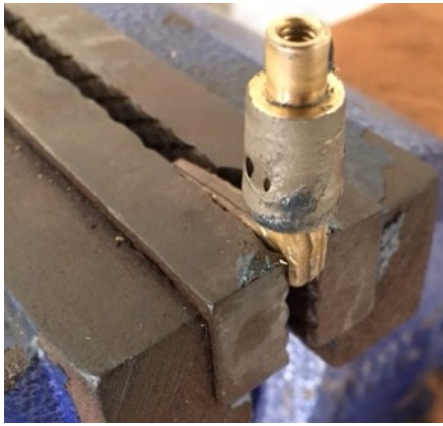
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some fine compound and began working the surfaces together. I would wipe everything off, look it over, then do it again. My twenty-

something grandson Tanner came over and was watching the operation. After the third time of lapping the surfaces, they finally were smooth.

Now it was time to clean the pieces up and reassemble the valve. That abrasive stuff was in every nook and cranny. I was in the



kitchen using Q-tips, toothpicks, soap and water at the kitchen sink; everything I could think of. I didn't want to get any of that abrasive into my engine. As I puzzled and struggled with the clean up Tanner said, "DUH Grandpa, why not put everything in the dishwasher and let that do the cleaning."

OK, that's my Millennial grandson ONE, and Grandpa who did not look under his nose and see the dishwasher ZERO.



PS: The valve went together easily and is now installed, where it should be, on my 1921 Center Door.

2019 Events

Saturday July 6th - Bombshells Car Show
13965 South Fwy, Pearland, Texas 77584 PTSD & Suicide Awareness for Active Military & Veterans in honor of Iwayne V. Hobson III. Call 832-276-8804

Sunday July 7th - Dubina Church Picnic, starts about 9am. Rita (979) 743-6561

Sunday August 11 - Weimer Veterans Park starts about 10am. Rita (979) 743-6561

MTFCA 2019 National Tour #2 Highland Rim Tour
Cookeville, TN **August 17 - 22, 2019**. Come join us in Tennessee for an unforgettable tour of the scenic backroads traversing the Highland Rim of the Upper Cumberland Plateau. Host hotel: Country Inn and Suites, 1151 South Jefferson Avenue Cookeville, TN 38506 \$89-\$119 Rate; specify Model T. Reservations: 931-525-5668 Registration limited to the first 150 cars. Now, y'all plan on visiting us in Tennessee this year! No foolin'!

Saturday Sep. 7th - 10AM - 4PM - 3rd Annual Ride To Rosenberg in beautiful Old Downtown Rosenberg. Hosted by Rosenberg Arts Alliance. Renee Butler 281-232-2999

Wednesday Oct 9th - Saturday Oct 12th - 42nd Annual Texas T Party in Brenham, TX

Saturday Oct. 19th - 9AM - 3PM - 4th Annual Fulshear Police Foundation Benefit Car Show at the Fulshear PD at 29255 FM 359 hosted by Westenders Car Club. Contact Bill Heede 847-980--7246

Saturday Oct. 19th - La Grange Czech Heritage Center - 10am. Rita (979) 743-6561

Saturday Oct. 19th - Needville Harvest Festival with Car Show needvilleharvestfest.org

Sunday Dec. 8th - Space City T's of Houston Christmas Banquet - 5pm. Dave 713-299-3059

Thanks, Dave Lucas
SCMT Club President 2018/2019
713-299-3059 mobile

Week End Road Trip

by Dave Lucas

Well we decided to take a weekend road trip and flew to Dearborn Michigan to see the Henry Ford museum, Greenfield Village, Ford Piquette Ave plant and the River Rouge plant. What a great trip that words and pictures can not do justice to. It is simply something you should see for yourself. There is so much history, so many artifacts, too many displays and items, and it is very difficult to find a place to start. Cars, trains, airplanes, machinery, and so much to see you should make a trip and just say WOW.

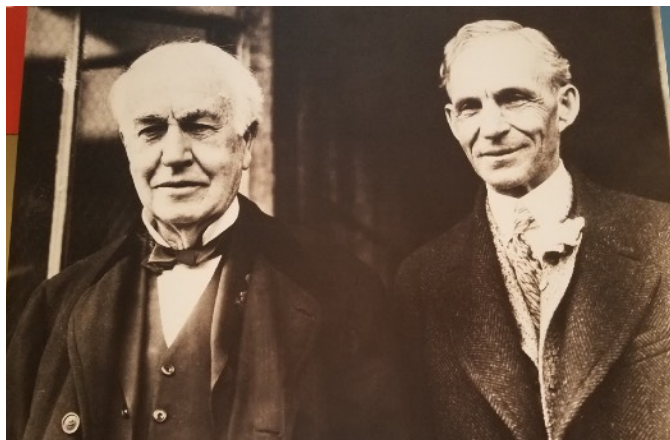


Henry Ford build the museum in the early 30's and made a call for anything and everything of any significance to be sent



there for display. Since then all things have been restored and it's just a beautiful site to see what the industrial revolution was about. From the chair that Abraham Lincoln was sitting in when he was shot in the Ford theater, to

wood burning stoves used to cook and heat homes. There was the boyhood home of Henry Ford and the farm of Harvey Firestone in operation. Thomas Edison's Menlow Park where he did his work



inventing over 1000 items. Wilbur and Orville Wright's boyhood home and shop where they worked on their airplane as well as their bicycle shop. So many interesting and historic artifacts that it boggles the mind. Henry Fords mansion (Fairlane) was in restoration so all we could do was walk the grounds outside and peer in the windows and wow what a beautiful place. Henry's first automobile (The Quadricycle) was on display as well as many other cars and stagecoaches and buggies of all makes.



Just a great place to go see some unique cars, tools, machines, trains, industrial equipment and all things invented during the late 1800's to early 1900's all beautifully restored. It's a place you need to put on your bucket list.

WILLIE KUNZ CORDES

May 13, 1942 - May 8, 2019

Willie was born at home in Freyburg on May 13, 1942 to Kunz Cordes and Elizabeth (Knesek) Cordes. He was in the last class of the old Freyburg School before it closed for good in 1954. He then finished his schooling in Schulenburg graduating in the class of 1960. After that, he moved to Houston and joined the U. S. Coast Guard. He served most of his military time on Marcus Island in the Pacific, several hundred miles from Japan. After the military he again lived in Houston and worked for a time for both NASA and Schlumberger before making a final job move to F.W. Murphy Co where he retired in 2008. Willie frequently traveled in connection with his job and over the years, he worked in Argentina and Australia, Egypt, Europe, Brazil, Columbia, Japan and several other countries. He also saw most all of the U.S. and especially the Texas oil and gas fields.

He met GayNell Rogers in 1974 and they married in 1979. Two sons followed quickly, and in time, they began helping him with the farm work. In 1975 Willie restored his father's 1924 Model T one ton truck that was bought new at the Ford Dealership in Flatonina. His father and uncles owned the Cordes Brothers Cotton Gin in Freyburg and a truck was needed to haul wood for the gin as well as hauling the cotton bales to the railhead. He finished the truck restoration just in time for the United States Bicentennial in 1976. He and GayNell enjoyed riding in the ton truck in the many parades around the county. Willie could often be seen on weekends driving an old Model T, usually with the family or sometimes with only two little boys in the back seat. One of his joys was taking an old Model T to one of the local church picnics and spending time talking to the folks who would stop to look at it. Some of the old timers even told him a thing or two that he didn't already know about the old Fords! Willie taught his sons how to drive the antiques using that same old 1924 Ton Truck and as each turned 16, he helped each one build his own Model T Ford. Family vacations usually included a Model T as they trailered a T to many states in order to drive the countryside along with other like minded folks on pre-planned routes and stops at places of interest. They saw all the Civil War

battlefields of Gettysburg, Antietam, Harper's Ferry including museums while on a T tour in Maryland. They went to South Dakota and drove Model Ts to Mt. Rushmore, and the unfinished Crazy Horse statue. They experienced the Tetons and Jackson Hole WY and drove the Ts into Yellowstone National Park, staying 3 nights inside the park. They even drove a tour into Calgary Canada and up to Banff National Park one year. Willie thoroughly enjoyed these trips not only for the joy of driving around in an old car for a week but also being able to see so many other old T Model Fords of different years and body styles.

Willie worked weekends on the family farm beginning in 1965 when his father died. He continued that practice while working and living in Houston, getting some outside help with hay baling and cattle selling but he would tackle most other farm jobs by himself until his sons were old enough to assist him. When he retired in 2008, Willie basically moved back to the farm, spending less and less time in Houston. The farm was where he was content and happy and until his health started failing, he was active at his own pace, not having to hurry to do anything. The last several years were the hardest for him and hard for his family to watch this once robust mountain of a man, strong as an ox and steady as a rock, slowly decline as his enemy cancer ravaged his body.

Willie died on May 8, 2019 in an Austin Hospital with all his family around him. Schwenke Baumgarten provided a non traditional service on May 11, 2019. Willie would have approved. He was buried in the old Freiburg Cemetery in the Freyburg Community.

Willie is survived by his wife of 39 years, sons Jeff Alan Cordes and Luke Edward Cordes and one sister, Irene Cordes Danner. He also leaves behind many cousins and friends.



The procession to the cemetery was led by the traditional hearse but following directly behind was a string of 8 Model T Fords and one Model A Ford, all driven by friends from different car clubs that Willie belonged to. About a half mile from the grave site, Willie's sons and pallbearers transferred his casket from the hearse to the bed of his old 1924 Ton Truck for a last ride in his first Model T. Willie would have approved of that too.



Pallbearers were Patrick Prihoda, Ronny Willis, Rodney Schilhab, Fred Mills, Brinson Burks and Austin Payne, all friends. Honorary Pallbearers were Herbert Cordes and Leroy Knesek, both cousins, Edward Stoever and Mike Noe, longtime family friends and Van Prihoda, Koi Prihoda and Cameron Schilhab, special young men to Willie.

Sophie mentioned at our Space City T's of Houston June meeting, that she would like to give Don's Space City T's jacket to anyone that would like to have it. See below light blue, satin club jacket, that is size medium. It has the Space City T's of Houston club logo on the back and front, as well as, the word "Don".

Please contact Sophie at 713-695-1228



BETTY ANNE (LINDLEY) DOCKERY

FEBRUARY 20, 1939 - JUNE 20, 2019

Betty Anne (Lindley) Dockery, 80, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at her home in Sugar Land, Texas. Betty Anne was born on February 20, 1939 in Sheldon, MO to Warren and Hazle (Devenny) Lindley. She married Calvin Dean Dockery in 1959, and together they celebrated 60 years together.

Betty Anne was raised in Sheldon and graduated from Sheldon High as Valedictorian for the Class of 1957. Later in life she lived in many exotic places such as England, Singapore, Korea, and China.

She and Dean retired in the Houston area in 1999. Betty Anne loved art, travel, and the Houston Rockets basketball team.

She is survived by her husband Dean, three children, Ladeana Anne (DeAnne) Dockery of Wichita, KS, Susan Norris and her husband Peter of Houston, TX, and Stephen Dockery and his wife Melissa of Wichita, KS; three grandchildren, Amy Norris and husband Josh Lichtenstein, Samantha Dockery, and Joshua Soutiere.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers (Howard, Clinton, and Bob Lindley), and two sisters (Beth Lamphier and Lurline Ford).



May 2014 Frio Canyon Tour photo



42st Texas "T" Party
Oct 9 - Oct. 12, 2019
Brenham, Texas

Registration Form
Please Return Completed Form and Payment by August 31, 2019

Registrant Driver's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone #: _____

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T Year/Model: _____ Model T Club: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

List Adult Passenger Names below: _____ List Youth Passengers below (12 and younger): _____

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Registration Fee	#	Fee	Total
Car & Driver	1	\$175	___\$175__
Adult Passengers	___	\$150	_____
Youth Passengers (12 and under)	___	\$ 0	_____
Extra Photo	___	\$ 12	_____
Extra Tour Book	___	\$ 12	_____
Dangles	___	\$ 2	_____

Total Enclosed and due by August 31, 2019 **\$** _____

Guest Tickets: Call for single day prices. If participating more than one day, full registration is required.

Refund Policy: If your plans change after you register, we will do our best to accommodate cancellations. However, many of our vendors base their pricing on a guaranteed minimum. We will make a full refund if you cancel by July 31, 2019. Refunds for cancellations after August 1, 2019, will be made on a prorated basis with funds available after the final accounting audit.

The SPACE CITY T'S of Houston is a chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America and is a club interested in the preservation of Model T's. Many hours have gone into hosting this event. **Registrants, by signing this registration form, agree to indemnify and hold THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston and each of its members harmless from all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of negligence of the Registrant, his agents or employees or passengers, and/or the ordinary negligence of THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston or any of its members.** Registrant also certifies that his/her car is in road-worthy condition and meets all requirements of the registered state.

 Registrant Signature

 Date

Make check's payable to: **SPACE CITY T'S** and mail to:

Dave Lucas 2115 County Road 160 Alvin Texas, 77511 or call and leave message at 713-299-3059

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Calendar of Events

Jul 6	Bombshells Car Show
Jul 7	Dubina Church Picnic
Jul 17	SCT Meeting
Aug 11	Weimer Veterans Park
Aug 17-22	MTFCA National Tour #2
Sep 7	Ride To Rosenberg
Sep 13-15	Southwest Swap Meet Texas Motor Speedway
Oct 9-12	2019 Brenham T Party
Oct 19	Needville Harvest Festival Car Show
Oct 19	La Grange Czech Heritage Center
Oct 19	Fulshear Police Car Show
Dec 8	Christmas Banquet

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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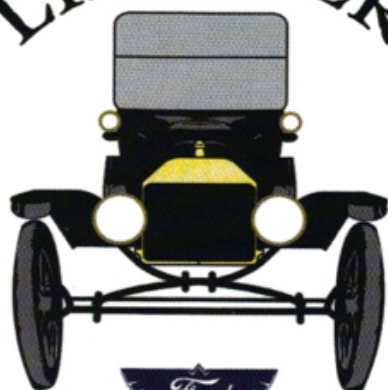
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FLIVVER FLASH INPUTS NEEDED

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

Delayed to July 17, 2019



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

located at

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

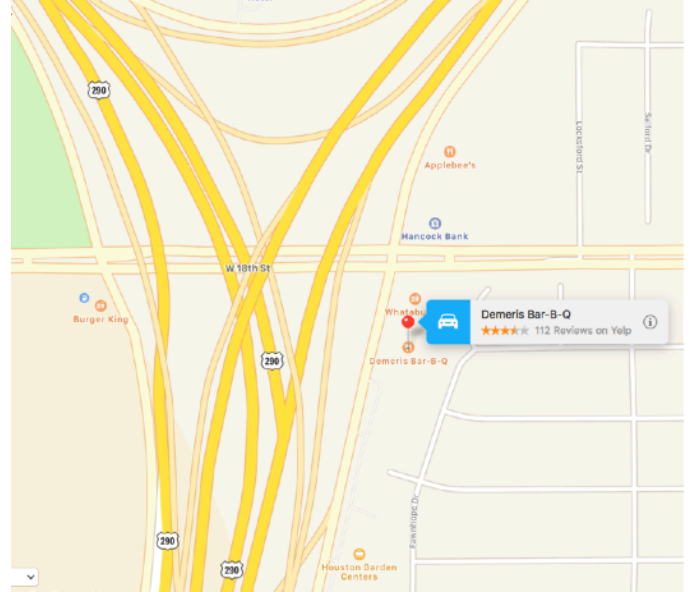
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

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

Website: www.spacecityts.org

Email: modelt@spacecityts.org

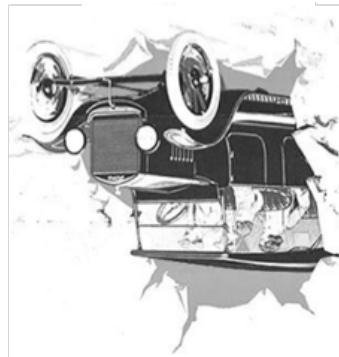


Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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