

# The Flivver Flash

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

## Model T Sighting At Buc-ee's

by Jim Davis

I was on the way back from Austin and saw this shiny black Model T on a new trailer, both with new paper license plates from Texas Motor Company. It pulled into the Buc-ee's in Waller, on June 20th, on my way back from visiting my son in Austin. I couldn't find the driver, but a passenger showed up before I left with my chopped beef sandwich and my wife's coconut pie dessert. (The pie was a payoff! It's amazing how a little dessert can help keep you out of the dog house with your spouse!)

The passenger said they had just picked up the Model T, and they were headed for South Houston. This was his first Model T and they intended to get a second one. I identified myself as a Space City T's club member and invited him to Google search for the club and the MTFCA. I also offered

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the services of myself and the club to help him get started.



Before the passenger showed up, a guy in the next lane at the gas pumps came over with his cell phone camera wanting me to take pictures of him next to the Model T. He didn't speak much English, but I got the

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idea, and took several photos in front, in back and on the side of the Model T. I wish the owner had showed up before I had to leave, but maybe he will contact the club.



You just never know. Jim

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## First Gas Station

by Denny Irvine

Here is a YouTube [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsGrFYD5Nfs) of the first case of anyone buying "gasoline" at the start of the auto industry. It's where the legend started about the first filling stations originally being drug stores. Of course, it's all about the music, so turn up the volume and watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsGrFYD5Nfs>

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## Texas T Party 2020 - Update

by Hugh Hemphill

Folks, please read below a letter from Texas T Party 2020 Chairman, Daniel Bratcher with an outline of how things are looking for the T party this year. On top of all the usual considerations, the COVID-19 situation has added a lot of extra complications.

Sometimes it helps to cut through the fog by relying on numbers, so here's how things stand, as of July 1st, in as concrete a set of terms as we have at this time.

1. All the members of the planning committee want to proceed with the event. We believe we can put on a tour that is socially responsible and won't endanger the participants or ourselves. Some things may have to be different, such as social distancing at the banquet, to avoid having people sit together in one room for several hours.
2. People participating will be expected to act – as they always have at such tours – with maximum respect for each other. Whatever COVID-19 recommendations apply from the various levels of government will be followed. If someone has a problem with this they should stay home.
3. If there is another statewide "stay-at-home" order issued, the event will have to be postponed.
4. So far, 90 rooms have been reserved at the main hotel and a couple of the hotels nearby. Only two cancellations have been made so far.

5. So far, 40 people have paid the registration fee. If we don't have at least 65 paid registrations by the end of August, there will be no choice but to postpone the event until 2021. Please let me know (see my contact info below) if you plan to participate or if you have decided to sit this year out. This information will help the committee determine the level of enthusiasm for the tour at this late stage.

A whole bunch of new information has been added to the T Party web page. New activities are always being added. Information about where to park trailers and RVs has also been added. Here is the link: <https://www.txtransportationmuseum.org/samodelt.com/texas-t-party-2020.php>

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## **2020 TEXAS T PARTY TEMPLE, TX - Outline**

by Daniel Bratcher

Greetings everyone. Thank you for your patience as you waited to hear what the 2020 Texas T Party committee has planned for this year. Before I go too far into the details, let me just say it has been an unusual challenge to plan this year's T Party. DISCLAIMER: with the COVID-19 pandemic, no one knows for sure what will happen in the next 90 days. The committee has been pushing ahead as if we will be in Temple in October. Cancellation is an option based on current conditions as we approach the T

Party date. So what's the "TENTATIVE" plan? Let me tell you.

### Wednesday, September 30th:

There will be a short local tour driven around Temple itself in the late afternoon. This tour will end up at a planned evening casual social gathering at a restaurant called the [Dead Fish Grill](#). It has a beautiful view overlooking [Lake Belton](#), near the dam. The food from a limited menu will be provided. There is a cash bar for those who wish to enjoy an adult beverage. We will arrive in the late afternoon. I encourage everyone to plan to drive their T's to this event. There should be good daylight to return back to the hotel before it gets dark even if you do not have working headlights on your T. This location is only 10 miles from the hotel so it will make a good warm up run for you.

### Thursday, October 1st:

We will head 45 miles to the [Heritage Farm](#) near Waco. We will be having lunch and taking the individual tour pictures at the old time water mill location. The Heritage Farm folks will greet us with doughnuts and coffee as we arrive. After you get your photo taken, you are invited to visit the various working shops. I say working because they have goods for sale and you can see how items are crafted. You can watch them spin the clay and form it into the pottery they offer for sale. The same goes for the fabric shop. Watch as they spin the cotton and wool – all locally grown - into thread and yarn and weave it into fabric and

purchase the clothing and other items they have designed themselves. Watch as the blacksmith make his products, and the woodworkers building their furniture and other items from logs they mill into boards right in front of you, just to mention a few of the areas to visit. When you have seen everything at the Heritage Farm you can go into Waco to visit the [“Fixer-Upper” HGTV](#) famous Chip and Joanna's Gaines Magnolia Store at the [“Silos”](#). The [Dr. Pepper Museum](#) is literally just around the corner, and the [Texas Ranger Museum](#) is just blocks away. Then make your way back to the hotel.

#### Friday October 2nd:

We will spend this day driving 35 mile back roads to [Rosebud, Texas](#). We will see some very pretty roads and enjoy driving and stopping in various small towns along the way. Lunch will be catered at a location yet to be determined. In the evening, we have been invited to participate in Rosebud's "[First Friday](#)" activities. All the streets near the court house will be closed to traffic except for our Model Ts. Tour participants may take part at no cost. There will be all kinds of activities: craft booths, history tours, music and food trucks.

#### Saturday October 3rd:

Today we will start out participating in the family day at the [Temple Railroad Museum](#). They are expecting 200 families to attend. We think you will find the Museum interesting and since it is family day, we can possibly introduce some



youngsters to our hobby and just maybe get some interested in our Model Ts. We will be at the museum for about 2 hours then move on to the [Texas Early Day Tractor & Engine Show](#).



At this point we are planning on y'all getting your own lunches from the food trucks and other vendors at the show. (If tractor show is cancelled then [Mother Neff State Park](#).) Following the Early Day Engine Show we will head out for a drive through the county and return to the hotel to get ready for a 'socially-distanced' banquet.

#### Sunday, October 4th:

Say our goodbyes at breakfast and head home. Hope you enjoyed this years T Party. See you next year. Daniel

# Texas T Party 2020

## Temple, Texas

### September 30 - October 3



Welcome to the [2020 Texas T Party website](#), the 4 day event will be held in Temple, Texas. Please click on the following link to fill out and mail your [Registration Form](#).

Like all good T parties there will be plenty of tours and activities. We look forward to providing all the details including an overview of daily activities in due course. One thing we are definitely planning to do is attend the Texas Early Day Tractor and Engine Show on Saturday October 3.

The 2020 Texas T party will be based at the **Hilton Garden Inn**, located in the medical center area of the Temple Medical Center. A special "T Party Tour Rate" of **\$100** per night has been negotiated for tour participants. The hotel is committed to providing 80 of their 130 rooms at this rate. It may go over this quota depending on demand from other customers, so act quickly. The hotel is pet friendly but does require a \$50 non-refundable deposit.

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
1749 Scott Blvd.  
Temple, TX 76504  
(254) 773-0200

**Please Note:** No secondary hotel has been reserved at this time. Due to space limitations at the Hilton, all tour participants are requested to park their trailers at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center at 3303 N. 3rd Street, Temple TX 76501. This is located five miles from the hotel. Information about the best route for Model Ts between the two locations will be provided in due course. Parking for trailers is free and the convention center provides 24 hour security at this location. RVs may also use the convention center, at \$15 a night, or find another location themselves. There are electrical hook-ups available, and fresh, clean water. Please note the convention center does not have facilities for the disposal of "grey water" and septic tank material.

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43rd Texas "T" Party  
 Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 2020  
 Temple, Texas



**Registration Form**  
**Please Return Completed Form and Payment by August 31, 2020**

Registrant Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 T Year/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Model T Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ List Adult Passenger Names Below: \_\_\_\_\_ List Youth Passengers Below: (12 and younger) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Trailering Your Model T to Host City?  Distance? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you Driver your Model T to Host City?  Distance? \_\_\_\_\_  
 In case of Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee	Quantity	Fee	Total
Car & Driver	1	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
Adult Passengers		\$ 165.00	\$ 0.00
Youth Passengers (12 and under)		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Extra Photo		\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00
Extra Tour Book		\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00
Dangles		\$ 3.00	\$ 0.00

**Total Enclosed and Due by August 31, 2020 \$ 190.00**

**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.

**Photography and videography will be taken on the Annual Texas T Party tour. By virtue of your registration, you consent to the use of images and/or videos of yourself and your family members/guest by the Texas T Party and distribution to any publications.**

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:  
 Michael Mackechney, 2818 Cork Cove, San Antonio TX 78230. If you have any questions, you may call and leave message at (210) 215-5881 or ask questions via e-mail at: mmackechney@gmail.com

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**2020 Space City Club Officers and Board Members**

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**Officer Nominations Wanted**

Please communicate your 2021 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at (713) 299-3059 or [daverlucas@yahoo.com](mailto:daverlucas@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

**New Members Wanted**

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#) and view our club future and past Model T Ford events and activities.

If interested, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to:

**Space City T's**

Please mail your information and check to the Treasurer at:

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

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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 Richmond, IN 47375-0996  
 Phone: 765-855-5248

Email: [susan@mtfca.com](mailto:susan@mtfca.com)

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

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

**For Sale: Bubble Room**

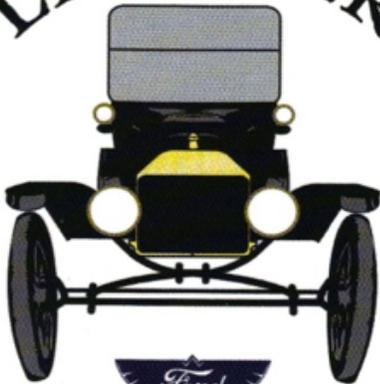


2 year old complete, custom made, tall, self supporting bubble room for storing your Model T clean and dry. 8 inch tubes have a pump to keep a constant pressure to support the structure as needed. A fan provides low contact pressure constant flow of filtered air.. Note: Too tall for an 8 foot ceiling room.

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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)

# Next Meeting Cancelled

**August 12, 2020**



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

**located at**

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

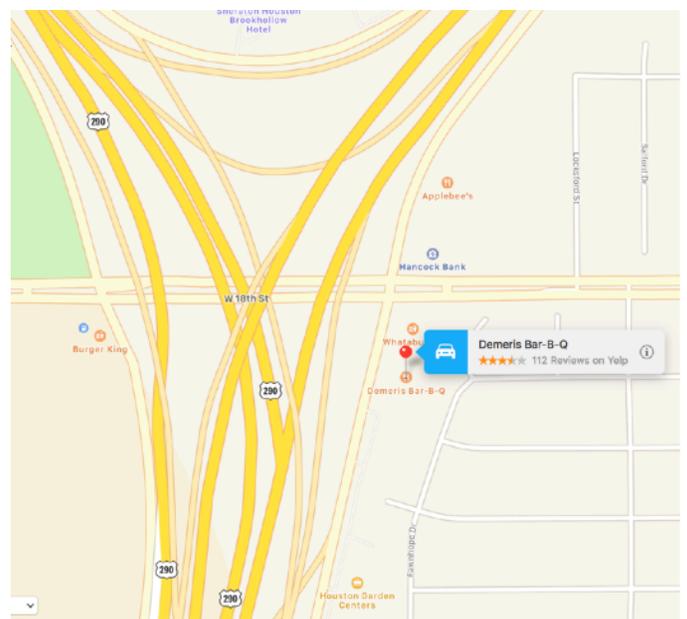
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

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

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

**Email: [modelt@spacecityts.org](mailto:modelt@spacecityts.org)**

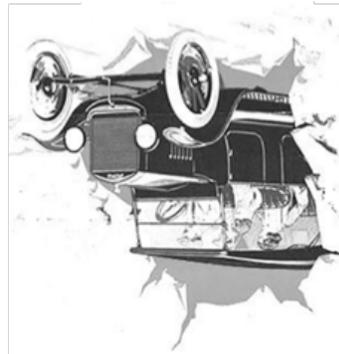


## Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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