

# The Flivver Flash

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

## MORE OIL, PLEASE

by Bill Severn

Everyone is probably familiar with the outside oil line that takes oil from the Magneto connection at the top of the Hogs Head and sends it on to the number one bearing. I have one on my 1916 Touring car. I am told that it does not transfer very much oil. I don't know if that's true, but any oil added up there is a plus.



OUTSIDE OIL LINE

The 1916 engine in my touring car is an earlier engine, and improvements were made in later years. The original internal oil

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line that I found in the engine had a very small funnel, that obviously caught only a small amount of oil. You can see in this blown up picture how small the funnel was.

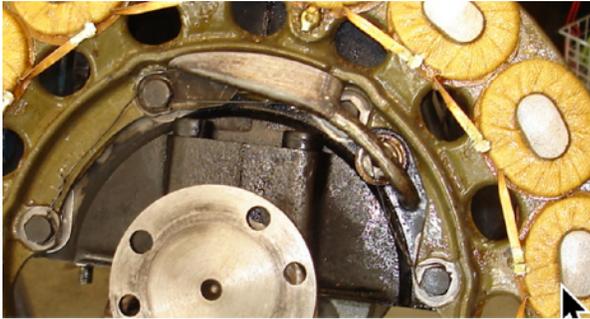


EARLY INTERNAL OIL LINE FROM 1916 ENGINE

FORD recognized this shortcoming and designed an oil line with a much larger funnel. I don't know in what year the

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change occurred, but before I put my engine back together, I went looking for the larger one. I probably bought it from Bob's Antique Auto Parts, but I got a good one and put it in my 1916 engine, shown below. Oil flow had to increase with that larger funnel!



LATER LARGE FUNNEL INSIDE OIL LINE

As I was reassembling my engine, I read something about an accessory inside oil line. It is a line that installs inside the oil pan, has a catch-funnel near the flywheel and a line running forward to the number

one bearing. I think I found it listed in Lang's catalog. They sell an accessory line for both the driver's side and the passenger side of the oil pan. For some reason, I only bought the one for the driver's side.



ACCESSORY INSIDE OIL LINE (DRIVER'S SIDE)

With the three oil lines in my engine, I feel comfortable that the number one bearing area is getting the oil that it needs. The next time you tear into your engine, you might consider adding one or two Accessory Inside Oil Lines.

### MOTOR WELL – STAY SAFE

## Ford Motor Company in South America

by Alan Fairclough

Ford Motor Company began operations in Chile on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1924 with George Matray as general manager. The offices were strategically opened close to Santiago's main railroad terminal.

At that time Ford started assembling Model Ts in the only color available (black), The kits arrived as CKD kits, "completely knocked down". They arrived by ship at the port of Valparaiso, then by train to Santiago directly into the assembly plant.

Only four years later, in 1928, Ford started assembling Model A cars that were sold by 23 dealerships spread up and down the country.

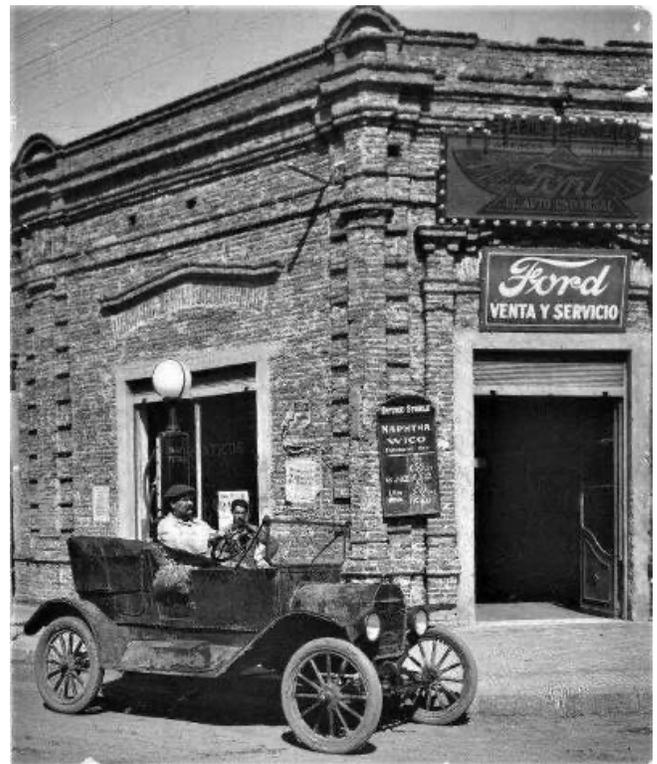
During World War II Ford discontinued shipments to Chile The Chilean assembly plant survived thanks to the demand of service and spare parts and the large number of customers that depended on the cars for mobility. Due to this brief history, there are very few surviving Model Ts in Chile and those that are around are ridiculously expensive and far from original.

In neighboring Argentina, on the other hand, Model T's were manufactured since early on with many parts being manufactured in Argentina for export to Ford in USA. The Model T started out as a right-hand drive because the few cars on the road at the time drove according to the British traffic pattern which was changed eventually around 1927 to left hand drive. Railcars and horse driven traffic used the middle of the road so cars set the standard for right of way. Consequently, the Model T's there are right hand drive while the

Model A's are left hand drive. The Model T's had to switch to the left side of the road.



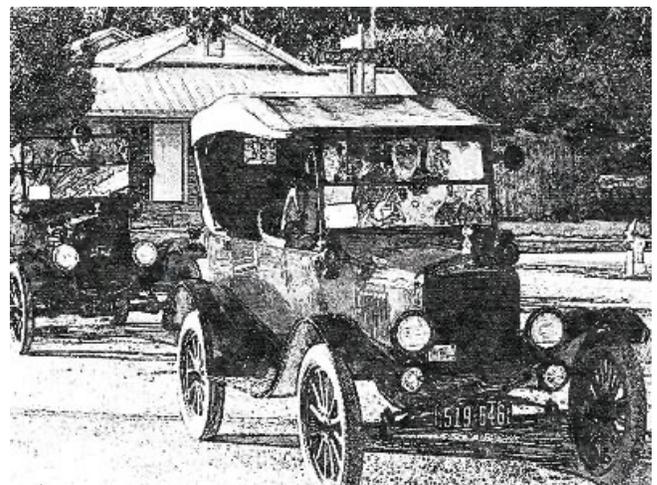
The photo above was the dealer in General Pico, in the La Pampa Province, Argentina, where there are wide expanses in the middle of the country. He built this vehicle as a publicity stunt to attract customers and would parade it around the city to draw attention.



This dealership above was in Santa Cruz, Chile way down south in Patagonia. The dealer was Eloy DelVal in 1925.



The photo above was the Buenos Aires, Argentina dealership and mechanical service shop.



Do not be fooled by this photo above. It is actually circa 2018 when Stephanie and I participated in a parade with Amelia.

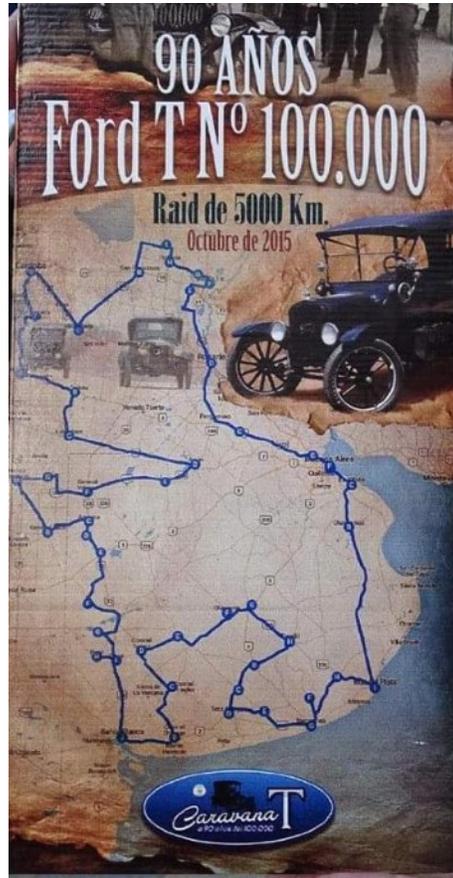
Argentina has a strong model T club located in Cordoba City in the center of the country called PRIMER CLUB FORD T DE ARGENTINA.



The above photo is of one of the Argentina club conventions where the cars were parked overnight in a borrowed warehouse to avoid tempting the abundant “friends of other people’s shiny things”. They have membership in the thousands and a Facebook online club with plenty of pictures, swap & sale items and more.

I found the following poster commemorating a rally of 5000 Km. around Argentina back in 2015 by Ford serial number 100,000. This did not follow the back roads, it was mostly highway driving.

I would like to find out more about this rally.



## SEQUESTERED SPEEDSTER

by Bobby Wright

First, I must say that I hate being sequestered by a virus, especially one that I can't see, when there is no good prevention available. I miss car shows, T club meetings, and dancehalls. Most of all, I miss people. Face to face meetings for church, coffee, or no real reason at all, other than to spend time together. And, I will not lie. I miss my grandkids more than any of y'all, but I miss y'all too. Heck, I miss going to the hardware store, the auto parts store, Tractor Supply, Home Depot and even HEB. I have learned to Zoom meet and shop online, then pick up without even getting out of my vehicle. My yard looks great, but I am so ready for something a bit more normal.

The local Fire Department asked me to restore a 1909 hand pulled Chemical Cart Fire Apparatus, so I am doing that. While waiting for wooden wheels to be done by Texas Wagon Works in Gonzales, I looked around and said,

what else can I do? I found a 20s'-something frame in the barn. I had a spare brass radiator in the garage attic. I also had a high dollar rebuilt engine that I took out of my C Cab TT before I sold it. Here and there, I found just about everything else I needed to build a Speedster, even Model T wire wheels that I didn't remember having, plus a K.C. Warford auxiliary transmission and auxiliary brakes. Just what I needed – another vehicle! Heck, I just sold one to make room. Why does this happen? The good news is that my wife air-conditioned my shop so I can build the Speedster in a cool shop. This is working out just great. Got most of the parts. Got time. Go for it.

My plan is to make this Brass Era Speedster mostly looking like a 1915. It seemed logical since I have two other 1915's for garage mates. The reality is that it is a FrankenT made from various years' parts. I also made it red to match my Fire Truck. I took the 1909 Fire Apparatus to the powder coater so the frame,

wheels and other parts got sand blasted and powder coated. I have started bolting things together. I am not finished, but I am getting there. I have included some pictures to show the progress to date. In the future I hope to show you the finished product.



# 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 our 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** that the hotel parking lot only has room for our Model Ts and modern cars but not trucks and trailers. We are working diligently to obtain permission to use space close to the hotel. Information on this topic will be provided as soon as possible. No secondary hotel has been reserved at this time. Information on a second hotel may be added at a later date, depending on the need. Information about places to park an RV will be provided.

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**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:

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**For Sale: Bubble Room**

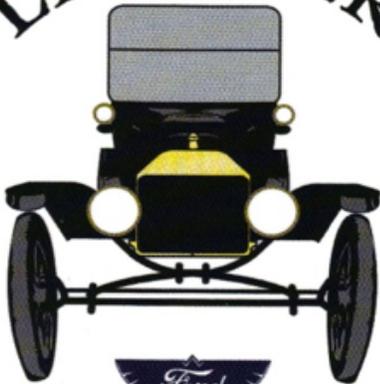


2 year old complete, custom made, tall, self supporting bubble room for storing your Model T clean and dry. 8 inch tubes have a pump to keep a constant pressure to support the structure as needed. A fan provides low contact pressure constant flow of filtered air.. Note: Too tall for an 8 foot ceiling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

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Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: [topkick7@outlook.com](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)

# Next Meeting Cancelled

**July 8, 2020**



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

**located at**

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

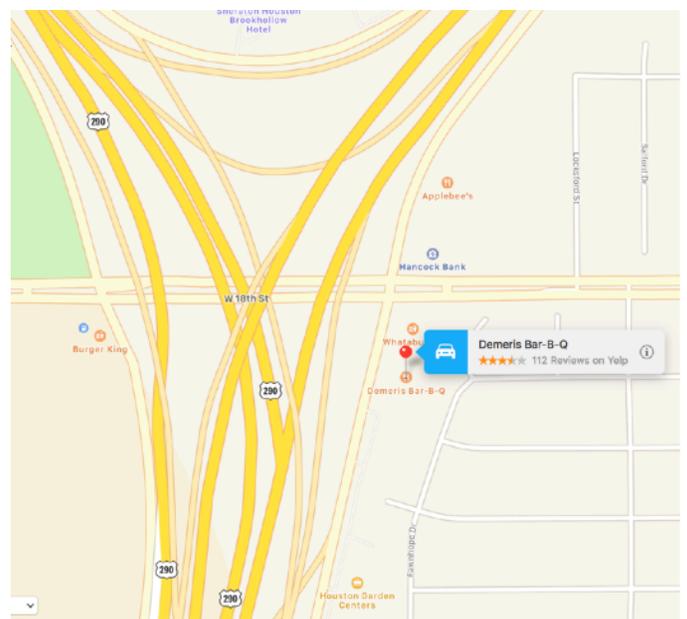
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

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

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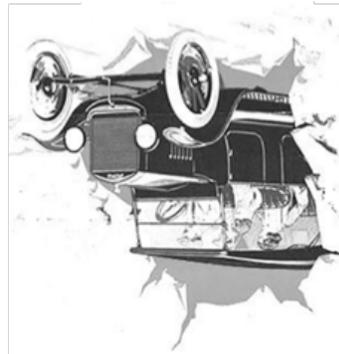


## Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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