

The Flivver Flash

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

Greetings from Florida

by Jerry and Nancy Smith

The Tin Lizzie Club of North Central Florida hosted a wonderful tour in Gainesville, based at the Gateway Grand Hotel. We had five wonderful days of cruising around the Gainesville area.



Day 1 found us with quite a few stops to make, beginning at Dudley Farm Historic State Park. The Dudley Farm, built in the 1880s, housed a family of 14 (8 girls and 4 boys). It was comprised of a separate kitchen, dairy shed, canning house, smoke house, sweet potato cellar and the syrup house complex, along with areas for crops, pastures and flowers .



The Smith's and Lilleker's enjoying the tour.

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The Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park is comprised of 66 acres with 10 distinct communities. The exposed slopes of the sink offer evidence of Florida over the past 20 million years. The sinkhole is 120 feet deep and 500 feet across with 232 stairs to climb if you want to get to the bottom.

Last stop of the day was the Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo. Many of the students, with hopes of being zoo keepers, were there to explain the different animal they care for and the different projects they are working.



Opening banquet tonight came with a chance to meet new people and visit with old friends.

Day 2 took us to the Kanapaha Gardens. The name is derived from two Native Timuqua words that mean palmetto leaves and house. It's comprised of 62 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens with over 20 specialty gardens including the largest Herb Garden in the southeastern USA and the largest public collection of bamboo in

Florida. It is very popular as a wedding venue.

Next stop was the Florida Natural History Museum and the Butterfly Rain Forest. We took a look at Florida fossils, an evolution of life and land in Florida, and into our energy future. We saw how they navigated the Northeast Florida Waterways and Wildlife and took a look at South Florida native people and environments. The Butterfly Rainforest was visited after lunch, so that the day would be warmer and more butterflies would be flying.



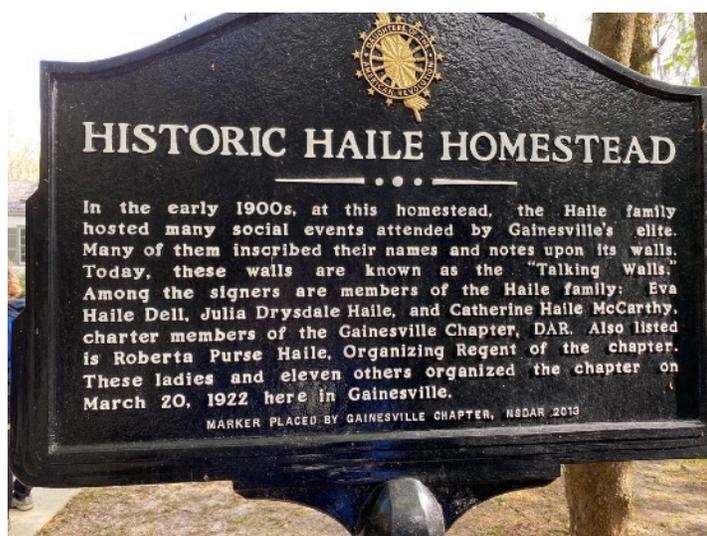
Day 3 saw us in Ginnie Springs Park on the Santa Fe River and the quaint town of Alachua. Ginnie Springs Park has over 250 wooded acres nestled along the banks of the Santa Fe river with 7 crystal-clear freshwater springs. Many people took advantage of the snorkeling, scuba diving, tubing, canoeing, kayaking and much more.

Then on to the town of Alachua. Main Street Alachua, also known as the historic downtown district is a hidden gem with Bradford pear trees and historic lampposts lining the streets. A lovely day to stroll through shops and have lunch at the

Conestoga Restaurant. Tonight was the ice cream social and auction.



Day 4 took us to Big Cats and Food! Our first stop was at Carson Springs Wildlife Sanctuary, a private organization with many big cats and other exotic animals. This was a walking tour, and no pets were allowed as they would look like mighty tasty cat food. Next stop was the Institute of Culinary Arts at East Side High School. The students do it all. Everything was delicious.



Day 5 was a relaxing drive in the country. We went through several small

towns, drove on some dirt roads - one a portion of the First Federal US road built in FL in 1824. It connected St. Augustine with Pensacola to the west. Lunch was at the Great Outdoors Restaurant in the town of High Springs. We wrapped up our tour that night with a great dinner at the hotel.

Next year's tour will return to Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida headquartered at the beautiful Mission Inn and Resort.

2020 Calendar of Events

BURTON COTTON GIN FESTIVAL - Saturday, April 18, 2020 - CANCELLED. This festival benefits, and celebrates the Oldest Operating Cotton Gin in America, in Burton, just off Hwy 290. For more information, please call 979-289-3378

www.texascottonginmuseum.org. Jerry Davis at 281-451-9949 has offered his farm as a gathering spot for trailers and vehicles then tour 6 miles or so to the all-day festival.

Saturday May 23 TBD - The Annual Danny Dietz Memorial Event Car Show will be Saturday May 23rd at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds at 4310 TX-36, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Call Tom Koppa 281-652-6233, tomkoppa@yahoo.com

MTFCA 2020 National Tour, July 18 - 23, 2020 in Spokane, Washington. Hosted by [The Inland Empire Model T Club](#). Contact Matt Hansen at (509) 998-9927 or at gbluffcider@yahoo.com

Tom & Patti Strickling and friends welcome you to Tuscarawas "T" County, Ohio, for the [MTFCI's 64th Annual Tour JULY 19-24, 2020](#), IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO. Join us for a week of backroad driving, history, arts, antiques, ICE CREAM, youth activities, and more. For questions, contact Tom Strickling at Ttour2020@yahoo.com

Our Corona Boredom Buster

by Doug Brough

I was off the week of March 16 so I decided it would be fun to take the Model T out for a long drive. Well, things didn't bode well. Not too far from the house the car was cutting out and backfiring so it turned into a short trip and some diagnosing. Turned out to be a clogged fuel line so easily fixed, but too late to do the trip.

This past Sunday, Mar 22, it was still cool out and with the car repaired, time to try again. This time Shelley opted to stay home and be the trouble-truck, if needed. So Michael and I ventured out on a 70 mile tour. We live in Meadows Place (SW side of town) so our route took us down 90, to 99 and finally onto 762. When we got out of town, Michael and I traded places so he could drive.



Our route took us by Brazos Bend State Park where we encountered some rain. Michael quickly learned the wiper was for more than decoration!



Now time for a quick pit stop at 762 and 1462. Yes, those were the prices!



While everyone else was selling gas between \$1.75 and \$1.95, this place was charging \$2.59. We didn't buy much. No Bluebonnets to see, but did see a fair amount of farm land and orange flowers.



After the pit-stop, it was back on the road up to Guy, TX, then working our way back home. On our way home, we ran into another Model T'er (in his modern car) – Will Rice! We crossed paths in old Sugar Land. After 2+ hours of driving, we arrived home safe and sound.



I realize we are now under a "stay at home" order, but when that's lifted, on the next nice day, take a family tour!

Texas T Party 2020

Temple, Texas

September 30 - October 3



Welcome to the [2020 Texas T Party](#), the 4 day event will be held in Temple, Texas. [Registration is available now.](#)

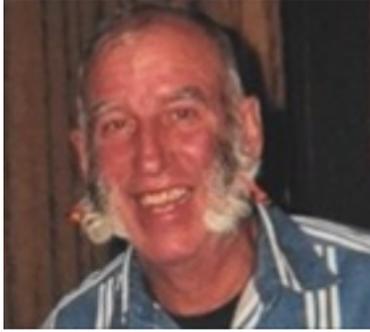
Like all good T parties there will be plenty of tours and activities. We look forward to providing all the details including an overview of daily activities in due course. One thing we are definitely planning to do is attend the Texas Early Day Tractor and Engine Show on Saturday October 3.

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 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 this subject may be added at a later date, depending on the need. Information about places to park an RV will be provided soon.

Mr. Jerry Day Teer passed away on Monday, March 16, 2020 in Nacogdoches. He was born on August 12, 1947 in Teague, Texas. Jerry graduated from high school and enlisted in the



US Army in 1963, where he honorably served our great country until 1968. When he returned home, he joined the Texas Department of Public Safety as a trooper in Harris County. During this time, he met a special lady who stole his heart and on May 15, 1971 he and Nell joined their lives and families as one. Jerry loved Nell completely and without boundaries. He spent every day making sure she and the girls were taken care of. When the hustle and bustle of Houston became too much for them, they moved North to Conroe. It wasn't long until the big city ways made it to them in Conroe. The opportunity to move farther north presented itself and they made their final home in Nacogdoches. Jerry retired from DPS in 1996 and began his retirement years just as he and Nell had planned....working alongside each other on the farm.

Jerry's love of the Model T Ford led him and Nell to travel the nation with their closest friends. The memories they made together were many and will remain some of the best they ever had. However, his favorite thing to do, above all else, was watching the grandkids as they participated in the many sports and various activities. He was their biggest critic and their biggest supporter

and he was the same to their friends and teammates. Jerry was a man of great honor and integrity. He proudly passed on his invaluable traits and strong ethics to his girls and grandchildren. He was so proud of each of them and bragged about them everywhere he went and to everyone who would listen.

Jerry is survived by his best friend and wife of 48 years, Nell Teer; mother, Mary Alice Teer; daughters, Sheri Dodson and husband, Lonnie and LeAnn Goerner and husband, Tim; grandchildren, Dustin Goerner and fiancé, Stephanie Dantimo, Taryn Taylor and husband, Trey, SSgt. Bryan Dodson, USAF, LCpl Scott Dodson, USMC Vet., PO2 Laura Rysted and husband, PO3 David Rysted, USN, Kelly Dodson and Blake Goerner; 4 great grandchildren as well as many other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Bruce Teer and grandson, Peyton Goerner.



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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:

**Jerry Smith
 13723 Llano Lake Court
 Houston, Texas 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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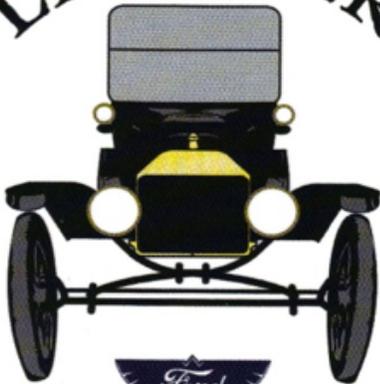


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Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: topkick7@outlook.com

Next Meeting Cancelled

April 8, 2020



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

located at

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

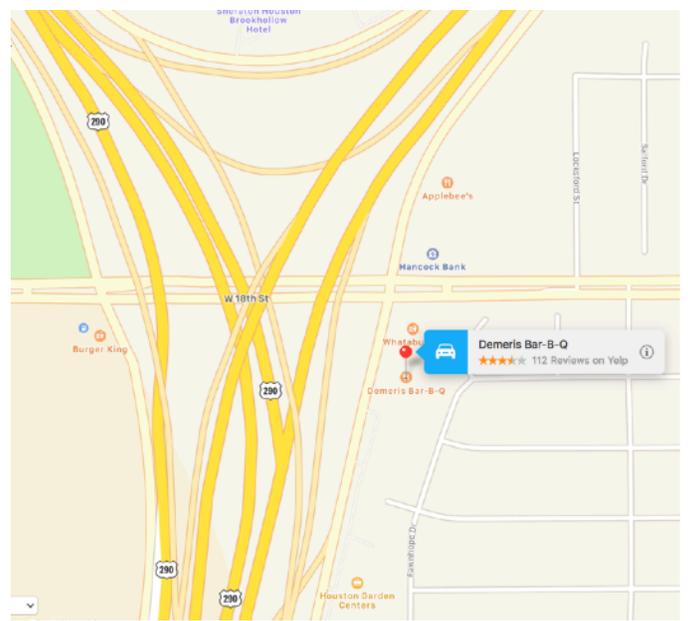
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

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

Website: www.spacecityts.org

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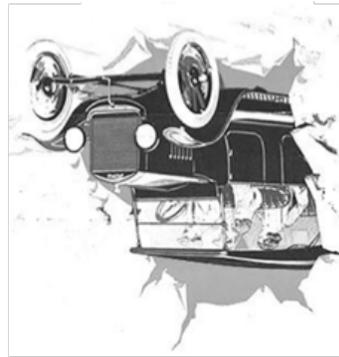


Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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