

# The Flivver Flash

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

## Not Model T, But it IS a Ford: A WW2 Ford Jeep

by Bobby Wright

There are a lot of us that own collector vehicles that are not Model Ts. In my case I have owned classic Fords, early Ford Mustangs, Model As, a few military vehicles and a WW2 GPW Jeep. Currently the only collector vehicle I own, other than Model Ts, is the Jeep.



Now everyone knows Jeeps were made by Willys during WW2 and even after the War, and are still made today, but after WW2 was over

they were no longer made by Ford. When the US went out for bids for a small reconnaissance vehicle, Ford did bid but lost to Willys. During the War, Willys was just too small to keep up with the demand for vehicles. The US went to Ford and offered them the opportunity to build what we now refer to as the Jeep, and Ford agreed. The requirement was that the Ford Jeep had to be an exact copy of the Willys Jeep; parts had to be interchangeable. Ford built somewhere around 212,000 GPW Jeeps for the US during WW2.



I have owned my Ford Jeep for 15 plus years. It has been to various Veterans Day and Memorial Day events plus the Friendswood 4th of July parade most every year. It was purchased from a WW2 veteran in Waskom, Texas, who with his daughter, had restored the vehicle years ago. It features the markings of the 94th Infantry of which he served. In the

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picture you can see the “GOING BACK TO TEXAS” on the panel below the windshield.

On his Jeep in WW2, he painted the same when the War was over and he knew he would be returning to Texas alive.



On a warm Sunday morning in January a local Santa Fe coffee shop (Mugshots) was hosting a Jeep and Java event. The owner asked me to bring my Jeep to “show” alongside the modern Jeeps that were expected to show. In addition to my Jeep, there were about 25 modern Jeeps. Among all those shiny big-tired Jeeps, mine looked rather small, but it drew a lot of interest from the modern Jeep owners. It was a non-Model T day, but it was a fun day!

**For more Space City T's of Houston info:**

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## 31st Annual Cotton Gin Festival Saturday, April 18, 2020

Starts off with Main Street Parade and includes the Children's Bicycle Parade. Family activities and contests (bubble gum blowing, pie eating, seed pulling), Food Booths, Craft Booths, Children's Barnyard, Antique Tractor Show and Pull, Tours of historic 1914 Burton Farmers Gin, Tours of Wehring Shoe Shop and Cotton Warehouse, Folk Life Demonstrations, and Antique Engine Exhibits!

### Key Events and Entertainment Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. Gates open to the public
- 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony & Parade
- 11:30 a.m. Bubble Gum Blowing Contest
- 12:30 p.m. Pie Eating Contest
- 1:00 p.m. Tractor Pull Begins
- 1:30 p.m. Cotton Seed Pulling Contest
- 2:30 p.m. Allison & the Texas Two by Fours
- 3:00 p.m. Ginning of historic cotton bales
- 4:00 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull

For information, please call 979-289-3378 or visit [www.texascottonginmuseum.org](http://www.texascottonginmuseum.org)

For the Space City T's, the staging point would be the Jerry Davis farm which is 6 miles from Burton. The parade is 10:00am so we would need to unload at the farm at say 8:30? Coffee and donuts are TBD. Festival Parking will be provided in Burton. I have 4 cars going, is there any interest in our club members in joining us? The festival coordinator will be asking for a car count so please contact Jerry Davis at [gbdavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbdavis@sbcglobal.net). Hope we have some interest.



## **The Model T Car Enthusiast and Bibliophile's Collection**

by Debbie Marino

With the month of February traditionally being one of the gloomiest ones of the year, it might be a good idea to curl up with a good book (or two or three) to arm yourselves with some knowledge about the Model T before bringing your vehicles out on the roads by springtime. Here is a list of some popular books about Model T's that you might want to add to your personal library, if you don't already have them on the shelf.

### **Model T Ford: The Car That Changed the World by Bruce W. McCalley, Krause Publications, 1994**

A reference style book tracing the Model T from 1908-1927 with data on specific parts, engine serial numbers by production date and over 1300 photos with technical information.

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### **From Here to Obscurity: An Illustrated History of the Model T Ford, 1909 – 1927 by Ray Miller and Bruce McCalley, The Evergreen Press, 1971**

Includes detailed year by year changes to the Model T, with photos, illustrations, diagrams, specifications, and production and serial numbers, tracking each model from drawing board to showroom.

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### **Henry's Wonderful Model T, 1908-1927 by Floyd Clymer, Bonanza Books, 1955**

A wonderful, light-hearted vintage book with 500 photos, cartoons, ads, jokes, and informative narrative about the Model T.

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### **Model T Ford Service Manual published by Ford Motor Company**

Covering Ford Model T from 1909 to 1927, this service manual is a must for the restorer or anyone working on these vehicles. Original manuals, as well as reprints of the manuals, can be found.

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### **Model T Ford Restoration Handbook by Leslie R. Henry, Clymer Publications**

A collection of articles from different restorers, compiled by Henry when he was Curator of Transportation at the Henry Ford Museum, with photos and personal stories of Model T restorers.

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### **Floyd Clymer's Model T Memories including the Ubiquitous Model T by Les Henry, Lincoln Publishing, 1958**

General information and productions data, as well as advertisements, humorous anecdotes, illustrations and photos.

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### **Model T Ford Club of America Restoration books-**

7 titles that cover front and rear axles, engine, transmission, carburetor, Ruckstell, and speedometer manuals for the Model T 1909-1927 and electrical manual 1919-1927.

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### **Ford Trucks Since 1905 by James K. Wagner, Motorbooks International, 1994**

A comprehensive collection of research and pictures detailing the history of the entire line of Ford trucks year by year from 1905 to 1978.

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## 2020 Calendar of Events

### MTFCA 55th Annual Meeting & Museum

**Tours. February 14-15, 2020** in Lincoln, Nebraska. Hosted by the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club. Contact Kenneth M. Cheney, Roger Wermeskerch, 402.488.3686 or Beth Vaughn 402-781-9359 or email: [mikebeth@hughes.net](mailto:mikebeth@hughes.net).

**2020 Winter Tour, March 8 - 12, 2020** in Gainesville, Florida. Hosted by The Tin Lizzie Club of North Central Florida. **CURRENTLY FULL - WAITING LIST ONLY.** For forms and info visit: [tinlizziefl.com](http://tinlizziefl.com) email [f.stephenellis1@gmail.com](mailto:f.stephenellis1@gmail.com) or call Steve at 352-207-1498.

**Liberty Church** is hosting its **5th Annual Car Bike & Powersport Show** on **Saturday, March 21st** at 200 FM 2025 Cleveland TX 77328. Check in 10am, judging at noon and trophies at 3pm. Entry is \$25, there will be 30+ trophies awarded. Please contact Andrew Treece at [drewbritt1011@gmail.com](mailto:drewbritt1011@gmail.com)

**Sunday Mar. 29 - The 2nd Annual American Heroes Car Show** hosted by The Lost Cajun and Texas Roadhouse at the Brazos Town Center at FM 762, US-59, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Tom Koppa 281-652-6233, [tomkoppa@yahoo.com](mailto:tomkoppa@yahoo.com)

**April 4 and 5 - Houston Music & Arts Festival -** In conjunction with the City of Sugar Land, Outlaw Nation is proud to present the Houston Music & Arts Festival at the Crown Festival Park in Sugar Land. Please click here: [houstonartsfestival.com/#classic-cars](http://houstonartsfestival.com/#classic-cars) for an overview. Find us at: [www.outlawnation.com/](http://www.outlawnation.com/). We are offering a \$500 reward to the Space City T's. There will also be 10 – \$50 O'Reilly Gift Cards. Please email or call me at 775.232.4743. Tom Miller, Festival Operations, [tom.miller@outlawnation.com](mailto:tom.miller@outlawnation.com)

**BURTON COTTON GIN FESTIVAL - Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.** This festival benefits, and celebrates the Oldest Operating Cotton Gin in America, in Burton, just

off Hwy 290. For more information on festival, please call us at 979-289-3378 or visit [www.texascottonginmuseum.org](http://www.texascottonginmuseum.org)

**Saturday May 23 - 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. It also includes Rodeo Events, BBQ Cook Off and more including a KIDZONE this year! Tom Koppa 281-652-6233, [tomkoppa@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:gbluffcider@yahoo.com)

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



September 12 - 13, 2020

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## 2020 Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15, 2020. 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 2020 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Minor Children (under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Model T's Owned:

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

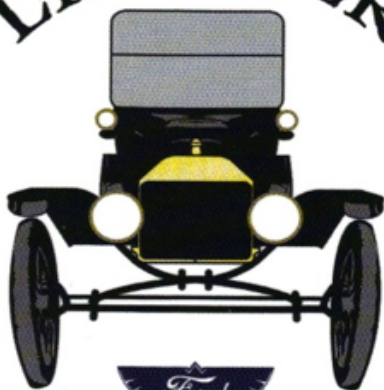
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Call/text Bobby Wright at 409-771-5548 or email [bcw54800@gmail.com](mailto:bcw54800@gmail.com)

## 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:

#### Model T Ford Club of America

309 N. 8th Street, PO BOX 996  
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)

## 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](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)



## Next Meeting

### February 12, 2020



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

located at

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

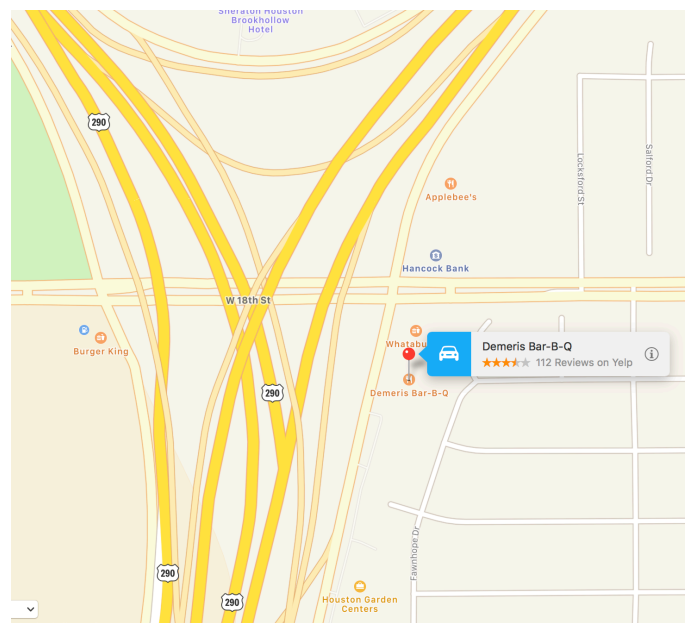
Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Place:

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

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

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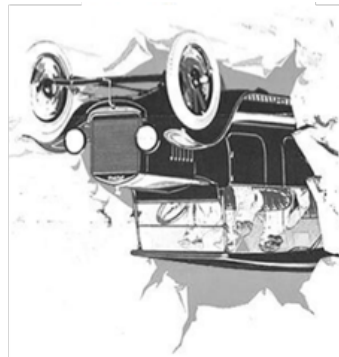


#### Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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