

The Flivver Flash

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

Model T Tudor Carpeting

From Alan Fairclough

I have noticed that our parts suppliers had no full-length carpets for a Model T Tudor, but only offer the front half carpets, I went to my alternate parts source, Lowes hardware store, and found they have all kinds of carpeting, but all of them are 6 yards wide. My Tudor's former carpet was 4' wide by 8' long.



Looking behind me I found a bin loaded with ready cut floor mats that were 8' x 8' and priced around \$28. So, I got one and took it over to Mr. Garcia, my trusty upholstery guy, who already did some excellent work with my car seats. Using the old

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carpet as a pattern, he cut a new carpet, and sewed the edges all around. He also cut holes to fit around the hand brake and the foot pedals.



I still have the other half of the carpet, so if anyone needs a new carpet for a Tudor, just let me know and I will save it for you. You could also take it to Mr. Garcia if you want him to do the fine work for you. He charged \$200 for his work.

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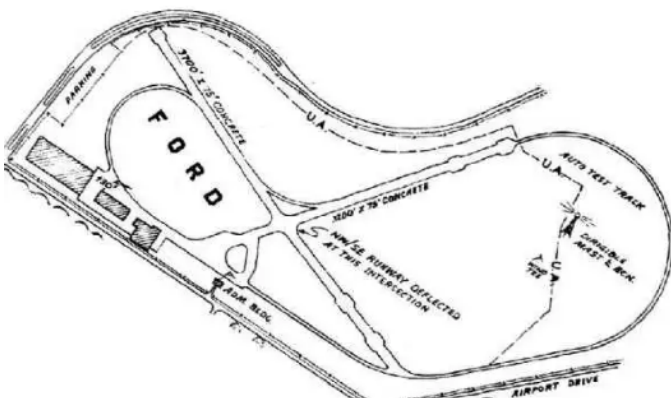
Henry Ford's Airport

Posted on the internet March 20, 2013
by Mac's MOTOR CITY GARAGE

As noted earlier at Mac's Motor City Garage, Henry Ford liked to own things. In 1924 he even built his own airport in Dearborn, Michigan—and in its day, it was one of the most modern facilities in America. Here's a brief look.



As one of the richest men in the world in the 1920s, Henry Ford enjoyed exercising his vision. His many far-flung projects included a rubber plantation in South America, a shipping fleet, and a railroad. Dedicated in November of 1924, the airport remained in operation until 1947. Today the same piece of ground is the Dearborn Development Center, one of Ford's several vehicle proving grounds.



This map shows the airport's general layout, including the two runways, which were grass at first, then paved in 1928-29, becoming (then) the longest concrete runways in the world. The road running diagonally northwest/southeast is Oakwood Boulevard; the road headed almost due east is now Rotunda Drive; the curving street at the top of the map is Village Road today. Note the dirigible mast marked out on the east side of the field.



Here's Ford Airport during an airshow circa 1930. The two Ford Tri-motors at left are parked in front of Ford's Stout Metal Airplane division plant, where the aircraft were built. Part of this facility, at the northwest corner of the property, still exists today and houses Ford's advanced power plant and fuel cell labs. In the background is the Henry Ford Museum, constructed a few years after the airport.

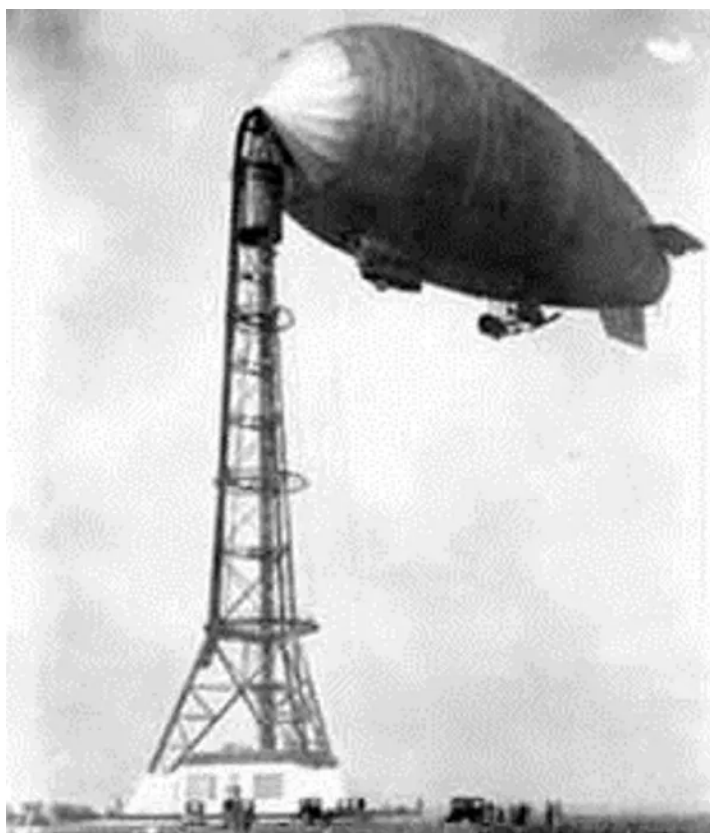


This aerial photo shows the airport, Oakwood Boulevard side, and the Dearborn Inn (note circular driveway), which opened in 1931. The elegant

hotel, another Henry Ford production, was originally constructed to service the airport but remains a popular and first-rate destination today. Looking northwest up Oakwood, we can see the aircraft buildings, then the Ford Museum, then the Ford Engineering facility, known today as the EEE building, where Henry Ford I kept (but seldom used) an office.



Directly across Oakwood Boulevard from the Dearborn Inn was the airport's passenger terminal and administration building. By the late '30s, the Detroit area and Southeast Michigan had a surplus of commercial airports and the Ford facility was now redundant. The first dedicated automotive test road was laid down on the property in around 1938.



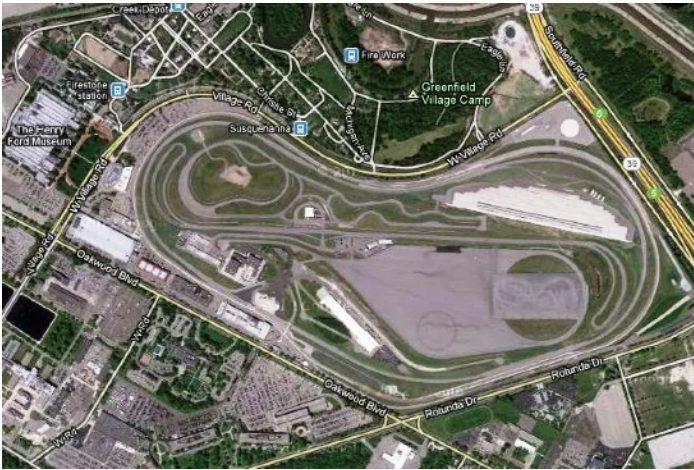
In 1925, Ford had the world's tallest commercial dirigible mast erected at the airport. It was used only twice before it was torn down in 1946.



By 1949 when this aerial photo was taken, the property was no longer in use as a commercial airport and its transformation into a vehicle testing facility was well under way. For a number of years the place served as both airfield and test track, which reportedly produced some interesting moments. Ford's mammoth River Rouge plant is a mile east of the area shown here.



Here's a new 1951 Ford convertible climbing the carburetor grade at the Dearborn Proving Grounds, as it was then called. Above and behind the car in the photo are the old passenger terminal, torn down in the early '60s, and the aircraft buildings. The carburetor grade is still in use but it probably isn't called that anymore, we bet.



Here's how the facility looked in 2013—a sea of asphalt ideal for vehicle testing, handily located just across Oakwood Boulevard from Ford's global technical headquarters (lower left) None of the former runways are still extant. Next time you're flying into Detroit via Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (good old DTW), just five miles away, look out the window for Henry Ford's old airport—you'll probably see it.

MEETING SCHEDULE

DECEMBER-----4th-----FACE to FACE at
CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY-----11th-----ZOOM ONLY

FEBRUARY-----8th-----FACE to FACE at
church with ZOOM (with 2022 Audit)

ALTERNATING MONTHS THEREAFTER



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THE AUTOMOBILE

April 2, 1914

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5-Passenger Brougham (Detroit Duplex Drive)	3000

(Prices f. o. b. Detroit)

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Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15, 2023. 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 Treasurer at:

Craig Neuman
2302 Lord Nelson Drive
Seabrook TX 77586

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 \$** _____

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Minor Children (under age 18) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Occupation: _____

Model T's Owned:

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 1/2 year, \$25.00 per year thereafter.

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2023 Space City Club Officers and Board Members

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Model T Parts Wanted

1926 4 1/2" x 21" tire to be used as a spare. Serviceable would be nice. I already have new tubes and liners.

Rim for 3 1/2" x 30" clincher tire to be used as a spare. Also, tire, tube, and liner for the same rim.

Thank you,

Please call or email:

Alex Pinyozy
281-772-7647
apinyoz@comcast.net



2022 Space City T's Christmas Party

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022

CHRISTIES SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

5:00pm

Please RSVP for a head count to:

Dave Lucas at: (713) 299-3059

Men should bring a man's gift and women bring a woman's gift with a value of \$20 to \$25.

You may also bring a new unwrapped Toys for Tots gift, as an option, if anyone wishes to bring one.

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: rachel@mtfca.com

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

Join MTFCA at: 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, [videos](#), or [links](#) to: topkick7@outlook.com

**The Space City T's Christmas Party is
on **December 4, 2022** at CHRISTIES
SEAFOOD RESTAURANT at 5:00pm**



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

located at

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

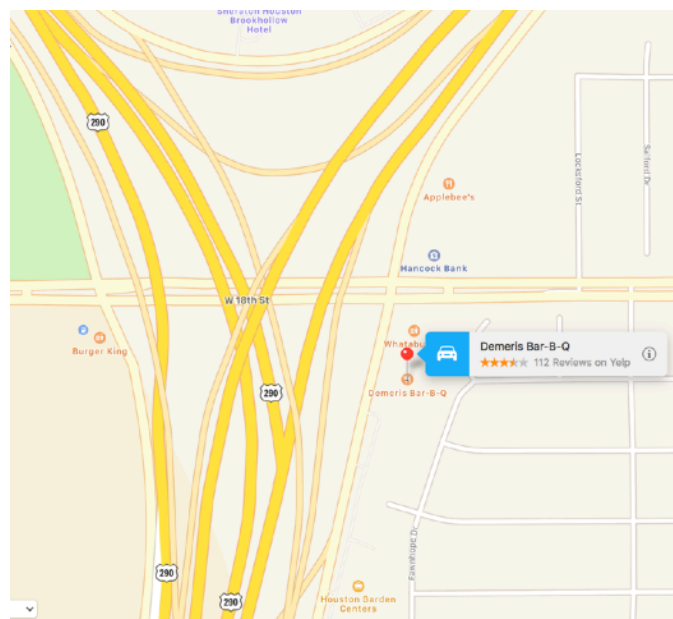
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

**Lifebrook Church
1822 West 18th Street in the
Heights**

Website: www.spacecityts.org

Email: modelt@spacecityts.org

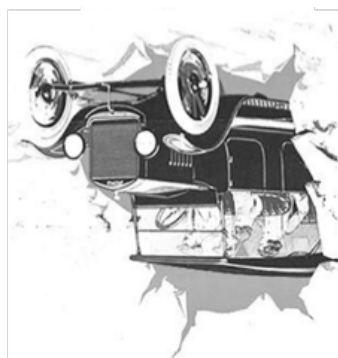


Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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