

# The Flivver Flash

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

## Protect Your Investment in Your Model T Ford

by Mike Hanson

In May 1927, the Ford Motor Company announced that it was discontinuing production of the Model T Ford. Sales of the "New Ford," the Model A, commenced in December 1927.

Although the Model A was a tremendous success, Ford did not want its dealers to forget the millions of Model T cars that were still on the road. As a result, Ford put together a marketing campaign in early 1929 to remind dealers and Model T owners of the continuing utility of this dependable car.

The marketing materials consisted of form letters, window signs, envelope stuffers and newspaper advertisements. Here are a couple of excerpts from this pamphlet.

For more Space City T's of Houston info:

[How to join the Space City T's of Houston, TX](#)

[Space City T's Photos & Videos Gallery](#)



**You can save many  
dollars by spending  
a few dollars**

*Small expenditure may put  
your Model T Ford in shape  
for years of service*

Don't run that Model T Ford of yours to death when you can have it put in A-1 shape at small cost. By spending a few dollars now you'll get a lot more pleasure out of motoring and increase the trade-in value of your car too. Bring it in and let us look it over.



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# Protect *your investment* *in your* MODEL T FORD

THE Ford Motor Company is making a new car, but it is still proud of the Model T. It wants every owner of one of these cars to run it as long as possible at a minimum of trouble and expense.

Because of this policy and because of the investment that millions of motorists have in Model T cars, the Ford Motor Company will continue to make parts as long as they are needed by Ford owners.

So that you may get the greatest use over the longest period of time at the lowest cost, we suggest that you take your Model T Ford to the nearest Ford dealer and have him give you an estimate on the cost of any replacement parts that may be necessary.

You will find this the economical thing to do because a small expenditure may enable you to maintain or increase the value of the car and give you thousands of miles of additional service.

No matter where you live, you can get these Ford parts at prices as low—or lower—than in the past and know they are made in the same way and of the same materials as those from which your car was originally assembled.

Labor cost is reasonable and a standard rate is charged for each operation so that you may know in advance exactly how much the complete job will cost.

## FORD MOTOR COMPANY



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## Space City T's at the Clear Lake Shores-Kemah Elks

by Debbie Marino

On Saturday, September 10, 2022, Elks Lodge #2322 of Clear Lake Shores-Kemah, Texas, held a car show in association with Space City Cruisers, a local car club in League City, Texas. The recent rain from the previous two weeks had cleared away, and the temperature was hot, but not in the triple digits we have all seen this summer.

The event was open to all makes and models, and club members Anthony Marino in his 1926 Touring and Steve Wirtes in his 1923 Touring were in attendance.



Although there was quite a bit of interest in the Model T's from the public, sadly, the judges seemed to favor newer Mopars at the awards presentation. Proceeds from entry fees, the 50/50 drawing, and other raffles benefitted the Elks Charities and Texas Elks Camp, along with The Texas Lion's Children's Camp in Kerrville, Texas.





Steve put out the Space City T's sign.



Anthony had to do a spare tire change on the right front because of a split in an old tire.



Anthony and Debbie Marino found a way to get out of the sun in the back seat of Betty!



Tool time!



## It Doesn't Take Much

by Mike Hanson

Sometimes, it doesn't take much to mess up a hundred-year old part. Well, I did.

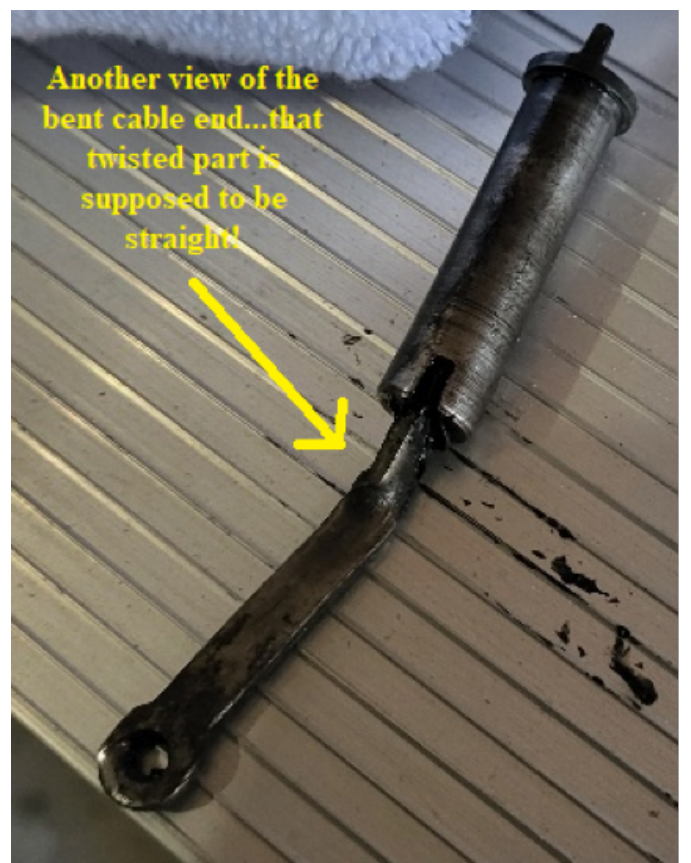
Given the cooler temperatures, I decided to perform some much needed maintenance on my Model Ts this past week. I was excited to get them out on the road again and encouraged my wife to go for a spin in our 1912 touring right before dusk. All was well for the first few miles.

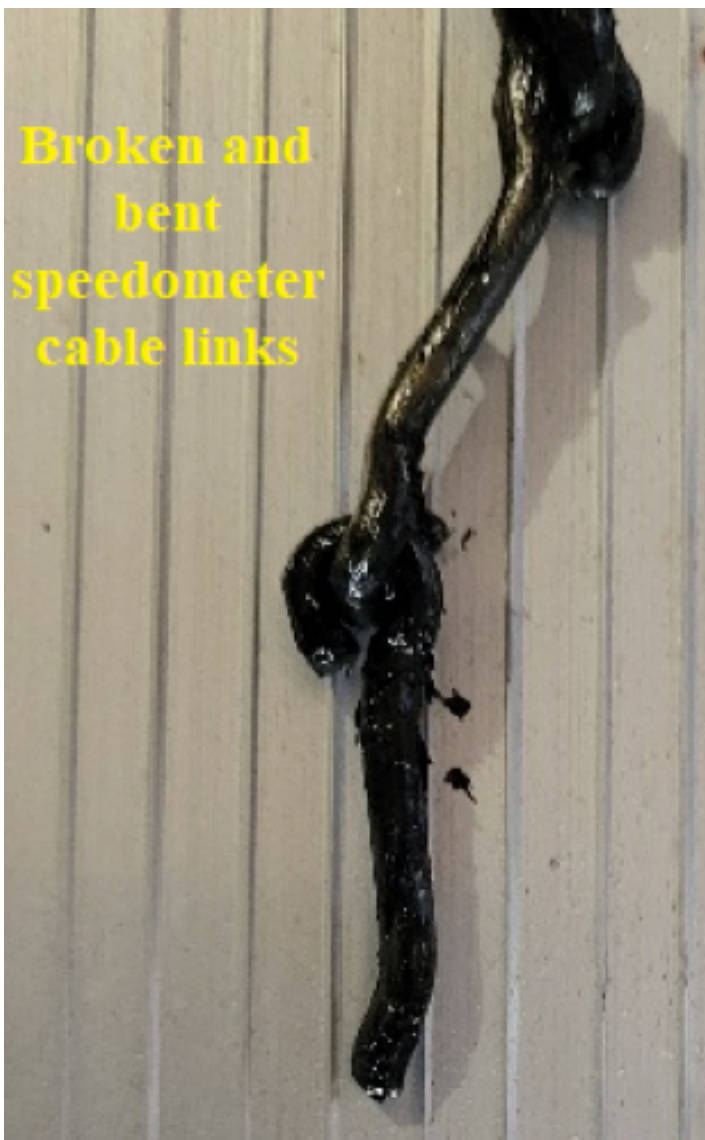
The City of Houston has been doing some road repairs in my neighborhood by filling in some potholes. I was doing about 20 miles per hour and drove over one of these raised asphalt patches. All of a sudden, we heard a terrible grinding noise. We thought the transmission had failed, but as soon as the engine started, the noise quickly ceased. We stopped and got out to look what was the matter. There were no parts lying in the road or things hanging off the car. So we drove the old girl back home with no further issues.

The one place we did not look was the Stewart speedometer swivel. The swivel had been pushed away from the road gear on the wheel by about a half inch. Three of the pinion gear teeth were ground down in spots and the gear itself

would no longer turn without binding. I removed the cable and found that the telescoping linkage end was terribly bent and two of the chain links in the cable were also bent, with the end of one link being broken off. Needless to say, it took some force to do all this. Luckily, the swivel turned freely once I disconnected it from the cable.

Replacement parts are on the way. Needless to say, I will be very careful when approaching new pavement in the future. It doesn't take much to mess up a hundred-year old part!





**Broken and  
bent  
speedometer  
cable links**

## **Texian Market Days**

On Saturday, October 20, the George Ranch is hosting ***Texian Market Days***. The George Ranch staff would like some antique cars onsite for their Texian Market Days event. If you are interested, you would need to fill out their volunteer application. The application is available at: <https://www.georgeranch.org/texian-market-days-volunteer-registration-form/> If you have questions, you can contact Victoria Martinez, the George Ranch Site Lead, at (281) 343-0218 ext. 252 or email: [vmartinez@georgeranch.org](mailto:vmartinez@georgeranch.org)

## **2023 Officer Nominations**

**Please send your 2023 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at:**

**(713) 299-3059 or daverlucas@yahoo.com**

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

OCTOBER-----12th-----FACE to FACE at church with ZOOM

NOVEMBER-----9th-----ZOOM ONLY

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



## Space City T's Dues Are Due

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Flivver Flash is published by the Space City T's chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America in Houston, Texas twelve times per year. This newsletter is produced for the education and enjoyment of members and those expressing interest in joining the Space City T's. Said education and enjoyment is as it pertains to the Model T Ford automobile. The Flivver Flash is also shared with other antique auto clubs. Other clubs may use articles from this publication with credit to this newsletter or the original source. News, articles, ads or anything of interest to the club must be submitted to the editor by the 25th of the month preceding the month of publication. Emailing takes place the last week of the month. Annual club dues are \$25 per year.

#### 2022 Space City Club Officers and Board Members

President	Dave Lucas	281-388-0761
Vice President	David Carter	713-875-1049
Secretary	Rosie Stokley	832-444-9927
Treasurer	Craig Neuman	346-855-0544
Board Member	Rick McCracken	281-726-5695
Board Member	Bobby Wright	409-771-5548
Board Member	Anthony J. Marino	281-482-4156

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#### For Sale:

#### 1927 Model T Touring



Will easily do 42 MPH on mag, 6-volt Optima battery, crankshaft needs shimming, water seepage front of block, top needs replacing, rust out under doors on both sides, and gas tank needs repaired.

**\$3,500**

(YOM plates extra)

Call or email:

**Robert Hoops**

**(713) 665-8567**

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#### 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](mailto:rachel@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, [videos](#), or [links](#) to: [topkick7@outlook.com](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)



Check your **Email** to see if our **October 12, 2022 Meeting** is a Zoom and/or at **Demeris BBQ and Lazy Brook Baptist Church**



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

**located at**

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

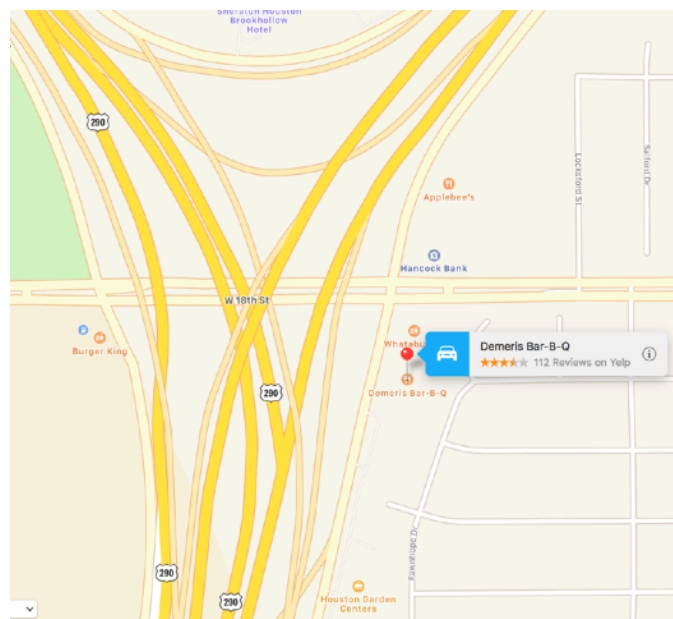
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**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.



**First Class Mail**



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