

The Flivver Flash

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

Space City T's of Houston Christmas Party

by AJMarino, Bobby Wright and Rosie Stokley

We had a great time at our annual Space City T's of Houston Christmas Party on December 5th, and had 21 people in attendance. The food was great as usual, and the 'White Elephant' gift exchange was full of excitement with all the swapping and exchanging going on. The exchange of gifts went very well.



We also announced the 2022 Club Officers and Board of Directors. The only change here is one member, Nancy Carter, who came off the Board. Rick McCracken will replace her for next

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year. All other 2022 officer and board positions remain the same as 2021.

Toys were collected at the Space City T's of Houston Christmas Party. Bobby Wright has delivered them to the Santa Fe Fire and Rescue Department, and they will be distributed to the Toys For Tots project.



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Here is a photo of Santa Fe Assistant Fire Chief Kenny Bickerstaff. He managed the toy distribution project.

Happy New Year! 🎉🎊🎆🎇🎈🎊🎆🎇🎈🎊



Made In Canada

by Craig Neuman

Hello! My name is Craig Neuman, and I'm very excited to be a "newbie" to the Space City T's. I inherited my Model T, from my dad, Butch Neuman, who was also a member from 2002-2017. My mom and dad used to live in League City, which is where my dad kept his T. Earlier this year, after my mom sold her house to move to San Antonio, a good friend of mine helped me bring it from League City to where I live in Seabrook. Recently, I found the amazing help of Anthony Marino, which brings me to the reason why I'm writing this story.

Ever since inheriting my dad's 1923 T four years ago, I've been dying to "re-start" the machine for quite some time. The last I can remember when my dad had it running was around 2013-2014. It hasn't been touched since then. Well, with the help from Anthony, we got it started once again!

What an experience that was to see it start...for a second time! That's because I was around with my dad for its start in 2009, after it was in storage for 40 years up in Superior, Wisconsin!!



A quick history of my dad's T: being that this particular unit "was born" up in the Superior, WI area, it was manufactured in what is now Windsor, Canada. Roughly the 7.8 millionth Model T to roll off the line.



From what my dad had documented, the history of this T was traced back to the mid-50's. Between my dad's cousins and friends, the machine had exchanged hands many times. His cousin, Doug, got it from a local farmer in Wisconsin in 1956, and eventually gave the car to my dad. At some point, my dad sold it to one of his friends for a tape recorder! My dad told me some funny stories about the T after he sold it. One of his cousins prided himself claiming he owned the only "7 wheeler" T on the planet. Apparently, he lost an entire wheel when he cut a corner riding around the neighborhood. He walked back home, got a wagon, and with some help, got the hub of the T on the wagon, and pulled the T/wagon combo about a half mile back to his house, thus claiming the "7 wheeler".



Another story was told where another one of my dad's cousins managed to disassemble the T enough to get it in his basement to hide it from someone else. Quite drastic measures to hide a car, huh? LOL. Anyway, after 3-4 more exchanges, my dad eventually ended up with the T for a whopping sale price of \$35 in 1959! He did some overhaul work on it during that



time, but eventually he had to put it in storage before going off to college. After 35 years as an engineer at Exxon, he retired in 2000. Finally, after ~40 years of his T collecting dust, my dad traveled back to his home town of Superior and brought it back to League City in 2002.



My dad had a lot of help from the club in restoring the car. He took his time, though, enjoying his retirement. It wasn't until 2009 when he had his "T Start Party". He proudly enjoyed driving it around for 4-5 years until he fell ill with Parkinson's. Sadly, it once again sat idle until just now.

Fast forward to today, I just happened to run into Anthony in the Home Depot parking lot in Kemah in the beginning of December. Anthony was giving a driving lesson to another new member, Steve Wirtes, who had just taken delivery of his first Model T! I had told him I had done some prep work to the T and wanted to see if it would start. We coordinated to meet on December 14th, and with his help, we

got her started once again and drove her around the subdivision!!



During this time, however, we discovered a few maintenance issues that need to be addressed before we proceed any further. Once I have a new radiator, coils, and a proper exhaust system, I anticipate riding all over Seabrook, with every intention of keeping all 4 wheels on the T, without having to find a wagon! Ha ha. My ultimate goal is to have it ready to participate just for show, in the upcoming Keels and Wheels in May. I am looking forward to joining the Space City T's and meeting new friends!

League City Christmas

by Bobby Wright

On December 11th in League City the Historical Society held their Christmas in Old League City event. Space City T's was invited to participate by displaying vehicles in various locations in Old League City.

The day started off a bit questionable with overnight rain that mostly moved in early

morning. It remained cool and damp most of the day, but mostly the rain stayed away. Participating for Space City T's was new member Steve Wirtes with his newly acquired 1924 Touring, Jerry Smith with his 1923 Touring, and Bobby Wright with his 1924 TT Simms Fire Truck. Steve drove his car from Clear Lake Shores and back without incident. Jerry and Bobby trailered their vehicles to a nearby parking lot and then drove to their assigned locations.



Steve & Angelica Wirtes in their 1924 Touring

Steve parked in front of one of the Christmas decorated homes. Jerry and Bobby parked



Bobby Wright in his 1924 Simms Chemical Fire truck



Jerry Smith in his 1923 Touring

near the Historical Society Headquarters which includes a one room school house, old League City Ice House, and a museum. In addition, there were two Model A Fords and a Packard on display.



The Historical Society members and Santa Claus welcomed our vehicles and kept us satisfied with coffee and cookies throughout the day. At one point, a group of their members needed to go about six blocks to an event in another park, so they were loaded up into the back of Bobby's Fire Truck and given a ride to the park, which they all seemed to enjoy. Our cars were photographed many times during the day. A good time was had by all!

Space City T's Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15, 2022. 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:

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 \$** _____

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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2021 Space City Club Officers and Board Members

President	Dave Lucas	281-388-0761
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Board Member	Bobby Wright	409-771-5548
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New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#). If interested in becoming a member, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to the:

Space City T's

Please mail your information form and check to the Treasurer at:

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A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2022 dues!

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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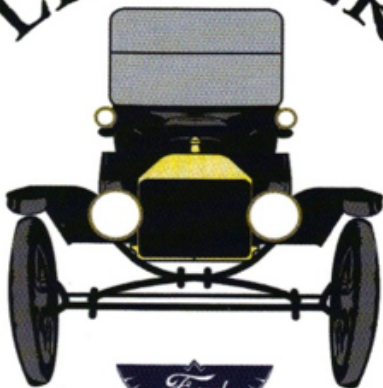
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Do you have something to share? A barn find, funny or not so funny Model T stories? Tour photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, restoration photos or swap meet finds? A special interest article?

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

Next Meeting

January 12, 2022



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

located at

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

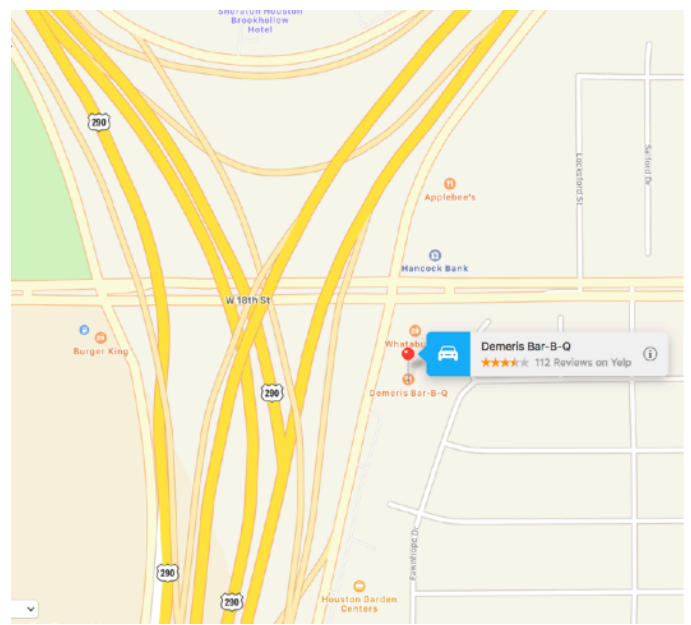
Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Place:

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

Website: www.spacecityts.org

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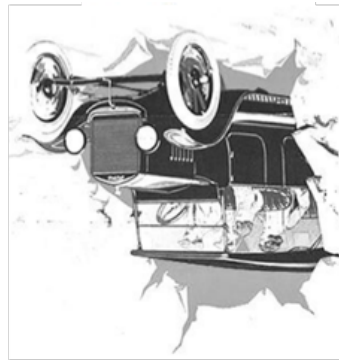


Directions to Demeris BBQ

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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