

# The Flivver Flash

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

## Space City T's at Moody Gardens in Galveston

by Debbie Marino

Moody Gardens on Galveston Island held their inaugural Air, Car & Boat Show on August 12-14, 2022, and the Space City T's were well represented at the event. Club president, Dave Lucas entered 3 vehicles: a 1927 Touring, a 1927 Tudor Sedan, and a 1902 Holsman High Wheeler. One of our current board of directors, Bobby Wright, brought his 1924 Simms Chemical Firetruck, along with his lifelike Dalmatian, and lovely wife Rebecca, of course!



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

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This was an indoor car show held at the Moody Gardens Convention Center, so it was a great way to stay out of the August heat. A few of the other car entrants chose to ride on the red carpet's car parade, emceed by DJ Scott Sparks from Houston's Eagle 106.9 FM on Saturday afternoon, where a short synopsis of each car's history was provided by their owners.



The Space City T participants were met up by fellow board of director Anthony Marino and his wife Debbie, there to support them. Another member of the Space City T's, Denny Irvine, chose not to arrive in his Model T, but to fly into Scholes Field, with his Van's RV-4 airplane.



The nearby airport served as the runway where aerobatic performers would later take off for the air show. This portion of the weekend had about a 30-minute delay due to rain on Saturday, but once the clouds cleared enough for the show, it was quite entertaining to watch. Viewers were treated to maneuvers by pilots Clemens Kuhlrig in a Pitts S-1S, Patty Wagstaff in an Extra 300S, Jerry Conley in a DH-11S Vampire, as well as a P-63 King Cobra and a

colored smoke display by Nathan Hammond in the Ghostwriter.



There were different viewing areas for the visitors to watch the show, including the shorelines of Offatt's Bayou, boat owners anchored in the water, and a VIP viewing area on Moody Garden's Colonel Paddlewheel boat.

The Moody Gardens Marina also held yacht viewings each day. Visitors who managed to stay later were able to enjoy the Ghostwriter's pyrotechnics fireworks trails lighting up the night sky from the property's "Palm Beach" viewing area on Friday and Saturday night. Sunday wrapped up the event with car show awards presented that morning at breakfast.

The Space City Model T Club sign was displayed all weekend in front of Dave's T's, highlighting the club's chapter affiliations with both the Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Ford Club International, inviting others to join the Greater Houston area group.

## **St. Mary's High Hill, September 4, 2022 invitation**

Hello, I am writing your car club to invite you all to the St Mary's Church Picnic on (Labor Day) Sunday, September 4, 2022 in High Hill, Texas, which is located roughly 2 miles north of Schulenburg. The historic painted church is



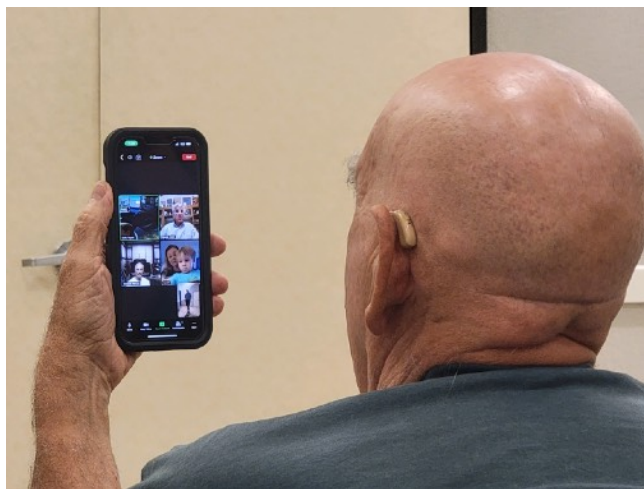
labeled Queen of the Painted Churches, and is visited by thousands of people every year. Our Catholic parish celebration is always held on the Sunday before Labor Day, and we serve roughly 3500 home cooked fried chicken and picnic stew dinner plates with trimmings for only \$12. Visitors travel to High Hill to celebrate their German/Czech heritage, and find family and friends to reminisce about the years that passed. We would love to have your club visit us this year, and could arrange a special spot to showcase your cars. If you would like, please provide advanced notice. The address is: ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL, TEXAS, 2833 FM 2672, Schulenburg, TX 78956 <http://www.stmary-highhill.com> For any questions or more information, please feel free to contact me anytime. Kindest regards, **Paul Zapalac, Kitchen Manager,** 979-966-9187 [pzapalac111@gmail.com](mailto:pzapalac111@gmail.com)

## It's Easy to Attend Club Meetings Wherever You Are

Some of your Model T's might be over 100 years old, but the Space City T's club utilizes modern technology to help you connect with each other every month. Did you know that the club meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month are also accessible virtually so that you can attend wherever you are? It's easy, and you don't even need a large computer- all you need is your smartphone!



If you don't yet have the Zoom app on your smartphone, simply go to the App store or Google Play store and download Zoom. An email from the club will be sent to you with a Zoom invitation, along with a few more email reminders, prior to the monthly meeting. Simply click on the invitation link from your smartphone when it's time to attend the meeting.



Using your smartphone either vertically or horizontally, you can see up to six other club members at once, plus yourself in the bottom corner, or click on the arrow to view additional attendees. It's not necessary to be on Wi-Fi when Zooming; you can use your data plan, if needed. Meetings are still held during certain months at the Lazy Brook Baptist Church (look for the schedule posted in the Flivver Flash), but now you have the chance to visit with each other virtually and keep up with club activities via Zoom wherever you happen to be. Try it out this month: we hope to see you there!

## BREAKING NEWS IN MEADOWS PLACE, TX

by Alan Fairclough and Stephanie Oehrlein

For years the residents of Meadows Place have had to avert their eyes when driving past this tree. Children have been scarred for life, and parents do not let their young ones play in this

street for fear of perverting their delicate minds.



Mature men have been found standing there for hours on end in the middle of the street, where they are in danger of getting run over by traffic. For years, this eyesore has stood there and the City authorities have done nothing about it. Well, enough is enough! No ifs, ands, or butts about this! Something had to be done and fast!



Space City Model T Club members Stephanie Oehrlein and Alan Fairclough took to the street in their fearless Model T named *Pretty Boy Floyd*, and contributed to the preservation of decency in Meadows Place, TX.

They remedied the situation for the benefit of their neighbors and their families. Visitors once again are welcome, sightseers are gone, and the city of Meadows Place has returned to normal life!

## MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER----14th-----ZOOM ONLY

**TEXAS T PARTY---SEPTEMBER 28th  
thru OCTOBER 1st**

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

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

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

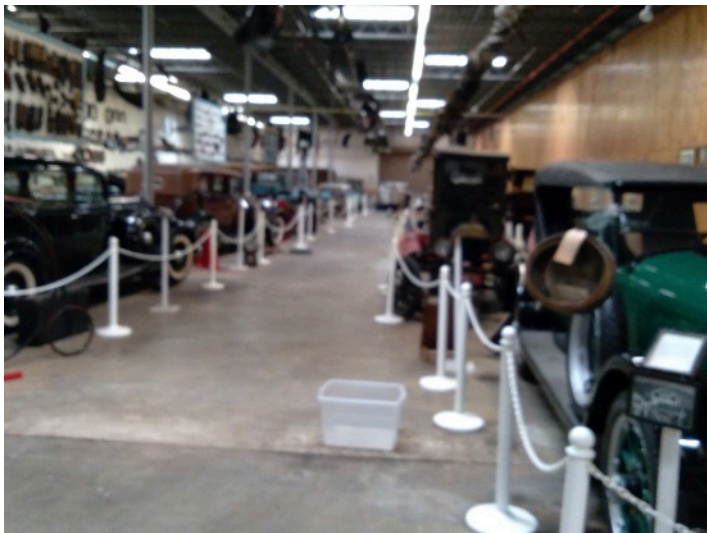
## Old Car Museum

by Doug Brough

We have made many trips back and forth to central Ohio in the past 2 years, to help out my parents, and for our son who is going to college at Case Western. In our travels, we go through Union City, TN where I had noticed this sign that said "**Old Car Museum**". Finally on this trip, we decided to pay it a visit. It's a small museum, maybe 30 cars, but well worth it for the \$2.00 admission. The museum had a little bit of everything automotive and mechanical. They even had a few items I had never seen before! The museum is attached to a gun shop. It seems that the owners collected these cars and accessories over the years. The museum is a room off to the side of the gun shop, which you could easily miss if you weren't looking for it. Enjoy the pictures!







# 2022 Texas T Party

## SEP 28 AT 8 AM – OCT 1 AT 10 PM

JOIN US FOR THE 45TH ANNUAL TEXAS T PARTY! HALLETTSVILLE TEXAS, "THE CITY OF HOSPITALITY" WILL BE THE AREA OF EXPLORATION THIS YEAR. THIS RURAL COMMUNITY OF POPULATION 2550 IS THE COUNTY SEAT FOR LAVACA COUNTY. RICH IN HISTORY, SCENIC ROLLING HILLS AND SMALL TOWN CHARM WILL MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE TOUR FOR OUR BELOVED T FAMILY! WE WILL ALSO VENTURE OVER TO "THE CLEANEST LITTLE CITY IN TEXAS" - SHINER, CUERO (LEATHER IN SPANISH) AND PARTS OF NEIGHBORING FAYETTE COUNTY.



**\*THIS EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 75 VEHICLES\***  
**\*Wednesday will be a full day of touring\***

**[Download Hallettsville PDF Registration Form](#)**

### Host Hotel:

Hotel Texas 361-798-5900  
1632 N. Texana St

[hoteltexas.net](http://hoteltexas.net)

Single King: 95.95 +tax

Double Queen: 100.95 +tax

**Moderate truck/trailer parking**

### Secondary Hotel:

[Best Western Executive Inn](#)

361-798-9200

207 US HWY 77 South

69.99 + tax

**Truck/trailer parking for guests**

### Lavaca County Expo Center/RV Park

1/4 mile from Host Hotel also has overflow truck and trailer parking

<https://www.lavacaexpo.com/rv-park.html>

361-798-1600

### Chairperson

**Jeff & Farrah Cordes**

**361-772-5767**

### Co-Chair

**Jim & Sandra Ruhmann**

**979-292-5658**



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

|                |                   |              |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| President      | Dave Lucas        | 281-388-0761 |
| Vice President | David Carter      | 713-875-1049 |
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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.

**\$5,000 OBO**

(YOM plates extra)  
Call or email:

**Robert Hoops**  
**(713) 665-8567**  
[roberthoops@hotmail.com](mailto:roberthoops@hotmail.com)

#### For Sale: 1924 MODEL T RESTORED AS 1910 SPEEDSTER



The car is in good condition and is stored in Austin. Wheels, Chassis, Transmission and Motor are original. Motor overhauled in 1990 by Rumble Kramer of Fredericksburg, TX. Needs a carburetor.

**\$6,000 OBO**

**Contact: Carol and Jim Lamb**  
**(512) 799-0433**

#### For Sale: 1920 Model T Center Door Sedan



Recently rebuilt engine and transmission. Flat tube Brass Works radiator, new upholstery kits ordered, 12v, new firewall and floorboards

**\$10,000 OBO**

**Eric "Gator" Gould**  
**251-765-2677 (AL)**

### 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  
**September 14, 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**

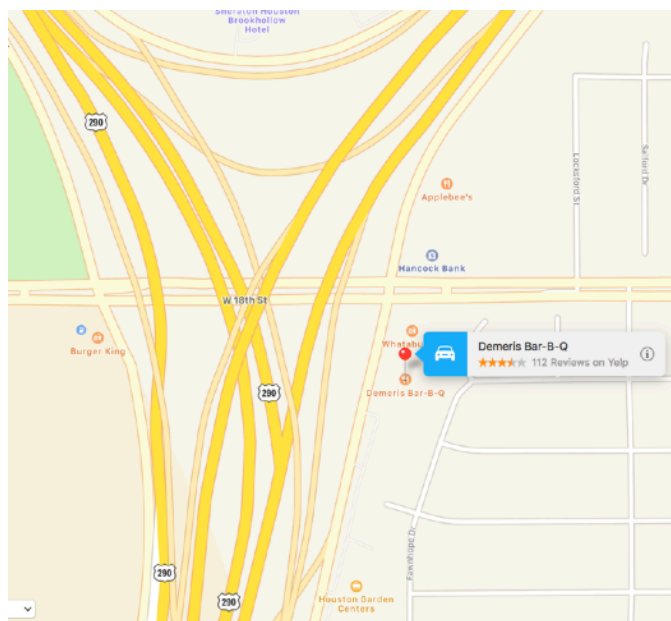
**Then attend the**  
**Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**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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