

The Flivver Flash

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

My Three Model T's

by Alex Pinyoz

I am a new member of the Space City T's. Late this past summer, I went crazy and purchased three Model T's. I have been into cars for many years, but I finally took the Ford plunge.

The first one is a '26 Coupe, but it had a cracked block. I have repaired the crack in the water jacket with Devcon. I also had to replace the head. Since the engine was out of it, and I had no idea what parts were there to complete the car, I went ahead and reinstalled the engine/transmission assembly. Being the first Model T for me, that was quite a challenge! Some year, maybe I will get around to getting it started to see what other repairs I will still need to do to make it a nice driver.

With that car in mind, I found a '23 "Speedster" with a "rebuilt engine" and I bought it thinking it would be a perfect fit for the '26. Word to the wise, don't believe what you read in a For Sale ad. That '23 is a major project with a blown head gasket, and leaks oil out of the bottom of the engine pan while sitting still, as well as, other issues. I decided to turn that chassis into a truck which is coming along quite well.

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Then I saw the '27 Touring for sale in the Flivver Flash and I bought it. That is actually a rather nice car. Mr. Robert Hoops, who sold the car to me drove me around on a ten mile trip, in which there were no issues. Now that I have the car at home, I took it on a one mile trip around the block during which the floor board caught on fire! The fire went out with no real damage. I think that issue was from the head gasket leaking just above the exhaust packing nut. I get to that issue on pages 3 and 4.

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Mr. Robert Hoops told me that the car was getting stuff into the fuel line, and that the gas tank needed to be cleaned out. Removing the gas tank on the '26 and '27s is no joke! What a task! I had to partially disassemble the transmission! What will they think of next? I had the tank professionally cleaned and epoxy coated internally, but found that the shop did not address the overfill drain which I believe is only on '26 and '27 models. I worked on cleaning that out, but it turns out the overflow drain pipe, which is internal to the gas tank, is rusted out. This allowed water and other debris to dump right into the gas tank. That also explained why Mr. Hoops always had to refill the tank before driving because the gas would drain out of the tank while parked by way of the drain line.

Below is a photo of the '27 gas tank showing the overflow pipe inlet.



The second photo is the '27 gas tank showing the overflow discharge. Note that I have drilled and tapped it to 1/2" NPT. I don't like having done this, but I had to stop the constant leak.

The third photo below is the '27 gas tank with a pipe plug in the discharge line.



To finish up the gas tank overflow fix, it was very necessary to plug the drain hole in the top of the gas tank. I chose a medium size rubber plug at my local hardware store. See below photo.



My last photo on the next page shows the head gasket that leaked (see page 1) and started the floor boards to char and smoked us out of the car. Luckily, there was no actual fire damage. Think I should pull the head and install a new head gasket? I am not sure I like the RTV solution.



I have many more things to learn but so far, that is where I am at this point with my three T's.

IT TAKES A **VILLAGE** MODEL T CLUB

By Bill Severn

The 2022 Texas T Party started out great. Lots of great cars and great people. I had decided to bring two cars. I brought my newly acquired 1913 Touring car for its first outing. My son-in-law Tim Grebe brought my 1921 Center Door sedan that has been residing at his house. I decided to drive the 1913 on Day 1 and Tim decided to ride along with me.

Day 1 was great, with visits to interesting sites. Leaving the courthouse, the car was running well. As we headed parallel to the railroad tracks, I noticed the car pulling to the left, and I turned to my son-in-law and said, "When I get a chance, I'm going to pull over and"

Before I could finish the sentence, the left front tire came off the rim and headed out on its own tour! The pulling was because the left front tire had gone flat and decided to leave the car on its own before I could stop! Rattling down the road on the left front rim we finally got the car stopped!



No serious damage, just some scratches and paint loss on the rim. After some searching, we actually found the tire. I could see no signs of a puncture or other damage so we loaded it in the back of the car and called the Vulture wagon. Oh, the shame of it all: heading back to the hotel on the vulture wagon! And I had to pose with the vulture wagon, too.



Since the left front wheel was scratched up, I didn't want to put a tire back on it without first repairing the scratches and repainting the rim of the wheel. So, the car went into the trailer for the remainder of the tour. The next few days we all traveled in the 1921 Center Door. Nice to bring a second car. Back

at my storage facility, I put the 1913 up on jack stands, and there it remained through the holidays.

With a nice weekend coming up in mid-January, I wanted to get the 1913 and the 1916 Touring cars out for a run. I fixed the scratches on the left front wheel and painted the rim with the original paint given to me by Mike Schlitzkus. Next was tire and tube. An examination of the 30x3 tire that came off the rim showed absolutely no damage, inside or outside, so it was going back on the car. The inner tube that had been in the tire was in shreds. In my collection of 'Model T stuff', I had some tubes, but all had leaks. I needed a new inner tube.

Of course, it was a Friday when the hunt for the new 30x3 inner tube began. I wanted to drive on Saturday or Sunday. No chance of getting an inner tube from a parts supplier. Texts to club members here on the north side got answers from 'Don't have one' to 'Got one but it's the wrong size' to 'Think I have one, I'll look.' Finally, someone said 'Call Bobby Wright.' What a great suggestion. I did just that and Bobby said 'I've got several, come on down.' Saturday mid day I'm at Bobby's in Santa Fe, and he gives me two inner tubes, just in case one doesn't work out. What a friend!

I met Tanner Grebe, my grandson, back at the storage facility. With the original tire, a new inner tube, two tire irons, a rubber hammer, two guys and copious amounts of baby powder, we got the tire mounted. No time to drive on Saturday, but Sunday was great. Sometimes it takes a Village, I mean a Model T Club, to keep these beauties on the road. Thanks Bobby Wright and thanks Space City T's.



Doing Goodwill With The T

By Steve Wirtes

December & January are the time of the year when I get my truck and my wife Angie's Miata's safety inspections completed, and the fellas at [Classic Lube in League City](#) have always been fair and quick. Even though the Miata failed for the first time ever, they told me the #2 ignition coil threw a fault code which I was able to remedy quickly. I didn't "poor-boy" it by only changing one ignition coil, I replaced all four with quality Denso parts, and new NGK spark plugs. Car runs like a champ, and it subsequently passed the inspection.

I don't have a code reader, so as a "thank you" to the fellas at Classic Lube, I told them I'd bring the T over and they could photograph it for promotional purposes if they wanted to do so. They said they'd like to put the T on [Facebook](#) (remember, I don't do social media) which I said "No problem."



That's all...just doing my bit to help promote T ownership and having fun in the car!

CLUB MEETING MONTHLY SCHEDULE

February 8th - Face To Face (FTF) at LifeBrook Church (with Audit at 6:30pm) with Zoom also

March 8th - Zoom Only

Alternating FTF/Zoom & Zoom Only Thereafter

Texas T Party 2023

Wednesday October 18 - Saturday October 21

Rockport, Texas

PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT INFO: [2023 Texas T Party web page](#)

2023 TEXAS T PARTY TOUR REGISTRATION

CLICK : [2023 Texas T Party Registration Form](#)

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM ON YOUR
COMPUTER BEFORE PRINTING IT OUT**

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR CHECK WITH THE APPLICATION

The address is at the bottom of the [Registration Form](#)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Two of the best hotels in Rockport have rooms available both with the same high quality and at the same rate of \$94 per night including breakfast: The Fairfield Inn and the Hampton Inn. (More expensive suites are available at the Fairfield if you wish.) The Fairfield has a business suite, so it is the base hotel. Only the Hampton Inn is pet friendly, with a small deposit. The hotels are about a half a mile apart. Both hotels are near gas stations and major grocery stores: HEB and Walmart. Lots of chain and independent restaurants are nearby, as well. **You will get the best service if you use the web sites to book your rooms. You will be sent a confirmation e-mail.** *Reservation by phone is available from 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday through Friday only.*

Fairfield Inn & Suites (base hotel)
2950 Hwy 35 North Business
Rockport, Texas 78382
Phone :(361) 727-9007

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM AT THE: [Fairfield Inn](#)

Hampton Inn Inn & Suites (pet friendly)
3677 Hwy 35 N Business
Rockport, TX 78382
Phone :(361) 727-2228

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM AT THE: [Hampton Inn](#)

TOUR QUESTIONS

To ask a question by e-mail, click : [2023 Texas T Party Questions](#). To ask a question by telephone, text (preferably) or call Hugh Hemphill at (210) 394 0483. To ask a question about registration only, call the number provided at the bottom of the [Registration Form](#).

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:

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

President	Dave Lucas	281-388-0761
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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



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:

Craig Neuman
2302 Lord Nelson Drive
Seabrook, TX 77586

A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2023 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:

Model T Ford Club of America

309 N. 8th Street
Richmond, IN 47374-3034
Phone: 765-373-3106

Email: rachel@mtfca.com

\$50 annual dues includes six issues of the Vintage Ford
Join or Renew at: [MTFCA Join or Renew](#)

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

Please check your **e-mail** to see if our **February 8, 2023** meeting is a Zoom and/or a Demeris BBQ/LifeBrook Church Meeting



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

located at

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

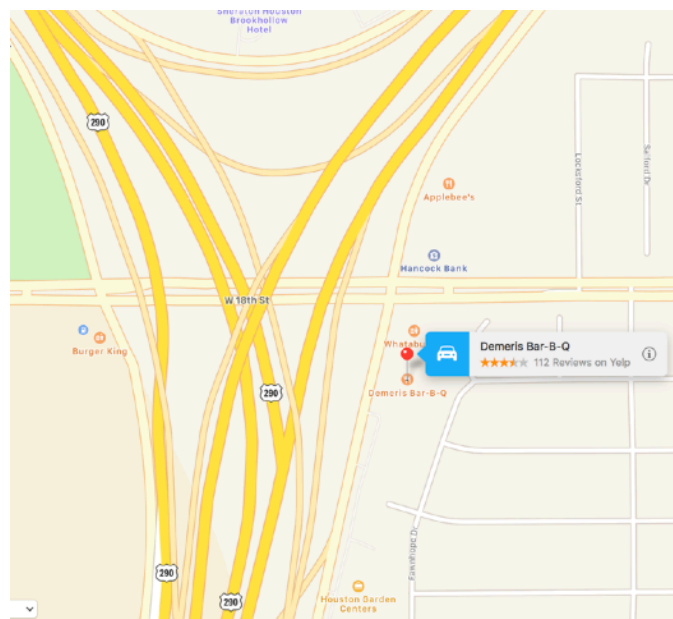
Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

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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