

The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City Ts of Houston, TX

Tomball Lions Club Car Show

By Jim Davis

Here are some photos from the Tomball Lions Club Car show from 30 April 2023. There were only two early cars at the show.



One was a restored blue 1906 Maxwell-Briscoe Model L Tourabout. It had a two cylinder horizontally opposed engine with spark plug access hatches through each side of the hood

that can both be seen in the below photo.



There was also an unrestored 1911 Page Detroit Touring. It has a four cylinder 25 hp engine that originally came with a one-year warranty for only \$800.00.



There was also a very interesting Glastron Car and Boat combination at the show.



**Pretty sure I only
need one more bad
decision and I'll
have the whole set.**

TRECK OF THE ANDES IN MODEL A FORDS

By Alan Fairclough

In April, a brave group of Argentinean Model A enthusiasts took it upon themselves to do another trek of the Andes in their authentic Model A Fords. These brave heroes belong to the First Model A club of Argentina.

The participants were as follows:

ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ: 1930 Canadian Sport Coupe. Left hand drive.

NORBERTO IGLESIAS: 1929 Phaeton. Right hand drive.

HORACIO VISSANI: 1931 Roadster. Right hand drive.



Argentina had right hand drive traffic until 1946. The starting point was in the province of San Juan, next to the Andes on the Argentina side.

Horacio trailed his car to San Juan from the town of Salto 1100Km away. Iglesias drove his Model A from San Pedro, which was 1100 km extra driving. Alfredo lives in San Juan, so that was their starting point. They drove across the

Andes from San Juan through the Aguas Negras (blackwaters) mountain pass over the Andes to Coquimbo in Chile arriving just shortly after midnight.



This mountain pass is at 4780 meters above sea level, so the cars did fine, but the drivers needed oxygen to overcome altitude sickness.

The Sport Coupe had an engine knock, caused by a bad connecting rod bearing. Norberto had a spare, so they replaced it in the streets of Coquimbo in 5 hours.



Stephanie and I were on our way back to the US on a cruise ship scheduled to arrive in Coquimbo the next day, so we hoped we could make our shore excursion and meet up with them. By the time we arrived, they had pressed on south to Valparaiso, and we missed them! It was almost like ships crossing in the dark of the night.

From Valparaiso they went on to Santiago, where they were received by the Ford Model A Club of Santiago.



They then crossed the Andes again through the Uspallata Pass back to Argentina. There are some interesting climbs with hairpin turns. Remember, these are original Model A cars with original unmodified mechanical brakes.



In Mendoza, they were received by the Mendoza Car Club. From there, back up north to San Juan where the San Juan Model A club received them.



Not a single flat tire, no other serious mechanical issues other than Horacio replacing his carb due to a stuck needle. Easier to replace than repair on the road.



Both the Argentine Gendarmeria (police), and the Chilean Carabineros (also police), stopped them but only to get their pictures taken with the cars.



They are planning their next trip in November to come across the Andes to visit us in Pucon and return via Bariloche through one of the amazing ferry road / ferry passes in the South of Chile. Great place for classic cars to explore.



To make a gift to support the Model T Museum, [click here](#) or go here: www.MTFCA.com

CAR SHOW LISTINGS & FLYERS

From Bob Wright at

<http://camarokid1967.com/>

June 18th Sunday: Audrey With Grace Church Car Show on Fathers Day
Open To Pre-Register Below

[June 18th Sunday 2023 Car Show Info](#)

Join us on Sunday, June 18th for our Special Father's Day Car Show! 10:00 am - 2:00 p.m.
ALL CARS AND TRUCKS WELCOME
FREE registration - FREE Admission
Every PRE-REGISTERED car will receive a CASH PRIZE of \$25! PLUS Best Muscle, Best Classic and Best Exotic/Import cars or trucks will receive cash prizes of \$200!
Live Music - Free BBQ & More
Awards will begin at 1:45 pm
Bring your family, invite your friends!

July 16th Sunday: Hot Rod-Heat in The Lone Star State. By Champions Hot Rod Car Club of Spring Texas
TO MUCH TO LIST "READ FLYER"
[July 16th Hot Rod-Heat in Texas](#)

August 11th to 13th: Moody Gardens Car Show
Multiple Categories
Custom Trophies To Be Will Be Awarded
[May 12-14 Classic Car Show Moody Gardens](#)
[Classic Car Show Entry form 1](#)
[Classic Car Show Entry form 2](#)

Sept. 10th Sunday: 11am To 5pm
Hot Rod Picnic at Carbide Park In La Marque, TX. Entry Fee, Your Hot Rod & Covered Dish. Yes, Ladies "We Heard You" Your Favorite Covered Dish Is back on the Menu. Hot Rods & Pre 1970 Muscle Cars Only! Pee Wee Bowen & Band Will Be Playing Your Favorite Music From 1PM To 3PM.

Help Us Make This The Best One Ever!

God Bless America

[09-10-2023 Hot Rod Picnic Flyer](#)
[Carbide Park In La Marque, TX. Maps](#)

Rockport Texas T Party, October 18 – 21, 2023, Update

By Hugh Hemphill via Facebook

This is a very long message, please share as much as possible. Good news from my organizing perspective, there has been a very nice uptick in the registrations received. Matching that with the high number of room reservations altogether, it would seem there is going to be a good turnout for the tour. Some feedback has been a little critical of choosing a coastal location, and that's OK. Folks need to be aware the chances are good there will be some rain, it will be quite windy, a little on the cool side and the air will be salty. If these conditions don't sit well with you, then by all means: stay home. There will be another tour next year, apparently in good old Kerrville. I'd rather have 70 cars and everyone having a good time than 90 cars and 20 people mumbling and grumbling, spoiling it for everyone.

Being at the coast both adds and subtracts opportunities. One thing is the lack of back roads. I've driven all the planned routes in my T on weekdays at the same time the tour will be on the roads, and the traffic wasn't bad at all. Obviously, the tour will avoid the almost freeway-like State Highway 35 as much as possible. On the Friday, the day with the most driving, you will be on a long straight main road

for quite a few miles. The hard shoulder is first class.

While I'm still sorting out certain details, the overall schedule is pretty much set with the exception of Thursday's activity. Getting all the tour pictures made will take time and then we will stay local. My problem is narrowing down all the possibilities, or maybe not, and just letting people choose which activities they'd prefer themselves. As the joke goes, give me a little more time to overthink this.

TOUR OUTLINE

Wednesday 10/18. 9 AM start.

Going to Port Aransas, about a 45 mi. round trip. Involves a short (free) ferry ride. No planned activities on the island. It is a major tourist destination with plenty to do. The local visitor's bureau has provided a simplified map with the most popular attractions. This includes scheduled cruises on a real-life pirate ship. The boat can carry about 40 passengers a time.

There are two cruises scheduled for

Wednesday 10/18, at 12 noon and 3:30 PM.

You are supposed to book your trip in advance.

Here is a link to their web site with all the details:

<https://www.reddragonpiratecruises.com/>

Wednesday evening. For those who want to go, the 120 seat RLC (Rockport Little Theatre) will be an opportunity to enjoy some local musicians, plus, I hope, a couple of performances by tour participants, including a specially written song about the Ford Model T. Some T era short movies – Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, etc., may also be shown. There will be a \$10 admission fee, which also

includes popcorn and a soda. Also, adult beverages will be available. The venue is very close to the combined "Winery on the Bay / Dog Gone Brewery" which is the only such place I've found in the area. It closes at 7 PM.

THURSDAY 10/19

I'm still working out details on the best way to spend the afternoon and evening on this day but for sure, there won't be a lot of driving. It's picture day, so most of the morning will be getting tour pictures made at the Fulton Mansion. A catered lunch and a limited amount of flying will be at the airport where the trailers should be parked during the tour. There's talk of doing a raffle so the lucky winners can go for a flight over the bay. I'm in discussion with more activities, such as racing on the runway for those who want to do that. A possible TT crawl-off – who can go the slowest without stopping or stalling – is one idea. Additionally, a mini parade past the local elementary school and through the historic district may be arranged.

Alternatively, for those interested, I'm in discussion with a local boat charter service about having maybe both an afternoon and an evening cruise available. The boat can only safely carry 30 people at a time. What will need to happen is that people wanting to go will have to book – and pay – ahead of time, through the boat company's web site. If there are not enough people book to justify two trips, they will be consolidated into one. If people wait till the last minute, they may find there are no seats available. I'm unwilling to charter the boat outright due to the cost and being unfair to people who aren't interested.

If that wasn't enough, I'm also thinking of personally presenting an hour long talk on Rockport transportation history. The business suite at the Fairfield Hotel can hold up to 60 people. I imagine this talk might attract 10 – 15 people so enough room should not be a problem.

FRIDAY 10/20

Major driving day. Around 140 miles. First stop will be for coffee and donuts in Refugio, 40 miles from Rockport, where town leaders are really excited about our visit. This will be a fundraiser for the local "Boys and Girls" club. Our refreshments are covered but they are anticipating a lot of local people coming to the park where we will be stopping to see the Ts. There will be an opportunity for tour members to make-a-donation if they are so inclined. On the way out of town we will be doing a mini parade past the local elementary school.

Then on another 25 miles to Goliad where we will be having a catered meal within the hallowed wall of the La Bahia presidio itself. I'm stunned this was offered to us. I'm bold and am prepared to ask for lot but even I wasn't prepared when this opportunity was presented as an option. After lunch, there will be a police escort drive through Goliad, past their elementary school – two mini-parades on one day, ending up at the historic courthouse square. No evening plans as I figure many people will be very tired but . . . if anyone is interested, there could be an hour or so night-time drive. I love driving my T at night, especially at the coast.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

A long way round drive to the "Big Tree" a remarkable specimen that is over 1,000 years old, one of the three oldest trees in Texas. About 40 miles in all, taking in some coastal drives not previously experienced in the tour. Then a sandwich style lunch catered by a wonderful local deli, then free time in Rockport itself, with its many shopping, cultural, fishing and beach experience opportunities. The boat ride people from Thursday may also be running again, or you can rent a small craft for just you. The shopping is excellent, varied, and unique. There are the art museums, the recently restored railroad depot and the nearby maritime museum. There are self-guided walking tours of historic buildings. I don't want ya'll to come to Rockport and not actually get to spend time there. The traditional banquet will be in the evening and that's all folks, and that's enough!

ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

Bad weather and T breakdowns have to be expected at the coast. If there is a day of lashing rain with no letup in sight, or if your T has conked out or you just don't think it will make it on the longest tour, an alternative set of activities will be provided, including how to visit the state aquarium and the nearby USS Lexington aircraft carrier at north beach in Corpus Christi.

URL links to the tour's web page with the registration application form and hotel booking information is in the following page.

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](#).

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For Sale: 1929 Model A Boat-Tail Speedster



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'Boat-Tail' is from two 1947 International pickup hoods, 4 cylinder Model A engine with Stromberg downdraft carburetor, & modern intake manifold, Kelsey 16" 'bent spoke' wheels, and rebuilt electrical system.

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Space City T's

Please mail your [information form](#) and check to the Treasurer at:

Craig Neuman
2302 Lord Nelson Drive
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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

CLUB MEETING MONTHLY SCHEDULE

-June 14th - Face to Face at LifeBrook Church with Zoom and Demeris BBQ
-Alternating monthly July 12th Zoom only and August 9th Face to Face with Zoom and Demeris BBQ



**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.**

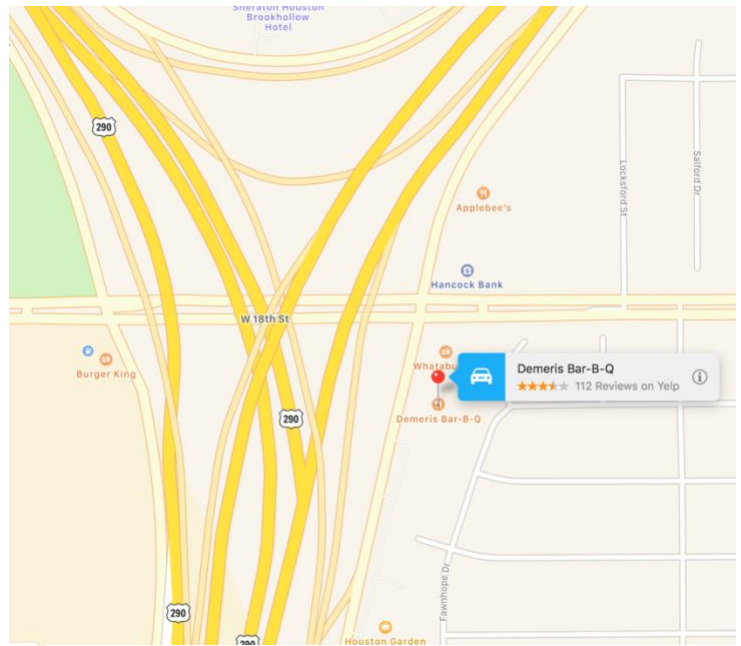
Place:

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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