

The Flivver Flash

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

WILLIS ONE DAY TOUR

By Bill Severn

Having been cancelled by rain twice in 2022, the Willis One Day Tour was finally set for Sunday, March 5, 2023. The plan was for four cars to participate: Denny Irvine's 1927 pickup truck, Peter Adey's 1914 Roadster pickup, my 1916 Touring car and my 1913 Touring car. I would drive the 1913 touring car, and my grandson Tanner Grebe would drive the 1916 touring car. Unfortunately, a radiator leak in the 1913 touring car brought the number down to three model Ts. Rosie Stokley had sent an email saying that she was interested in attending but did not have a car available. I invited her to ride along, as there was plenty of room.

The weather on the Sunday morning was perfect: cool temperature and not a cloud in the sky. Peter Adey and I had discussed the trip and decided that we would not trailer our cars the 20 miles to Willis, we would drive them. We met at a local gas station, and off we went. We stayed on the I-45 service road and later continued north on highway 75. About 5 miles south of Willis, I noticed that I could not see Peter's car in the rear-view mirror, so I pulled to the side of the road. A motorist pulled alongside and said, "he popped a tire back there." Tanner and I turned around and sure enough, there sat Peters car with a blown left rear tire.

We have started the tour with a **BANG!**



Peter Adey was fully prepared for this emergency. In the big barrel in the back of his pickup he had a jack to jack up the wheel, a set of tire irons to tackle the job, a new inner tube, and a pump to pump up the tire. Tanner and Peter took on the job. Soon the blown-out tube was removed, the nail in the tire removed, the new inner tube installed, and the young strong Tanner was pumping away.

Denny called wondering where we were, then drove down to lend moral support. Rosie, who was to meet us in Willis, was up there all alone. She must have thought we had run off and left her.



With Peter's tire inflated, we all drove up to meet Rosie. Denny's friend, Steve Havemann, who took this group picture, joined the group, and rode along with Denny.



The roads around Willis are rolling and only slightly congested on a Sunday morning. It was great for T driving. Soon we reached the first rest stop, a service station with snacks and restrooms.



Next on the agenda was lunch, however we were very early, so Denny led us to a friend's house in Waverly Estates. Waverly Estates is a private airport where airplane lovers and builders live. Totally unannounced, we drove up the driveway/taxiway to the home of his friend Mo Postelwaite. In the photo below, Mo is on the right probably wondering "Who are these people?"



Mo gave us a private tour of his garage/hangar where he is building a Van's RV8 aircraft. Since he was a former airline mechanic, his workmanship is superb. (Continued next page)

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Leaving the airport, we headed for *The Fish Pond Restaurant* to have lunch. Really good food and service made this stop great.



After a great lunch, it was 'on with the tour.' Not too many miles down the road, the motorometer on my 1916 touring car began vibrating and rotating on its own, evidently planning to leave the car. Some more repair was needed. All cars pulled over and, soon after, Tanner had it tightened up and road-worthy again.



Next came a very welcome stop for an ice cream cone, then back in the Ts for more touring. We ended up at the parking lot where we had met Rosie. Rosie left for home, and we followed Denny for a while as he was taking Steve Havemann to his home.

BANG, BANG, BANG. Denny's car began to announce that it was running out of gas. Fortunately, Denny was prepared and had a gallon or two of gas in the back of his pickup. Back on the road everyone got home well.

We began this tour with a **BANG**, and by golly we ended with a **BANG**, too! Great fun with good friends. We should do this more often.

Spring Break Tour

By Doug Brough

Our son was home from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio for Spring break and requested a long Model T ride in the country during his time home. Since southwest Houston doesn't offer a lot of country, I asked Scott and Leslie Grant if we could trailer up to their place near Bellville, and then drive the country roads around there. They said "yes".

On the day we ventured out the weather and the flowers were spectacular! We drove around the Fayetteville/Industry area and were treated to some gorgeous views. There were also some others out enjoying the scenery, so each flower patch generally had a few other folks besides us. It was just the perfect day for taking pictures.

Not sure how long the flowers will stay in bloom, but they sure looked like they were at their peak when we went out. If getting out in person wasn't possible for you, please enjoy these pictures.



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

Sophie Mae Adcock

JANUARY 3, 1931 – MARCH 1, 2023



Sophie Mae Adcock, 92, of Houston, Texas, passed away March 1, 2023

She was born in Waller, Texas on January 3, 1931, to John and Katie Wawarosky, as their youngest of 6 children. Sophie graduated from Jeff Davis High School. She met the love of her life, Donald Adcock, while in High School. They were married, had 3 children, and shared nearly 62 years together. Sophie was a wonderful, loving mother, involved in their every activity and interest. Her passion was spending time with family, and they were a huge part of her everyday life. There was seldom a day without a phone call or visit. Vacations, holidays, and gatherings with them were her special joy. Sophie briefly worked for the "Phone Company" as a draftsman, before taking on the full-time job as a military wife, mother, and homemaker. She served the Lord at Our Redeemer, Beautiful Savior, and Our Savior Lutheran Churches, for many years as a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, sewing circles, and made many beautiful banners to adorn and enhance the services.

She and Don enjoyed restoring antique cars. They were lifetime members of the AACA and Space City T's, where they shared many adventures. They drove their beloved antique cars from the Gulf shores to the Rocky Mountains and everywhere in between. They also participated in the making of several TV movies and mini-series, meeting many celebrities along the way. Some of Sophie's many hobbies included sewing, crocheting, painting and she never met a craft project she didn't like. She also kept the family tree. She was always fun and engaged everyone in playing games and working crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She was affectionately called the "Farkle Queen", for always winning at her favorite dice game. Sophie is survived by son, Ted Adcock and wife, Judy. Daughter, Nancy Carter and husband, David. Brother-in-law, Floyd Adcock. Grandson, Aaron Adcock and wife, Danna. Grandson, Anthony Adcock. Great-Grandson, Jayden Adcock and Great-Granddaughter, Lily Adcock. And numerous Nieces and Nephews that loved her dearly.

34th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival – 2023



Join us for the 34th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival on **Saturday, April 15, 2023**, from 10am to 6pm. Come out to Burton, home of the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin, and celebrate the [34th Annual Burton Cotton Gin Festival](#). This is a FREE, family friendly event featuring a day full of fun and history! The day begins with a parade through Burton and continues at the grounds of the Texas Cotton Gin Museum. Shop and eat in our Arts & Crafts Vendor Area, and Food Court. Watch Folklife skills demonstrations like Blacksmithing and butter churning, and spoon carving. Enjoy our Tractor, Engine, and Classic Cars on Display, and take part in fun Contests, and Games. Live Music begins at noon, entertainers to be announced soon. At 3 PM the Oldest Operating Cotton Gin in America will come to life, and a bale of cotton will be ginned. For more information on the great parts of festival either click below on the EVENTS menu and choose from Parade, Folk Life, Crafts, Food, Entertainment etc.

Thank you and see you soon!

EVENTS MENU

[*Antique Farm Equipment*](#)

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[*Parade with classic cars, vintage tractors and more!*](#)

[**Click here for a parade entry form.**](#)

Escaping Winter in Chile

By Alan Fairclough

For the last five years we have been doing our best to escape winter weather by commuting South when it starts getting cold up North. We do not migrate to Florida. We take it a few steps further South and move to our home in the Chilean Patagonia. Seasons are reversed South of the equator so around October we fly down to Chile and settle in our fixer-upper just three miles out of the quaint town of Pucon.



Pucon sits on the East end of the Villarica Lake one of the hundreds of lakes in Araucania, the lake district of Chile. Pucon is known also for its ski season in winter as it is just a few miles away from Quetrupillan, the most active volcano in Chile. There are active and inactive volcanos. No longer is the term extinct volcano used because it has been found that volcanos that have been extinct for thousands of years have suddenly come back to life so the over 3000 volcanos in Chile are now either active or inactive. Chile experiences an average of ten minor earthquakes daily. This volcano has the largest number of seismic detectors of any volcano in the world. Based on seismic activity around the volcano the area is under an alert system that goes from green, yellow, orange to red. Evacuation routes are drawn with green lines around town but are quite useless as they end up in dead ends, one at a farm, another at the small town of

Currarehue that has no room for the half million people that vacation here every summer. Another route ends at the entrance of a peninsula where security guards don't let anyone but the high-end residents in. The remaining so-called evacuation routes would be cut off by the rivers that they cross, and the bridges would be washed out by the melting snow and mud avalanches from the volcano. Fortunately, the Quetrupillan is a sedimentary volcano, (not strombolic). What that means it is not the kind of volcano that suddenly explodes wiping out miles of real estate around it. Instead, it has a large crater with a very small throat where a small lava lake forms. This causes a yellow alert. We have been under yellow alert since last November now. Usually when under green alert, there is no lava visible but there is a constant plume of steam coming up the throat and due to the prevailing Westerlies, it blows over the border to Argentina.



Sorry about that. During the yellow alert, the steam clouds are constant but at night they are illuminated red by the lava lake so the steam clouds glow orange and red. Excursions to the rim during yellow alert are limited to 800 meters from the rim because sometimes there are unexpected emissions, (not called eruptions), where gravel, lava and ash are spit out and fall outside of the outer rim of the crater. This could be dangerous to the daily excursions to the top that tourists go for.

Pictures herein are of the volcano in green, orange and yellow alert stages.



There have been eruptions in the past. In 1996 and recently in 2015 where red alerts were issued but not many people evacuated, as a sedimentary volcano it just keeps spitting up lava, gravel and ash that piles up on the slopes of the volcano and make it a bit taller. Residents then must sweep up the ash and that is the worst that has happened in the last centuries.



As you would know it, our home, Auberge du Lac, is up the road to the volcano so that we have a great view of the lake and of Quetrupillan outside our bedroom window and enjoy the free "nightlight" feature of the glowing cloud of steam. So, when we go back to green alert again and have no glow, to compensate, I got this lava lamp as a substitute.

Summer up North is coming soon so on March 24 we head back across the equator on a discounted cruise ship back to Texas and will have to start working on our model T again, fixing the wobbling wheels and the warped exhaust manifold and getting an Arduino programmed to adapt to the original tachometer / speedometer that is not connected to the front wheel anymore.



THE ALVIN ROTARY CLUB

Presents the

FRONTIER DAY

CAR & BIKE SHOW

April 29, 2023

We are excited to announce the addition of new judging classes to our Frontier Day Show.

The Car and Bike Show along with a Parade, Arts & Crafts, Food Vendors, Live Bands, Carnival, and other activities, will be held in **National Oak Park, 118 S Magnolia, Alvin, Texas from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm** on April 29th.

Visit our website to check out all the events, registration, and new vehicle judging categories. Visit: <https://www.alvinrotary.org/sitepage/car-bike-show>

The ONLINE Car and Bike entry fee is \$30 per class. You can enter multiple classes; the first 100 entries will receive a commemorative dash plaque and a souvenir t-shirt while supplies last. Over 100 plaques and trophies to be awarded.

Online \$30 Registration is open Visit: <https://www.alvinrotary.org/sitepage/car-bike-show>

In Person: Paying Day of Event Registration: 7:00 to 11:00 am Entry is **\$40 per class.**

Show Vehicles ONLY: enter the park at 201 East Sealy Street, Alvin **before 11:00 am**

Proceeds from this event are used to support local community charitable organizations. If you need additional information, contact: Ricky Kubeczka (713) 828-9477

Thank you,

Ricky Kubeczka

Alvin Rotary Club

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

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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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Model T Parts Wanted

Serviceable 4½" x 21" tire to be used as a spare.

If anyone needs one or two 3½" x 30" disassembled wheels I would be glad to trade for two clincher rims.

Looking for a good, uncracked block to have rebuilt.

Please call or email:
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Space City T's

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

Craig Neuman
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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:

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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

- April 12th - Face to Face at LifeBrook Church with Zoom and Demeris BBQ
- May 10th - Zoom only
- Alternating monthly Face to Face/Zoom/Demeris BBQ and Zoom only thereafter



**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.**

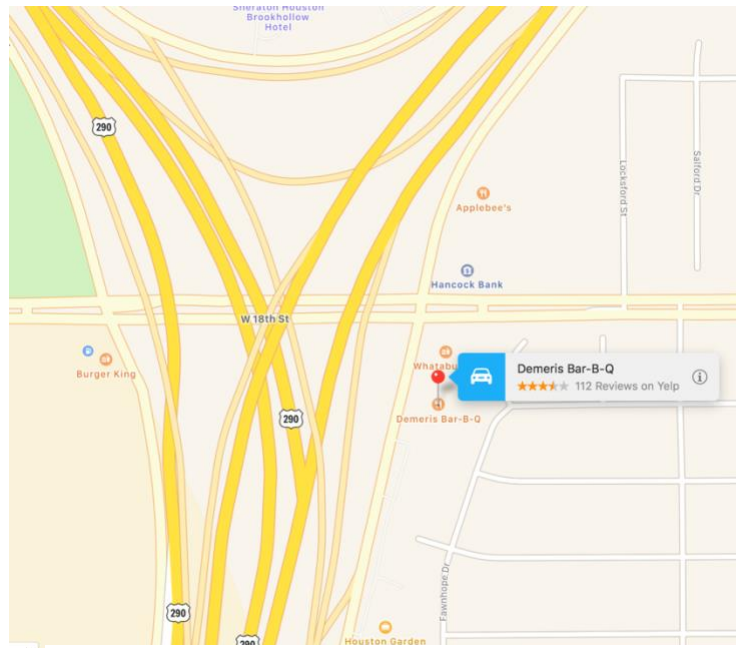
Place:

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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