

The Flivver Flash

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

Powering Up Your Car Hauling Trailer

By Steve Wirtes

While this article is not specific to our beloved Model T's, hopefully fellow club members might find it interesting. I utilize my car hauling trailer as not only a means to transport my classics, but also as "extra" garage space.

Since we do not drive our classic cars daily, our vehicle batteries tend to lose their charge over time. Battery float chargers will solve this problem, and while I have several chargers in my garage, the car hauling trailer lacks one. For that matter, my trailer does not have 110 volt power inside, so I set about the task of resolving that so I could ultimately install a float charger inside.

Simple, weatherproof "power plugs" are readily available via the internet so I set about the task of installing one. Basically, this plug is a recessed male plug which has a weatherproof cover on the outside and a pigtail with two female plugs for the inside of the trailer. Once installed, simply run a suitable extension cord from the house to the trailer and presto, 110V power is now available inside the trailer.

Several photos depict the process...just remember to "measure twice, cut once" and use liberal amounts of sealant.



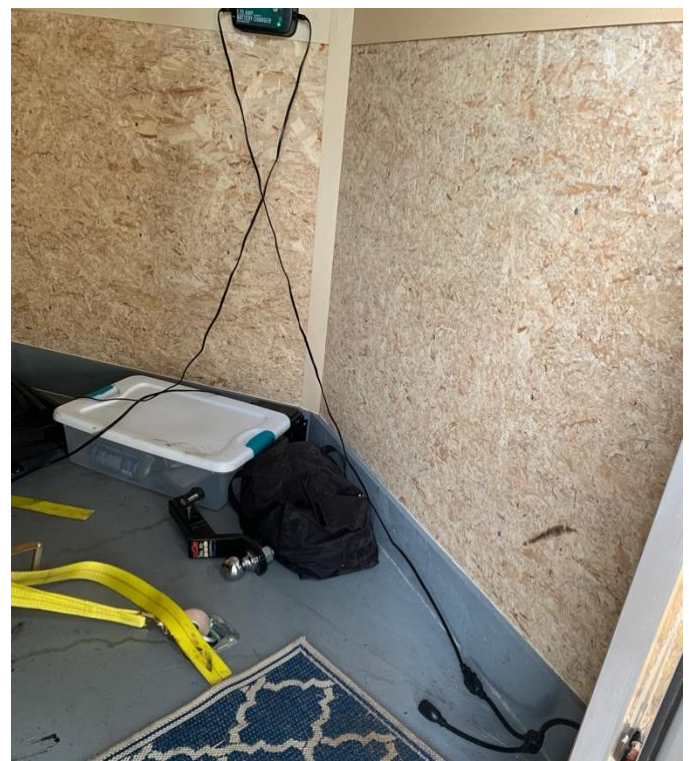


The final item I addressed was ease of use. Most float chargers include alligator clips, but I prefer to “hardwire” my chargers with permanent leads which easily attach to the bolts that secure the battery cables to the battery terminal posts. The ones provided by Battery Tender® are about 18” in length and have a dust cover for the leads when not in use.



I have been an avid user of Battery Tender® products as they have withstood the test of time and I trust them in my garage. Since some of my vehicles are 6 VDC and others are 12 VDC, I found a Battery Tender® which was programmable for either 6 VDC or 12 VDC and it was easy to mount to the inside wall of the trailer.

Full disclosure: *I am not employed by nor am I a paid spokesperson for Battery Tender® products.*

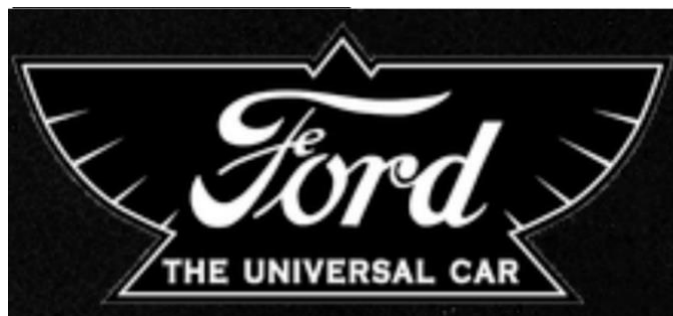


I routed this wire down the side of the battery in my Touring so it is exposed underneath. Cable ties were also utilized to prevent any potential chafing. Once completed, it is simply a matter of plugging the lead to the cable which goes to the float charger.



Last year my wife, dog, and I participated in the Texas T Party in Hallettsville and had a blast! While we did not stay in the hotel, instead we took our RV with the trailer in tow and met six or seven other families who also trailered their T's and stayed at the same campground. It sure was nice to park our T in its own garage, safe from the elements, and ready to start the next day of touring with a fully charged battery. See y'all at the next tour in Rockport in September!

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



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

CAR SHOW LISTINGS & FLYERS

From Bob Wright at

<http://camarokid1967.com/>

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 event, 'The Best One Ever'. God Bless America.

[Sept. 10th Sunday 14th Annual Hot Rod Picnic](#)
[Carbide Park In La Marque, TX. Maps](#)

See flyer on next page:



**14th Annual
Hot Rod Picnic
Sunday
09/10/2023**

11:00 AM To 5:00 PM
Carbide Park, La Marque, Tx.



**This year's event is being held in
Honor of the "founding Fathers"
PeeWee Bowen and Billy Bunch**



Hot Rods, Muscle Cars and Classics

ENTRY FEE: YOUR VEHICLE & COVERED DISH

Bring Lawn Chairs & Your Own Non-Alcoholic Beverage (**no glass**)
Blessing Of Food At Noon Followed By Chow Down All Cruisers

Directions To Carbide Park

- TAKE I-45 South
- EXIT 10 (MAIN STREET EXIT)
- TAKE 1ST RIGHT (519 WEST)
- GO ABOUT 1 MILE (YOU WILL PASS SOME FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS)
- CARBIDE PARK WILL BE ON THE RIGHT
- FOLLOW THE ROAD ALL THE WAY TO THE BACK OF THE PARK AND YOU WILL SEE THE PAVILLION ON THE LEFT



OR

- TAKE HWY 6 (SOUTH) TO HITCHCOCK
- GO APPROXIMATELY 4 LIGHTS DOWN
- TURN LEFT ON 519 EAST
- PARK WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE ON THE LEFT



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*** **NO TROPHIES** *** **NO SHIRTS** *** **NO DASH PLAQUES** ***

A Fun Get Together Which Includes A 50/50 Jar

Texas T Party 2023

1st Annual Pickleball Event



After a day of touring, who wants to get your dink on? If you are interested in playing Pickleball or just watching, please let me know in advance by dropping me an email at stephen.havemann@gmail.com or text me at 281-433-5182. We are just trying to access interest. There is absolutely no commitment required.

Whaaaaat! Do not know what Pickleball is all about? This will be a great opportunity to learn.

Pickleball play will be available at the T Party at:

Rockport Fulton High School
1803 Omohundro St
Rockport, TX 78382.

Bring your gear for some fun! Bring court shoes, and paddles, if you have them.

We will have extra paddles.

More details to come.



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 & 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



2016 Keels & Wheels photo

'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.

\$7995 OBO ([more photos](#))

Please leave message or email:

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FOR SALE

1925 DOCTORS COUPE



PRETTY RED WITH BLACK TRIM. SHE HAS A FEW NICKS BECAUSE I DRIVE HER. RUNS REALLY GOOD, POWERFUL, ENGINE DOES 45MPH WITH EASE. GARAGED, NO RUST. MOSTLY ORIGINAL, EXCEPT DISTRIBUTOR AND INSIDE KIT. HAS LEATHER AND WOOD PANELS. FOR MORE INFO ON ENGINE CALL ROSS AT LILLEKER

AUTO. **\$12,000**

ROSEMARY STOKLEY

KATY, TX 1-832-444-9927

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

CLUB MEETING MONTHLY SCHEDULE

-September 13th - Zoom only

-October 11th - TBD Face to Face at LifeBrook Church
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**



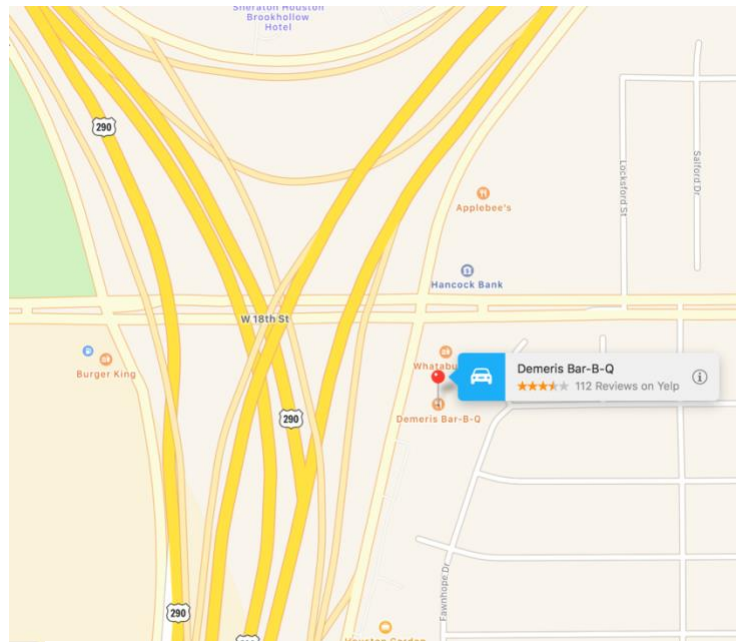
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

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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