

The Flivver Flash

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

Model Ts at Breakfast or Who Brought the Tools By Bill Severn

With the Texas T Party rapidly approaching and the weather cooling just a little bit, the Space City Ts Northern Division (Severn, Irvine, Havemann, Vier, Elder, et al) decided it was time for a Friday breakfast at the Whistle Stop Cafe. Since Steve Havemann and I live relatively close to each other, he and I decided to ride together in Steve's beautiful 1922 Touring Car. The weather on the Friday morning was perfect: warm temperature and not a cloud in the sky. Arrived at Steve's house and got under way.



Oooops, is that a low band slipping. Sure is. High gear is working fine. Steve said, "I've got the tools with me; I'll adjust the low band after breakfast." Steve knew all the back roads, so we got to the Whistle Stop with minimal traffic delays. Everyone seemed to arrive at the same time.



Everyone was hungry and ready for a Whistle Stop breakfast. From left to right above, you see David Vier, Randy Elder from Huntsville, Denny Irvine, Steve Havemann and me.

Without a doubt, a great gathering of Model T enthusiasts. After breakfast, Steve tackled the job of tightening up the low-speed band in the Whistle Stop parking lot. Not too much to it, pull the floorboards, then just give it a twist or two, and tighten it up.



When Steve got done, we headed for a gas station before a planned short tour of the Conroe area. Low band working well, but what is that roar from under Steve's car? It's getting louder and louder. Heading to the gas station there was no horn needed. Everyone could hear us coming. Obviously, it is exhaust, but is it the exhaust manifold or the big brass exhaust pipe nut? Looked under the hood. Nothing loose. Well, let's get out some tools, pull up the floorboards, and check the exhaust pipe nut. Wouldn't you know, the exhaust pipe had pulled out of the big brass packing nut. OK, now who's got the tools? Denny to the rescue. I think he could overhaul an engine with the tools he carries!



With some 'get out and get under' work, the exhaust pipe was removed. Several well placed hammer blows, and the flange that the nut grips was enlarged. With Denny and Steve working as a team, the exhaust went back together.

By this time, it was beginning to get hot, so the decision was made to forget the mini tour of Conroe, and just head home. It was a great breakfast together and a good shake down trip to get cars ready for touring.

Will we do it again? Count on it.

**To make a gift to support the
Model T**

**Museum, [click here](#)
or go here: www.MTFCA.com**

2023 Space City T's Christmas Party

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 2023

**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.**

OBITUARY

Mayes Ervin Fuller

SEPTEMBER 8, 1933 - OCTOBER 31, 2023



Mayes Ervin Fuller, beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away October 31, 2023, and entered the portals of Heaven and looked on the face of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mayes was born on September 8, 1933, in Houston, Texas, to parents Sydney Mayes and Lizzie Lee Fuller.

Education was always important to Mayes. He excelled in his classes throughout elementary, junior high, and high school. He won the John Marshall Junior High School Library Club award in 1946. As well as making his academics a priority,

Mayes lettered in bowling and tennis at Jeff Davis High School. He graduated from Rice University in 1955 and later became a Certified Public Accountant in 1967. Mayes always had an ear for languages. He was fluent in German and Spanish, and he knew quite a bit of French and Russian.

Mayes met and married the love of his life, Minnie Carolyn Fuller. They had two daughters, Karen, and Janice. In their early years, they attended Trinity Baptist Church where he was ordained as a deacon. Later, he continued to serve as a deacon at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston and then at First Baptist Church in Hallettsville.

Later, Mayes and Carolyn moved to L & M Brangus Ranch near Hallettsville. Taking care of cattle was a family affair. He also moved his CPA firm to the town square.

Mayes and Carolyn knew how to have fun. They participated in square dancing, going on Model T tours across the Hill Country with the Space City T's, and traveling. They took river boats tours and spent two white Christmases in Alaska, as well as other excursions.

Mayes is preceded in death by his beloved Carolyn, his parents, and sister Frances Cody. He is survived by his daughter Karen Robinson and her husband Kent, daughter Janice Smeltzer, grandson Connor Smeltzer, and nephews and nieces. Mayes lived well and loved well and left a beautiful legacy.

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A Christmas Wish

or

Oh Denny, Denny, Denny, I know what Gwen wants for Christmas!

By Bill Severn

It was at the Texas T Party in Rockport, Texas. Denny Irvine and his lovely wife Gwen were riding in Denny's car, enjoying the tour. Denny stopped to help a friend with a ticking sound in the friend's Model T rear end. Since Denny was going to be delayed while helping his friend, Gwen decided to get a ride with Tim Grebe to complete the days driving. Tim was driving my 1921 Center Door Sedan. With her two cushions that she used when riding in Denny's T, Gwen got into the back seat of the Center Door. Off they went down the road. After a short while, Gwen remarked to Tim, "It is so comfortable back here, I don't need these cushions. I didn't know Ford made a Model T this comfortable."

Oh Denny, just with the mention of those words, I know what Gwen wants for Christmas.



Denny's response to Gwen: "Okay Sweetie, anything you want. We'll get one."



Under his breath, "OK Bill, what's it gonna cost me?"

CAR SHOW LISTINGS

Toys For Tots Car Show and Toy Drive

Hosted by West Houston Muscle

Saturday December 16, 2023, 9 to 11am

Current Christian Church

26600 Westheimer Pkwy

Katy, TX 77494

WEB: [Toys For Tots Car Show](#)

EMAIL: contact@westhoustonmuscle.com

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Space City T's Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid. Dues are **\$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

SPACE CITY T's MEMBER ENROLLMENT

Model T Ford Club of America membership # _____

Model T Ford Club International membership # _____

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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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



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KATY, TX 1-832-444-9927

New Members Wanted

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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

-December 3rd – Christmas Party

-January 10th – **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**



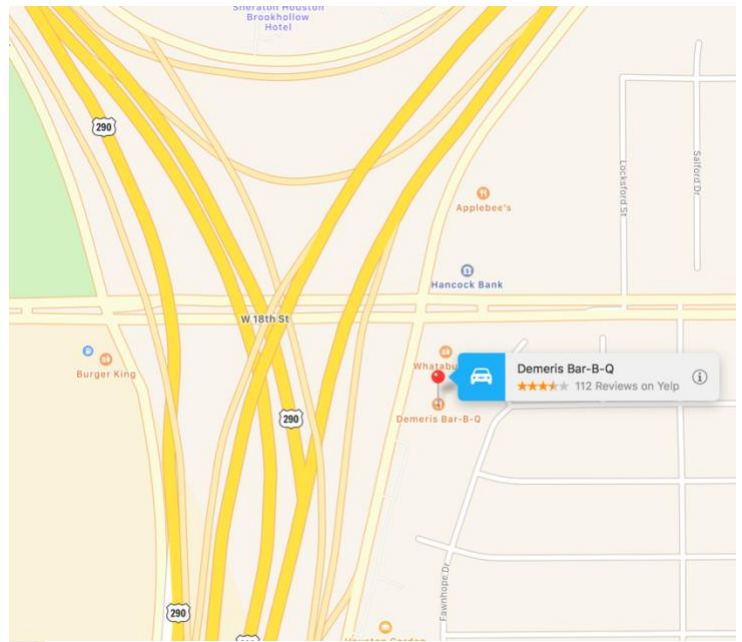
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

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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