

The Flivver Flash

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

2024 Kerrville Texas T Party

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Model Ts made their way to the town of Kerrville, Texas for the 47th annual Texas T Party. What began as a group of about a dozen cars, the Space City Ts of Houston, Texas, has sponsored this tour since 1978. Each year, a different location is chosen by the volunteers who organize the tour. Bill Severn (below) and his daughter Beth Severn Grebe and son-in-law Tim Grebe were this year's organizers.



The base hotel was at the Inn of The Hills Resort and Convention Center in Kerrville. The Board Room of the hotel served as the pickup

place for goodie bags, lanyards and tour books for the registrants. Also included in the bags were nice T-shirts to commemorate the event, seen below on Paul and Sandra Murphy from Limerick, Ireland.



Something new this year; Kecia Haseman sponsored high tech assistance by providing a QR code in the tour books that allowed photos and videos to be uploaded to an accessible website to be viewed by all tour participants. With anywhere from 90-100 vehicles participating each year, space is limited in the hotels' parking lots, so trailers were able to be stored behind the hotel in a large field.

As the official touring did not begin until the following day, Tuesday was used as a time for checking on the Model Ts after making the journey to Kerrville. It was also a time to socialize with people from various clubs from all over Texas and beyond. This yearly event is often the only opportunity to visit in person with friends made from other clubs at previous

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Texas T Parties, because, well, Texas is a very large state to cover, especially in a Model T. Participants came from 12 different states and internationally from Ireland and Australia.



Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Wednesday began with the daily driver's meeting in the Inn of The Hills's Board Room. These briefings are important, as traffic changes and new information can occur after the tour book with directions already has gone to press. By 9 am, the group was heading to Stonehenge II (they call it Stone Hinge down here) in Ingram, Texas.

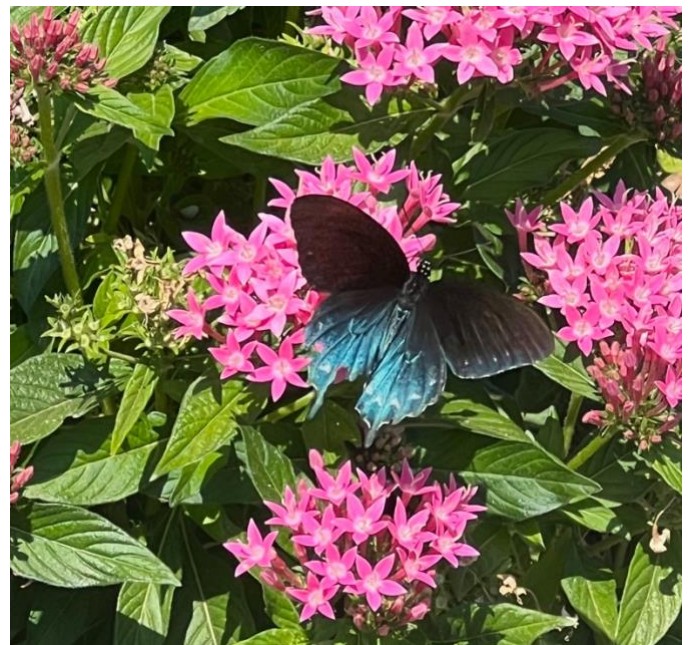
Stonehenge II is a concrete sculpture built in homage to the original Stonehenge monument. Now residing on the campus of the Hill Country Arts Foundation, Stonehenge II was conceived by Al Shepperd and built about two-thirds the size of the original with the help of his friend and neighbor, Doug Hill. There are also two fabricated Moai, or Easter Island statues at the location.



After navigating over some scenic country roads, being mindful of the cattle guards, the cars arrived in the city of Harper Texas. After appreciating the local history at the [Harper Pioneer Museum](#), a spectacular Tex/Mex lunch was provided at the nearby Harper Community Hall.



Then onto more beautiful country roads leading back to Kerrville and The Ridge Marketplace. The location had a café and bakery (and of course, ice cream). Everyone could either take a break inside the building or wander the gardens, which had a plant nursery and an amphitheater. Butterflies were abundant among the native plants.



Next, it was on to the headquarters of the [James Avery](#) jewelry store, a Texas-based, family-owned company. The flagship retail store on the grounds contains a small museum showcasing original workbenches and hand tools, while a video narrates the history of the company.



This was a short driving day of a bit over 50 miles, meant to work out the kinks in Model Ts that might not have been ridden in a while. Luckily, Greg Rising volunteered his time and vehicle as the “vulture wagon” aka the trouble truck for those that needed assistance. Then it was back to the hotel.

Wednesday evening was for socializing at the hotel’s western bar, the Inn Pub, or enjoying one of the many local restaurants, some of them lake side to Nimitz Lake, part of the Guadalupe River.

At 7 pm, Dan Bratcher presented the 2nd (and hopefully annual) ‘Model T Round Table Session’ in the Board Room. The discussions were so well-received at last year’s Texas T Party, that he brought it back again this year.



Thursday, October 17, 2024

Thursday began with a short drive to [Arcadia Live](#), a historic theater in Kerrville where the official tour photos were taken. For many, this is an opportunity to wear their period-correct clothing.



While waiting in line for the photo shoot, donuts and coffee were available from Pat Goodson’s 1927 TT Chuck Truck that was parked nearby.

The next stop was Fredericksburg, a Texas Hill Country visitor favorite, known for its shopping, wine and beer, art, music, and German food. The town is also known for [The National Museum of the Pacific War](#) operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, and those drivers that wished to visit were provided free tickets.



The 75+ mile roundtrip drive from and back to Kerrville provided beautiful scenic routes over cattle-country back roads with lots of bumpy cattle guards and some pretty Ruckstell-worthy hills. Rumors were that a few cars needed to be pushed up a hill or two or lighten the load by having the riders walk a bit!



The evening offered a chance to play in the Sophie Adcock Memorial [Farkel](#) tournament in the Board Room. The [Farkel](#) tournament is named in memory of the late Space City T member who loved and excelled in the game. Players enjoyed themselves, and the winner of the final round was Sara Conroy of Nacogdoches, Texas.



The DJ in the Pub played country and western music, and Blayn Heimann and wife Effie taught the Texas Two-Step and Country Line Dancing. The [Pinewood Derby](#) was also run for the young at heart, and Joe Pinelli took first prize!

Friday, October 18, 2024

Friday was the longest driving day of over 100 miles roundtrip in the Central Texas scenic rolling hills to the [YO Ranch](#) in Mountain Home, Texas. Participants were treated to a Texas BBQ lunch in the Chuckwagon Building and a free tour of their exotic animals and longhorn cattle via animal-print painted buses.



There was even an opportunity along the way through the property to take pictures with some of the Texas Longhorn cattle.



Next, was a drive along the scenic Guadalupe River for a stop at [The Hunt Store](#). Time to top off the gas tanks, have an ice cream, and grab a drink. Then it was on to [Bridget's Basket](#), a beautiful winery in the valley. After a wine tasting and enjoying each other's company under the shade-providing trees, it was time for a scenic return drive to the hotel to end the driving day. Friday evening was socializing and karaoke at The Inn Pub.



Saturday, October 19, 2024

Saturday was a drive through more cattle country bumpy back roads to the Texas town of Center Point, again using caution over the cattle guards. Then it was on to the [Ridin'-The-River Cowboy Fellowship](#) in Bandera, Texas, for a catered lunch.



With lunch complete, the group traveled on to downtown [Bandera, Texas, the Cowboy Capital of the World](#). There were several things to do in town, including the Natural History Museum and the City Park along the Medina River.

Also, in Bandera were shopping opportunities, including an antique mall and a comedic reenactment of an old west saloon gunfight and bank robbery.



Heading back to the hotel in Kerrville on beautiful country roads was a stop at the [Camp Verde](#) General Store for shopping and more ice cream.

There is some unique history here of a push for importing camels by the Army where the initiative was passed by Congress in 1855, but the experiment ended when [Old Camp Verde](#) was deactivated in 1869.



Many made sure to get back to the hotel in time to safely load up their Model Ts in the trailers for the next morning's departure, before getting ready for the tour banquet night.



On Saturday evening the closing Banquet for the tour was held at The Inn of the Hills' spacious [Conference Center](#). Prior to dining, the group said the Pledge of Allegiance and was treated to the lovely voice of Janie Neunhoffer singing "The Star-Spangled Banner".

We had a wonderful dinner, a cash bar, and great companionship. Throughout the evening, photos taken by participants who had uploaded them through the QR code in the tour book were splashed up on the banquet room's screens to enjoy.

After the meal, Bill Severn began the presentations.

Russ Gruenwald, Steve Azevedo, and Tim Eyssen, past Model T Ford Club of America presidents in attendance, were acknowledged.

First timers to the annual Texas T Party were also acknowledged.

Then the awards portion of the presentation began.

Benny Guseman was voted as "Most Congenial".

The Hard Luck award went to Randy Elder, who joined the 'Two Piece Crankshaft Club'.

The Youngest Driver award went to Luke Eyssen, at age 16.

The Oldest Driver award went to Russ Gruenwald, at 94 years young.

Jerry Giebler won the Attendance award as having attended not just the *most* Texas T Parties, but *all* of them in the 47-year history.

The Members' Choice award went to Dale and Pat McMurry for a beautiful blue 1910 Roadster.



At the beginning of the banquet, name badges are collected, and drawings are held before the close of the night's festivities for prizes. Winning name badge prizes were Dave Lucas for four rebuilt coils from Ron Patterson 'The Coilman', and Patricia Poore for four rebuilt coils from [The Coil Doctor](#).

Also, a name badge drawing determines the winner of a free registration for next year's Texas T Party. That lucky person was Pat Goodson.

Speaking of next year, planning is already underway by Kathy Jo and David Butenschoen for the tour to visit Marshall, TX in 2025, so stay tuned for more information and plan to attend for all sorts of fun in the slow lane!

The Furthest Driven award is for the driver that drives their Model T the greatest distance to the Texas T Party; that person was Jeff Cordes at 160 miles.

The Furthest Trailered went to Don and Kim Donohue, family and friends from Earl Park, Indiana at 1200 miles.

The Furthest Traveled was awarded to Warwick and Paula Landy of Victoria, Australia.



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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 Ts 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.

THE ALVIN ROTARY CLUB

Presents the 20th Annual

NOVEMBERFEST

CAR & BIKE SHOW

November 9, 2024

The Car and Bike Show along with a Tribute to Veterans, Arts & Crafts, Food Vendors, Live Bands, and other activities, will be held in **National Oak Park, 118 S Magnolia, Alvin, Texas from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm** on November 9th.

Visit our website to check out all the events, registration, and new vehicle judging categories. Visit: <https://www.alvinrotary.org/sitepage/car-and-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-and-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 at (713) 828-9477

Thank you,

Ricky Kubeczka

Alvin Rotary Club



The George Ranch would like to invite The Space City T's of Houston, Texas to come out and show their Model T's and Model TT's for the following dates:

November 15th-16th our biggest event out of the year called Frontier Days!!

Frontier Days consists of battle re-enactments, live entertainment, cowboys, games, historic home tours, vendors and food. We would like to have Model T's/ Model TT's included as well and any period vehicles/ military vehicles/ tractors.

Friday November 15th: 8am- 2pm located at the 1930's George Ranch House consist of lots of schools.

Saturday November 16th: 8am-5pm located at the 1930's George Ranch House will be open to the public.

Location where cars will park: 1930's George Ranch House- Pecan Lane.

Please fill out the Volunteer re-enactment forms and Volunteer application:

<https://www.georgeranch.org/george-ranch-frontier-days-volunteer-registration-form/> this will secure a lunch for each day. Try to wear period clothing. If you don't have these kind of clothes, jeans and Space City T's shirt will be okay, so we can distinguish between volunteers and visitors.

Questions or concerns please contact:

Victoria Martinez Weaver

vmartinez@georgeranch.org

(346) 620-0127 #252

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The George Ranch 10215 FM 762 Richmond, Texas 77469

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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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2024 Space City T's Christmas Party

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024

MONUMENT INN

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 \$25.

You may also bring a new unwrapped Toys for Tots toy gift.

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](#)

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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

- November 13th – 7:30pm Zoom virtual meeting TBD
- December 8th – 5pm Christmas Dinner at The Monument Inn Restaurant



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

located at

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



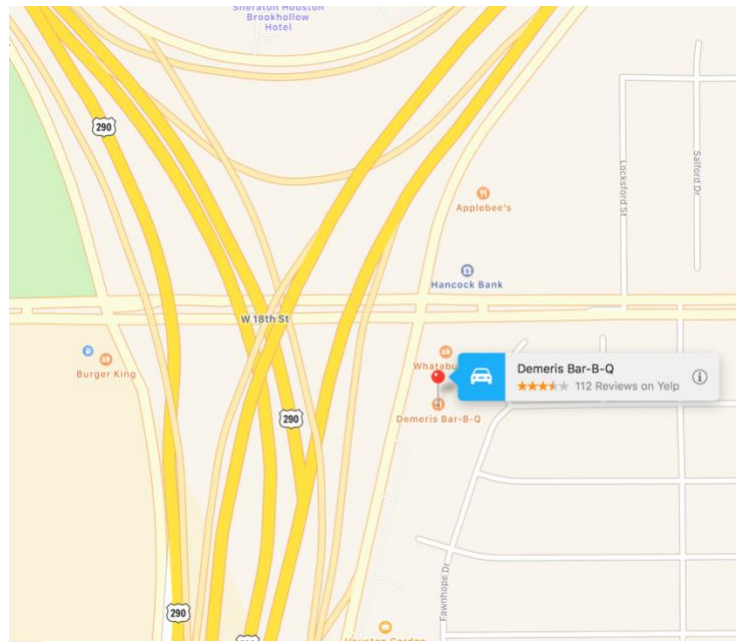
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

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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