

# The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

## Balto, The Star of the Show

By Jim Davis



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[How to join the Space City T's of Houston, TX](#)

[Space City T's Photos & Videos Gallery](#)

I was reading the July 4th edition of the MTFCA Forum General discussions and spied these photos of the Fourth of July parade in Bellaire, Texas.



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It featured none other than our own Space City T's club member Ignacio Valdes, Janet, and the wonder dog Balto, riding in their 1922 Ford Model T Touring.



Balto absolutely stole the show! The Ahoogah horn evidently worked perfectly the whole time, as the crowd loved both the horn and Balto. They were a sharp looking trio, dressed up in their Scout Leader uniforms carrying the troop flag for Troop 211 sponsored by St. Marks Episcopal Church of Houston.

I hope they had a Space City Model T club sign on the back of the 1922 Model T. Good job and good public relations for Henry Ford's Universal Car.

## Ford Air Conditioning

from Steve Wirtes & the internet

Here's a little-known fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends. The four Goldberg brothers - Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell - invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They declined, and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees inside, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately. Mr. Ford got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

There was no way Old Man Ford was going to put the Goldberg's name on millions of Ford cars. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million cash, and that just their first names would be shown.

To this day, all Fords display -- "Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max" -- on the dashboard controls.



## Branson Auto and Farm Museum

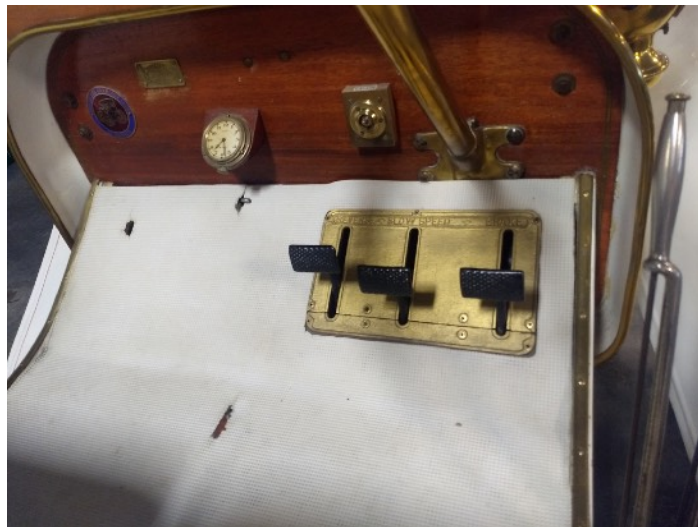
from Jim Davis

My son and I visited the [Branson Auto & Farm Museum](#) in Branson, MO at the end of June while on family vacation. Branson had been on my wife Nancy's bucket list since 2005. So, at the end of June, we drove to Carrollton, TX, and then rode in style with my son, daughter in law and their 7 month old foster child, in a rented 2019 Buick Enclave all the way to Branson to MO. We had a great time!

While there, my son Bruce and I visited the [Branson Auto & Farm Museum](#). They have an assortment of vehicles and tractors along with horse drawn vehicles, including buggies and a hearse. Most of their inventory is on consignment and for sale, which is a different type of operation for a museum.



One thing that caught my eye was a 1909 white Buick with a mother in law seat. It had a transmission pedal set up similar to an early model T.



The car is right hand drive, and it has three pedals like a Model T, with two handles. The pedals are different from Model Ts in that the the right pedal is the brake, the center pedal is slow speed. and the left pedal is reverse. It has two handle levers like an early 1909 Model T. I didn't know Buick made a three pedal transmission. I thought all Buicks had sliding gear and clutch transmissions. Thought this might be of interest, and perhaps someone knows the history of the early Buick transmissions.

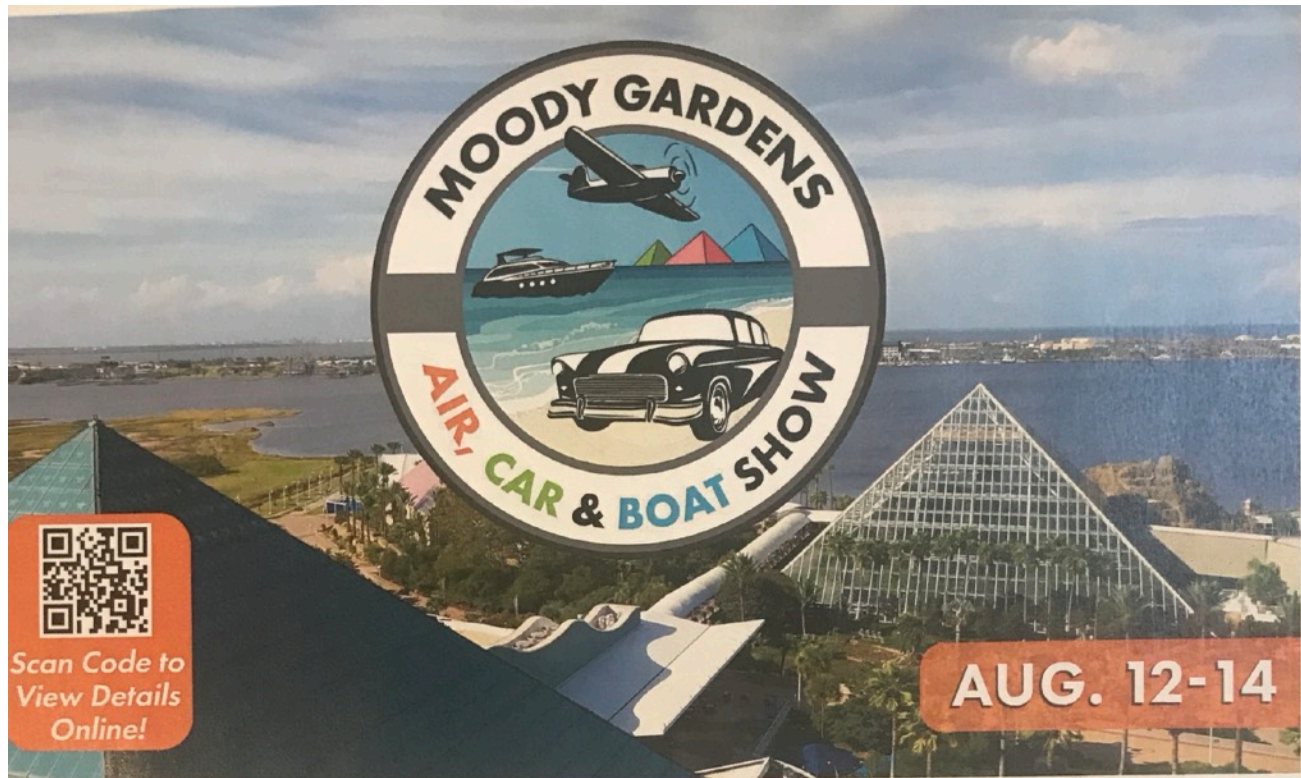
### MEETING SCHEDULE

AUGUST-----10th-----FACE to FACE  
at church with ZOOM  
SEPTEMBER----14th-----ZOOM ONLY  
**TEXAS T PARTY---SEPTEMBER 28th  
thru OCTOBER 1st**  
OCTOBER-----12th-----FACE to FACE  
at church with ZOOM  
NOVEMBER-----9th-----ZOOM ONLY  
DECEMBER-----4th-----FACE to FACE  
at CHRISTMAS PARTY



## [AUGUST 12th-14th Moody Gardens Car, Air & Boat Show](#)

### [Moody Gardens Car Show Entry Form](#)



### **Spend the weekend on the Galveston Island with this spectacular show!**

Daytime and evening performances will loop, roll and scream through the air with this unique air show that offers it all ranging from the glory of the P-63 King Cobra and DH-115 Vampire to the Ghostwriter pyrotechnics show.

A spectacular Boat Show will showcase a sensational array of yachts for boat aficionados to appreciate and perhaps find their dream boat at the Moody Gardens Marina.

And, it's a car lover's dream at the Moody Gardens Convention Center as the hall is filled with rows of classic vehicles and the stories that accompany them.



**Tickets & Hotel Packages Available:**  
[MoodyGardens.org](http://MoodyGardens.org)





# 45th



# Texas T Party

**SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 1, 2022**

## Hallettsville

**Host Hotel:**

**Hotel Texas 361-798-5900**

**Secondary Hotel:**

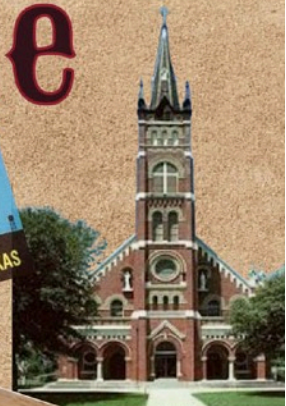
**Best Western Executive Inn**

**361-798-9200**

**RV Park:**

**Lavaca Co Expo Center**

**361-798-1600**



**Chairperson**

**Jeff & Farrah Cordes**

**361-772-5767**

**Co-Chair**

**Jim & Sandra Ruhmann**

**979-292-5658**



# 2022 Texas T Party

## SEP 28 AT 8 AM – OCT 1 AT 10 PM

JOIN US FOR THE 45TH ANNUAL TEXAS T PARTY! HALLETTSVILLE TEXAS, "THE CITY OF HOSPITALITY" WILL BE THE AREA OF EXPLORATION THIS YEAR. THIS RURAL COMMUNITY OF POPULATION 2550 IS THE COUNTY SEAT FOR LAVACA COUNTY. RICH IN HISTORY, SCENIC ROLLING HILLS AND SMALL TOWN CHARM WILL MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE TOUR FOR OUR BELOVED T FAMILY! WE WILL ALSO VENTURE OVER TO "THE CLEANEST LITTLE CITY IN TEXAS" - SHINER, CUERO (LEATHER IN SPANISH) AND PARTS OF NEIGHBORING FAYETTE COUNTY.



**\*THIS EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 75 VEHICLES\***  
**\*Wednesday will be a full day of touring\***

**[Download Hallettsville PDF Registration Form](#)**

#### **Host Hotel:**

Hotel Texas 361-798-5900  
1632 N. Texana St

[hoteltexas.net](http://hoteltexas.net)

Single King: 95.95 +tax

Double Queen: 100.95 +tax

**Moderate truck/trailer parking**

#### **Secondary Hotel:**

[Best Western Executive Inn](#)

361-798-9200

207 US HWY 77 South

69.99 + tax

**Truck/trailer parking for guests**

#### **Lavaca County Expo Center/RV Park**

1/4 mile from Host Hotel also has overflow truck and trailer parking

<https://www.lavacaexpo.com/rv-park.html>

361-798-1600

#### **Chairperson**

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#### 2022 Space City Club Officers and Board Members

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## 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:

Jerry Smith  
13723 Llano Lake Court  
Houston, TX 77059

*A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2022 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, PO BOX 996  
Richmond, IN 47375-0996  
Phone: 765-855-5248

Email: [rachel@mtfca.com](mailto:rachel@mtfca.com)

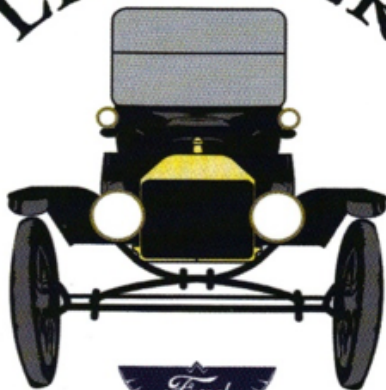
\$40 annual dues includes six issues of the Vintage Ford  
Join MTFCA at: [www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com)

## 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](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)

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## \$10,000

Eric "Gator" Gould  
Hm: 251-765-2677 (AL)

Check your email to see if our **August 10, 2022** Meeting is Virtual or at Demeris BBQ and Lazy Brook Baptist Church



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

located at

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

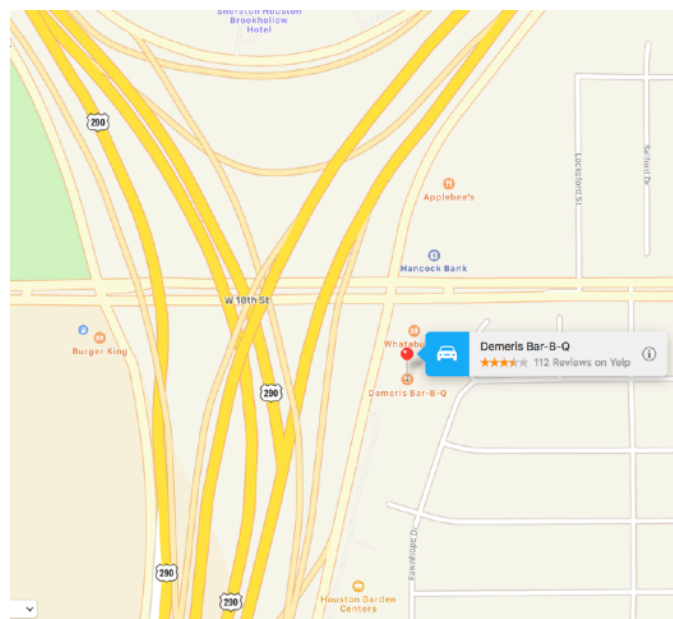
Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Place:

Lazy Brook Baptist Church  
1822 West 18th Street in the  
Heights

Website: [www.spacecityts.org](http://www.spacecityts.org)

Email: [modelt@spacecityts.org](mailto: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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