

# The Flivver Flash

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

## ***Path to a 1922 Model T Touring – Part 6***

By Stephen Havemann

*Continued from the April 2024 publication of Part 5 in The Flivver Flash.*

### **Replacing Wood Spokes:**

As part 5 went to press, I was awaiting delivery of one wheel from Stutzman Wheel Shop, LTD (33656 CR 12 Baltic, OH 43804 - Ph. 330-897-1391 should anyone desire to contact Noah). Just a reminder, I had one rim with a wobble I could not fix. I asked Noah, what did I do wrong? He said the spokes were too tight for the rim, causing extra pressure and pushing the rim out of shape. Noah's process is to measure each rim and then cut the spokes to fit, as all Model T rims are not of equal size.

The wheel received from Stutzman was



incredibly well done. The spokes were already sanded smooth and ready for finishing. All I did was tape the painted rim and hub to keep stain and varnish off the black paint.

As you can see, I mounted the rim so it could be spun to make applying the varnish easier. One might ask, would I

replace the spokes myself again? Well, doing it myself did save money and was a fantastic learning experience. So yes, I would do it again. I know to check for wobble and some

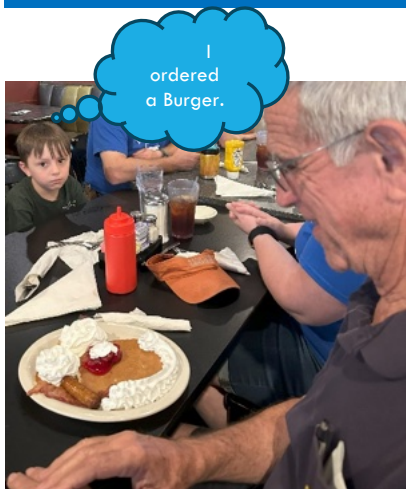


techniques for correcting. But the wheel from Stutzman was nice and saved all the sanding time. So, if you want to save time and effort, send the wheels off to Stutzman.

### **Tour to Road Test Model T**

I was lucky enough for Vivian and I to join a group of Model Ts for a small tour around the Navasota and Magnolia area. This gave the car a real road test after all the repairs made over the last year. The route included some non-paved roads and going up and down hills. The car struggled on some of the hills but made it up them all. I am proud to say overall the car was fantastic. Here, the participating cars are parked outside the Magnolia Diner to refuel our bodies for lunch.





The look on the young man's face when Denny's happy pancakes were delivered says it all ... ok, maybe that was what I was thinking 😊

We attended our first swap meet. There were lots of goodies there most of which I was not sure I needed. The most interesting was a project car a guy rolled off the trailer. It was missing a few parts like engine, seats, fenders, doors, you get the picture (I wish I had taken a picture). The body did have the Bonnie and Clyde bullet holes at no extra charge.

For a little evening entertainment, a group of Model Ts gathered at the Whitehall Groceries to decorate in celebration of Queen Eleanore's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.



Queen Eleanore is quite the celebrity and shows up daily for work serving customers with a smile. She was kind enough to pose for a picture for her loyal subjects. We were able to meet lots of new Model T folks and really appreciate them letting us tag along.



I did find goodies to take home, including tools with the Ford script like a monkey wrench, oil can and tire pump. The exhaust pack nut wrench does not have the Ford script but is the correct size. Having the exhaust pipe separate from the manifold in the past, a pack nut wrench will be a handy addition to the toolbox. The tire pump actually pumps air.

**First Swap Meet**

Vivian and I happened to be in Brighton, CO on June 8<sup>th</sup> visiting family, and I remembered seeing in the *Vintage Ford* May/June Issue the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-War Swap Meet was being hosted by the Mile High Chapter.

We had a good time and appreciated the Mile High Chapter for being so welcoming.

## SPARE TIRE IN-TRAILER WALL MOUNT WITH VELCRO

By Don Demio

With the use of a piece of Velcro 2" wide X 18" long and a ¼" X 1 ¼" fender washer, a 30 X 3 ½ Model T spare tire can be mounted inside a trailer wall.



The advantage to this system is the ease of mounting and dismounting the tire repeatedly. When the spare tire is mounted upright on the trailer floor, it is secure, and an inexpensive way to store and transport it.



A package of 2" X 5' Velcro can be found at Walmart stores for \$8.47. This is not a product endorsement.



## Old Electric Cars

The words and photo quoted below were publicly seen by David Carter from the [Facebook Outlier News](#) posted on June 17, 2024.

### [Detroit Electric on Facebook Outlier News](#)

*"The future had come long ago. Introducing the 1910 model electric car, Detroit Model D could travel 34 km at top speed at 32 km/h at normal speed for that period. It had a rechargeable lead and acid battery. The Anderson company built 13,000 electric cars between 1907 and 1939.*

*The Detroit Electric was sold primarily to drivers and doctors who wanted a reliable and quick start without the cumbersome manual start required in the first internal combustion engine cars. A subtle indication of this car's design is the use of curved glass in the production car, an expensive and complex manufacturing feature.*

*It may be a harbinger of a different future, but it is a car that was displaced by gasoline cars in those years."*



Clara Ford drove a 1914 Detroit Electric that is on public display in [The Henry Ford Museum](#). They bring it out and put it on public display at the [Old Car Festival](#).

[1914 Detroit Electric Model 47 Brougham, Personal Car of Clara Ford](#)

Jay Leno has a restored 1909 Baker Electric that looks very similar, and published on YouTube at: [Jay Leno's Baker Electric Car \(YouTube.com\)](#)

***June Monument Inn Dinner***  
Photos by Dave Lucas & friends



Sixteen members of the Space City Ts of Houston, Texas joined for dinner at The Monument Inn at [4406 Independence Pkwy, La Porte, TX 77571](#) in June. It is located near the [San Jacinto Monument](#). This was a “practice run” as the club’s annual Christmas Party will be held here this year. Save the date for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



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

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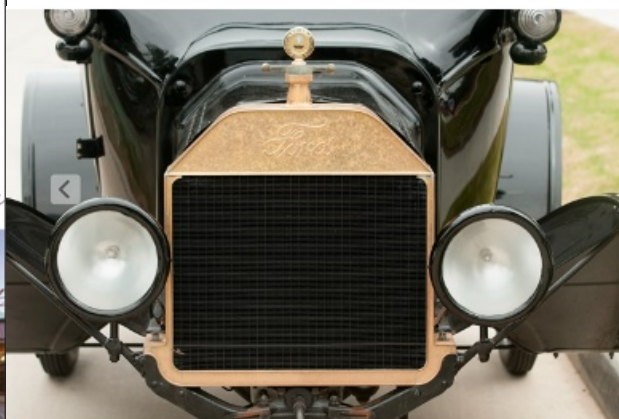
# 2024 Texas T Party

## Kerrville, Texas

### October 16 – 19, 2024

<https://www.innofthehills.com/>

1-830-895-5000



FOUR DAYS OF HILL COUNTRY FUN

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Inn of the Hills Texas T Party rate **\$109.00** per night + tax  
Inn of the Hills is a **No Pets** Hotel

#### Pet Friendly Alternative Hotels

##### LaQuinta Inn and Suites

1940 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX 77028  
1-830-896-9200

##### Hampton Inn Kerrville

2038 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX 77028  
1-830-257-0600

##### Best Western Sunday House Inn

2124 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, TX 77028  
1-830-896-1313



47<sup>th</sup> Annual TEXAS "T" Party Registration Form  
 Kerrville, Texas  
 October 16<sup>th</sup> - October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Please Return Completed Form and Payment by August 31, 2024

Registrant Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 T Year/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Model T Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List Adult Passenger Names below:	List Youth Passengers below (12 and younger):

Are you trailering your Model T to host city? YES  or NO  (check one) Distance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you driving your Model T to host city? YES  or NO  (check one) Distance: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

Registration Fee	#	Fee	Total	
Car & Driver:		\$195.00		
Adult Passengers:		\$170.00		
Youth Passengers (12 and under):		\$0.00		
Extra Photo:		\$15.00		
Extra Tour Book:		\$15.00		
Dangles:		\$5.00		
Extra T-Shirts (1 Included):		\$20.00		Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ 2X ___
Total Enclosed and due by August 31, 2024:				

**Guest Tickets:** Call for single day prices. If participating more than one day, full registration is required.

**Refund Policy:** If your plans change after you register, we will do our best to accommodate cancellations. However, many of our vendors base their pricing on a guaranteed minimum. We will make a full refund if you cancel by July 31, 2024. Refunds for cancellations after August 1, 2024, will be made on a prorated basis with funds available after the final accounting audit.

Photography and videography will be taken on the Annual Texas T Party tour. By virtue of your registration, you consent to the use of images and/or videos of yourself and your family members/guest by the Texas T Party and distribution to any publications.

The SPACE CITY T'S of Houston is a chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America and is a club interested in the preservation of Model T's. Many hours have gone into hosting this event. Registrants, by signing this registration form, agree to indemnify and hold THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston and each of its members harmless from all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of negligence of the Registrant, his agents or employees or passengers, and/or the ordinary negligence of THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston or any of its members. Registrant also certifies that his/her car is in road-worthy condition and meets all requirements of the registered state.

Registrant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: SPACE CITY T'S and mail to: William Severn 58 N. Dragonwood Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381. If you have questions, call William Severn (936) 443-8006, Tim Grebe (936) 522-6997 or Beth Grebe (936) 537-2847.

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2024 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:

**Craig Neuman**  
**2302 Lord Nelson Drive**  
**Seabrook, TX 77586**

*A special "Thank You" to all club members who paid their 2024 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](mailto: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](mailto:topkick7@outlook.com)

### 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.

**\$7495 OBO** ([more photos](#))

Please leave message or email:

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**832-607-8528**

[topkick7@comcast.net](mailto:topkick7@comcast.net)

### 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 OBO**  
**ROSEMARY STOKLEY**  
**KATY, TX 1-832-444-9927**

## CLUB MEETING MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- July 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm Zoom virtual meeting
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm 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**



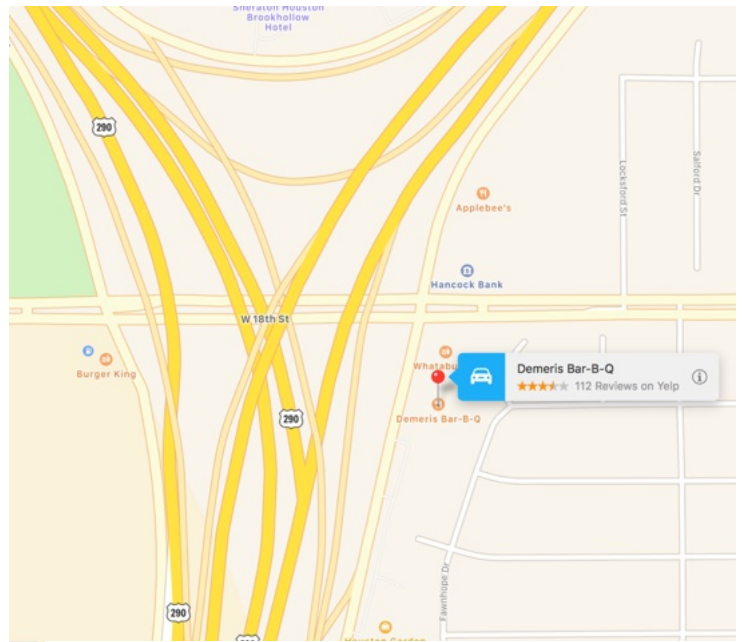
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

**Lifebrook Church  
1822 West 18th Street in the Heights**

**Website: [www.spacecityts.org](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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