

# ***The Flivver Flash***

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

## ***Sparky***

By Dave Lucas

Well, I went and did it again. That's right, I bought another Model T. I have always admired and wanted a Ford Model T Fire Truck to put in my collection of vehicles. It didn't matter if it was a ladder truck, pumper truck, chemical truck or whichever; I just wanted one, hopefully, to help keep the history alive of a bygone era.



To keep my interest at acquiring one, I spoke with Bobby Wright awhile back and asked which links and sites to watch to see potential firetrucks that come up for sale. Bobby has two very nice firetrucks that I have always admired, and I thought how neat they are.

Well, anyway, after a year or two of watching several sites, this 1918 Ford TT chassis, with what we think is built out as a Howe Chemical apparatus, was found in Muskogee, Wisconsin. After making initial contact, several phone

calls, a couple weeks of conversation, and looking at pictures being sent thru the gentleman's grandson, because he did not do well with computers (sounds like me, LOL), an offer was made! A counteroffer was received, and more conversation was to be had.



Finally, a deal was agreed, and then the challenge of figuring out to arrange the exchange of money and fire truck. It was figured out, and a trucking company was hired (thru Google, I found [Road Runner](#)) to pick up and deliver within a week.

With that said, Sandra was gone for two weeks taking care of her mother during this time frame, and in our evening conversation she asked, what's going on with that fire truck you were talking to that guy about? After somewhat of a long pause and silence she said, did you hear me, I asked what's going on with

the firetruck you were looking at. All I said was it will be delivered Saturday!

Well, Joe Scott brought his 25 Runabout over, and we were putting my new radiator on my 27 Tudor. We were going for a 20-mile test drive and lunch, when low and behold the truck driver and firetruck showed up. It was a very busy Saturday playing with the T's!



It was in such poor shape that a steering link popped off, causing the old car to veer into the ditch. It was a car used in the Stallone's Dairy, so they luckily found some baling wire in back to re-attach the steering link, pushed the car out of the ditch, then continued their way to college!

Of course, their college careers were interrupted once the US entered WWII following Pearl Harbor. Both Troy and Teddy signed up for the Midshipmen's program with the US Naval Reserve. Teddy later served in the Pacific aboard the battleship USS NEW JERSEY [BB-62](#).



Troy later served in the Pacific aboard a Small Coastal Transport ship, the [USS APC-32](#).



Troy's small ship initially took a daily route from a dock at Guadalcanal, delivering supplies and personnel to outposts on nearby islands. Then Teddy and Troy both participated (on their respective ships) in the Battle of Okinawa, roughly in March-April of 1945.

## ***A Story My Dad Used to Tell***

By Kyle Stallones

My dad, Troy Stallones, graduated from Tomball High School (THS) in 1941. He was a freshman at the University of Texas that same year. He and his THS classmate Teddy Klein were driving from Tomball to Austin along Tomball Waller Road (now FM 2920) in a worn-out Model T Ford.



After the Japanese surrender, both ships made their way to Japan. While there, Troy was able to visit Teddy aboard the [NEW JERSEY](#). Dad mentioned that there was quite a contrast to life on the two ships. On dad's ship, they were lax, often hanging clothes overboard on a rope to wash them, while everything was done crisply aboard the NEW JERSEY.

I'm sure many in the club can tell similar stories relating to those earlier times, and I for one would like to hear them. I grew up in the 1960s and 70s, so it is interesting to me that it wasn't all that long after the Model T Era that the US was able to fight a war with a battleship as complicated as was the NEW JERSEY.

## ***A Visit to the National Funeral Museum***

by Doug Brough

Did you know Houston had a funeral museum? ( <https://www.nmfh.org/> ) This past summer we paid it a visit, as our son was home for the summer, and we were looking for something to do.



The museum is very well done and very respectful of the topic of death. You'll learn history of embalming, cremation and the like. The big surprise to me, they have a LOT of

vehicles there, starting with horse-drawn hearses up to the present. Sorry, no Model T's, but you'll see some cars there from the teens on up, all in excellent shape.

They also have some very unusual coffins. Certainly, some folks with humor. The money casket was a "gag" of sorts to promote acrylic.



Other custom caskets include animals, an outboard motor and a KLM jet. I guess you can leave this world in any "vessel" you want, if you're willing to spend enough money!

An extra bonus from their website; I see they are having a Halloween car show 11-4on Oct 5.



Come check out the museum sometime, if for no other reason just to check out the cars. You won't be disappointed.

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## Kerrville Texas T Party Plans

by Bill Severn

**PAY ATTENTION – THERE ARE SOME CHANGES IN BOLD RED PRINT**

Planning for the 2024 47<sup>th</sup> Texas T Party is moving along. There are 69+ cars registered so far. If you have not registered, do it soon. The hotel still has some rooms, but they will go fast. Plan on bringing bathing suits as the Inn has a great pool and several Jacuzzis. The wearing of period-correct clothing is encouraged, especially for the official photo and at the Banquet.

**Some venues have requested that there be NO POLITICAL SIGNS OR POLITICAL FLAGS ON THE CARS. So please, no POLITICAL signs or flags.**

### Tuesday Afternoon

- **3 PM**, registration opens in the Board Room at the Inn for Check-in. **When checking in, remember to sign up for the Thursday evening Farkel tournament.**
- **8 PM** Tuesday evening, 'Welcome to the T Party' get together in the Board Room.

### Wednesday – Harper, Texas

- **7 AM Free light breakfast (donuts, kolaches, coffee) in the Board Room.**
- **9 AM Drivers meeting in the Board room.**
- Starting from the hotel, we take some back roads to Stone Henge (they call it Stone Hinge down here). Then some scenic country roads to arrive in Harper Texas. Visit the [The Harper Pioneer Museum](#), followed by a spectacular TEX/MEX lunch at the Harper pavilion. Next some more beautiful country roads take us to The Ridge, a snack shop and great bakery, for a

dessert and pit stop. Next, it's on to the [James Avery Hill Country Jewelry Store](#).

Here there will be a drawing for a free piece of their fabulous jewelry. The ladies will love that. Then it's back to the hotel.

### Wednesday evening

- Socializing at the hotel's Western Bar named [The Inn Pub](#).
- **7 PM, Dan Bratcher will present another one of his 'Model T Round Table Sessions' in the Board Room. You will not want to miss this.**

### Thursday – Fredericksburg, Texas

- **7 AM Free light breakfast (donuts, kolaches, coffee) in the Board Room.**
- **8 AM Drivers meeting in the Board room.**
- A short drive to the Arcadia theater in Kerrville where the official tour photos will be taken. This might be when you would want to wear your period-correct clothing. **While waiting for your photo, grab a donut and coffee from the 1927 TT Chuck Truck that is parked nearby.** Then it's a scenic drive on country roads to Fredericksburg, Texas. **There is parking available behind the Museum of the Pacific War.** If you wish, use your museum ticket for a **free** visit to [The National Museum of the Pacific War](#). Fredericksburg also has great shopping. Lunch is on your own. The drive back to Kerrville is over cattle-country back roads.

### Thursday evening

- **6:30 PM**, This evening will feature the Sophie Adcock Memorial [Farkel](#) tournament **in the Board Room**. Plan to attend, as this is lots of fun.
- **7 PM – 11 PM, DJ in the Pub plays Country and Western music.**

- Blayn Heimann and wife Effie will teach Texas Two-Step and Country Line Dancing in the Pub. Bring your boots for some dancing.
- The [Pinewood Derby](#) will be run for the young at heart.

#### Friday – The YO Ranch

**MOST IMPORTANT – FILL YOUR GAS TANK – IT'S MANY MILES TO THE FIRST GAS STATION.**

- 7 AM Free light breakfast (donuts, kolaches, coffee) in the Board Room.
- 8:30 AM Drivers meeting in the Board room.
- A drive in the West Texas scenic rolling hills to the [YO Ranch](#). Here we'll be treated to a Texas BBQ lunch and a free tour of their exotic animals and long horn cattle. Next, a drive along the scenic Guadalupe River for a stop at [The Hunt Store](#). Top up your gas, have an ice cream or grab a drink. They are doing a basket raffle for us. Then on to [Bridget's Basket](#), a beautiful winery in the valley. Here, visit their gift store and have a taste of their wine. Then it's return to the hotel to end the driving day.

#### Friday evening

- Socializing and Karaoke at The Inn Pub.

#### Saturday – Bandera, Texas

- 7 AM Free light breakfast (donuts, kolaches, coffee) in the Board Room.
- 8:30 AM Drivers meeting in the Board room.
- A drive through cattle country back roads to the Texas town of Center Point, (**GO SLOW OVER THE CATTLE GUARDS**) then on to the [Ridin'-The-River Cowboy Fellowship](#) for a catered lunch. With lunch complete, travel on to [Bandera, Texas, the Cowboy Capital of the World](#). **Here you can visit the**

**Natural History Museum (reduced \$8.00 admission for T Party members.** In

Bandera, there is time for shopping and exploring. Next, head toward Kerrville on beautiful country roads with a stop at [Camp Verde](#) for shopping and, if needed, a pit-stop. After that, back to the hotel.

#### Saturday evening

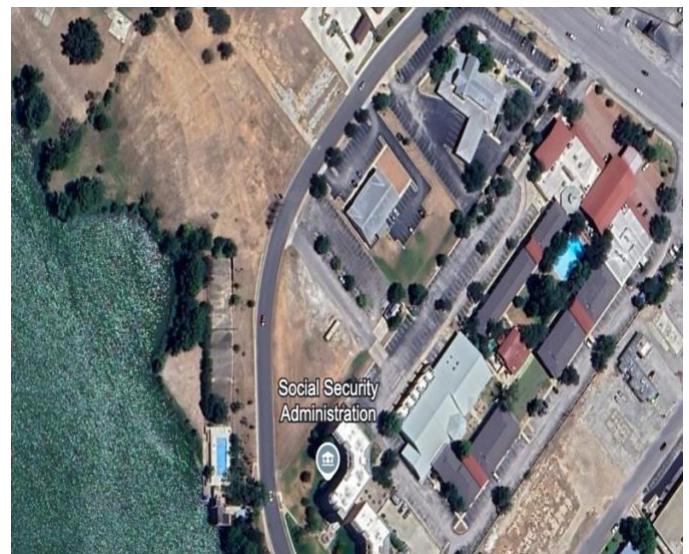
- **7 PM.** The closing Banquet for the tour will be held at The Inn of the Hills' spacious [Banquet Hall](#). A wonderful dinner, a cash bar, and great companionship.
- Country and Western band performs in the Inn Pub.

#### Tour Chairman's request:

- We are still soliciting donations of door prize items and items to be added to the drivers 'Goodie' bags. If you have something to donate, contact **Bill Severn** at [wcsevern@earthlink.net](mailto:wcsevern@earthlink.net) or call 936-443-8006.

#### TRAILER PARKING

**A large field is available for trailer parking behind the hotel. Please use this area and do not take up hotel parking spots.**





# 2024 Texas T Party

Kerrville, Texas

October 16 – 19, 2024

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

1-830-895-5000



FOUR DAYS OF HILL COUNTRY FUN

VISIT THE Y O RANCH

**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

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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.

**\$7495 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 OBO**

**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 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:

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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)

## CLUB MEETING MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- October 16<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm Face to Face at Kerrville Texas  
T Party Hotel TBD

- November 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm Zoom virtual meeting TBD



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

**located at**

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



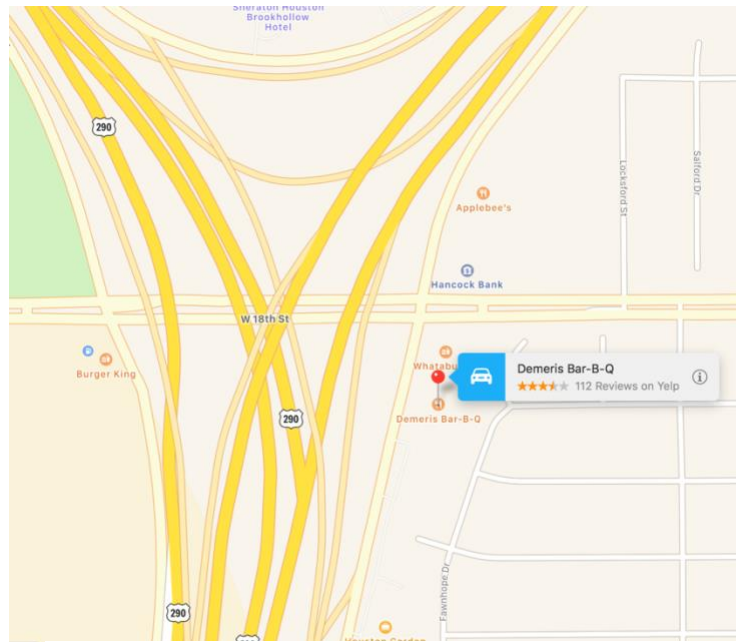
**Then attend the  
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

**Place:**

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

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### 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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