

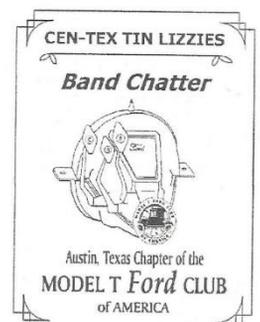
## The Romberg Model T

By Tom Romberg



Some how my father, Fred Romberg, heard, in 1953, if I recall correctly, probably from his cousin Marvin Romberg, that dad's great uncle was giving up the family farm outside of Schulenburg, Texas and moving to the Dallas area to be closer to his children. Part of the message was that there was a 1921 Model T Ford in the barn. Somehow Dad arranged to take possession of that car.

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**MINUTES OF THE January 2020 MEETING  
By Secretary Steve Hadorn**

Meeting convened at 7 PM brought to order by President Joe Pinnelli. Attendance: 21 members and 3 guests. Guests were: Alex Gillman, Glen Gillman, and Petra Moore.

Treasurer's report by Jan Donnell: The club is in good financial standing.

Wellness report by Karen Ross: Elaine Clark had hand surgery and her mother passed away recently.

Website report by Randy Brown: The calendar is up to date and wants members to send pictures of their cars so he can update.

Old Business: The club acknowledged the great job Debbie Cartwright did on the Christmas Party. A great time was had by those that attended.

New Business:

- Debbie Cartwright will be the Program Director for this year.
- Drew Patterson and Randy Brown announced they had an engine block to give away. George Bruner volunteered to take it.

Band Chatter by John Anderson: Due to technical difficulties no Band Chatter was emailed to members. Members were able to go over the newsletter at the meeting.

Vehicle Report by Tom Romberg: Tom wants everyone to write the story of how you got your Model T.

Raffle Drawing by Glenn Schiller: 50/50 Raffle was won by Bob Ross and donated back to the club.

Roster update by Joyce Shierlow: Gathering information from members to update the club roster.

Show and Tell: George Bruner brought a "third hand" and Bob Ross brought a Ford ad campaign from Britain. Show and Tell was won by George Bruner.

Tour discussion: Bill Stevens wants to have a Marble Falls Tour. Pat Goodson and Jeff Treadwell planning a tour using Goodson's chuck wagon on April 4<sup>th</sup> perhaps to Pedernales Falls. Joe Pinnelli wants to organize destination lunches/drives on Saturdays. Glenn Schiller wants the club to participate in a car show at the Heritage House Museum in Pflugerville on April 5<sup>th</sup>. George Bruner wants to have an ice cream social at his museum the weekend after our July meeting.

Program by JC Carter: History of Headlights. Information on carbide, kerosene, etc. were discussed and actual headlamps were brought and examined.

The President called for motion to adjourn. Motion made by Bob Ross and seconded by George Bruner at 8:11PM.

## President's Message



Hello, Tin Lizzies!

Bravo, John, for getting your newsletter-making machine straightened out! As you know, the first newsletter of 2020 had a late delivery. Fingers crossed that this edition is delivered before our meeting on Tuesday.

With this, the February issue, we are starting what I hope is a regular newsletter feature. We are requesting that everyone write an article about how they got their T or how they got the T Bug. Our first article will be by Tom Romberg—that's Peggy and Tom in the T making an ad for a bank in 1963.

Hospital News: Minnie Lee is still ailing We hope to get some of us out to Glenn Schiller's place to check his T out and hopefully get him on the road. As we all know, Gary is in the perpetual state of working on Barbara's. Let me know of any T hospital updates.

You won't want to miss this week's program. Drew Patterson will present a program on the trip to Southeast Asia that he and Jennifer took last year. It will include tuk tuk photos and some really harrowing traffic experiences.

The March program will be presented by Randy Brown. Randy will discuss the restoration of his latest acquisition.

At our last meeting, JC Carter gave a very educational program on pre-electric vehicle gas lights. Thanks, JC!

Again thanks to Debbie Cartwright for getting the programs organized. She will appreciate any suggestions.

Joyce is polishing up the Members Roster—thanks, Joyce.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday!

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January  
Show and Tell Winner



George Brunner



Who will be the  
winner in  
February?

From The Editor

January was a very difficult month! With the power point program losing an add-in and me reloading a brand new program that was way up-level, it was difficult to get the computer loaded with the new program and then having to learn was tough!

The good side of this problem was the new program is much better and ultimately easier to use.

Thanks for your understanding and patience!

## The Romberg T

The first recollection that I have of it was that on a Saturday morning, Dad, Dr. T. N. (Buddy) Hatfield, PhD., my younger brother, Jim, and I, drove from our home in Houston to the farm. Buddy Hatfield was from Louisiana where they used Model T's on the plantations, so he was the experienced T person along on the trip. The car was up on stands (made from rear end differential housings cut off and with wood dowels in the axle sections and leather caps on top of the wood) in the barn.

There are few details left in my memory from that trip. For instance, I do not remember if we took a trailer. I do recall that we were able to in fact get the car started and actually drove it all the way home to Houston that day. One of the remaining stories about that trip is that in class the next week where Dr. Hatfield taught physics at the Univ. of Houston, one of his students, somewhat tentatively asked if by any chance Dr. Hatfield had been driving a Model T through Katy Texas that last Saturday?



The following summer, my older brother Arnold, Jim, and I did a body off restoration of the car. Jim recalls a whole lot of wire brushing and cleaning followed by Rust Oleum painting. We had the engine rebuilt. We rebuilt the rear end. We covered the seats with a red vinyl. The headlights were replaced with sealed beams so we could see better at night in those days of driving in Houston.

I took my behind the wheel driving test in the Model T. the day I turned 14. Parallel parking was a cinch! My Mother never forgave my grandmother for taking me to that event!

My brother Jim confesses that he and a friend snuck the T out one night and enjoyed a great trip to the drive-in soda shop on South Main with lots of friends. He recalls being afraid that the brakes would go out. That was in the days of cotton linings for the transmission bands. They were the talk of Pershing Jr. High for a week afterwards.

I broke my arm when I failed to put the spark up after the car was warmed up when I was in a hurry to take some of the neighborhood kids to the store in my car.

Then in the summer of 1959 my parents moved to Dallas and the car went to our home on Lake Travis where it sat for 50 plus years in their garage or mine until I started to get interested in it again. On one occasion in 1963 I towed it to Austin for a photo shoot advertisement at the Texas National Bank on Guadalupe. Well, to tell the truth my wife, Peggy, towed and I steered the T for the 20 mile trip to town.

Getting the car in drivable condition again is a story for another time.

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The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the **Catfish Parlor, 4705 E. Ben White**, Austin, TX. Visitors are welcome! New Members are even more welcome!

President - Joe Pinnelli

Vice President- Tom Romberg

Treasurer - Jan Donnell

Webmaster - Randy Brown

Program Chair-Debbie Cartwright

Membership-Joyce Shierlow

50/50 - Glenn Schiller

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Secretary - Steve Hadorn

George Brunner

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February 18 – Monthly Meeting

March 17 – Monthly Meeting

April 21 - Monthly Meeting

May 9-Model T Show T Fords of Texas

May 19 – Monthly Meeting

June 16 - Monthly Meeting

June 21 Father's Day Car Show

July 4 – Martindale Parade

July 21 – Monthly Meeting

August 18 – Monthly Meeting

September 15-Monthly Meeting

October 9-12 – Texas T Party Temple

October 20 – Monthly Meeting

November 9 – Kingsbury Fly-In

November 17-Monthly Meeting

December 7-Annual Christmas Party