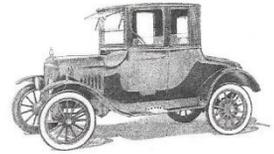




# Band Chatter



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## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas T Party

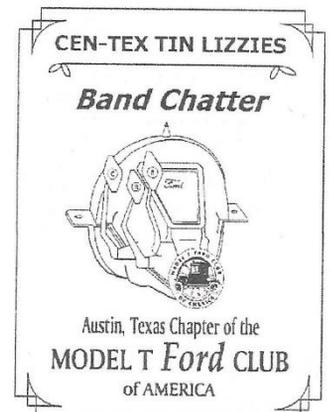
**By Rob Norberg and Juan Barazza**

For those of you that do not know of the Texas T Party, it's an event that happens once a year for a 4 or 5-day weekend, depending on how you want to look at it!! Members from all over the country come down to Texas and drive their Model T's through back roads and along the way we have several stops to stretch out and visit some historic areas. This year we were stationed in Kerrville TX; our host was the Space City T's of Houston TX. Many thanks to them for such a wonderful tour; without them this would not be possible.

Our first tour was around 70 miles and on this day, we visited the Avery's Jewelry Store which was of interest for the ladies, the gentlemen were out visiting and looking at the T's. We then drove to the city of Harper TX to eat a wonderful BBQ lunch by local vender at the Harper Community Park and Pioneer Memorial Museum. This site was first settled by the Matthew Taylor and Eli McDonald families in 1863. A historical marker shows the site of the McDonald massacre of August 1864, in which two members of the McDonald family were killed by the Kiowa Indians, a young mother and four children were captured, and the elderly Aunt Hannah escaped. After lunch we proceeded to Stonehenge II, this is the Texas Hill Country's version of the Neolithic Britons assembled on Salisbury, England. After this stop, we all went back to the hotel to get some rest before our dinner. Luckily, we only had one member that had to be vultured back to the hotel.

On our second tour, which was about 65 miles, we took the back roads to Fredericksburg TX. On the way there however, we had one member that broke down, luckily the vulture wagon was passing by. Once we got to our destination, we had to form a line to get our pictured taken at the Pioneer Museum. This took some time since we had over 100 Model T's that they had to photograph.

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## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



### By Secretary Joyce Shierlow

At 7PM on August 15, 2017 President Rob Norberg called the regular monthly meeting of the Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies to order. There were 29 members and no guests present.

Bob Ross made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written in the Band Chatter and Gary Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jan Donnell gave the treasurer's report stating that there is an adequate bank balance. George Brunner made a motion to accept the report as given and Wayne Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karen Ross stated that Carolyn Spillers is again doing better. Rob Norberg stated that his brother-in-law passed away.

Randy Brown said that the web site needs some stories and/or articles. Randy also said that he has had some interest from people that want to advertise in our web site. John Anderson said that the Band Chatter also needs some stories.

It was stated that there is a radiator repair shop in Gonzales that will take on the Model T radiators.

Bo Franks has a brass radiator for sale. No year given. Gary Baker said that he has a Model A for sale for \$5000.

Randy Brown said that there was a 1920 barn find in Blanco that Ronnie Reeves owns.

John Anderson gave a report on the Mission tour in San Antonio. The group visited every mission and later had lunch at a BBQ place and later stopped at the Pearl Brewery.

Sept 23 is Pioneer Days in Dripping Springs at the Dr. Pound House from 10-4PM. (It is a 1910 Homestead).

Oct. 11-14 is the T Party in Kerrville headquartered at the YO Ranch Hotel.

Rob Norberg said that a volunteer is needed to give the program at the November meeting.

Taylor Mainstreet Days is on Oct. 28.

Nov. 11th is the Kingsbury Fly-In. Details at the next meeting.

We need a volunteer to host the annual Christmas Party.

Show & Tell: Vic Donnell brought a brass radiator trim.

J.C.Carter brought an ash tray advertising 1909-1948 Fordson Tractors and parts.

Bob Ross had pictures of the Bowling Green, Kentucky Corvette Museum showing that there were 7 cars swallowed by a sink hole.

Vic Donnell won the prize for best show and tell.

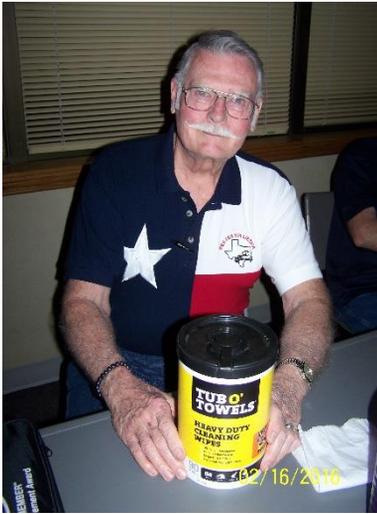
Juan Barraza won the 50/50 drawing.

John Anderson showed a video of Laurel and Hardy and their troubles with their Model T.

George Brunner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM Edwin Justice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# Show & Tell Winner - September

From the Tin Lizzie Present



Vic Donnell



Who will be the winner in  
October?



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## 40<sup>th</sup> Texas T Party Continued

Since this was our only stop on today's tour, we decided to ride some back roads to do lunch at this awesome restaurant called Alamo Springs Café which is in the same area as the Old Tunnel State Park. The tour itself had wonderful roads and beautiful scenery; once we got back to the hotel, we rested and cleaned up for dinner.

On Friday we started our third tour via Luckenback, Waring and Comfort Texas, this entire trip was 90 miles long. On this trip we had a member of our club break down; we were told it was the transmission. After a 20-mile ride, we stopped to admire Luckenback; mostly everyone had a drink and visited for about an hour. After departing, we made our way to the city of Waring TX, had lunch at the Waring General Store; we also went shopping and even tried to get some ice cream but they were totally out – who runs out of ice cream?? On the way back to the hotel, we decided to split off from the tour and drive our own way through the back roads of Comfort TX; a more peaceful and relaxing drive with hardly any traffic. After we all had a chance to rest, we drove our Model T's to Kerrville's local joint called "Cowboy Steakhouse."

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Now for the last day of the T Party, this is the longest and shortest day of the event. We are given a choice of driving an extended run of 110 miles, and if you are not up for that, you could take the short route of 70 miles. Well, we are the type to go for the better route, so we decided to take the long drive, it is always more fun to do the longer routes.

Once we got back from this long and fun trip, we rested and got ready for the banquet. We had a great meal and swapping stories about the tour. Everyone had a wonderful time. Several awards were presented and also the location of the next Model T Party; we will be gathering in the Schulenburg area for the 41<sup>st</sup> Texas T Party in 2018.

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## **PIONEER DAY 2017 AT DR. POUND HISTORIC FARMSTEAD BY JUAN BARRAZA**

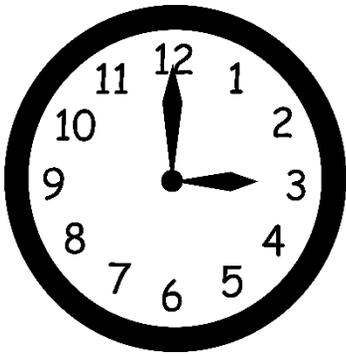
On Saturday, September 23, 2017, we attended the “Celebration of Early Texas Life” at the Dr. Pound Homestead ([www.thepoundhouse.org](http://www.thepoundhouse.org)) in Dripping Springs. The Model-T club was invited to display several T’s at the entrance of this wonderful event. At first, I thought it would be a long day of sitting and watching, but to my dismay, it was a relaxing, engaging & educational experience; if you attended awesome, and if not, you should have been there. Every display/vendor on the grounds was a recreation of how the pioneer times were in the mid-1800s. Starting at 11 am (and every couple of hours) we got a preview of how the cannon was loaded and executed. Proceeds from this event are to be used for operations & the education of this historic time. If you would like to donate or become a sponsor, please contact the Dr. Pound Historical Farmstead by visiting their site. ([www.drpoundhistoricfarmstead.org](http://www.drpoundhistoricfarmstead.org))

One of our members, Jeff Treadwell, asked us to drive his Model T to the farmstead, this meant that I would have to drive our Model T Depot Hack. It was nerve-racking trying to remember how to drive it. I would have to say that it all went well until we got to our destination. Too many cars around and somehow, I stalled the hack. I then attempted to get it running again but needless to say, I couldn’t do so. After Rob parked Jeff’s T, he then came over to assist me, it turned out, the only thing I needed to do was get the spark all the way up. Rookie mistake! LOL

We finally got lined up. Other members that joined us were (in no particular order), George Brunner, Vic & Jan Donnell, Robert Norberg, Juan Barraza, DuWayne Headrick, Gerry & Shirley Witt, Edwin Justice & Jeff Treadwell; a little later, Brandon Chaffin brought his Model A for the exhibition. Lisa Chaffin was one of the coordinators & chairperson for the 2017 Pioneer Day, so she was super busy. Brandon on the other hand, sat on his two-horse power wagon, riding around everywhere giving free rides! The activities at Pioneer Day were amazing. They had tours of the Dr. Pound Historic Farmstead and were led by docents in period attire. Live music performers such as Old-Time Blue Grass and Fold Music were playing in the center of the event under the huge oak tree. We also had a chance to see authentic artisans demonstrating genuine Texas pioneer skills & crafts. Even the kids had an area of pioneer games along with historical “make & take” crafts. A couple of demonstrations from the local blacksmiths, amazing what they can do with heat. Let’s not forget the free rides on the horse-drawn wagon, thanks Brandon for driving the wagon

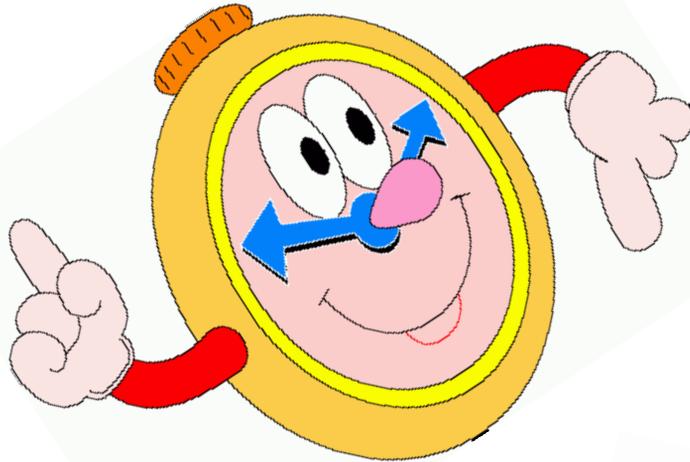
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And if you were hungry, well, they took care of that too... we had BBQ from the Dripping Springs Cookoff Club, Ice Cream from The Big Drip and of course Kettle Corn from our local Cowboy Kettle Corn vendor, let's not forget the Pound's Café that provided the delicious homemade pound cake. Last but not least, we had a special viewing from our Cen-Tex Model-T Club, Buggy Barn Museum, Treaty Oak Distillery & the loudest but interesting display was the Civil-War Re-enactors. Perhaps next time you can all join us again for the 2018 Pioneer Day. Good job to Lisa Chaffin for her involvement at the 2017 Pioneer Day. It was lots of fun.



*It's Time!*

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**Dues  
are  
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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!

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## Calendar:

October 17 – Monthly Meeting Program Joe Pinnelli

November 11 – Kingsbury Fly In

November 21 – Monthly Meeting

December 9 – Christmas Party