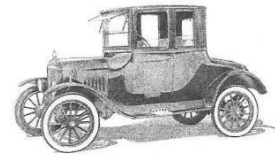


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A picture from Rob & Juan of the parking lot at Spokane, WA. Their article starts on Page 4.



President's Message



How did the August meeting of the Centex Tin Lizzies come so quickly? There has been nothing going on has there? Enjoyed the trip and stay in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Did see some Pronghorns right against the fence next to the highway. Still have a good feeling about stopping in San Angelo and taking a tour of the Aeromotor windmill manufacturing plant. Read two good books lately, Son of the Wilderness about the life of John Muir and Here, Right Matters by Ret. Col. Vindman. Still trying yet another method to unstick the rusted cylinders on the old (1958) International Lo Boy tractor. Replaced the water pump impeller on the Yanmar diesel on the daughter's sailboat. Repaired the 9-year-old chainsaw. Learned how to be a surveyor's helper finding and flagging 11 points on our street right of way. Entertained our two college bound granddaughters and their father for the week. Drove the 1921 Model T to the County Line on the Hill for a nice supper. They did not want to ride with me though. Sailed two races on beautiful Lake Travis the other day. Other than that, nothing is going on!

If you were not at the July meeting, you missed a great program from Joyce Shierlow. We may have it in this newsletter. She is such a special Model T member of our club.

There is more on the Other Ones Foundation story in the Texas Observer this month.

Bob and Barbe Easland report winning a trophy with their Tudor. I still want to see it.

John Anderson has the program this month, A Love Story, he says complete with pictures! Thanks John.

See you at the meeting.

Tom Romberg

President

MINUTES OF THE July 20th, 2021

MEETING OF THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



The President Tom Romberg opened July meeting of the Cent-Tex Tin Lizzies at 7:12 pm on July 20th at the Catfish Parlor in South Austin. There were no visitors or guests tonight, however new member, Bob Easland was present from Waco.

The Minutes of the last meeting we approved as published by a motion by JC Carter and seconded by George Brunner.

Treasurer, Jan Donnell read the Treasurer's report and there were no questions and was approved.

Membership Chair, Joyce Shierlow reported that we had received a couple of renewals but no new members for last month.

Newsletter Editor, Bob Ross did ask for member's stories. Story Ideas were: Why you joined or what was your first Model T or one that gave you problems. Even tips as to how to repair or adjust items on you Model T.

Joyce Shierlow had the program this month and she read her story of, *"What sparked my interest in Model Ts"*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectively submitted for Secretary Steve Hadorn

by Bob Ross

Our trip to the MTFCA National Tour Spokane Washington

by Robert Norberg & Juan Barraza

Early this year, we had been reading about this tour and thought it sounded like fun. After a conversation with our good friends Dave & Kathy Tagert of Florida, we discovered that they were going to attend, and decided we would go as well. We had a problem though; our Model T was not in any condition to tour. At the last national tour, we attended in Sierra Vista Arizona, in February of 2019, our low band started slipping the last day and there was no adjustment left. The T was taken home and not touched as we decided to move, and a whirlwind ensued for us. Now to get the T ready for touring. I opened the inspection cover on the transmission and discovered a big crack in the low band drum staring me right in the face. I didn't even have to look for the problem.

We decided to go ahead and replace all 3 drums and the main shaft with brand new ones from Dave's Restoration and Machine in Ohio. We had inspected these products while at the Chickasha Swap meet in March (suspecting that we may need something) and thought them to be of the best quality. Along with this I replaced all the bushings, Bands, the Magneto ring, and various little things that were needed. The drawback of owning a wood bodied car is that they require some maintenance.

The front of the body (cowl/firewall/windshield frame) was looking a little sad and some finish was gone (the rest of the body was all ok) So, while the engine was out, I sanded it down, stained and varnished it to the proper finish. It came out great and matched perfectly. Once everything was back together, we took our shakedown ride, about 20 miles and had no issues, with a few adjustments I felt it was ready for the tour. After a very detailed cleaning and polishing, into the trailer it went. Our route took us from being able to see Mexico in the distance to almost seeing Canada. We traveled through all of Arizona & Utah, then through lower Idaho, Montana, upper Idaho and into Washington. We saw some beautiful scenery and climbed a lot of hills / mountains. When you're pulling a big trailer, the hills that you can't see in a regular car are sure evident.

We arrived at the beautiful host hotel/casino on Thursday July 8th, got checked into our room (with a shower to die for) and then off to the tour registration. After we got our badges and goodie bags, etc., we had a chance to visit with a few people, then off to dinner and a night of relaxing.

Friday July 9th

This was the first official day of the tour. We had 157 Model T's registered with about 140 showing up, there was no organized tour this day. Options were shopping, a zoo, nature walk, museums or a SWAP MEET. About 30 t's gathered to attend the 50th annual Early Ford V8 club Spokane swap meet. We were allowed to park inside the swap meet and display our cars while we went swapping. There was a nice selection of T and A parts at this meet along with the usual swap meet fodder. Jeff Cordes was the first to score right off the bat, filling up his "T". By the end of the meet our depot hack was also full of parts & literature.

Now it was back to the hotel to get ready for the ice cream social, held at the hotel/RV park pavilion at 6pm. There we were treated to homemade ice cream, made with liquid nitrogen right in front of us. The line stayed long as many different flavors were produced, and everyone seemed to want a sample.

A drivers meeting was held to fill all of us in on tomorrow's events. Saturday July 10th Every day we lined up in the hotel parking lot, ready to leave at 8am. Our tour today was taking us to Coeur D'Alene Idaho, we had a nice stop about ½ way for coffee and donuts. The scenery was beautiful, mountains & streams with some very nice roads. When we arrived, we attended a car show and had a chance to visit the town. Lunch was on our own today. The trip back to the hotel was equally as nice, we traveled 110 miles today. All of our drivers' meetings were held at 6pm for the following day.

Sunday July 11th

Today we toured the area known as the Palouse, south of Spokane. Miles of rolling hills of wheat fields and some of the richest farmland in the country. We stopped at a park in the small town of Cheney for our morning break of coffee & donuts. Then it was on through a national wildlife refuge and more countryside to our lunch stop at the park in Oakesdale. We feasted on a box lunch of delicious big sandwiches, chips, and a cookie. Gas was in very limited supply on this route with only 2 places to purchase it, one place had 2 pumps, the other only one. Milage today totaled 140 so everyone needed gas at some point. You can imagine the lineup of crazy T drivers trying to get to the pumps, of course some just used the spare gas they were carrying.

Monday July 12th

Green Bluff and Mt Spokane were the destinations for today's ride. This area is full of family run orchards & farms. We traveled north out of Spokane, past some more beautiful pacific northwest scenery, even some Indian painted rocks. The morning refreshment stop was in Pine River Community Park. All our morning stops were at parks with thick green grass, pavilions,

and restrooms. Off we went, heading to Siemer's Farm in Green Bluff, a very relaxing place with plenty of shade. This was also our lunch stop; we arrived early and had a chance to relax and visit, kettle corn and beverages were available as we waited. Lunch consisted of a large slice of pizza made in the farm's kitchen and a cookie. After lunch, it was back to touring, we visited a variety of orchards. The cherries were ripe, and we were treated to cherry lemonade at one stop, cherry ice cream at another, some bought fruit, some bought trinkets. Our last stop before leaving the area was a small brewery. For the more adventurous, there was supposed to be an opportunity to drive to the top of Mt Spokane, however it was closed.

Tuesday July 13th

This Day we toured to the West along the eastern edge of Channeled Scablands. Named by early settlers, as it was not suitable for farming. Our first stop was in the small town of Davenport. We toured the Lincoln County Museum and had our morning refreshments in the adjacent park. From here it was on to see the remains of Fort Spokane and our lunch stop at the 2 rivers resort park. We were advised to get gas before leaving out as gas was not available for the afternoon. Leaving the park, we needed to climb a long uphill grade to the left. So, most of us followed the suggestion to turn right, go back across bridge to turn around and get a running start. We managed to climb this, and most all the grades on the tour in high gear. Something we were proud of with our car being so heavy. We traveled through more beautiful country with hills, switchback curves, rivers etc.

The Taggert's travel with their 2 small dogs, Emily & Sam. The 6 of us stopped for a break at the Little Falls Dam on the Spokane River. We went wading and the dogs played in the water near the bridge. Under the bridge was a Korean family fishing, Kathy had been stationed in Korea for a while in the Air Force, so she could speak to them in Korean. They cut open a watermelon and shared it with us, what a treat to be in this peaceful cool place and getting a treat to boot. Miles driven today was 125.

Wednesday July 14th

Today was considered a wind down tour. A short drive into Downtown Spokane to Manito Park. This Park is normally closed to vehicles, but we had special privileges to enter and park for a wonderful Display of T's. We could only leave the park at 11 am or 2 pm. Some folks stayed and visited with park goers answering questions etc. Others toured the area on foot or there was a guided tour of Dry Fish distillery. We lunched at an Irish Pub and relaxed before heading back through the historical district to the hotel. Tonight, was the ending banquet and awards from the MTFCA Annual Meeting. We had a great feast, nice presentations, and a final chance to visit with new friends, a few we will get to see at the Texas T Party.

Thursday morning saw a mass exodus as we all checked out and went in our own directions. Next year's MTFCA National Tour will be held in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Perhaps this will be another adventure.









These all the pictures I received from Rob & Juan from their tour up to Spokane.

August 14,2021

To My Fellow Centex Tin Lizzies Members

Well, today I tried to get into the Hurt Feelings Club room, but they would not let me in. Said it was already full!

So I decided I did not belong in there.

Why did I even try, you might ask? Well, several things I thought qualified. This evening I was working on my pick-up and discovered that I have a 22-caliber bullet hole in the right rear fender just in front of the taillight. Bummer, supreme! I think that I recall hearing it happen, but I cannot remember where it happened or exactly when. Bummer!

When I read the newsletter, I saw that I got left out because I was too lazy and inattentive to the timetable. Bummer!

The story from Rob and Juan is great. Makes me wish that I had had a way to go and enjoy it with them. But of course that is one of the reasons that we share the stories. Hooray! And thanks guys! Thanks, Bob, for getting it in the newsletter.

I had hoped that the Joyce Shierlow talk would have made it into the newsletter so those that did not or were not able to get to the meeting to hear her, would have an opportunity to read it. It is worth reading when we get the chance.

My wife just got off the phone with her brother and told me that her other brother's (deceased last year) son is off the wagon quite seriously again. Bummer supreme!

This month's newsletter still isn't corrected to show Drew Patterson as Vice President. My apologies to him for the two errors! Bummer.

Same story for Pat Goodson wrongly burdened as

Vice President. He is on the Board at present. My apologies, Pat.

To add to the load Drew is seriously down in his back with a pinched nerve sack. I wish him patience, tolerance, Peace, and hopefully relief from the pain and condition!

Steve is back in Austin and only is required to go to Houston in a month, so that is progress and some good news.

Joe has had a relapse and is going to have another procedure on Wednesday to try and retrieve the rest of the kidney stones, hopefully in small, disintegrated pieces. Peace be yours Joe! We hope they get 'em all this time and that you feel better soon.

We need to celebrate and cheer Bob and Barbes' 1st Place win at the Autism Awareness Car Show July 1 with his Tudor. We all want to see the car.

So, I am through knocking on the pity door. There are many there that are way, way worse than any of my concerns. So, I think that I will go have a little bit of ice cream and maybe find a good article or book to read.

Tom Romberg

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The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM Visitors are welcome! New Members are even more welcome!

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