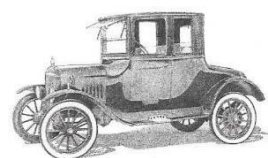


Band Chatter

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A photo of Andy Fish's 2nd Street Mural in Lampasas

President's Message



For those that attended the August meeting, it was a smallish and intimate group of about 9 or 10 of us. The conversations were good and fun. The stories told were interesting and in some cases hilarious. John Anderson's Love Story Program which also involved some of his wife's family was really quite interesting and leaves us wanting to go see the "castle" in New York.

This month's meeting is challenging again because of the dreaded Covid virus. We are presumably all vaccinated as is the restaurant staff that serves us. We can sit with distancing if we like. I hope to see you there to further enjoy our Model T hobby.

A year ago, I think that I remember seeing a notice in the Model T Ford Club International magazine "Model T Times" that a certain day in September was designated as International Day of Touring. As I recall, our club ignored that opportunity to tour and share our hobby with others. This year I noticed the announcement and saw that it was to be on September 25th. Since that will be a special day for me, I decided that it might be a good day to, in fact, tour in the Model T. The idea took root. Since then, it also has dawned upon me that I could do the tour in my 100-year-old 1921 Model T Touring Car. Well, that made it even more interesting.

The notion of a good route occurred to me, if the path could be figured out, so I, with Joe Pinnelli's super help, explored a Saturday tour from Dripping Springs to Wimberley and back. The route has been driven 3 times in modern cars, been refined and calibrated, has all the proper features of a neat Model T drive (narrow, slow roads, one lane bridges, one water crossing, old ranch houses, a restaurant that has good food, a patio, if desired, and room for us, etc.).

Then as it became known, there turned out to be conflicts, as usual. It is one or two of our members' birthday so they wanted to but cannot attend. There are other conflicts, I am sure. The Covid fear is there and will reduce the number. So, I had a decision to make.

That decision is, subject to the weather of course, that I AM GOING TO GO TOURING IN MY 100-YEAR-OLD MODEL T ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 and stop and eat in Wimberley at the Steak and BarBQue restaurant on River Road. I would surely welcome any others to join me. And by the way, I will tell you at lunch another reason that the day is special for me, once in my lifetime kind of day!

Joe Pinnelli has the program. He is always entertaining.

See you Tuesday at the meeting.

Tom Romberg

President

Model T Tip of the Month: [Ford Model T - How to Adjust Transmission Bands - YouTube](#)

If you read this on your computer just click on the YouTube tip and it will take you to the YouTube program.

MINUTES OF THE August 17, 2021 MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



The meeting was convened at 7:21 PM by President, Tom Romberg, at the Catfish Parlor. There were 10 members present. The minutes from the July meeting were approved by a motion from Karen Ross and seconded by Glenn Schiller.

Treasurer's Report by Jan Donnell: Jan reported the balance for the club. Karen Ross moved to approve and Joyce Shierlow seconded.

Membership Report by Joyce Shierlow: There are no new members.

Wellness Report by Karen Ross: Karen reported that get well cards are being sent to Barbara who is recovering from back surgery. Joe Pennelli is still recovering. She will send a card to George Brunner.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- Bob Ross said that he would be adding video links to the newsletter for helpful Model T repairs. Great idea, Bob!
- Tom Romberg said he would like to promote September 25th as National Model T Day. Tom would like suggestions for a tour for promotion of that day. Tom's 80th birthday is that day as well. Wishing an early happy birthday to Tom!
- September 30th is the Texas T Party in Temple, Texas. Those that are interested should sign up.

Old Business:

- Thanks to Rob Norberg and Juan Barraza for the nice story of their trip to the national Model T meet in the state of Washington!

Raffle: Glenn Schiller completed the raffle with John Anderson winning \$32 which he donated back to the club.

Program: John Anderson announced his program as a love story involving his father-in-law and family. He showed a very interesting video of the history and ongoing restoration of the Castle of Heart Island in upstate New York. John's family lived near the Castle in Alexandra Bay and was directly impacted. Beautiful and touching story! Thank you, John!

The motion to adjourn was made by Karen Ross and seconded by Glenn Schiller at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hadorn, Secretary

This Month's Program!

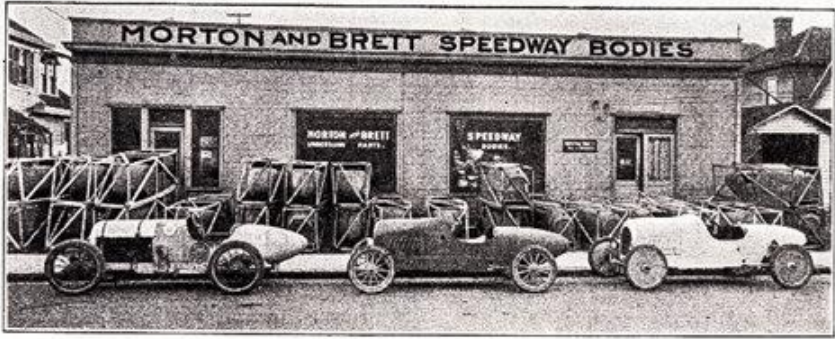
Joe Pinnelli will be regaling us with another of his fascinating programs.

Some Old Ads for Model T Speedster Merchandise



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Morton & Brett Factory Store circa 1920.jpg



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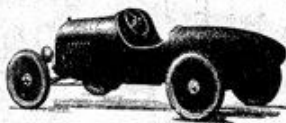
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For eight years MORTON & BRETT Bodies have been manufactured to stand the hardest use and roughest handling maintaining their shape and appearance by virtue of the use of correct material and positive construction.

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MORTON & BRETT Bodies are made for the purpose of supplying the public with a body of racing design and touring qualities.

There are many copies but none can incorporate such workmanship, service and satisfaction as we have in our design patent No. 54668.

The Model No. 5 Speedway Body is the result of eight years of improvement, all of which are incorporated in this year's output.

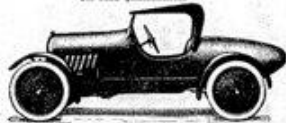
All our accessories are manufactured to give the greatest comfort and still retain the easy appearance of the body with ease of installation and perfect design these goods are offered at extremely low prices.

TOP finished of double texture water-proof material offers protection from the weather and is easily dismounted and packed away. Price, \$25.00.

FENDERS are made of special material and add class and appearance to a sportsman's car and may easily be taken off when not needed. Examined in black. Price, \$15.00.

POLISHED ALUMINUM STEPS are supplied with all fittings, easy to install. Price \$7.00.

Our Speedway Body is accepted as the standard of design, quality and workmanship from which all bodies intended for the same purpose are measured. With comfortable seating, perfect balance, strength of construction and exclusive features at a lower price than would be expected for such qualifications.



MODEL 5 SPEEDWAY BODY PRICE \$100



The above photograph describes in a manner more complete than a verbal description the perfect fitting side curtains which we can supply with our top. Nickel-plated fasteners are included with these curtains and a liberal amount of crystal singlas to insure perfect control in congested traffic.

SIDE CURTAINS PRICE \$10 EXTRA

ROADWAY RACE BODY
The models 6 and 6F offer a body similar to our Speedway Body with the exception that the tail is a trifle lower to conform better with the fenders, at the same time fulfilling two qualities.
The springs being removable, this body may be used with the regular Ford fender equipment as illustrated in model 6F but presents an equally desirable appearance as our Speedway Model when equipped with aprons and Underslung Parts.



MODEL 6F ROADWAY RACE BODY PRICE \$90

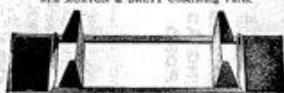
MORTON & BRETT 4-PASSENGER BODY



MODEL 4 4-PASSENGER BODY PRICE \$150

The above photograph describes without question the comfortable seating, perfect proportion and accurate design of this body using the regular Ford fender equipment.

The 4 passenger Speedway Body supplies two extra seats by removing the cover from the beautiful full-hammered tail converting it into a comfortable body with plenty of seat and leg room for four adults. This body is identical with our Speedway Body from the radiator to the driver's seat with consideration for best comfort in upholstery. This body is supplied for use also with MORTON & BRETT Underslung Parts.



POLISHED ALUMINUM STEPS—Supplied for use with our bodies when used with the side aprons. These steps are practically indestructible and offer an exclusive appearance and are supplied with all necessary hardware, etc. The installation which takes only a few moments, makes them very strong and rigid.

PRICE \$7.00



MODEL 6 ROADWAY RACE BODY PRICE \$90

POLISHED ALUMINUM WINDSHIELDS



The POLISHED ALUMINUM WINDSHIELD with polished manganese bronze top fittings is in itself an article to command admiration by virtue of its appearance alone. Made of pure aluminum and polished to the perfection of a mirror. The plate glass is ground on the top edge to conform with the perfect design of the hood to which it is fastened fitting perfectly at a pleasing angle by bolts which are supplied for the purpose. This windshield will fit any MORTON & BRETT Body. Price \$15.00.

TURTLE BACK BODY



MODEL 8 TURTLE BACK BODY PRICE \$65

This Turtle Back Model supplies a body desired by some who wish to use the regular Ford Hood, Radiator Shell and Dash. The material used in this model is of the same high grade as all our bodies and for the purpose of converting the Ford chassis as cheaply as possible into a graceful full-hammered Turtle Back Speedster.



ONE-MAN SPEEDWAY RACING BODY
This single seat body is especially constructed for extreme high speed and racing purposes and is the result of eight years building experience for racing drivers. Morton and Brett one-man bodies are seen on all dirt tracks and speedways in the world. Pinned with angle iron and strongly braced, making them the safest and most pleasing appearing body ever offered at any price. The hazard of racing is almost eliminated when our bodies are used. This beautiful design supplies all the requirements of the most exacting race car builders and world's famous drivers. All lines can be seen from the driver's seat, which is padded to fit exactly. The regular Ford radiator may be used with the shell supplied. This body will be made without extra charge for any wheel base, providing the Ford frame is used. Prices for any other frame design will be given upon application, and all work is guaranteed to be of the highest standard. The above showing the front, side and rear view are actual photographs.

1923 MODELS

ALL ORDERS ARE SOLICITED, MANUFACTURED AND SHIPPED UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF E. D. MORTON AND J. BRET



1923 ad for M&B. image courtesy Larry Sigworth collection

By 1923 M&B also had their own catalog of speed parts and body types that they either made or sold for street or track.

Some Examples of Speedster Bodies



1909 Ford Model T Speedster



1912 Ford Model T Speedster



1912 Ford Model T Speedster

I need some articles from our members with topics such as: The first Model T I bought; Why I started in the Model T Hobby; or an exciting time you had with one; or even a problem you had with a T that would help others not have the same problem. Just something from our members that can be published here in the newsletter.

Your Editor



1913 Ford Model T Delivery Car

Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Model T Ford Club – Send mail to Steve Hadorn, 10312 Peekston Drive, Austin Tx 78726

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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