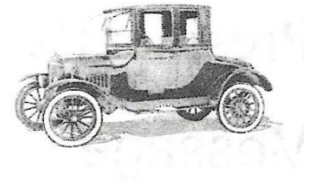


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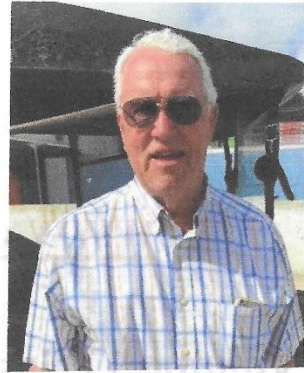


The tour turned to a tire changing lesson for Britanie.

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President's Message



This month's calendar has Henry's Birthday Party this Saturday on the 18th and then following that the monthly meeting on Tuesday the 21st. The Birthday Party has an optional one hour drive at 10:00. Some may want to bring their "show" car and not drive. Others may want to drive a little and then park it and enjoy the festivities. Either way is fine.

This month Gary Baker will share his antique card history with us. Condolences to he and Barb for the East Texas flooding of their new property. I hope that it did not reach the house.

My activities this month have involved JB Steel weld on the '21 block to finally stop the last of the water leaks and likewise on the "29 A to stop the gas tank leaks. Finally, those activities are complete and there is no evidence of leaks.

Another chore before hauling the '21 to Martindale was the requirement to replace two rotten boards on the trailer deck. That required a telephone inquiry to the manufacturer to verify that yes indeed the boards were kept in place by a welded strap which would require cutting to replace the boards. Because the boards out gave easy access to the trailer wiring and the discovery that there are indeed electric brake assists, I found the plug wiring on line, checked all the connections and corrected some, and checked the rest of the wiring while it was accessible.

With two boards to replace that led to the decision to replace all of them followed by the decision to paint all of them, on all sides. Then there were two tires with rot cracks, so those got replaced. With the springs exposed, that led to lubricating all of them. So, now it is ready to go to Martindale and many miles more.

I competed the radiator fan shaft and bearings (actually bushings) replacement and lo and behold the fan belt is riding in the center of the fan drums. Yes, the front bushing was actually quite worn and even had a worn out shim in it also.

The carburetor accelerator butterfly arm was so loose that the control of the engine speed was sloppy so Snyder's received another order. So now it is good to go.

To get ready for a small car show at a local church this Saturday, I looked after the 1923 Depot Hack so my grandson could do that while we are in Martindale. Got fuel at Rudy's on 360 for only 3.08 a gallon (they must have changed their pricing lately because they used to be the highest around) and an upholstery master gave me his card to share with you. He said he has been doing it for 30 years.

What have you been doing with your Model T?

Drew Patterson is doing better and may make it to our meeting.

I look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening, May 21, at 5:30 for supper and 7:00 for the meeting at the Catfish Parlor on Ben White.

Tom Romberg



MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES

April 16, 2024

Members;

21 attendees, 16 members and 5 guests

Guests:

Eliana Brainerd

Gary Hamilton

Annette Bandy

CM Bandy

Luke Ball

Meeting Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Mike Bandy and his posse were introduced. They highlighted their monthly meet up at their shop in Plum, Texas that occurs on the third Thursday of the month. Cars and food. Gary mentioned the food was good, twice!

Treasurer Report:

Available on request.

Wellness Report:

Joe Pinnelli's brother is doing remarkably well.

There wasn't any new information about Joyce. She's hard to get a hold of apparently. It was mentioned that she still has two cars available for sale and it was suggested that Mike Bandy consider adding them to his collection.

George Brunner offered up a wellness report for Vic Donnell. Vic had a stimulator implanted to help with his back and is feeling better.

Membership Report:

No report.

Old Business

Brittanie has set up a Google Photo Album. Members can add photos to the album so a record of club activities and members can be compiled.

There was a question about whether captions or info of the photo could be added. That will be looked into. There was also interest in a demonstration of the process to upload the photos.

There was a big thank you to Brittanie for sending out communications to the groups regarding events and other information.

George and Todd are still working on the depot hack. There was surprisingly little extra information.

Joe Pinnelli is nearly done with his barndominium and is still married!

Joe Pinnelli relayed that the planning for Henry's birthday is ongoing and that it is more of a celebration of Model T's and all are welcome. He will be advertising in the Martindale and San Marcos papers. The San Antonio Model T Club will be invited to attend.

Bob fixed the radiator leak in his Studebaker but then sprung a leak in the transmission!

The Marvel Falls tour was a great success. There was a blow out and Britannie had the opportunity to change a model T tire on the side of the road.

The Mason area tour was another success with 11 Model T's on the tour.

Show and Tell:

No show and tell.

New Business:

New Business was mixed in with Old Business.

Program:

Mike Bandy returned to finish his presentation. He had a clever choose your own adventure style presentation. Last time the group elected the History of Plum and the development of his shop. He returned to present the other option which was his experience on a shipwreck. That's right a shipwreck!

Mike was a young (early '20's) Third Officer on the Texaco Oklahoma when it foundered off the coast of North Carolina on March 27, 1971. There were 44 souls on board and Mike was one of 11 survivors.

The presentation was spell binding and I was too absorbed to take notes. Here are the things I remember:

The ship was a new oil tanker and much larger than contemporary ships.

A report was completed on the wreck and one of the potential causal factors was the need to use tug boats to pull the ship away from the dock at Port Arthur. The ship sunk in the mud as it was loaded and dropped 3 feet when it was finally afloat.

The ship essentially broke in half in high seas. This was well before frequent and accurate forecasts and the ship sailed into a hurricane. In that situation the best option is to sail to sea to avoid being caught close to land.

The survival story was harrowing. All of the activities occurred at night, in a storm, and on an oil slicked ship deck. Let's see, Mike watched one life boat get destroyed by the bow of the ship (which was broken off from the aft portion of the ship), had to go below deck to run the

engines of the aft half of the ship to get away from the bow, then build a drum life raft to supply life rafts for the entire crew, swim to an inflatable life raft and get it untangled from the wreck of the ship, he then got into a half submerged life raft with 8 others before having to get out of that raft to fix it.

That seemed like the end but then he watched a potential rescue ship leave on instructions from the Coast Guard before another ship arrived to rescue the survivors. He then played a role in clambering onto the rescue ship in the storm after not sleeping for 6 hours and securing the safety of the remaining individuals in the raft.

The ship was Italian and through pantomime they relayed what had occurred and the crew took care of the survivors. Mike got a sweet outfit from the crew and then a suit from his company when he got shore.

In addition to the 9 individuals in the life raft, there were two other survivors who survived by floating with ship debris.

Recently the event has been memorialized in Port Arthur with Mike providing an important connection between the survivors families and the events of the ships sinking.

Old Action Items:

Consider updating membership list and information and developing better communication tools.

Consider securing the Martindale location of this years Christmas party. **DONE.**

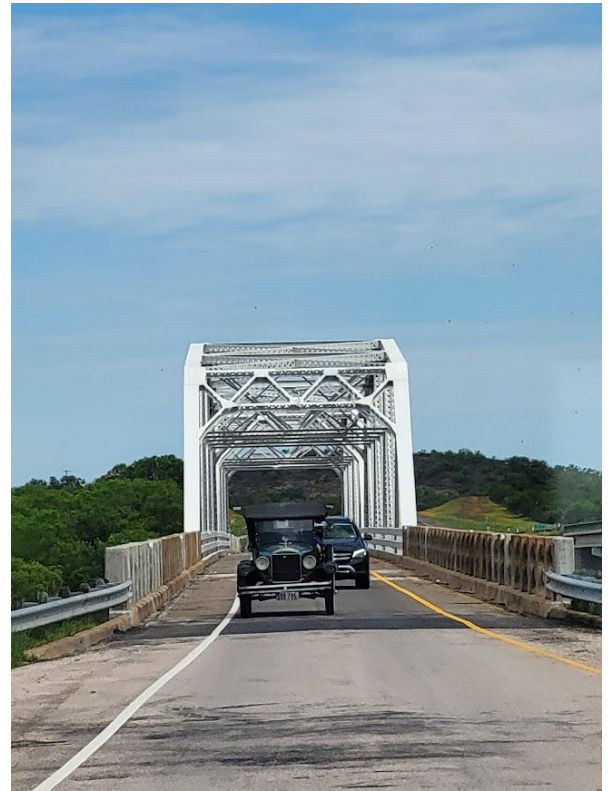
The website needs updated with new officers, member photos, etc.

J Pinnelli has a lot of photos that need to be archived. Needs thumbdrives. Could be sold to members as well.

Consider the use of Treasury funds to pay for speaker meals and gifts.

Consider a donation from the club to the Lone Star Santas or some other sort of supportive gesture, perhaps ordering a Santa or providing a car at an event.

Glen Gillman,
Secretary



Some pictures of our last T tour

CEN-TEX TIN LIZZIE'S MARKETPLACE

Nothing to sell, but Gary Baker sure would like to buy an enclosed trailer to put his model T into it so it must be at a minimum of 7-foot tall opening. Any one know of an enclosed trailer that size please contact Gary Baker at (512) 729-7377



**The Ford Model T - is 100 !
MARTINDALE TX is throwing a PARTY !
everyone is invited**

Happy 100th Birthday HENRY

May 18th 2024
Noon - 4:00pm
Main Street - Martindale Tx

For those bringing a MODEL T:
Optional 10am T Drive/ 1 hr departs Main St 10am, maps avail .
Others might go to Lockhart for dinner drive as well

**CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HENRY & THE MODEL T ...
FUN AND FESTIVITIES FOR ALL**

Model Ts/ Food/ Music/ Fellowship
more of Henry's Model T Friends will be there too !

RSVP - IF COMING IN A MODEL T OR DOING
THE DRIVE @ 10AM JOE 512-801-8106

**NEWS & MEDIA
COVERAGE**

REMEMBER: this coming Saturday is Henry's 100th Birthday along with several other Ts from the club.

Remember to RSVP to Joe Pinnelli @ (512) 801-8106 or at email: joewaap@gmail.com





Just what a photographer needs for this car. He may even have a dark room inside that camera back end.



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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