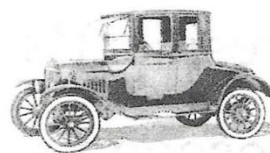


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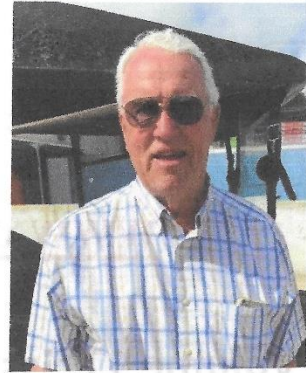
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President's Message



Please remember that we moved the October meeting to Tuesday, October 22 to accommodate those attending the Texas T Party in Kerrville.

For those paying attention, the fall is a busy time for the antique car hobby participants. The weather is said to be cooling a little and tours are available all the time.

Quite obviously its election time in the United States. The ads are too numerous to count and the solicitations are also. My mother used to say that now is the silly season. Inform your selves from more than one source and vote for the candidates that you would have to supper or for whom you want to have their hands on the atom bomb buttons. Do make a plan and vote.

What have you done with your antique car this month? Richard Walker and his wife brought their T to the 100 year anniversary of the Lions Municipal Golf Course on the 3rd. There were also 12 Model As from the Austin and Georgetown clubs. It was a good celebration with dignitaries, a multiplane fly over with smoke trails by old aircraft, a flying banner being flown around the sky over the course, some good speechifying by the dignitaries and club members. Here is hoping that the club is preserved on into the future.

Richard's car looks good and runs well. My 1921 named Patches did fine. I actually drove it from my home in West Lake Hills. The cars drove up a golf cart path from Lake Austin Boulevard, picked up the mayor and Lloyd Doggett for the last half of the short drive and then were directed to circle up around a putting green. The U.T. cannon "Old Smoky" fired once and then a youth band from Austin High played. It was a nice day.

We are headed to Kerrville on Tuesday with Patches in tow on the trailer. The last time we were there for this event we lost a crank shaft. Needless to say I hope that all goes well this time. At least the weather forecast of cool and dry looks good.

I have had a couple of mechanical successes to share lately and a nice addition to my garage drive way. On the Model A. I was able to repair the Aooga horn function by putting in new brushes. On the speedometer I was able to lube the head further and now it runs quietly. My grandson

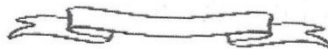
spear headed installing a concrete ramp on the side where the total drop was nearly 1 foot. That makes it very much safer and easier to walk in and out of as well as easier to drive on. We also put Hardie siding that was left over from the garage building project on the two open sides of the carport so it is now drier and will stay much cleaner.

The 7 deer feeders and the hog trap are all operating at my friend's ranch outside of Lampasas. Last Saturday we caught and dispatched the 18th hog there since July 1st. A lot of firewood is cut, ready for the deer hunting events. Even was able to shred a good bit on the high weeds. So, we are ready. It's been fun watching the animals on the trap camera.

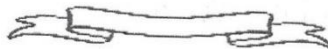
I look forward to seeing you after the Texas T Party at our October 22 meeting, at the Catfish Parlor on Ben White Blvd. at 5:30 for supper and 7:00 for the meeting and program.

Have Fun.

Tom Romberg



Famous Quotes: "My advice to you is get married: If you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher." —*Socrates*



MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



September 17, 2024

Members

20 attendees, 19 members and 1 guest.

Meeting Notes

Tom Rhomberg, our President, started the meeting with his typical apology for having to cut into a lot of good conversations and then got right to the business of the meeting.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Wellness Report

Randy Brown relayed that Wayne Mimms was in the hospital and that he and Steve Witt had visited him the previous Sunday. Wayne is having difficulty breathing.

Bob Ross told the group that Sue Anderson had cataract surgery and that she had both done at once. There was some mumbling and I heard someone say, "Who knew?"

JC Carter gave an update on his deviated septum and seems pleased to be breathing again properly after 8 years. JC speaks quietly but I believe I also understood the doctors found a benign growth while he was in surgery and was pleased his doctor was in an oncologists office.

Joyce Shierlow was in the meeting and that announcement was followed by a round of clapping and whistles!

Membership Report

Joyce then relayed that there had been no new members and that the membership department had been slow.

Old Business

Tom took a count of hands to determine participation in the Texas T Party coming up in October. He has a block of rooms reserved. Interested folks can call the hotel and have a room released to them. Rooms are filling up and the selection is limited.

Steve Hadorn asked about the Lions Club Municipal Golf Course Celebration on October 3. Bob will resend the flyer.

New Business

Due to the Texas T Party starting on Tuesday October 15, the monthly Centex Tin Lizzies Membership Meeting will be delayed until the following Tuesday, October 22.

Tom then addressed the rumor that the Nominating Committee had been busy at work, spending innumerable hours canvassing the membership for potential leadership and then he and the group began to chuckle and reference "waterfront property in Arizona". George Brunner then asked who was on the committee and Tom recognized the Nominating Committee as himself, Joe Pinelli, and Pat Goodson, before making a comment about the competition for the officer positions that generated more laughter.

Tom went on to describe all of the nominations, but I failed to collect them all and believe the bulk of them will remain the same with the following exceptions:

Britanie Olvera – President

Glen Gillman - Vice President

Richard Walker - Secretary

There was a discussion about a vote but Tom reminded everyone that the Bylaws require nominations in September, elections in October, and the installation of the new board in December.

JC gave a shout out to Bob for his work on the newsletter!

The Bylaw discussion prompted a discussion about the Christmas Party. The Martindale venue has limited dates available and there are multiple other conflicts with how the holidays fall this year so it was decided that Sunday December 15 was likely the best date for Martindale. If that date was not available, then we might have to look at an alternative venue.

Car Report

With some prompting, Joyce reported selling 4 of her 5 cars including her small Hupmobile to Wayne Mimms. She still has the big Hupmobile. She thanked Randy and Steve for their assistance.

Program

Tom introduced his friend and guest Bill Records to the group. Bill and Tom have been friends for a long time and they are both members of the Austin Yacht Club. Bill has a long history in Austin as a professional photographer.

Bill described the challenge of commercial photography and how in a small market like Austin it was difficult to specialize so he had to be flexible and change his focus frequently.

His first foray involved working with the Austin Ballet and he described ballets as a common Sunday afternoon event at the Armadillo World Headquarters. He got paid in nachos and a pitcher of beer. Other local work followed including work for the Gezinslaws but he wasn't crazy about working for musicians because they didn't pay!

He soon had a wife and daughter and was worried he might need to get a real job but managed to find work in print media with jobs from Two Alarm Chili, Milburn Homes, Fonda San Miguel and ultimately Texas Monthly and Dell.

He relayed getting the job with Dell, then called PC's Unlimited. He said he was in his studios late on a Friday when a young man came by asking for assistance. He had already been turned down by two other photographers, so Bill offered to help him out. That turned into an account with Dell that he had for a long time. It paid for his home and kept him from having to find a real job.

He continued with other accounts to include HEB and other tech companies but had to shift efforts again when digital photography and media changed the market. Fortunately for him Karl Rove called and asked if he wanted to work in politics and suggested he apply for a job. He assumed he would be working with George Bush but soon realized he would be working with his son, Governor George W Bush. Over 100 photographers applied for the job but apparently Laura Bush like his work. He continued working as a political photographer for some time and indicated he was not crazy about working for Democrats because they didn't pay!

Shifting gears again to avoid getting a real job, Bill began making photos for movies and worked on Friday Night Lights, Americas Got Talent, and Breaking Bad.

He described an interesting anecdote about potentially losing a big client. He asked his dad what to do and his dad recommended he try to keep the client because he had something personal to provide. He went to San Francisco, in a suit, to meet with the Executive who was in shorts. Lucky for him while he was waiting, he noticed the Executive and him had the same boat. By the end of the night he was piloting a boat for the Executive and friends through San Francisco Bay. He got the account and kept it for another 13 years which again prevented him from having to find a real job. So, it seems useful to have strange hobbies and follow your dad's advice.

He is now semi retired although he sometimes still works as an Art Director.

Old Action Items

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

Consider securing the Martindale location of this year's Christmas party. DONE.

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

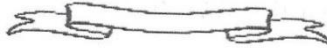
J Pinnelli has a lot of photos that need to be archived. Needs thumbdrives. Could be sold to members as well.

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.

Contact the schools in the fall to discuss a day to bring in the old cars.

Respectively submitted by
Glen Gillman, Secretary



Coming Events:

1. Oct 15-18 the 2024 Texas Tour in Kerrville, Texas
2. Oct 22 Next Meeting at South Catfish Parlour - Slate of Officers
3. Oct 26 Ledgestone Cruising for a Cure (See Flyer)
4. Nov 19 Last meeting for the year - Elections
5. Dec ? Christmas Party at Martindale



Famous Quote: "Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes." —*Jim Carrey*



1920 Ford Model TT Flat Bed Truck



1925 Ford Model TT Stake Truck

Model T Club Dues are DUE

Tin Lizzie Members it is time to pay your dues for 2026.

Dues remain the at \$15.00 aand cacn be paid at the next meeting ot to Jan Donnell.

If you are unable to make the meeting, you can mail a check to Jan made out to

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First Car: Benz Patent-Motorwagen (1886)



On 5 August 1888, 39-year-old Bertha Benz drove from Mannheim to Pforzheim with her sons Richard and Eugen, thirteen and fifteen years old respectively, in a Model III, without telling her husband and without permission of the authorities, thus becoming the first person to drive an automobile a significant distance. Before this historic trip, motorized drives were merely very short trials, returning to the point of origin, made with assistance of mechanics. Following wagon tracks, this pioneering tour covered a one-way distance of about 106 km (66 mi).

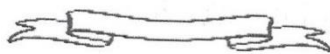
Although the ostensible purpose of the trip was to visit her mother, Bertha Benz had other motives – to prove to her husband, who had failed to adequately consider marketing his invention, that the automobile in which they both had heavily invested would become a financial success once it was shown to be useful to the general public; and to give her husband the confidence that his constructions had a future.

She left Mannheim around dawn, solving numerous problems along the way. Bertha demonstrated her significant technical capabilities on this journey. With no fuel tank and only a 4.5-litre supply of petrol in the carburetor, she had to find ligroin or heavy naphtha, the petroleum solvent needed for the car to run. The solvent was only available at apothecary shops, so she stopped in Wiesloch at the city pharmacy, Stadt-Apotheke, to purchase the fuel. At the time, petrol and other fuels could only be bought from chemists [pharmacists in US English], and so this is how the chemist in Wiesloch became the first fuel station in the world.

She cleaned a blocked fuel line with her hat pin and used her garter as insulation material. A blacksmith had to help mend a chain at one point. When the wooden brakes began to fail, Benz visited a cobbler to install leather, making the world's first pair of brake linings. An evaporative cooling system was employed to cool the engine, making water supply a big worry along the trip. The trio added water to their supply every time they stopped. The car's two gears were not enough to surmount uphill inclines and Eugen and Richard often had to push the vehicle up steep roads. Benz reached Pforzheim somewhat after dusk, notifying her husband of her successful journey by telegram. She drove back to Mannheim several days later.

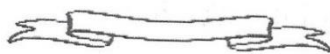
The trip was officially forbidden and Benz risked a penalty. There were no suitable roads and signs, only a few signposts. It was life-threatening because of the fragility of the car and the road conditions. The wagon was three-wheeled, but the paths were driven by four-wheeled horse-drawn carriages, so the dainty front wheel rattled over tufts of grass, sticks and stones.

The trip received a great deal of publicity, as she had sought, and was a key event in the technical development of the automobile. She reported everything that had happened along the way and made important suggestions, such as the introduction of an additional gear for climbing hills and brake linings to improve brake-power. The pioneering couple introduced several improvements after Bertha's experiences. Her trip demonstrated to the burgeoning automotive industry that test drives were essential to their business.



Did You Know: That animals that lay eggs don't have belly buttons.

Did You Know: That Mosquitoes are attracted to people who just ate bananas.



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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