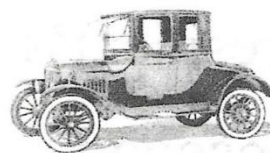


Band Chatter

www.centextinlizzies.org



Volume 17, Issue 11

November 2024



1909 Ford Model T Touring Car (side view)

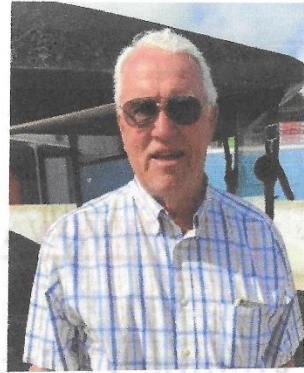
President's Message
Coming Events
New Series - Auto Firsts

Pg 2
Pg 6
Pg 7

Secretary's Report
DUES are Due
Vehicle Quiz

Pg 3
Pg 6
Pg 8 & 9

President's Message



How did it get to be Thursday before our November meeting so fast? I suppose it happened because we were all wound up in other things, like the election, where half of us were happy and half of us were sad, or maybe it was getting ready for and then attending opening weekend of deer season, or maybe it was all the athletic events, football, volleyball, sailing, and basketball. Maybe it was a drive or two in our Model Ts or was it repairing our Model Ts? Whatever it was it surely occupied us!

Well, now it is time for the November meeting and we have an election of our own to execute for our new set of officers. We have an opportunity to hear from Randy about how the T bug bit him. We have the opportunity to vote on changing our newsletter addressing. We can share stories of the Wheels and Wings tour which had a beautiful day in which to occur. I will be able to share stories about buying new wood hickory spokes for my '21 Touring Car, sanding them, staining them, and varnishing them. You will have the opportunity to share your stories of your activities.

I am likely to share some of my adventures with Britanie's T, which I volunteered to delve into to get it road worthy again.

You will have the opportunity to volunteer to be in charge of a tour or give a program or find a speaker that is interesting to you and get them signed up to share their story with us.

Maybe you have an idea how to attract others to our T hobby so that it will not die with us getting older. It's your club and you have enjoyed the hobby. How can you share that fun and enthusiasm to give you satisfaction and help someone else enjoy it too? Think about it!

The plans and the details for the Christmas /December meeting are falling in place and we will be able to share them with you as well as perhaps read them in this newsletter.

I look forward to forward to seeing you Tuesday evening at our November 19 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



My wife asked me. “Do you know the meaning if wife?”

I said, “Without Information Fighting Everytime.”

My wife said no, “With Idiot For Ever.”



MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



October 22, 2024

Members:

16 attendees, all members.

Meeting Notes:

Tom Rhomberg, our President, tried multiple times to get the meeting started but the membership was busy talking about the recent Texas T Party. When he finally broke in, he acknowledged that we likely lost a few members due to the change in the meeting date necessitated by the Texas T Party.

The meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Report available on request.

Wellness Report:

John Anderson relayed that hie wife (not him as previously reported) had cataract surgery and was well and out driving at night!

Joe Pinelli didn't relay much about his wellness but did say he was well enough to work on his Chevy three times a week. His brother is moving slow but is doing well.

Membership Report:

Joyce was not at the meeting. There was no report.

Old Business:

No old business reported.

New Business:

George Brunner relayed that his Depot Hack was at the paint shop getting the finishing work done. He is hopeful it is as good as the paint job Vic Donnell did for his other car. He expects folks to need dark glasses to get anywhere near it!

Joe is working on his Chevy. It's a 44-year-old restoration and he said we could all guess what type of work it needs but did specifically mention the ignition system. He then mentioned that Vic may have been right and getting parts for the car could be a trick.

There was then a general and difficult to follow conversation about gear oil and how often it should be changed and what should be used. Needless to say, there was some disagreement, but everyone agreed that leaks were a part of owning a Model T and the conversation wrapped up with the comment "...built to ooze."

Richard Walker has his fender and turtle deck on and painted and is now working on getting the hood set aligned, cleaned up, and painted.

Tom Rhomberg then got down to the real report which included a show and tell which included an old worn-out wood spoke. Tom has proudly driven an old largely unrestored Model T for some time but has to report that one of the wheels is no longer original! The wheel fell apart on at the Texas T Party about a third of the way between the HQ and the YO Ranch. Fortunately, he was only going around 15 mph and there was no other damage or injuries. The vulture wagon came and got him. He managed to get another wheel and had it on for the next day's drive... his wife however did not join him!

He had noticed the car moving more than normal but attributed it to the wind. Then around mile 7.5 into the trip the left rear wheel came apart. He had rebuilt the car in 1953 but had not touched the wheels. He had noticed a grease leak over time (in all the wheels) and believes that had likely allowed the nuts to come loose and weakened the ends of the spokes.

The following day on the way to Bandera, after getting a replacement wheel, he stopped and noticed that the entire car moved when he shut the door. He then discovered he had a similar problem on the other rear wheel and in all the wheels in fact. He tightened up the bolts and finished the drive but will be looking to refurbish all of his wheels.

After examining all of the wheels he discovered that all but 6 of the bolts holding the hubs together had come loose. Also, the tenon on the spokes were well less than the ½ inch that would be expected. He went on to remind everyone to check your wheels before driving and consider pinning the threads to reduce the chance that the nuts come loose. It's part of the standard Model T Pre-Trip Maintenance Check and this episode certainly highlights its importance to owners, drivers and passengers in Model T's.

This conversation rolled into a general discussion about the Texas T Party to include a review of the shared photos and slides. The high points that I recorded were.

There was a broken axle, broken cam shaft, Pat Woodson's tire nearly fell off, and Gary Baker's Model T seized up for some reason. There was a total of 89 cars so that's not really too bad for a bunch of old cars!

There was a great video of the recovery of Tom's vehicle and the use of a car jack as a wheel dolly.

The pine wood derby was discussed, and I believe Joe Pinelli indicated he had never been beaten. He also shared his secret-keep the weight in the back.

There was a 94-year-old driver.

A couple came all the way from Australia.

There is one gentleman that has been to all 46 (maybe it's 47) Texas T Parties.

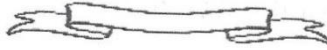
The food was great.

Pats coffee was better.

The meeting wrapped up with a confusing and involved discussion about the Christmas Party. The only thing that was definitely decided is that it will be Saturday December 14 in Martindale. The location, meal, and cost are yet to be determined.

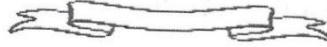
And finally, there was reminder that Officer elections will take place in November and the new board will start in December.

Respectively submitted by
Glen Gillman, Secretary



Coming Events:

1. Nov 19 Last meeting for the year - Elections
2. Dec 14 Christmas Party at Martindale
3. Jan. 14 First Meeting of Year 2025
4. Gulf opened up the first drive-in gas station in Pittsburgh in 1913.



Famous Quote: The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

Henry Ford

Did You Know: Gulf opened up the first drive-in gas station in Pittsburgh in 1913.



Model T Club Dues are DUE

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

Dues remain the at \$15.00 and can be paid at the next meeting or to Jan Donnell.

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

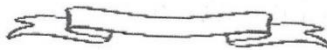
“Cen Tex Tin Lizzies”

Mail checks to:

Jan Donnell

1801 Woods Loop

Driftwood, TX 78619



Famous Quotes: "Both Politicians and Diapers need to be changed often and for the same reasons." - Ronald Reagan

Did You Know: In 1902, in a Baker Electric streamliner racer was the first motor vehicle fitted for seat belts. It was intentionally crashed at 100 mph on Staten Island.

Automotive Firsts

This will be a series of automotive firsts like the first car maker becoming standard the following accessories: Keys, Brakes, Power Steering, Self-Starter, Power Assist Brakes, Radio, Two Wheel Brakes and other accessories that we take advantage of on today's cars and trucks.

Ignition Keys

This is a very disputed idea of what you call an ignition key. Some call it a mechanical device to start a car, others say it only turns on the power to be able to start the car. But to be Ford Model T specific, the first model T was the model year of 1910. Henry Ford produced the first ever Ford car in 1908, known as the Ford Model T. Right up until the end of production in 1927 the Model T used a few variations of a simple metal key.

One of the earliest Ford keys noted was given the factory number T-5815. The T-5815 keys were made of three separate pieces that had a brass plated handle. These keys would have been supplied by either K.W Ignition Co or Clum Manufacturing Co.

In 1916 came the first change to these keys, with the switch from a brass plate finish to a new rust free finish known as a Raven finish, which left a dark phosphate coating on the key. One year later the key was changed from three pieces to a single steel key, which would have been known as a "Switch Key", eventually taking an updated name of T-5815-A.

In 1919 the key head was changed to a diamond shape and would have been manufactured by around five different vendors. The head would have been pin frosted with the word "Ford", and under this the vendors trademark would have also been etched. The following five companies were involved with the production:

Briggs and Stratton Co.

Cabkey Dupree Co.

Clum Manufacturing Co.

King Lock Co.

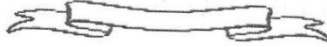
Culver Stearns Co.

In the year of 1920 the vendors name was removed, leaving just "Ford" and the serial number etched in one side, with the other side now totally smooth.

1926 saw another change to the key with the material being changed from nickel to brass.

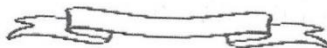
Other Key Developments

Door keys became popular once doors started showing up on cars. By 1904, cars had doors, beginning with the *Oldsmobile Model R*, and by 1908, door keys were introduced on the *Buick Model 10*, but ignition was still done via cranking. In 1910, engine keys were introduced but only locked the car's electric circuitry. Car-starting was still done with cranking, or later on in the 1920s, by pressing a button.



Can anyone Identify this oddity of an early Airport Limo??

How do the back section passengers get in?



Famous Quotes: Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep going.
Albert Einstein

DID You Know: Leonardo da Vinci sketches show that he came up with the idea of the car in 1478.



Can anyone identify the year of this vehicle. I know it is a Model T Coupe, but what year?



1925 Ford Model TT Huckster

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!

President – Tom Romberg Vice President – Steve Hadorn

Board members: - Drew Patterson - J. C. Carter - Vic Donnell - George Brunner – John Anderson – Britanie Olvera

Treasurer – Jan Donnell

Secretary – Glenn Gillman

Program Chair-Britanie Olvera

Membership-Joyce Shierlow - (Jshierlow@gmail.com)

Web Master – Juan Barraza

Newsletter Editor – Bob Ross

50/50 - Glenn Schiller

Send items for the website to Juan at: jsbarraza08@gmail.com and items for the newsletter to Bob Ross at: barneyr70@gmail.com

www.centextinlizzies.org