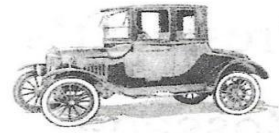


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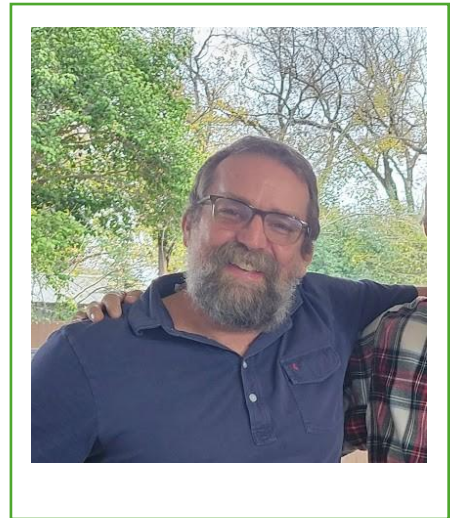
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NEXT MEETING IS At 6:00PM



The club members at Henry & Cookie's Stable for the 2024 Christmas Party

President's Message



To all the members;

I had the great pleasure of spending the first of the year with my son, Alex, and family in Europe. Alex clearly enjoys driving in Europe and those of us in the back seat could hardly have been considered passengers...it took significant effort to remain upright and in your seat! Similarly, Alex enjoys unique vehicles, and his mildly customized Mercedes E Class generated attention everywhere we went to include a stop by the German Border Police.

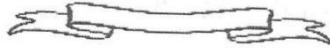
As we move through the new year, I'm excited to be a part of the Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Club and having the opportunity to continue sharing inspiring vehicles with friends and family.

Since the Christmas Party there have been some changes in the leadership of the Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Club. Britanie has had to resign as the elected President but has assured me and the outgoing President that her energy and enthusiasm has not waned and that we can still expect her to contribute to the mission of the club. I have accepted the position of President and Richard Walker will remain as the newly elected Secretary. We will work with the Nominating Committee to identify individuals that may be interested in filling the vacant Vice President position.

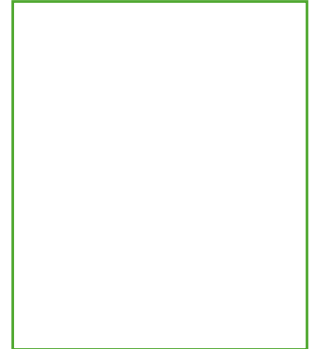
I am excited to work with the club membership in the new year. I encourage you to review the club Mission Statement and come to the January Meeting prepared to discuss goals and objectives for the next year that will help us realize that mission. This is a social club and, as such, it functions best if we all share our experiences, skills, and interests and will we be looking for individuals to assist with programs, tours, outreach (newsletter and website) and all the other things that make this club successful. Please consider what specifically you are interested in doing and be ready to sign up.

Glen Gillman

The general purpose of the Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Club shall be to preserve and maintain Model T Fords of ancient age and historical value and to serve as an accurate and technical source of information concerning Model T Fords for the benefit of its members as well as the general public and to provide for the mutual enjoyment for its members.



MEETING of THE CEN-TEX TIN LIZZIES



There was no meeting last month because of the Christmas Party

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.

Heated Seats

On May 31st, 1929, the first dedicated seat heater, for automotive applications, was patented. The innovation, from inventor Johannes Hunlich in Germany, was described as a 'seat with electric heating' that featured 'automatic temperature regulators'. It also packed a heated footstool, 'in the case of a more intense cold', and was listed as being ideal for automotive applications - as well as other methods of transport.

Further developments were made in 1936 when Maria Arostegui - from Washington DC - submitted a patent for a more complicated arrangement. The invention was described as 'an arrangement of heating devices adapted for use in connection with seats, and more particularly the seats of vehicles'.

There was a surprising degree of innovation to Arostegui's design. It was proposed that each individual seating position would have multiple electric heating pads installed in the base, back and arms - along with a deployable footrest that was also heated - to ensure a comfortable and even warming effect. Each passenger could also regulate their own seat's heating.

It's not evident that either design ever made it into production but, in any case, the idea was extended upon in earnest in 1951 by engineer Robert Ballard. He had degrees in both mechanical and electrical engineering and, at the time, was designing interior trim and components for General Motors.

His revised design benefitted from heating elements that were far closer to the surface, in both the cushion and seat back, which provided heat much more quickly. It also operated automatically when the door was initially opened, providing a little warmth before the driver sat down. A 'fast heat control' could be used to deliver more voltage to the heating elements to aid this process, while automatic regulation would later employ more gentle heat to keep the seat comfortable.

This concept, the patent for which was granted in 1955, would ultimately go into production and be offered in the 1966 model year Cadillac Fleetwood - albeit in manually controlled form, and with automatic disengagement once the cabin heater provided adequate warmth.

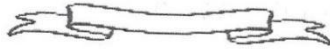
The 'most desirable Cadillac accessory' was available for the front seats; in the Series 75 Limousine, you could only have it in the rear seats. It was one of the more affordable options in the Fleetwood range, too, commanding a price of \$60.20 - around £21 at the time, or £380 today.

Saab dragged heated seats back into the limelight when it introduced them as standard-fit equipment on the 95, 96 and 99 in 1972. Again, significant improvements were made to the functionality of the seats; usefully, if the exterior temperature was below 14 degrees Celsius when the ignition was switched on, the seats would automatically heat up.

Safety had obviously been something troubling some potential customers, as Saab's press release reassuringly stated: 'The heating system is completely safe from electric shock and is not affected by dampness or water that might come in contact with it'.

It wasn't cold climates, however, that seemingly prompted Saab to fit heated seats. The application of heat was designed to reduce backache, according to Saab's brochures, so that the driver would be more comfortable and better able to concentrate on the task of driving.

Nowadays, heated seats are commonplace. You'll also often encounter heated steering wheels too and, as was the case in Arostegui's earlier design from 1936, heated armrests - all of which work to save countless drivers from discomfort on those cold winter mornings.



Coming Events:

1. January 22 – First Meeting of the Year - **NEWS FLASH:: WE MEET AT 6:00PM**
2. January 26 – Tech Session at Joe Pennilli's garage in Martindale at 10am.
3. February 18 February Meeting

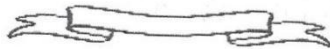


Famous Quote: Never criticize your spouse's faults; if it weren't for them, your mate might have found someone better than you." —*Jay Trachman*

Famous Quote: "If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them." —*Phil Pastoret*

Did You Know: That a one-day weather forecast requires about 10 billion math calculations.

Did You Know: That mosquitoes have 47 teeth.



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The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the South Catfish Parlour on Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX. Visitors are welcome!

New Members are even more welcome!!

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