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Can you imagine being cooped up in that during the Summer -1907 Ford Model T 2-Dr Coupe

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Fun Historical Facts: There were female gladiators in Ancient Rome! A female gladiator was called a gladiatrix (plural gladiatrices). They were extremely rare, unlike their male counterparts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Here I am enjoying what I expect to be the last cool day before September, maybe October, and desperately trying to work out a sensible message before the deadline Bob has given me!

My first thought is about oil. It's everywhere now that I got a Model T. My collection of cardboard is dwindling and all of it is serving admirably as an absorbent because the single drip tray I own is not sufficient. A few weeks ago, I judiciously sprayed the little, very black dots of oil that coated the driveway, but I have since given up. An impossible task. Similarly, I am much more thoughtful about where I park the car and will not park it in Oma's driveway in the future as it belched out a pretty sizeable glob the other weekend when I dropped by!

I guess my second thought is also about oil. I had no idea how many oil varieties there are now and how little 30 weight oil is available. I did get it ultimately and in combination with my Model T Lubrication Chart I set about lubricating my car. Now those of you who have been around Model T's for so long probably don't understand just how bizarre all of that was. It started with the two brass petcocks to determine the correct level instead of a dipstick. Then it was on to the oil cups, which highlighted the need for an oil can, but more interestingly highlighted why the little, very black dots were widely distributed on my driveway. I filled the cups and oil immediately dropped onto the ground! Finally, I wrapped up with the miracle that is the grease cup. That really is a simple, beautiful, and amazing solution and, after filling those, I feel more comfortable that those areas got greased than the zert on my aftermarket fan!

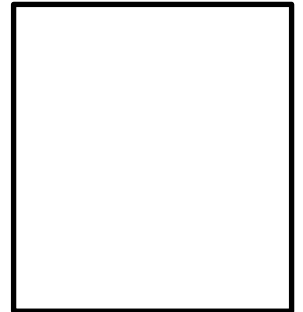
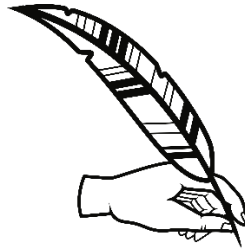
I am driving the car short distances around town but did not have the courage to take it to the Model T Olympics in Kingsbury last weekend. The event was a lot of fun to watch, and I regret not bringing my car as driving on the grass looked like a lot of fun. There was a good turnout at the event, the weather was good, and Wayne let my good friend, Luke, drive his Commercial Hack!

This weekend we have the opportunity to enjoy ice cream together at George's Museum and the first weekend of May is the Spring Fly-In. I'm hopeful we can get a good group together in

Martindale that morning to make the drive to Kingsbury, where I will win the truck raffle, we all get to enjoy the cars, planes and people, and then make our way back to Joe's Garage.

I'm suddenly at a loss for words and will simply close this message by asking that all of you to pause for a moment and think of Carlton Carl and the good he brought to this world and to each of our lives.

Glen Gillman



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the March 18th Meeting

Members: There were 12 members and no guests at the meeting.

Meeting Notes: The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:00 PM.

The status of members not in attendance was the first order of business.

Britanie is busy with work and not able to attend but hopes to make it to the next meeting.

Joyce has been put on oxygen and since she does not have a portable oxygen tank she also was not able to attend.

George was hospitalized with gall stone issues and was in bad shape. He has stabilized and is a nursing facility to get stronger before surgery. At some point he will have to have surgery to remove the gall stone(s).

Vic has been having back pain and is not able to make the meeting. So no Jan at the meeting either. Jeff reported that he did visit Vic and Jan and that Vic is up and moving around and talking about past adventures.

Todd announced that the dual club ice cream social is Saturday April 12 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. We were encouraged to bring snacks but there will be plenty of ice cream. The location is the Brunner Museum.

Glen said there were no birthdays or anniversaries this month.

Todd also mentioned that he will be back to diving Model T's again in a month or so. His arm is getting better.

Glen said that we all saw the minutes and asked for a motion to accept the minutes. At this point multiple people said they did not receive the newsletter this month. Glen and Bob will get together to find out what happened with the email list and correct that issue.

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Tom and seconded by Joe.

Membership report: None, but Glen brought up the issue of memberships and that several members have not paid. Calls were made to these members.

Glenn was called and a message left by so far he has not responded.

Tom called Kathy Tagert, and she is busy and has decided to drop out.

Tom also called Steve and Cathy, and they will renew.

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Glen reported that he sent our club information to the National Club and the we did not make it as a member club. The reason being that board members are not current with National. So we are an affiliate not a member club.

This led to a discussion about our local board and officers. Glen is suggesting that we drop the current board and use our officers plus one other member as the board for the National Club. There was lots of discussion but no real consensus on this.

This brought up the question as to what the function of the board is. The bylaws say they are elected each year and will meet six times a year. That has not been happening.

Gary made a motion to simplify using Glen's suggestion of using officers for the board so we can be a member at the National Club. After some discussion Gary withdrew his motion.

Gary and Randy agreed to look at the bylaws and see what would need to be changed so that we could use the officers plus one as the board. The goal is to get us back as a member with the National Club. There are insurance benefits with being a National Club member.

Financial Report: There was no finance report for the meeting.

Business Needs and Reports - New and Old: Glen will check with Vic about a banner for the club.

Dave from the Space City T's and Glen have been talking and sharing what is going on in our clubs. They are having some of the same membership discussions that we are.

Glen asked for a Dallas Model T Club contact.

Upcoming Events: Texas T Party - Info was send out and you can reserve a room now.

Kingsbury Olympics - Is March 30 - 31. Wayne and Glen are going. There is a swap meet, a catered lunch on Saturday, car Olympic events, and on Sunday there is a 50 mile drive.

In the past our club has not gone to the Kingsbury fly-in in the Spring. However, there is more there now then there used to be. The Spring Kingsbury fly-in April 5th.

Joe was talking about a May 3rd Pioneer fly-in. It is a one-day event that he will help to host.

The Pate swap meet is next month. Gary and Barbara are going.

Also upcoming is a Rosanky Revival Roundup at Firewall Ranch which is near Bastrop. The date is March 22nd. It is a car show and benefit for Firefighters. There will also be a swap meet.

The New Braunfels swap meet is in April. It is Easter weekend April 18-20.

Bob brought up that he will soon be in need of more material for the newsletters. Please pass on items to him.

Show and Tell: Randy brought a brass speedometer plate and passed it around.

Glen passed around photos that came along in a box with the car that he purchased in early March. It is a 1922 touring that belonged to Gene Shamberger. Apparently the car was owned by a club member at some point in the past. The photos were of club members working on the 1922 car.

Glen had a bag with items that he showed to the group and asked what it was. One was a bearing packer. Another looked like ice scrapers, cabinet door latches, wind wing brackets???

Break for Cobbler: There wasn't really a break but our server brought individual bowls of cobbler to those who wished to have some.

Presentation: Jeff had the presentation and he showed photos and videos and talked about his trip to Africa with Lee Ann.

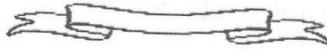
The flights to get there took 18 hours. There were lots of amazing photos and videos of animals. The wildebeest migration across the river was pretty amazing. And it even included a crocodile taking down an unfortunate one.

Jeff said he probably would not make the trip again but certainly would not discourage anyone from going on a similar trip.

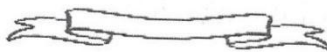
Last minute announcements: Joe announced that anyone can bring their T to Martindale and drive to lunch. There are numerous places nearby to get food. Joe has Henry back from Ross's place. The transmission bands, and maybe a drum as well, were changed.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted
by Richard Walker, Secretary



1907 Ford Model T Touring w-rear doors



Did You Know: It took the creator of the Rubik's Cube one month to solve the cube after he created it.

Did You Know: Alligators will give manatees the right of way if they are swimming near each other.

Did You Know: During the Salem witch trials, the accused witches weren't actually burned at the stake. The majority were jailed, and some were hanged. But none of the 2,000 people accused ever got burned alive.

**2025 TEXAS T PARTY, MARSHALL, TX
OCTOBER 7-12, 2025**



FOUR DAYS IN EAST TEXAS!

Host hotel:

Hampton Inn Marshall, 5100 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672

To book: 1. Go to www.hamptoninn.com

2. In Where to? Type Marshall, TX
3. Select Check-in Check out dates.
4. Click Special Rates, Scroll the Group Code type: **TTP**
5. Click Find a Hotel

It will be the first hotel in the list. Room rate \$119+tax

(You may also call 1-800-426-7866. Inform agent of code **TTP**)

Hot breakfast, Pet Friendly. **Group rate expires September 23, 2025**

2nd Hotel:

Quality Inn Marshall, 4911 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672

903-935-7923, Call to book, use code **Texas T Party**.

Room rate: \$86+tax single \$90+tax double

Hot breakfast, NOT pet friendly. **Group rate expires July 30, 2025**

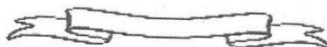
Other hotels:

Clarion Pointe Marshall

5301 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672, 903-927-0009

Comfort Suites Marshall

5204 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672, 903-927-1139



Coming Events:

1. April 12, 2025 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL Austin, TX – by The Brunner Family
2. April 16 – April; Meeting
3. April 24-26, 2025 - PATE SWAP MEET Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX
4. May 2-3, 2025 - LONESTAR ROUNDUP <https://lonestarroundup.com/>
5. May 3, 2025 - GTACC 18TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW 2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX
6. October – TALOR CAR SHOW – Taylor, TX
7. Oct or Nov - KINGSBURY FLY-IN – Kingsbury Airfield
8. Nov 1st – BELMONT VILLAGE – Sidewalk Party (AACA Hosted)
9. Nov 8th – BASTROP CAR SHOW – Bastrop, TX Heros and Hot Rods

Monthly Shows:

1. 1st Tuesday of the Month – Smithville, TX – Park between 2nd & 3rd St. on Main St 5-8PM
2. 3rd Saturday of the Month – Georgetown, TX – Pistons on the Square 8-10AM
3. 3rd Sunday of the Month – Round Rock., TX - Old Settler's Park Tennis Court 10AM-1PM
4. Last Sunday of the Month – Dripping Springs, TX – Home Depot - Coffee n Cars

Automotive Firsts

This will be a series of the automotive firsts like the first car maker to add as standard equipment one of the normal standard equipment that we expect as standard today such as windshield wipers, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, A/C, heaters, self-starting, radios, etc.

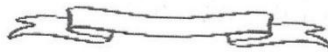
Air Conditioning

The idea of cooling or heating your car's interior seemed like a fantasy back when cars barely had windows. But for a long time, car manufacturers have tried to accomplish that. Ventilation or heating wasn't that big of a problem, but cooling was. Finally, in 1939, Packard became the first automobile manufacturer to offer an optional air conditioning unit in its 1940 model year cars. These bulky units were manufactured by Bishop and Babcock (B&B), of Cleveland, Ohio and were ordered on approximately 2,000 cars. The "Bishop and Babcock Weather Conditioner" also incorporated a heater. Cars ordered with this option were shipped from Packard's East Grand Boulevard facility to the B&B factory where the installation was performed. Once complete, the car was shipped to a local dealer for delivery to customers.

Packard warranted and supported this conversion. However, it was not commercially successful because:

- The main evaporator and blower system took up half of the trunk space (though this became less of a problem as trunks became larger in the post-war period).
- It was superseded by more efficient systems in the post-war years.
- It had no temperature thermostat or shut-off mechanism other than switching the blower off. (Cold air would still sometimes enter the car with any movement as the drive belt was continuously connected to the compressor—later systems would use electrically operated clutches to avoid this)
- The several feet of plumbing going back and forth between the engine compartment and trunk proved unreliable in service.
- The price, at \$274 (US\$6,194 in 2024 dollars), was unaffordable to most people in depression/pre-war America.

The option was discontinued after 1941



1919 Ford Model T Highboy Coupe

Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Model T Ford Club – Send mail to: Glenn Gillman: at 3309 Plantation Rd.

Austin, TX 78745-7426

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!!

President: - Glen Gillman

Vice President: - Gary Baker

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