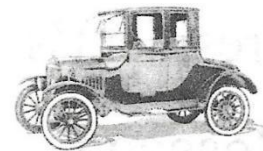


Band Chatter

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FIGURE 53

Henry Ford Museum (31886)

FIRST TRACTOR-TRAILER UNIT

A Model T Runabout had the honor of becoming the tractor for the world's first commercially built and sold tractor-trailer unit. This trailer was designed and built in 1914 to order for the Sibley Lumber Company, of Detroit, by the local wagon building, August Fruehauf. The trailer was fitted to a turntable mounted on a 1911 Ford Runabout which had already been converted to a one-ton truck with the patented "Smith Form-A-Truck" equipment. An immediate demand for similar trailers launched the Fruehauf Corporation as pioneer trailer builders. ¶ This unit, first of our most important modern freight vehicles, was restored by the Fruehauf Corporation and given to the Henry Ford Museum, where it is now displayed.

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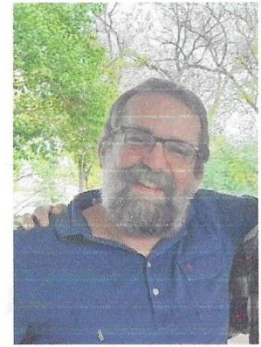
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“What year is it?” Seems to be the most common question when I’m out for a drive, and that is certainly an interesting number, but when I heard that being yelled at me at a stop light by someone in a modern that car I could barely see below the door frame of the Model T and with their cell phone in their hand!, it made me think more about how long I’ve had my car.

It’s just been a year now.

I’ve relayed some of my early thoughts about tours and learning to drive the car but now I’ve moved on to the reality of keeping the car running before the next tour.

There has been a continuous level of tinkering with the car that I have managed tolerably well given the time and skills I have available. But when I dropped the screwdriver in the transmission and I came to the reluctant admission that I might just have to pull the hoghead off to retrieve it, it occurred to me that I wasn’t looking at it as much as a chore as just something I’d need to do eventually to understand how this old car functions.

I only dropped the screwdriver in the transmission because my car didn’t seem to be running like it used to. That led me to finally reading, not just skimming, the repair book and also reviewing a lot of cranky posts on the MFTCA Forum. That’s when I realized there were both bands and a clutch in the transmission, that they had different functions, and that they both needed adjustments at times! This was going to require some dirty work and was going to move me beyond tinkering and into some real repairs.

Of course, there was no end to my relief when I discovered I wouldn’t need pull the hothead off after all (I bought some new and proper tools that allowed me to fish it out) so that I could take a drive with a visitor from Germany on short notice!

Unfortunately, I’m not certain the clutch adjustment has solved all the problems, so I’m back to the repair manual and the posts to learn more about the carburetor and I suspect I’ll be deep into that next.

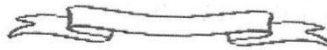
That takes priority over most everything else as I got to have the car ready for our Mini Tour in a few weeks - **Mark your calendars for March 19 to join Bill Stephens on a Mini T our around Stonewall, Texas!**

Glen



Secretary's Report

I did not receive a secretary's report prior to publication deadlines.



Automotive Firsts

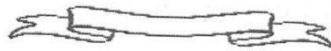
This will be a series of automotive firsts, like the first car manufacturer to add as standard equipment and one of the standard equipment that we expect on our normal cars of today. This is like windshield wipers, automatic transmission, power brakes, etc.

Fuel Injection – Mercedes

Fuel injection technology was widely used in World War II fighter jets to ensure constant fuel pressure under maneuvering. However, they later modified it for cars. The first car to successfully implement the system was the legendary Mercedes 300 SL in the early '50s. After that, it became the standard of the industry. And today, they no longer produce carbureted cars.

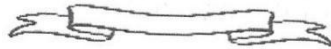
Fuel Injection is the introduction of fuel in an internal combustion engine, most commonly automotive engines, by the means of a fuel injector. This article focuses on fuel injection in reciprocating piston and Wankel rotary engines.

All compression-ignition engines (e.g. diesel engines), and many spark-ignition engines (i.e. (gasoline) engines, such as Otto or Wankel), use fuel injection of one kind or another. Mass-produced diesel engines for passenger cars (such as the Mercedes-Benz OM 138) became available in the late 1930s and early 1940s, being the first fuel-injected engines for passenger car use. In passenger car petrol engines, fuel injection was introduced in the early 1950s and gradually gained prevalence until it had largely replaced carburetors by the early 1990s.^[2] The primary difference between carburetion and fuel injection is that fuel injection atomizes the fuel through a small nozzle under high pressure, while carburetion relies on suction created by intake air accelerated through a Venturi tube to draw fuel into the airstream.



Coming Events:

1. Mar 17th – Next Meeting
2. Mar 19th – Tour from Stonewall _ Bill Stevens
3. Mar 28th – Kingsbury - San Antonio Club Fun Day
4. Apr 4th – Ice Cream Social – George Brunner’s Museum
5. Apr 10th – San Antonio Tour to Lampasas
6. Apr 11th – Car & Bike Show Crystal Lake Baptist Church (See Flyer Below)
7. Apr 17th – New Braunfels Swap Meet
8. Apr 17th – Lone Star Round Up - 7311 Decker Ln. Austin, TX
9. Apr 21-23 – Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway
10. Oct 7-10th – Texas T Party – Columbus See below.

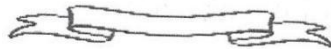


Light Humor: Son: “Mommy, why are all the cars beeping their horns?”

Mother: “Because there’s a wedding going on.”

Son: “But isn’t the horn a warning signal, Mommy?”

Mother: “Exactly, son.”





CAR AND BIKE SHOW

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

NEW!!! KIDS CLASS (12YR AND UNDER)

SATURDAY April 11, 2026
Rain Date April 25th

HOSTED BY:
 **CRYSTAL LAKE**
CRYSTAL LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH
3400 North Lakeline Blvd
Leander, Texas

FREE ENTRY

CASH PRIZES

Participant Check In 9 –10 AM
Show 10 AM—Noon



CALL 512.259.4701 TO REGISTER

49th Annual Texas “T” Party Columbus, Texas

Texas “T” Party in Columbus, TX

October 7- 10, 2026

Please join us as we explore the Columbus, Texas area, looking at the sites, visiting museums, eateries, and enjoying friends we haven’t seen in a year. Also, the chance of making new friends to look forward to seeing next year and years after. Hopefully, y’all will be able to join us. We will also provide our traditional Saturday night banquet.

2026 Columbus T Party PDF Registration Form

MTFCA Safety Inspection Form & Release

The host hotel for this event will be:

Holiday Inn and Suites

4321 I–10 Columbus, TX 78934

(979) 733-9300 Block Code: TTC

1 King Bed \$129 + tax 2 Queens \$134 + tax

Other hotel options include:

La Quinta Inn

2427 Hwy 71 S Columbus, Tx 78934

(979) 733-0522 Block Code: Texas “T” Party

1 King Bed \$99 2 Queens \$109

America’s Best

2535 Hwy 71 S, Columbus, Tx 78934

(979) 732-3785 Block Code: Texas “T” Party

1 King Bed \$90 + tax 2 Queen Beds \$95 + tax

1 King Bed Suite W/ Pull-out Couch \$110 + tax

Columbus RV Park

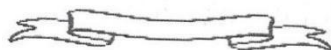
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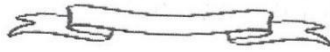
You can keep updated on the Columbus Texas T Party, by joining Tin Lizzies on: [FaceBook](#)

ALL hotels are pet friendly but NONE of the hotels have enough space for our tow vehicles and/or trailers!

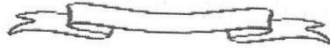
We have a really nice place to park everything, a short drive away.



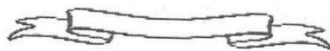
A Historical Fact:



Did You Know: The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros. (about.google)



1915 Ford Model T Coupelet



Did You Know: That Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.

Did You Know: There is a town in Nebraska called Monowi with a population of one. The only resident is a woman who serves as mayor, bartender, and librarian.



1919 Ford Model T Stake Truck



1921 Ford Model T Hearse - Die Cast Metal Model with Casket

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

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