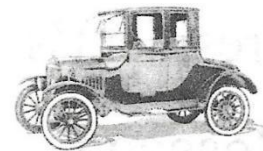


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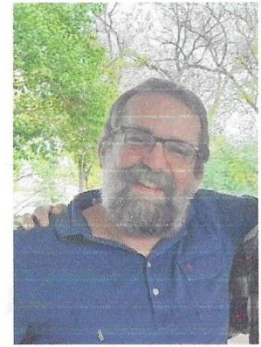


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This weekend I had the good fortune of taking a drive with the Pinnelli Brothers from Martindale to Lockhart. With us were Patty, Joe's neighbor, and my son Alex and his wife Sahian. It was warm but pleasant and the only one that really noticed the heat was the passenger in my car!

The event wasn't well planned and came together at the last minute and the main goal was to actually start Chuck, Pat's TT, since we didn't get to that the weekend before...we got sidetracked goofing around and going for a drive. The TT started fine once we discovered it did not have any gas in it (surprisingly common issue) and we were fortunate Al showed up just in time to smooth out the idle and simultaneously aggravate Joe (surprisingly easy to do)! Alex took it around the block, got it parked properly, and we got on the road.

The grass was green, the flowers were out, and so were the people, individually in their yards, and then in masse at the BBQ Festival. That required a change in plans, so we dropped the idea of BBQ and decided to head over to Henry's for burgers. This is when I realized Joe was no longer in his TT...that Chevy can move and he jumped into traffic with gusto...those of us in the Model T did not!

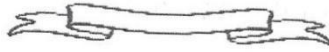
We were lucky and found a pause in the line at Smitty's and got a mess of BBQ, sides, and a few deserts. Despite the desserts, we stopped for ice cream and ate it in the cars before heading back to Martindale.

That trip took us by Lockhart State Park and led me to reflect on the first tour I took with the club. I believe it was during the Covid shut down and, on reflection, it was quite a large gathering. I seem to remember a dozen or more cars lined up on the hill at the State Park.

I may be mistaken but I seem to remember John Anderson being there in a closed car. Regrettably, I never got the opportunity to see him or the car on a tour again. Despite that, he was always at the club meetings with a welcoming smile and, as an enthusiastic member of the Model T community, he made a real positive impression on me and Alex.

It's a difficult time and more so for those of you that knew John well and spent many happy hours with him. My time with him was limited but wonderful and I'll think of him when I'm on the road in my Model T and pass a hill with a good view suitable for a picnic.

Glen



Secretary's Report

Meeting Overview

- Small turnout due to bad weather; enough members present for a quorum.
- Meeting included club business, health updates on members, upcoming events, garage/car discussions, and a featured presentation on early Texas license plates.

Member & Club Updates

Pat Goodson / Texas Ranch Project

- Pat Goodson is involved with a major Texas project involving a newly acquired 42,000-acre ranch in West Texas.
- The Texas General Land Office and Bureau of Economic Geology invited him as an advisor/explorer for the property.

Health Updates

- **John** is recovering poorly after back surgery and has been in rehab for four weeks. Members discussed visiting him at Falcon Ridge Rehab in Round Rock. John passed on Sunday May 3.
- **Joyce** is improving in rehab after a hip-related injury and expects release near the end of May. She welcomes visitors.

Garage Project

- One member updated the group on construction progress for a new garage/shop.
- Long-term plan includes hosting a chili/gumbo gathering and possibly a Christmas party there.

Club Administration

AI-Assisted Meeting Minutes

- The club is experimenting with AI tools:
 - Meetings are recorded
 - Audio is transcribed
 - ChatGPT is used to draft meeting minutes
- Members discussed improving results by following a structured agenda during meetings.

Treasurer's Report

- Club balance was approved after raffle proceeds and donations had been added.

Membership

- Potential new members contacted the club regarding Model A/Model T interests.
- Members encouraged everyone to review and update the club roster.

Secretary Position

- Joe continues serving as secretary, though the position remains technically open.

Website / Newsletter / Business Cards

- Updated business cards ordered with club website and contact info.
- Discussion about updating national club magazine listings and broader concerns about declining membership in antique car clubs.

Car & Technical Discussions

Fuel Pump Discussion

- Members discussed locating a low-pressure 6-volt fuel pump suitable for older vehicles.

T-Bucket Discussion

- Someone asked about selling a "Model T" that turned out to be a hot rod/T-bucket.
- Members recommended directing the owner to hot rod clubs rather than Model T organizations.

Parts Requests

- Request for a passenger-side front fender for a 1923 touring car.

Swap Meet Finds

- Members discussed finds from swap meets:
 - NOS Ford ignition parts
 - Adjustable reamer sets
 - Armored ignition cables
 - Flint knapping tools

Upcoming Events

Planned Activities

- Potential mini tour organized with Steve Witt.
- Kingsbury Flying event planned for May 2.
- Beckett retirement community car show scheduled before Father's Day (June 20).
- July 4th parade and fried chicken gathering planned.

National "Tea Party" Tour

- Several members signed up for the national Model T tour in Columbus.
- Concerns raised about motel availability and logistics.

Featured Presentation: Early Texas License Plates

Randy gave a detailed presentation about Texas automobile license plates during the Model T era.

Key Historical Points

- First recorded gasoline automobile in Texas:
 - Owned by Colonel Edward Green
 - Purchased in 1899
 - Drove from Terrell to the Dallas State Fair

Texas License Plate History

- 1907–1916:
 - Counties issued registration numbers
 - Owners often made their own plates
 - Homemade plates included leather, painted numbers, porcelain kits, etc.
- 1917:
 - Texas began issuing official statewide plates.
 - Separate validation seals attached to radiators.
- 1920s:
 - Different yearly plate colors and designs introduced.
 - Commercial plates became distinct in 1925.

Collecting & Restoration

- Randy displayed several rare original and restored plates from his collection.
- Discussion included:
 - Value of matching/restored plate sets
 - Porcelain plate manufacturers
 - Antique registration rules in Texas
 - Using period-correct plates on antique vehicles

Miscellaneous

- Members discussed:
 - Lone Star Roundup
 - Hot rods and engineering issues
 - Antique motorcycles
 - Purple-tinted antique glass caused by manganese content
 - Headlight rim removal tools

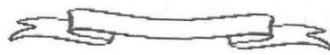
Meeting Close

- Meeting adjourned after show-and-tell and Randy's presentation.

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Minutes Prepared By: Acting Secretary (Joe)

Submitted For Approval: Next Meeting

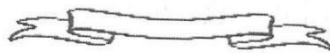


Automotive Firsts

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.

Heated Seats

If you have leather seats in your modern car, chances are they come with heaters to help you through those cold winter months. This is the obligatory standard of the industry, but in 1966, it was a revolution. Cadillac was the first company to offer heated seats as an option for their top of the line, 1966 model year 75 Series limousine.



Coming Events:

1. June 10-13 – 26 Annual Show Me Tour, Marshfield, MO (see Vintage Ford Pg 8)
2. Aug 5-8 – 14 Homecoming Celebration, Richmond IN, (See Vintage Ford Pg 9)
3. Sept 8-12 = 2026 Western National Tour Joplin, MO (See Vintage Ford Pg 9)
4. Oct 7-10th – Texas T Party – Columbus TX (See below)

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

110 New World Dr., Columbus, Tx 78934

(979) 732-6455

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.

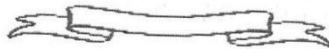


Light Humor: A nursery schoolteacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discuss the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close, "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."



A Historical Fact: The University of Oxford is older than the Aztec Empire. The University of Oxford first opened its doors to students all the way back in 1096. By comparison, the Aztec Empire is said to have originated with the founding of the city of Tenochtitlán at Lake Texcoco by the Mexica, which occurred in the year 1325.



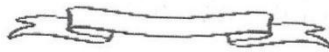
1926 Ford Model TT Stake Truck

Did You Know: In Switzerland, it is illegal to own just one guinea pig. This is because guinea pigs are social animals, and they are considered victims of abuse if they are alone.



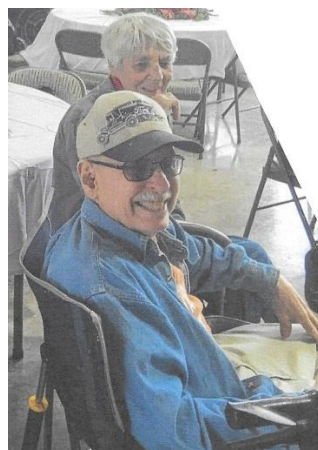


1912 Ford Model T Delivery Car



Notes from the Editor: On May2nd we lost one of our longest participating members of this club. John Anderson passed in his sleep after trying to recover from back surgery. John has been a stalwart member of this club: he has been President, and provided many enjoyable programs; he was President of the Pate Swap Meet for several years and took on the job of making the Pate Times a complete money maker for the swap meet. He had contacts of many vendors that advertised in the Pate Times. He leaves his wife Sue, and a daughter and son to try to carry on in his place. As soon as services for John are announced I will let everyone know.

Band Chatter Editor
Bob Ross



Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Model T Ford Club – Send mail to: Glen 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 - **Board of Directors:** Drew Patterson – J.C. Carter – Vic Donnell – George Brunner – John Anderson – Britanie Olivera - **Treasurer:** - Randy Brown - **Secretary:** - Joe Pinnelli - **Membership Chair:** -Open **Web Master:** - Juan Barraza - **Newsletter Editor:** - Bob Ross - 50/50: Open

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