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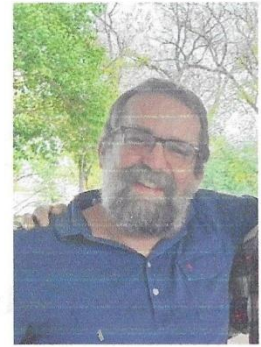


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



July 2026

It's been a July 4th to remember!

July 4th is a party regardless and it has been supercharged with the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the support for the USNMT in the World Cup!

This month's Smithsonian Magazine celebrated the cultural contributions of the United States and the Model T landed in its top 10. I'm pleased and proud to have Model T and to have the opportunity to drive it in a parade and yet this month has highlighted how wildly deficient I am in patriotic and period appropriate clothing!

I hadn't been in a July 4th parade since I lived in Fort Davis 25 years ago and drove a fire truck in the "Coolest July 4th Parade in Texas". This year I participated in the parade in Martindale with Joe and friends. Joe drove Cookie and had the Mayor of Martindale with him, Alex drove Henry with a group of Carlton's nephews and nieces, and I snuck in after them and before the bulk of the parade. The crowd was surprisingly large, and we barely got through the parade with the candy we had and that was a lot! We then retired to Joe's garage and enjoyed lunch with the folks from Martindale.

I know others in the club had similar experiences and I'm certain they inspired someone with their old cars!

I did think that the Martindale Event would certainly be an opportunity to fundraise and/or advertise for our club as there was a large audience and plenty of opportunities to interact. Somewhat related was a recent announcement from the City of Austin regarding grants for the arts. These include substantial grants and I'm thinking if we worked hard we might be able to secure a grant for a car show, car rebuild or something significant.

[Funding Programs | Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment | AustinTexas.gov](#)

We've got work to do to make sure there are Model T's in parades in another 250 years!

Glen



Secretary's Report



Meeting Minutes 06/16/2026

CHAT GPT from Recording

Executive Summary (Key Takeaways)

1. Club members organized support for a member's family estate.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on coordinating volunteers from multiple Model T clubs to help inventory, evaluate, and sell a late member's extensive collection of Model T parts, tools, and memorabilia. The group agreed to assist the family by assessing values, organizing items, and planning a future sale once the family is ready.

2. Routine club business was completed efficiently.

The previous meeting minutes were approved, the treasurer reported a balance of approximately **\$3,051.81**, membership updates were discussed, and the club agreed to follow up with the Model T Ford Club International regarding submission of the club roster.

3. Members reviewed upcoming events and tours.

The club discussed participation in Father's Day and Fourth of July events, shared information about San Antonio club activities, considered a July driving tour, and began planning an August gathering centered around an engine reassembly demonstration and barbecue.

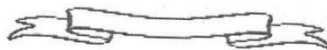
4. Members exchanged technical knowledge and recent experiences.

The meeting included discussions about recent tours, swap meets, vehicle maintenance, wheel safety, restoration projects, and navigating Texas bonded title and vehicle registration processes for antique automobiles. These conversations provided practical advice and lessons learned for fellow members.

5. The meeting concluded with informal fellowship and future planning.

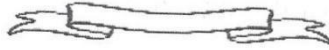
After official business concluded, members shared club history, discussed preserving historical records, coordinated upcoming work sessions and driving opportunities, and emphasized continued member engagement and collaboration.

Respectively submitted by Joe P.



Did You Know: The blood of lobsters is colorless. However, when their blood is exposed to oxygen, it becomes a blue color. This is mainly due to the copper that is found present in the blue hemocyanin molecule in their blood. Now that's some cool scientific did you know facts.

Did You Know: Moisture causes super glue to dry. Exposure to humid conditions allows the glue to form a thin skin within seconds of contact. Water can also help this type of glue dry faster.



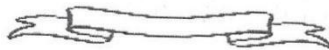
Automotive Firsts

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.

Improved fuel efficiency with the hybridized drivetrain

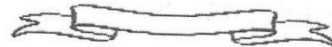
When Toyota released the first Prius for sale to the public in 1998, few would appreciate the impact it would eventually have on the auto industry. This car incorporated a hybrid, electric-gasoline drivetrain that dramatically improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions, forcing other car manufacturers to follow suit.

The Prius was the first mass-produced hybrid. It came with a small 1.5-liter gas engine, electric motor, and nickel-metal hydride battery. Although uptake was slow initially, most car brands have some form of hybrid vehicle in their catalog. In many parts of the world, they are replacing solely gasoline-powered vehicles, which are being phased out.



Coming Events:

1. July 21st, 2026 – Next Meeting of the Year
2. September 23-26, 2026 - 62nd STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB - Sept 23-26, 2026 - International Meet – Waxahachie. Host Hotel: Residence Inn, 275 Rae Blvd, Waxahachie Civic Center 2000 Civic Center Blvd



A Historical Fact: A War Lasted 335 Years (Without Any Fighting) The Isles of Scilly and the Netherlands were technically at war from 1651 to 1986 but never fired a single shot. They finally signed a peace treaty in 1986, ending the “longest war” in history.



Editor Speaks: Here's a reminder that there will be an auction of all of John Anderson's Model A & Model T parts, signs, spotlights, tools, generators, starters, etc. on Saturday July 18th starting at 9:00



Glen with Petra at 4th parade



Randy's 1915 Model T Speedster



Randy's 1926 Model TT Flat Bed Truck



Tom and Friends at 4th Parade



“Henry” and Alex at 4th Parade

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 - **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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