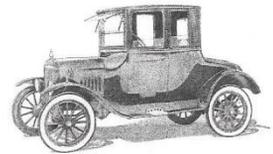




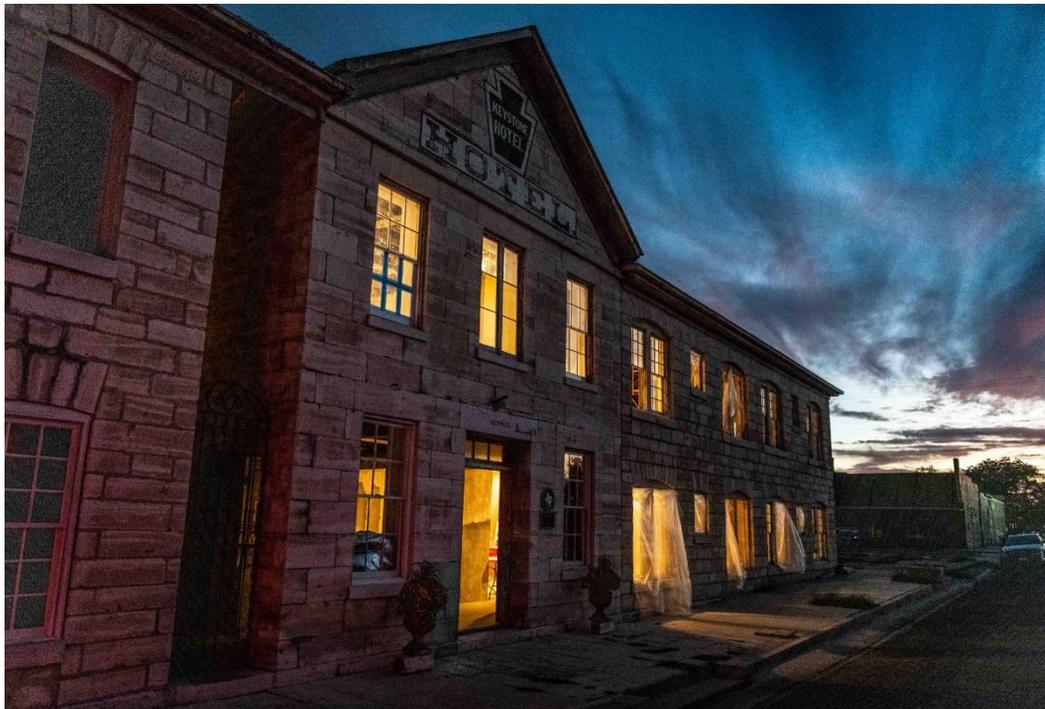
# Band Chatter



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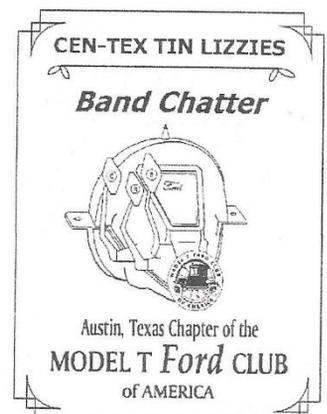
## Tin Lizzie Member Andy Fish to hold open house at restored 1800's Hotel in Lampasas



**By Andy Fish**

Sorry I have been missing in action for a while. This is my crazy time every two years dealing with the state legislatures in session in eight states. Add to that my project restoring the old Keystone Hotel from 1856 in Lampasas, and I've been covered up. Hopefully when I get the hotel together we can have a drive to Lampasas

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**MINUTES OF THE April 2019 MEETING**  
**By Secretary Joyce Shierlow**

At 7PM on April 16, 2019 Rob Norberg, President of the Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies called the regular monthly meeting to order. He welcomed 20 members and 1 guest. The guest, Paul Kida does not own a Model T at this time but he is in the market to maybe buy one. Paul lives in Round Rock.

Rob asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting and there were none. Bob Ross made a motion to accept the minutes as written in the Band Chatter and George Brunner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Jan Donnell gave the treasurers report stating there is an ample balance in our bank account. George Brunner made a motion to accept the report as given and Gary Baker seconded the motion, Motion carried.

Karen Ross stated that Stan Stanley passed away last week. She also said that she sent a get well card to Tony Temple.

Randy is on vacation so there was nothing about the website from him, but someone stated that Bob Devine has his 1927 Model T Touring for sale. He lives in Flatonia. The telephone number is 1-713-829-2000.

Last week there were a few members working on Vic Donnell's Model T transmission at his home and now he is ready for another tech session to re-assemble the transmission and also to have a split rim-tire tech session. Dates to be announced.

The Ledgestone Tour will meet at George Brunner's home at 9am and depart at 9:45 am for Ledgestone. They plan to offer beer, wine, cold drinks, and ice cream. Steaks are on the lunch menu. Parking is readily available.

April 27 is our car movie on AMC.

May 11 is Pioneer Day at the Dr. Pound house in Dripping Springs. It is also the same day for the TFOT car show in San Antonio.

May 18, Glenn Schiller plans to attend Deutchenfest in Pflugerville. John Anderson also plans to attend. Texas Tour is also that weekend.

The T Party is in Brenham, TX. Oct. 9 thru 12, 2019.

It is planned to use the same banner of the Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies that was used 2 years ago at the Father's Day Car Show. Father's Day is June 16, 2019.

Andy Fish has purchased an old hotel in Lampassas. He is restoring it and plans to live in it. The hotel was built in 1871 and it is the original building. He also bought a 1913 Depot Hack.

George Brunner won the 50/50 raffle, but he donated the money back to the club.

Thank you to Drew Patterson for the blow-up of the chassis and body parts poster of the Model T Touring.

Rob gave us a pop quiz on car slogans of the past and present.

Jim Ferguson gave a program using video examples of the Model T spindle bolt (king pin bolt).

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.



## Hello Tin Lizzies,

The last month has been a whirlwind for Juan and I, we put our place on the market and things just went crazy. It was on the market for 4 ½ days, in that time we had 15 showings and 4 offers (3 above our asking price). We accepted the best offer and had 30 days to close with immediate possession.

We did accomplish our goal of moving everything out in time (barely). We cut it so close that we had to leave the model T and “mule” at the neighbors and go retrieve them that evening after signing the papers.

Bob Ross came over and helped pack one day and my son Carl managed to give us a day and a half, other than that, Juan and I did it all ourselves and we definitely over did it. A week later and we are just getting recovered.

Where are we moving to you ask? We have heard the call to Go West, even though we are no longer young men. Exactly where or how far west still remains to be determined. In the interim we have put everything in storage and the Donnell's have generously allowed us to take up residence in their pool house. We will still remain with the club and hopefully I can fulfill my Presidential duties throughout the rest of the year.

Till next month,

*Rob Norberg*

# April Show and Tell Winner



Vic Donnell



Who will be the winner in May?

# Tin Lizzie Past



## Restoration of an 1856 hotel in Lampasas

**I'm having an open house at the hotel at 11:00 a.m, Saturday, July 6.** We will have a flag ceremony and I'll have my T's, including my new 1913 depot hack, on display at the hotel and should have the old dealership open. We'll be serving hot dogs, I have a fabulous jazz band from Austin that will be performing in the ballroom, and of course I'll be giving tours of the hotel.

Don't know if the Model A and Model T club members are up for an event but would love to have them parked in front of the hotel for the open house. There are plenty of places for people to park trailers. My plan is to make the old dealership, which was a bowling alley and a hardware store in later years, into a museum of primarily Ford and Ford related cars I own.

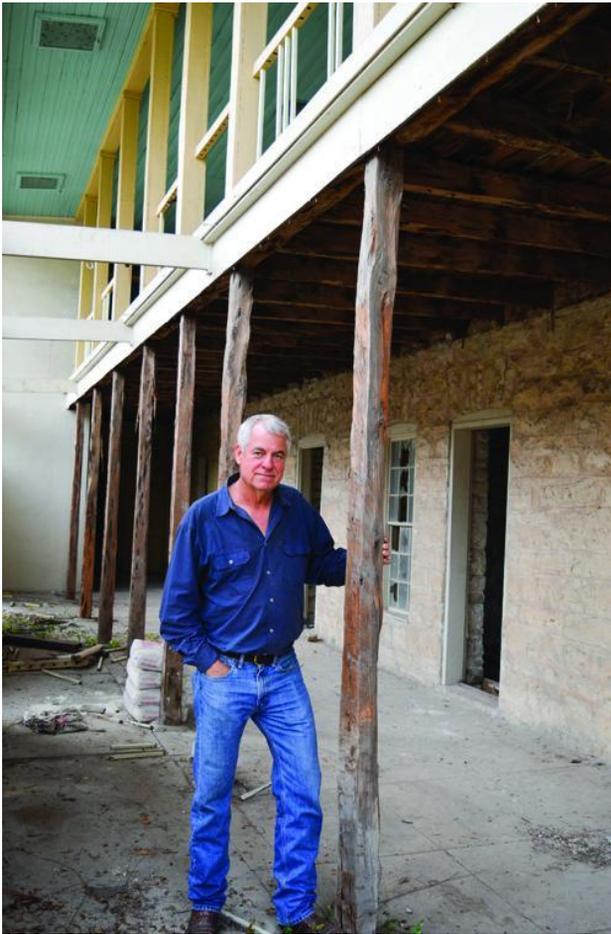
The Star Hotel was originally constructed in 1856 and was owned and run by J.L.N. Gracy, the Gracy's were among Lampasas's first settlers in 1855. In 1870, ten rooms were added to the east end of the building. The building was briefly named the Scott Hotel from 1923 to 1926 when it was purchased by Mr. J.R. Key in 1926 and modernized in 1929. He changed the hotel's name to the Keystone. An extension was added to the west end in 1931 that added an additional seven extra rooms. When the Keystone ceased to be a hotel it served as an attorney's office, an insurance office, the Keystone Savings and Loan, and finally a bank. The last inhabitants were the Clays who lived in what had previously been the kitchen wing. The building remained unoccupied until December 2017 when it was purchased by Austin resident, Andrew Fish.

There are three parts to the building. The center portion, which was built in 1856, was the stagecoach stop for the Austin Stage. The two-story Eastern wing with ten rooms was added in 1870. The wing was connected to the original structure by an outside stone staircase that was later enclosed, the stairwell walls plastered and a ceiling added. In the attic above the staircase are engraved stones with a star, the word "Hotel", and the date "1870". The western wing was added in 1931. A stone located on the front of the building to the right of the 1856 section is engraved with 1931 and the name of Mr. Key who purchased the hotel in 1926.

Of note is a well that is located in the West wing. The well was dug in 1856 and provided water for the hotel, however, when city water became available in the 1890s the well was filled which included the lightning rods that had been removed from the roof in the late 1890s when the roof was changed from wood shingle. The 1931 addition was built over the top of the well. During the restoration process the well was located and reopened, hitting water at 20 feet.

The restoration is returning the 1870 portion to the original ten rooms, nine with their own fireplace. One room never had a fireplace. Central air conditioning and heating are being added but hidden. The enclosed stairwell has been reopened, and the stairwell walls have been returned to bare stone. The ceiling was removed so the star symbol and the words "Hotel 1870" are exposed. The downstairs of the 1856 portion is being returned to original with the reception area inside the front doors and a living room in the back room, which was originally the dining room. The upstairs of the 1856 portion which was, at one point, eight small rooms has been converted into a master suite in the back and what had been Mrs. Gracy's entertainment room in the front. The 1931 wing has been converted into a ballroom with a balcony overlooking the dance floor and a catwalk down the South side. The original exterior porches, which were covered up in the 1970s, have been uncovered and restored to original. Mr. Key added steam heat to the building in the 1929. The [boiler](#) and related equipment were previously removed. The underground boiler room will be turned into a wine cellar.

# Keystone Hotel, continued





**42<sup>st</sup> Texas "T" Party  
Oct 9 - Oct. 12, 2019  
Brenham, Texas**

**Registration Form**

**Please Return Completed Form and Payment by August 31, 2019**

Registrant Driver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 T Year/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Model T Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 List Adult Passenger Names below: \_\_\_\_\_ List Youth Passengers below (12 and younger): \_\_\_\_\_  
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In case of Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
Car & Driver	1	\$175	___\$175__
Adult Passengers	___	\$150	_____
Youth Passengers (12 and under)	___	\$ 0	_____
Extra Photo	___	\$ 12	_____
Extra Tour Book	___	\$ 12	_____
Dangles	___	\$ 2	_____
<b>Total Enclosed and due by August 31, 2019</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

**Guest Tickets:** Call for single day prices. If participating more than one day, full registration is required.

**Refund Policy:** If your plans change after you register, we will do our best to accommodate cancellations. However, many of our vendors base their pricing on a guaranteed minimum. We will make a full refund if you cancel by July 31, 2019. Refunds for cancellations after August 1, 2019, will be made on a prorated basis with funds available after the final accounting audit.

The SPACE CITY T'S of Houston is a chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America and is a club interested in the preservation of Model T's. Many hours have gone into hosting this event. **Registrants, by signing this registration form, agree to indemnify and hold THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston and each of its members harmless from all claims, demands and causes of action arising out of negligence of the Registrant, his agents or employees or passengers, and/or the ordinary negligence of THE SPACE CITY T'S of Houston or any of its members.** Registrant also certifies that his/her car is in road-worthy condition and meets all requirements of the registered state.

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 Registrant Signature Date  
 Make check's payable to: **SPACE CITY T'S** and mail to:  
 Dave Lucas 2115 County Road 160 Alvin Texas, 77511 or call and leave message at 713-299-3059



2019 Texas "T" Party – Brenham, Texas Oct 9th – Oct. 12th

**Contact Dave Lucas for info at 713) 299-3059**

DO NOT send in inspection sheet with registration, it is to be turned in at check in.

Host Hotel: Baymont Hotel – 979-836-5551 2950 Woodridge Blvd, Brenham, TX 77833 \$99.00 + Taxes & Fees (Single King; Double Queen) Continental Breakfast Included / 2 Acres Grass Parking NO PETS ALLOWED

Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites – 979-421-8100 2350 S. Day Street Brenham, Texas 77833 \$107.00 + Taxes & Fees (Single King; Double Queen) Continental Breakfast Included / No Truck or Trailer Parking, PETS ARE ALLOWED

Overflow Hotel #2: Motel 6 - 979-836-4590 555 Hwy 290 E Brenham, Texas 77833 \$89.00 + Taxes & Fees (Single King; Double Queen) PETS ARE ALLOWED NO BREAKFAST PROVIDED Moderate amount of Truck and Trailer Parking

For those that want to stay in their RV, the fair grounds are where we chose for RV parking for access to the host hotel.

Washington County Fairgrounds 1305 E. Blue Bell Rd. Brenham Texas 979 836 2299 Full RV Hook ups

Artesian park RV campground 8601 Hwy 290 Brenham Texas Full RV hook ups

Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Model T Ford Club - Send mail to Joyce Shierlow, P.O.  
Box 70, Manchaca, TX 78652

Email to [joycencharles@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:joycencharles@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the **Catfish Parlor, 4705 E. Ben White**, Austin, TX.

Visitors are welcome! New Members are even more welcome!

President - Robert Norberg Board: Juan Barraza

Vice President- Joe Pinnelli John Anderson

Secretary - Joyce Shierlow George Brunner

Treasurer - Jan Donnell J C Carter

Webmaster - Randy Brown Vic Donnell

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**[www.centextinlizzies.org](http://www.centextinlizzies.org)**

May 21- Monthly Meeting

May 25 – Model T Show T Fords of Texas – San Antonio

June 16 – Father’s Day Car Show

June 18 – Monthly Meeting

July 4 – Martindale Parade

July 6 – Heartstone Hotel Grand Opening - Lampasas

July 16 – Monthly Meeting

July 26-28 – Fredericksburg Swap Meet

August 20 – Monthly Meeting

September 17-Monthly Meeting

October 9-12 – Texas T Party Brenham

October 15 – Monthly Meeting

November 9 – Kingsbury Fly-In

November 19-Monthly Meeting

December 7-Annual Christmas Party