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Tech Session at Treadwell's March 18th

President's Message





CenTex Tin Lizzie Members

Hello Cen-Tex Tin Lizzie Club members.

Because I am so full of wisdom and knowledge to share with you this month, I can say without reservation that I am exceedingly grateful and lucky. That's it! All my wisdom stated.

Well, what am I smoking, you might properly ask.

The truth is nothing! But it just represents my thoughts presently.

I was given this beautiful, although warm, day.

My new knee leg is making good progress. It is still uncomfortable now and then and I continue to not walk "normally". But there is no question that it is getting better.

Our speaker, Mike Bandy, should be interesting to hear from on our common interest subject of Classic Cars.

I am jealous of the Model A group driving a Bluebonnet cruise to Huntsville this week-end. Maybe Jim is going and can report to us to share.

Crazy thought is what if every Model T club in Texas could get together and plan to have a tour every month somewhere during the 7 months best for touring in Texas. Would you be interested in participating in a few of those?

Have a wellness report, a show and tell, a car report, a tour idea, or an idea of how to serve and grow our membership?

Bring them all to the meeting to share.

I look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening, at 5:30 for supper and 7:00 for the meeting at the Catfish Parlor on Ben White, April 18th.



Model T Tip of the Month: A Forgotten Model T (Episode 8) Engine Bay - YouTube

This is a series of 18 YouTube videos on restoring a Model T in England that hadn't been run in 30 years. Very interesting.

If you read this on your computer just click on the YouTube tip and it will take you to the YouTube program.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21ST, 2023 MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES

President, T Romberg kicked off the meeting with an introduction of the speaker and guests

20 Members and 5 Guests: included guest speaker Tweed Scott, Mike and Annette Bandy, owner C&G Customs in Plum and Ronnie and Beverly Woods, who are just "car people" and friends of Brittanie attended the meeting.

Many members arrived early to enjoy a visit and meal. G Gillman brought some old carburetors for V Donnell to look at. Vic looked at them long and hard and determined they were not fit for use. Glen will be looking for cores in the hopes he finds one that can be rebuilt.

The previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: was read by J Donnell and approved

J Pinnelli got to talking about a Chevy's (some of it was a bit crass-but in good fun) as he is a new owner of a 1927 Chevy. It's at a shop getting worked on before it makes its debut.

Wellness Report

T Romberg has a bum knee. J Sheirlow missed the meeting because she was in the hospital but is recovering and J Pinnelli gave a report on his brother who is doing well enough to drive but apparently shouldn't.

Membership Report

J Donnell said, "There was no report because the chairman is in rehab!". Needless to say there was no report.

J Pinelli mentioned the possibility of raising dues. There was some discussion, the majority of which did not seem to be in favor, but no decision or action was taken. There was a question about name tags for new (and likely old members) and they can be secured by talking to Joyce. Getting the logo was discussed so more shirts and hats can be made. G Gillman will request from B Ross.

New Business

J Treadwell had 9 folks over for a tech session at his home. It was a cool day but the heater was on and it was not so cold that we couldn't open the garage door when the exhaust fumes got too bad. We cleaned park plugs, fixed a manifold leak, and ultimately replaced the carburetor. Vic happened to have a carburetor and a full carb repair kit in his pocket! That ultimately seemed to fix the problem and there was just some fine tuning to do. We had a barbeque lunch before we all went home. My favorite memory was getting under the car to get a dropped bolt and when I got up the guys made comments that practically compared me to an Olympic gymnast and not the 50 year old man that I am!

The planned trip from Martindale to Lockhart for BBQ was discussed. Three folks planned to bring their T. Some others mentioned not having trailers ready for their cars.

The drive went beautifully. The flowers were out and everything was green. We had three T's there and they all got back although there were a few fuel issues easily resolved or ignored in the case of Pinnelli's truck. I believe we ultimately had 14 members and guests on the drive. The cars were a hit on the road and when parked as you might guess.

Show and Tell

There was some quick mention that J Anderson got back a long-awaited manifold but that was it.

There was then a long rambling discussion of multiple cars for sale.

We actually got to the Treasurer report here but I listed it in the top of the minutes for consistencies sake (my heart goes out the President of this club-an unruly bunch!).

The raffle was won by S Hadhorn for \$78.00!

New Business

Five members have signed up for the Texas T Party.

Cobbler was served and G Gillman introduced the speaker, Tweed Scott. Tweed is a New Hampshire native but has a strong affiliation with Texas and presented an enriching account of what he calls "The high, holy day of the Texas Revolution". Of course, as a storyteller, the conversation went far beyond that and he touched on many things that make Texas unique, right up to the present day. I liked his description of Santa Ana being "Dumb like a fox" and also learned about Stranger Rooms. Apparently, these were rooms travelers could use that were not accessible to the main house.

Tweed is not only a story teller but an avid historian and leads tours at both the Capitol and the Texas State Cemetery. We discussed the possibility of a tour, maybe including a drive, sometime in the future.

Meeting adjourned.

Tweed had books for sale and there was a brisk business as the meeting wrapped up.

Old Action Items

Consider securing the Martindale location of this year's Christmas party.

The website needs updating with new officers, member photos, etc.

J Pinnelli has a lot of photos that need to be archived. Needs thumb drives. Could be sold to members as well.



The Treadwell Restoration Clinic

The Treadwell Restoration Clinic was a great success Saturday, March 18. The weather was cold and dry making it pleasant in the garage shop with a heater taking the edge off morning. The slight north wind made clearing the exhaust successful as needed.

The attendance was wonderful with 11 EXPERTS in attendance (Jeff Treadwell, Randy Baker, John Anderson, J.C. Carter, Bob Ross, Tom Romberg, Vic Donnell, Steve Witt, Glen Gillman, Joe Pinnelli, and John Spillers).

The vehicle was clearly in need of some attention barely running.

The Treadwell prepared lunch was wonderful (brisket, potato salad, baked beans, sandwich makings, drinks, and brownie desert).

The Experts suggested many tests and solutions. They cleaned and reset the spark plugs. They re-gasketed the manifolds. They checked the compression (all were close to 50 with wet cylinders because of an over rich mixture). The carburetor was swapped out for one that one expert brought with him. Finally the Expert Joe Pinnelli adjusted the needle on the swapped carb and the engine smoothed out and idled well. The remainder task is to lengthen the carb linkage to get the idle down slow enough.

Plenty of sharing of stories was evident as well as news. Many snapshots were taken.

What a wonderful club activity!

Thank you all!

Tom Romberg President



Programs set up For This Year:

April: Mike Bandy, CMB Classic Cars.

Fellow Classic car collector, restorer. Some of us met him during the Texas T tour. We'll be coming to present And discuss. "Classics" and brining some fascinating stories with him!

Did You Know?

Ninety percent of all species that have become extinct have been birds.

May: Jim Easterday Lone Star Santa's,

A 501 C 3 non-profit. Members do Events, parades, hospital ls, children Events with Santa Claus and Christmas lovers who come in period costume. (Members join. Who love Christmas and love playing Mr. or Mrs. Claus) Classic Cars with Santa in them make great treats for towns parades and kids!! *This group might be a great connection for Model T Christmas lovers*..

June: Bob Ross will have a program on the Model Ts and their Advertisements.



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Members:?? Do you have a speaker or topic you want to hear about...contact Britanie 512-848-8503 <u>brit@btsjobs.com</u>. we need to full July-November months!



Events Coming Up:

1. **2023 TEXAS T PARTY - ROCKPORT, TX** starts Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 9 AM in Rockport, TX. As soon as I get more information I will put it into the newsletter.



More Pictures from the Treadwell Tech Session





The advisers just advised while Jeff did most of the actual work as you can see.







History of Traffic Lights

Prior to the introduction of the mandatory, get it yourself driver's license, the Brits introduced the first traffic lights. Even if the first road signs came into existence in the city of Ur (Iraq) some 4,000 years BC, for obvious reasons the first traffic lights were not possible until the late 1800s.

Credited to be the first is a two-color (red and green) sign, installed outside the British Parliament. It did not use electricity to function, but rather gas, and needed to be switched manually. Reports say that, a month into service, the traffic light exploded... It was never recreated again.

The idea however was good, so it was revived in the US in 1912 by Lester Wire, the man considered the inventor of the electric red-green traffic light. The first one was installed in 1914 on the corner of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. The three-color light came as a natural evolution in 1920, at the hands of William Potts.

Linking traffic lights together was first done in Salt Lake City, in 1917, when traffic in six intersections was controlled by a switch. Automated traffic lights surfaced in 1922, in Houston. Five years later, the country which started it all, Britain, got its first lights in Wolverhampton.

Traffic lights are signaling devices positioned at road intersections, pedestrian crossings, and other locations to control flows of traffic. Traffic lights were first introduced in December 1868 on Parliament Square in London to reduce the need for police offers to control traffic. Since then, electricity and computerized control has advanced traffic light technology and increased intersection capacity. (To Be Continued in the next Newsletter)



1903 Ford Model AC

Did You Know?

Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.

Caesar Salad has nothing to do with Julius Caesar or ancient Rome. It was created in a bar in Tijuana, Mexico, in the 1920s.

One-quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet.

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The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM Visitors are welcome! New Members are even more welcome!

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