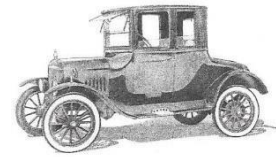


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President's Message



I have had some antique car fun this month that might be interesting to share.

At the end of May, Joe Pinnelli and I trailered my '29 Model A to College Station to get “educated” at Ross Lilleker’s shop. Actually, it was to see Joe’s ’27 Chevrolet Touring and to let Ross “listen” to my A so that he could diagnose a noise. Joe’s Chevy is very nice looking. I hope to get a ride in it when it is fully repaired. My A received a new set of pistons after the listening diagnosis. We went back on Thursday, June 1, to pick up the A and “pat” the Chevy once again.

It had occurred to me that the club might be interested in the pouring of new babbitt bearings in Model T and A engines. Ross does this work himself as well as line boring the new bearings. Joe counted about 20 blocks. While driving my A 9 miles to and from a PT appointment, I thought that I heard some noise still that I thought needed attention.

So, this last Saturday morning I trailered it to Georgetown to attend the Lone Star Model A Club’s breakfast and meeting followed by a Restoration Clinic at Felix Boston’s. Several “experts” looked and listened with various conclusions. The last two concluded that all was well with the exception of a generator bearing, which of course was a welcome minimal problem.

Nineteen people were at the breakfast. I also learned that one of their members does the nametags for anyone that would like to have one.

Plans are moving forward for Henry’s birthday bash in Martindale.

George Brunner’s ice cream party was good fun as usual with members from two clubs. It is always interesting to see the Brunner Museum and visit with everyone.

Which of you know of a subject or a speaker you would like to get for a program for one our meetings? I have a friend for September whose professional life is Accident Reconstruction, Bill Nalle, who will share some of his insights. He has lots of other stories to tell about his life

with boats, ships, Boy Scouts, being a landlord, Austin, and Lake Austin in particular. I am sure we will enjoy his program.

While writing this I made a phone call and have a tentative for our October meeting on a major restoration auto project.

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, June 20.

Tom Romberg



Model T Tip of the Month: [A Forgotten Model T \(Episode 10\) Engine Assembly Part 2 - 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.

The Misplaced Minutes from April 18th, 2023

Members:

28 attendees, including guest speaker Mike Bandy, owner of C&G Customs in Plum, along with his wife, Annette and about 8 others from his entourage!

Guests: See above

Many members arrived early to enjoy a visit and meal. As is custom, G. Gillman brought some old junk for the group to evaluate. This time it was the steering box and it looks like one of them is good!

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

The previous minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report:

The report was approved.

Things moved fast...there was hardly a single comment from J Pinnelli!

Wellness Report:

J Shierlow is back home and busy cleaning out her mailbox and fridge.

There were no other reports.

Membership Report:

J. Donnell relayed that there were no new members and three still needed to pay dues. She was on their trail. J. Pinnelli finally piped up and suggested the three be publically shamed!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

R. Brown relayed that the website had been hacked. Juan has been notified.

S. Hadorn proposed that the board consider paying for the speaker's meals and any associated gifts out of the treasury. This is in recognition of the efforts Brittanie has made in bringing in speakers and the need to properly support and thank guests. The President and Board will need to address.

Tours:

Despite all the shows and the beautiful weather, the tour discussion was limited.

G. Schiller is looking for participants to attend the Pfair Day in Pflugerville. There will be a number of Model A's there but model T's are needed/welcome.

Show and Tell:

G. Brunner and his son are working on a depot hack. He brought in a steering box with a babbitt as opposed to the traditional brass bushing. Also, a contraption he found on the clutch pedal that he assumes was used to keep the vehicle in neutral.

J. Treadwell brought in a great print of his car in a field of blue bonnets. The photo itself looked great, but he has asked his mother-in-law to paint the photo for him. We look forward to seeing that. It was suggested that the photo be sent to a magazine.

R. Brown brought in a master coil for an old distributor...he mentioned a brand and other details, but I struggled to even get the basic details. It was heavy!

Car Report:

J. Treadwell followed up a little on his carb issues and has it resolved.

G. Brunner is working on the depot hack. Got a radiator and getting fenders next.

G. Baker got his truck out of the barn and ran it around the block.

R. Walker didn't mention the work on his car, but I spoke to him and he's got it running and looking sharp!

The raffle was won by one of the guests –Gary Hamilton. He won \$72.00 and it was his birthday!

Cobbler was served and B. Olvera introduced the speaker, Mike Bandy. Mike is the owner of C&B Customs in Plum Texas. Mike has a long and varied history including careers in the Navy, the Merchant Marine, as well as the oil and gas business. Mike gave us the option of the history of Plum or the history of a shipwreck. It was a tie, and we went with the history of Plum. After a quick introduction of the history of Plum he described his 18-year journey of establishing his business in Plum. He now has multiple buildings and can display over 100 cars. He played a great video about the place and relayed some anecdotes about some of his earliest cars. I was most excited to hear about his third Thursday meet up at the shop. Everyone is welcome for food (it's a potluck), friendship, and cars (optional-there are plenty there!).

B. Olvera gave the speaker a vintage Model T cologne bottle (with cologne) and a table runner.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Action Items:

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

The website needs to be updated with new officers, member photos, etc.

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

MINUTES OF THE MAY 16th, 2023



MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES

Members:

29 attendees, including guest speaker Jim Easterling of the Lone Star Santas and his wife, Debbie.

Guests: See above.

Many members arrived early to enjoy a visit and meal. G. Gillman drug in his Center Door passenger seat to get some input but it was limited. R. Brown hooked him up with some valve covers.

T. Romberg kicked off the meeting with a welcome to Members, Oma's, and Mother-in-Laws. G. Brunner seconded the motion, and I got a kick out of a mumbled comment about, "...anything to get his name in the meeting minutes!"

The previous minutes were somehow misplaced. G. Gillman was emphatic that they were perfect but was less confident about having actually sent them. He will follow up with B. Ross and the Board.

Treasurer Report:

The report was approved.

Wellness Report:

There was some discussion of Legionnaires disease, its cost for treatment and some less than favorable descriptions of the disease by J. Pinnelli.

There were no other reports.

Membership Report:

J Shierlow made an unexpected entrance and was joyously received! There are no new members.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A number of events were described and discussed in a somewhat confused mess of conversations. It was determined that multiple members participate in their own neighborhood July 4th parades so a group activity may be a challenge, specifically the parade in Martindale.

Upcoming events include an ice cream social at G. Brunners Museum (that's' how it's always described to me). That will be on June 10 at 1:00. Cars are welcome.

On July 15 Henry and Chuck will be celebrating in Martindale with a cook off. Actually, Pat will make an Award-Winning Crisp and Joe will denigrate it as Frog Cobbler. I suspect the rest of us will enjoy both the crisp and the colorful language! The details were fuzzy, but it sounded like there would be a place to trailer cars and there would be a drive at 10:00 with lunch afterwards.

The Texas T Party Tour in October and the Kingsbury Fly-in were mentioned. Get them on your calendar.

Show and Tell:

G. Baker had a pile of turn signals he indicated might end up on Brittanie's car. There was a general mumbling that those big boat anchors would slow the car down considerably!

Car Report:

B. Olvera pulled out her starter and was getting ready to put it back in. G Brunner has been helping remotely.

R. Brown mentioned that Rogers Spiller's car is available. It must be in good shape as J. Treadwell was quoted as saying, "It goes faster than my T! T. Romberg had to tighten clutch plates on his 21 and also had to shim his fan pulley.

Gary cranked his car again!

G. Brunner is working on Todd's depot hack. Working on the spokes now.

The raffle was won by a member, but I failed to document the winner. The take was \$80.00, and it was donated to the treasury. I caught a few eyes looking for the cobbler. but it was late in coming. Britanie introduced the guests, Santa 'Jim Jingle,' Easterling and his wife. They are a part of the Lone Star Santas. This is a charitable organization that celebrates Christmas and the Christmas spirit year-round (I particularly liked seeing so many Santas in shorts...who knew!) There are 500 Santas in Texas, but membership also includes Mrs. Claus and Elf Helpers.

Their goal is to make life better for adults and kids and they fundraise and sponsor events year-round and are especially active after natural disasters. Tin Lizzie Members can assist by donating funds, time, or possibly cars (need to communicate with the president on that one). If there is interest, a Santa can be ordered! I'm not sure who suggested it but we got a hearty HO-HO-HO to wrap up the presentation. Then, we got cobbler!

B. Olvera forgot the gift presentation but darted out the door and caught Santa at his sleigh.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Action Items:

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

The website needs to be updated 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. Consider the use of Treasury funds to pay for speaker meals and gifts. Consider a donation from the club to the Lone Star Santas or some other sort of supportive gesture, perhaps ordering a Santa or providing a car at an event.



Programs set up For This Year:

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

September: Bill Nalle, an Accident Reconstruction specialist. He will who will share some of his insights. And some other stories about boats, ships, Boy Scouts, being a landlord, Austin, and Lake Austin in particular.

October: Tom Romberg may have another speaker for this month – Look for updates in the upcoming newsletter.



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



Events Coming Up:

4. **July 28-30th** [Hill Country Swap Meet](#) Lady Bird Johnson Park in Fredericksburg
5. **Sept 16, 2023** [San Antonio Early Ford Car Show](#) at the Texas Transportation Museum, 11731 Wetmore Road. San Antonio TX 78247 SAN ANTONIO - EARLY FORD CAR SHOW featuring 1903-1953 Fords 10am – 4pm
6. **Sept 30- Oct 1st** – SAN ANTONIO MODEL Ts / **Kingsbury Texas** Group will be doing a 2 day event – we are welcome to come and join they would just like to know how many might be coming – might be a good event to gather together for. Ford Model T Fun Day. A two day event with Ford Model T games and challenges
****** I would like to suggest we incorporate this into the AUSTIN CENTEX LIZZIE calendar and we join the SA club and do a joint gathering!**
7. **Oct 18-21st** Texas T Party 2023. Based in Rockport, Texas. Largest annual gathering of Model Ts in Texas. Visit [2023 Texas T Party](#) for more information and the tour application form
***** lets get a head count whose going from TIN LIZZIE -- I am registered – I can help others with booking HOTEL or AIR BnB house**
8. **Sat Nov 11th** [Antique Aircraft Fly-In](#) Kingsbury Aerodrome, 190 Pershing Lane, Kingsbury TX 78638



History of Traffic Lights (Cont. from last Newsletter)

Pre-electric signals



An early two-light traffic signal by White Horse Tavern in Hudson Street, New York. Image taken in 1961.

In the first two decades of the 20th century, semaphore traffic signals like the one in London were in use all over the United States with each state having its own design of the device. One example was from Toledo, Ohio in 1908. The words "Stop" and "Go" were in white on a green background and the lights had red and green lenses illuminated by kerosene lamps for night travelers and the arms were 8 feet above ground. It was controlled by a traffic officer who would blow a whistle before changing the commands on this signal to help alert travelers of the change. The design was also used in Philadelphia and Detroit. The example in Ohio was the first time America tried to use a more visible form of traffic control that involved the use of semaphores. The device that was used in Ohio was designed based on the use of railroad signals.

In 1912, a traffic control device was placed on top of a tower in Paris at the intersection of rue Montmartre and the boulevard Montmartre. This tower signal was operated by a policewoman, and she used a revolving four-sided metal box on top of a glass showcase where the word "Stop" was painted in red and the word "Go" painted in white.



Did You Know?

Only New Jersey and Oregon outlaw Self-Serve Gas Station.

Did You Know?

Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor.

It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realize what is occurring, relax, and correct itself.

Did You Know?

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every 2 weeks otherwise it will digest itself.

Did You Know?

Crocodiles and alligators are surprisingly fast on land. Although they are rapid, they are not agile. So, if being chased by one, run in a zigzag line to lose him or her.



TIN LIZZIE MARKETPLACE

The family of our old friend have decided to sell Roger and Carolyn Spillers 1924 Roadster, and they would like to offer it to members of the Tin Lizzies. It would be fantastic to keep it in our local area. Jeff Treadwell and I were able to get the car started and drove it with very little effort. Fresh gas, a good battery and air in the tires did the trick.

The car has remained in Roger's family since it was new in 1924, which is remarkable in itself. Sometime in the 90's, Roger restored it with new paint, top and upholstery, so it looks fantastic for a 99-year-old car.

Features include: a Ruckstell two speed axle, Rocky Mountain brakes, speedometer, spare tire and as mentioned good paint and interior. Jeff took it for a spin and remarked that it runs a whole lot faster than his.

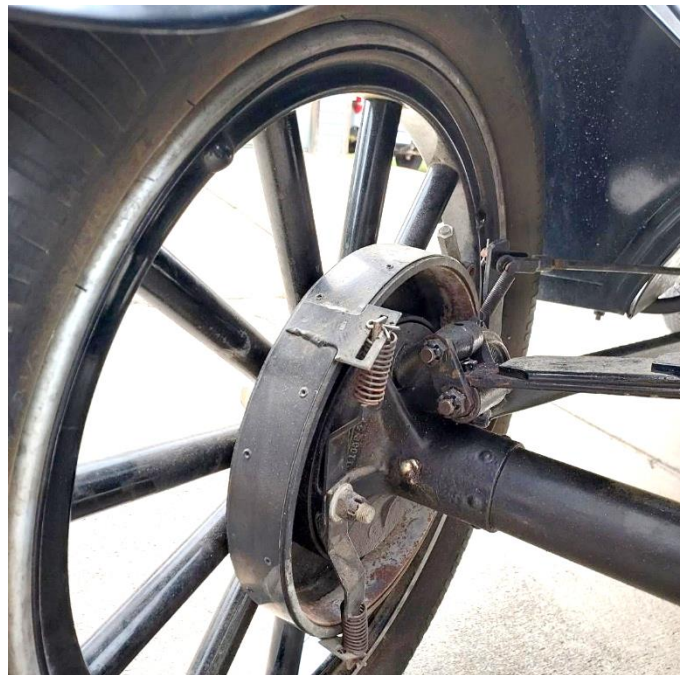
They are asking \$14,500 and this includes a whole lot of extra parts.

You can reach out to John Spillers for more info: jmspillers@yahoo.com

I am attaching some pictures (dust and all). If possible, please post the information in the next newsletter and forward this email to the members, as I don't have the complete list of email addresses.

Thanks!

Randy.





More Pictures I have of Early Ford Models



1890 Ford Truck



1900 Ford Truck



1902 Ford Truck

Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Model T Ford Club – Send mail to Steve Hadorn, 10312 Peekston Drive, Austin Tx 78726

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!

President – Tom Romberg Vice President – Steve Hadorn

Board members: - Drew Patterson - J. C. Carter - Vic Donnell - George Brunner - John Anderson

Treasurer – Jan Donnell

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