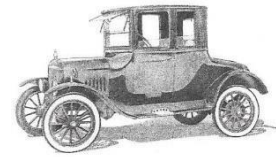


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President's Message



The question of the month is, ‘How do you change the differential oil in a Model T?’ The answer is ‘by getting it all over you!’ I changed it in the ’21 and the ’29 transmission and differential. The A actually has a drain plug on the differential unlike the T. I also changed the packing on the water pump shaft on the ‘23. Now it is leak free. George Brunner says that I should just get rid of that water pump.

We had three cars in the West Lake Hills Fourth of July Parade. I drove the 1923 Model T Depot Hack. My grandson, Jackson Carter drove the 1921 Model T Touring, and my son in law, Ted Parsons drove the 1929 Model A Sport Coupe. The cloudy morning and slightly cooler day were welcome. There were no problems, and all went well. The only other actually antique auto was a beautiful Auburn convertible. There were several other mid antiques, Thunderbirds, and Chevys, etc. The parade had more total attendees than last year.

Britanie is certainly doing a fine job with the programs this year. The October program is scheduled to be my brother, Arnold Romberg sharing the story of his Pierce Arrow full restoration on a very rare model.

Be sure and talk to her about shirt orders if you are interested.

I think that I have diagnosed that I have to rebuild the Model A transmission. It “growls” significantly in first and second gear operation. Pulling the transmission is a fair amount of work they say. Actually, working upon it is fairly easy. I have not decided whether I will attempt it or not.

I flushed all three cars with Irontite radiator flush before the parade. That may have contributed to no overheating. I also resealed the overflow tube where it penetrates

the upper radiator tank by cleaning around the joint and then liberally applying JB Weld Steel on the 1923. So far, it has worked.

In a non-car note I had the joy of seeing a male painted bunting at my friend's ranch 4 miles outside of Marble Falls on Saturday. My Grandmother used to be quite excited when she saw one at her ranch at Bee Cave years ago. This was only the second sighting in my lifetime. Our daughter Maggie Carter actually has them in her yard 5 miles east of the F1 track in Austin.

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, July 18.

Tom Romberg



Model T Tip of the Month: [A Forgotten Model T \(Episode 11\) Front Suspension & Engine Install - 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 JUNE 20th, 2023

MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



Members

21 attendees, all members.

Guests - None

Meeting Notes

R Walkers wife, Fanny, was introduced and welcomed. She rode in Richards Model T that day and described it as a “real hoot”.

The previous minutes were found and published and approved.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer can provide report on request.

Wellness Report

J Pinnelli’s brother made the ice cream social and there was some discussion of his condition. The discussion ended with a comment about “...him being a weenie”, something about a temperature of 104 degrees, followed by J Pinnelli commenting on his truck running in 108 degree temps with no water pump. You never know where a discussion will go with this group!

There were no other reports.

Membership Report

No new members.

Old Business

G Brunner thanked everyone for attending the ice cream social. He recognized that most Model T club members were also a part of the AACA and that it was a great crowd. He thanked Jan (and all who helped) for spearheading the dazzling variety of ice creams. Kirsten and Todd had a great time and he thanked Kirsten for a week’s worth of dusting with a night on the town...although there was some recognition that perhaps they might only be able to stretch his gift far enough to get burgers at Jack in the Box!

Joyce was recognized for her attendance. She was happy to visit with everyone. I had the pleasure of giving her a ride and hearing about her history with the club and her business venture in early Ford parts. She made a comment about how great it was to have someone else driving on I35...I’ve thought the same thing many times!

Somehow a series of incredulous stories about vegetarians crept into the meeting. Someone asked J Treadwell, “How do you manage to live with a vegan?” and he responded by saying “He eats a lot of meals alone!”

New Business

The Hill Country Swap Meet in Fredericksburg will be July 28-30.

The party for Henry and Chuck will be delayed until the weather cools off.

J Pinnelli plans to attend the July 4 parade in Martindale. No other members are available.

Remember the Texas T Party Tour in October and the Kingsbury Fly-in are coming up. Get them on your calendar.

Show and Tell

Brittanie had a whole collection of stuff. A radiator cap for an unknown vehicle with a great eagle on top. Old Model T club pins and buttons for a Ford coat.

B Ross had bought a 2-door hard top Studebaker. He's the third owner of a car with 77,000 miles. He had a poster board with some of the original paperwork, an old article, and contemporary pictures.

Car Report

R Walker got his bottom seat cushion done and no longer has to ride on the gas tank. He also installed the door and floor in short order but spent another 7.5 hours working to get the door to align properly!

The \$50.00 raffle was won by P Goodson.

Events

The events calendar is posted on the web site.

Program

S Hadorn encouraged everyone to invite guests next month to see a friend of his from Fort Worth that will be speaking about early settlers in Texas.

B Ross presented a series of old Ford advertising. I was most struck by the weekly payment plans and the focus on safety and independence the Model T provided for women. Lots of interesting taglines and images.

The meeting was adjourned a bit prematurely and Brittanie had to get a quick word in about new shirts and caps. Pricing will be sent in the newsletter and ideally, we will have a list ready to make an order after the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Action Items

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

The website needs 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.

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:

July:

August:

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. We need to fill July and November months!



Did You Know?

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

Did You Know?

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

History of Traffic Lights (Cont. from last Newsletter)

Electric signals

In 1912, the first electric traffic light was developed in 1912 by Lester Wire, a policeman in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was installed by the American Traffic Signal Company on the corner of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. It had two colors, red and green, and a buzzer, based on the design of James Hoge, to provide a warning for colour changes. The design by James Hoge allowed police and fire stations to control the signals in case of emergency. The first interconnected traffic signal system was installed in Salt Lake City in 1917, with six connected intersections controlled simultaneously from a manual switch.

The first four-way, three-colour traffic light was created by police officer William Potts in Detroit, Michigan in 1920. He was concerned about how police officers at four different lights signals could not change their lights all at the same time. The answer was a third light that was amber, which was the same colour used on the railroad. Potts also placed a timer with the light to help coordinate the lights. A tower was used to mount the lights as the junction at which it was installed was one of the busiest in the world, with over 20,000 vehicles a day.

Los Angeles installed its first automated traffic signals in October 1920 at five locations on Broadway. These early signals, manufactured by the Acme Traffic Signal Co., paired "Stop" and "Go" semaphore arms with small red and green lights. Bells played the role of today's amber lights, ringing when the flags changed—a process that took five seconds. By 1923 the city had installed 31 Acme traffic control devices.

In 1922 traffic towers were beginning to be controlled by automatic timers. The first company to add timers in traffic lights was Crouse Hinds. They built railroad signals and were the first company to place timers in traffic lights in Houston, which was their home city. The main advantage for the use of the timer was that it saved cities money by replacing traffic officers. The city of New York was able to reassign all but 500 of its 6,000 officers working on the traffic squad; this saved the city \$12,500,000. Wolverhampton was the first British town to introduce automated traffic lights in 1927 in Princes Square at the junction of Lichfield Street and Princess Street.

After witnessing an accident between an automobile and a horse-drawn carriage, inventor Garrett Morgan filed a U.S. patent for a traffic signal. Patent No. 1,475,024 was granted on 20 November 1923 for Morgan's three-position traffic signal.

The twelve-light system did not become available until 1928 and another feature of the light system was that hoods were placed over the light and each lens was sand-blasted to increase

daytime visibility. Both the tower and semaphores were phased out by 1930. Towers were too big and obstructed traffic; semaphores were too small and drivers could not see them at night.

Ashville, Ohio, claims to be the home of the oldest working traffic light in the world, used at an intersection of public roads from 1932 to 1982 when it was moved to a local museum. Guinness World Records backed this claim by naming it the Oldest functional traffic light.



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?

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.

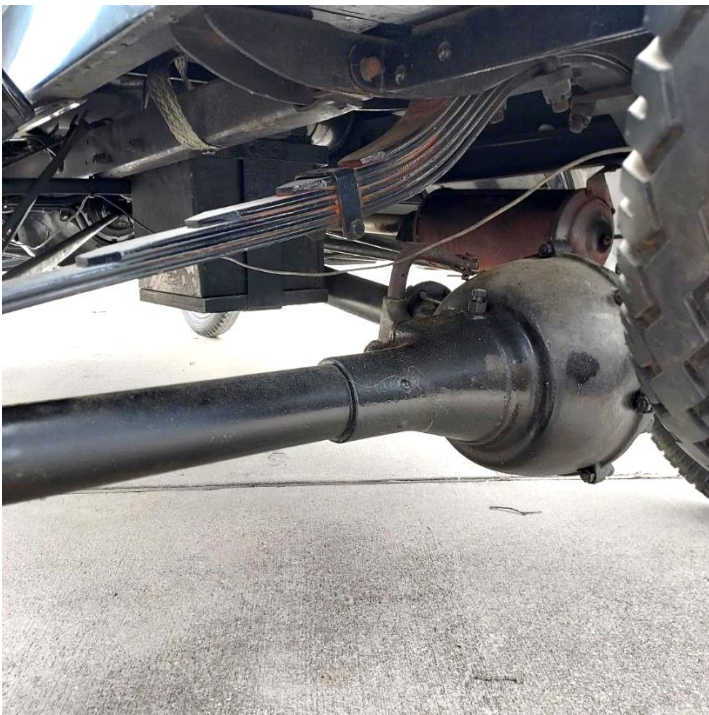
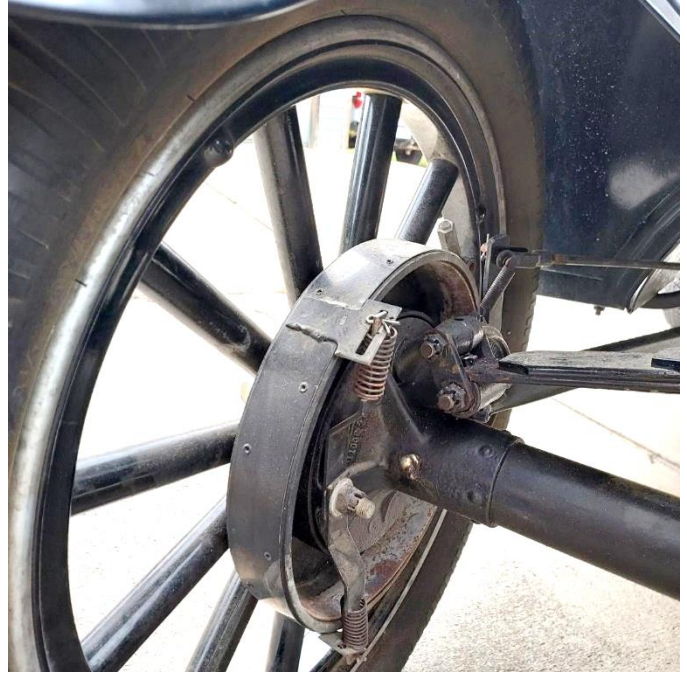
Features include: a Ruckstell two speed axle, Rocky Mountain brakes, speedometer, spare tire and as mentioned good paint and interior. Jeff took it for a spin and remarked that it runs a whole lot faster than his.

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



Events Coming Up:

1. **July 23rd 3rd Annual Siena Car Show** Buck's Backyard 1750 S. FM 1626, Buda, TX
Registration: <https://kofc8156.org> (then click Car Show) – online registration is \$25
2. **July 28-30th, Hill Country Swap Meet** Lady Bird Johnson Park in Fredericksburg
3. **3rd Thursday, Monthly CMB Classic Cars hosts a potluck.** Bring your dish or antique car - 4:30 – 7PM – Plum, Texas – just west of La Grange, TX.
4. **Sept 9, 2023 Luckenrod Car and Music Festival** – Luckenbach, TX
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 Oct 28th** Taylor Car Show – Taylor, Texas – <https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/959/Main-Street-Car-Show>

9. **Sat Nov 11th Antique Aircraft Fly-In** Kingsbury Aerodrome, 190 Pershing Lane, Kingsbury TX 78638



W. Mims in the Round Rock Car Show 4-16-23 (3rd Sunday of each Month)

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