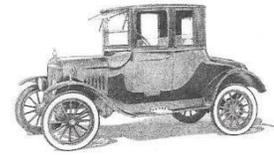




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President's Message



Okay, this month you get two questions. How did the time pass so quickly that the August meeting is just next Tuesday when all we have done is try to stay cool in the air conditioning? The second question is how have you balanced your Model T tires? I have driven the 1921 to some of the Physical Therapy sessions (about 9 miles away) and lately noticed an intermittent front wheel wobble. So, I removed the tie rod caps, filed off a few thousandths, greased them up, and reinstalled them. That seemed to help but, not 100%. The king pin bushings and pins appear to be snug.

I then tried to use the bubble balancer that came with Tony Temple's garage tools, but to no avail. So only then did it occur to me to go modern and look on the computer where I learned about Dyna Bead balancing. Has anyone used them?

Let's have more discussion about it at the meeting.

I am looking forward to Glen sharing about his activities. I hope that he has a thick skin from the questions that we might have.

Have you signed up for the Texas T Party yet? The deadline is the end of August. Please see the information update later in this newsletter.

Is it really ever going to cool down? My wife bought some shade material because her plants are getting sunburned. We installed it this morning before it got too hot.

Enjoyed going to see the West Lake High School Varsity volleyball game Tuesday evening, which they won in 4 sets against a good Vandergriff team. Our granddaughter is the West Lake assistant coach and coaches the JV team, which also won.

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, August 15.

Tom Romberg



Model T Tip of the Month: [A Forgotten Model T \(Episode 12\) Dash & Engine Assembly - 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.

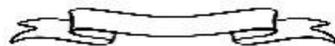
If you read this on your computer, just click on the YouTube tip and it will take you to the YouTube program.

MINUTES OF THE July 18th, 2023



MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES

I did not receive the Minutes this month



Programs set up For This Year:

August: Our own Glenn Gilman will be speaking about Controlled Burn and Wildfires in Texas.

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: Arnold Romberg will do a presentation on one of his restorations.

November: To Be Determined

December: Christmas Party



Updated Information on the Texas T Party

Texas T Party 2023. Rockport, TX Wednesday October 18 thru Saturday October 21

Please share this message with everyone you think may be interested.

Here is the latest T Party news from the most reliable source. I'm getting phone calls, texts and messages about some "interesting" rumors circulating about the tour. To get the facts, you can always refer to the tour's web page, which I just updated with all – and I do mean all – the latest information. (See link below.) I know. It's a lot. But this is going to be a very bust tour. You will definitely get your money's worth.

The T party is now only two months away. It's time to get your tour reservations sent in. The cut-off date is the end of this month. At this point, based on rooms reserved and applications received – 48 at the last count – I'm having to guess how many Ts and people will be participating and that's not good. The cost of providing meals is exponentially higher than even last year and I may be obliged to increase the cost of tour registrations for people who wait to the last minute. I will honor the originally offered rate until the end of August but that's the best I can do.

Here is a link to the tour's web page. As well as all the tour details, you will find the tour application that you need to send in along with your check, of course. Be aware that all the rooms blocked for the T party are now taken at the Fairfield Inn. The Hampton Inn, only a few blocks away, still has some.

<https://www.samodelt.com/texas-t-party-2023.php>

For those of you who don't want to click the link for whatever reason, here is a brief day by day rundown of the plans for the tour so far.

Tuesday October 17.

Check-ins will begin in the late afternoon. Maps to the airport where you are politely requested to park your trucks and trailers as neither hotel has large parking lots will be in the tour book, along with the security gate access code.

Wednesday October 18

Drive to Port Aransas. A little under 50 miles round trip. Lots of information about independent (not full group) activities and places to eat provided in the goodie bags and tour book.

Optional evening at the Rockport Little Theater. Can seat about 100 people.

Thursday October 19

Morning taken up with official individual Model T pictures at Fulton Mansion, only a few blocks from the Fairfield Inn.

Lunch and afternoon activities at the airport.

Evening activities at the Fairfield Inn – Pinewood Derby races – see web page for details, a round table discussion about Model T maintenance and other ownership issues and, if time and interest allows a PowerPoint presentation about the history of Rockport transportation with an emphasis on the T era.

Friday October 20.

Long day of T driving. About 136 miles. Some people may wish to trailer their Ts to the first stop in Refugio. They would still get in 50 miles of driving to and back from Goliad. After a catered coffee stop in Refugio, there will be a min-parade past the local elementary school then on to Goliad where we can drive our Ts right inside the historic walls of the presidio where lunch will also be provided by a local caterer. A lovely court square is only two miles away with lots of touristy type antique stores, an ice cream parlor and a very nice bar, for those who want an adult beverage.

Nothing planned for the evening.

Saturday October 21.

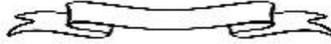
You can choose between a very interesting long and winding route – about 31 miles - that goes through parts of the county with wonderful shoreline roads or go directly to the Big Tree on Goose Island – about 7.5 miles. Then back into the town center for a sandwich lunch at the historic depot. The main street through the historic district to get there will be closed for one last mini parade. Rockport will be promoting this heavily so expect a very large crowd. Free time in the afternoon to go shopping in the unique stores, visit art centers or the local museums or just spend some quality time at the beach. With reserved spaces, tour members will be right in the heart of it all.

The tour's finale will at the local VFW hall in the evening.

And that's all, folks, and that's enough!

Hugh Hemphill

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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?

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

Did You Know?

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

History of Traffic Lights (Cont. from last Newsletter)

Computerized signals

The control of traffic lights made a big turn with the rise of computers in America in the 1950s. Thanks to computers, the changing of lights made traffic flow even better thanks to computerized detection. A pressure plate was placed at intersections so that computers would know that a car was waiting at the red light. Some of this detection included knowing the number of waiting cars against the red light and the length of time waited by the first vehicle at the red. One of the best historical examples of computerized control of lights was in Denver in 1952. One computer took control of 120 lights with six pressure-sensitive detectors measuring inbound and outbound traffic. The control room that housed the computer in charge of the system was in the basement of the City and County Building. As computers started to evolve, traffic light control also improved and became easier. In 1967, the city of Toronto was the first

to use more advanced computers that were better at vehicle detection. The computers then maintained control over 159 signals in the cities through telephone lines.

Countdown timers on traffic lights were introduced in the 1990s. Timers are useful for pedestrians, to plan whether there is enough time to cross the intersection before the end of the walk phase, and for drivers, to know the amount of time before the light switches. In the United States, timers for vehicle traffic are prohibited, but pedestrian timers are now required on new or upgraded signals on wider roadways. Some pedestrian timers can be used by motorists as well to know how much time remains in the green cycle, because often when the pedestrian timer reaches zero, the signal will simultaneously turn amber.



Did You Know?

Antarctica is the largest unclaimed territory on Earth.

International treaties like the Antarctic Treaty System, require that the land only be used for “peaceful purposes” and joint scientific discovery.



TIN LIZZIE MARKETPLACE

There is good news on this front. Randy Brown just let me know that Roger and Carolyn’s 1924 T Roadster is in the process of being sold and it’s going north to the cold country of Ohio.



Did You Know?

In the United States, a pound of potato chips costs two hundred times more than a pound of potatoes.



Events Coming Up:

1. **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.

2. **Sept 9, 2023** [Luckenrod Car and Music Festival](#) – Luckenbach, TX
3. **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
4. **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!

5. **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

6. **Sat Oct 28th** Taylor Car Show – Taylor, Texas – <https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/959/Main-Street-Car-Show>
7. **Sat Nov 11th** [Antique Aircraft Fly-In](#) Kingsbury Aerodrome, 190 Pershing Lane, Kingsbury TX 78638



1912 Ford Model T Torpedo Runabout

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!

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