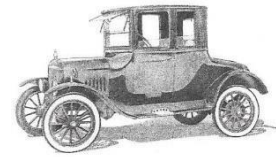


# Band Chatter



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# President's Message



## CenTex Tin Lizzie Members

Peggy and I went to LaGrange on Saturday, September 2, to see the Labor Day Parade. Well, in truth we wanted to see one car in the parade, my brother Arnold Romberg's 1930 Pierce-Arrow Convertible Sedan Model A. No, I am not wrong, even though you may be confused, just as I was when he told me that they made three models that year and his is a model A. To make it even more rare, it has a custom body made by Ray Dietrich. I will try to pass on a couple of still and one video photos of what we saw.

There was only one other antique car in the parade, a Model T Depot Hack.

Arnold almost did not make it in that he was stalling out or if he turned it off he could not restart it because it would flood out. He had not yet connected the choke cable and tried to fake it by having it set partially choked. Fortunately, his daughter fetched a tow rope, and they started it with a tow and then drove the parade. He will share more of his story about the car at our October meeting.

I have had enough "Queen and court of several central Texas small towns," viewing, thank you!

This month we have the privilege of hearing from Bill Nalle, an Austin native, who has been involved in many Austin activities in his life, which I would like to hear him expound upon, but his main topic and professional activity has been Accident Reconstruction in order to find the cause and of course to assess blame for accidents. I am sure that I will learn a lot on what is a fascinating subject for us automobile drivers. Maybe he will also share his activities restoring two Lincolns.

With the help of Jim Ferguson, I have been able to remove the transmission from my 1929 Model A Ford. After disassembly and inspection, I have confirmed that there were many worn parts which presumably contributed to the "growl in first and second" that it was making. Thus, the effort has not been in vain. It will have virtually every part new inside the tranny when I am through. If I am able to put it back correctly, maybe then it will last a long time, run smoothly,

and be quiet. Of course, in the process I have discovered many other items that needed repair which I am attempting as well, to keep me from being bored.

Finally, the triple digit days are breaking, and it will soon be pleasant to go T touring again. The Dyna Bead treatment seems to have helped the front end balance on the 1921 T.

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 19.

Tom Romberg



[Model T Tip of the Month: A Forgotten Model T \(Episode 13\) FIRST START IN 30 YEARS! - 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 August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES

**Members:** 15 members.

**Guests:** None

**Meeting Notes:** The meeting started promptly but Jan Donnell had to quiet the crowd before the master of ceremonies, Tom Romberg, could take the mic!

The lack of previous meeting minutes was quickly noted as they were not included in the newsletter. This fact was not known to the Secretary. He's shown an inability to meet the needs of the position previously. He made it clear that he had sent them but recognized there

may have been a problem. On further investigation...the minutes were found in the offending party's In Box...unsent. He's been condemned to a lifetime of toil on a pre-WWII automobile and will be denied hush puppies for a month.

The previous meeting minutes were forwarded to the President for approval.

A number of members could not make the meeting and had let the President know.

**Treasurer Report:** was approved by the membership.

**Wellness Report:** No updates.

**Membership Report:** No new members.

**Old Business:** George Brunner is still working on Todd's Depot Hack. The rims are done. His steering column was bent, and he had to pull that out. Randy had one for him, naturally!

**New Business:** Britanie Olvera has a number of hat styles available for the club to consider. A few folks grabbed a sample. Brittanie will provide prices for new orders and expects reimbursement at the next meeting.

Britanie delivered some shirts and mentioned that she can continue to process orders if desired. If desired, you can bring a shirt of your own, staple your name on it, and it can be embroidered with the logo. Cost is \$15.00.

There had been discussion about purchasing a microphone for the club. However, the Catfish Parlor had one and it was put to the test. Seemed to work well enough.

**Show and Tell:** Randy Brown has some old grocery store tokens from the Molaski Store in Taylor. Jeff Treadwell described them as the original "Buddy Bucks". If I remember right, I think they were for increments of a dollar or maybe a small amount of dollars. Either way, you couldn't get much to eat these days with the denominations of the tokens.

Tom brought a card that sounded like a hot rod and rattled like one too! His wife couldn't pass it up when she saw it.

Tom also brought the balancing beads he mentioned in the newsletter. They are little beads that you can put in the tire through the valve stem. They find the right spot as you drive. Doubting Vic (no relation to Doubting Thomas) felt they wouldn't help much at low speeds. He said if it hops then it's out of round. Time will tell.

**Car Report:** Glen Gillman hadn't made much progress on his Center Door. The same son that bought the Center Door and left it with his old man also bought a Harley Sportster and left it

with his old man. Just needed a bulb or two, he said. At least one wire has been mended and one bad ground traced and yet there are still no turn signals!

Wayne Morris is working on his rear end! Apparently it's a big job and unsafe. Could probably use some help. Also got upholstery to fix in one rig, new tops for three rigs, and an old 1910/1915 hybrid that needs a more thorough overhaul.

Jeff and Randy, along with others, helped sell Roger Spillar's roadster. They had hoped to keep it in the club but found a good owner in the Midwest. The new owner has inherited a number of nice old cars but wanted a roadster. It sounded like a fun collection of folks that came down to get the car and they left with the car and some old parts...which was surely a relief to someone!

The \$40.00 raffle was won by Glen Schiller.

**Events:** The events calendar is posted on the web site.

The Texas Tea Party registration ends at the end of the month. So, get registered.

**Program:** Glen Gillman presented Wildfire Home Safety Preparedness. There were a few technical glitches, and the audio didn't function, but he might have gotten the message across. Homeowners have the authority and responsibility to prepare their homes for wildfires and those tasks are relatively inexpensive and achievable.

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.

Joe 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.

Consider AV needs for the club.

Respectively submitted by,  
Glenn Gillman, Secretary



## Programs set up For This Year:

**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



## A Note from your Editor

This month I was not able to find a good article to post this month. Come on people, I know lots of the members has stories about where you have been or people you have met. So, please let me know what you would like to see here for articles or stories.



*Members:?? Do you have a speaker or topic you want to hear about...contact Britanie 512-848-8503 [brit@btsjobs.com](mailto:brit@btsjobs.com). We need to fill July and November months!*



### Did You Know?

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

### Did You Know?

For some time, Frederic Chopin, the composer, and pianist wore a beard on only one side of his face, explaining: "It does not matter, my audience sees only my right side."



## Did You Know?

Jupiter is bigger than all the other planets in our solar system combined.



## 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?

The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.



## Events Coming Up:

1. **3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Monthly** Round Rock Police have a car show at the Centennial Plaza Parking lot at the end of South Brown St., Round Rock
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 1<sup>st</sup>** – **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 18-21<sup>st</sup>** **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 28<sup>th</sup>** Taylor Car Show – Taylor, Texas – <https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/959/Main-Street-Car-Show>

7. **Sat Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** **Antique Aircraft Fly-In** Kingsbury Aerodrome, 190 Pershing Lane, Kingsbury TX 78638



From the Father's Day Car Show – Date unknown





Arnold Romberg's 1930 Pierce-Arrow Convertible Sedan Model A

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

Secretary – Glenn Gillman

Program Chair-Britanie Olvera

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50/50 - Glenn Schiller

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