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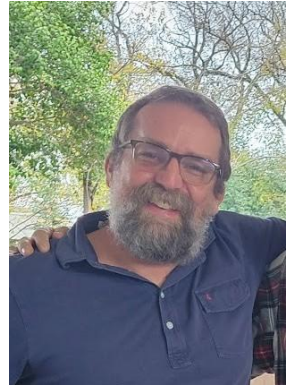
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“I made the mistake of reading the MTFCA forum right before bed and before the first time I trailered a Model T.”, is how I had planned to start this month’s message but that led to more thoughts and before long I had plenty to relay about my first time as a driver in a tour (if it really counts).

I know Bob is looking for newsletter content and I figured I’d wait and write up a more substantial piece about my experience. Needless to say, I had a great time, couldn’t have done it without the encouragement of the club, and I am eagerly waiting for a chance to do it again.

And there’s the question, when’s the next drive?

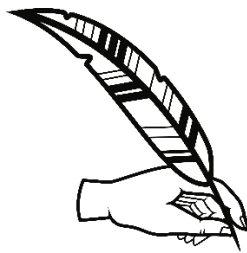
My son, Alex, is due to be promoted to Sargeant but we’re on military time which seems to mean unclear timelines, late decisions, and general confusion. The trip has been delayed twice but I’m hopeful it will happen in early July. That means I’ll likely be out of town from mid-June to early July.

I’ll probably fly back on July 4 and will probably miss all the parades the members are involved in. I think I recall multiple parades being considered - Martindale, Westlake, and maybe Smithville. I think this month’s meeting would be a great time to visit some of those plans and see how we might turn them into meetups or drives.

Maybe that is the next opportunity for a drive, but I’m hopeful maybe we can squeeze something in before then. Joe has a lot of options in his area and his garage makes for a fine launching point for a drive. Other thoughts I had were maybe a trip to Plum for a drive or, closer to home, there are number of small local car shows that might make or a nice destination for a drive.

This might be our last chance to get something planned before we all start thinking about the summer heat and how it makes it a little harder to enjoy a drive in a Model T.

Glen Gillman



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the April 15th Meeting

At 6:52 PM the meeting was called to order by President Glen.

There were 18 members in attendance and no guests.

There was one birthday this month. Happy Birthday JC.

Health updates: George reported that Todd's shoulder is getting better. George is getting stronger and will have gall bladder surgery in the near future.

New Business: Barbara was asking about registration forms for the October Texas T Party. A "hotel" brochure was sent out but that had nothing to do with the actual T Party registration. Glen will check on that with the Space City T's.

Glen asked if everyone was good with the meeting minutes from March as distributed in the April Newsletter. I didn't hear a motion to accept them but George did second the motion so there must have been one.

Glen started a discussion of the Club bylaws and suggested that we replace the existing board with the 4 elected officers plus one, perhaps the past Club President, for a total of 5. Of course, the bylaws have to be amended first.

This started lots of discussion. Jan pointed out that when the Club was formed board members were elected by other Club members. Once the board was elected, they appointed officers each year. It remained that way until May of 1993 when the bylaws were amended and a nominating committee was appointed by the Club President. The nominating committee would then present candidates for the elected positions at the November meetings where officers were elected. The new officers would then be presented for installation at the December meeting.

Glen made his suggestion again about simplifying by making board members and officers one in the same. Part of this is because we did not qualify with the National Club to be a charter for the

year because several of our board members were not current with their dues with the National Club.

Joe asked what benefit we get from being a charter with the National Club. The answer is insurance when going on Club sponsored drives.

I think it was generally agreed that being a charter with National is desired.

Glen asked if there was an electronic copy of our bylaws and the conclusion was there may have been one at one time but if there is one its location is not known. Glen then offered to create an electronic copy and make suggested edits to the bylaws needed for his simplified "officers + 1 other will be the board" option. That could then be used for further discussion.

There was a motion by Joe and seconded by John for Glen to make a copy and needed edits for the next meeting. A verbal vote was taken with all yes and none opposed.

Car reports: Joe reports that the transmission on Henry was rebuilt and Henry is running well. He has been out for drives after the repairs were completed.

George thanked everyone for coming to the ice cream social and thanked Todd and Kirsten for all their help. The group was appreciative of having the event and thanked George for having it.

Glen and Wayne went to the T Olympics in Kingsbury. There was a teeter totter for the cars to drive onto, a bean bag toss, plus other games going on. Glen said it looked like everyone driving around in the grass was having fun in their cars.

Glen did not have an update from the Space City T's as he had not talked with them during the month.

The details for the T Party in Marshall Texas are still in progress. There was some discussion that the accommodation there may be difficult due to other events going on in Marshall.

The T Fords of Texas club is having an outing at the transportation museum in San Antonio on May 10th.

Joe wanted to know who was planning on going to the Kingsbury fly-in on May 3rd. Randy, Joe, Steve, and Glen are planning on attending. Joe suggested they meet in Martindale and drive there together. Apparently, the good food spots along the way have closed down so bringing your own lunch may be a wise idea. Joe will send more details in an email.

Britanie asked Glen to remind everyone that there is a 4th of July parade in Smithville, should anyone be interested in driving their car in the parade.

Treasurer report: Jan reported that Steve and Kathy paid their dues, and that Juan was reimbursed for an SSL certificate needed for the Club website.

Wayne reported that he went on a tour with the T Fords of Texas. It was a planned 4-day trip for their 50th anniversary that went from Victoria (I think that's correct) to some point on the ocean. He said it was a round trip on dirt back roads that had many to drop out of the tour because it was so rough on the cars.

Membership report: Joyce had nothing to report.

Glen mentioned he knows a 15-year-old son of a friend that he is trying to get to join the Club. Hopefully he has success with that effort.

George moved to end the meeting but was cut off saying the program by John has yet to be presented.

Program: With that John gave a presentation about his grandfather including a photo of him in front of a 1908 Ford (there is a very strong family resemblance between John and his grandfather), information about him and the 188th infantry regiment he was in during the civil war, and a "parrot" shell that he picked up on his walk home after the war ended.

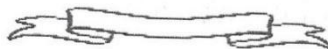
John showed us a bible and a watch that were just like the ones that his grandfather had on his person, and likely saved his life, when a musket ball hit them in his pocket. He also had a cup with a date of 9/7/1908 that was given to his grandfather.

I thought it was interesting that his grandfather was in the same location as Lee and Grant when Lee surrendered. John is very proud of his grandfather and shares his exact same name.

At the conclusion of the presentation George moved to adjourn the meeting and there were numerous 2nd's to the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:48 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted
by Richard Walker, Secretary



Did You Know: Ancient Roman surgeons were trained to block out the screams of human pain.

Did You Know: From 1953 to 1957, NBC's *Today Show* had a chimpanzee co-host named J. Fred Muggs. It is estimated he brought in to the network around \$100 million.



Joe and Tom have a meeting



Quite a Lineup of Model T's

2025 TEXAS T PARTY, MARSHALL, TX

OCTOBER 7-12, 2025



FOUR DAYS IN EAST TEXAS!

Host hotel:

Hampton Inn Marshall, 5100 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672

To book: 1. Go to www.hamptoninn.com

2. In Where to? Type Marshall, TX
3. Select Check-in Check out dates.
4. Click Special Rates, Scroll the Group Code type: **TTP**
5. Click Find a Hotel

It will be the first hotel in the list. Room rate \$119+tax

(You may also call 1-800-426-7866. Inform agent of code **TTP**)

Hot breakfast, Pet Friendly. **Group rate expires September 23, 2025**

2nd Hotel:

Quality Inn Marshall, 4911 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672

903-935-7923, Call to book, use code **Texas T Party**.

Room rate: \$86+tax single \$90+tax double

Hot breakfast, NOT pet friendly. **Group rate expires July 30, 2025**

Other hotels:

Clarion Pointe Marshall

5301 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672, 903-927-0009

Comfort Suites Marshall

5204 E End Blvd S, Marshall, TX 75672, 903-927-1139



Coming Events:

1. October – **TALOR CAR SHOW** – Taylor, TX
2. Oct or Nov - **KINGSBURY FLY-IN** – Kingsbury Airfield
3. Nov 1st – **BELMONT VILLAGE** – Sidewalk Party (AACA Hosted)
4. Nov 8th – **BASTROP CAR SHOW** – Bastrop, TX Heros and Hot Rods

Monthly Shows:

1. 1st Tuesday of the Month – Smithville, TX – Park between 2nd & 3rd St. on Main St 5-8PM
2. 3rd Saturday of the Month – Georgetown, TX – Pistons on the Square 8-10AM
3. 3rd Sunday of the Month – Round Rock., TX - Old Settler's Park Tennis Court 10AM-1PM

Automotive Firsts

This will be a series of the automotive firsts like the first car maker to add as standard equipment one of the normal standard equipment that we expect as standard today such as windshield wipers, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, A/C, heaters, self-starting, radios, etc.

Air Conditioning

The idea of cooling or heating your car's interior seemed like a fantasy back when cars barely had windows. But for a long time, car manufacturers have tried to accomplish that. Ventilation or heating wasn't that big of a problem, but cooling was. Finally, in 1940, Packard managed to produce the first air conditioning system for their top-of-the-line cars. Later, Cadillac introduced automatic climate control, and the revolution started.

A company in New York City in the United States first offered the installation of air conditioning for cars in 1933. Most of their customers operated limousines and luxury cars.

On 7 October 1935, Ralph Peo of Houde Engineering, Buffalo, New York, applied for a patent for an "Air Cooling Unit for Automobiles". U.S. patent 2,099,227, was granted on 16 November 1937.

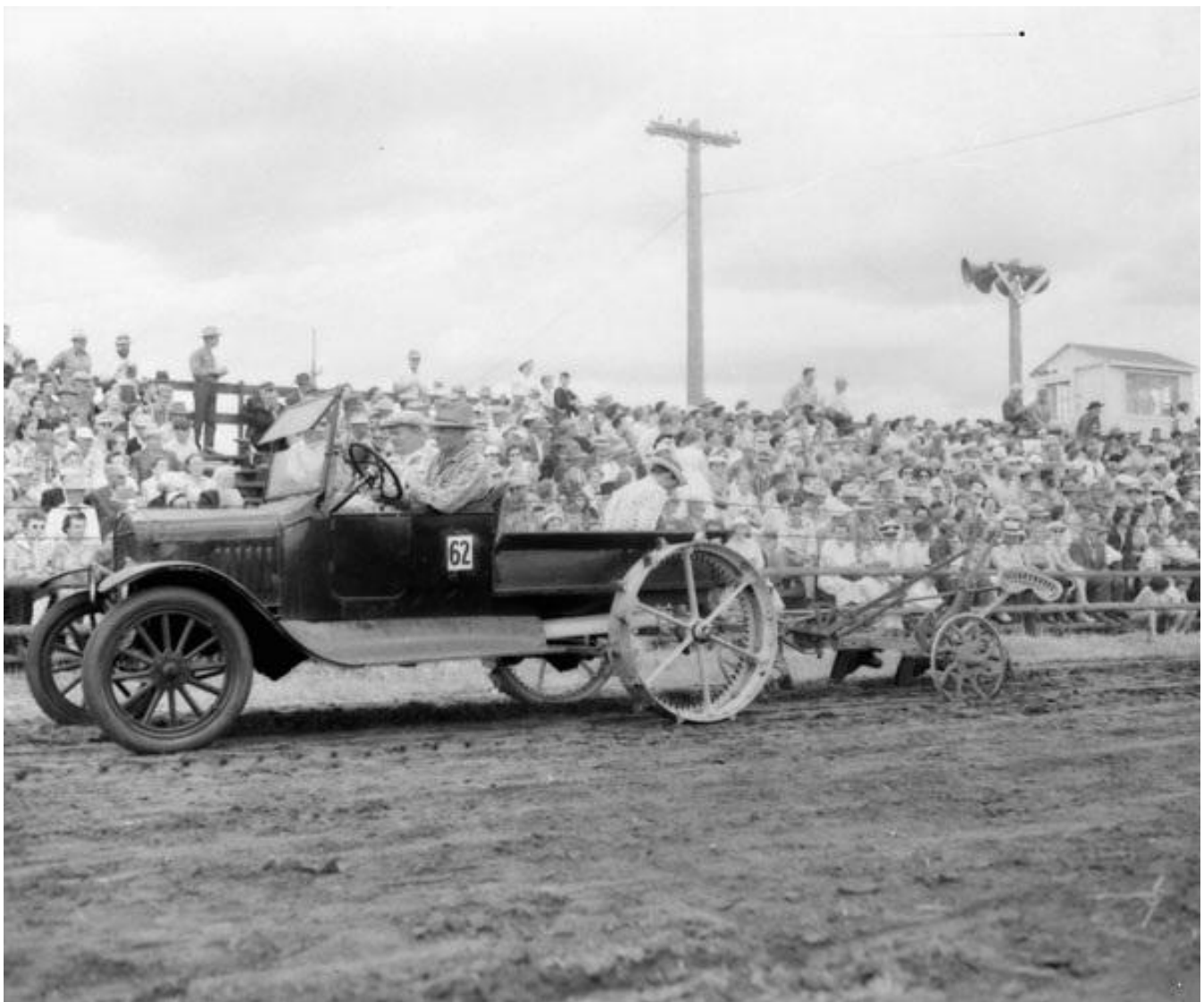
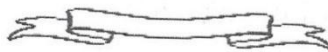
In 1939, Packard became the first automobile manufacturer to offer an optional air conditioning unit in its 1940 model year cars. These bulky units were manufactured by Bishop and Babcock (B&B), of Cleveland, Ohio and were ordered on approximately 2,000 cars. The "Bishop and Babcock Weather Conditioner" also incorporated a heater. Cars ordered with this option were shipped from Packard's East Grand Boulevard facility to the B&B factory where the installation was performed. Once complete, the car was shipped to a local dealer for delivery to customers.

The 1953 Chrysler Imperial was one of the first production cars in twelve years to offer modern automobile air conditioning as an option, following tentative experiments by Packard in 1940 and Cadillac in 1941. Walter Chrysler had seen to the invention of Airtemp air conditioning in the 1930s for the Chrysler Building, and had offered it on cars in 1941-42, and again in 1951-52.

The Airtemp was more advanced than rival automobile air conditioners by 1953. It was operated by a single switch on the dashboard marked with low, medium, and high positions. As the highest

capacity unit available at that time, the system was capable of quickly cooling the passenger compartment and also reducing humidity, dust, pollen, and tobacco smoke.

In 1954, the Nash Ambassador was the first American automobile to have a front-end, fully integrated heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system. The Nash-Kelvinator corporation used its experience in refrigeration to introduce the automobile industry's first compact and affordable, single-unit heating and air conditioning system optional for its Nash models. This was the first mass market system with controls on the dash and an electric clutch. This system was also compact and serviceable with all of its components installed under the hood or in the cowl area. Combining heating, cooling, and ventilating, the new air conditioning system for the Nash cars was called the "All-Weather Eye"



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Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies Model T Ford Club – Send mail to: Glenn Gillman: at 3309 Plantation Rd.

Austin, TX 78745-7426

The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the South Catfish Parlour on Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX. Visitors are welcome! New Members are even more welcome!!

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