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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As my son, Alex, was getting into cars I realized that having the car was just a small part of the hobby and I soon came to realize that the tools and the garage were equally important. I was, and still am, clearly deficient in both those areas and now, as a Model T owner, I realize that there is a new need to support the hobby-the trailer!

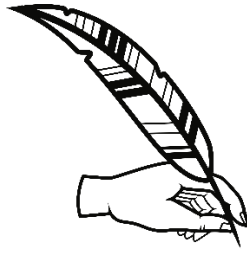
Naturally, I'm woefully deficient in that category as well. I have successfully gotten my Model T on and off a rented U-Haul trailer twice now, and the last time I did it with at least some measure of confidence. I don't have the right straps and haven't quite figured out how to keep my floorboards and other bits and pieces in place while I trailer the car, but I'm learning.

I've heard from multiple club members that one of the best programs they have seen was put on by Vic and included details on how to properly tie down a Model T. Regrettably, I missed that program, but the beauty of the club is that I'm still benefiting because other club members are mentoring me and providing all the tips and tricks Vic conveyed in that program.

As mentioned in the last meeting, we don't have any programs planned for the summer and, with the heat, I suspect there will be less enthusiasm to get out and drive for the next few months. This may be a great opportunity for club members to consider old programs that they particularly enjoyed, particularly technical ones, that could be reworked and presented again. This may mean some of the older members team up with newer members to build a program or maybe there is something that would be better to organize into a tech session. Maybe it is a garage tour or some other way to get a few of us together for a few hours of knowledge transfer.

There is so much to learn. Pat and I reflected the other day on how much we don't know about these cars and how neither of us wants to be on the side of the road troubleshooting a repair with our limited knowledge!

Glen Gillman



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the May 20th Meeting

Richard Walker, Club Secretary, was on vacation in Sweden and no one volunteered to assist the President in keeping notes, despite plenty of ready excuses, so the President did his best to remember relevant meeting information.

There were a total of 18 individuals in attendance to include two unannounced visitors, DeNaie Kircher and Charles A Shierlow.

There were a few birthdays and anniversaries to recognize.

The need for programs and newsletter articles was discussed and the group was challenged to give some thought to invitations and ideas. There are no programs or events planned past June.

The Meeting Minutes from April were approved.

The Treasurer reported no changes to the accounts with a final balance of \$4,006.74.

The Bylaws were discussed and were to be provided to the membership for review and consideration before the next meeting.

Drew and Jennifer provided a break in the business meeting and described a recent accident they had. I don't recall exactly how this came up but am glad it did. Apparently Drew and Jennifer live in Central Austin and were driving with some friends near Shoal Creek when their speedometer cable broke and jammed in the steering. They guided the car into a slow speed crash. There were no injuries, the Model T fender was easily readjusted by hand, the other car had significant front end damage, and the insurance agent is still somewhat incredulous about the claim!

The short tour for Glen's Birthday was discussed. Standard meet up in Martindale with a 1000 departure for lunch and then the return drive.

Bob described multiple car shows in Leander that he would send information about to the group.

Glen described multiple Cars and Coffee options.

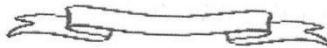
Joyce described a Father's Day Car show at her place. This event will be on Saturday June 14 from 2-3:30 at the Brookdale Beckett Meadows Assisted Living Facility located at 7709 Becket Rd, Ausitn, TX 78749. There is room for up to three cars and Model T's are preferred. If you are interested, you can contact Joyce at 512-413-2613 for details. It appeared that Glen and Randy were available to take their cars. Possibly Pat. There will be cold drinks, snow cones, and air conditioning. All are welcome.

There was some general discussion about July 4th plans. Many members have their own local parades they are involved in.

Britanie described the Smithville July 4 car show and events. There looks to be a lot happening and Bob will forward all the information.

JC presented the program, and it was titled "What I did during Covid". Turns out JC is easily bored, incredibly talented, and very energetic. He presented a series of wood boxes he made seemingly out of scraps to include PVC pipe he heated and shaped. Then a nice selection of canes that were thoroughly inspected by the group and compared to their own modern substitutes. He also had some interesting wood sculptures to include a longhorn and a wolf and and wrapped it up with an alien made of spray foam but hardly looked like it. Amazing stuff.

Minutes respectfully submitted
by Glen Gillman, President



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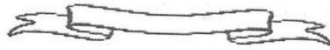
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BV: J FORREST TAYLOR

TITLE: PRESIDENT

DATE: MAY 18, 1993



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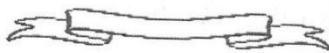
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Did You Know: You share your birthday with at least 9 million other people in the world.



1927 Ford Model TT Wrecker Need Work

Did You Know: The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. And the painting is only 30” high by 20.8” wide.



Did You Know: A pigeon’s feathers weigh more than their bones.

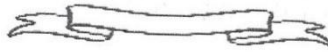
A little Humor

30: An elderly man lay on his deathbed, surrounded by his wife, three kids, and a nurse.

With a deep breath, he began speaking: “Bill, you get the Beverly Hills houses. Mary, the offices in the Center are yours. Debra, the apartments over the L.A. Plaza are all yours. And my dear wife, you take all the residential buildings near downtown.”

The nurse, wide-eyed, said, “Wow, your husband must’ve been an incredible man to amass so much property to leave behind.”

The wife sighed and replied, “What property? The guy had a paper route!”



**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

A girl took her dog to the parlor for a haircut, and asked what it would cost.

Being told that it would cost her \$50, she was outraged.

“I only pay 30 bucks for my own haircut!”

The groomer replied, “That may be true. But then you don’t bite, do you?”

The Great Squirrel War

By JC Carter

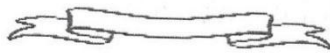
Since I moved out into the boondocks around 18 years ago, there has been an ongoing battle—me versus the harry-tailed rodents. It all started when I put up a bird feeder, only to have it immediately destroyed. So, I put up another. Same result. And so on. Every bird feeder I put up became a casualty of war.

Determined to outsmart them, I mounted the next one on top of a 1” conduit pipe, thinking “They can’t possibly climb this.” Wrong! I greased the pole—Those little acrobats just launched themselves from the tree to land on the roof of the feeder. So, I stretched a wire between trees and hung the feeder in the center. That worked...until they tight-rope across the wire like seasoned circus performers. Frustrated but not defeated, I strung a thin cable high into the trees and hung the feeder from it. Surely this would work! Nope. They either slid down the cable like little firefighters or jumped from the trees. If they missed the roof, they ran back up the tree and tried again. They never give up!

Then one day, while I was working on my Model T, I got a shock from one of the coils-and inspiration struck! If I could figure out a way to hook a coil to the bird feeder hanging over the back deck...Well, let’s just say I had an old 12volt power supply and some telephone wire and a push button. Whenever I saw one of the harry tailed thieves jump on the feeder, I’d press a button from my recliner. The little bandit would freeze in place until I let go, then drop to the deck and take off up the tree, chattering and cussing at me in squirrely outrage.

Now, let me be clear-this doesn’t hurt them. It just makes them think before trying to steal bird food again. Sometimes. Mostly. After a while, they do tend to leave the feeder alone. Sometimes. Mostly. But one thing is certain-those little rascals never give up. And so, the war continues...

Respectfully submitted by Jc Carter and edited by S.D.



Coming Events:

1. Oct 7- 12 - Texas T Party Marshall, TX = See Flyer on Page
2. October– TALOR CAR SHOW – Taylor, TX
3. Oct or Nov - KINGSBURY FLY-IN – Kingsbury Airfield
4. Nov 1st – BELMONT VILLAGE – Sidewalk Party (AACA Hosted)
5. 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
4. Last Sunday of the Month – Dripping Springs, TX – Home Depot - Coffee n Cars

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.

Power Steering



The first power steering system on a vehicle was apparently installed in 1876 by a man with the surname of Fitts, but little else is known about him. The next power steering system was put on a Columbia 5-ton truck in 1903 where a separate electric motor was used to assist the driver in turning the front wheels.

Robert E. Twyford, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, included a mechanical power steering mechanism as part of his patent (U.S. Patent 646,477) issued on April 3, 1900, for the first four-wheel drive system.

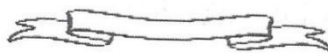
Francis W. Davis, an engineer of the truck division of Pierce-Arrow, began exploring how steering could be made easier, and in 1926 invented and demonstrated the first practical power steering system. Davis moved to General Motors and refined the hydraulic-assisted power steering system, but the automaker calculated it would be too expensive to produce. Davis then signed up with Bendix, a parts manufacturer for automakers. Military needs during World War II for easier steering on heavy vehicles boosted the need for power assistance on armored cars and tank-recovery vehicles for the British and American armies.

Chrysler Corporation introduced the first commercially available passenger car power steering system on the 1951 Chrysler Imperial under the name "Hydraguide". The Chrysler system was based on some of Davis' expired patents. General Motors introduced the 1952 Cadillac with a power steering system using the work Davis had done for the company almost twenty years earlier.

World War II: Power steering was used in military vehicles, demonstrating its utility in maneuvering heavy machinery.

1950s: Power steering became a standard feature in American-built vehicles, with Chrysler's system being widely adopted. Power steering has evolved significantly since its inception, becoming an essential feature in modern automobiles. Its development has been a testament to the automotive industry's commitment to enhancing driving comfort and safety.

All modern vehicles have power steering. For decades, power steering has been a feature that buyers take for granted. However, can you imagine how hard it was to steer back when cars didn't have power-assisted steering with big, heavy engines up front? The Chrysler engineers addressed the problem with the 1951 Imperial, which was the first car with hydraulic power steering.



Something Lighter

There were five people aboard an airplane that was experiencing engine trouble and about to crash.

The problem? There were only four parachutes.

As everyone tried to figure out who should get the parachutes, the first person stood up and said, “I’m the smartest person to ever walk the Earth. The world cannot afford to lose me.” Without waiting for a response, he grabbed a parachute and jumped out of the plane.

The second person said, “I’m a mother, and my family depends on me. I can’t let them down.” She quickly took a parachute and leapt out as well.

The third person declared, “I’m the head of my household and the sole breadwinner. My family’s survival depends on me.” With that, he grabbed a parachute and jumped, too.

Now, only two people remained: a 65-year-old man and a 12-year-old boy.

The old man turned to the boy and said, “Son, I’ve lived a full life. You’re young and have your whole future ahead of you. You take the last parachute.”

The boy looked at him and smiled. “Don’t worry, Sir. There are still two parachutes left.”

The old man was puzzled. “How’s that possible?”

The boy chuckled and said, “Well, the guy who thought he was the smartest person on Earth? He grabbed my backpack.”



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