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1926 Ford Model-T was modified to withstand flooding,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It seemed like a reasonable enough plan - a short drive around the neighborhood to the local school for the kids to drive the Model T and then maybe a drive somewhere for a coffee or a soda.

Naturally a test drive was in order since it had been a week or so since I'd had the car out and so my wife and I took an evening drive and discovered a pretty significant squeak in the front wheel, or maybe the drivetrain, who could really tell with all the normal racket the car makes! It wasn't so bad that we stopped our drive, and I was up the next morning to lube everything up in hopes that it would cure the problem. It just so happened that I looked at my *Model T Lubrication Poster* a little more closely than ever and discovered that the front wheels bearings are supposed to be cleaned and repacked every 500 miles. I was pretty sure that it had not been done recently.

So, before we took off on the drive, Luke and I jacked up the front of the car to have a little closer look. We pulled the hub and found a silverly mess of dried grease that reminded me of welding slag in shape and texture. The tire wiggled a little more than the other one but otherwise the bearings were still in there - and - it's a Model T - and - we had a drive planned! So, we slathered on some grease, put the cap back on, and had a wonderful drive. No squeak!

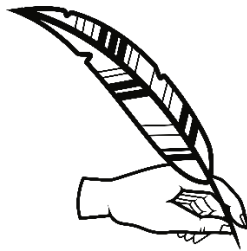
Well, it turns out the there was hardly any grease in the hub and what was in there was in terrible shape. The silvery mess was just the zinc from the inside of the hub. So, despite two ill-advised drives, all of the parts still seem to be in working order.

All I need to do now is finish that wheel, do the same, to the other front wheel, then check the rear wheel that I have been putting off since the Tech Day two months ago and then, get this, I have to replace all four of my new tires because of a manufacturer's defect.

Then I'll be ready for the Hill Country Ranch and River Mini Tour!

Looking forward to visiting with everyone about our fall events at the next meeting.

Glen Gillman



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the August 19th, 2025 Meeting

At 7:00 PM Glen called the meeting to order.

There were 17 members in attendance and 2 guests.

Special Events: Bob, George, and Vic all have September birthdays.

Meeting Minutes: Glen stated the meeting minutes were posted in the newsletter. Steve moved to accept the minutes as posted and George had the second.

Treasurer report: Jan stated there were no payments and no expenses so the balance from last month remains as stated in June.

Membership Report: Glen asked about it and it was stated that Joyce is not the membership chair. With that said her name will be removed from the MTFCA as it states there that she is the contact with AACA for our club.

Glen mentioned that the bylaws were updated as per the last meeting. Gary moved to accept the by-laws changes and Pat and Joe both seconded the motion.

There was a discussion as to who would become the 5th board member as the bylaws changes left the "at large" position open. It was mentioned that discussions from last month suggested that the outgoing President fill that 5th board member position. Tom stated he did not want the position. Joe then moved to have Tom as the 5th board member and Steve seconded the motion. Tom was asked if this was okay, and he said yes. A unanimous vote approved Tom as the new 5th board member.

Texas T Party: Pat, Joe, Tom, Gary, Barbara, and Glen are all signed up to go. There was discussion as to the need for a meeting to plan for the trip, but no decisions were made.

Gary's Tech Day Gary gave a report that there was no rain, and poor lighting in the shop but that the engine swap was successful. There was good food, and good times had by all. There

was lots of banana pudding available. Gary thanked everyone for helping and did state that he has the swapped engine up and running.

Touring Day: Tom mentioned that September 27 is national touring day. With that in mind he asked Steve Witt to host a tour from his house to Johnson City and back. There is a stop in Johnson City for lunch. So, this tour is in the works.

Show and Tell: Tom brought commutators that he had on his T to pass around. He had a original Ford timer and an Anderson timer. He also bought a new Day Timer but it is on the car and what he is using. He said all three seemed to work well but the older timers were worn and ready to be replaced.

Randy brought his TT steering column bracket that he had fitted with a new bushing. Not only did the original bushing get replaced they added a second bushing at the other end that was not on the original. It should be an improvement and he is hoping the play in his steering wheel is reduced once he installs the bracket.

Christmas Party: Joe brought up the Christmas party and was asking where to hold it? Joe then offered his garage as a location. Gary made a motion to have the Christmas party at Joe's garage and it was seconded by Bob and "thirded" by Pat.

The tentative date for the Christmas party is December 6th. Hopefully that date can be set in the September meeting.

Joe also brought up the Kingsbury fly-in coming up. He suggests that we meet at his garage and drive to the fly-in as a group.

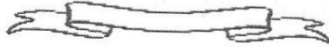
Program: Todd had the evening's program, and it was photos and videos of his trip to the Henry Ford Museum. There was a lot more there than he expected and says you need at least 2 days to get through all of it. He had audio in the presentation, but it was not loud enough to be heard so he provided live comments throughout the presentation.

Since the meeting ran long, prior to the presentation, the meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the program. I did not catch the time, but it was past 8:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted
by Richard Walker, Secretary



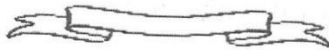
Did You Know: Adult cats only meow at humans, not other cats.



Historical Fact: Did you know Abraham Lincoln is in the wrestling hall of fame? The 6'4" president had only one loss among his around 300 contests. He earned a reputation for this in New Salem, Illinois, as an elite fighter.

Did You Know: There is an uninhabited island in the Bahamas known as Pig Beach, which is populated entirely by swimming pigs.

Did You Know: Even though smoking has been banned on airplanes, ashtrays are mandatory on every plane. This is for safe disposal in case someone breaks the law.



Hill Country Ranch and River Mini Tour

When: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Where: 309 Live Oak Lane, Spicewood Texas, 78669

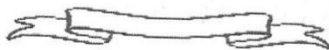
Start Time: 8:00 am - Coffee and Cinnamon rolls

Leave Time: 10am for a back road adventure!

Destination: Pig Pen BBQ in Johnson City Texas, using all paved back roads except for 4 miles of hwy. This route runs through Beautiful Ranch's, Rivers and Hill Country .

Tour Leader: Steve Witt Ph: 512-422-4800 Please RSVP

Vintage Car or Modern, all are invited, the more the merrier!



A little Humor

On a recent flight I was on, this elderly woman kept peering out the window.

Since it was totally dark, all she could see was the blinking wing tip light.

Finally, she rang for the flight attendant.

"I'm sorry to bother you," she said, "but I think you should inform the pilot that his left-turn indicator is on and has been for some time."



1912 Ford Model T C-Cab Delivery Truck



A 1907 Ford Model T Coupe

Coming Events:

1. Sept 27 – Mini Tour by Steve Witt
2. Oct 7- 12 - Texas T Party Marshall, TX = See Flyer on Page
3. Oct 27– TAYLOR CAR SHOW – Taylor, TX

Complete the online registration form at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and pay \$25 for your vehicle entries online.

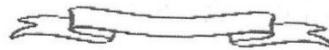
4. Nov 1st – BELMONT VILLAGE – Sidewalk Party (AACA Hosted)
5. Nov 8th - KINGSBURY FLY-IN – Kingsbury Airfield
6. Nov 8th – BASTROP CAR SHOW – Bastrop, TX Heros and Hot Rods

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 from 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



Travis Locke is still looking for several model T's for a photo shoot in Marathon Tx. September 2025 Email travislocke70@gmail.com Phone Number: (512) 415 2842



1924 Seal Tricar

Seal, named for "Safe, Economical And Light", were motorcycles produced by Haynes and Bradshaw (founded in 1906) from 1912 to 1920 and then until 1924 by Seal Motors Ltd. in Hulme, Manchester.

In a time when the sidecar was the only economical alternative to the car and to offer a level of protection similar to these, the Seal proposed a set where the driver was installed in the sidecar, together with the passenger. Thus between 1912 and 1924 this unusual machine classified as a "Sociable" with three wheels was offered. This was a special form of motorcycle with a sidecar that had been extended to carry the driver and passengers, while the mechanical components were separate. It was driven by a JAP V-twin engine with a three-speed gearbox mounted on a frame built from straight tubing and with the front fork connected to a steering wheel in the sidecar.

*** See Picture on next page*



1924 Seal Tricar



1926 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup

Marketplace

MODEL T PARTS COLLECTION



This is a sale for the estate of the late Hershel Payne, a founding member of the Space City T's of Houston. His son, Mike, is clearing out a storage garage and the highest bidder will get all of it. Many items in boxes are not shown, but include books, headlight lenses, pictures, etc. Rough estimates are around \$4000, but asking \$2000 OBO for everything.



Lubester/oil cans



transmission



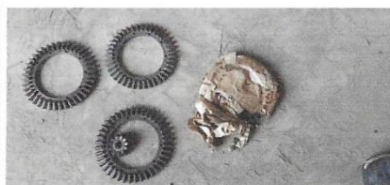
spindles



motometers and oil lamps



Grease Cups/wheel bearings



Ring gears and pinion



Headlights and parts



Rear springs



tire spreader/chassis parts



tires and wheels



Model T Models

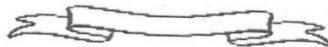


Drill Press



Model T clock

Contact Information: Mike Payne 936-443-9153 or text



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



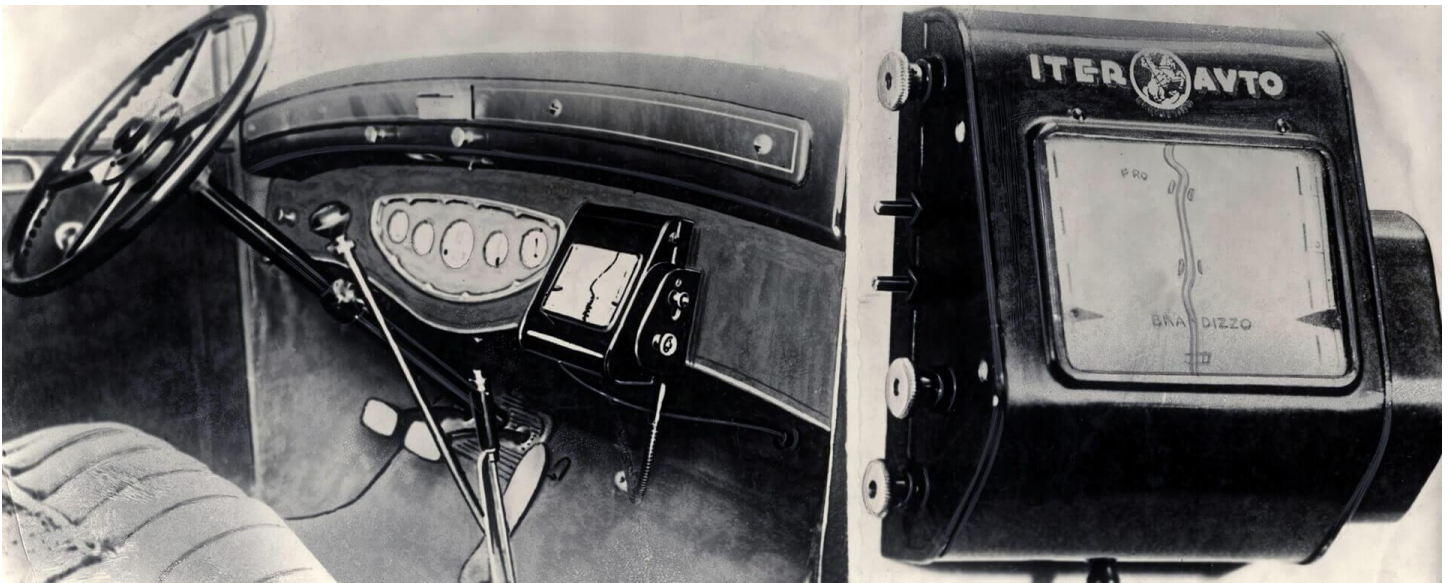
Automotive Firsts

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.

Early Navigational Devices

1930 Iter Avto

Designed and created in the 1930s, it's more like a "map guidance tool" since it didn't really give voice prompts and directions and, of course, it didn't use satellites.



The device came with a set of paper maps. These were wrapped from one roll to another across a display and a cable connected to the speedometer controlled the scroll rate. The speed with which the display moved was proportional to the speed of the car so it always showed the correct point. The big problem was that the moment you drifted from your route, you would have to load a new map and find the exact spot of your current location.

Did You Know: Sliced bread was invented a year after the invention of TV.

Did You Know: If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will eventually turn white.

Did You Know: Garlic is known to attract leeches.



GPS Navigation

The design of GPS is based partly on similar ground-based radio-navigation systems, such as LORAN and the Decca Navigator System, developed in the early 1940s. Even though GPS technology started in the early '70s, it is far from the GPS of today. The biggest problem in those days was putting heavy, expensive equipment in the limited space of a car interior. Honda started experimenting in the early '80s, but the first car with a factory installed GPS navigation system was the 1986 Toyota Soarer for the Japanese market.

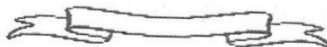


FIGURE 53

Henry Ford Museum (31886)

FIRST TRACTOR-TRAILER UNIT

A Model T Runabout had the honor of becoming the tractor for the world's first commercially built and sold tractor-trailer unit. This trailer was designed and built in 1914 to order for the Sibley Lumber Company, of Detroit, by the local wagon building, August Fruehauf. The trailer was fitted to a turntable mounted on a 1911 Ford Runabout which had already been converted to a one-ton truck with the patented "Smith Form-A-Truck" equipment. An immediate demand for similar trailers launched the Fruehauf Corporation as pioneer trailer builders. ¶ This unit, first of our most important modern freight vehicles, was restored by the Fruehauf Corporation and given to the Henry Ford Museum, where it is now displayed.



Did You Know: She sells seashells by the seashore" was written about a female paleontologist from the 1800s. She actually sold dinosaur bones and fossilized shells.

Did You Know: The oldest unopened bottle of wine that was found in a Roman tomb was more than 1,650 years old.

Did You Know: Banks have therapists known as "wealth psychologists" who help clients who are unable to mentally cope with their immense wealth.



1912 Ford Model T Hearse



1928-29 Ford Huckster Woody Wagon

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!!

President: - Glen Gillman Vice President: - Gary Baker

Board of Directors: Glen Gillman – Gary Baker – Richar Walker – Tom Romberg - Jan Donnell

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