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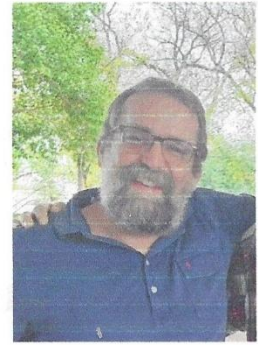
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1926 Model T Dog/Animal Pickup Truck

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Don Donahue from Indiana was the first person I met. He was pushing a luggage cart with a stack of suitcases and other stuff to include a straw boater and a flapper dress in plastic when he stopped, stooped down and looked intently at a stain on the concrete below a Model T. Just gas, hardly anything to worry about.

He has a white brass era mother-in-law roadster with a bell and two horns that his wife's father had restored, and he had just managed to track down and purchase. It was just one of the many beautiful cars I got to see, and Don was just one of the interesting characters I got to meet at the Texas T Party.

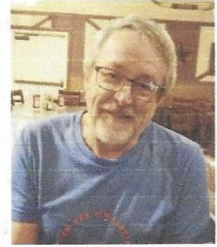
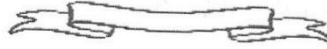
The experience was more than I could have hoped for, really more than I could have imagined. The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies showed up strong. Chuck, his handler, Pat Goodson, and Pats' Team laid out a spread of green chili chicken enchiladas, beans, greens, and cookies for the guests on the first day. It was easily the best meal of the tour.

And then, we drove.

Man, did we drive. The next few days were a blur of prepping the cars in the morning, navigating the roads and the peculiarities of other drivers, passengers, and the public during the day, and then repairing and recovering in the evening. There's too much to relay in this short message but there will be time for stories over the next few months.

We have a meeting next week and I'd like to see who needs help getting their cars ready so we can show up strong at the Kingsbury Fly-In on November 8.

A huge thanks to everyone in the club but a special thanks to those that made the Texas T Party and showed me the ropes. You made it a fun and memorable week.



Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes: September 16, 2025

At 7:00 PM Glen brought the meeting to order. There were 21 people in attendance.

Glen announced that due to technical issues there won't be a program this evening. Bob was scheduled as the presenter.

Steve Witt was at the meeting and announced that he plays Santa Claus in Luckenbach each December. It is the 1st Saturday in December. He wanted to encourage everyone to attend. It is free to attend this is his 25th year doing this. It is an all-day event and pictures are from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Santa will arrive in a Model T.

It turns out that the 1st Saturday in December is December 6th which happens to be our chosen Christmas Party date.

Birthdays: Bob will be 82 on 9/18. George's is on 9/19. Tom's is on 9/25.

Glen stated the meeting minutes were sent out with the newsletter and without any dissent said they were accepted as posted in the newsletter.

Treasurers report: Jan stated there were no income or expenses and the balance

remains the same as the report of August. Jan also stated that Club dues for 2026 should be paid by 12/31/2025. Which prompted a flurry of payments headed her way. Steve commented that the payment of dues on our website worked great and made paying his dues easy.

Membership report: Jeff tried to convince a gentleman that has lots of T parts to come to the meetings and join. This person has lots of parts for sale.

Glen announced that next month's meeting will be a presentation from the Wildlife Rescue group.

Glen announced that the National Club has our Club in good standing. Glen is working to remove Joyce as the contact person for our Club as listed in the National magazine.

International touring day: September 27 is that day. Steve and Cathie are hosting a mini tour from their house in Spicewood to Johnson City and back. It is 41 miles to Johnson City and 21 miles back. Meet at the Witt's home at 8:00 AM for coffee and rolls. Planned roll out time is 10:00 AM. The destination in Johnson City is Pig Pen BBQ. Steve and Cathie are providing pie for dessert. They have plenty of parking for trailers. They will bring lots of water. Steve passed out a flyer with information about the tour.

The Kingsbury fly-in is on November 8th. The plan is to meet up at Joe's and to leave there at 10:00 AM.

October 21 is the next Club meeting.

The Christmas party is December 6th at Joe's in Martindale.

Petra volunteered to help Joe with the party.

Gary has his T running after the engine swap, from a couple of weeks ago.

Richard brought a top bow with PVC lattice pieces installed in it instead of wood for the corner.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned prior to 8:00 PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully

submitted by Richard Walker

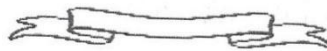


FIGURE 53

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.



Coming Events:

1. Nov 1 – BELMONT VILLAGE – Sidewalk Party (AACA Hosted)
2. Nov 8 – KINGSBURY FLY-IN Kingsbury Airfield - leave from Martindale, TX
3. Nov 8 – BASTROP CAR SHOW – Heros and Hot Rods Bastrop, TX
4. Dec 6 – CHRISTMAS PARTY – Joe's Garage Martindale, TX
5. Jan 13 – First Meeting of the Year



Automotive Firsts

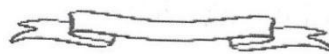
This will be a series of automotive firsts, like the first car manufacturer to add as standard equipment and one of the standard equipment that we expect of our cars today. This is like windshield wipers, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, etc.

The Ford Assembly Line 1913

Before the Ford Model T, they did car production mostly by hand in a slow, expensive process. But when Henry Ford introduced their economy model, he made it on an assembly line with each worker doing just one simple job. This allowed Ford to not only employ more people but to produce cars much faster and affordably. The assembly line resulted in the sale of 15 million cars and Ford's world domination in the early years of the automotive age.

According to Henry Ford this explained the assembly line:

1. Place the tools and the men in the sequence of the operation so that each component part shall travel the least possible distance while in the process of finishing.
2. Use work slides or some other form of the carrier so that when a workman completes his operation, he drops the part always in the same place—which place must always be the most convenient place to his hand—and if possible, have gravity carry the part to the next workman for his own.
3. Use sliding assembling (conveyor belts/rollers) lines by which the parts to be assembled are delivered at convenient distances.



Did you Know: The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.

Did You Know: In 2016, Domino's tested pizza delivery via reindeer in Japan.

Humor: May your backfires be infrequent and without an audience!

Humor: A guy was walking along the street when he saw a crowd of people running towards him. He stopped one of the runners and asked, "What's happening?"

The runner replied breathlessly, “A lion has escaped from the zoo.”

“Oh my, which way is it heading?”

“Well, you don’t think we are chasing it, do you?”

Winterizing Your Vehicle

This is an article from the Capital City Model A Club from January 2025. I thought it might be interesting to our members.

Technically Speaking IX

from Technical Editor by Paul Koncak

Drive it or store it? Which will it be? The winter months are coming. Are you planning on driving your Model A during the cold months ahead? If not, there are some things you should do to protect it while it sleeps.

The storage temperature is very important. If freezing temperatures are possible a couple of choices are available. Drain the cooling system. Install antifreeze. While draining offers the greatest protection it does have a downside. If the car must be moved very quickly, filling the system with coolant might be overlooked resulting in damage to the engine. If antifreeze is the choice, make sure the mixture is correct for the expected temperature. Refer to the instructions on the container. Fifty percent antifreeze will protect systems to approximately 25 or 30 degrees below zero. Generally, two or three quarts of antifreeze will protect down to very low freezing temperature. That also is a good mixture for anti-rust protection of the cooling system all year mixture would be an over-kill for this area.

If you choose the antifreeze protection, be sure to purchase Propylene Glycol base. It can be found in Sierra brand or Prestone LowTox. Ethylene Glycol based (what you have in your big iron) based antifreeze will cause vaporization problems resulting in loss of coolant and ultimately overheating. Don’t put it in your Model A.

Keeping the fuel tank full is important all year long to help reduce moisture. It is most important when the car is stored during winter months when temperatures may vary several degrees. Adding STA-BIL to the fuel is an excellent thing to do because modern gasoline has

components that promote evaporation as well as chemical breakdown in long periods of storage. Follow the mixing instructions on the container.

Properly inflate the tires and if possible, put the car on blocks/jack stands to prevent the tires from developing flat spots. Plug holes (tailpipe) to keep mice out. Put moth balls inside to prevent moth damage to the upholstery. Lubricate the chassis and oil the distributor, accelerator linkage. and brake rod pins. Check the battery “water” and install a battery maintainer to keep the battery at full charge.

Wash, wax and put the cover on it. Periodically check it to see that things are OK. Or, to avoid all this, just drive it. Don’t forget to hug your Model A while it sleeps.

Things You Learn if You Live Long Enough

1. I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."
2. Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness. (Mark Twain)
3. It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.
4. It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick out one of your own. I know that now.
5. It's fine to eat a test grape in the produce section, but you take one bite of rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave!"
6. One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box because it is, you know, a really good box.
7. I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row, now.
8. If you drop something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.
9. I like to make lists. I also like to leave them on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.
10. Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side-effects is bad for you.
11. I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin.

Marketplace

**FOR SALE
1926 MODEL T ROADSTER
LOCATION: POINT, TX**

**OLDER RESTORATION
ANTIQUE TURN SIGNALS
5 WIRE WHEELS
FATBOY STEERING WHEEL
RUCKSTILL
ROCKY MOUNTAIN BREAKS
MATCHING TRUCK BED
NEW TOP
RUNS AND DRIVES WELL
CLEAR TEXAS TITLE
ASKING PRICE \$12,500**



If interested, please call 520-403-3282

I have recently lost my husband and am selling the T. I have a rod in my knee and cannot drive. She is a good running car and I know it will be a fun touring car. Thank you.

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Model T Ford



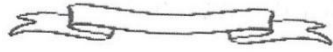
\$350 Set

Plus \$15 Shipping the USA

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1926 Model TT Egg Truck



1919 Ford Model T Depot Hack

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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