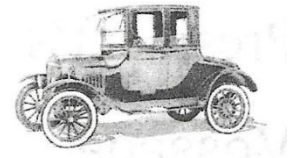




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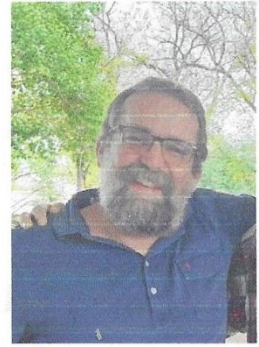
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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



November 2025

It's nothing new, or surprising, and I suspect everyone reading this has already said it, "I can't believe it is already mid-November!" The year has gone by fast and so has each month. It was just a few weeks ago when we last met and, regrettably, I haven't gotten around to doing much of anything that I had planned to do since then. Even more disturbing is I'm not sure I got in more than two days of driving since then, maybe since the Texas T Party!

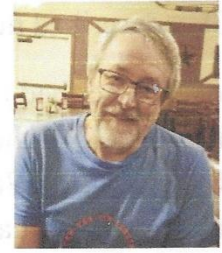
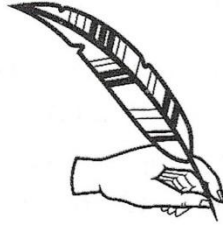
That certainly won't do, and I suppose this is a time for reflection and goal setting. This has been a big year for me, which included buying a Model T, discovering simple things like how to check the oil (incidentally, I just discovered that tool came with the car, but I had no idea what it was for), surviving my first group drive, and ultimately attending my first Texas T Party. What grand times they were, and those things were barely formulated in my mind last year around this time. This year I hope to top all of that, somehow.

All of those adventures were possible largely due to the Cen Tex Tin Lizzies and the Model T community and those that are committed to ensuring our hobby continues to grow. I hope everyone in the club takes a few moments this holiday season to consider what the club means to them and to be thankful for the friendship and community that the club provides. It is my hope that we all consider what more we can do for the club either by considering a position on the board, bringing ideas and energy to the board, and, of course, getting out to spread the news about the Model T.

I'd like to ensure we keep the monthly meetings and make those as entertaining as possible, making sure we get together at least once a month to either drive cars or work on cars, and lastly, I think this year, we need to make a focused effort to generate new club members so that in the future we can all enjoy our holidays that much more... by not worrying about getting nominated for a position!

Happy holidays!

Glen



Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes October 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Glen.

Birthdays: Steve H's birthday is next week & Joe's in on the 23rd.

Glen stated that the meeting minutes were included in the last Newsletter and asked if they were good. Gary moved to accept the minutes as posted. George had the second.

Treasurer's report: The balance was read, and we had paid dues of \$60 and there were no expenses.

Glen reminded everyone to pay their National Dues and asked the officers if they were paid up.

Glen asked about gathering contact information from everyone. He had a form to pass out but after discussion, it was decided to just pass out a document with all the current information on it and get everyone to make any corrections to that document. Glen will work on that document to bring to the next meeting.

Officers Nomination: Jan brought up that we should be nominating officers in this month's meeting so that we can vote on them in next month's meeting. Jan also stated she won't be the Treasurer going forward citing the by-laws.

Glen asked Gary and Richard if they wish to continue in their positions and both said they did not.

Glen will try to get something together so send out prior to next month's meeting so that new officers can be elected. Tom agreed to be a nomination chair in this cause.

Glen brought up any new memberships. He is trying to get his friend Luke to join.

New Presentations are needed going forward. He asked everyone to consider coming up with a presentation for next year.

Juan sent out a text asking everyone to join WhatsApp. Instructions are posted on our website. Glen has hard copies of the instructions to pass out if anyone wants them. He encouraged everyone to join.

The group to join is "Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies". It may help when on a tour. Everyone in the group will see the texts.

Tom asked about a service directory on the website and / or in the monthly newsletter.

Steve W talked about the mini tour from the Witt home. He gave a synopsis of the tour. A good time was had by all. The hills provided a challenge. Gus had a great time too. Steve and Cathie would love to host another tour.

Steve W suggested a cookout with Pat's chuck wagon. Maybe a cookout with a short tour. Yes the hills will still be there.

Glen has a slide deck of pictures from the mini tour.

Kingsbury fly-in: November 8, 2025.

The plan is to gather at Joe's at 9:00 AM for breakfast tacos and coffee. The plan is to head out at 10:00 AM for Kingsbury.

Joe will send out information as the date gets closer. Glen mentioned that he is double booked on that day and will not be able to attend.

Christmas Party: Joe asked if everyone was okay getting back the same pitmaster from last year for this year's party. There was a overwhelming approval.

Petra will help Joe to organize. Joe mentioned he wants homemade cookies not store bought cookies. It was brought up that you can bring gifts that will be donated to one of the local charities.

Glen asked if anyone needed a tech day at their house. No one indicated that they did.

Randy will host a HCCT coil tech sessions at his house sometime in January. He said to bring some coils.

Glen said he spoke with Britanie and she is trying to set up a tour in Plumb. The Plumb car group usually meets on Thursdays.

Pat was talking about having a mini tour in Sanderson Texas (West Texas). Pat was not at the meeting but it was brought up as a discussion that they had with Pat.

Glen asked if the board needed to meet to set goals for the new year. He will try to set something up before or in January. It was mentioned that a 26 T pickup is for sale in Fredericksburg at Streat Dreams, I believe Steve W brought this up.

Car reports: George said that Todd and himself are swapping rear ends on several of their cars. And that they are going to put wire wheels on Todd's speedster.

Show and Tell: Randy brought in an HTTC book on how to tune coils.

Steve W brought in a T radiator cap that is the head of Henry Ford.

Program: Tom had the presentation for the meeting. The pictures he brought we not available due to technical issue but Tom just proceeded without them. His first part had to do with balancing tires. He bought a DVD and after viewing laid out the steps to balance the tire. The first step is to loosen the front wheel bearing so that the wheel spins freely. Second, mount a tire on the wheel and spin the wheel. The heavy spot will be on the bottom after the wheel stops spinning. You temporarily tape weight on the top of the wheel and turn the wheel ¼ turn. Ideally the wheel should not move. If it does add or remove weight until it won't move after the 1/4 turn. Once you have the correct weight peel off the covering and stick the weight into the groove inside the tire rim. Repeat this for the three other tires using the same front wheel.

Tom went to NAPA to get the weights with a sticky surface. He had way more than he needed and encouraged everyone to take some home with them. Many people did just that.

Tom also talked about his starter. It went out on Friday just before the T Party. Tom called Randy and they went to Kenneth Skyler's business near 1626 and 45. He had 3 rebuilt starters on hand. They tested Tom's and declared it bad. Then it proved that one of the rebuilt starts worked by connecting it up and spinning it. Tom took it home and put it on his car. It worked well during the while T Party Tour.

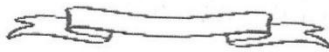
There was a discussion about a "self-commencer". Which is the name Ford used for a starter. At some point "starter" must have caught on as that's what we still call them today.

Glen talked some about the T Party Tour. He stated that Pat's chuck wagon meal was the best meal on the whole tour. One of the roads they traveled was so bumpy that both Tom's and Glen's mufflers disconnected from the tailpipe. There was also a stretch of narrow road with 10ft high walls next to it. It was a single lane road that would have created a problem had a car been coming the other way. But luckily that didn't happen. Glen said there were three drivers 18 and under on the tour.

George moved to adjourn the meeting. Both Tom and Joyce provided a second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectively submitted by

Richard W.



1911 Ford Model T Touring Car

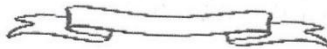
Automotive Firsts

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 on our normal cars of today. This is like windshield wipers, automatic transmission, power brakes, etc.

Retractable Hardtop – Peugeot 1935



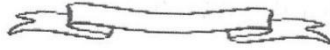
The idea of having a coupe and a convertible in the same car has occupied car engineers since the beginning of the automobile age. But the technology just wasn't there yet. The first retractable hardtop appeared on the 1935 Peugeot 401 Eclipse. It had a roof in the trunk with electrical controls. But for the late '30s, this was sci-fi technology. Later, the Ford Skyliner and most recently, the Mercedes SLK, has used the system.



Did you Know: There are 119 grooves on a quarter edge.

Did You Know: A study from Harvard University finds that having no friends can be just as deadly as smoking. Both affect levels of a blood-clotting protein.

A Historical Fact: The first official Medals of Honor were awarded during the American Civil War. They were awarded to Union soldiers who participated in the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862.



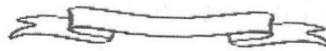
Coming Events:

1. Dec 6 - CHRISTMAS PARTY – Joe’s Garage in Martindale, TX
2. Jan 13 – First Meeting of the Year



Marketplace

There is a lady in the San Antonio area whose husband died and sold his 1927 Model T. However, she has a lot of parts for sale. Everything from the front to the back of a Model T, including engine, coils, carb parts, radiator, outside metal body parts, transmission parts, etc. From the list that I got from a friend you could probably build one or two new Model Ts from this group of parts. I have an itemized list of items and it’s 8 pages long. Anyone interested please contact me or Mrs. Becky Tripplett-Neigh at 210-647-8373. She wants to sell the whole lot as one deal, but you might be able to piece it out.



John and Bob at Belmont Village

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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