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Santa and Mrs. Claus in Luckenbach with their 1923 Ford Model T Touring

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



January 2026

I hope everyone had a nice holiday! I for one had to work a fair bit and fix some stuff but did get to spend some time with family and snuck off to the desert for a few days. I've already broken most of my New Years Resolutions, one of which was to be better about communicating with the club, but there is still hope!

We would like to collect any good photos from the Christmas Party. I have some my wife has taken but Joe mentioned that maybe there was a group shot that was taken. Does anyone have that? Please send any photos to me. If the files are too large we can collect at the next meeting.

Speaking of the next meeting, please consider any programs you might have ready. I do have a slide show from the last Texas T Party that will do in a pinch but a guest or maybe something different, a game maybe, might be more interesting. Mull it over.

I have received a request for cars for an event and would like to see who is interested so we can provide a commitment to them sometime next week. The details are vague and I have two groups that have contacted me. It looks like they want to stage 1-4 cars downtown during SXSW from March 12-16. One group also mentioned the possibility of a short caravan each day. They are looking for 1919 and/or 1920 models, but it appears that anything that looks similar would do. They did not specify models. They are insured.

Who's interested and what questions do you have? If you are interested please send a photo of your car as I suspect they will ask for that.

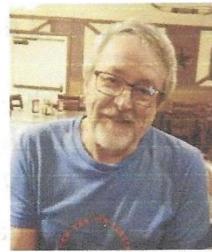
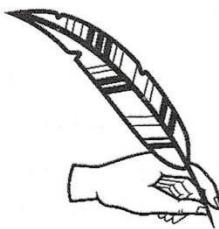
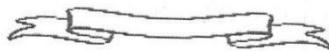
- Things I'll clarify:
- Rate for car and driver.
- Support for transport.
- Security for event.
- Covered or uncovered storage.

This request was forwarded from Hugh Hemphill so if we can not met the request we can work with other clubs to support.

Lastly, we had discussed a drive sometime in January but are already a third of the way through the month. Does anyone have any interest or thoughts? Petra's nephew from Germany will be in town next weekend so I will be getting my car ready for a drive next weekend regardless. That might be here around town but if the group is interested in doing something next weekend we could make some quick arrangements. We can also work out something for the later part of the month.

Get your motors running!

Glen



Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes November 19, 2025

Glen called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

There were 16 members in attendance and one guest. Glen asked our guest, Kathryn Mattison, to introduce herself. She is from Austin Wildlife Rescue. Kathryn is the guest speaker for the meeting.

Glen stated that the meeting minutes were included in the last Newsletter and asked for if they were good.

George moved to accept the minutes as posted. Randy and Pat, and maybe others, seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report: Jan stated that all but 4 current members have paid their dues for 2026.

Glen reminded everyone to pay their National Dues if they had not already done so.

Officer Nominations: Glen asked Tom to present his nomination committee results. Tom thanked Joe for his help on this. Then nominations are as follows: President - Glen Gillman - Vice President - Gary Baker - Treasurer - Randy Brown - Secretary - no nominations but after some discussion Joe Pinnelli agreed to be a provisional secretary until January when a new choice is found. At large board member - Jeff Treadwell

Glen suggested that if wanted officers may move positions if that helps to get a secretary volunteer. Glen asked Richard to take notes for one more month, January. He agreed if he is able to attend the meeting in January.

Tom made a motion to approve the 5 officers listed above. Bob made a second to the motion. The new officers are elected and begin their terms in December.

Kingsbury report: It was noted that Glen was not in attendance. It was about a 1 hour drive there from Joe's place and 1 hour back. Though there were some issues with cars on the way back (oil and coils). Our club had 6 cars in the event. There was a parade of cars around the airfield area. The weather was perfect. The vendors were thin. There were just an average number of participants. There were only a few planes participating.

Christmas party: There will be the same pit master as last year (Nicolas Stiler). There will be some Dutch oven cobbler made. There will be homemade cookies (Joe made a plea for homemade again with little sprinkles). The party is on December 6th with arrival at 11:00 AM, though earlier is fine, with a target time of noon for lunch. Petra made up an invitation, and it was passed out at the meeting. Unwrapped gifts will be collected for delivery to Brown Santa. The location is 105 Bowie, Martindale, TX.

Glen brought up that we need to come up with ideas for drive, tech sessions, etc. for next year. He asked if there was interest for a drive between Christmas and New Year or in January after the next regular monthly meeting. There was interest but no ideas as to where.

Car reports: None.

The cobbler order was taken.

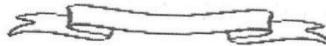
Presentation: Austin Wildlife Rescue with Kathryn Mattison giving the presentation. They have been in Austin since 1977. They rescue, rehabilitate, and release animals back into the wild. This past year they dealt with over 10,000 animals and within those over 300 species. They have three no-release animals that they use for educational purposes. A Texas Tortoise (Tortellini), a raccoon (Herbie), and a squirrel (Lady Bird). Their rescue location is on East Martin Luther King but will soon be moving to 13th street. Their rehabilitation location is in Elgin. They are funded mostly by donations with some grants as well.

Kathryn talked a lot about different native to Texas animals and explained what they do in the environment. She also talked about some of the unusual steps taken to rescue some animals such as drilling holes in an armadillo shell to allow them to stitch up a cracked shell. And super gluing wings onto a butterfly. Or how often birds must be fed each day, every 20 minutes. They go to great lengths to keep the animals wild so they can survive once they are released.

She obviously loves the animals and the work she is doing.

After the presentation George moved to conclude the meeting. Bob seconded the motion, along with many others, and the meeting concluded at 8:11 PM.

Respectively submitted by Richard W.



Did You Know: Digging a hole to China is actually possible if you start in Argentina.

Did You Know: Underneath the streets of Beijing, there is around a million people who live in nuclear bunkers.

A Historical Fact: Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine. In 1834, it was sold as a cure for an upset stomach by an Ohio physician named John Cook. It wasn't popularized as a condiment until the late 19th century!

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.

In-Car Radio

American inventor and self-described "Father of Radio", Lee de Forest, demonstrated a car radio at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. There was a time when listening to a radio in the car was considered extremely dangerous because the driver's attention was on the broadcast, not on the road ahead.

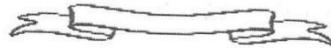
The first attempt to put a radio in cars was in the early '20s, but it was too expensive and complicated. The very first car radio to ever be introduced came about in 1922, courtesy of Chevrolet. But it wasn't at all like the car radio you may envision these days. It wasn't a nice, relatively small box that could fit neatly into your dashboard. In fact, it was anything but convenient: it was a monstrosity that took up a ton of space.

It needed an antenna that was so large it pretty much covered the roof of the car. The speakers were massive and had to be attached to the back of the seat, and the batteries to power the whole setup were so large they barely managed to fit under the seat of most cars. To top all of that off, this entire setup cost \$200.

If that doesn't sound like much, it's because you are forgetting that it is 1922 in this scenario. \$200 in 1922 was approximately \$3,153 in today's money. If you wanted music with your ride, it was not going to be cheap. Such is the way of technology when it is almost brand new. It takes a long time for it to become cheap!

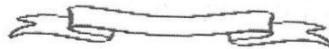
It's worth noting that this doesn't really tell us the exact make and model of the first car to have a car radio. Chevrolet didn't make a car radio as a built-in feature of a particular model in 1922; they just made a car radio that could be fitted to different Chevy cars if a customer was willing to pay that crazy price for it.

However, when the Motorola Company presented its compact radio in the early '30s, installing radios became much easier. In fact, Chevrolet was the first company to offer it as a regular production option.



Coming Events:

1. Jan 20 – First Meeting of the Year



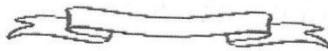


100-Year-Old 1926 Ford Model TT Pickup Truck

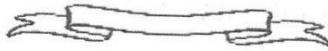


1926 Ford Model T 2-Dr Sedan

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Editor Speaks: I had requested photos from our Christmas Party by email; however, I have not received any. Maybe we can get some for the next newsletter?



1912 Ford Model T Commercial Runabout



1919 Ford Model T Phoenix Police Cruiser

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:** Drew Patterson – J.C. Carter – Vic Donnell – George Brunner – John Anderson – Britanie Olivera - **Treasurer:** - Randy Brown - **Secretary:** - Joe Pinnelli - **Membership Chair:** -Open **Web Master:** - Juan Barraza - **Newsletter Editor:** - Bob Ross - 50/50: Open

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