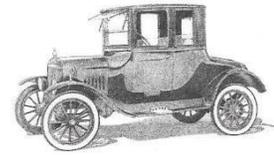




Band Chatter



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George Brunner's 1912 Mother-in-Law Model T Roadster.

President's Message



CenTex Tin Lizzie Members,

Well, it has been an active month of T activity in this household. We did a second tech session with Alex Gillman. We went on the T Fords of Texas Overnight Tour to Hunt. I delivered a part to Alex for his transmission. There is a story to tell about visiting the Brunner Museum and service shop. If you have not seen it, you need to make a plan to do so. I understand that George is trying to pick a date for another ice cream social. And there is more to that story. I went to clean my extra spark plugs and to test eight ignition coils. Three failed the test. Ask me about the rest of the story.

Now the 44th Texas T Party announcement is out. We have a tour scheduled with Joe on May 7 from Martindale to Lockhart. You will want to join that one. It is an easy drive and the bar-b-que is good. We probably need to review our draft touring etiquette suggestions.

Debbie Cartwright is going to enlighten us about Elgin's sesquicentennial for our program next Tuesday, April 19. That should be interesting.

If people will remember, we can reinstate "show and tell" if members will bring something that is interesting to them and share with the club.

My garage is delightfully insulated and now needs to be sheet rocked.

Joe may join us Tuesday, but he is still hobbling around with hip issues. Al is still in the hospital with Legionnaire's infection in a knee, of all things. What a tough road he has had!

Come see us on Tuesday and share what is going on in your life, particularly with your Model T.

Tom Romberg
President

Model T Tip of the Month: [A Forgotten Model T \(Episode 2\) Painting The Wheels - YouTube](#)

This is a series of 18 YouTube videos on restoring a Model T in England that hadn't been run in 30 years. Very interesting.

If you read this on your computer just click on the YouTube tip and it will take you to the YouTube program.

Henry Ford's Electric Model T



Henry Ford made ambitious plans to develop a battery-powered version of his Model T and produce electric flivvers by the millions, but the scheme quickly fell apart.

Fueled in part by the enthusiastic public response to the Mustang Mach-E and F-150 Lightning introductions, Ford has gone all in on electric vehicles. The Dearborn automaker had already pledged to invest \$22 billion in EV technology and new products by 2025, including a \$500 million stake in electric truck startup Rivian, and it will share Volkswagen's Modular Electric Drive architecture on an EV for Europe in 2023.

Of course, with a company as old as the Ford Motor Company—118 years and counting as of this writing—you can usually find a historical precedent or parallel for most any news the company can announce. And sure enough, this is not the company's first venture into the electric vehicle market. In 1914, Henry Ford announced an ambitious program to produce a battery-electric version of the Model T, but the plan quickly fell apart.

MINUTES OF THE March 22, 2022 MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



President Tom Romberg opened the meeting at 7:13pm at the Catfish Parlour in South Austin. There were 12 members present and 2 visitors. The Visitors were Andrew Dimitrijevic and his father Dan Dimitrijevic. Andrew said that his grandfather has 6 Model Ts and that he drove around 300 miles on a tour last year with his grandfather in his 1921 Model T Pickup.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the Band Chatter by a motion by Karen Ross and seconded by Joyce Shierlow. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jan Donnell and the balance was given. The reported income was from dues.

Wellness Report from Tom Romberg and Karen Ross was that Joe Pinnelli was still in pain but was getting a cortisone shot very soon. Joe, wife, Janis's surgery went well and she is recovering well. Al Pinnelli had contracted Legionnaire's Disease and was hospitalized and is doing ok. He has his good and bad days. Cynthia Hadorn's surgery went well and she is doing well.

Old Business: Alex Gillman thanked everyone for their help on Saturday the 19th of February. He is asking if anyone could come back on Sunday the 27th at 9:00am to assist with his assembly of the transmission.

New Business: Tom Romberg mentioned that the San Antonio Club, (The T-Fords of Texas) was having an overnight tour to Hunt, Texas on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of April. Directions and information will be sent out beforehand.

May 7th is our tour to Lockhart for Bar-B-Que. We will meet in Martindale to leave at 10:00am at our normal location.

Members Report: Alex Gillman said that he had finished some of the engine work and now needed some help with his transmission. This Sunday the 27th was set for a Tech Session.

Bob Ross gave Alex Gillman his copy of Floyd Clymer's *Ford Owner's Handbook of Repair & Maintenance for Models T and A and Fordson Tractors*. Bob said that Alex could get more use out of it than he would.

Bob Ross won the 50/50 drawing and donated the winnings back to the club.

Program: John Anderson presented the program with pictures of the 2012 Spring Tour of the club at George Brunner's Museum and then had a movie of 100 years of the Lincoln Highway.

George Brunner made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Ross, the motion carried.

Submitted by Bob Ross

For Steve Hadorn, Secretary

The 2nd Tech Session For Alex Gillman

By: Tom Romberg

The second Tech Session at Alex Gillman's home was a good success. The focus was on his transmission reassembly.

Attendees, while I was still there, were George Brunner, who brought not only his experience and wisdom but also a booklet on just the servicing of the transmission, Tom Romberg, Randy Brown, Wayne Mimms, who drove his souped up Touring from Cedar Park, Alex's father, several of Alex's friends, and our newest member, Alan.

The second activity, after George's introduction on the subject, was cleaning of parts, sanding of rust, and inspection of parts. Spindles and bushings were miked and found to be in good shape. One of the two sets of gears were chosen as being the best. Flywheel bolt threads were chased. A review of the clutch plates was made and a sharing of another Buda shop for electrical rebuilds. An inspection of the brake drum-clutch male posts indicated a significant amount of wear which would conceivably cause a sticking to plate compression or release. A replacement will be looked for or a rehab explored. The clutch spring was tested and two were under spec pressure. Another will be ordered. Band linings were debated. A new set will be ordered.

For those that attended it was fun to enjoy the donuts, coffee, and the opportunity to see the Gillman home and yard, with the Center door showing a lot of new paint, wood repair, and assembly. We are all envious of Alex's tools, storage of them, and his knowledge of just where tools are within the great quantity.

We all look forward to seeing the next steps.



Some Pictures of the second Tech Session at Alex Gillman's



Alex had lots of help with his transmission reassembly.

From the Editor: I am sure that some of you out there have some interesting stories about your Model T's or some stories about old tours that you have been on where something either funny or interesting happened. So, dig around and see if you can come up with something for the newsletter. I can only do so much for interesting articles without some kind of input from our members.

Thank You, Your Editor



T Fords Of Texas Overnight Tour To Hunt, Texas

By Tom Romberg

Peggy and I decided that we would join the San Antonio Club on their overnight tour to Hunt. There were a couple of reasons. We had honeymooned in Hunt some 59 plus years ago. I had worked two summers in the area as a ranch hand 4 years before that. It was spring time in the Hill Country and might be a fun drive. Meeting new Model T folks and driving with them is almost always fun.

So, we trailered down on Friday afternoon, just missed the closing time of a very good quilt shop and went on to The River Inn and Resort, a few miles west of Hunt, right on the Guadalupe river. On the road we passed camp Mystic and also Crider's open air summer dance and rodeo place, where Peggy was then very anxious for me to be carded when I asked for a beer for her. She had just turned 21 and I had not yet reached that milestone. To her chagrin, they did not even ask. The Resort doesn't have food service, so after checking in and unloading, we went back to Kerrville for a nice supper at The Rails restaurant, where we have dined many times.

Saturday morning, some of the club members fixed a great breakfast for the whole bunch of us. Thirteen cars toured along with a vulture wagon. Two cars were Model A's. Our own Wayne Mims joined us with his souped up touring.

We traveled about 26 miles along the river valley in the Model T's, passing camp Waldemar and MO Ranch. Coming out of the valley we went a little west past the Y O Ranch Headquarters entrance and then a little farther to the corner store which was started in the 1930's, where we stopped, gassed up, and lunched. On that leg only one car had an issue, a flat tire, which was changed by other drivers in very short order.

The return trip was down the other side of the valley and likewise both beautiful and uneventful. All day crossing the Guadalupe maybe 20 times was a highlight.

Saturday night the club members cooked steaks and had brought a whole lot of side dishes, complete with cobbler, cookies, and ice cream.

Sunday morning, we saddled up and drove to just past Ingram on the way to Kerrville, stopping at a replica of Stonehenge, to have breakfast at a nice restaurant, which was able to hold and serve us all with a great menu.

My 1921 Touring ran well except at the end of each run when it wanted to miss and appeared to run on 3 cylinders. I was able to borrow a coil for the drive back from breakfast and made it back, to then load and head to Austin. Seeing the area again was fun. Meeting the new friends and having time to visit more, likewise was enjoyable. Daniel Bratcher and I had talked before and had a used transmission brake drum for me to take to Alex Gillman, with the only requirement being that after the car is running, Daniel has the opportunity to tour with him. It was quite a gift.



1913 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup



Alex's 1915 Center Door Bare Bones

This Month's Program!

Debbie Cartwright has the program this month and will be talking about the 150th birthday of Elgin. They are having their sesquicentennial (150 years) Celebrations this year and have many events planned.





1909 Ford Model T Landauet



1912 Ford Model T Delivery Car

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The Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies meet monthly (except December) on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM Visitors are welcome! New Members are even more welcome!

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