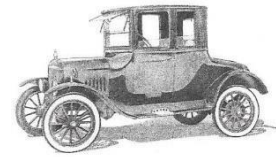


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Roger and Carolyn Spillers at a Father's Day Car Show

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President's Message



August is upon us and the hot summer of 2022 continues. The good news is that fall is now closer and hope springs eternal that it will bring some desperately needed rain and then cooler weather.

Thank you Jeff for the notification that Roger Spillers has died. Thank you also for those who shared kind words of his friendship, talent, and value to us all.

Our program this month will be given by my brother Arnold Romberg sharing his life history along the lines of an antique car runs through it. It has included an old Chevrolet through to Pearce Arrows. He has two Pearces for sale now to accommodate his “downsizing”.

The Romberg family took part in the West Lake Hills July 4th parade with four vehicles (a 1958 tractor, a 1921 Touring, a 1923 Depot Hack, and a 1929 Model A Sport Roadster). It was great fun with no mishaps, until on the way home, I led in the tractor and heard my daughter yelling my name behind me from the Model A, holding the transmission shift rod up in the air! Luckily they were in gear and managed to make it to our house even though there were two hills to climb to get there.

The A now has a new rebuilt transmission tower and works fine.

Peggy and I enjoyed a trip to the United Kingdom and Norway for 19 days in July, which stretched from the Isle of Wight to the North Kape of Norway, 15 days of which were on board the Viking Venus with many ports of call and excursions. The weather was 95% sunshine and cool. I can now share with you some new knowledge about King Crab, reindeer, the Ididarod huskies, black smithing, and running antique ship's engines.

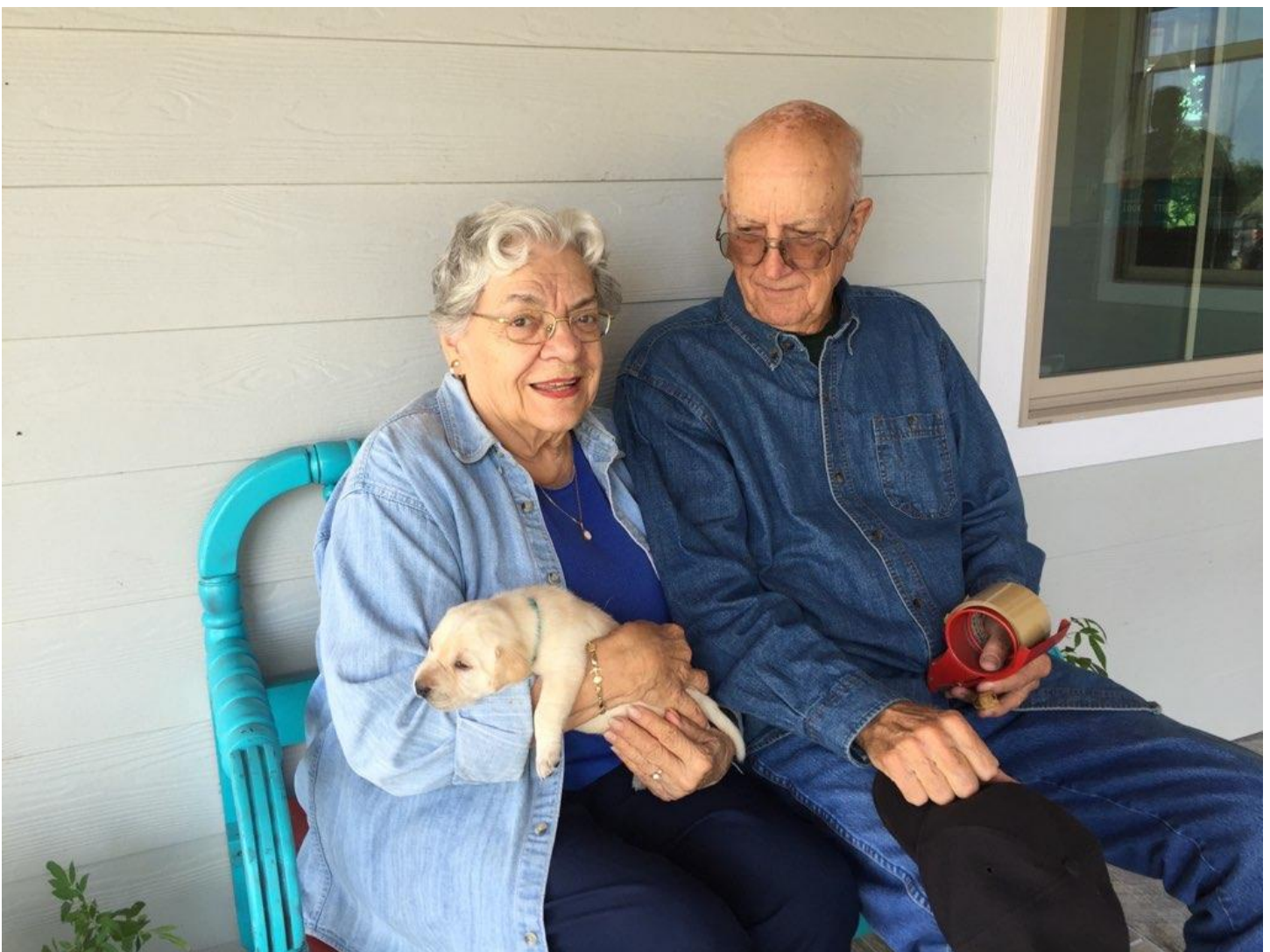
I look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening.

Tom Romberg

Model T Tip of the Month: A Forgotten Model T (Episode 4) Mounting New Tires on the Split Rims - 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.



Roger and Carolyn at home

MINUTES OF THE JULY 19th, 2022

MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



Meeting was convened at 7:08 PM by Steve Hadorn in President Pro-Tem in Tom Romberg's absence, at the Catfish Parlour, Big Cat Room. There were 14 members and 4 guests participating in the meeting. The minutes from the June meeting were approved with Joe Pinnelli making the motion and George Bruner seconding.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY JAN DONNELL:

The club's balance stayed the same as last month with no deposits and no expenditures.

WELLNESS REPORT:

- Joe Pinnelli attended the meeting and reported he is doing well at 4 weeks post-surgery. Karen Ross will have knee replacement surgery on July 22nd. Steve Hadorn asked if anyone knew how Jennifer Patterson was doing. Members said she was doing well at last report. We wish Jennifer well.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

No new members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Joe reported that unfortunately no one could attend the 4th of July Parade in Martindale this year.
- George Bruner's Ice Cream Social was well attended! He said that over 50 people came to explore his wonderful Museum and have Blue Bell!
- Steve and Cynthia Hadorn entered Tootsie in a car show in Fredericksburg June 4th. No trophy this year! Hot but lots of great cars!
- Steve submitted a story about Tootsie to the Model T Ford Club of America Magazine, The Vintage Ford. The story was printed in the January/February 2022 issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kingsbury Wings and Wheels Fly In is Saturday, November 13th 9-3. Mark your calendars!
- The VFW Bastrop car show is July 29th and 30th. It is for anyone that wants to participate.
- The Fredericksburg swap meet is July 29th and 30th.
- The Taylor car show is October 29th.
- T Party is in Hallettsville September 28-October 1, 2022.

CAR REPORT:

- Alex Gillman's parents were there. His dad said Alex was in Fort Jackson, S. Carolina at basic training.

He reported on the progress of Alex's car. He is looking for some washers for the transmission and asked for a tech day to get the transmission in the car.

- George finished his Corvette.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Randy Brown brought an old magazine, The Horseless Carriage Gazette, given to him by Hershel Payne many years ago.

PROGRAM PRESENTED BY JOHN ANDERSON

John showed a video of driving calamities with Model T's and other information. It looked a little like Austin Rush Hour! Thanks, John. It was very entertaining.

A motion was made by Joe Pinnelli to adjourn and seconded by Bob Ross. Steve Hadorn adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Hadorn, Secretary

A Tribute for Roger Spiller by Randy Brown

Roger was the epitome of an old car lover, be it antique, vintage, classic or '60s muscle car. His knowledge and skills were rooted in hands on experience, and he was always willing to share his abilities with anyone who asked. He had the talents to repair just about anything you brought to him, be it a clock or a gun or a piece of furniture. He was always positive and genuine, a true gentleman and friend.

Our club has lost yet another great asset.

Randy

A Tribute to Roger Spillers from Jeff Treadwell

Roger lived close to me and was always there to lend a hand or advice on a variety of subjects... old cars being down on the list. He was a steady hand and a good friend to me and will be missed. I will forward any information regarding services as I hear about them. Jeff

A few words from Vic about Roger Spillers.



Roger and Carolyn's 1924 Model T

Roger was a business man, a soldier, a craftsman, father, and mentor to many of us. Once upon a time, he and I worked together (after hours) in my shop for several members of our club and other collectors at large. He had more restoration experience than me (and I had been at it for more than 25 years at that time), and we worked well together. After that experience, he and I continued together for another few years. He knew that I had (forever) wanted a dual cowl phaeton, Classic Car. One day, a fellow club member who hailed from Dallas told me of such a car, owned by deceased Dallas-ite, that I might be interested in. Roger and I followed several good and some useless leads but finally were able to schedule a visit to the heirs of the car. It was a 1929 Stutz, extended wheelbase, dual cowl phaeton, a monster car. The only problem was that the car had been disassembled by the owner, the parts distributed through several buildings on the property, and after a few decades, he had died without ever starting restoration or assembly. All of the chrome trim parts were missing when we tried to conduct an inventory. Roger agreed to partner with me in the purchase and we marched off to Dallas to collect the car.

The parts inventory, the collection and transport of the car, and the meticulous assembly are all interesting stories, but the skills of Roger make a more interesting story. For example, the

phaeton top assemble consists of several bent wood bows and some metal hinge components. The front bow, which fastens to the windshield when the top is up, was rotted and mostly missing. Roger steam bent and fabricated a replacement bow, from white ash wood, and installed it to the top mechanism. You would swear it was original to the car. Cars of this vintage didn't use thermostats to regulate water temperature. Thermostats had not yet been invented. Instead, the cars were equipped with shutters in front of the radiator to restrict airflow and raise the water temperature. This was called a Pines Winter Front. The Stutz had one of those with vertical blades. These blades were all twisted out of shape due to being walked on while lying on the ground. Roger took that winter front home for repair. When he brought it back, it looked like new. Detail work like that is what Roger did and enjoyed.

Together, we got the Stutz together and running, but without any top material. We determined that we didn't want to invest any more time or money in this car and we couldn't afford to buy the other out. So, we decided to sell it. What to do?

When I told him about the Hershey Swap meet in Pennsylvania, he decided that was the place to take it. He had never been to Hershey. So, we got the car into one piece, loaded it into one of my trailers, and planned the trip to the annual Hershey Swap Meet in Pennsylvania. What an adventure.

Roger, and Jan and I drove up to Pennsylvania pulling the trailer while Roger's wife flew and met us along the way. We put the Stutz in the car corral of the swap meet and watched over it. It drew an unbelievable crowd, even though it was in primer and had no interior. It did however, run and drive. Roger had never been to Hershey and he couldn't stand around and just watch after the Stutz. He just had to walk through the rest of the swap meet. When returning to where Jan and I were with the Stutz, Roger noticed people in the crowd walking the other direction talking about the Texas Stutz. He said they were amazed at the spectacle and couldn't imagine it hadn't sold.

Well, it did sell, to a Spaniard who was escorted by a Tex-Mex interpreter. Well, the Spaniard gave us good money and the Tex-Mex interpreter came back to Texas with us to close the deal. The car was shipped and all was good. I miss that old car.

There is a lot more to this story.

Vic

Famous Quotes

Did you know that you need a hunting license in California to buy a mousetrap?

Member's Rides



Rob and Juan's 1927 Depot Hack

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Useless Facts Not Worth Noting

The name Wendy wasn't popular until it was used as a character name in the 1904 book "Peter Pan."

Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.

Some More Pictures of Roger Spillers



Member's Rides



Drew and Jennifer's 1924 Touring



Steve and Cynthia's 1924 Touring

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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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