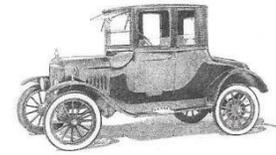




# Band Chatter



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The 2022 Walter Rosenthal Award Winner is a Club Member



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In case you didn't see this article from the May-June issue of the Vintage Ford magazine, our own Kathy Tagert won the prestigious Walter Rosenthal, which is the highest honor that the Model T Ford Club of America can bestow on a member.

Walt Rosenthal served as the first president and was always willing to lend a hand, donate a needed part or offer encouragement to newcomers. See the article on page 5 for more information.

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# President's Message



## Centex Tin Lizzies

The days are getting shorter and the mornings a little cooler. Isn't it nice? Football games are happening. Someone asked if I went to the game last Saturday. I said yes I went to the LHN game (Longhorn Network game). It was great.

This month's program is going to be presented by J. C. Carter with pictures from a very early Texas T Party Tour. Some of you will see your car or yourself in some of them.

Some of us are planning to go on this year's Texas T Party based in Hallettsville on September 28-31. Join us! If not, wish us good weather and good cheer.

Randy Brown and I met at Glen Gilman's to go to school and "help" on putting the transmission back together Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We failed the class, but luckily Randy brought a spare transmission, which appears to be in good shape. Glen is ordering a puller and some support pieces for the press assembly and maybe he will invite us to "help" again and hope for better results!

My Model A has gone to school at College Station (Ross Lilleker's) after developing an oil leak from the flywheel cover. The suggested cause was a worn rear main bearing allowing too much oil to pass through it. After removing the pan and the rear main bearing cap, it revealed that the bearing cap babbitt was cracked. Other telltale signs were a stopped up oil pump screen, sludge in the bottom of the

pan, and chunks of babbitt in the upper pan. So, the oil leak was the sign that it was time for the engine to be “freshened up” by Ross.

With the fall advancing, it is time for a tour! We are planning one for October 22 starting at our hosts, Steve and Cathy Witt in Spicewood. After gathering for “coffee and donuts” beginning at 9:00 a.m., we plan to drive Model T roads to Johnson City. There we will visit the Motorcycle Museum followed by lunch. Then we will tour back to the Witt’s. Plan to bring your cars and join us for a fun tour.

This past week, I found a good mechanic for my friend’s Kawasaki Mule, West Austin Power Sports Service. I will share the experience with anyone who wishes to hear it.

September 1, Peggy, and I celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary followed by her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 6<sup>th</sup> (I married an older woman!). Those events were fun. We are blessed to be in good health and have so many years!

See you Tuesday for our supper, if you wish, and our meeting.

Tom Romberg  
President

[Model T Tip of the Month: A Forgotten Model T \(Episode 5\) Engine Removal - 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.

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**Did you Know?:** The first U.S. toll roads opened in PA and CT in 1792

# MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## MEETING of THE CENTEX TIN LIZZIES



Meeting was convened at 7:03 PM by President Tom Romberg, at the Catfish Parlour, Big Cat Room. There were 19 members including new member Britanie Olvera, and 2 guests participating in the meeting. The minutes from the July meeting were approved with JC Carter 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.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY JOYCE SHIERLOW:

- Joyce reported that the club has one new member, Britanie Olvera.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Tom Romberg reported on the T-Party agenda.

### RAFFLE DRAWING BY GLEN SCHILLER:

- The Raffle total amount was \$63. Alex's father, Glen Gillman, won the drawing and generously donated it back to the club.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Glen Schiller reported on the Pflugerville Harvest Fest to be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are asking for cars to be in the parade.
- The San Antonio club is having a drive from the Transportation Museum
- Joe Pinnelli reported that Andy Fish wants to refurbish a church in Lampasas.
- JC Carter reported for all that are interested that the Taylor Car Show will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 800 cars were there last year.

### CAR REPORT:

- Richard has his car running and is now waiting on the title.
- Glen Gillman says that Alex's car is coming along.

PROGRAM PRESENTED BY ARNOLD ROMBERG:

**“My Old Car Experience”**

It started in 1948 when he was 14 with a 1933 Chevrolet. Then in 1974 he bought his first Pierce Arrow Motorcycle, 1912 Model. His first Pierce Arrow car was a 1929 Club Sedan. The second was a 1923 Landalet, and the third Pierce was a 1930 model which he purchased in 1981. Arnold loves cars he can drive...No trailer queens for him! Thank you, Arnold for the interesting program!

A motion was made by George Bruner to adjourn and seconded by Bob Ross.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Hadorn, Secretary

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**Members Rides:**



Joyce Shirlow's 1915 Model T Couplet

**Did You Know:** The soda 7-UP got its name because it originally was sold in 7-ounce bottles and the direction that the carbonation bubbles rose was UP.

# Walter Rosenthal Award



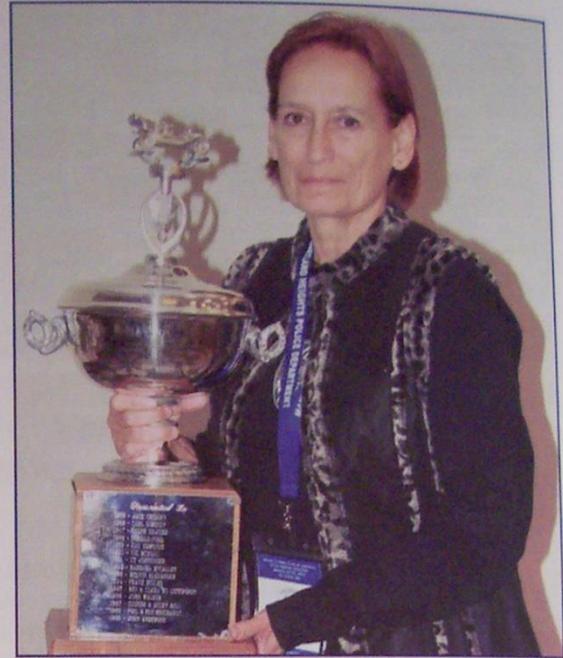
2022 Recipient: Kathy Tagert  
of Destin, Florida

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The 2022 Rosenthal award recipient, Kathy Tagert, does just that. She's active with members and chapters. She sponsors new members in the Club and the Youth Explorer program. She's always thinking, active, and encouraging, while looking for ways to connect members with each other. Her passion for the Model T and its rich history is contagious.



It seems wherever Kathy Tagert goes in her Model Ts, she usually has a pair of sidekicks along for the ride.



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She readily shares her family's Model T collection and information with those new to the hobby. In this past year, Kathy gathered high-dollar and desirable Model T donations to raffle at events raising much needed funds for the Youth Explorer program. She's already at it again for this year's upcoming National Tour.

She's become a force to be reckoned with when it comes to representing the MTFCA at swap meets, regional events, local tours, and the National Tours—she's never met a stranger. She's often found selling MTFCA merchandise to help support the Model T Museum.

Most impressive has been her determination to see the MTFCA grow. Since 2021, Kathy has worked with several Model T enthusiasts across the US, sending them chapter start-up information, leading them through the MTFCA charter process, and, most importantly, connecting members in the area. Three of those groups have successfully established new Model T chapters.

## Another Members Ride



Tom & Peggy Romberg's Unrestored 1921 Touring Car

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Did You Know: Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

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This Month's Program! Will be a video of an old Texas T Party by J.C. Carter.

Did you Know?: Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

Did you Know?: A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel.

# Ford and Innovation

By John Anderson

For many years, I held the belief that Ford was so large in sales because Ford cars were out front in innovation. Then I began to sniff reality and it didn't smell very good. Historically, we can find that Ford was dead last or at least very close in nearly all of the significant aspects of safety, performance and convenience of the engine and automobile - including but surely not limited to:

- four wheel brakes
- a door at the driver's side
- clutch and selective gear transmission
- battery/distributor ignition and lights
- self starter
- hydraulic brakes
- a spring at each wheel
- independent front wheel suspension
- automatic transmission
- overhead valve engine.

Perhaps one of the longest standing automotive myths is that Henry Ford had the original idea for the V8 type engine, but Cadillac (1914), Oldsmobile (1916 and 1929), and Chevrolet (1917) all had V8 engines before Ford had their first in 1932. As the general public became more educated and the various makes starting to boast of their accomplishments, the word began "leaking" out that Ford had been the first to figure out how to cast the V8 engine block as a "one piece" casting and referred to as a mono-block. Then as the masses get even better educated, it is remembered that the Oldsmobile Viking of 1929 had a V8 with a mono-block type engine.

What all this boils down to is that perhaps Henry did introduce a cheap mono-block V8 in 1932, but it was by no means his original idea.

Over the years I have read many pieces stating that Henry Ford and the Model T deserve credit for the planetary gearing used in automatic transmissions of today. Maybe so, but Alanson P. Brush held the patents on the copper water jacket, variable lift intake valve, mixer, planetary transmission, and adjustable rack and pinion steering. By 1906, the impact of the Brush patents

would start a drastic change in Cadillac design. Brush's transmission is the real origin of the planetary gearing - not Ford.

Now, after the above remarks who then is responsible for the major achievements in the development of the automobile? The number one person on my list would a little known genius named Charles Kettering.

In 2001 we were being bombarded with hype from Ford and the willing media about Ford's purported 100 years of racing fame. If we look at the history of Ford's so-called accomplishments we find that a great deal of it stinks. In the highly lauded 1901 race (and only race Henry ever ran) between Henry and Winton, the Ford account indicates that it was billed and promoted as a race between only these two and drew a crowd of many thousand spectators. The truth is that it was promoted as a race among some 16 different auto manufacturers and at that time Henry was not one, his previous attempts having failed. My guess is that Henry heard about it and showed up with his car, hoping to get in the race. There were several preliminary or heat races before the main event that Henry did not race in, and many of the cars in the heats were damaged or had mechanical problems so that only three, including Henry's, appeared for the main event. One of the three dropped out, leaving Henry and Winton, and due to the extra time the heats had taken the main was shortened from 25 to 10 laps. Henry won the 10 lap event when the Winton car had engine problems.

Ford produced reliable cars at a reasonable price. He had a loyal buyer base that stuck with him through several trying times, such as when he shut down production to replace the Model T with the Model A, and in the difficult period before the really new Ford post war automobile was built in 1949. And today, Ford can proudly point to the fact that it did not receive a government bailout.

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Arnold Romberg's first Pierce-Arrow a 1929 (SWB) Club Sedan

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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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