



## August 2025 President's Message

July was quite a month as we had a troop of LBMTC drivers and cars at the Leisure World 4th of July Car Show, and of course the World-Famous Parts Exchange. Jeff Hood did the Club proud taking home a trophy from the car show. His truck always seems to get more looks than some of the flashy and expensive cars. The Parts Exchange was once again a great success. I couldn't believe how quick we were set up on Friday and the take down on Saturday. We had twenty-two members helping set up and working the event. Many thanks to all those who participated and made the Swap Meet a success.



Special thanks go out to Jeff Hood who has taken on the Herculean task of the Swap Meet. For the past several years he organizes vendors spaces, advertises, sells the spaces, is the contact person for the vendors and coordinates all things Swap Meet. As this year's swap meet was underway, Jeff was already working on next year's event. He was going to all the vendors, selling spots for next year. Jeff's wife Jane gets a special thanks for letting Jeff take over the dining room table as the swap meet headquarters.

We had two members of Donut Media visit Tom Leroux's shop. Donut media is a group that does U-tube videos about automobile apparatuses. They were interested in doing a comparison of the Model T engine and a modern four-cylinder engine. After the tour and Chris Craig showing them a crank start, the guests want to do something more about the Model T; stay tuned for updates.

August will be a fun month with the usual meetings, garage and breakfast with an interesting tour. The tour will be to The Jordan Family Classic Car Event space. Not only will they have classic cars, but it is also a location for events. This will be very interesting.

Have you ever wondered about the providence of your car, heard a story about the hobby or a tale that occurred on a tour but can't recall the details. John Bowman is working on a project to help solve that by developing a podcast program with a Model T format. He will do the recording during the program portion of the meeting, and topics will consist of stories about the history of individuals T's, how people got their T's and other T related stories. The podcasts will help preserve the stories and history of the Hobby and share it with future generations.

Gary Guacci mentioned that next year will be the 100-year anniversary of Route 66. He has graciously offered to check on events with the Centennial Commission. Gary will be traveling to Minnesota until November and will check on any events we could be involved in. While he is in Minnesota, he may be volunteered to be the Route 66 Committee Chairman for the club (just kidding). Seriously, if anyone has any ideas how the club could celebrate this milestone in the history of the nation, please let me know in an email, or bring the idea up at a meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Tim O'Gorman