



The Buzz



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The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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A Trip to the Eclipse - April 6, 2024

By Ken Lefebber

On my way to view the total solar eclipse in Illinois in April, I stopped to visit the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan in Dixon, Illinois. I did not realize he came from such humble beginnings.



Apparently his dad always had a hard time keeping a steady job, so the family struggled to make ends meet. His mom would send him and his brother to the butcher shop on Fridays to ask the butcher if he could give them some left-over scraps to feed the cat and dog.

When they got home, their mom would make a stew out of it to feed the family because they didn't have a cat or dog!

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UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

May 6

Model T Day at
Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School
Details are inside.

May 25-27

Destination Door County 2024
Runaway Lodge: 920-746-4046 for room availability if interested

June 1

Yellowstone Trail Day
A self-guided tour visiting historical societies in communities along this historic route. Full details are inside.

June 8

Tin Lizzie University & Work Day
& Ladies' Day activities - Rich Edler's place, Waldo Details inside

June 15

Tour to The Venerable Fire Collection
A joint activity with the Milwaukee Club
Tour starts in Brookfield, but join in anywhere. See details inside.

June 22

Tour in South Central Wisconsin
Courtesy of Tony & Elizabeth Ziehmke Full details are inside.

August 24

Malone Moonshine Trail Tour
A BYO event courtesy of Kevin Bruso, the tour begins at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allenton. Details are TBA.

September 21

Richfield Area Tour to the Threshere
Courtesy of Sharon & Tod Wirth -Tour the area and end up at the Richfield Historical Park for their annual Threshere. Details TBA

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President: Tod Wirth * Treasurer: Ken Lefeber

Vice President: Kevin Bruso * Secretary: Jim Rodell, Jr.

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His dad was somewhat known as the neighborhood mechanic and would repair Model T's in their backyard to earn a few extra dollars. As the story goes, one day when young Ronnie came home from school, there were 5 or 6 cars in their backyard under various degrees of repair.



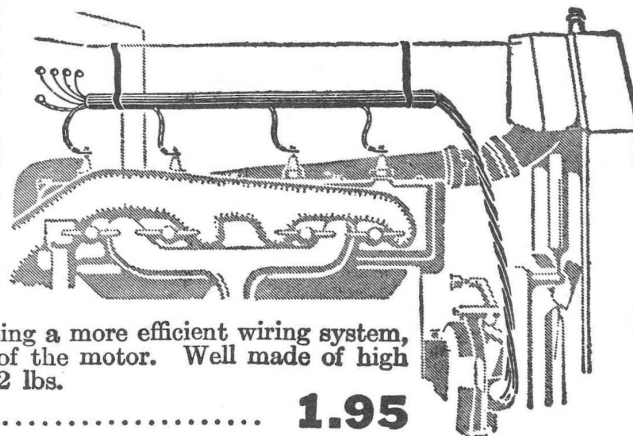
The day I was there, the guy they had working to get their Model T running was returning it because he couldn't fix it. They were hoping to get it running so they can use it in parades to promote the historical site. Right now they just push it out of the shed on nice days to let people look at it. So now you know about Ronald Reagan's connection to Model Ts. Bet you didn't!

One of the things I like about visiting museums is, you never know what you might discover, like this uniquely shaped milk bottle and spoon. The cream would rise into the upper part of the bottle and the milk would stay in the lower part. The spoon could be used to scoop the cream out or to use it as a stopper on the narrow neck of the bottle, so you could pour the cream out into your coffee, while keeping the milk in the lower part of the bottle.

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Congratulations to our own Jim & Sandy Hess!

Jim and Sandy were recognized recently by the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) for their 1923 Runabout. This is for outstanding restoration of a 1921 through 1942 antique vehicle entered in an AACA Nationals event for each division and is for senior vehicles only (cars that have already won their first junior award). This is established by the Holley Foundation.

George M. Holley Excellence Award

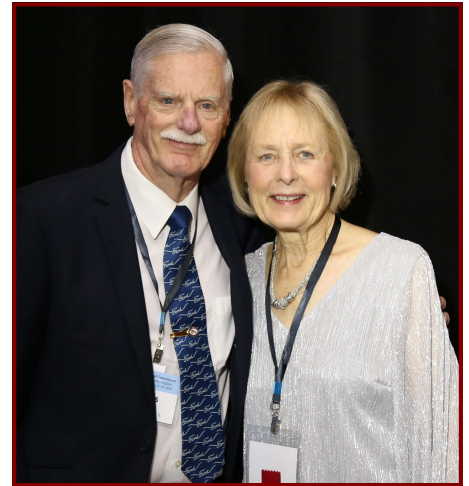
Outstanding restoration of senior car, 1921-42 - Central

1923 Ford Model T

James & Sandra Hess

Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

James purchased his Ford roadster in December 1971. At the time it was in good running order and very presentable. For many years, he and Sandra enjoyed driving it, until a broken crankshaft sidelined the car in 2009. While waiting for the engine to be rebuilt, the decision was made to embark on a total restoration. James did all of the disassembly and reassembly work. The Model T reached peak production and sales numbers in the early 1920s. Ford built more than two million in 1923 alone, and more than half of all cars sold worldwide were Model Ts by 1924.



Thanks to the AACA and West Peterson for permission to reprint this article.

Fritz and Diane's '26 Tudor (formerly Schultz's), shared the spotlight at a 1920's themed wedding held at the Chandelier Ballroom on April 27th. It seems that there was some difficulty in getting the car to start. The bride stepped in and flexed her muscles to get the job done. Now we know who will be wearing the pants in *this* marriage! Good fun was had by all!

Congratulations to newlyweds Eva & Kyle!





Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of April 7, 2024 Business Meeting

The spring meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Dave DeYoung on Sunday, April 7 at DeO’s Pizzaria Pub in Plymouth, Wisconsin. The meeting opened with the United States pledge of allegiance.

<u>Members present were:</u>	Andy & Sue Anderson	Jan Guell	Denis Pulvermacher
	John & Carol Brodtke	Pete & Shelly Humphrey	Marshal Reysen
	Kevin Bruso	Jerry Johnson	Jim & Colleen Rodell
	Dave & Gail DeYoung	Dan Krueger	Diane Scheid
	Richard Edler and Jackson	Jack Leonhardt	Rick & Irene Schwechler
	John & Tammy Fischer	Rob Maasch	Gordy Sharapata
	DeWayne Fritz	Jeffrey Pagels	Billy Vrana
	Shawn Gerrits	Gary Prost	Tod & Sharon Wirth

Guests at the meeting were Jeff & Rene Fritz and Mitch Fritz.

Denis Pulvermacher moved to dispense the reading of the minutes from the November 5, 2023 business meeting and to approve the minutes as printed in the November, 2023 issue of “The Buzz”. Tod Wirth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President Kevin Bruso announced that he had no business to report as vice president, but was taking the place of Treasurer Ken Lefebber, not in attendance. Kevin distributed and summarized the Treasurer’s Report with a beginning balance of \$3365.24 and ending balance of \$3144.02. Tod Wirth moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. John Brodtke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. had no business to report.

Newsletter editor Pete Humphrey reported on “The Buzz”.

President Dave DeYoung relayed a message from Keith Gumbinger, not in attendance, that he has changed the Dairyland Tin Lizzies Facebook page to members only, after discussion at the November 5 business meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pete Humphrey reported on the Christmas party held January 6 at Alma’s Café in Allenton. 39 members attended. Thanks to Pete & Shelly for planning this event.

Billy Vrana reported on Tin Lizzie University held at Vrana Frame & Body Shop on January 20. Billy reported a good turnout. Billy would like to host this event again in 2025, but would like help developing the topics and presentations. Thank you to Billy for hosting this event and providing lunch.

Diane Scheid reported on Ladies’ Day held during Tin Lizzie University. Five ladies enjoyed visiting shops, eating lunch, and viewing ice sculptures in downtown West Bend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shawn Gerrits reported that he was in contact with Mr. Jerry Zeamer of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Mr. Zeamer and KML would like us to return for another day of “Model T’s at School”. The primary date will be May 7, with a secondary date of May 9 in case of inclement weather on May 7. Tammy Fischer volunteered to help with food as needed. Tourings, sedans, and other 4 passenger vehicles are preferred. President DeYoung reminded members that as representatives of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies and the Model T Ford hobby, it is important to drive safely and to set good examples for the young people we are interacting with at this event.

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Pete Humphrey announced that Destination Door County tour plans for May 25-27 are in progress. The tour will depart from the Kohler Company Generator Plant parking lot at 9 a.m.

Rich Edler will host the Tin Lizzie University Summer Session at his facilities near Waldo on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 9 a.m. A swap meet will take place in the back lot. Tod Wirth will bring his coil testing equipment and expertise. Lunch will include broasted chicken. A \$10 donation per person will be collected to cover the cost of lunch. Jack Leonhardt volunteered his wife Barb to plan a “Girl’s Day” outing for the same time period.

President DeYoung announced the June 22 tour in the Portage area being planned by Tony & Elizabeth Ziehmke. A flyer for the tour was in the March issue of “The Buzz” and requested some input from the membership. Dave encouraged members to respond.

Tod Wirth announced that he is planning a short tour for September 21 which will end at the Richfield Historical Society thresher.

Gregg Zangl was not in attendance to provide more details about his Fall TT Tour.

Jim Rodell, Jr. announced details and distributed flyers for Yellowstone Trail Day on June 1. Four historical societies on the Yellowstone Trail (Slinger, Theresa, Lomira, and Byron) will be open that day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour instructions will take participants from one location to the next via the Yellowstone Trail. The event is for both antique automobiles and modern vehicles. For those who would like to trailer their Model T to this event, parking for trailers and tow vehicles is available at the Slinger History Museum.

Kevin Brusco shared plans for his “Moonshine Tour” to be held August 24. The tour will begin at Zion Lutheran Church parking lot north of Allenton and will travel to the Malone area.

President Dave DeYoung announced that his daughter Rebecca was inspired by the “Model T’s at School” event to bring Model T’s to the school where she teaches, Etude Alternative High School in Sheboygan. The event will be on April 24 from noon to 2 p.m. Dave will take a Model T to the event and would like more members to bring their Model T’s.

Jack Leonhardt announced that Bill Kvindlog would like to sell his 1923 Ford flatbed truck used at his model airplane ranch. The vehicle has a wide drum transmission and 1933 Ford wheels.

Jeff Pagels reported that Sandy Stock has passed away. Jeff is in contact with granddaughter Katie and will notify the Dairyland Tin Lizzies if and when there may be an auction sale of the Stock’s collection.

Kevin Brusco announced that Larry Lamont is interested in selling his 1915 Ford roadster with turtledeck and wood pickup body.

Model T restoration videos and a video about the Yellowstone Trail are available from club librarian Pete Humphrey.

A tentative date for the fall business meeting was set for October 27, 2024.

President Dave DeYoung opened the election of officers by stating that he did not wish to run for re-election. Jim Rodell, Jr. nominated Tod Wirth for president. Shelly Humphrey nominated Pete Humphrey for president. John Brodtke nominated Kevin Brusco for vice-president. Jim Rodell, Jr. nominated Ken Lefebber for treasurer. Denis Pulvermacher seconded the motion. Pete Humphrey nominated Jim Rodell, Jr. for secretary. Dave DeYoung seconded the motion. A paper ballot election was held for the office of president. Tod Wirth was elected as president of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies with 19 votes vs. 12 votes. Kevin Brusco, Ken Lefebber, and Jim Rodell, Jr. remain in their offices unopposed.

John Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Pagels seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies





Model T's at School



May 6, 2024 7:30am - 3pm

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School

3399 Division Road

(Hwy G., just north of Sherman Rd.)

Jackson, WI

Help bring history to life for American History students at KML while they are learning about Henry Ford and the American industrial revolution. We have the opportunity to meet with as many as five classes throughout the day for about 40 minutes each.

Our itinerary will include a brief history of Henry Ford, the Ford Motor Company and the Model T. We will then demonstrate some of the unique characteristics of our Tin Lizzies and provide Model T rides.

This is an excellent opportunity to promote our hobby by sharing our knowledge and Model Ts with the next generation.



Please RSVP to Shawn Gerrits at 920-382-6442 if you can attend.



Yellowstone Trail Day

Saturday June 1, 2024

9 am to 3 pm

The Yellowstone Trail began in 1912 when a group of South Dakota businessmen worked to establish a route from Boston to Seattle for early automobile tourists to travel cross country and visit Yellowstone National Park. In southeast Wisconsin, the Yellowstone Trail followed the route of Hwy. 175 in Washington, Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. Many businesses catering to the influx of automobile tourists sprung up along the trail. The Yellowstone Trail Association provided maps, marked the trail with signs and painted yellow arrows, and promoted the route until the 1930's. The YTA again promotes the Yellowstone Trail as a fun and historical auto route today.

Learn more about local history and the Yellowstone Trail on Yellowstone Trail Day!

Byron, Lomira, Slinger and Theresa historical societies will be open to welcome visitors on **Saturday, June 1** from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Start at any of the locations and get your free Yellowstone Trail tour guide to begin your time travel experience and see landmarks from the era still here today! Visit multiple historical societies in one day! Enjoy a fun day on the road with other vehicles, old and new, celebrating the history of:

"A Good Road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound".

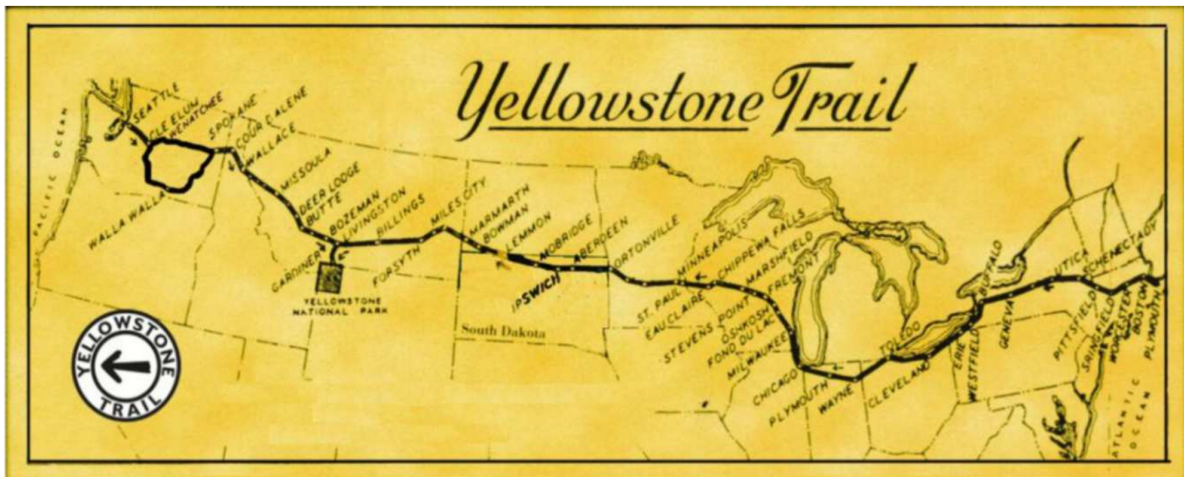
Byron Historical Society
Byron Town Hall
N3097 Highway 175
Byron, Wisconsin

Lomira Historical Society
Silver Leaf School @ Sterr Park
Pleasant Hill Ave.
Lomira, Wisconsin

Slinger Historical Museum
414 Kettle Moraine Drive S.
Slinger, Wisconsin

Theresa Historical Society
Solomon Juneau House
201 S. Milwaukee St.
Theresa, Wisconsin

For more information, contact Jim at 262-224-9734





Dairyland Tin Lizzies University & Work Day

Saturday, June 8, 2024

9am - whenever

Where?: Rich Edler's shop
W4502 Clear View Road, Waldo

- What?:**
- Swap meet– Buying and selling parts, tools and everything else. Bring your own tables as well as items to sell.
 - Coil testing and adjustment courtesy of Tod Wirth. Tune up you coils for the touring season!
 - Broasted Chicken lunch from Chissy's: \$10 per person
 - Projects are to be determined but items under discussion include: magnet recharging, babbeting, safety inspection & getting Fritz's '15 Touring running smooth with a new carburetor. Have an idea or a request for a project or presentation?
Let Rich or Pete know.
 - Lots of fun, socializing and non-stop "T-talk"

Ladies' Day events will coincide with shop the activities.

For further information and to RSVP for Ladies' Day,
contact Barb Leonhardt: 920-918-1392

Dairyland Tin Lizzies members:

We are invited to join the Milwaukee club as they tour to The Venerable Fire Collection on June 15th. This is possibly the finest collection of antique fire equipment anywhere and we are lucky to have this right here in Southeast Wisconsin.

The tour will begin at McDonalds in Brookfield, then on to Jackson for some brunch at 10:30 and then to the Museum at 12:30. We can join anywhere on the route (Moorland Road/Pilgrim, to Hwy 145, to Hwy P, to Hwy 60 Jackson for brunch, Hwy 60 back to Hwy P north to Cedar Creek to Hillside then Museum) or just *at* the Museum. The museum is requesting a \$10 donation per person.

See below for further information.



Saturday June 15, 2024

Founded in 1961, the Venerable Fire Collection Inc. is a non profit and tax exempt, educational foundation, with the sole purpose of preserving for perpetuity the essence of an era only recently past. The collection consists of 40 pieces of fire fighting apparatus and an extensive collection of fire fighting memorabilia dating back to 1860. We will meet at McDonalds on Moorland road across from Brookfield Square at 9:00AM. We expect to leave at 9:30AM and drive north to Jackson where we will have brunch, leaving at Noon to arrive at the Museum at 12:30PM After enjoying the Museum we will depart the Museum and return home on our own. This is a rain or shine event. If either the weather or your Model T is not cooperating, bring your modern iron. Please RSVP by June 1, 2024 so that we can coordinate

out tour activities.

JEFF SCHMITTINGER (262) 307-5167

For those that are not near the Brookfield Square, you can join the tour on the Route. We plan on driving north on Moorland road, then Pilgrim to Hwy 145. Then Northwest to Hwy P to Hwy 60. Brunch will be in Jackson. After Brunch, will we take Hwy 60 back to Hwy P, then North to Cedar Creek Road, west to Hillside road, North to the Museum.

Come join us in South Central Wisconsin

A Day (and a half?) hosted by Tony and Elizabeth Ziehmke

When: June 22, 2024 – Anticipated 9:30 Departure from Portage, WI (exact meet location TBD, but will hopefully be in the vicinity of the Ridge Motor Inn noted below)

DAY 1: Approximately 70-75 miles planned with 2 stops.



Departing from Portage we'll see country roads and "Cruise the Strip" through downtown Wisconsin Dells. Lunch will be in Lake Delton. The primary stop will be at the Aldo Leopold Foundation (<https://www.aldoleopold.org/>) after lunch with time to refresh and see the museum, see the famous Leopold Shack and/or take a walk on the nature paths as desired.

After seeing the Leopold center, we'll tour through some of the Baraboo river lowlands and over the Baraboo Bluffs. There will be some hills, but we'll keep Hill Climb pitches to a minimum. The second stop will "hopefully" be the Rowley Creek Lavender Farm in the Baraboo Hills. The tour date is

right up against their anticipated opening weekend, so this is TBD. We intend to drive a few of the classic "milk roads" in the hills and final routing will shuffle slightly based on some anticipated construction in the area.

The Ice Cream Stop will be late in the day in Portage.

DAY 2: If there is enough interest from the group, we have a rough idea of a couple of half-day tour options.

Ideally, we would originate from Portage with a 30 or so mile drive ending in the Columbus area – likely at Sassy Cow for lunch and Ice Cream (Or Ice Cream, then lunch!) Those driving east could continue on their way.

If you intend to come over the night before and/or overnight the night of, we would likely recommend the Ridge Motor Inn in Portage. There is generally capacity for trailer parking as well as a restaurant on site.

Please let us know if you plan to join us and if you would be interested in a Sunday half-day segment.

Email or call/text Tony with questions and feedback ziehmke@gmail.com 608-772-4282. We are excited to share our area with you.

UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

Little Hershey Swap Meet & Cruise In

Hosted by the Rockford Model T Club

Belvidere, Illinois, USA Saturday, May 18, 2024

Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Richmond's Historic Depot District

Richmond, Indiana, USA May 29 - June 1, 2024

MTFCA National Tour - Trails Less Traveled

Hosted by the Model T Ford Club of San Diego

San Diego, California USA June 16-20, 2024

67th Annual MTFCI Tour

Hosted by Western Michigan Chapter

Cadillac, Michigan USA July 13-20, 2024

Michigan Jamboree of T's!

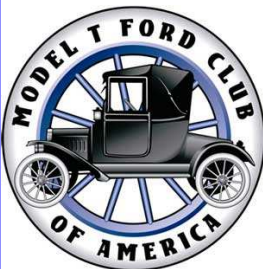
Hosted by the Casual T's

Bay City, Michigan USA August 7-10, 2024

Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by the West Central Indiana Model Ters

Parke County, Indiana, USA September 28 - October 2, 2024



Become a member of the Model T Ford Club of America. Active membership includes all the privileges of the Club, including six issues of **The Vintage Ford**, free admission to the Model T Museum for member and immediate family and one voting ballot per member-family for election of the Club's Board of Directors. Annual dues are \$50 for the U.S. Lifetime memberships are available. Owning a Model T automobile is not required, but it sure makes your membership a lot more fun!

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The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
 Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.
 Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
 Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
 The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10mph.
 The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
 The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
 A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000/yr., a dentist \$2,500/ yr.,
 a veterinarian between \$1,500 - \$4,000/yr., and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000/yr. More
 than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!
 Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned
 in the press AND the government as 'substandard'.

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
 Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
 Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering their country for any reason.

The American Flag had 45 stars.
 The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30!
 Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
 There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had
 graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
 There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE USA!