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Tin Lizzie University 2007 at Vrana's Body Shop was once again a big success.



Chapter of the MTFCA



By Keith Gumbinger

Hi Everyone,

Spring is here and many of us have already been out driving our T's around!

I'm sure glad that winter is over, especially after that big snow storm wiped out the Swap Meet on February 25th. The Swap Meet has been re-scheduled for Saturday, April 7th. We will have a table at the Swap Meet, and Carol and I will set it up. As the day goes on, we would appreciate it if any of you could help out at the table for awhile so we can look around also.

Also coming up soon is our Spring Business Meeting on Sunday, April 15th. There's a flyer in this issue of The Buzz with all the details. I'm looking forward to seeing the Gerrits Family Depot Hack as I've heard a lot about it and hear that it's really nice.

A very important part of this meeting is the election of officers for the next year. I've been President for 3 years, and since we adhere to the rules of the National club, the Model T Ford Club of America, that has a 3 year term limit, we will elect a new President at this meeting. Nominations are open.....

On March 24th we had our 2nd Model T University for this year at Harry & Barb Nelezens' place. The men did a safety inspection on Harry's '26 T Coupe and the ladies enjoyed a demonstration of candle making and also saw the soap that Barb makes. It was also fun to see the restored log cabin and the covered bridge that Harry built on their farm as well as their other cars and things they collect. Thank you Harry and Barb, we had a great time. Afterwards many of us went out to dinner at a neat little Mexican place in Oconomowoc that was arranged by Chris Doleshal. Thank you Chris!

We have two new members to welcome since our last issue of The Buzz: Duane and Nita Nicholson from Rochester, WI who have a '22 T Coupe, and Mable Stechmesser of Two Rivers who has a '26 T Roadster. Welcome to the Dairyland Tin Lizzies!

Best wishes – Hope to see you at these next two events.

Fordially, Keith Gumbinger

Spring Business Meeting and “Our T wants to meet your T Party”

April 15th, 2007 at the International Association of Machinists and
Aerospace Workers Lodge No. 873
Union Hall in Horicon, WI.

Business meeting starts at ***NOON*** with a party to follow.

The Gerrits family finally finished building my body and putting me together for good. I'm a 1924 Ford model T Depot Hack. It's been 2 ½ years that they have been working on me. I have a brand new wood body with nice shiny black sheet metal. I have new seats, a rebuilt front end, a rebuilt rear end and a brand new motor. I'm ready to hit the road. I'm looking for other Model T's to go on tour with. You're all invited to come and meet me on April 15th 2007. We'll have plenty of food so don't miss the party. Please come so I can meet some new T's. **Also, please call or email my owners, Shawn & Melissa Gerrits, so they know how many are coming.**
(Phone 920-382-6447, email shawng57@yahoo.com)*

Sincerely,
Beatrice

The Union hall is across the street from Kwik Trip. Behind the Union hall is the parking lot and where you will find Beatrice. Enter the building from the back lower parking lot. The park and the Rock River are also behind the Union hall.

Lodge No. 873, 258 Barstow St., Horicon, WI 53032

***Shawn & Melissa haven't heard from many of you; please let them know if you're coming so they can have a head count for food planning etc.**

Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Events Schedule

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| April 7 | Swap Meet at the Washington County Fairgrounds rescheduled from February 8am until 3pm |
| April 15 | Spring Business Meeting and Election of Officers 12 NOON at the Union Hall in Horicon, WI |
| June 9 | Yerkes Observatory/Lake Geneva tour |
| June 23 & 24 | Old Falls Village Days |
| July 14-22 | MTFCI Annual Tour in Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| July 29 | Flivver Fest |
| August 18 | Model T Day in Hartford |
| September 15 | Hill and Valley Tour in Cross Plains, WI |
| September 16 | Richfield Days |
| November TBA | Fall Business Meeting location TBD |

There are a lot of open weekend dates in the prime summer months for one day or overnight tours that can be scheduled. (*Rumor has it that there are 2 more tours being added to the summer schedule*) If you have a favorite place that you like to drive your T, think about putting a tour together and sharing that favorite place or drive on "Model T" roads with the rest of the club. Most of us don't need much of a reason to get the T's out on the road for a fun tour and explore new areas.

Mark your calendars for the above events and let's have a good turnout!

TIN LIZZIE UNIVERSITY

Winter Session

Tin Lizzie University was once again a great success with the best turnout of membership to date for the winter session which is held at Vrana's Body Shop in West Bend. Professors for the day were Keith Gumbinger, Jim Hess, Dan Schultz, and Joe Vrana. Some of the topics covered were ignition switches, pedal cams, front end alignment, and pre-1926 sediment bowls. Snacks and refreshments were on hand as well as plenty of expertise and Model T tidbits for all in attendance. There were some first time "students" and spouses in attendance as well and I hope they enjoyed the presentations. At the conclusion of the afternoon of learning many of the members went out for a bite to eat just up the road at a pub and grub. If you haven't had a chance to make it to one of the winter Model T sessions mark your calendar for next year and be sure to attend, they are very informative and fun.

Spring Session

This year there was a second Tin Lizzie University session and it was held at Harry and Barb Nelezen's farm just west of Oconomowoc. This session also included a candle making presentation for the ladies in attendance given by Barb; also of interest were a restored covered bridge and a log cabin from the 1800's on the property. For the rest in attendance Keith Gumbinger and Jim Hess covered a safety inspection using the MTFCA inspection form on Harry's 1926 coupe. Jim also had a detailed presentation of the steering column, front wheel bearings and how to correctly pack the front bearings. The car was on a lift which made for a great hand on presentation. It was a beautiful spring day for this second installment of Tin Lizzie University and enjoyed by all and capped off with a meal at an Oconomowoc restaurant.



Restored covered bridge on Harry Nelezen property



One room 1800's log cabin



An interior look at the cabin with some of DTL senior members



Another look inside



Jim Hess going over the ins and outs of the steering column with very interested club members as part of the safety inspection workshop at Harry & Barb Nelezen's place