

The Buzz

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Time to think about getting those T's ready for the upcoming touring season kicking off with another winter session of Tin Lizzie University Saturday February 21, 2009.



Chapter of the MTFCA



President's Message

By Kevin Bruso

Looking back at 2008, The Dairyland Tin Lizzies really had another great year of activities. We were pretty lucky with weather, and we were very lucky to have a few of our members pull through some tough health situations. A big thank you to all of those who planned an event or tour, especially the folks who put on the three overnight tours, which took our group all over the state.

2008 also marked the 100th anniversary of the Model T, and there were several celebrations held throughout the year, the largest of those being the event held in Richmond, Indiana. Being an attendee of that event really was a great experience, and the week really highlighted all of the things that are right about our hobby. With approximately 900 Model T's in attendance, you were sure to find an example of your favorite year or body style to look at. The planning that developed the event was incredible, and there were so many things to do and enjoy, it was impossible to do it all. The tours were incredibly well laid out, covering some great back country roads, some of which were so old and narrow, it was like going back in time.

As an extension of the celebration, our club was invited by Ford Motor Co. to be a part of their display at the EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh the following week. This event was something relatively new to our group, but was a great event, and we had a total of 17 cars show up. Some of the group participated in transporting the pilots on the flight line during the air show, and we all gave rides to the public on the second day. It was really a lot of fun, and we met some folks from all over the world. Over 500 people signed up to go for a ride.

Make sure you take a look at the calendar of upcoming events, and join us for those that you can attend. This year's "Tin Lizzie University" winter workshop looks to be a good one, with several interesting topics being covered. Please make every effort to attend the spring business meeting coming up in April, as you will be electing your officers for the coming year, and don't forget, annual club dues are due at that time. We also need ideas for tours and activities for 2009, so if you have any thoughts, please bring them with you to the meeting. If you can't attend, please contact me, or another member to share any ideas for tours. I have said this before, but remember, you don't have to put an event on all by yourself, there's plenty of people who can give you a hand, all you have to do is ask.

Respectfully,

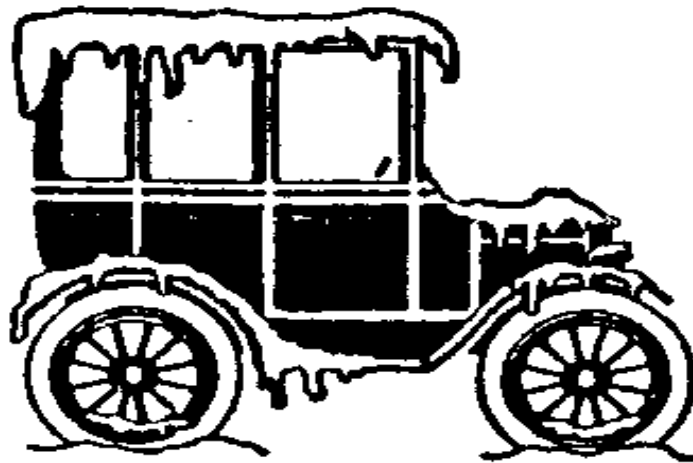
Kevin Bruso

Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Upcoming events

February 21st, 2009 Tin Lizzie University
Vrana Auto Body, West Bend

April 19th, 2009 Spring business meeting, location and time will be announced soon.
Annual Dues will be collected, Election of officers.
Bring your Tour and activity ideas!!



2009 Tin Lizzie University

Saturday, February 21st

Will be held once again at Vrana Auto Body
1405 N. Main
West Bend

Presentations will begin at 1:00 pm sharp.

Topics to be covered:

Generator 3rd brush adjustment

Magneto troubleshooting

and More!

Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of November 9, 2008 Meeting

The fall meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by President Kevin Brusco on Sunday, November 9 at Fireside Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Present were:

John & Carol Brodtke
Kevin Brusco
Keith & Carol Gumbinger
Pete & Shelly Humphrey
Duane & Nita Nicholson
Harlyn Pilon
Scott & Carren Porter
Rod Prinsen

Jim Rodell, Jr. and Ethan
Jim Rodell, Sr.
Dan & Phyllis Schultz, nephew Elijah
Larry & Barbara Van Hoveln
Joe Vrana
James Wright
Gregg Zangl

Carol Gumbinger moved to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2008 meeting as distributed by Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Adam Doleshal, absent from the meeting, along with copies of the financial report from Model T Day 2008. Though he was not seeking reimbursement of expenses exceeding the income from Model T Day, Shelly Humphrey moved to have the Dairyland Tin Lizzies reimburse Jim Rodell, Jr. \$122.41 for Model T Day expenses. Carol Gumbinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim Rodell, Sr. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Joe Vrana seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webmaster Carol Gumbinger reported that the club website had 1460 visitors since January.

As Vice-President/Membership Chair, Carol Gumbinger reported that 46 families belong to the Dairyland Tin Lizzies.

Dan Schultz reported that he wishes to continue as club newsletter editor. He also announced that he needs members to contribute articles to the newsletter.

Old Business:

President Kevin Brusco reported on the "Sauk It To Me" tour organized by Steve McFadden over Memorial Day weekend. Kendall Gerrits wrote a report on the tour which is posted on the Dairyland Tin Lizzies website.

Gregg Zangl reported on the "Old Falls Village Days" which was held May 30- June 1 in Menomonee Falls.

Kevin Brusco reported on the June 22 tour organized by Pete and Shelly Humphrey, which included a visit to a metal sculptor near Monches and Wayne's Drive-In near Cedarburg.

Pete Humphrey reported on the Green Bay tour he and Shelly organized for the July 4 weekend. Eight Model T's participated.

Kevin Brusco reported that 970 Model T's attended the Model T Ford Club of America Centennial Party held in Richmond, Indiana. Everyone had a wonderful experience, and the Dairyland Tin Lizzies were well represented.

Kevin also reported on the Dairyland Tin Lizzies involvement with the Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In in Oshkosh the end of July. Those involved had positive experiences and were able to rub elbows with famous people.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported on Model T Day held August 16 at Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford. 48 Model T's were present, and approximately 200 people were given Model T rides around the parking lot.

Kevin Brusco reported on the surprise party held in honor of Dan Schultz's recovery from a length illness on Labor Day in Sheboygan, organized by Sandra Stock.

Keith Gumbinger and Jim Rodell, Sr. reported that over 20 Model T's attended the Richfield Historical Society Thresheree on September 21, with tours of Dairyland Tin Lizzies and Model T Ford Club of Greater Milwaukee members led by Todd and Bob Wirth.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported that five Model T's attended the "Flivvers and Food" tour he organized for September 27, ending in Hartford to help the city celebrate its 125th Anniversary.

Keith Gumbinger reported on the Model T tour held in the New Glarus area October 17-18.

New Business/Future Events:

The Christmas party was tabled for lack of volunteers to organize an event.

President Kevin Brusco announced that he will chair "Tin Lizzie University" for 2009. The event will be held Saturday, February 21 at Vrana Frame & Body Shop in West Bend beginning at 1 p.m. Harlyn Pilon suggested "Generator rebuilding and setting of the third brush" as a possible demonstration topic, as he would like to learn more on this subject.

Our next business meeting will be held April 19. Officers will be elected for the 2009-2010 year, and dues will be collected. Jim Rodell, Jr. will find a suitable meeting location.

Keith Gumbinger relayed correspondence to the club sent to his address. Classtique Upholstery in Ham Lake, Minnesota is offering a 10% discount through 2008. A flyer on "Bomac" counterbalanced crankshafts was received. A letter from member Don Tykac of Plymouth informed listeners of a 1917 touring for sale in the Plymouth area.

Shelly Humphrey relayed an endorsement from her father DeWayne Fritz for Herb Walberg, running for the board of directors of the Model T Ford Club International.

Carol Gumbinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Harlyn Pilon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Dairyland Tin Lizzies New Glarus Overnight Tour

October 18 & 19, 2008

Bright and early on Saturday morning, 15 hardy model T'ers met at Duane and Nita Nicholsons place in Rochester, WI. After some nice breakfast type snacks provided by Duane and Nita, we began a scenic and colorful tour to New Glarus. Tour participants included Ron, Sandra and Katie Stock, Dave and Cheryl Knutson, Scott and Carrren Porter, Jim Hess, Duane Fritz and Diane Scheid, Dan and Phyllis Schultz with Elijah, and Keith & Carol Gumbinger.



Just after lunch on the way over to New Glarus, we stopped in Monroe, WI and had a guided tour of their Cheese Museum. Our tour was led by a very experienced docent who had personal experience in the cheese industry over the years. I think he said he was 85 or 90 years old, but he is still quite spry!

Back in the T's and a few miles later we stopped at a private train museum. This guy has his own narrow gauge train that goes around his farmyard plus a huge model train layout in the lower level of his barn. It's hard to believe unless you've seen it. When we arrived, we parked our T's in the yard near a bunch of street rodders from Illinois.



They had '23 T Rat Rods, old Chevy pickups with V-8's in them, and just about everything else you could imagine. As I got out of our roadster, one of them was walking over to us and I simply told him "No, you can't have it!" He just laughed. We had some nice conversations with them & compared our cars a bit. The workmanship on some of their cars was very nice. Some of our group rode the train around the yard and then we left for a short drive to our motel, the Swiss Aire Motel in New Glarus. After we settled into the Motel, we went out for some din-din and a very nice restaurant in downtown New Glarus. We were tired after being on the road all day & hit the sack early.

On Sunday morning, after a leisurely breakfast, most of us toured the New Glarus Brewery. The story of how this young couple started the brewery from scratch about 15 years ago is inspiring, and the tour of their spotless facility was very interesting. There were no free samples, but they did have a gift shop and had their products for sale.



At 11:00 we met back at the motel and then started back to Rochester. It was much windier on Sunday, but the roads were just as nice as the trip over. Just after we went through Milton, WI, we came upon a farm with lots of old trucks in the yard. Naturally, we just had to stop there and have a look at these nice old trucks. There was a Model TT, a Model AA, a Stoughton, an Indiana, an International, a Dodge and a couple of old Chevrolets. It looked like none of them had run for some time, but all had WI Collector plates on them. We only spent about 10 to 15 minutes there, but we were ready for a stretch break anyway, and this was fun.



We arrived back in Rochester at about 4:00. We were tired, but said hi to Duane and Nita and began to load up the T's and head for home.

All in all, we went about 200 miles and didn't have any breakdowns, but one rusty T really chugged to get up some of the hills!!! Oh yes, one T, which we won't identify, had to be push started on Sunday morning, right Ron? It was a good tour. A big thank you to Carol Gumbinger and Carren Porter for organizing the tour.

Reported by Keith Gumbinger



Memorial Day Tour

By: Kendall Gerrits

May 24 to 26, 2008



Well, it all started out when my dad's friend Don was coming out from California. Don thought it wasn't a very good idea but his wife Joanne said, "Donald just go!" So...he did and he had an awesome time on this tour but I will tell you more about that later. Anyway, on Friday night before the tour on Saturday, Jim Hess came to stay at our house. He got to know Don and he really enjoyed him. So we had a very nice dinner at our house which included smoked pork sandwiches. By the way, those sandwiches are REALLY GOOD!!!!!!

On Saturday morning, Kevin Brusco came to our house because he was driving our car since something came up with my dad and he could not go. After we packed our luggage up and got everyone loaded up in the car, we were off to Baraboo where the tour was. On our way, we stopped at a gas station in Pardeeville and there was a ton of traffic. Also, there were A LOT of rummage sales!!!! I never have seen so many in my entire life! It seemed

like it took forever to get to Baraboo but actually it wasn't that far. We took a lot of back roads to get there. When we finally arrived in Baraboo, my brother, Paul, couldn't find the other half of his map. So we had to pull over so Jim Hess could give it to him. Then, we got back in our cars and went to the hotel. When we arrived the lady at the front desk said, "Nice car out there." She really liked it. I mean...who wouldn't? So we unpacked and went into our rooms to get situated. Then we had to wait for everyone else to get there so we could go to lunch.

It turns out they were already at the park, so we got in our cars and went to Haskins park, which isn't very far from where we were staying. We went to a winery and when we got there it was really big!!!! I didn't even know there were existing wineries in Wisconsin. Anyway, my brother and I went on a tour of the winery. First, they showed a video of the history of the winery. Then we went downstairs to where the gift shop used to be and

the tour guide said that the floor we were standing on was the original flooring. You could see marks in the flooring from the horse carriages and some imprints of horse hooves. After that we went outside to where the vineyards were. There was a cave but we could not go inside. Then we went back inside to another building where we watched a video of how the wine is made. When we were done watching the video, we went down to the cellar where all the wine was in the wooden barrels. They had a sign that said, "Shhh wine sleeping." I thought it was kind of funny. Lastly, we went up stairs to where they had wine tasting and showed us the proper way to drink wine. Of course my brother and I didn't try it but the tour guide asked if we wanted any non-alcoholic wine but we said no. Finally we left the winery and headed back to the hotel.

After we had gotten back to the hotel, some of us decided to eat in the hotel restaurant. After we finished eating my brother and I decided to go swimming. A few minutes later Katie Stock came down and we talked then Paul left. So then Katie and I talked and swam until about 10.

The next morning we got up to shower then we went down to eat breakfast. After breakfast we headed out to the car so we could get ready to go. We went to The Mid-Continent Railroad Museum. But when we arrived, there was no one there. While we waited for someone to arrive, all the cars got lined up for a really neat picture. They looked very nice. When we were done with the picture, we went into a big railroad museum shed where they had lots of restored trains. You could actually look into them and when you did, there were manikins wearing old clothes.

When we all got done looking at them, it was time to go. But Greg (aka "Rock" Zangl) was missing and nobody could find him. They looked all around the building and inside too. Nope, still couldn't find him. So then a few cars stayed back and the rest of us went to lunch. On the way, as we were coming down a hill, Kevin noticed that we had no brakes! So he had to pull the parking brake. I knew something was not going right. Then there was another problem. The left rear wheel kept making a clicking noise. So we had to pull over and so did a few other people. At the time we thought it was the spokes. After that stuff was fixed, we made our way back to lunch. When we arrived there, it was a little bar with lots of rifles and pistols on the walls, and they had sandwiches, so that was our lunch.

When we were done with that, Kevin decided it was too dangerous for anyone to ride in the car. So he very carefully drove it back to the hotel and Beatrice (our Model T) was not able to make it through the rest of the tour. Paul, Don, and I were able to find different rides so we could still continue on the tour.

Later, when we got back to the hotel, my dad and my sister were going to come and visit us. When they came, we went to a restaurant across the street and a few minutes after we were in there, it started to down pour. It was still raining when we left. But when we got back to the hotel, we went swimming. Me, Paul, Katie, Greg, and Ford all decided to make a whirlpool in the pool since there was no one down there. It was a lot of fun. We had to run really fast and when you got to one corner you would get sucked in and had trouble getting out.

Then the night had ended and we woke up the next day and started all over again. We went on the car ferry across the Wisconsin River, and I had never been on one before. I thought it was cool but it didn't seem like we were moving.

When we got off, we went to Portage and some people split off from the group because they had to get home. When we got there we went to the Surgeons Quarters and it was kind of interesting. There was an old cabin and an old school house. We had a tour through them and it was very interesting listening to what the lady had to say. After that, we went to lunch in a nearby park where they were having a fundraiser for someone. They had hot dogs and hamburgers and soda.

Also, there was a little place nearby that was selling ice cream. There were only a few cars left and they couldn't fit all of us in. So Katie, her grandmother, and I had were stuck where we had lunch. There was a lady who had an older daughter there and Sandy asked her a favor. She asked her if she could drive us in her car to where the motor home and trailer were parked to see if we would beat the guys back. As we did, we were on the main highway and they were on a side road. They didn't see us but we saw them. We arrived about 1 minute before them. It was really funny!

This trip was a lot of fun and I would like to go on something like this again sometime.

Fuel Economy and the Model T

The following story was forwarded to me and was written by Tom Collins author of *The Legendary Model T Ford*, he came across it while researching.

Milwaukee Proved Model T Economy in the 1920s

Long before anyone suggested putting those city-highway driving fuel economy estimates on cars and light trucks, an intrepid group of Milwaukee Co., Wisconsin, Ford dealers chose to find a way to prove their vehicles were economical choices.

Ten Model Ts were taken from dealers in the county, their gas tanks and carburetors were drained and pre-measured gallons of gasoline were put into the cars. The measured gallons of fuel were added to the cars and they were driven from a central point until they ran out of fuel. Then their mileage was checked.

“All cars were improved Ford standard stock cars equipped with hot plate vaporizers, now standard equipment, said a 1926 story. No special carburetors or gas-saving devices were allowed.”

The chosen course used different types of terrain, including some hills, to provide what was described as “...average driving headings.”

The results would impress modern drivers and ranged from a low of 34.5 mpg for a Model T coupe to 41.2 mpg for a Model T touring car.

“The hot plate,” said the story “...assures Ford owners of tremendous fuel economy and that even flow of power which is winning thousands of new, satisfied Ford owners daily.”

In an era of today’s high gas prices, it is good to know that Ford Motor Co. and its Model T were out front in fuel economy back in 1926. Just one more reason why so many people chose a Model T for their driving needs.

Milwaukee Co. Ford results

Model	Miles per gallon
Touring car	41.2
Coupe	39.0
Tudor	39.0
Roadster	38.5
Tudor	37.6
Tudor	36.2
Tudor	36.2
Roadster	35.5
Coupe	35.3
Coupe	34.5

Source: Kaukauna *Times*, Nov. 23, 1926

Hartford Model T Day

By Dan Schultz

As many of you know I had some surgery this past year to remove part of my esophagus (5 inches) and 2/3 of my stomach, which had some cancer in it. There were some complications after the surgery and recovery took longer than originally planned. I was unable to participate in any of the great Model T events planned by some of the club members and the centennial celebration in Richmond, IN in July. In August Phyllis drove me down to Hartford for Model T Day at the Hartford Auto Museum, this was a great event with 48-50 Model T's present. It felt good to be up and around and see all of my Model T friends. This year Jim Rodell Jr. and his crew ran the food concession for Phyllis and I; Jim does a great job putting this day together and it has grown in popularity and participation each year. Also, this year author Tom Collins was on hand to sign autographs of his new book along with the "cover car" owned by club members Bob & Alice Wirth. If you haven't been able to make to Hartford for Model T Day be sure to mark your calendar for this summers date, you'll be glad you did.

Labor Day Picnic

By Dan Schultz

On Monday September 1 (Labor Day) my wife and I were invited to our son's house for a cookout in the mid-afternoon. I had recently changed some medications and was feeling pretty good since my surgery, so I suggested that we take the T to my son's house. He only lives 4 miles away so I planned a round about way to get there and put a few miles on behind the wheel of the T; which is always good therapy. While I was getting ready the doorbell rang and we had company; it was Ron and Katie Stock who came over in "Rusty" their 26 touring to give me a ride

if I was feeling up to it. We had some time and at my wife's urging off we went for a Model T ride with Katie behind the wheel and me on the gun and Ron in the back seat. We headed out towards town and Katie said she wanted to drive through Pine Woods Park, which is a few miles away. Once in the park Katie pulled into one of the picnic areas and I said this road doesn't go through, about that time I noticed a few club members and realized then that this was the end of the Model T ride and it was a surprise picnic/party. Boy, was I surprised; I bought it hook, line,

and sinker. What a great surprise and all done for me, very humbling! There was enough food to feed a small army. A big thanks to everyone that could make it, we had good weather and it was a great day. A special thank you to Sandra Stock, I understand it was her idea and she cooked all of the meat too! Also, all of the desserts and salads were awesome. I never saw Fritz eat so many sweets at one time. Phyllis and I hung around the park until 6 o'clock and headed home. I still felt pretty good about the whole day and we hopped in the T and went for a drive up to Cleveland for an ice cream cone.



Currently my health is good and I am pretty much back to normal. I lost 40 pounds since the surgery and it seems to be staying off. I would like to thank everyone in the club for thinking about us this past summer, it meant a lot to Phyllis and I. We are looking forward to getting back into the touring mode this coming summer and plan on attending all of the events we can. I will also work on getting the newsletter back on track.

Look for a Tour of the Lakeshore coming in 2009!

