



The Buzz

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Rock & Pam's Fall Color TT Tour October 6, 2018

By Shelly Humphrey



touring in the Fall splendor. Pam started us off with snacks and juice as we checked over Gary Prost's "new" barn fresh 1924 Model T Coupe.

No, they would not be driving this car today. It will need a bit

It was a brisk fall morning as we headed to Zangl's in Germantown for this tour. It had rained the night before, and although the roads were damp, our spirits were not dampened. That's because we anticipated a beautiful day of



of love to get back on the road, so Gary and Chad have a nice winter (many winter's?) project ahead of them. The car has a family history and Gary would be able to tell you more about it. We traveled on scenic rural roads enjoying the beauty of the Holy Hill countryside and colored leaves. There were occasional glimpses of wildlife and buffalo as well.



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UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS

April 14

Spring Business Meeting

2pm—Please note the new location!

Nite Owls Tavern - Upstairs

121 Kettle Moraine Drive N., Slinger, WI

May 9

Model T Education Day at Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS

Model T Presentation & Demonstration 11am to 3pm

Alternate/bad weather date: May 10 More info inside

May 25-27

Destination Door County Tour

More details inside & coming soon

June 16

Wings & Wheels

At the Sheboygan County Airport

Courtesy of Jack and "Sister" Barb Leonhardt

June ??

Summer Tin Lizzie University?

July 22-26

EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh

If you have a favorite place that you like to drive your T, consider putting a tour together to share 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 that takes us to new places.



Dairyland Tin Lizzies Officers

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Our hosts were the Zangl's, with friend Vicky. Following were The Fritz and Diane, and Pete and Shelly. Gary and Chad Prost also rode along, Gary riding shotgun in Gregg's TT, while Chad joined Pam and Vicky in the open air of the TT truck bed. Gary's other T was already tucked in for the long winter's nap, so it was a small group of 3 cars touring that day.



Lunch was at Ox and Cat's Sports Bar and Grill in Hartland.

They have fabulous service and some of the best pizza around. This is becoming one of our favorite stops.

Delicious!

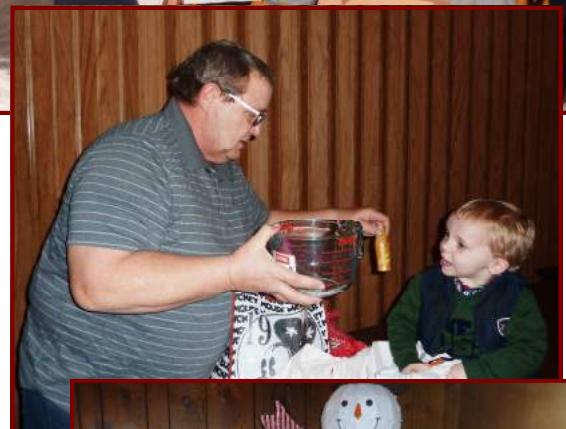


After our bellies were full we enjoyed a leisurely afternoon with stops at Monches Farm and Craft show, Peck & Bushel apple orchard and a Pumpkin patch.



It was a great tour. Thank you Pam and Gregg!

A Tin Lizzie Christmas January 5



This year's Christmas party took us to a new venue, Klemme's Wagon Wheel in Howard's Grove. The broasted chicken and tenderloin tips served home-style were delicious. It was a great afternoon catching up with friends. Good food, good fun and a spirited White Elephant take-away gift exchange made for a memorable Christmas party. The ever popular toilet bowl coffee mug even appeared again this year. And who was the lucky one to walk away with the full yard of TWIX bars? Carol, was that you?????

Thanks to all who brought gifts to exchange and holiday goodies to share for dessert.



Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Spring Business Meeting

Sunday, April 14 2pm



Our spring business meeting will be held at a new location:

Nite Owls Tavern
121 Kettle Moraine Drive N
Slinger, Wisconsin



Please attend and bring your ideas for summer tours and activities.
We will also elect officers for the upcoming year. See you there!

Destination Door County 2019

Once again, the Dairyland Tin Lizzies will head to Door County this Memorial Day Weekend. Our popular overnight tour will be May 25-27.



Rooms are being held for us at the Runaway Lodge in Valmy for Saturday and Sunday evenings. Please reserve your room early as space is limited.



Phone 920-746-4046 and mention that you are with the Dairyland Tin Lizzies Model T Club.

Tin Lizzie University January 19

By Pete Humphrey & Jim Rodell, Jr.

January 19 dawned cold and fairly snowy for our annual wintertime Tin Lizzie University. That accounted for the somewhat reduced attendance at Vrama Frame & Body Shop in West Bend. Nonetheless, roughly 25 or 30 Model T owners and fans showed up at various points of the morning to “talk T” and catch up. The planned indoor (of course!) swap meet took place as advertised, albeit much thinner than last year’s. It didn’t matter though. We were all united by a common interest.

Following a great lunch of burgers & fries arranged by Billy Vrana, we began the afternoon’s educational seminars. Scheduled for the day we had the installation of new upholstery on a lower seat cushion on Paul Wilcox’s recently acquired ‘18 Touring, installing bands on John Fischer’s ‘14 and the first startup of Randy Rey-sen’s ‘20 Touring after an engine rebuild.



We got started with Paul Wilcox explaining the tools required for the upholstery job. Key to your success will be a quality pair of hog ring pliers. The message is to leave the cheap ones behind and spend the money on the right tool. Also needed will be one or two pairs of channel lock pliers and a pair of sharp scissors.



allows you to neatly compress the springs and hold them that way so you can anchor the bottom edges evenly and cleanly in the provided channels.

Start by confirming the measurements of the seat springs and the layers of pre-sandwiched materials that are to cover it. Then you work the material over the top of the seat springs insuring they line up left to right and front to back. The hog rings are installed at this point to anchor the material to the top edges of the springs. Then turning the seat cushion upside down, you continue working the layers toward the bottom edge.

Paul showed us the clever work table/jig he created from a simple folding table, some lengths of 2x4 and some threaded rod. This

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The operation seems simple, but seeing it done with the stretching and adjusting required to line it all up was hugely valuable. And as they say: "A picture is worth a thousand words". The results were impressive.



Next up, John Fischer brought the power plant from his 1914 touring for a transmission band overhaul. The aluminum transmission cover was removed, but when detachable ear bands were discovered, the project came to a halt. Those bands were ready to be changed, but John wanted original non-detachable ear bands installed in his transmission, and had not brought any along.



Soon, the attention of Tin Lizzie University participants shifted from John Fischer's power plant to Randy Reyzen's 1920 touring. Randy's grandfather purchased the 1920 touring in November, 1955 from the estate of his aunt and uncle for twenty dollars. The Model T was driven home to the farm west of Beechwood from Silver Creek. In the spring of 1956, Randy's father, Marshall, tried to get the Model T running. The carburetor flooded, backfired, and started the car on fire. A neighbor noticed smoke coming from the sheep pen, and stopped to help Marshall

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—Continued from Page 7 put out the fire with soil and gravel. The car was put in the shed, where it stayed until November, 2017. Since then, Randy and Marshall have been working on restoring the car. Among the many improvements needed, the original body was exchanged for a Ray Wells restored 1920 touring body.

The goal for this part of Tin Lizzie University was to get the Reysen 1920 touring running after a 63 year rest .



The engine had been rebuilt, but some assembly was left to be finished. The Dairyland Tin Lizzies swarmed over the car and installed the timer wiring harness, spark plug wires, and plumbing between the new gas tank and a rebuilt Stromberg OF carburetor. Coils were missing, but a trip to Billy Vrana's pole building



produced a set of proven coils (borrowed from Billy's Model T).

After everything was connected and gas was poured in the tank, the engine wouldn't fire. The fuel mixture adjustment screw had been turned tight. After opening the mixture adjustment screw, the engine roared to life for the first



time since 1956. After fine tuning, Randy's car sounded like a very healthy Model T. We look forward to seeing this car on tours this summer. This turned into a great day. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the fun and especially to Joe and Billy for hosting this annual event.

A New Use for a Hotel Room Key

By Bob Wirth

As we were getting organized to go to the Model 'T' Ford Club International, National Tour in Boone, NC in July, 2014, I thought I did all the preparation necessary to insure that our 1914 Model T would handle the mountain roads of North Carolina without overheating. I had completed the MTFCI safety inspection form including checking the brakes, steering, horn and all of the numerous cotter pins. After adjusting the bands, checking the coils and checking the tire pressures, I took the car for a ten mile plus check ride to be sure everything was working properly.

With all the details checked out, I loaded the 'T' into the trailer for the 750 mile trip to Boone.



On Friday morning July 11th, our two vehicle red caravan (Tod's red truck towing his red trailer and my red van towing my big red box) headed south and east starting with the always 'enjoyable' cruise thru Chicago. Upon arrival in Boone we parked our trailers in the very large trailer parking lot, located about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from our hotel, designated for event trailer parking.

The next morning as I drove the 'T' from the trailer parking lot the short $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the hotel for the participants banner photo shoot, the 'T' overheated! As we waited in line to be photographed we checked things out to determine the overheating cause. There was a little oil on the fan belt, so the water pump was not pumping. Tod had some mineral spirits on hand to clean the belt. We could not pinpoint the source of the oil. Just as a precaution, I bought a spare fan belt (in addition to the one I had under the rear seat) from a vendor at the meet who was well stocked with Model 'T' parts.

Monday morning was sunny and warm as we headed out on the first day of touring. We drove about two miles before the 'T' overheated. The fan belt had slipped off. We wiped the belt to be sure it was clean and dry. After about 15 miles we overheated again. Once again it seemed to be due to oil on the fan belt and the water pump not turning. Alice wanted to call the trouble trailer and return to the hotel. Tod's cooler head prevailed as he brought out the mineral spirits and cleaned the fan belt one more time, while determining our oil leak problem was the front main oil seal gasket. We drove to the lunch stop and after lunch Tod again cleaned the fan belt. That cleaning worked well and allowed us to finish this 112 mile tour day.

Tod felt he had to create a way to keep us on the road. Monday night he went to the hotel front desk and got an extra plastic room key and a large binder clip. He estimated the diameter of the crankshaft and cut a half circle in the room key/card.



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He created a slight bend in the card to direct some of the oil away from the fan belt. Then he inserted the card at the front of the engine and held it in place with the binder clip to the outside oil line. The next day of touring resulted in some oil on the belt and a couple of stops to clean the belt, but we were able to complete the day's 70 mile tour.

Tod felt he could improve on the temporary oil seal design. So the next night he carefully cut a piece of fabric from a t-shirt into small pieces and glued them around the half circle fitting around the crankshaft to create a little tighter oil seal. He also glued and zip tied two nuts to the top of the card to provide a little more weight to hold the card in place. These improvements allowed us to complete the week of touring with very little oil on the fan belt and minimal stops to clean it with mineral spirits.

We did not have time for proper repairs between returning from Boone and the EAA event. So I drove the 'T' for two days around the EAA grounds providing rides for several hours each day with the same hotel room key installed and without spilling too much oil on the walkways. The fan belt stayed dry, the water pump pumped and we all remained cool. What better way could there have been to enjoy my 80th birthday? Tod's creativity kept us on the roads around Boone and on the walkways of the EAA. Thank you Tod!! Henry would have been proud of your efforts.



Our thanks go out to Bob Wirth for writing this article and also for his patience. Shelly had asked Bob to write this piece in early 2015. Bob did so and submitted it in May of 2015 for publication in The Buzz. It was held until an "appropriate spot" was found. That means it "got filed". The Buzz editorship changed hands a couple of times and "filed" became "forgotten". Recently re-discovered, it now appears with our apologies. -Ed.

The 23rd (Ford) Psalm

Model T is my auto, I shall not want another. It maketh me to lie under it beside the road. It leadeth me into much trouble. It draineth on my purse, I go into debt. It leadeth me into the path of ridicule for its namesake. Yea, though I ride through the valley, I am towed up the hill. I fear much evil, for thy rods and engine discomfort me. I prepareth for blowouts in the presence of mine enemies. I anoint the tires with patches. Thy radiator boileth over. Surely if this thing follows me all the days of my life, I will dwell in the house of poverty forever.

From "The Original Ford Joke Book"

Published 1915



Model T's at School

**May 9, 2019
11 a.m.-3 p.m.**



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 two classes on Thursday, May 9 for about 45 minutes each. There will be a 1 and a half hour break between classes, during which we will have a Burger and Brat tailgate party. If you have a manifold cooker, please bring your favorite side dish recipe to share.

Our itinerary will include a brief history of Henry Ford, the Ford Motor Company, and the Model T. We will then demonstrate 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 T's with the next generation.



Please **RSVP** to Jim Rodell, Jr. **262-224-9734** or
jcerodell@hiercommnetworks.net

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

See the details for these and lots of other national events in the current issue of [The Vintage Ford](#).

Flatland T's Annual Tour

Hosted by the Flatland T's Model T Club

Russell, Kansas USA May 25 - 27, 2019

Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Swap meet, seminars, workshops, car show and more!

Richmond, Indiana USA June 8, 2019

National Tour

Hosted by the Tennessee T's

Cookeville, Tennessee USA August 17 - 23, 2019

37th Annual Hillbilly Tour

Hosted by Heart of the Ozarks Chapter

Salem, Missouri USA September 4 - 8, 2019

Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by West Central Indiana Model T'ers

Parke County, Indiana USA September 28 - October 2, 2019



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 \$40 for the U.S. Lifetime memberships are available. Owning a Model T automobile is not required.

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