

The Buzz



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The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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Dutch Touch Tour - June 29, 2019

By Keith Gumbinger

We could call this "The Perfect Tour". Why, you ask? It's because everything was just perfect. The weather was sunny and the temperature was 75 to 80 degrees. Perfect. The places we visited were very nice. It was small enough to be just the right amount of time to visit, yet thorough and entertaining. Plus all the docents and guides were very welcoming and appreciated seeing us and our cars. Perfect. The roads were lightly traveled with virtually no potholes. Perfect. The lunch stop had a separate room for us and had a buffet with salad bar, pizza bar and chicken dinner bar, all at very reasonable prices. Perfect. The ice cream stop was more than just that, as they had a big gift shop and more. Perfect.



There was a special surprise visit at the end of the tour too, but more about that later.

Besides all this, all the T's ran just fine with no breakdowns! Perfect. The best part though, was our amazing club members and friends to tour with. Perfect. That's why this could be called "The Perfect Tour".

Our tour began shortly after 9am from the Vrana Body Shop in West Bend.

There were many places visited on this tour including The Random Lake Historical Society Museum, where they generously provided free lemonade and popcorn for us.

The Nowack House in Random Lake is a half timber house built in 1865. This was the first home in Random Lake and it was relocated here in 2006 and restored.



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UPCOMING 2020 EVENTS

- January 4 Dairyland Tin Lizzies' Christmas Party
Klemme's Wagon Wheel, Howards Grove
Starts at 2:30pm - Details inside
- January 11 Wonderful Wisconsin Tour
Steering Committee Meeting
1pm— Radisson Hotel Fond du Lac
- February 1 Tin Lizzie University, Swap Meet
& Ladies' Day
Vrana Frame & Body Shop, West Bend - Details Inside
- April 19 Spring Business Meeting
2pm - Nite Owls Tavern, 121 Kettle Moraine Drive N., Slinger, WI
- May ? Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS
Model T Presentation/Education Day - Hours TBD
- May 23-25 Destination Door County Tour
Details TBA
- June 21 Wings & Wheels
Sheboygan County Airport
Courtesy of Jack and "Sister" Barb Leonhardt
- June ?? Summer Tin Lizzie University?



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The Oostburg Heritage House Museum is a museum focusing on Oostburg history in front and featuring a former blacksmith shop in the rear.

Next was lunch at the Pizza Ranch restaurant in Oostburg as described previously.

The HET Museum in Cedar Grove also had a former blacksmith shop in the rear.



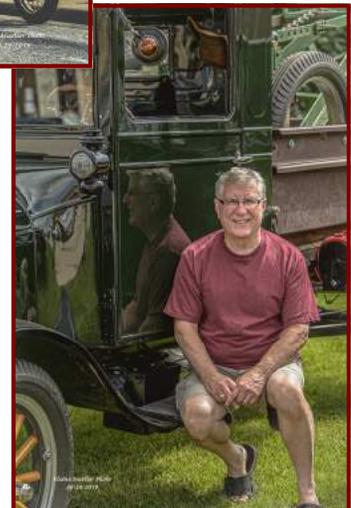
The Te Ronde House in Cedar Grove is a restored late 1800's home of a prosperous family. It is well kept and complete.

The Dutch Windmill in Cedar Grove was an ideal photo op. You might easily recognize our group picture elsewhere.



Our last scheduled stop was at the Cedar Valley Cheese store where they have – of course – ICE CREAM! Well, they have much more than that in their big gift store too.

So to top off this "Perfect tour", we relaxed here while socializing and eating their yummy ice cream.



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Then came the best part of the tour: a visit to Howard Fischer's home, garage and personal museum. You would not believe the stuff Howard has unless you see it. Howard even played his musical instruments for us, almost like a personal serenade. Howard is forever the showman and is he good! He can tickle those ivories with the best of them. In fact, he's been performing with musical groups for many years. Check out the videos of Howard playing for us – you will be impressed! Thank you Howard. We appreciated it very much!



After a short drive back to Vrana's Body Shop, the tour concluded.



We had 13 T's on the tour, including: Jim Rodell Jr. Family, Jim Rodell Sr., Greg and Pam Zangl, Jack and Barb Leonhardt, Dave and Gail DeYoung, Gary and Chad Prost, John Fischer Family, Howard Fischer, Rich Edler and Jackson, Adam and Christine Doleshal, Dan and Phyllis Schultz, Ken Lefeber and his Nephew, and Keith and Carol Gumbinger.

"The Perfect Tour" is now just a memory. For those who missed it, check out the pictures and videos on our DTL Facebook site and also on the Sunday, June 30, 2019 Sheboygan Press, as they printed lots of pictures of our tour.

We owe Jim Rodell Jr. a big thank you for organizing this "Perfect" tour. It was very well laid out and everything went just as planned. Yes, it was "Perfect".

Thanks again, Jim!



Cattails & Cowbells Tour - August 10, 2019

By Keith Gumbinger

This tour to the Horicon Marsh, Waupun, Rosendale and surrounding areas was a preview for a potential “Wonderful Wisconsin” national tour destination in 2021.

The tour group consisted of Keith and Carol Gumbinger, Tod and Sharon Wirth, John and Carol Brodtke, Shawn Gerrits and Ken Lefeber. We left from the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac at 10:00.



Our first stop was the Marsh Haven Nature Center on Highway 49 on the Northern edge of the Horicon Marsh. We met with Renee Whalen, the Executive Director of Marsh Haven who was extremely helpful and willing to work with us in any way possible. Renee showed us around the Nature Center, auditorium and lunch room and offered to provide a Brat and Burger lunch for our tour group in 2021 if we like. Some of us also hiked on the trails.

From here we passed the Horicon Marsh driving tour entrance. This was closed for paving but from past experience we know it is a pleasant drive and would be a nice place to visit on our tour.

Lunch was the next order of business so we headed towards Waupun, past the Prison on our way to the Pizza Ranch.

After Lunch we drove on beautiful country roads en route to the Rosendale Dairy, one of the largest milking dairies in Wisconsin. We couldn’t go into the buildings, but saw that it was a huge facility, with nice grounds. They use a rotisserie for milking 8 – 10,000 cows everyday and it is very efficient. The Dairy offers tours every Thursday but the groups would have to be smaller.



Next, we dove to the Rosendale Historical Society and toured their museum.

We returned to the Radisson at 3 PM. Here we met briefly to evaluate the day’s tour and other plans for the National Tour in 2021.



Pinecrest Village Thresheree - September 7, 2019

By Ken Lefeber

The weather was perfect for our tour to the Pinecrest Village Thresheree near Manitowoc. Since Rich, Jackson and I were leaving from Plymouth, we decided to head out a little early to have breakfast at the Log Cabin Inn in Howards Grove. After breakfast Jeff Pagels and Sandy Stock joined our caravan to the museum.



Once the cars were registered, we displayed them in front of the village building. There we met up with John and Carol Brodtke and Travis Schisel and his boys.



At the Thresheree there were demonstrations of various pieces of farm equipment and saw rigs. Most notably, they had a Model-T grinding corn with a flat belt pulley assembly mounted to the front of the car.



There were great activities for the kids. The kids would get "paid" for doing chores at the various buildings throughout the village. Chores included making string cheese, assembling a wooden wheel and making up a rope bed. At the end of the day of the day the kids could cash in their tokens at the bank and receive a check to use at the auction. There they could bid on a horse (riding lessons).



For the adults, in the saloon, they were playing music on the piano and serving (root) beer at the bar.

A tour wouldn't be complete without ice cream, so we stopped at the ice cream shop at the Farm Discovery Center and then headed home.

Bells & Whistles Tour - September 28, 2019

By Jim Rodell, Jr.

The idea for the “Bells and Whistles Tour” started with a visit to the Sila Bast Bell Museum in Dheinsville a dozen or more years ago. I thought that this little museum between Jackson and Germantown would make a good stop for a Model T tour. Last summer while traveling between Mequon and Hubertus, my landscape crew and I stopped at Dheinsville Historical Park to take our lunch break under the gazebo, where we met Jeff Dhein, president of Germantown Historical Society. My idea for a Model T tour came back again. Thinking of other interesting places to visit in the area, I realized that fire trucks have bells, and steam trains have bells and whistles. Shazam! I think I have a clever name for my Model T tour. After seeing the announcements in the Model T Times promoting September 28 as “International Day of Model T Touring”, I felt motivated to bring this tour from idea to reality.

I invited the members of the Model T Ford Club of Greater Milwaukee and some non-member Model T owners in the area to accompany the Dairyland Tin Lizzies, in hopes of getting a large group of Model T's and enthusiasts together to celebrate the International Day of Model T Touring.

September 28, 2019 dawned a bright and glorious day. Thirteen Model T Fords met at Vrana Frame & Body Shop for morning refreshments, tour instructions and a drivers' meeting. A scenic route past Silver Lake and Little Cedar Lake brought us to the Venerable Fire Museum at 9:30 a.m. There, we were joined by six more Model T Fords driven by Dave DeYoung, Bob & Alice Wirth, Tod & Sharon Wirth, Mike Zahorik with Erv Wilkowski, Mr. and Mrs. John Gelfer, and David Hjortnaes.



Our group was welcomed to the Venerable Fire Museum by Mary Franz, then split into three groups of about a dozen to be guided through the entire museum. The museum contains a fine collection of fire trucks, horse-drawn and human-drawn equipment. Two of the oldest pieces of equipment in the collection are a hand-powered Rimmel pumper built in Kewaskum and a ladder cart, both from the small village of Kohlsville a mile from my home. An operational Gamewell alarm system from a Milwaukee fire station is fascinating to see in action. Many thanks to

Mary Franz, Warren Franz, and the retired Milwaukee firefighter who served as our tour guides.



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After an excellent two hour visit, our line of 19 Model T Fords left the Venerable Fire Museum, winding down the wooded hill on Pleasant Valley Road past the Fehring farm, through Cedar Creek and Mayfield, to Western Avenue two miles south of Jackson. As a bonus to the announced tour stops, I was able to add a visit to the only octagon barn in Washington County. Neighboring Ozaukee County to the east had about 10 octagon barns in the Mequon and Grafton areas, mostly built by the Clausing family in the 1880's and 1890's. It is believed that the barn on Western Avenue south of Jackson is also a Clausing barn from that time period. Octagon barns were promoted as more efficient and storm-worthy than their rectangular counterparts. An octagon barn certainly makes a strong architectural statement. With a fresh paint job and new green metal roof, the barn we visited looked beautiful and made a great backdrop for our gathering of

Model T's. A big thank you to Chad Johnson of Johnson's Nursery for allowing us to visit this beautiful piece of history. A big thank you also to Rob Lucas of Johnson's Nursery for coming out to greet our group, opening the barn, and taking photos of our visit with a drone camera.



Then, our line of Model T's headed to Dheinsville, where Oktoberfest had just begun, but the historical park was buzzing with activity. Jeff Dhein, chairman of Oktoberfest, had graciously offered a reserved parking area for our Model T tour group adjacent to the main festival tent, and when we arrived we were waved into position. The live polka music, the crowd of friendly people, and the German food all contributed to the ambience of 19 Model T Fords parked together on a sunny green lawn on a September afternoon. Does it get any better? Some visited the bell museum, but some found enough to occupy their time with socializing, eating, and visiting Christ Church museum. Thank you to Jeff Dhein and the Germantown Historical Society.



At 2:30 we fired up the T's again, and a short drive through Rockfield and over to Country Aire Drive took us to Railroad Park. Railroad Park is the club grounds of Milwaukee Light Engineering Society, a club which builds and operates 1/8 scale trains which you ride on top of. The club has a beautiful facility which it has been using since the early 1970's. Frequently, times are offered when the public may have train rides. For our visit, MLES opened their facility at a special time. Everyone had the opportunity to go for several train rides pulled by either electric-powered or steam-powered locomotives. Many thanks to the members of Milwaukee Light Engineering Society. After we finished riding their trains, Shawn Gerrits and Jim Hess provided Model T rides for some of the MLES members.





We couldn't have asked for a better day. The weather, our hosts at the tour stops and the turnout of Model T's were all excellent! Thank you for making the planning of the "Bells and Whistles" Model T tour a very rewarding experience. -Model T's Forever, Jim.





Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of October 20, 2019 Business Meeting

The fall meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Pete Humphrey on Sunday, October 20 at Nite Owls Tavern in Slinger, Wisconsin, and opened with the United States pledge of allegiance.

Members present were:

John & Carol Brodtke
DeWayne Fritz
Jim & Sandy Hess
Pete & Shelly Humphrey
Jeffrey Pagels
Jim Rodell, Jr.
Diane Scheid
Paul and Debra Wilcox
Gregg Zangl

Dave & Gail DeYoung
Keith & Carol Gumbinger
David Hjortnaes
Ken Lefebber
Denis & Melodie Pulvermacher
Jim Rodell, Sr.
Sandra Stock
Tod & Sharon Wirth

Visitors included Katie (Stock) Steeber

Carol Brodtke moved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2019 meeting as printed in the May, 2019 issue of The Buzz. Jim Rodell, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. reported that he received a flyer from the Wisconsin Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America advertising the swap meet held at Washington County fairgrounds on February 23.

Treasurer Ken Lefebber distributed copies of a treasurer's report showing income and expenses from April 14, 2019 to October 20, 2019 with an ending balance of \$614.22. Keith Gumbinger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jim Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pete Humphrey reported on the club newsletter, The Buzz, and asked for reports of club events. Webmaster and Facebook Page moderator Carol Gumbinger reported that she is always looking for more contributions of material.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported on the "Model T's at School" event at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School held on Friday, May 10. Eight Model T Fords participated, and a small article appeared in the Vintage Ford magazine. Tentative plans are to continue this program.

Keith Gumbinger reported on the TT truck tour hosted by Gregg Zangl. Four TTs and one Model T participated on May 11.

Diane Scheid reported on "Destination Door County" held May 25-27. Thank you to the DeYoung family for an excellent tour report in The Buzz.

Pete Humphrey reported on the summer Tin Lizzie University held June 15 at Rich Edler's home. Among other projects, "Old Rusty" was given an oil change, a gas tank cleaning and other overdue maintenance.

Gail DeYoung reported on "Ladies' Day" held concurrently with Tin Lizzie University.

Jack & Barb Leonhardt reported that the weather was cold and rainy on June 16 when they hosted an open house at their airplane hangar during "Wings and Wheels".

Jim Rodell reported on the "Dutch Touch" tour held June 29. 15 Model T's participated.

Tod Wirth reported on EAA Airventure held July 22-26.

Carol Gumbinger reported on the "Cattails & Cowbells" tour held August 10.

Jim Rodell, Sr. reported on the tour from West Bend to Baraboo and back on August 17. He and Billy Vrana travelled over 200 miles that day. Adam Doleshal and Dave DeYoung also joined them. On the return trip they travelled through Devil's Lake State Park and crossed the Wisconsin River on the Merrimac Ferry.

Ken Lefeber reported on the tour he and Rich Edler drove to Pinecrest Village thresher on September 7. Also in attendance at the thresher were John & Carol Brodtke, Jeff Pagels, Sandra Stock, and the Travis Shisel family.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported on the "Bells and Whistles" tour held September 28. 19 Model T's participated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Gumbinger shared news from the Model T Ford Club of America. A video providing a virtual tour of the Model T Museum will be released before the end of 2019. A "challenge match" fundraiser will be launched in November.

Keith Gumbinger gave a progress report on the 2021 MTFCA national tour to be held in Fond du Lac. Shelly Humphrey expressed concern that each day of the week did not have a tour chairperson. Tod & Sharon Wirth volunteered to plan the Wednesday tour, in addition to planning the early bird tour and activities for Sunday. Jim Rodell, Jr. volunteered to work on planning the tour to Manitowoc which will be held on Thursday of that week, in addition to planning the tour to Hartford on Tuesday.

Members present at the meeting showed strong support for having a club Christmas party at Klemme's Wagon Wheel at Howard's Grove. Sandra Stock volunteered to help plan the party, and said that she would call Barb Leonhardt to help her. The party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 4 from 2:30-7 p.m.

A 2021 MTFCA national tour planning committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 11. Details to follow.

Tin Lizzie University is scheduled for Saturday, February 1 at Vrana Frame & Body Shop, West Bend. Potential topics include magnet recharging by Gregg Zangl, generator rebuilding by Dave DeYoung, electronic coil testing and adjustment by Ken Lefeber, and steering column restoration by Jim Hess.

Carol Brodtke announced that she is willing to sew tool rolls if members will donate Model T tools to assemble tool kits for door prizes at the 2021 National Tour.

John & Carol Brodtke announced that they met someone who would like to sell Ford Times magazines and other paperwork.

The next business meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies is scheduled for 2 p.m. on April 19 at Nite Owls Tavern in Slinger.

Dave DeYoung moved to adjourn the meeting. John Brodtke seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary,
Dairyland Tin Lizzies



President's Message:



-Pete



Dairyland Tin Lizzies' Christmas Celebration

Saturday January 4th at Klemme's Wagon Wheel

120 S. Wisconsin Dr, Howards Grove

Beginning at 2:30 pm - Dinner at 5:00 pm

**White Elephant
Take-Away
gift exchange at
3:00 pm**



**How much?
\$17 per adult
\$8.50 per child
(10 & under)**

What's on the menu?

Broasted chicken, tenderloin tips, potatoes, dressing, veggies,
salads, dinner rolls, coffee and milk

**We may bring in desserts. Your leftover goodies from the
season are welcome, or make something special to share.**

**RSUP by December 27th to: Shelly Humphrey
3660 Larkfield Drive
West Bend, WI 53095**

Please make checks payable to Dairyland Tin Lizzies





The Dairyland Tin Lizzies
Chapter of
The Model T Ford Club of America



presents

**Tin Lizzie University
& Ladies' Day**

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Vrana Frame & Body Shop
1405 N. Main Street
West Bend, WI

9 am –noon Indoor parts swap Bring your own tables.
Outdoor parts swap space also available, weather permitting.

Noon Lunch - Menu & price TBD

1-4 pm Possible Educational Seminars May Include:

Magneto Recharging - Gregg Zangl

Generator Rebuilding, Setup and Care - Dave DeYoung

Coils Tuning and Adjustment using the ECCT - Ken Lefeber

Excess Steering Play and Front Axle Adjustments - Jim Hess

9 am-4pm Ladies Day activities TBD
We will depart for our day of fun at 9:30!

For swap spaces or seminar information

Billy Vrana 262-689-7919

For Ladies Day, RSVP

Diane Scheid 262-339-1301

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

See the details for these and lots of other national events in the current issue of The Vintage Ford.

Model T Ford Winter Clinic

Hosted by the Sunflower State Crankers & The Flatland T's of Kansas
McPherson, Kansas USA January 25, 2020

MTFCA 55th Annual Meeting & Museum Tours

Hosted by the Nebraskaland Model T and Antique Car Club
Lincoln, Nebraska USA February 14 - 15, 2020

20th Annual Show Me Tour

Hosted by the Show Me T's Club
Lebanon, Missouri USA June 4 - 6, 2020

Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Swap Meet, Car Show, Seminars, Workshops and Mini-tours!
Richmond, Indiana USA June 6, 2020

MTFCA 2020 National Tour

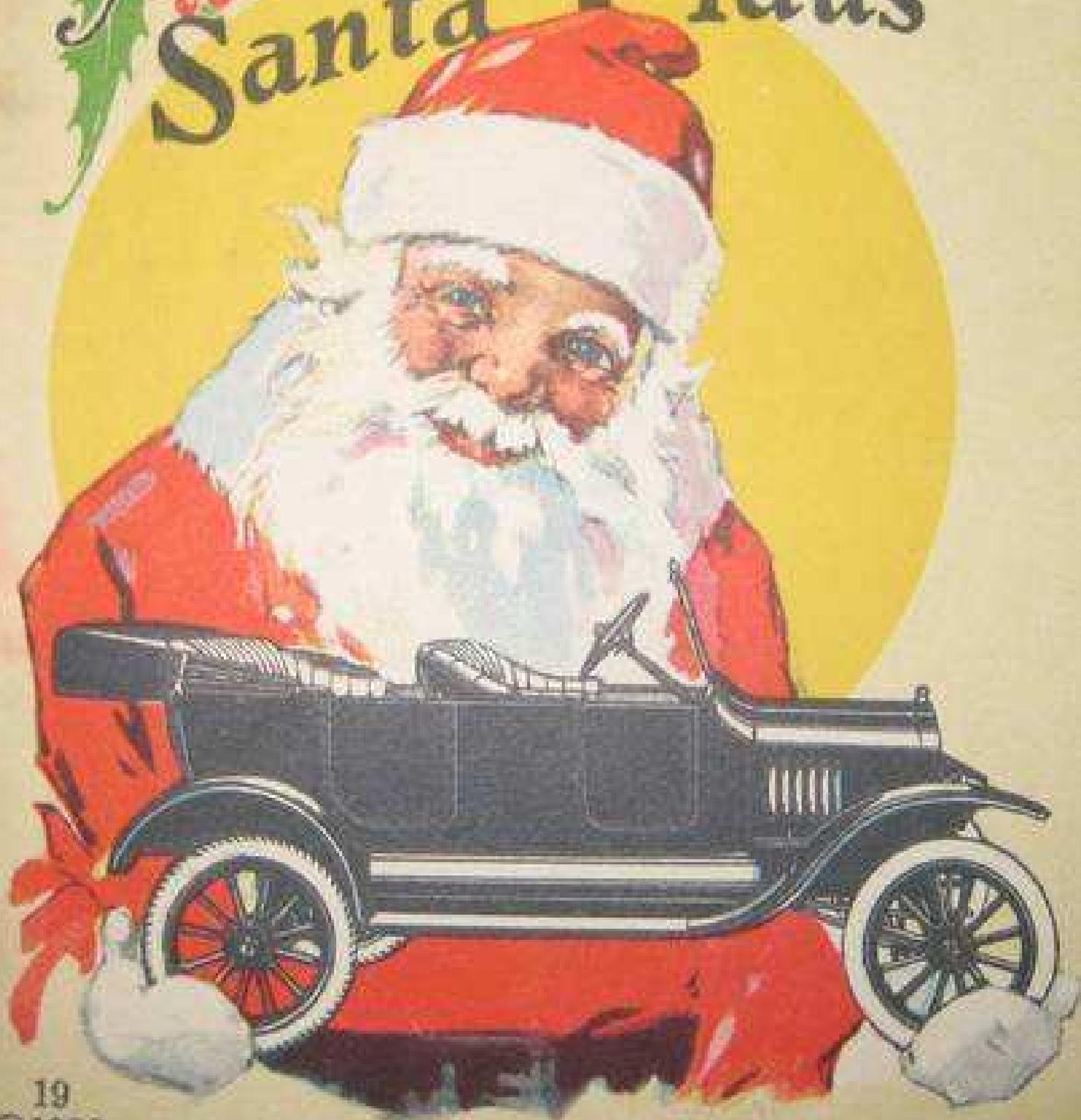
Hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club
Spokane, Washington USA July 18 - 23, 2020



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, but it sure makes your membership a lot more fun!

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A Great Santa Claus



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