



The Buzz



The Official Publication of

The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

What's inside?

- Destination Door County 2022
- Upcoming Events
- DTL University
- Ladies' Day
- Spring Business Meeting Minutes
- Model Ts at School
- Spring Shakedown
- Sheboygan Marsh
- MTFCA Events
- Membership Roster
- Wayback Machine

Destination Door County - May 28-30, 2022

By Carol Brodtke

The morning awoke with the sun shining and a cool, brisk wind as the Model-Ts departed Kohler Generator Plant near Sheboygan. As usual, the lake drive was beautiful and uneventful. Our first stop in Manitowoc was for gas and the second was Hartman's Bakery. Here, everyone lined up for their favorite sweet tooth confection.



Onward we trekked along the Lake Michigan coastline through Two Rivers and then the classic Wisconsin countryside. We saw small groves of trees, creeks, farmland and occasionally a farm animal grazing as we passed by.



UPCOMING 2022 & 2023 EVENTS

August 13

Sheboygan Marsh & Henschel's Indian Museum Tour

Meet at Fleet Farm in Plymouth for a 9am departure
See details inside

August 14

Fond du Lac County Historical Society's 66th Annual Ice Cream Social at the Galloway House and Village Hours TBD

An opportunity to show off your car and talk Model Ts with visitors
Please respond to Pete ASAP if you are interested.

September 3-5

"Hodag III" 2022 - Rhinelander, WI

Motel Reservations: Days Inn Rhinelander 70 N. Stevens Street
715-362-7100 A block of rooms is being held for "Dairyland Tin Lizzies" until August 2nd. Check-in: 9/2 Check-out: 9/5

September 18

Richfield Threshere at the Richfield Historical Park, 1896 State Road 164

Display your car for free entry - Hours 9-5

October ?

Possible Fall Color Tour

November 6

Fall Business Meeting

2pm -Malone Area Heritage Museum, N8791 County Rd W, Malone
Feel free to come early and view the museum.

January ??

Possible Christmas Party



Dairyland Tin Lizzies Officers

President: Pete Humphrey * Treasurer: Ken Lefeber

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

Webmaster: Carol Gumbinger * Newsletter Editors: Pete & Shelly Humphrey

—Continued from Page 1

We stopped at a quaint craft show at Lakehaven in Kewaunee to stretch our legs and take a look around. Just as we were ready to leave, Mother Nature decided it was time for a few rain drops, so folks put on the side curtains or donned rain gear if necessary and onward we went.



The next stop was to refuel ourselves at Fish Tale Alehouse in Algoma where we all (or at least some of us), over indulged in a hearty meal.



After lunch, the journey continued along the back roads of Kewaunee and Door Counties, enjoying some amazing lake views. We also experienced back roads that had not made it into the 20th century; gravel covered and winding through canopy covered forests.



— Continued on next page

—Continued from Page 3



We reached our host hotel, Runaway Lodge in Valmy, to be greeted by our wonderful hosts, Ron and Mary. Everyone had plenty of time to settle in before delicious bowls and plates of members' homemade goodies showed up on the picnic table. Everyone gathered for a feast of great food, good conversation and a few s'mores around the campfire.

Sunday morning dawned as it should for a May day in Door County: breezy, sunny and crisp. After devouring the goodies we purchased at the bakery on Saturday, supplemented by fruit, cereal, and coffee we were off for a day of exploration.



There was a quick stop at George Pinney County Park with a gorgeous view of both the Bay of Green Bay and a backdrop of a century old stone quarry. As we journeyed along, one could not help being mesmerized by the beauty of nature all around us. The row of T's traveling down the roads was like a picture from the history books, only better and a lot more fun.

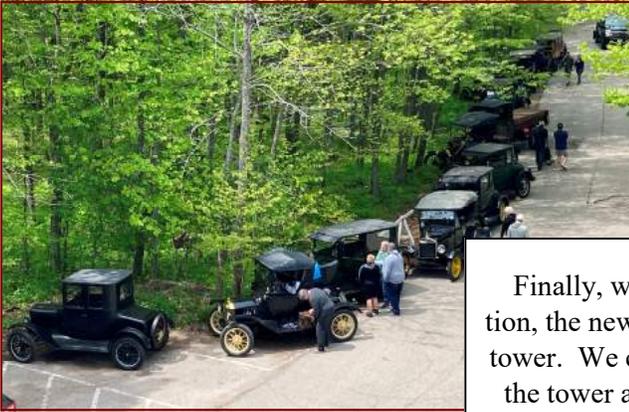


— Continued on next page

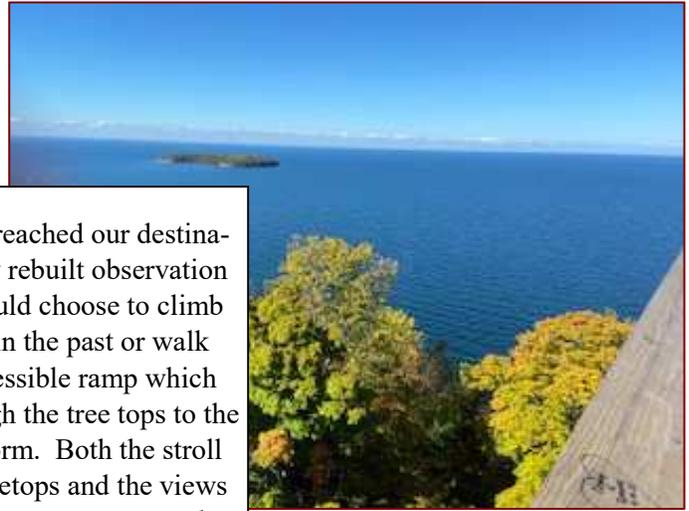


After a stop at Wood Orchard Market where folks stocked up on their favorite snack foods, including cherry pie, cherry jam, and those delicious chocolate covered cherries, we traveled along to Peninsula State Park. There, we drove along the curved roadways and took in the beauty of the woods and the rock formations from the Niagara Escarpment.





Finally, we reached our destination, the newly rebuilt observation tower. We could choose to climb the tower as in the past or walk along the accessible ramp which took you through the tree tops to the viewing platform. Both the stroll through the treetops and the views from the platform were spectacular.



The T's journeyed onward through more back roads until we refueled our bodies at the Sister Bay Bowl. Again, hospitality and food were amazing.

After lunch, we started our trek back. The wind had picked up and it is rumored that one or two of our Ts learned a new dance move, "The Slide". I

heard more than one T owner comment: "Did it feel like the car moved slightly sideways with that strong gust of wind?" Not to worry, everyone was fine and the T's performed well. Mother Nature thought that another bout of light rain was needed for the day, but that didn't dampen our spirits. After all, back in the day, this would have been a good day to travel and I think our Ts even enjoyed it.



We stopped at Lautenbach's Orchard and Winery for some more Door County treats and then moved on to our last stop of the day which was Bay Traders, a shop that specializes in architectural salvage. After roaming through the building and checking out the merchandise, we continued onward, arriving in Jacksonport for supper. Again, if anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault as the food was great and the servings generous. Finally, we returned to Runaway Lodge, tired but full of great memories of the day.

—Continued from Page 6

Monday morning brought another day of sunshine and a cool, brisk wind. Breakfast at Betsy Ross filled our bellies and we were ready for our journey back home. In case we had not gotten our fill of Door County cherries, there was a stop at Cherry Delite where they process the dried cherries. Just as we rolled into the parking lot, one of the T's had a slight incident; the wheel bearing went out on the front driver's

side. Not to worry! The mechanics jumped into action, tools came out of trunks and knowledgeable hands went to work. I can even imagine some of them saying, "This is what I live for—fixing a Model T". While some of us indulged in a few chocolate covered dried cherries, skilled hands and a few spare parts from members soon had it up and running again. Looks like there may be a little shop time in store for this T.



The final stop on the tour was Cedar Crest Ice Cream in Manitowoc. A tour is just not complete without a stop for ice cream and this has been a club favorite.

The last leg of the journey back to the Kohler Generator Plant was uneventful. It was another successful trip to Door County! Thank you to Pete and Shelly for doing a marvelous job of organizing everything and to DeWayne and Diane for being their right-hand helpers.



Tin Lizzie University - January 29, 2022

By Jack Leonhardt

This year's Tin Lizzie University was hosted by Billy & Dan Vrana, co-owners of Vrana Frame & Body Shop (vranaalignment@gmail.com). It was a day packed with camaraderie and education.



Attendees present: an astonishing 42, including 3 attentive & well behaved children of Travis Schisel. Are they "future Model T'ers?" In addition to the Dairyland Tin Lizzie members, five (5) Chicago-land MTFCA members (see the photo) and two (2) Milwaukee MTFCA members took in the DTL University.



The day kicked off with Keith Gumbinger sharing his "real life" experience and demise of his universal joint on the return from the 2021 Door County Tour. The ongoing question on what lubricant is recommended and "how much" grease for the universal joint was covered. The general consensus we took away from Keith's presentation is to use a "good" axle grease and "load it up" (the universal joint) until it weeps from the torque tube bell.

Billy Vrana covered the re-facing of the intake/exhaust valves and seats using vintage tools. What an array and collection of these tools that showed what life as a mechanic was in the "olden days".



—Continued from Page 8

A display of Ford tools and variants of wrenches and pliers was shown by Jeff Pagels. Thank you Jeff.

Our last presentation of the day and “over the top” was Mr. Tod Wirth with his in-depth presentation and in his words, the “demystifying” of the Model T transmission. Tod’s array of props and graphic display provided exceptional insight on the workings of the Model T transmission. Tod shared some tips including the use of ZDDP Plus additive (high pressure lube) after engine/transmission rebuilds and subsequent oil changes. Also, jack your Model T up and start the engine with the transmission in high gear, thereby thoroughly lubing the triple gears/bushing after an engine/transmission rebuild. Tod’s presentation spurred many questions from the “students”. There was a great deal of interaction. I think it’s time for Tod to write a book on Ts with the in-depth knowledge he possesses!



Our hosts provided beverages and munchies including “artesian” cheeses, crackers, & summer sausage; all low fat and no calories!!!! Thank you to the Vranas and of course, our presenters who donated their time and expertise.

Tin Lizzie Ladies' Day - January 29, 2022

By Barb Leonhardt

Shelly Humphrey, Diane Scheid and Barb Leonhardt gathered at Panera Bread for coffee/tea and a little 500 calorie “snack”. They met up with Barb Gerrits and enjoyed going in and out of little “Specialty” shops. Along the way, they enjoyed seeing all the unique ice sculptures. Of course, they had their pictures taken by the “ANGEL” sculpture. Later in the morning, Shelly bought all the girls a “before lunch” treat....dark chocolate. She insisted that it be eaten immediately; not to be saved for after lunch. All girls obeyed. Lunch was at “Dooley’s”....great food and great waitress. A fair amount of walking was done in that day and all were dressed for the chilly weather. Of course, the day was ended with a stop at a “wine and cheese” shop. Over sips of wine, the ladies got plenty of time to get in their “Model T Talk” (aka: Girl Talk). A big Thank You to Diane Scheid for planning the “Ladies Day”!





Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of April 23, 2022 Business Meeting

The spring meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:11 p.m. by President Pete Humphrey on Saturday, April 23 at Roadside Bar & Grill in Plymouth, Wisconsin, and opened with the United States pledge of allegiance.

Members present were:

John & Carol Brodtke
DeWayne Fritz
Pete & Shelly Humphrey
Ken Lefeber
Michael Reinl
Diane Scheid
Dan & Phyllis Schultz
Billy Vrana

Kevin Brusco
Markus Geoffrey
Jerry Johnson
Jack Leonhardt
Marshal Reysen
Travis Schisel
Rick & Irene Schwechler

Dave DeYoung
Shawn Gerrits
Reuben Kugel
Jeffrey Pagels
Jim Rodell, Jr.
Leon Schuh
Sandra Stock

Billy Vrana introduced his guest, Dan Krueger, owner of a 1927 Tudor.

Jeffrey Pagels moved to dispense the reading of the minutes from the October 16, 2021 business meeting, and approve the minutes as printed in the January, 2022 issue of The Buzz. John Brodtke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President Kevin Brusco had no business to report.

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

Treasurer Ken Lefeber distributed copies of a treasurer's report showing income and expenses from October 16, 2021 to April 23, 2022 with a beginning balance of \$983.24 and an ending balance of \$697.18. Carol Brodtke moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dave DeYoung seconded the motion. Motion carried. President Humphrey announced that he and Treasurer Ken Lefeber work together to maintain the membership roster.

Webmaster Carol Gumbinger was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Diane Scheid reported on the Christmas party held January 9 at Amore Banquet Room in Plymouth. 35 members attended. Barb Gerrits and Diane organized the event, and Diane reported that the location and door prizes were excellent.

Billy Vrana reported on Tin Lizzie University held at Vrana Frame & Body Shop on January 29. Billy reported a good turnout and is looking forward to hosting the event next year.

Diane Scheid reported that four ladies participated in "Ladies Day" held during Tin Lizzie University and had a good time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Rodell, Jr. gave a history of "Model T's at School" held at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in 2018 and 2019, and announced that after a 2 year hiatus, history teacher Mr. Jerry Zeamer would like the Dairyland Tin Lizzies to return. Shawn Gerrits volunteered to lead this event in 2022, and Dave DeYoung and Markus Geoffrey volunteered to assist with the event.

— Continued on next page

Pete Humphrey announced that Destination Door County Tour plans for May 28-30 are being finalized. The tour will depart from the Kohler Company Generator Plant parking lot. Runaway Lodge is filled and has a waiting list.

President Humphrey announced that we have 121 Model T's registered for the Wonderful Wisconsin MTFCA National Tour, with room for more and one week left to register. Jim Rodell, Jr. explained what a MTFCA National Tour is, and gave a daily synopsis of the Wonderful Wisconsin Tour.

Kevin Brusco announced that he is waiting to hear back from his contacts at the EAA in regards to the Dairyland Tin Lizzies providing Model T rides at the EAA Airventure Fly-In. Emails will be sent to Dairyland Tin Lizzies members as information becomes available.

Kevin Brusco announced that plans are developing for a Hodag Tour in Rhinelander over Labor Day weekend organized by the Brusco family.

President Pete Humphrey asked if members at the meeting have plans for day tours.

Billy Vrana volunteered to organize a "photography tour", with the goal of creating a cover photo for the Vintage Ford magazine. The tour is planned to begin at the Kewaskum Town Hall on Saturday, May 21. More details to follow.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Shelly Humphrey.

President Humphrey announced that the spring meeting was the time for election of officers, and asked for nominations. DeWayne Fritz nominated Tod Wirth for president, but Tod was not present to accept the nomination.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reminded members that the office of president has a three consecutive year term limit, as the Dairyland Tin Lizzies adopted that policy borrowed from the Model T Ford Club of America handbook upon formation of our chapter in 2001. With no volunteers to run for any offices at the meeting, Leon Schuh moved to override the three consecutive year term limit for president and moved for all current officers to remain in their offices. Irene Schwechler seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

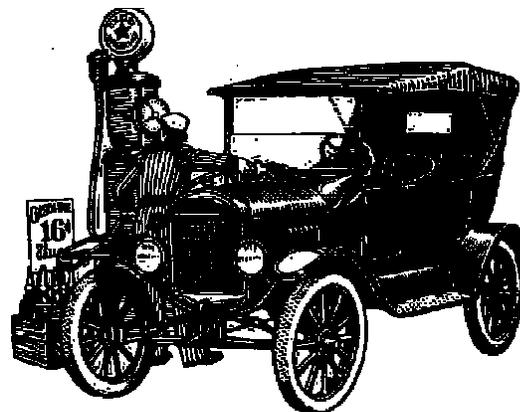
President Humphrey reminded members that the club has windshield decals available for \$1.25. He also reminded members that MTFCA repair DVDs are available from club librarian DeWayne Fritz.

President Humphrey asked for a volunteer to set the date and location for the fall business meeting. Shelly Humphrey volunteered.

Jerry Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave DeYoung seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies



Model T's at School - May 13, 2022

By Keith Gumbinger

On Friday May 13, 2022, the Dairyland Tin Lizzies assembled at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson, WI. Our mission was to present historical facts about the Ford Motor Company and the production of the Model T's to 5 American History Classes. Many years and body styles of T's were present. The students all got to ride in several different Ts as can be seen in these pictures.



Dairyland Tin Lizzie members present (and their cars) were:

Tod Wirth - 1912 Touring

Greg Zangl - 1913 Depot Hack

Dave DeYoung - 1926 Tudor

Keith & Carol Gumbinger - 1914 Touring

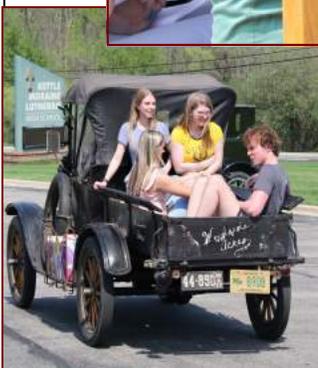
Marcus and Julie Geoffrey - 1925 Roadster Pickup and 19?? Model T Tractor Conversion

Chad Prost, but his car was not available due to repairs in progress.

DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid - 1926 Coupe

— Continued on next page

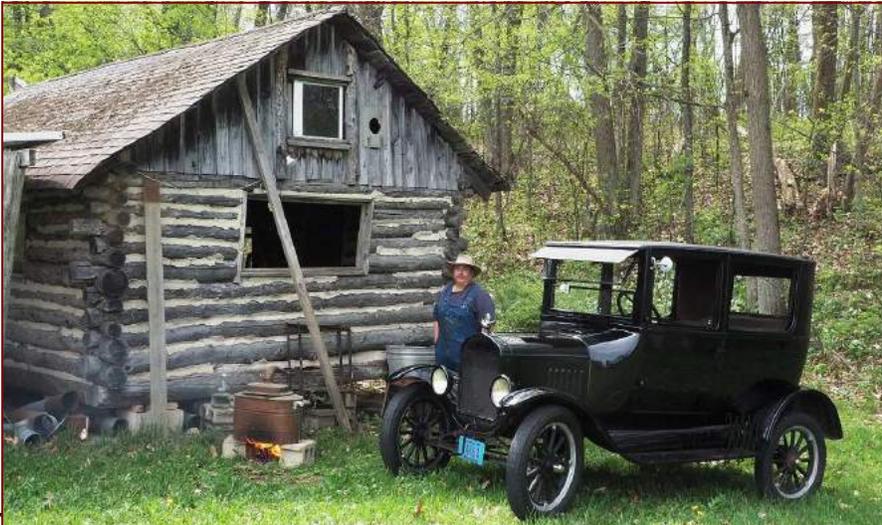
Shawn Gerrits organized this presentation. We had lunch between the morning and afternoon classes. The students seemed to enjoy the information we gave them and certainly enjoyed the rides as well. One of the students wanted to drive a T, but we couldn't permit that. Just after that, here comes Gregg's '13 Depot Hack with none other than Ethan Rodell driving it!!! Yes, we know that Ethan has been driving T's for some time and is a good T driver, but we had just told the other kid that we couldn't let him drive our Ts. Oh well...



Everyone had a good time: the kids, the instructors, and our DTL members. The weather cooperated and Shawn made us a nice lunch to boot.

Thank you to Shawn for organizing this important event for the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School students!

Highlights from Billy's Spring Shakedown Tour - May 14, 2022





Sheboygan Marsh Tour

Saturday August 13, 2022

We will be meeting in the Fleet Farm parking lot in Plymouth so you can fill up your car with gas before we leave. We have permission to park trailers on the south west corner of the parking lot for the day. Driver's meeting will be at 9:15 AM. We will be leaving for the Henschel Indian Museum at 9:30 AM. Admission to the museum is \$6 per person. After the museum we will stop at the Sheboygan Marsh Tower and have lunch at Three Guys & a Grill. After lunch we will drive around the Sheboygan Marsh and stop at the Old River Bridge in St. Cloud. From there it is back to Plymouth for ice cream at Chester's. The tour will be about 50 miles round trip.

RSVP: Call or text Ken Lefeber @ 920-893-9847



UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

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

39th Annual Hillbilly Tour

Hosted by the Heart of the Ozarks Chapter
Pittsburgh, Kansas USA September 7-11, 2022

22nd Annual Antique Autos in History Park

Hosted by Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose
San Jose, California USA September 17, 2022

Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by the West Central Indiana Model T'ers
Parke County, Indiana USA September 24-28, 2022

Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Richmond's Historic Depot District
Richmond, Indiana USA June 3, **2023**

MTFCA 2024 National Tour "Palm and Pine Trees Tour"

Hosted by the Model T Ford Club of San Diego
San Diego, California USA June 16-19, **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 \$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!

Direct correspondence to:
MODEL T FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
P. O. Box 996
Richmond, IN 47375-0996
Or, online at www.MTFCA.com



MULTNOMAH FALLS
COLUMBIA R. GORGE
OREGON 1917