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# The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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## Tin Lizzie University - January 21, 2023

#### By Keith Gumbinger

Dairyland Tin Lizzies' Model T University 2023 winter session was held at Vrana's Body Shop as in previous years. The weather was great with virtually no snow or ice on the roads and temperatures in the 20's. Nice winter weather.

We had about 40 Model T'ers in attendance from all over the state and neighboring Illinois. A car of T enthusiasts came from the Chicago area, including Wade Stynoski, youngest son of John Stynoski for whom the MTFCI "Stynoski Award" is named. Also, from Rockford, IL, were Tim Wanfalt and Dave Lantz. There were also several guys from the Milwaukee Club and our

very own Rhinelander guys, Bob and Dan Bruso.

We started with a morning Swap Meet with a variety of T parts for sale. Most all sold. Then a wonderful lunch was offered, prepared by our Host Billy Vrana's brother. He made great chili and brownies!



Before the bell rang for class, Dave Lantz from the Rockford MTFCI chapter told us about their annual Swap Meet at the Belvidere, IL Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.



Class started with "How to clean and pack wheel bearings" presented by Kevin Bruso. Wheel bearing maintenance is something that is often ignored and can lead to dire consequences.



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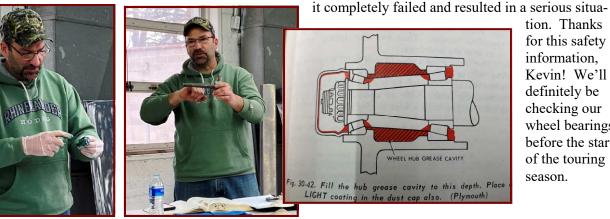
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UPCOMI	NG 2023 CLUB EVENTS		
<u>May 9</u>	Model Ts at School 2023 Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Rain date: May 11 Timing is TBA. Contact Shawn Gerrits if interested. See more details inside.		
<u>May 27-29</u>	Destination Door County 2023 Our annual kickoff tour for the summer returns! Details inside.		
<u>June 10</u>	Summer University and work day Rich Edler's place, Waldo Timing & details TBD.		
<u>June 10</u>	Summer Ladies' Day Start at Rich Edler's place. Timing & details are TBD. Contact Barb Leonhardt if you wish to attend.		
<u>August 5</u>	Lilly's Lizzie Tour Campbellsport to New Holstein Starts at 9am Full details inside.		
<u>August 13</u>	Fond du Lac County Historical Society's 67th Annual Ice Cream Social At the Galloway House & Village Hours 10-4 - Show off your car and talk Model Ts! Contact Pete if you are interested.		
<u>September 16</u>	Old Falls Village Car Show At the corner of County Line Road & Pilgrim Road - Hours 10-2 Contact Dave Hjortnaes if you are interested. More details inside.		
<u>November 5</u>	Fall Business Meeting 2pm - Location TBD, but save the date!		
Dairyland Tin Lizzies Officers			
	President: Dave DeYoung * Treasurer: Ken Lefeber		
	Vice President: Kevin Bruso * Secretary: Jim Rodell, Jr.		
	Webmaster: Carol Gumbinger * Newsletter Editors: Pete & Shelly Humphrey		

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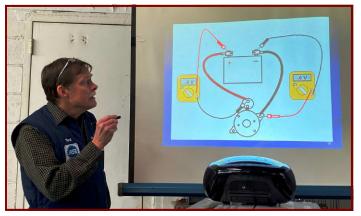
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#### This was witnessed on the 2022 Destination Door tour when a front wheel bearing failed due to lack of maintenance. Fortunately, it was recognized and fixed on the spot (by the Professor and his willing assistants) before



tion. Thanks for this safety information, Kevin! We'll definitely be checking our wheel bearings before the start of the touring season.

Our next class of the day was "How to make your Model T start quickly like it should" presented by Tod Wirth. Tod began by describing the basics of what's needed for a good running T: Good compression (think rings and valves); good carburetor; good wiring; good timer and of course a good coil box! (Coil boxes were covered a few years ago when John Regan went over that topic thoroughly.)



and having new, properly adjusted points. Tod explained all of this



With the basics established, Tod delved into the coils themselves. His power point presentation had lots of pictures, and he also brought disassembled coils so everyone could see what's inside them. Several diagnostic devices were also on display that he uses to properly calibrate coils,



including a Strobospark tester and an ECCT (Electronic Coil and Capacitor Tester). These testers are used to fine tune coils to put out peak performance. The coils are of primary importance for your T to start quickly and reliably. This includes replacing the original capacitor



thoroughly. His knowledge of Model T mechanics and circuits is well respected in our hobby.

This was a great event! Thanks to Billy Vrana and his crew for hosting and for the tasty lunch. I'd also like to thank our 2 instructors for sharing their knowledge on these important Model T topics. We are fortunate to have them put these presentations on for us today. Thank you Kevin and Tod! It was wonderful!!!

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#### Tin Lizzie Ladies' Day - January 21, 2023

#### **By Shelly Humphrey**

A fun day of shopping and laughs awaited us ladies as we gathered at Vrana's Body Shop. Our first stop was Woolen Mills which sells beautifully knit Irish sweaters, warm winter clothing, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. But the one thing that really caught our eyes was the X-body Chala purse. It's a nice small size and will be excellent for touring in the small confines of a Model-T. Several of us purchased these.

Our next stop was Vincenzo's of West Bend (aka: St. Vincent de Paul). From wine glasses, to scissors, or shoes, it's a place where everyone can find something they need.

Wanted:





The next Ladies Day is June 10<sup>th</sup>. So, DTL Ladies, put it on your calendar and plan to join us!



With all this shopping we really worked up an appetite, so our next stop was Good Day Café. Our meal choices around the table ranged from the healthier salads, soups, and fruit plates, to the not so healthy, Cinnamon Roll French Toast, Turtle French Toast and Gyros. Yum!

After lunch we headed downtown to see some live entertainment, Downtown Harrison, in our 1929 restored theater, The Bend. He was very entertaining with his impersonations ranging from Sinatra to Michael Jackson to Tina Turner. After the show we did more shopping on Main Street and enjoyed the ice sculptures in the downtown area.

Our final stop of the day was The Wedge; a cheese and wine lover's store that also sells charcuterie meats. We bought 2 bottles of wine that we shared and enjoyed while a wonderful charcuterie board of fabulous cheeses, crackers, and meats was created for us. It was a great day of making new memories.

## **Rear floor pan for a 1924 Coupe**

Please call Gary Prost 262-675-2663



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# Dairyland Tin Lizzies' Christmas Party - January 7, 2023

Our annual Christmas party was held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at Alma's Café in Allenton. As always, it was well attended and the holiday spirit was in full force. Things got underway with our usual white elephant takeaway gift exchange. Looking at all the goodies on the table, there was plenty to choose from. It's best not to become too attached to the gift that you open as it can easily be taken away in the next round. Some people ended up opening <u>multiple</u> gifts after theirs were "stolen".



Once all gifts were opened, it was on to dinner. Alma's prepared a delicious buffet of beef tips and gravy and chicken cordon bleu. It was all yummy and no one went away hungry.



Thanks to Tod & Sharon Wirth for volunteering to organize this fun party for our club!

Of course there was dessert and Tod made sure there were pieces of cake for everyone.

As an added treat, a selection of Laurel and Hardy silent movies were running during the party. This was the perfect compliment as Model Ts are prominently featured in L & H films. But you'd better think long and hard before hiring these two guys to do any work around *your* house.







# <u>Dairyland Tin Lizzies</u> Minutes of April 2, 2023 Business Meeting

The spring meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Pete Humphrey on Sunday, April 2 at Malone Area Historical Society in Malone, Wisconsin. The meeting opened with the United States pledge of allegiance.

Members present were:

Andy & Sue Anderson John & Carol Brodtke Kevin Bruso Dave DeYoung Richard Edler John & Tammy Fischer DeWayne Fritz Shawn Gerrits Jan Guell David Hjortnaes Pete & Shelly Humphrey Jerry Johnson Dan Krueger Larry Lamont Ken Lefeber Jack & Barb Leonhardt Jeffrey Pagels Denis Pulvermacher Jim & Colleen Rodell Diane Scheid Gordy Sharapata Sandra Stock Billy Vrana Tod & Sharon Wirth Jim Wright

Denis Pulvermacher moved to dispense the reading of the minutes from the November 6, 2022 business meeting, and to approve the minutes as printed in the December, 2022 issue of The Buzz. Shelly Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President Kevin Bruso announced that he would provide an update of the honorary membership proposal under new business.

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

Treasurer Ken Lefeber distributed copies of a treasurer's report showing income and expenses from November 6, 2022 to April 2, 2023 with a beginning balance of \$778.36 and an ending balance of \$3,064.98. Dave DeYoung moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carol Brodtke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President and Newsletter Editor Pete Humphrey reported that an issue of "The Buzz" would be published soon.

Webmaster Carol Gumbinger was not in attendance, but relayed a message through President Humphrey saying that she has no news to report, but would like members to send pictures to her to include on the site.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Sharon Wirth reported on the Christmas party held January 7 at Alma's Café in Allenton. 30 members attended. Thanks to Tod & Sharon for planning this event.

Billy Vrana reported on Tin Lizzie University held at Vrana Frame & Body Shop on January 21. Billy reported a good turnout with a large representation from Illinois. Thanks to Billy and Vrana Frame & Body Shop for hosting this event, and thanks to Kevin Bruso and Tod Wirth for their valuable presentations.

Diane Scheid and Shelly Humphrey hosted Ladies' Day during Tin Lizzie University and reported that six ladies enjoyed visiting shops and viewing ice sculptures in downtown West Bend.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President Pete Humphrey announced that Paula Gember completed video with music for each of the six days of the Wonderful Wisconsin MTFCA National Tour hosted by Dairyland Tin Lizzies and they are available to view at the YouTube website. Those who had seen the videos rated them as excellent.

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Vice President Kevin Bruso provided an update on the honorary membership program being developed to provide membership privileges without dues to formerly active members and spouses who are no longer able to participate in club activities. An outline of the proposal may be available at a future meeting.

May 9 is the date set for "Model T's at School" to be held at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School near Jackson. May 11 is set as the alternate date in case of inclement weather. Shawn Gerrits is chairman of the event and is coordinating with history teacher Mr. Jerry Zeamer.

Pete Humphrey announced that Destination Door County tour plans for May 27-29 are in progress. The tour will depart from the Kohler Company Generator Plant parking lot. Twelve Model T's are signed up for the tour, and four rooms are still available at RunAway Lodge in Valmy.

President Pete Humphrey read an announcement sent in by Keith Gumbinger promoting the Homecoming at the Model T Museum in Richmond, Indiana on Saturday, June 3. Model T driving tours are planned prior to the Homecoming on May 31, June 1, and June 2.

Rich Edler will host a "Work Day" at his facility near Waldo on Saturday, June 10. Barb Leonhardt volunteered to plan a "Girl's Day" outing for the same time period.

Billy Vrana discussed the possibility of planning a tour to Symco, Wisconsin.

Jim Rodell, Jr. announced and distributed flyers for "Lilly's Lizzy Tour" planned for Saturday, August 5 from Campbellsport to New Holstein and back. Stops include Toasty Oven Bake Shoppe, Timm House, and Pioneer Corner.

Pete Humphrey announced that Fond du Lac Historical Society has invited the Dairyland Tin Lizzies to bring Model T's to their Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 13 at Galloway House Museum.

Dave Hjortnaes announced that he is in charge of the Menomonee Falls Historical Society car show at their museum grounds to be held on Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and invited the Dairyland Tin Lizzies to participate.

Tod Wirth discussed the possibility of planning a tour on September 16 or 17 which would include the Richfield Historical Society Thresheree as the destination.

President Humphrey announced that the spring meeting is the time for election of officers, and asked for nominations. Jim Rodell, Jr. nominated Tod Wirth for president and Ken Lefeber seconded the nomination, but Tod declined. Barb Leonhardt nominated Dave DeYoung for president, who accepted. With no other nominations, a voice vote confirmed all in favor of Dave DeYoung as the new president of Dairyland Tin Lizzies. With no nominations for vice president, secretary, or treasurer and current officers willing to continue service, a voice vote confirmed all in favor that vice president, secretary, and treasurer continue in their roles, followed by a round of applause.

President Humphrey reminded members that it is time to pay dues at the increased rate of \$15.00 per family annually, as decided at the November 6, 2022 meeting.

President Humphrey reminded members that the club has windshield decals available for \$1.25. He also reminded members that MTFCA repair videos are available from him as club librarian.

President Humphrey announced that Gary Prost is in need of a rear floor pan for his 1924 coupe.

Kevin Bruso discussed the possibility of a Model T tour in the Malone area featuring history of the moonshine industry prevalent in the area during Prohibition.

A tentative date of November 5, 2023 is set for our fall business meeting. Incoming President Dave DeYoung will determine a location and details will be announced.

Jim Rodell, Jr. brought up the topic of Dairyland Tin Lizzies Facebook page and expressed his concern that it had grown into something other than a communication tool for our chapter and is not something he would use to promote club tours and local events. The possibility of starting a new Facebook page with different screening options was suggested.

The topic of advertising items for sale within the chapter was discussed. Members were reminded that ads may be posted on our club website or in "The Buzz" newsletter.

President Humphrey adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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

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	May 9, 2023 (Rain Date: May 11) Time: TBA	KETTLE MORAIN LUTHERA HIGH SCHO
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	(Hwy G., just north of Sherman Rd.)	
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Company, an	ary will include a brief history of Henry Ford, the Ford d the Model T. We will then demonstrate the unique is of our Tin Lizzies and provide Model T rides.	Motor
	n excellent opportunity to promote our hobby by sha nd Model T's with the next generation.	aring our

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KETTLE Moraine LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



RSVP to Shawn Gerrits if you would like to participate. 920-382-6442



It is time to kick off the 2023 T-Touring season! Plans are being made for an exciting weekend of touring beautiful Door County. We will have some new destinations as well as some old favorites planned, with wonderful scenic roads.

As in past years, we will depart from the Kohler Generator plant in Sheboygan at 9:00 AM Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The address of the generator plant is: N7650 County Road LS, Sheboygan. We have approval to park our trailers in their parking lot until we return on Monday afternoon.

Saturday and Sunday evening we will be staying at our home away from home for Memorial Day weekend, Runaway Lodge in Valmy (920) 746-4046. There are currently a few rooms available and they are being held for our group **but only until May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Be sure to mention that you are with the Dairyland Tin Lizzies

We will spend Saturday traveling to our destination with a new stop for lunch and a few other places of interest. Saturday evening upon arrival at Runaway Lodge, we will have appetizers in the picnic area, weather permitting. If the appetizers are all gone and you are still hungry you can go to "Happy Hour" across the street.

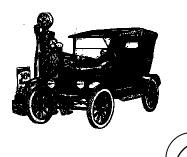
On Sunday morning we will have a light continental breakfast at Runaway Lodge before we begin our day of touring. Evening dinner is still TBD. Monday morning we will stop for breakfast in Sturgeon Bay before venturing home.

Everyone is welcome to bring an appetizer to share Saturday evening. Please bring your own beverages.

Looking forward to a great tour in beautiful Door County!



Pete & Shelly Humphrey 262-247-5218 262-353-8210



# Lílly's Lízzy Tour

August 5, 2023 New Holstein, Wisconsin



One of our youngest members will have her learner's permit this summer and wants to drive on a Model T tour! Join the Dairyland Tin Lizzies (and Lilly) as we tour the countryside between Campbellsport and New Holstein, a round trip of about 75 miles.

The tour will depart from Immanuel Lutheran Church, 350 S. Helena St., Campbellsport at 9 a.m. There is room to park tow vehicles and trailers and restrooms will be available.

We will be traveling to New Holstein over mostly county highways, offering a safe and scenic route ideal for new Model T drivers. We will stop for Amish baked goods at Toasty Oven Bake Shoppe near St. Anna. After arriving in New Holstein, we will visit the Timm House Victorian mansion and Pioneer Corner history museum. Please bring cash as there is a \$10 admission fee per person which covers both the Timm House and Pioneer Corner.

Lunch will be picnic style, so pack your cooler, install the manifold cooker, or stop at the Kwik Trip across the road from the Timm House. On the return trip to Campbellsport, we will stop for ice cream at Hamburger Haus in Dundee.



<u>Please RSVP if you are planning to attend at</u> <u>jcerodell@hiercommnetworks.net</u> or call 262-224-9734.

Note: Members who wish to drive Model T's to New Holstein from their direction may participate. Please RSVP and meet at the Timm House at 10:30 a.m.



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## MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION FORM

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<ul> <li>As a participant on the</li></ul>	Steering gear connecting rod (drag link) to steering gear ball (2 required)
<ul> <li>⇒ Spindle bolts (king pins)</li> <li>⇒ Spindle connecting rod (tie rod) bolts</li> <li>Cotter key (or lock washers, if holes not day installed in the following:</li> <li>⇒ Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle perch (2 required)</li> <li>⇒ Steering gear bracket to frame (3 required)</li> <li>⇒ Ball arm (pitman arm to steering post (1 required)</li> <li>⇒ Steering gear connecting rod (drag link) to yoke ball (2 required)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year]</li> <li>Yoke ball (1 required)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Brakes</li> <li>Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floorboards</li> <li>Both rear wheels lock-up under hard braking</li> </ul>	Note: Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission
<ul> <li>Emergency Brakes</li> <li>Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl and spring) and both rear wheels lock</li> <li>Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with the engine running and should be able to hold car on a moderate slope.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled Installed on:</li> <li>⇒ Control shaft assembly to frame (4 required)</li> <li>⇒ Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)]</li> <li>⇒ Brake rods [4 (1 per end)]</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Engine/Power Train</li> <li>Oil leaks – within acceptable limits</li> <li>Gasoline leaks-none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended)</li> <li>Cotter pins installed on:</li> <li>⇒ Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)]</li> <li>⇒ Choke/carburetor adjustment rod [1 at carburetor]</li> </ul>	⇒       Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)]

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<ul> <li>Wheels</li> <li>⇒ Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) are tight</li> <li>⇒ Front wheel bearings—no play, good condition and greased</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed</li> <li>Lug nuts tight on demountable rims</li> <li>Checked tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts, etc.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Rear Axle</li> <li>Rear wheel nuts tight and secured with cotter pins (use long wrench)</li> <li>Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed:</li> <li>⇒ Rear spring to frame [4 required]</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>□ Rear spring hangers (shackles)         [4 (2 per side)]</li> <li>□ Rear spring perches to wheel flanges         (backing plates) [2 (1 per side)]</li> <li>⇒ No oil leaks at outer seals</li> <li>⇒ Check differential gear case oil level</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Other</li> <li>Lights functional</li> <li>Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended)</li> <li>Safety glass in windshield; all other,</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Rear view mirrors(s)</li> <li>Fire extinguisher</li> <li>First Aid kit</li> <li>Current Car Registration</li> </ul>	

# For Sale - 1922 Model T Coupe "Pickup"



Check it out for yourself. You'll fall in love with it! Contact DeWayne Fritz 414-322-9535. (Call or text) This Model T has one of the best restorations you will find. The body and interior are immaculate, With new paint and interior, <u>it is stunning</u>! It also has new tires and tubes and a new water pump. Touring season is coming. You need a fun and reliable ride this summer!



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# **UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS**

## Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Richmond's Historic Depot District

Richmond, Indiana USA May 31-June 3, 2023

## **22nd Annual Show Me Tour**

Hosted by the Show Me Ts

Bolivar, Missouri USA June 8-10, 2023

## MTFCA 2023 National Tour "Experience the Flint Hills"

Hosted by the East Central Kansas Ts

Manhattan, Kansas USA June 18-23, 2023

# 66th MTFCI National Tour "Beer, Cheese and Model T's"

Hosted by the Midwest Chapter

Baraboo, Wisconsin USA July 16-23, 2023

# Michigan Jamboree of T's

Hosted by The Boilin' T's

Marshall, Michigan USA August 8-11, 2023

# Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by West Central Indiana Model Ters

Parke County, Indiana USA September 23-27, 2023



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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