



# The Buzz

The official publication of the  
Dairyland Tin Lizzies  
May 2014



**Congratulations  
Barb & Shawn!  
May you enjoy  
many happy years  
of T-ing together!**



# Upcoming Events

**May 24-26th**

**Destination Door County - 2014** (See attached)

When: Meet at 9:00 AM, Depart at 9:30 AM

Where: Leave from Kohler Generator Plant parking lot

**2 Rooms still available**

Valmy: Runaway Lodge reservations: 920-746-4046

**June 14th**

**Lizzie's 1914 100th Birthday Bash - Rhinelander, WI**

Contact: Dennis McGill 715-490-6480, dlmcgill55@gmail.com

Facebook: Lizzie's 100th Birthday Bash

**June 15th**

**Wings & Wheels - Sheboygan County Airport**

When: 9AM

Where: Jack & Barb Leonhardt's hangar for refreshments

**June 22nd**

**Carousel Tour to Waterloo - Flivver Fest**(See attached)

When: Depart at 9AM

Where: Artistic Landscape Company, Hartford

**July 4th**

**City of Murals Tour & Potluck Picnic** (See attached)

When: Depart 9 AM

Where: Rich Edler's, Waldo, WI

**July 28- Aug 1st**

**EAA Air Venture**

Ford Motor Company and The EAA have once again invited the Dairyland Tin Lizzies to participate in their event. We will be providing rides from 10am - 2pm, Monday through Friday. We had a great new route to drive last year, and I am pushing to use that same route again.

You may sign up for as many days as you would like. I would like to have a few extra cars on the list in case people have to cancel, and to compensate for any weather related issues. If you are interested, contact Kevin Bruso at 920-849-3682, or [kevin.bruso@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bruso@gmail.com) to sign up.

*This has been a great event over the last 6 years.  
Please join us for another fun outing with your Model T!*

# Upcoming Events

Continued

**Aug 2nd**

## **Antique Automobile Club of America**

Where: Oconomowoc, WI (Details to follow)

**Aug 9th**

## **Gimmick Rallye**

What: Prizes and surprises. Picnic lunch after rallye.

Where: Starting point TBD (Details to follow)

**August 17th**

## **Richfield Historical Society Car Show & Vintage Baseball**

When: Park opens at 10 AM, game starts at 11AM

Where: Richfield Historical Park

**August 23rd**

## **Wade House Tour**

When: Depart 9 AM - (See Attached)

Where: Zion Lutheran Church, Hwy D. just 1/2 mile E of Hwy 41

**September 27th**

## **Plants, Trains & Automobiles**

What: Largest indoor garden railroad layout in the Midwest

When: 10AM - 3PM

Where: Shady Lane Greenhouses, Menomonee Falls

**November 9th**

## **Fall Business Meeting**



When: 2:00 PM

Where: Aidan O'Reilly's Pub & Grill - Allenton. WI

### OFFICERS

President: Pete Humphrey

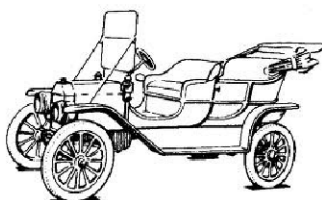
VP: Jim Hess

Secretary: Jim Rodell Jr.

Treasurer: Duane Nicholson

Webmaster: Carol Gumbinger

Newsletter: Shelly Humphrey



**Dairyland Tin Lizzies  
Minutes of April 13, 2014 Meeting**

The spring meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Peter Humphrey on Sunday, April 13 at Aidan O'Reilly's Pub & Grill in Allenton, Wisconsin.

Members present were:

Kevin Bruso	Richard Edler	Dave Eickelberg
DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid	Shawn Gerrits	Keith & Carol Gumbinger
Jim Hess	Pete & Shelly Humphrey	Larry Lamont
Jack & Barb Leonhardt	Duane & Nita Nicholson	Gary Prost
Denis Pulvermacher	Jim & Colleen Rodell, Eric & Ethan	Jim Rodell, Sr.
Joe Vrana	Paul & Debbi Wilcox	Bob Wirth
Tod & Sharon Wirth	Jim Wright	Gregg & Pam Zangl

Gregg Zangl moved to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2013 meeting as published in the December, 2013 issue of The Buzz. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice –President Jim Hess announced that the Antique Automobile Club of America Central Fall Meet would be held July 31-August 2, 2014 at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, and brochures were distributed. Participation in the meet requires membership in AACA. The car show on Saturday, August 2 is open to the public.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. announced that he received a schedule of events from Elmer's Toy and Auto Museum in Fountain City, Wisconsin. Jim forwarded the information to Shelly Humphrey for possible publication in The Buzz.

Treasurer Duane Nicholson distributed copies of a treasurer's report showing income and expenses from April 14, 2013 to April 13, 2014, with a balance of \$856.80. Keith Gumbinger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jack Leonhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Newsletter editor Shelly Humphrey reported on The Buzz. Jim Hess and Jim Rodell, Sr. are both working on stories about their Model T's. The "Ask Gregg" column of The Buzz has been inactive recently, and requires more participation from an inquisitive audience.

Carol Gumbinger had no news to report in regards to the club website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Pete Humphrey reported on the Christmas party held January 11 at Aidan O'Reilly's.

Gregg Zangl and Keith Gumbinger reported on Tin Lizzie University held at Vrana Frame & Body Shop on January 18. President Humphrey thanked Jim Rodell, Sr. for bringing many interesting Model T accessory items to show at Tin Lizzie University.

President Pete Humphrey reported on the Winter Parts Swap Meet held at Washington County Fair Park on February 23, and thanked Adam Doleshal for selling his parts.

President Humphrey announced that Model T Ford restoration videos are available on loan from club librarian Jack Leonhardt, and Treasurer Duane Nicholson has Dairyland Tin Lizzies windshield decals for sale. Club apparel can be ordered by contacting Dan Schultz.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

May 10 will be the wedding day of Shawn Gerrits and Barb Lambrecht. Shawn announced that all Dairyland Tin Lizzies members are invited, and there will be a tour between the wedding and the reception.

Diane Scheid announced that she and DeWayne Fritz are willing to organize "Destination Door County 2014", and checked with Runaway Lodge to find that 12 rooms are available. A show of hands indicated at least seven Model T's are committed to participating, so the tour is a go.

Rich Edler announced that he would like to host a Tin Lizzie University session at his garage on May 3, beginning at 9 a.m. Projects to be completed include the top and upholstery of DeWayne Fritz's 1927 roadster and the side curtains on Edler's 1926 roadster. Rich will grill brats and burgers for lunch.

On June 14, a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for a local 1914 Ford will be held in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, including a car show. Kevin Brusio will be returning to Rhinelander for Easter, and will bring back more information to be included in the next issue of The Buzz.

Jack and Barbara Leonhardt will again be hosting refreshments beginning at 9 a.m. in their hangar at Sheboygan County Airport during "Wings and Wheels" on Father's Day, June 15.

Kevin Brusio announced that our club is invited back to the EAA Fly-In by Ford Motor Company. The dates for the Fly-In are July 27-August 3. Organizers would like the club to provide at least five Model T's from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Kevin Brusio for more information or to sign up.

Bob Wirth promoted the Car Show and Vintage Baseball event to be held Sunday, August 17 at Richfield Historical Society Park, beginning at 10 a.m.

Carol Gumbinger announced a tour she is planning of the Plymouth area, beginning at Rich Edler's home in Waldo, on July 4, starting at 9 a.m.

Tod & Sharon Wirth are organizing a tour for Saturday, August 9 to include the Dairyland Tin Lizzies and the Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club.

Shelly Humphrey asked if there is interest in a "Flivver Fest" tour to the Waterloo Firemen's Park with rides on the restored Parker Carousel. After receiving positive feedback and discussion, a tentative date of June 22 was chosen. Jim Rodell, Jr. will organize a new tour route originating in Hartford and traveling through Clyman and Reeseville.

Bob Wirth announced "Plants, Trains, and Automobiles" at Shady Lane Greenhouses in Menomonee Falls from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 27. Shady Lane Greenhouses has the largest indoor garden railroad layout in the Midwest.

Carol Gumbinger will organize a tour to Wade House and Jung Carriage Museum on August 23, beginning in Kohlsville.

Duane Nicholson relayed an invitation for our club to attend the "Caledonia Homecoming" to be held September 6-7 at Lynwood Park in the Township of Caledonia in Racine County.

President Peter Humphrey read an announcement for "Wales Vintage Days" car show to be held June 14.

President Humphrey also read an announcement for the "August A's" car show to be held at the Chudnow Museum of Yesteryear, 839 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 16.

President Humphrey announced that Tom Manson of West Allis has a 1923 roadster for sale, and circulated pictures of it around the meeting room. Asking price is \$15,000.00.

President Humphrey reiterated that the newsletter editor would appreciate submissions of material to be published in The Buzz.

Annual dues for the Dairyland Tin Lizzies remain at \$10.00 per family, and are collected by Treasurer Duane Nicholson.

Jim Wright moved to retain the existing officers of the club for another term. Rich Edler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Wright moved to hold the November 9, 2014 business meeting at Aidan O'Reilly's Pub & Grill. Debbi Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Wright moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Eickelberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.  
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies

**DAIRYLAND TIN LIZZIES**  
**DESTINATION: DOOR COUNTY**  
**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**  
**MAY 24-26, 2014**



**THE PLANS FOR OUR TOUR TO DOOR COUNTY ARE ALL BEING FINALIZED. AS IN PAST YEARS, WE WILL MEET AT THE KOHLER GENERATOR PLANT IN SHEBOYGAN AT 9:00AM ON SATURDAY, AND DEPART AT 9:30AM. THE TOUR ROUTE ON SATURDAY WILL HAVE A FEW SLIGHT VARIATIONS FROM LAST YEAR. WE HAVE FOUND A GREAT BAKERY IN TWO RIVERS AND WE WILL GO THERE AGAIN THIS YEAR. WE ALSO HAVE A COUPLE NEW STOPS ON THE SATURDAY TOUR. LUNCH WILL BE IN KEWAUNEE, HOWEVER THERE ARE NOW A FEW OTHER RESTAURANT CHOICES WHICH WE WILL ANNOUNCE AT DEPARTURE. AFTER CHECKING IN AT RUNAWAY LODGE, WE WILL DRIVE TO A LOCAL PUB/DINER FOR DINNER. WE WILL RETURN TO THE LODGE FOR DESSERT AND SPIRITS.**

**SUNDAY'S ROUTE WILL TAKE US UP THE BAY SIDE OF DOOR COUNTY, WITH A LUNCH STOP AROUND SISTER BAY. AFTER LUNCH WE WILL TOUR BACK TO JACKSONPORT FOR THEIR MAIFEST CELEBRATION BEFORE HEADING TO A LOCAL WINERY. OUR LAST STOP OF THE DAY WILL BE A LOCAL PUB/DINER FOR DINNER, AND BACK TO THE LODGE FOR DESSERT AND BEVERAGES.**

**OUR TOUR HOME ON MONDAY WILL INCLUDE A STOP FOR BREAKFAST, AND OF COURSE, ICE CREAM.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS OF TODAY THERE ARE ONLY 2 ROOMS AVAILABLE AND THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS. RUNAWAY LODGE RESERVATIONS: 920-746-4046.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT WEEKEND. WE HAVE ORDERED WARM AND SUNNY DAYS!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:**

**DIANE            262-339-1301**

**DEWAYNE      414-322-9535**



## Join the Dairyland Tin Lizzies for the



## “Carousel Tour” & “Flivver Fest”



It's an afternoon with Flivvers, families, food, fellowship & fun under the shade trees of beautiful Waterloo Fireman's Park.

- Ride a 1911 Parker Carousel, 1 - 3 pm. 50¢/ride
- Catered picnic lunch with soft drinks
- Tin Lizzie Bingo for children and adults
- Socialize with other clubs & see each others Tin Lizzies

**When:** Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Noon to 4:00 pm.  
**Where:** Waterloo Fireman's Park, Wisconsin  
**Cost:** \$ 8.00 per Adult  
\$4.00 per child 5-12, under 5 free

*The “tour” will depart at 9:00 am from: Artistic Landscape Company,  
765C Cleveland Avenue, Hartford, WI.  
1/2 mile West and one mile North of downtown Hartford.  
Parking for trailers and tow vehicles is available to the West of DJS Manufacturing.*

*Join us as we motor along beautiful country roads en-route to Flivver Fest.  
Our expected return time in Hartford will be around 5pm.*

Join us for the tour, along the route, or in Waterloo.

**Please send check payable to Dairyland Tin Lizzies by June 18<sup>th</sup> to:**

Shelly Humphrey  
3660 Larkfield Drive  
West Bend, WI 53095  
262-353-7998

Please bring a dessert to share.

# CITY OF MURALS TOUR

JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014



**STARTING PLACE**-- Rich Edler's place - W4502 Clear View Road, Waldo, WI.

**START TIME**—9:00

**DESTINATION**—Plymouth (The City of Murals), for a potluck picnic and short gimmick tour, then back to Rich's, place.

Meat will be furnished by the club. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverages and table settings. **Also bring clip board and pencils.**

**RSVP** to Carol at 262-909-0557 or 262-552-7576 or [tinlizzielady@gmail.com](mailto:tinlizzielady@gmail.com) **BY JUNE 22----**tell how many are coming and what you are bringing.



# WADE HOUSE TOUR

AUGUST 23, 2014



**STARTING PLACE**----Zion Lutheran Church (On Hwy D. just ½ mile east of Hwy 41—there is ample room for trailer parking )

**STARTING TIME**---9:00

## **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AT THE BUTTERNUT CAFÉ**

(Located in the visitor center and serving from 11:00-2:00) also on the way home a stop at The Hamburger Haus in Dundee for ice cream

See the new Westly W. Jung Carriage Museum, have a horse drawn wagon ride, view the Herrling Sawmill, the Stagecoach Hotel and the Dockstader Blacksmith Shop



# St. Patrick's Day Parade- Dundee, Wisconsin

March 16th, 2014 - By Bob Wirth

Jerry Fait's parents came from Bohemia (once the western part of what is now the Czech Republic). Jerry was born in 1914 and grew up on a farm near the tiny central Wisconsin town of Milladore. For the past two years, Jerry has celebrated his birthday by participating in the Dundee, Wisconsin St. Patrick's Day Parade. At this year's parade Jerry was to celebrate his 100th birthday, his grand daughter, Lisa Badini, decided to organize a special way for Jerry to



participate in this year's parade. In late February Lisa contacted the Greater Milwaukee Model 'T' club to ask if anyone could provide a Model 'T' to be placed on a decorated float that Jerry could 'ride' in. After some thought and planning I decided that since I own a 100 year old 1914 Model 'T' Ford, that it would be appropriate to volunteer the car for use in the parade.

On Saturday March 15th, my son Tod and I trailered the 'T' up to Dundee. Lisa and her team met us with a flat bed trailer. After loading the 'T' onto the trailer, it was moved into a very large garage to provide some shelter from the wind and cold for Lisa's team to build a frame on the trailer to display large banners on all four sides of the trailer displaying events that have occurred during Jerry's 100 year of life.



The parade stepped off at noon on March 16th under sunny skies with temperatures at 20 degrees. This parade is noted as the shortest St. Patrick's Day parade in Fond du Lac county (three blocks +/-). There were about 15 units in the parade viewed by a very large crowd wearing the green and enjoying appropriate beverages. Everyone seemed to enjoy Jerry's float with banners on all four sides and the 1914 Model 'T' Ford. Tod and I

very much enjoyed being able to provide an appropriate vehicle for Jerry's birthday celebration as part of this St. Patrick's Day parade.



# Celebrating 100 years — old-school style

By GAY GRIESBACH  
For the Daily News

Jerry Fait has no ties to the Emerald Isle but plans on celebrating his centenary with a few hundred folks — most of whom are also not Irish — at Dundee's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Born before the Bolshevik Revolution, World War I, penicillin, television, the Internet and digital cameras, Fait will turn 100 Monday.

Nancy Kopp, town of Jackson, said her father has been in the Dundee parade for the past two years.

"When he comes down the street, everyone starts chanting, 'Jerry, Jerry.' Last year, when he was 99, he rode his scooter standing up, steering with one hand and waving to the crowd with the other," Kopp said.

Technically, Jerry will still be 99 — the parade takes place at noon Sunday — but this year his scooter will be replaced by a float and Fait will sit behind the wheel of a car built the same year he was born — a 1914 Model T Ford convertible.

"Dad will be a star," Kopp said.

Kopp said Jerry's granddaughter Lisa Badini, who owns a cottage in the Kettle Moraine area, got in touch with various Ford collector clubs to see if anyone would be willing to volunteer their vintage vehicle.

Bob Wirth, a member of the Greater Milwaukee Model T Club, stepped forward.

"In life you have so many things that you have to do. On occasion, something like this comes along that you want to do," Wirth said.

His son and fellow car collector Tod Wirth, Richfield, offered the loan of his trailer to ferry the vehicle to Dundee.

Kopp said Jerry visited the Model T at Wirth's Colgate home March 8.

"The car is in beautiful condition, like it just came off the assembly line," Kopp said.

Fait still lives on his own at River Shores Regency Apartments in West Bend and is known around town.

"He's the guy who comes in and starts dancing around — he likes to show off," Kopp said. "He's in excellent shape — normal heart, normal blood pressure, normal everything."

Jerry attributes his longevity to staying mentally and physically active and a daily dose of vitamins.

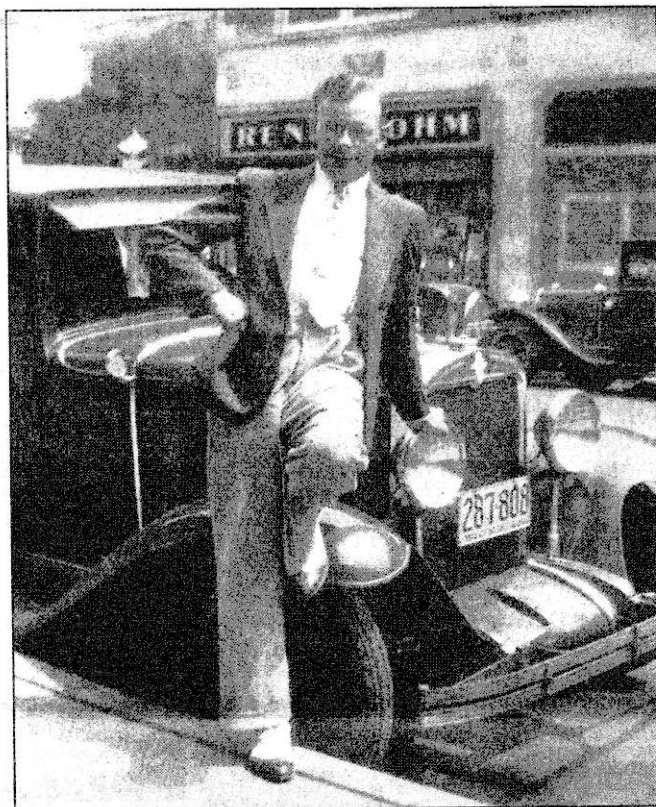
"When I was in high school, I learned about vitamins and minerals and took it to heart. As soon as I could afford it, I bought them," Fait said.

Fait, whose parents came from Bohemia (once the western part of what is now the Czech Republic), grew up on a farm near the tiny central-Wisconsin town of Milladore.

It's surprising that Fait doesn't mind facing the St. Patrick's Day chill in the Kettle Moraine, considering one of his earliest memories — a 2.5-mile walk home from school one blustery day in the 1920s.

"It was snowing a little and the wind was so bad it was blowing snow between the snow banks on the road. About a quarter mile from walking home with my brother (Edwin), I saw a hole in a snow bank and put my head and hands in to warm up a little," Fait said.

When he started to feel



Submitted photo

Jerry Fait looks dapper at age 24 in 1938. The location of the photo is unknown.

comfortable and drowsy, the realization hit him — if he stayed where he was, he would freeze to death and Fait summoned the strength to continue on his way home.

Fait worked for his room and board in order to go to high school in Wisconsin Rapids, and before his first job at Misericordia Hospital, he took the 140-mile journey to Milwaukee to apply for his high-pressure fireman's license.

Fait failed the first time, but checked out a Bailey boiler handbook from the Milwaukee Public library and began to study. When he returned to the city a month later, he aced the test.

He moved from Misericordia to working for A&P, doing maintenance and boiler work before World War II began. Because of gas rationing — Fait lived on the north side of the city and the A&P warehouse was on the south side — he took a job at AO Smith, where he worked 38 years and retiring at age 65.

Along the way, he married Viola Saeger and had five children.

Jerry will be partying most of the weekend — on Saturday with family members from Minnesota, Colorado and throughout Wisconsin; on Sunday after the parade and on Monday, with his friends at River Shores.

If you want to cheer on Jerry or wish him Happy Birthday at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Dundee is about a half-hour north of West Bend on Highway 67 in Fond du Lac County.

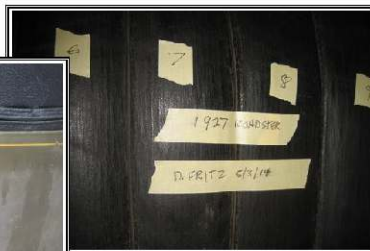
# Motel T University Work Session

May 3, 2014 - By Keith Gumbinger

Our Model T University Work Session on May 3, 2014 was held at Rich Edler's place. The weather was cool, but nice, and we were lucky it didn't rain.

15 Model T's were there .... some working, some supervising, some watching, and some learning, but we all had fun.

DeWayne Fritz and Jack Leonhardt worked on DeWayne's unrestored '27 Roadster. They installed new bands, packed the front wheel bearings and tightened up the front end in general. They also removed the rear hubs, wheels, and bearings and found lots of old, hardened grease on the parking brakes and backing plates. Also, the rear wheel bearing sleeves were worn and we need to order parts to finish that job later.



Since DeWayne's '27 Roadster is so original and unmolested, Keith Gumbinger took lots of pictures of some details on the car, such as the original pin striping, the original fender welting, and the upholstery details. On the upholstery, it was noted that there are 12 pleats on both the backrest and the lower cushion. The center pleats are exactly 3 inches wide, and on the backrest the two end pleats vary from 3 to 6 inches wide from top to bottom. The lower cushion has similar measurements. This data will be submitted to The Model T Ford Club International to be used as part of their Judging standards.

Carol Gumbinger finished work on the side curtains for the '26 Roadster owned by Rich Edler and Rich's Brother. This had been started at the last work session, but needed more fasteners ordered for completion.



Jim Hess brought Rich's '24 Fordor in and checked it over. He found the spark lever needed to be adjusted and did that. Greg Zangl checked the front end on it and tightened it up. Then several of the rest of us cleaned the car real well so it was ready for the Gerrits wedding on May 10<sup>th</sup>.



At about Noon lunch was ready. It was really a feast. Rich provided Brats and Burgers and his Son grilled them while the rest of us were working. Potato Salad and Beans, etc. rounded out the menu.

Great conversations, Model T knowledge and camaraderie flowed throughout the day. A good time was had by all.



