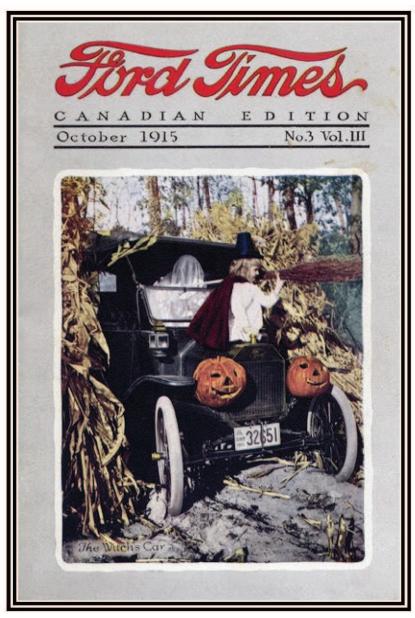


# The Buzz

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Happy Halloween!

#### RAMBLINGS FROM THE RUNNING BOARD

October? In fact it's almost November! How did it get here so fast? I love the change of seasons; the warmth of Summer turning to the crisp days of Autumn; the gorgeous colors of Mom Nature's glory. Still, it's hard to believe it's time to think Winter storage for our beloved Model Ts. Now, instead of looking to a tour or activity, we're looking to what items need attention. For me, it's time to pull that starter motor off of the coupe and get it to Ron Patterson for a much needed overhaul. The Touring needs rim flaps, an outside oil line and the rods still need adjustment. Yup, owning a T means never being bored.

Looking back, we had quite a calendar of great activities this season. In this issue of The Buzz, we will revisit our tours and events. The thing is, there is so much to cover that we have room for only about half. The Destination Door Tour, the Carousel Tour to Waterloo, the City of Murals Tour and EAA appear here. The rest may be seen in the next issue. As always, our thanks go out to all of you who made these events reality. It is your passion and hard work that makes it all happen.

Next up on our club's agenda is our Fall business meeting. We will meet once again at Aidan O'Reilly's in Allenton on Sunday November 9th at 2 pm. We will recap this season's activities and talk about ideas for 2015. Should we have a Christmas Party? What are some possible topics for a Tin Lizzie University or two? Please bring your ideas. So are you thinking about the things that need attention on your T? How about your car as the subject of a Tin Lizzie University? Also, Treasurer Duane Nicholson requests that if you have expenses to be reimbursed from 2014, could you please submit them as soon as possible so that he can deliver an accurate financial report?

This last year turned out to be a difficult one for many of our members as they lost loved ones close to them. Please keep those folks in your prayers. A reminder that life is precious and not to be taken for granted.

Thanks and see you in two weeks!

Take some time and take to the road. Model Ts make magic. -Pete



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# **Upcoming Events**

**Fall Business Meeting** November 9th

> When: 2:00 PM

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

January 2015 Christmas Party ???

> Aidan O'Reilly's - Allentown Where:

### We had fun with our T's this Year! Hope you joined us!

May 24-26th **Destination Door County** 

June 15th Wings & Wheels June 22nd Carousel Tour

July 4th City of Murals Tour July 28- Aug 1st **EAA Air Venture** 

Aug 2nd Antique Automobile Club

of America

Aug 9th Gimmick Rallye

Richfield Historical Society August 17th

August 23rd Wade House Tour

September 27th Plants, Trains &

Automobiles

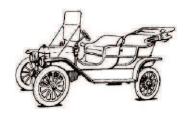


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## **Destination Door County**

Memorial Day Tour - May 24-26, 2014 Fond Memories by Keith Gumbinger

On Saturday, May 24, 2014, about 10 Model T's, friends and families departed from Edler's trucking yard north of Sheboygan, WI heading for a fun weekend in Door County.

We were pleased to see Bob and Sarah Bruso with their new to them '17 Touring along for this trip. It looks like a nice car and seemed to run well.

With gas tanks full, we were filled with enthusiasm, the weather was nice, and we were raring to go! We headed up the lakeshore route, through Cleveland, WI and into Manitowoc. Our first stop was at the BP gas station for a stretch break and gas for those who hadn't filled up earlier.

We continued on to Kewaunee where we were invited to display our cars in Lakehaven, a newly restored former warehouse building in downtown Kewaunee right on the lakeshore. We were treated to a free lunch and free Root Beer Floats. DeWayne Fritz had arranged this with

a friend who is on the Lakehaven Committee. They also had us (DTL) as the featured display that day. They had a really nice poster made up with a picture of Zangl's Depot Hack on it. Our cars were a big hit, we had lots of fun, and we're invited back to do this again next year.



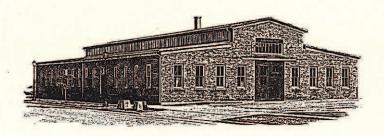
Lakehaven is being promoted as the Premier Community Event Center in Northeastern Wisconsin. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.lakehavenhall.com">www.lakehavenhall.com</a>. On their web site they even have pictures of two of our Model T's taken at

this event in their building. This stop was really fun and we were treated like celebrities. We're already looking forward to stopping there next year!

While we were at Lakehaven, someone noticed that the left front tire of Bob & Sarah Bruso's



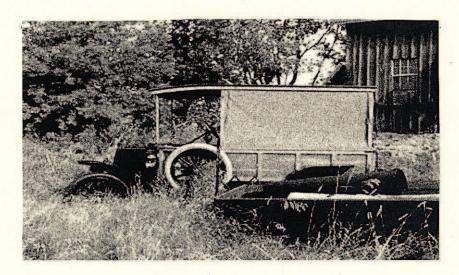
car had serious abnormal wear. It was quickly determined that the toe – in was way off, and that was corrected. Further, an emergency tire repair was done so the car could be driven on the rest of the tour. What was that emergency tire repair, you ask? Well, it was none other than a lot of duct tape wrapped around where the tire was worn the most, and it worked just fine for the rest of the tour.



# LAKEHAVEN

96 Ellis St., Kewaunee, WI 54216 www.lakehavenhall.com

# SATURDAY MAY 24TH, NOON TO 1:30 PM



COME SEE THE "DAIRYLAND TIN LIZZIES."

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MODEL TS.

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GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN IN PERIOD GARB NEXT TO A

MODEL T.

(COURTESY OF AMBIENT PHOTOGRAPHY)

BRING YOUR OWN PICTURE OF A MODEL T FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$50.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

Continuing on from Kewaunee to Green Bay, and then to the Motel at Valmy, we had some more excitement. It seemed that Bob & Sarah's car wasn't running right. The engine just wouldn't power the car. The car quit in front of a house and the residents were not home. They had a circular driveway and several of us parked in it while working on Bruso's car. Shortly, the people who live there came home and were surprised to see 10 Model T's in and around their road and driveway.

Rather than being upset, the homeowner, who turns out to be a reporter for the Door County Advocate newspaper, wrote an article about us and put it in the paper. Plus, it was in the Green Bay Press Gazette as a guest article. Pretty Cool! (The article follows my write-up.) He commented that this was the first time in all his years of being a reporter that he ever got an article right at his own home!





As we passed through Algoma, we stopped and had a guided tour and some samples at the Von Stiehl Winery and Micro Brewery.



With Bruso's car running a bit better, we continued on, but it was not to last long. A few miles further down the road, the car quit again, and again it was in front of another house. This time, the homeowners charged Bruso's battery on a fast charger and again, we continued on. Bob had a small battery providing power for the ignition on his T as the magneto doesn't work.

By then we knew we had lost a lot of time and we were running out of daylight, so we hustled a bit to get to the Runaway Lodge motel at Valmy before dark. By this time, Jim Hess was driving Bruso's car and they left the main group and took a shortcut to Valmy. The rest of us drove on the planned route.

All was fine until we left the shoreline road and went uphill to the plateau on Door County. At this point, one of our members who drives a TT truck had run low on gas. His somewhat heavier truck burns more gas than our cars. We hadn't filled up with gas since the South side of Manitowoc, and the TT gas tank is under the seat. There simply wasn't enough gas left in the tank to run by gravity to the carburetor when going up hill, so the truck couldn't make the hill. Anyway, we all finally all made it safely to the motel.

By this time we were getting kind of beat, so we just went back to the motel. Later, most of us went to a small bar & restaurant just up the street from the motel and got a bite to eat.

Sunday dawned and we were off again with plenty of planned places to go. The first stop was in Sturgeon Bay for their Annual Fine Art Fair. The weather was beautiful and we all enjoyed looking at the artists' wares.

Next, we went to Birmingham's for lunch. There were already lots of people at Birmingham's and when our group arrived, they were just overwhelmed. We'll just leave it at that.

Next, we toured north to the Seaquist Orchard Farm Store. Their parking lot had just been blacktopped, and we parked all our T's in a line....it sure looked great! The Seaquist Orchard owner came out and was in awe of our Model T's! You'd think he died and went to heaven! He started talking with Jim Hess and Gregg Zangl, telling them that he had a Model T also and would like to show it to them, so they piled into Gregg's Depot Hack and away they went. Long story short, they saw the Seaquist Model T and it is needy. Gregg agreed to come back at a later date and replace the bands and get it running properly. Seaquist's Wife said they don't give individual tours through their orchard, but Mr. Seaqusit invited us back next year and said he would give us a guided tour of the orchards. Wonderful!

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We continued on, and the next stop was The Tannenbaum Holiday Shop, a place that only deals in Christmas decorations. The place was gorgeous, and several of us bought brass Model T-like Christmas tree ornaments. They are really nice. Across the street from Tannenbaums is an

early teens building that was an ice cream place way back, and still serves ice cream. Do DTL members like ice cream? You bet, and several of us enjoyed their ice cream.



Dinner on Sunday night was at the Roadhouse, a nice area restaurant.



Wow, what a day, but we aren't done yet. It seems that one of our members was having a birthday this weekend and a surprise party was planned for him. We all celebrated Pete's



"significant" birthday and then called it a day.