



Monday morning we were on the road again & we stopped for breakfast at The Steel Bridge Café in Sturgeon Bay.



One last roadside repair.



Later we made a pit stop at the Mobil station in Algoma, and continued on to Manitowoc and the Cedar Crest Dairy. After a nice ice cream break at Cedar Crest, we continued on to Edler Trucking and the tour was over.



A BIG thank you to the tour organizers, DeWayne Fritz and Diane Scheid.

A good time was had by all!

## Columnist's view: Front row seat at a Tin Lizzy parade

Written by Peter J. Devlin Advocate correspondent [doorcountyadvocate.com](http://doorcountyadvocate.com)

I arrived home from dining out last Saturday evening to find a half-dozen automobiles in or near the driveway of the first house south of the county line. A number of people were mostly milling around. All six of the vehicles were black. All of the people were white-haired. And none of them were as old as their vehicles.

The autos I caught in the act of taking up my driveway space were all Motel T Fords, with little four-cylinder engines producing 20 hp each. The combined horsepower of the six of them was probably 120 to 125.

The average Dodge Caravan has around 160 horses. Alas, that's what I'm driving while work progresses on returning a 1996 Buick Roadmaster Estate Wagon (260 hp) to the road.

A fellow from Rhinelander, Bob Brusco, was behind the wheel of the lead Tin Lizzy. He's the retired Oneida County clerk. He said the gang gets up this way once a year over the Memorial Day weekend. They're invited to an event during the day in Kewaunee and then set out in convoy for Valmy, where they overnight. They then putt-putt-putt-putted up the Peninsula on Sunday and headed home on Monday to Sheboygan, West Bend and elsewhere.

Brusco said 10 of the "T's" left Kewaunee together Saturday, but four of their number made a wrong turn somewhere. All were reunited at their Valmy destination, he reported.

There were two touring cars (big open cars with a full back seat), a pickup truck, a recently restored flatbed truck, a sedan and a roadster (a two-seater) in the bunch that stopped at my place when one of their cars had a breakdown. The Model T's are simple machines, produced between 1908 and 1927. Roadside repairs are part of the program when motoring in one.

A modern item — duct tape — is a part of the Model T motorist's tool kit. I noticed the driver's side front tire on Brusco's machine had been wrapped with the sticky stuff. Reached at his home in Rhinelander Thursday, Brusco confessed the tire was wearing thin when he got to Kewaunee. He wrapped several layers of the tape around the tire, traveled the Door Peninsula and got home without any further problems.

The date of my encounter last week was an historic day in the car's history. It was in May 1927 —the 24th or 25th — that Henry Ford announced the end of Model T production, shutting down his factory to allow a switch over to Model A production.

During the 19 years the T was made, more than 15 million were turned out. About 250,000 are still on the road, nearly 100 years later. And for every one on the road, there's likely one or two more in various states of assembly or dis-assembly in garages throughout America, Brusco said. He has another one at home himself and his sons have also been bitten by the bug.

Model T's had wooden frames with thin sheet metal covering the exterior. The wood in the bodies came mostly from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Ford used to have a factory in Iron Mountain and a wood shop in Kingsford, a bit closer to the Wisconsin line

Interestingly, old Henry even found a way to turn a profit on the scraps from the wood shop. You've heard of Kingsford Charcoal, haven't you?

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# Carousel Tour to Waterloo



# City of Murals July 4th Tour

## By Keith Gumbinger

Bright and early on the Fourth of July, 2014, about 15 eager Model T's met at Rich Edler's place in Waldo, WI.

Soon we headed out going east to the Black River area on the south side of Sheboygan to the James Tellen Sculpture Park.

A few miles after we left Rich's place on the way to the Sculpture Park, Dave Eickelberg had a flat tire on his unrestored, '24 T Cut Off Roadster Pickup. Teamwork was in full force and several guys helped to change the tire, and it was done in record time: 4 minutes and 36 seconds flat!



At the Sculpture Park we saw lots of concrete sculptures made by James Tellen many years ago. The sculptures consisted of many interesting objects, such as: a concrete log fence, dogs, horses, birds, people, and many others.

Continuing on, driving on lots of interesting back roads, we drove to the Lone Oak City Park in Plymouth, WI. After enjoying a nice picnic lunch, we received directions and questions concerning the 25 murals painted on downtown buildings in Plymouth in 2011 by the Walldogs. The Walldogs is a private group of artists who descend on a chosen community once a year and paint murals. More information on the Walldogs and their Murals can be found at [www.plymouthwalldogs.com](http://www.plymouthwalldogs.com)



To answer the questions on the list given to us, you had to go and examine the murals for clues. For example, one of the questions asks: Plymouth? To find the answer, you mural where it says that Sargento Persnickity people of Plymouth. You Sargento Cheese TV ads a few years



"What kind of people come from went to the Sargento Cheese Cheese is made by the might have heard that on the ago.



Another question asks how many times did you find "I.O.A.F.S" on the Murals. It's found on the license plates of one of the cars, on the bow of a boat, on the back of a book, and other places on the Murals.



What the "I.O.A.F.S." stands for was not given either in the instructions nor on the Murals. One pair of participants found a guy leaving a local watering hole who was feeling no pain, and asked him what does "I.O.A.F.S" mean? Well, being the Persnickity person that he was, he knew, of course. It stands for "It's Only A Fricken' Sign". There were a lot of laughs on that.

Upon returning to the park after seeing the Murals, the correct answers to the questions were discussed and surprisingly, several of the answers had to be corrected based on information found by the participants. Awards of locally made cheeses were given! It should be noted that no one had a perfect score because some of the questions were *really* challenging!

This event was the first time Jim Hess has driven his recently restored, prize winning '23 T Roadster on one of our club events. As you can imagine, Jim would not bring this immaculate, like new, T out unless it was a beautiful day (it was!) and that there were no puddles left over from any previous rains. Jim's T looks just like a new car, and if you didn't know better you'd think he just picked it up from the Model T Dealer that morning.



We also had a cameo appearance by DTL member Don Tykac in his Model T Roadster Pickup, who isn't able to make many of our club events. *It was good to see you, Don!*

Credit for organizing this event should be given to Carol Gumbinger who set everything up, made several trips to view the murals, and developed the questions we had to answer. Credit also goes to Anette and Jess LeMahieu, who live in Plymouth and are friends of the Gumbinger's, who helped with the food we all enjoyed at the picnic, and the questions about the murals.

A good time was had by all.



# EAA Air Venture

By Kevin Bruso

July's Air Venture 2014 marked the 7<sup>th</sup> year of our partnership with Ford Motor Company and the Experimental Aircraft Association. This year's event was another great success and everyone who participated had a great time.

We have become somewhat of a permanent fixture at EAA, and are recognized by our friends at Ford Motor Company as an integral and essential part of their presence at Air Venture. Several of our passengers mentioned that they had gone for a ride with us in the years before, and they had so much fun they couldn't wait to come back for another ride. A great surprise

this year was a substantial line of people waiting for us to start first thing on Monday morning. We also were featured on the MTFCA website discussion forum, where many great pictures were posted, and a gentleman admitted that going for a ride with our group last year convinced him to buy a Model T. That's really cool when you think about it!



The biggest highlight of the week happened on Tuesday morning.

A chance to celebrate Bob Wirth's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Everyone gathered to sing happy birthday to Bob and enjoy a piece of cake before we started giving rides.

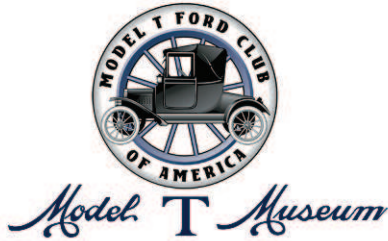


When everything was said and done, we officially had 1,018 signatures collected on the participation waivers.

My understanding is that this doesn't include any of the passengers under 18, so our actual total of passengers would be much higher – easily closing in on 1500 people exposed to the true wonders of the Model T Ford.



Thank You to everyone who helped make this year's event another incredible success.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

From: Model T Ford Club of America and Model T Museum

Re: **TRIPLE THE MONEY!**  
Matching Grant from Wayne County Foundation (Indiana)  
“Match-the-Match” from MTFCA member.

The Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Museum (“Club”) is pleased to announce that the Wayne County Foundation, through its 2014 Challenge Match Initiative, has granted the Club a matching grant up to \$10,000, plus a chance to receive bonus bucks for over-achieving our goal. An MTFCA member (who wishes to remain anonymous) has agreed to ‘match-the-match’ up to \$20,000.

**The Matching Grant runs Monday, Nov. 10, 2014 through Friday, Nov. 21, 2014.**  
**Donations must be received during this period to be counted!**

1. The Wayne County Foundation will match 1:1 donations up to \$1,000 per donor per individual and/or business. (Husbands and wives with separate accounts can each donate up to \$1,000.)
2. An anonymous MTFCA member will match the total of donations and Matching Grant up to \$20,000.
3. Donations must be received Nov. 10 thru November 21, 2014.

Donations can be made for the benefit of our Club and Museum through [www.mtfca.com](http://www.mtfca.com); through [www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org), by check, or by calling Barbara Klehfoth at 765-855-5248 with a credit card.

Please make checks payable to Model T Ford Club of America and mail to:

Model T Ford Club of America  
Match Grant  
PO Box 126  
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The Model T Ford Club of America and the Model T Museum are honored to be selected by the Wayne County Foundation to participate in this grant. Our sincere appreciation to the MTFCA member who is offering to ‘match-the-match.’ These two grants are a great show of support for the MTFCA, Model T Museum and the hobby; and a great opportunity for our Club and Museum. Please contact Barbara Klehfoth at [Barbara@mtfca.com](mailto:Barbara@mtfca.com) or 765-855-5248 if you have questions or need more information. Thanks for your help!

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