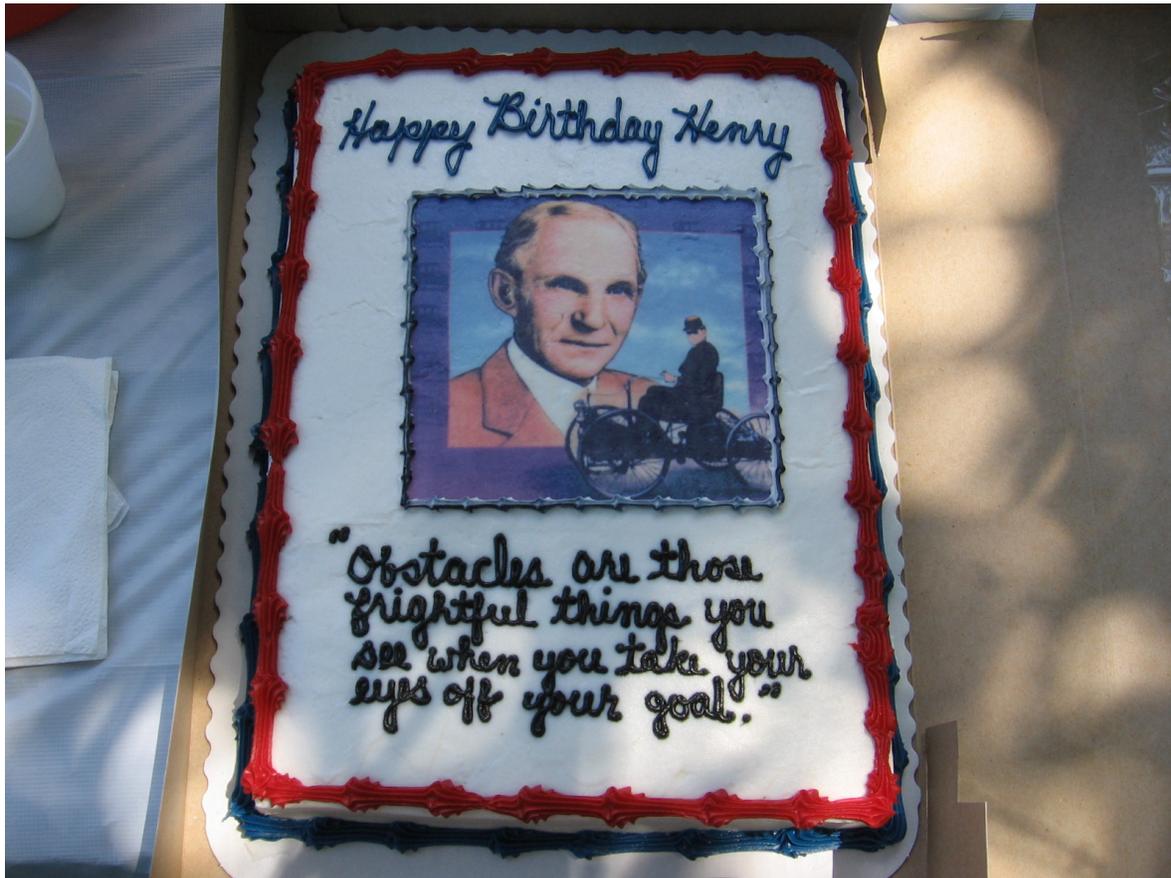


# The Buzz

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Henry Ford's birthday was celebrated at the annual Flivver Fest Tour at the Waterloo Firemen's Park



Chapter of the MTFCA



## President's Message

By: Kevin Bruso

I'd like to start my first President's message by offering a few very much deserved thank you's; To Keith Gumbinger, for serving as our president for the last three terms, to the Gerritts Family for putting on the spring business meeting, and an unbelievable meal afterwards. Their example of enthusiasm and selflessness will be a hard act to follow, and to the membership of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies, for offering me the opportunity to serve as your current president.

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a great first tour of the season, driving from the North side of Kenosha to the Lake Geneva area to visit Yerke's observatory. The weather was once again perfect, and we got to experience the return of the secada after their 17 year dormancy. While we enjoy our touring activities, please keep in mind that we all need to be responsible for our own safety. Take some time to check over your Model T to make sure it is safe to operate, keep an adequate amount of space between you and the car in front of you, and stay alert - be aware of what's happening around you at all times. We witnessed some incredibly stupid behavior of a few folks in modern cars throughout the day. Do what you can to not become a speed bump.

I'd like to make an open invitation to ALL members of the club to get more involved. If someone sends out a survey, please answer it! If someone asks for an RSVP for a meeting or other function, please answer it! These folks are using their free time, and trying to do something fun for the club, they deserve some respect and common courtesy.

There are several open weekends towards fall, if anyone has any ideas for a tour, throw something together, call a few fellow members if you need some help. These tours don't have to be anything fancy, any excuse to get the cars out and go for a drive is good enough.

For those who would enjoy an afternoon of tinkering, Larry Lamont has mentioned he needs some help with his 1915 Roadster Pickup. Larry's schedule last summer didn't allow him to use his car much, and he has a short list of things that need some attention before running it again. If you are interested in helping, please call Larry, and see if maybe we can find an afternoon that works out to get a few folks together and do an impromptu workshop at his home.

See you on the road,

## Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of April 15, 2007 Meeting

The spring meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at the Union Hall in Horicon, Wisconsin by President Keith Gumbinger.

Present were: Cliff & Lee Raye Baumann	Duane & Nita Nicholson
Kevin Brusio	Scott & Carren Porter
Adam & Christine Doleshal	Rod Prinsen
George Doleshal	Jim Rodell, Jr.
Andy Edler	Jim Rodell, Sr.
Richard Edler	Mabel Stechmesser
Mike & Heidi Finn	Ron & Sandra Stock
Jack Forman	Larry & Barbara Van Hovel
DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid	Joe Vrana
Shawn Gerrits	Bob & Alice Wirth
Keith & Carol Gumbinger	Tod & Sharon Wirth
Jim Hess	James Wright
Dean Meissner	Gregg Zangl

Jim Hess moved to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2006 meeting as printed in The Buzz and distributed at the meeting. Joe Vrana seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Adam Doleshal distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Jim Hess moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Joe Vrana seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webmaster Carol Gumbinger reported that she will take orders for imprinted aluminum Dairyland Tin Lizzies name badges at a cost of \$5.25 each to the member requesting it.

Newsletter editor Dan Schultz was not present during the business portion of the meeting due to a Model T mechanical problem. Carol Gumbinger announced that members with email would receive their Buzz newsletters electronically unless a special request is made to get a mailed copy.

### Old Business:

Adam Doleshal reported on the January 13 Christmas party hosted by him and Christine at Harnischfeger Park near Ashippun. About forty members attended. Adam and Christine will host the next Christmas party, and will announce a date at the fall business meeting.

President Keith Gumbinger reported on Tin Lizzie University held February 10 at Vrana Frame & Body Shop in West Bend. Topics covered this year included pedal cams, front end alignment, and ignition switches.

President Gumbinger also reported on a second Tin Lizzie University held March 24 at the home of Harry Nelezen near Oconomowoc, which consisted of a safety inspection of Harry's 1926 coupe, candle-making, and a tour of the property.

A report on the club booth at the rescheduled Model A club Winter Swap Meet held April 7 at the Washington County Fair Park was given by Keith. The meet this year resulted in Mike & Heidi Finn joining our club. Sales of Model T Ford Club of America items were lower than past years.

### New Business:

An idea was forwarded to create a "Membership Chairperson" to receive new members and verify MTFCA membership, maintain the roster, and collect dues. After discussion, Jim Hess moved to make the "Membership Chairperson" duties part of the Vice-President's job. George Doleshal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### National Events

President Keith Gumbinger highlighted upcoming Model T Ford Club of America events, including the centennial event to be held July 21 to 26, 2008 in Richmond, Indiana.

### Local Events

Carol Gumbinger announced a club tour in the Lake Geneva area to be held June 9, including a visit to Yerkes Observatory. The tour will originate in Kenosha.

Menomonee Falls Historical Society would like Dairyland Tin Lizzies members to bring Model T's to Old Falls Village Days held June 23 and 24.

Flivver Fest will be held Sunday, July 29, and will include a tour to Waterloo Firemen's Park with its restored Parker carousel.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported on plans for Model T Day to be held August 18 at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign-up sheets were circulated to gain volunteers for running various parts of the event.

The Wisconsin Capital Model T Club will be holding their Hill and Valley Tour and related events in Cross Plains on Saturday, September 15. Adam Doleshal will lead interested members on a tour to the event from eastern Wisconsin.

Tod Wirth announced a tour he is planning as a joint event with the Model T Ford Club of Greater Milwaukee to be held Sunday, September 16. The tour will culminate at the Richfield Historical Society Threshere held at their historical park, home of the Meyer-Messer grist mill.

Rich Edler reported that he, Rod Prinsen, and Dan Schultz would like to plan a tour in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest area. Date to be determined.

Sandra Stock volunteered a location for the November 11 fall business meeting. The Koehring House old stagecoach inn in Kiel is available to use for our meeting, and Katie works there. Our fall meeting will be held there.

An announcement was made that embroidered items with the Dairyland Tin Lizzies logo are available by contacting Dan Schultz.

#### Election of Officers

Jim Rodell, Jr. nominated Kevin Brusco for president. Jim Hess seconded the nomination. Jim Hess moved to close the nominations. Cliff Baumann seconded the motion to close the nominations. Motion carried.

Jim Rodell, Jr. nominated Carol Gumbinger for vice-president. Jim Rodell, Sr. seconded the nomination. Jim Rodell, Sr. moved to close the nominations. Joe Vrana seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith Gumbinger nominated Jim Rodell, Jr. for secretary. Carol Gumbinger seconded the nomination. Jim Hess moved to close the nominations. Bob Wirth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Hess nominated Adam Doleshal for treasurer. Joe Vrana seconded the nomination. Jim Wright moved to close the nominations. Rich Edler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Other New Business

Duane Nicholson asked about the \$25.00/day tour planner incentive. Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. explained the policy which was established at the April 2, 2006 meeting.

Keith Gumbinger announced that Jerry Gendt from the Milwaukee area approached him at the swap meet and informed him that he has Model T parts and tools for sale.

Jim Hess moved to adjourn the meeting. Rod Prinsen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m., followed by lunch hosted by the Gerrits family.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.  
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies

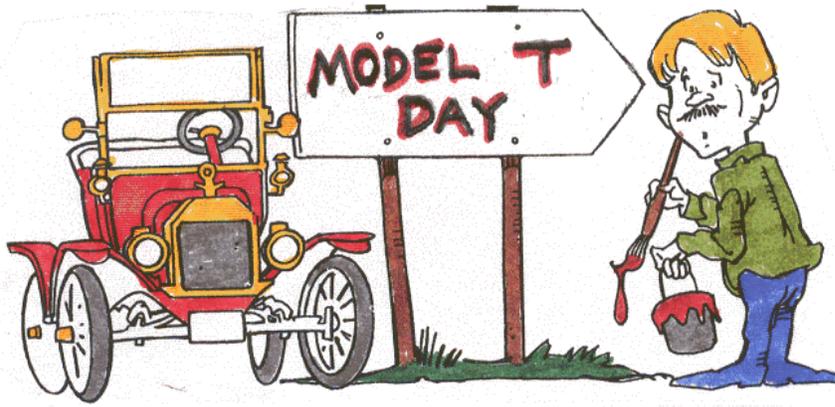
Yerke's Observatory Tour  
Submitted by Kevin Brusio

Once again, the Dairyland Tin Lizzies were blessed with perfect weather for our first tour of the season. Keith and Carol Gumbinger hosted the tour, which started from the North side of Kenosha, and circled Geneva Lake before returning to our starting point. We left the pretty much at the scheduled time of 8:30 a.m. and headed west, stopping for a quick fuel fill-up, and final car adjustment before hitting the road.

We traveled thru some very picturesque areas, and really enjoyed the country scenery as we went along. Personally, I have never spent any significant amount of time in this area, and I was pleasantly surprised. We even dipped into Illinois for a stretch, and it was still nice! After a nice "breakfast break" at a small county park, we continued on towards our destination. The roads along the south and southwest sides of Geneva Lake were nothing short of amazing. Twisty as a snake and twice as hilly, they posed a bit of a challenge to the T's, and proved to be a little too much for one low band.

Arriving at Yerke's Observatory, we got to see what the Secada bugs are all about. Several of us thought there was something wrong with the cars, as all we could hear was a strange high pitched noise similar to a fan bushing that hasn't seen oil since the Carter administration. The noise turned out to be the Secada, which, thankfully only show up every 17 years. The observatory was an awesome display of late 1800's architecture, and although the telescope's technology is out of date, it's still a fully functional unit. The telescope itself houses a 40 inch lens, and was the largest on Earth when it was new. It is still one of the largest refractory telescopes on our planet.

After our tour of the observatory, we enjoyed lunch at a small café in Williams Bay. The drive back toward Kenosha continued the theme of twisty and hilly, and showcased some incredible homes along the route. We also drove by an abandoned automobile test facility once used by American Motors. The sight of a Pacer, Gremlin, or maybe a Matador wagon going through its development cycles could only be seen in your imagination, as there was pretty much nothing left of the facility. After stopping for a break, and a really special birthday treat supplied by Melissa Gerrits, we continued back to Kenosha. It was a long day on the road, but a great time.



Inviting "Kids of all Ages" to

# Model T Day

**When:** Saturday, August 18, 2007- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** Wisconsin Automotive Museum,  
147 N. Rural St., Hartford

Experience the history and present-day enjoyment of the Model T Ford,  
built by Ford Motor Company from 1908-1927.

- Free Model T rides (Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- Model T car show, displays, and demonstrations
- Food stand

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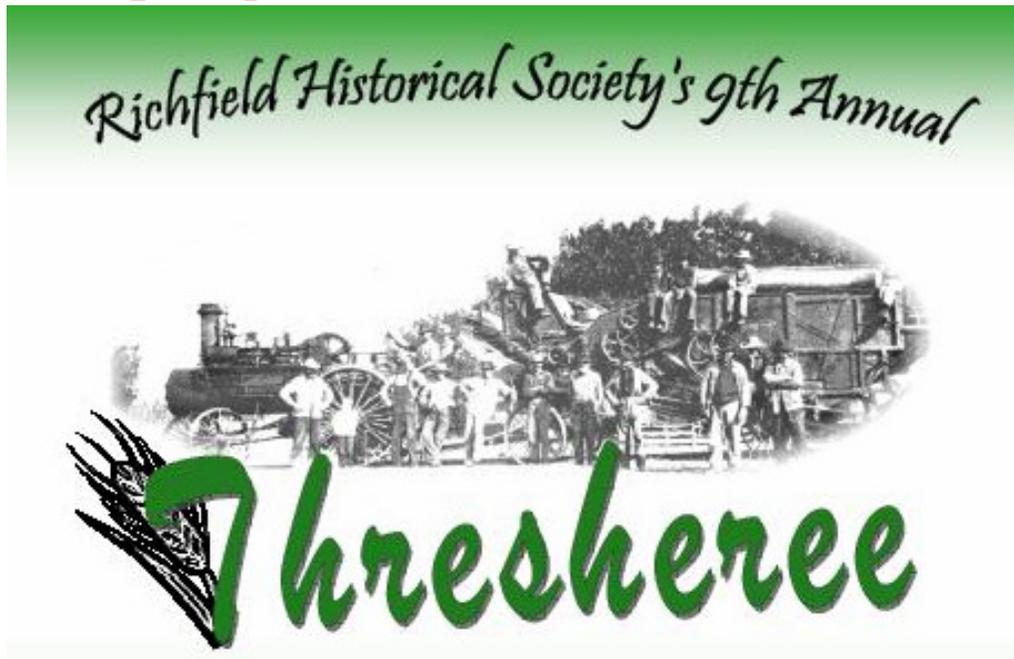
**TIN LIZZIES**

If you can attend this year's Model T day, please do so, we may need your help. Those of you who have been to the event before know that it's a pretty fun and rewarding day. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 920-924-2063 during the day, or 920-849-3682 in the evenings.

Thanks,

Kevin Brusio

**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>, tour with us to**



- *There will be tours of the Messer/Mayer Grist Mill and Home along with narrated wagon tours of the parks other structures.*
- *Watch antique tractors and steam traction engines working to thresh grain and saw logs.*
- *Antique Farm Machinery (featuring Ford)*
- *Arts and crafts.*
- *View demonstrations of pioneering skills.*
- *Enjoy food, music and historical speakers.*
- *Children's activities and MORE.*



**This is a joint club event between the Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club and the Dairy Land Tin Lizzies.**

**Choose from one of two routes for your tour to the Threshere.**

1. One route will start in Milwaukee at McDonald's on the NW corner of Burleigh and Hwy 100 (3131 N Mayfair Rd).
2. The other route will start in West Bend at Arby's on Paradise Dr just East of I45 in front of Home Depot (730 W Paradise Dr). (This route has more hills)

**Be at either location at 9:00am on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Once the two groups meet up, there will be refreshments and we will then head over to the Threshere all together. Bring your own lunch or you can purchase food at the Threshree.**

**A trouble trailer will be on call if anyone has a need for it.**

**RSVP by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> with Tod & Sharon Wirth. Call 262-644-6750 or email us at [tfiretrucks@charter.net](mailto:tfiretrucks@charter.net) if you can join us. We would love to see you there!!**

## **Dairyland Tin Lizzies Events Schedule 2007**

<b>August 18</b>	<b>Model T Day in Hartford</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Hill and Valley Tour in Cross Plains, WI</b>
<b>September 16</b>	<b>Richfield Days</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Fall Cookout Tour leaving from Waldo, WI</b>
<b>November 11 Central House</b>	<b>Fall Business Meeting at Koehring's Grand 602 Fremont Street, Kiel, WI</b>

**Let's have a good turnout at the above listed events**

If you have a favorite place that you like to drive your T, think about putting a tour together and sharing that favorite place or drive on "Model T" roads with the rest of the club. Most of us don't need much of a reason to get the T's out on the road for a fun tour and explore new areas.