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Over 40 years of Ford Motor Company's most beautiful cars were on display at the Poker Run.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Keith Gumbinger

Hi Everyone

As I write this, it's late October and our Summer of Model T fun is virtually over.

We've had a good time this year with many very enjoyable T events. On Saturday, August 20th we had our first Model T Day hosted by Jim Rodell Jr. at the Hartford Auto Museum. This was a great day for everyone – our club, the museum and the public. It was a unanimous decision to do this again next year. Then on September 13th to 17th we had our Escape To Wisconsin Tour 2005 hosted by Jim Hess. This was the third time for this tour and we again had a great time. Then on Saturday, October 1st, we had our Poker Run and Fall Color Tour hosted by Jim Rodell Jr. This was another beautiful outing with the added twist of a poker game and a relaxing meeting with the Early V8 Ford club. There are articles and pictures of each of these events in this issue. Many thanks to Jim Rodell Jr., Jim Hess and all the others who helped with these events.

A big THANK YOU goes to Roger Sutfin for his donation of several very useful items for use by members of our club. A list is enclosed in this issue. Rogers' generous donation will help to increase our knowledge of Model T's and keep them in good operating condition. THANK YOU again, Roger.

There are 3 new members to welcome to the Dairyland Tin Lizzies. Arlee and Sharon Titel from Chilton, WI, who have a '24 Touring; Cliff and Lee Raye Bauman from Fredonia, WI who have several T's: '23 Speedster, '25 Firetruck, '26 Depot Hack, and a '26 Snowmobile with a Roadster body; and John and Sue Secord of Cedarburg, WI who have a 1919 Depot Hack. A hearty welcome to Arlee, Sharon, Cliff, Lee Raye, John and Sue!!! We look forward to getting to know you and sharing our club events with you.

In our national club, the Model T Ford Club of America, it's time to vote for Directors again. In the latest issue of the Vintage Ford magazine, there's a list of the candidates.

I've received a letter from one of the candidates, David Williams, asking us for our support and our votes to elect him. Dave has been involved with T's since the late 1950's, was previously on the MTFCA Board and was the National President in 1986. There are 5 candidates for only 3 openings, so your vote is important. I urge you to find your postcard ballot, vote for your 3 selections and mail it in before the deadline on December 1, 2005.

In other National News, the 7th Series of the Restoration Videos will be released this fall. This new series will feature Alignment, T Accessories, Sheet Metal Work, and a Driving Instructional Video. Details will be in the next issue of The Vintage Ford.

Our national Model T Ford Club of America is also planning a 100th anniversary party and celebration to honor our Model T's. It will be on July 20th to 27th, 2008 and will be held at the Wayne County, Indiana, fairgrounds. They are planning a celebration that should top them all and it looks like this will be THE Model T event to attend in 2008!!

I've heard that it will include a huge swap meet, tours, etc. and should be lots of Model T fun. We're already planning to attend.

On Sunday, November 13th we have our Fall Business Meeting. During this meeting we will be planning our 2006 club activities and their dates. Some events are already scheduled, but we need to set the date of our annual Model T University. Also, I would like to know of any topics you would like to have included on that day. I have several topics in mind, but want to know what you, the members, would like to see covered. This meeting is important and we would like to see as many of our members there as possible.

See you soon!

Fordially, *Keith Gumbinger*

Fall Poker Run Report

By: Kevin Bruso

It was Saturday, October 1st, and once again our club was blessed with a perfect day for touring. Participants met up at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford, and about 9:30 a.m. the first car left with their first card in hand on the staggered start for the fall poker run.

Following only written driving instructions, (there was an emergency map provided), drivers and co-pilots ventured off to discover four destinations, and pick-up the remaining cards necessary for their poker hand. The stops included fellow member Jim Wright's home, Weber's Country Equipment, Camp Gehring, and the final stop at Alan & Carol Egelseer's home in HustisFORD, where our group met up with many members of The Early Ford V-8 club. Along the very enjoyable route, we also had some local trivia questions to answer as we motored along.

After everyone arrived and had time to enjoy the camaraderie of the other car owners, we got around to comparing poker hands and found Keith and Carol Gumbinger to be the winners with the best poker hand. The weather couldn't have been better, and the quality and quantity of the cars in the Early V-8 club was simply astounding. A brief return trip to Hartford to load up brought an end to another excellent day in the Model T.



MODEL T DAY, Hartford, WI

By Kevin Brusco

On Saturday August 20th, The Dairyland Tin Lizzies, and the Wisconsin Automotive Museum hosted our first "Model T Day", an old-time idea brought back to life by Jim Rodell Jr. Back in the days of the T, dealerships had their own "Model T Days" to promote sales and ownership of Model T's. The main focus of our day's activities was to expose the public, especially youth, to the present day Model T hobby. In conjunction with the Milwaukee club members, we had about 20 cars on display, with members doing starting demonstrations, sharing information about their cars, and providing rides to guests. There was food available for purchase, which also raised some funds for our club treasury. A special Thank You! to those who helped with the food service all afternoon.

In all respects, the day was a huge success, as we were able to draw a fairly large crowd until late in the afternoon. We provided a lot of people with their first ride in a Model T, and brought back a lot of good memories for many folks who knew these cars very well many years ago. As a club, we look forward to doing this event again next year.

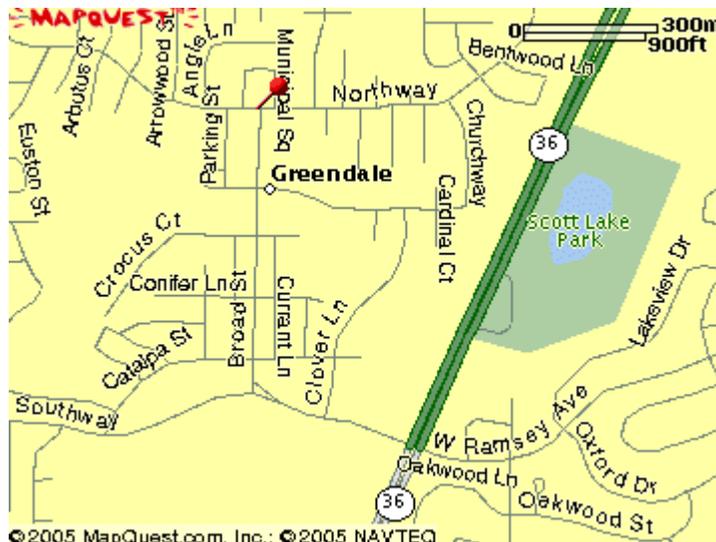


FALL BUSINESS MEETING, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

Heinemann's Restaurant, 5601 Broad Street, Greendale

Meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. sharp.

Bring your ideas for next year's activities.



Donation to Dairyland Tin Lizzies by Roger Sutfin

At our Model T Day in Hartford on August 20th, 2005, Roger Sutfin generously donated to our club the following Model T items:

A Model T rear spring spreader. This is a very strong piece with a curve in it to go around the differential.

An original copy of the Dykes Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia.

Volumes 1, 2, and 3 of the Model T Ford Club of America Restoration Videos, 15 tapes in all

Henry Ford's Terrific Model T, a 74 minute video

These items are available for loan to Dairyland Model T Club members.

Send a check for \$10.00 deposit, plus an appropriate amount for postage to Keith Gumbinger. The deposit will be refunded when the item is returned in good condition. The time limit for a loaned item is 30 days.

Posted July 27, 2005

She's got driving down to a 'T'

Teen goes for license with 1926 Model T Ford

By Amy Weaver

Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — Katie Stock talks proudly about her car — a 1926 Ford Model T. She has ridden in the classic vehicle since she was 2 and driven it since she was 10. At 16, she is learning the mechanics from her grandfather.

Tuesday she was ready to take her "baby," as she calls it, on the most significant adventure of her young life — the road test for her driver's license.

The lack of seat belts, brake lights and a turn signal didn't worry her. The Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles does not require such features on a vehicle if it wasn't manufactured that way. Ron Stock, Katie's grandfather, said Ford added brake lights in 1927.

The prospect of being tested on parallel parking and Y-turns made Katie pace the parking lot of the DMV in Manitowoc, bite a few fingernails and twirl her long brown hair.

When the teenager finished the test, Geri Hurley, a transportation customer representative, calmly told her she passed. Katie let out an enormous sigh of relief, while family and friends jumped and screamed for joy.

Katie beamed when she strolled out with her new license, although she complained about the photo. Ron Stock, Katie and the car have been a tight trio for most of Katie's life. She is known as "Model T Katie." He had no doubt the test would go well.

Ron added new headlight bulbs for the test. Nothing else was modified.

If it rained — there is no roof to the Model T — or Katie wasn't allowed to use it, she could have used a Geo Tracker.

Challenges

The standard 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock hand position is not possible with the Model T.

"It's a pedal car," Ron said. "You drive it with these (three) pedals and two levers (on the steering wheel) with no hands left for steering."

No hands for a cell phone, either.

e thing I'm not going to do," Katie said sternly. "Talk on a cell phone. Never."

No hands are needed for the radio because there isn't one.

"That's the only downside," she admitted.

When her hands aren't steering or shifting, they are out the window — signaling for a turn or stop.

No odometer or speedometer, either. The only gauge on the dashboard is for the battery.

"Everything on this car is a guesstimate," especially the speed, Ron said. "If all the cars are passing you, you're going too slow. If you are passing them, you're probably going too fast."

Ron said he bought the car 30 years ago for parts. The owner of Ron's Service in Newton has been restoring cars for 44 years. He never intended it to be driven, but one thing led to another. The Stocks take it to classic car shows around the state every year.

Katie enjoys driving it on the open road. It garners looks, but the Kiel High School junior admitted she doesn't know if the teen boys are gawking at the car.



Katie Stock, 16, of Newton, drives a 1926 Model T Ford away from the Department of Motor Vehicles parking lot in Manitowoc on Tuesday with transportation customer representative Geri Hurley at the start of the road test for her driver's license. Her other vehicle, a Geo Tracker, is on the right. Photo by Sue Pischke/HTR

ESCAPE TO WISCONSIN TOUR 2005

By *Keith Gumbinger*

On Tuesday, September 13th, 2005, T's from all over the Eastern half of the US gathered at Cedar Valley Conference Center in Kohlsville, WI for our *Escape to Wisconsin 2005* Tour. We enjoyed beautiful weather, great people, and wonderful places to see.

Our first day of touring took us to historic Cedarburg where we first visited the Cedar Creek Winery with all of their specialty shops in the complex. After a leisurely lunch, we continued on to see Dave Uiheiens' private collection of restored early cars and motorcycles. Check out the pictures – these cars were great one-of-a-kinds including an extremely rare 1912 Mercer Raceabout! Next, Dave showed us his personal hangout at the restored Concordia Mill originally built in 1853. Have you ever heard of Holley carburetors? Well, Dave has George Holleys' personal car and motorcycle on display in the Mill. Very impressive. Next we went over to Daves Race Car Museum that we had seen last year. It seems we never get tired of seeing his Model T high performance engines on display there, along with significant race cars including an Indy 500 winning car.

Tuesday evenings dinner was kind of a get acquainted time, together with a little humor. It seems that one of the tour participants from Hendersonville, NC had to be encouraged to come on the tour, so we had a few gifts for him. His first gift combined Model T's with his Jewish faith in a unique way. It was a Menorah radiator cap for his T. Not only that, but it was decorated with feathers to acknowledge that he is part Indian. Burt Greenburg was a good sport through all of this and not only was he surprised but very good natured about it too.

On Wednesday, September 14th, we toured to Watertown, WI. On the way, we stopped for a break at a beautiful riverside park in Hustisford. The weather was perfect! After the break, we continued on and visited The Octagon House in Watertown together with the first kindergarten in the USA which is also on the grounds. Next was lunch at "The Market" in Watertown. This is a former lumber yard which has been transformed into a unique blend of specialty shops and antique stores set alongside the Rock river. On the way back to Cedar Valley we stopped at Honey Acres and their "Honey of a Museum", where we learned about the history of making honey. That evening, there were more gifts for Burt, and everyone nearly died laughing. And Burt, a true professional, was never at a loss for words.

Thursday we got off to an early start as it was a long drive to Old World Wisconsin. On the way, we had a quick break at Okauchee. Our visit to Old World Wisconsin, the largest of its kind in the world dedicated to the history of rural life, had an interesting plus for us. The museum has a '14 T and an early Sears Runabout in their collection, but not on display. We had made arrangements to see these cars which are located just off the museums grounds. This was an enjoyable "plus" for us since there are no other automotive exhibits at OWW. The mission at OWW is to cover the years 1890 to about 1915. Since up to 1915 covers the early T years, we suggested that they have a Ford type exhibit to go along with the '14 T they already have. The museum rep. said they would like to build a replica Ford garage from about 1915, but that it is a long way in the future due to funding shortages. On the way back to Cedar Valley we toured over some very interesting hills and valleys through the Kettle Moraine area.

Thursday evening we had more fun for Burt and his Indian heritage. On the Cedar Valley grounds are a couple of teepees. We made up a story to get Burt and everyone to ride out in the T's to the teepee area. There Burt was surprised by one of the tour participants who came out of one of the teepees and crowned Burt as the "chief". A good time was had by all and Burt was almost speechless!!

On Friday, we toured to the Wisconsin Southern Railroad headquarters in Horicon for a behind the scenes tour of their repair facilities. Today's tour was hosted by Adam Doleshal who used to work for this railroad. We were fortunate to have this tour since the public is not normally allowed into this facility. We saw that the sheer size of the buildings needed to repair and maintain railroad locomotives and freight cars make our T's seem very small by comparison.

Lunch was provided at the American Legion in Horicon and after lunch we were allowed to crawl into an M60 tank which is on display in front of the Legion building. This was very interesting as most of us had never been inside of a tank before. On the way back to Cedar Valley we stopped at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the

United States. This refuge is home to many species of birds and wildlife, some of which we saw from the observation platforms.

This was our last day of the tour and we had our wind-up dinner that evening with door prizes given right after the dinner. There were many interesting door prizes and everyone got at least one. Many thanks to our generous friends and vendors for their door prize gifts.

Saturday the tour formally ended with a breakfast. Good-byes were said and everyone got off for the trip back home.

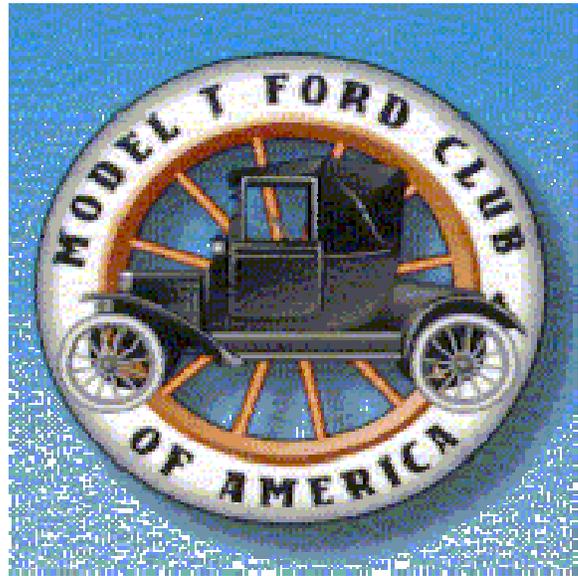
As a rule, most of the T's on the tour ran well, but there were two hard luck stories. Dan Schultz was driving his T to Cedar Valley to start the tour Tuesday morning when his T suddenly made a loud racket and quit. To make a long story short, he busted his crankshaft and his block also. But all was not lost as he came on the tour anyway & rode with Sam and Waldo in Sam's '23 Touring and had an enjoyable time with them. Thursday morning on the way to Old World Wisconsin, Keith & Carol Gumbingers '26 Roadster Pickup started making a very loud noise and then suddenly locked up. It too busted the crankshaft and destroyed the block. Such is life, and this shows us how fragile T crankshafts can be.

Many thanks to Tour Chairman Jim Hess and Registrar and route co-ordinator Carol Gumbinger who did the bulk of the work in planning and laying out the tour. It should be noted that this was the third year of the "Escape to Wisconsin" tour series and will be the last as no tour is planned for next year.



All persons interested in Model T Fords are encouraged to become members of The Model T Ford Club of America. Ownership of a Model T Ford is not required. Annual dues are \$29.00 for U.S. members. Life memberships are also available.

Membership includes all the privileges of the Club for members, their spouses, and their children under the age of eighteen. One ballot for election of National Directors is issued per member family.



Contact information to join The Model T Ford Club of America:

The Model T Ford Club of America
P.O. Box 126
Centerville, IN 47330-0126
Telephone: 765-855-5248
Or log on to: www.mtfc.com

The Dairyland Tin Lizzies is an active touring chapter of The Model T Ford Club of America. The established goals for our group include:

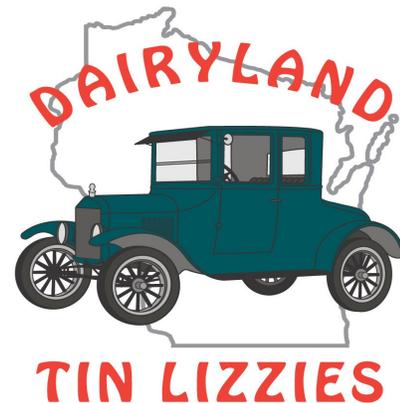
-Establish and hold tours exclusively for 1909 – 1927 Fords

-The chance to meet other Model T enthusiasts in the area

-Provide an opportunity for members to share parts and knowledge to keep their Model T's running well, and running safe.

Membership in the Model T Ford Club of America is required to be a member

Dues are \$10.00 per member family, due April 1st for the following year.



To join The Dairyland Tin Lizzies, please contact:

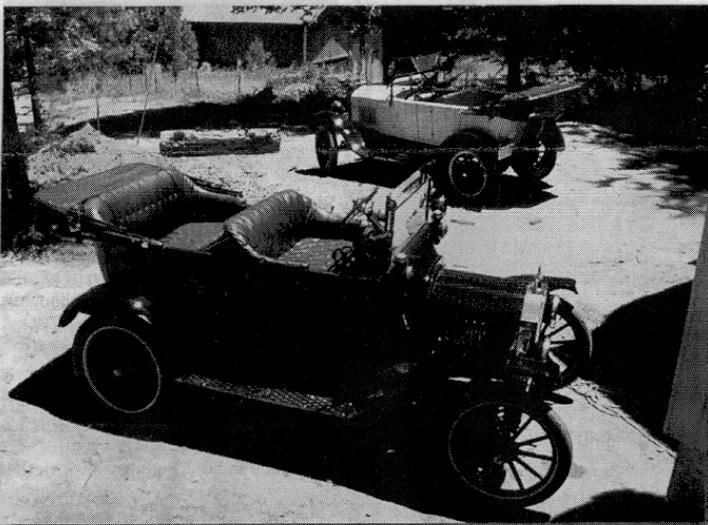
The Dairyland Tin Lizzies
Adam Doleshal, Treasurer
847 W. South Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Or log on to www.mtfc.com, select chapters, select Wisconsin from the list of states, and select The Dairyland Tin Lizzies.

summer road trips

» It's August already, you have vacation time you will wind up desperately trying to use in the last two weeks of December, so why are you still sitting there? Here are three options to get you off that couch, or out of that five-wheeled office chair and onto the road.

—MARK VAUGHN



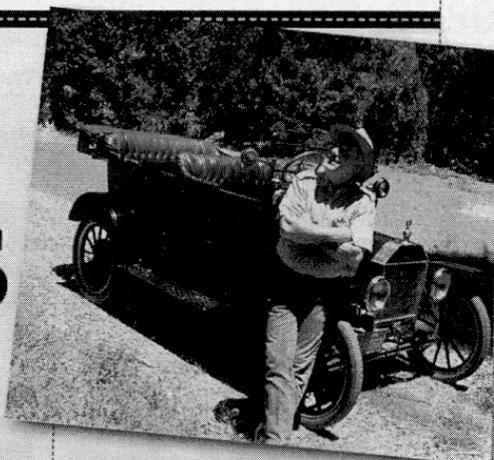
1> Rent a Model T And drive it, too!

HISTORY CLATTERS AND PUTTS all around you, dust settles in your nose and bugs buzz about your ears when you drive a Model T. It's just the way it was all those years ago when all roads were dirt and the Model T was considered high-tech—and that's just what David Woodworth wants you to feel.

"Our goal is to have you experience what it would have been like to drive

a car in the time period when it was made," says Woodworth.

Woodworth had just taken us through the complete retraining process necessary to have any average Joe or Jane learn how to pilot this 1926 Model T Touring car. Relearning is difficult because the pedals are all doing something other than what a modern driver thinks pedals should do. For instance, on the left is the handbrake, but when it's pulled back and set, it puts the transmission into neutral. Release the handbrake, push the left pedal all the way to the



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floor and you're in low gear, lurching forward (look out!). Release that left pedal and you're in high gear. The middle pedal? That's reverse.

The brake is on the right. Accelerator is the right-side steering wheel stalk, pull down to go faster, up to slow. Spark advance is the opposite side. The choke is on the dash, the starter button on the floor and the key is in the middle. Got it?

"It's duck soup," says Woodworth. "It really isn't as hard as you might think."

Amazingly enough, he's right. After only about 10 minutes of clattering around the parking lot of the Tenaya Lodge outside the southern border of Yosemite National Park in California, we set off into another century. Early in another century.

"Isn't this marvelous," asks Woodworth as we ramble along a dirt road through towering pines next to a racing stream.

"You don't want to go too fast," Woodworth says, sliding the accelerator up a notch or two. "You don't want to miss any of this scenery."

Woodworth has a fleet of Model Ts, all for rent. Prices depend on how long you want to drive and what else you might want—a picnic lunch, for example. A full day is around \$400, but you can get behind the wheel for a few hours for less.

Fit to a T: Classic Ford model retains fan base

Automotive Museum reserves parking lot for a special day

By GAY GRIESBACH
Daily News Staff

HARTFORD — What does a sports utility vehicle have over the first Model T?

"I got one all apart at home," said Arnie Johansen of Chicago, referring to the latter.

Johnson peered under the hood of a Model T displayed in the parking lot of the Wisconsin Automotive Museum Saturday during the museum's Model T Day.

Johansen bought his Model T in parts in Gillette,

Wyo.

"I'm trying to figure out how to put it together," he said.

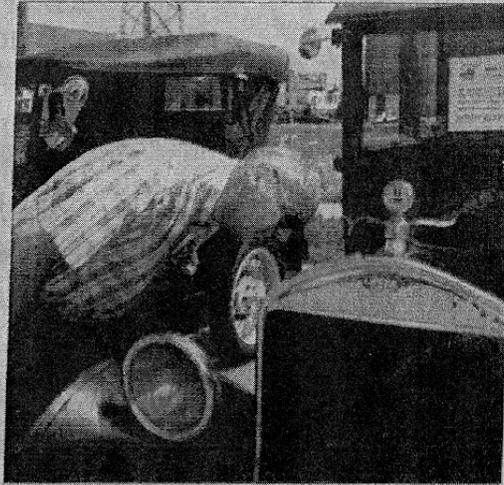
For most, that would be a mark in the SUV column, which arrives assembled.

But for Model T lovers and owners, personal handiwork is part of the appeal.

Jerry Gresbach of Hartford listened appreciatively as Joe Vrana of West Bend fired up the engine on his 1926 model.

"It has no gearshift, no clutch, no speedometer,"

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Arnie Johansen peers into the engine compartment of a Model T on display at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum's Model T Day on Saturday in Hartford.

Gay Griesbach/Daily News Staff

Model T: A little elbow grease

said Vrana, who pointed to three pedals on the floorboards. "It has a high-low, reverse and a brake."

The hand throttle will course enough gas through the engine to deliver a speed of about 50 mph, "but I did a little work on the motor," Vrana said. "They normally go about 30."

Vrana's Model T also came in parts that took him about 10 years to assemble.

Jim Rodell Sr.'s ride has been in the shop for two years, waiting for a crankshaft.

"I just put it back on the road yesterday," said Rodell on Saturday. He lives in West Bend.

Lucille and Norman Akin of Hartford waited for a ride in Rodell's 1927 Model T Touring car.

"I came home from the hospital in one of these," said Lucille Akin. "I don't remember the ride."

"Back in the late 20s and 30s, as a child, I recall riding in one of these," said Norman Akin, who grew up in Newburg. "That's all people had were Model Ts and As."

The difference between Tod

Wirth, a Slinger area resident, and other early Ford owners is that he bought his car in mint condition from a man who inherited the machine from his father, Converse Smith, who restored the 1912 Touring car in Waltham, Mass.

When Wirth's car was built, gas cost between 14-16 cents per gallon, but even at today's prices it wasn't much of a hardship for him to drive it to the exhibition from his home in Slinger.

His parents, Bob and Alice Wirth, belong to the Milwaukee Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America and edit its local newsletter. That's how they passed on the info that the blue Ford was up for sale.

"I heard about it through the grapevine," said Wirth. "It kind of found me."

His parents bought their first Model T the day he was born.

They don't come with air conditioning, but Wirth said, "you can't drive down the road without someone smiling and waving."

Christmas in the Country

Dairyland Tin Lizzies Christmas Party

Saturday January 21st, 2006 12 - ? p.m.

Harnischfefer Park

Ashippun, WI

Directions: From the corner of State Hwy 67 and County O in down town Ashippun, take County O (also known as Oak St.) west exactly 2.1 miles to Highview Road. (Highview is after you cross the river). Turn South (left) on Highview and proceed exactly 3/4 mile to Crawfish Road. Crawfish road is on your left and is the entrance to the park. Our party is in the clubhouse building. The building is built into a hill. Enter in the rear of the building which is the second floor.

Cost per person \$7.00

Children under 12 \$3.50

Make checks payable to Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Turkey Dinner will be served. (about 4:30)

Bring your cars.

Short tour at 2.00 p.m.

(Duration of tour is about an hour)

Weather permitting.

You do not have to bring your T to attend the party, but this will be a fun tour over some very lightly traveled roads. We would especially encourage you to bring enclosed cars and offer members who do not bring their T's the opportunity to ride along if you have extra room. Plenty of trailer parking available.

Ornament exchange (Model T theme optional)

Volunteers needed for appetizers, desserts, and relishes.

Contact Chris

Name(s) _____

How many to attend party _____

Chris Doleshal, 847 W. South St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

We need to have invitations with payment returned by Wednesday January 11th, 2006 at the latest so we can do a final count of how many people will be attending and prepare accordingly. Any questions, please call Adam or Chris Doleshal. 262-567-6027.