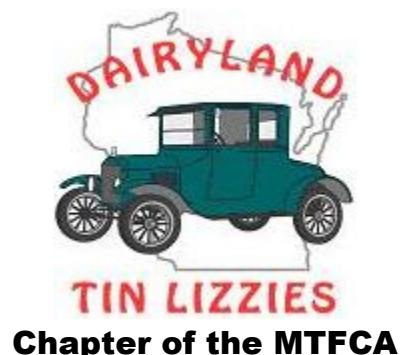


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Club member Jim Hess crossing an old one lane bridge with passenger Rod Prinsen on the Beckman Mill Tour



President's Message

By Keith Gumbinger

Hi Everyone –

It's that time of the year again. Most of us are putting our T's away for the winter and planning to repair / restore them as needed during the off season in order to get them ready for next summer.

We can't complain though, since we've had some great T times during '06. Since our last newsletter we've had: Model T Day on August 19th, and the Beckman Mill Tour on September 30th / October 1st. Some of our members also went to the Hill & Valley Show in Cross Plains on September 16th, the Union Grove Harvest Festival also on September 16th, and the Thresherman's Park Farm Show over Labor Day weekend. These all provided lots of Model T fun.

An article on the Beckman Mill Tour is elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks to Jim Hess who organized the tour and to Carol Gumbinger who helped Jim plan the tour and lay out the tour routes.

Our Model T Day in Hartford was again a big success. We gave lots of T rides and sold lots of brats & burgers. Many thanks to all who helped, especially to Jim Rodell Jr., who organized this event for the second time. This event was Jims idea in the first place and it certainly has proven to be a good one. Thanks again, Jim!

New members seen for the first time at the Model T Day in Hartford event were Jack Forman who has a '15 Touring and Dave and Andrea Eickelberg who have a '26 Tudor. Welcome to Dairyland Tin Lizzies!

On November 12th at 2PM, we will have our Fall Business Meeting to begin planning events for 2007 and for a Christmas party. The location is at The Publick House in Old Falls Village in Menomonee Falls. Directions are in the Events listing elsewhere in this newsletter. Afterwards we'll go out for a bite to eat at an area restaurant to be announced. Many thanks to Pam Zangl for arranging this meeting location.

Concerning National MTFCA news, in the September – October issue of The Vintage Ford was your ballot to vote for directors in the MTFCA. I urge you to vote – send in the postcard ballot now. We will discuss more national club news at the November 12th meeting as well as to plan 2007 events.

Fordially, Keith Gumbinger

Fall Business Meeting

At the

Publick House in Old Falls Village, Menomonie Falls
2:00 PM

At the corner of County Line Road (Hwy. Q) and Pilgrim Road, 1/2 Mile East of Hwy. 45.
Dinner to follow at an area restaurant to be announced.



Welcome to Old Falls Village of Menomonee Falls Wisconsin

Nestled on the grounds of a beautiful 17-acre park, Old Falls Village invites you to step back in time and glimpse life as it was from the mid 1800s to the early 1900s.

Featuring a variety of historic homes and buildings, this living history museum includes a log home, school house, barn, railroad depot, log cabin, and dairy. The centerpiece of Old Falls Village is the 1858 Miller-Davidson House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Each of the buildings also feature antiques and artifacts from the time.

Phone: 262-532-4775.

GUIDED TOURS:

Group tours by reservation. Building are open during special events. Click below to learn more about upcoming special events.

ADMISSION: Adults \$3 Children 6-16 \$1

MUSEUM

Special Events

Historical Society

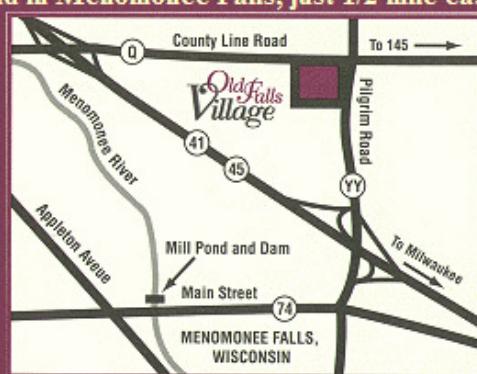
Group Tours

Volunteer Opportunities

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WE'RE EASY TO FIND:

Old Falls Village is located on the corner of County Line (Hwy Q) and Pilgrim Road in Menomonee Falls, just 1/2 mile east of Hwy 45.





Beckman Mill Tour

September 30th & October 1, 2006
By Jim Hess

Saturday morning dawned overcast and the roads were damp from the overnight showers. Jim Hess and new member Jack Forman met Keith & Carol Gumbinger at their home in Kenosha for the trip to the East Troy Airport which was the meeting point for the tour.

As members arrived and unloaded their T's, everyone enjoyed Racine Kringsles and juice. Keith introduced new member Jack Forman ('15 Touring) and guests Scott and Carren Porter from Racine ('26 Fordor). Others attending were Rod Prinsen, Rich and Andy Edler, Dan and Phyllis Schultz, Shawn and Melissa Gerrits, DeWayne Fritz and Diane Scheid, Ron and Sandra Stock and their granddaughter Lillie, Greg and Ford Zangl, & Kevin Bruso.

The weather was co-operating nicely as the 10 Model T's & hardy DTL group departed the airport and headed for Delevan and our lunch stop at the historic Latimer House. The home was built in 1900 for the Latimer family. After the original owners passed away in the 1920's, it was rented to the MacDonald family until the 1950's when it was successively used as a sanitarium, convalescent home and antique shop. In 1996 it was purchased by Bob & Jean Walters who decorated it to the way it would have appeared at the turn of the century. It now houses a gift shop and small museum on the upstairs floors in addition to the main floor dining room. The home is listed on the Wisconsin Registry of Historic Places.

When we left the Latimer House, we found that our cars were soaking wet, thanks to a free car wash courtesy of Mother Nature. We passed through the downtown area of Delevan with its brick paved streets and restored storefronts and proceeded west toward Beckman's Mill and the South Beloit area.

Beckman's Mill was built in 1868 by William Howe on the foundation of an old distillery which had burned. In 1882 it was purchased by August Beckman who ran it until his death in 1908. His two sons, Charles and Henry took over the Mill and operated it until 1954. In 1978, Beckman's Mill and 16 acres of land were purchased by Rock County. In 1990, a group of citizens called "Friends of Beckman's Mill, Inc." was formed to renovate the Mill and open it to the public as a 1920's era working museum.

During our tour of the Mill, docents explained the operation of the Mill from the time grain arrived and was weighed to the finished product being produced. The ongoing restoration of the Mill building, cooperage and Mill Dam were also explained.

Next, it was only a short drive to our motel in South Beloit. Dinner was only a short walk from the motel at Asia Buffet. After dinner, Scott and Carren Porter had prepared a veggie and dip tray and we sat in the motel lobby and continued to graze and discuss the day's events.

Sunday morning greeted us with beautiful blue skies, bright sunshine and cool temperatures. Our destination this morning was the Historical Auto Attractions Museum in Roscoe, IL. This museum is a collection of over 75 special interest automobiles as well as lots of memorabilia. On that day, the museum was also hosting a huge car show with several hundred antique, classic, hot rod and restored vehicles in attendance. Just ask Ford Zangl and Andy Edler about the neat pictures they had taken with some of the other car show participants! (DON'T FORGET THAT GREG GOT IN ON THEM ALSO, ASK HIM ABOUT IT.)

On the way back, we had a nice lunch at Potsie & Noda's in Shopiere. After lunch, we stopped at the last active stone five arch railroad bridge in the U.S. It was hand laid in 1869 by Irish immigrant labor. Upon leaving the bridge, we crossed a trestle over Sugar Creek that was suited to a "T", and toured back over neat country roads to the East Troy Airport. While saying our goodbyes and the T's were being loaded up, we were treated to the spectacle of skydivers gently floating by parachutes back to earth.

All in all, this was a very enjoyable tour that will be remembered for a long time to come by all who participated.

Model T Day

At

Hartford Auto Museum

The Dairyland Tin Lizzies hosted the 2nd Annual Model T Day at the Hartford Auto Museum on Saturday August 19th. Earlier that week DeWayne Fritz, Dan Schultz, and Shelley Humphrey were guests on a radio show at the Hartford radio station promoting the Model T Day, also flyers were handed out and posted in the local areas. A nice job by Pete and Shelly Humphrey in the PR department as there was a great turnout of Model T curious people. The weather threatened most of the day but the rains held off and a pleasant day was enjoyed by all in attendance. We also had a nice turnout of club member's cars, and volunteer help, and some new club members to keep up with the rides, and various displays, and also the food stand, which sold out of everything. Big thanks to all of those that were able to be there and take part in and enjoy the activities.



Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of April 2, 2006 Meeting

The spring meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, April 2 in the theater area of the Oconomowoc Historical Society museum by President Keith Gumbinger.

Present were: Kevin Bruso
Andy Edler
Richard Edler
DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid
Nate Gerrits
Shawn Gerrits
Keith & Carol Gumbinger
Jim Hess
Pete & Shelly Humphrey
Dean Meissner
Rod Prinsen
Jim & Sandra Rodell
Jim & Colleen Rodell, Eric, Ethan
Dan & Phyllis Schultz
Ron & Sandra Stock
Joe Vrana
Bob & Alice Wirth
James Wright
Gregg & Pam Zangl, Ford

Jim Hess moved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2005 meeting as printed in The Buzz and distributed at the meeting. Shelly Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Keith Gumbinger distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report prepared by Treasurer Adam Doleshal, unable to attend the meeting because of a funeral. Jim Hess moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kevin Bruso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webmaster Carol Gumbinger reported on the club website and reminded members to check the "Updates".

Kevin Bruso announced that after five years as editor of The Buzz, he is turning over the editorship to Dan Schultz. Pete & Shelly Humphrey will assist with printing and distribution. Members at the meeting showed their appreciation for Kevin's efforts with a round of applause.

Old Business:

Keith Gumbinger reported on the January 21 Christmas party hosted by Adam & Christine Doleshal and Pam Zangl. The party was a huge success with over forty people in attendance.

President Gumbinger reported on Tin Lizzie University held February 11 at Vrana Frame & Body Shop in West Bend. Keith thanked Joe Vrana, Kevin Bruso, Adam Doleshal, Rod Prinsen, and Jim Rodell, Sr. for their contributions to this event.

Jim Hess reported on the Dairyland Tin Lizzies swap meet booth at the February 26 Winter Swap Meet at the Washington County Fair Park. Several new members were recruited at the swap meet.

Discussion began about the balance of funds left in the regional tours checking account. Shelly Humphrey moved to save discussion and decision-making on this topic for the New Business portion of the meeting before election of officers. Kevin Bruso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

National Events

President Gumbinger promoted the MTFCA National Tour June 18-23 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Gumbinger and Schultz families will be attending.

Keith also promoted the MTFCI National Tour held July 16-22 in Clear Lake, Iowa. Adam & Christine Doleshal, DeWayne Fritz, Dan & Phyllis Schultz, and Bob & Alice Wirth will be attending.

Local Events

Kevin Bruso reported on the "Waterfall Tour" he has organized to be held May 27-29 in the Crivitz area. Kevin reported that six Model T's were registered, and the entire group will be staying at Popp's Resort. Mileage will be 75-90 miles per day.

On June 25, the Mayville Historical Society will be holding their annual Ice Cream Social at the Hollenstein Carriage Factory. Those interested in attending should meet at Jim & Colleen Rodell's house for an informal ½ hour tour to the event, departing from their home at 1 p.m. Pam Zangl announced that Menomonee Falls was also holding "Old Falls Village Days" the same weekend on both Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. "Old Falls Village Days" is held at the Menomonee Falls Historical Park on the corner of County Line Road and Pilgrim Road. Pancake breakfast Sunday morning beginning at 7:30 a.m. It was suggested that members may wish to attend Old Falls Village Days with their Model T's either Saturday or Sunday morning before heading to Mayville.

Jim Rodell, Jr. announced plans for "Flivver Fest" to be held around the Cedarburg area on July 22. A morning tour will lead us to a viewing of David Uhlein's private collection. After the visit to Uhlein's, we will tour to "Railroad Park", the grounds of the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society for a picnic and rides on their model trains. Our club will pay for the meals of train club members at the picnic, in gratitude for the opportunity to ride the trains. Jim Rodell, Sr. moved to charge \$7.00 per adult for the picnic for members and other Model T guests, with the club treasury used to subsidize the balance of picnic costs. Pete Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sandra Stock volunteered to bake the traditional Henry Ford birthday cake for the event.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported on plans for Model T Day to be held August 19 at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford. 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 September 16. Gregg Zangl will lead interested members on a tour to the event from eastern Wisconsin.

Jim Hess will plan an overnight tour September 30 and October 1 in the East Troy and Fort Atkinson area.

The next club business meeting will be held Sunday, November 12. Location to be announced.

Several non-club events were announced. Jim Rodell, Jr. distributed brochures for Elmer's Auto and Toy Museum in Fountain City. Keith Gumbinger announced the "License to Cruise" event on September 29 in Appleton, which is featuring the Model T this year. Dan Schultz announced the History Adventure Weekend in Sheboygan featuring pre-WWII cars to be held July 9.

Dan Schultz suggested a tour in memory of Lyle Herman.

Dispense of funds left from the three regional tours was brought back to the floor.

Jim Hess moved to combine the tour fund, predicted to be over \$600 after paying for videos to be distributed to 2005 participants, with the general treasury. Jim Rodell, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Gumbinger moved to establish an incentive program to help planners of tours by paying \$25 for one day tours, \$50 for two day tours, \$75 for three day tours, etc. to help defray tour planning costs. Jim Rodell, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Other ideas for use of club funds began to surface. Pete Humphrey moved to limit planned expenditures to Flivver Fest and tour planning incentives until the next business meeting. Jim Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Keith Gumbinger presented the existing slate of officers as nominees for an additional year of service, and asked for nominations from the floor. Jim Hess moved to close nominations and keep the existing slate of officers. Bob Wirth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies

**Dairyland Tin Lizzies
Events Schedule
November 2006-2007**

November 12, 2006	Fall Business Meeting at Publick House in Old Falls Village
December-January	Christmas Party To be discussed
January-February	Tin Lizzie University To be discussed
February 25, 2007	Swap Meet at the Washington County Fairgrounds
April 2007	Spring Business Meeting
June 23rd & 24th, 2007	Old Falls Village Days
July 14-22, 2007	MTFCI Annual Tour in Grand Rapids, Michigan
August 18, 2007	Model T Day in Hartford