



# The Buzz



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## The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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### Model Ts at School - May 9, 2023

By Keith Gumbinger

Members of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies brought 10 Model Ts to the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School campus on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The mission was to teach 100 American History students about Henry Ford, the amazing Model T and its impact on the entire world in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



The program began with club members speaking with small groups of students. Four DTL members each took turns discussing different aspects of Model Ts. Then each of the students got the opportunity to ride in the Model T of his or her

choice. There was time for two rides in different cars around the school. Throughout the day, students from 6 different classes learned about Henry and his amazing Model T.



## UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS

September 16

### Old Falls Village Car Show

At the corner of County Line Road & Pilgrim Road - Hours 10-2  
Contact Dave Hjortnaes if you are interested. More details inside.

September 16

### Hill & Valley Antique Auto Show & Tour

Cross Plains, WI Full details inside.

November 5

### Fall Business Meeting

2pm - Location TBD



The Dairyland Tin Lizzies were well represented at the MTFCI's 66th Annual Tour held in Baraboo in July. Pictured here, roughly from L to R are; Keith & Carol Gumbinger, Larry & Pat Summers, Jack & Barb Leonhardt, Nancy & Reuben Kugel, Tony & Elizabeth Ziehmke, Adam & Chris Doleshal, Shelly & Pete Humphrey and Irene & Rick Schwechler. Not pictured, but also participating in the tour were DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid, Tod & Sharon Wirth, Wayne Jorgensen & Paul Safransky, Rob & Pat Maasch, Wade Stynoski and Tim & Joan Juhl. A full report on all of the activities from this week will appear in the next issue of The Buzz.



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Judging from the big smiles on the students' faces, they really enjoyed riding in and learning about our Model Ts. The students asked very good questions about the cars and were quite interested in how they are driven, utilizing the floor pedals instead of a modern car's automatic transmission.



Parents commented on the school's Facebook page about how much their kids talked about the Model T experience at home that evening and how much they enjoyed it. History teachers Mr. Zeamer and Mr. Lintner went for rides in the Ts as well. Judging from their reactions and their interest in having our presentation and rides, they also had a great time. But the kids and the teachers weren't the only ones that benefitted from this day. Our members enjoyed it just as much!

This is an excellent way to connect youth to the fun and enjoyment of our Model T hobby. The Dairyland Tin Lizzies have done this presentation at the KMLHS several times in recent years.

Dairyland Tin Lizzies members and cars present were:

John Fischer, '14 Touring

Rich Edler, '22 Touring

Tod Wirth, '12 Touring

Gary Prost, '16 Roadster

Marcus Geoffrey, '24 Roadster Pickup

DeWayne Fritz, '26 Coupe

Marshal Reysen, '25 Touring

Dave Hjortnaes, '24 Speedster

Dave DeYoung, '27 Tudor

Keith Gumbinger, '14 Touring

Our thanks go to Shawn Gerrits for organizing this event and to both Shawn and Ken Lefebber for taking many pictures and videos. And of course, many thanks to the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for again allowing us the privilege of educating their students about the history and lore of Henry Ford and the Model T Ford, "The Car That Changed The World".

## Destination Door County Tour- May 27-29, 2023

By Keith Gumbinger

Well friends, this was another outstanding Memorial Day weekend tour. The tradition of the Destination Door County Tour started back in 2004, making this our 19<sup>th</sup> annual tour (after having skipped it in 2020 due to COVID). Each year has brought new adventures with happy and occasionally embarrassing memories. Sure, over the years we've had some unpleasant weather; typical for Wisconsin in May and we've had some breakdowns with our T's, but we've always had a good time!

As is usual, we gathered Saturday morning at the Kohler Generator Plant on the North side of Sheboygan. After a brief driver's meeting, we were on our way. The first stop was the BP gas station in Manitowoc for fuel and a comfort stop. It's always best to start with a full tank. We continued our leisurely drive through Manitowoc stopping next at the newly re-opened Hartman's Bakery. They had a fire last summer, requiring them to completely rebuild. Luckily they were able to open their doors again, just a few weeks before our tour so we could load up on freshly baked pastries and cookies.

We drove on beautiful county roads as we headed north along the lakeshore to Kewaunee. Here we tried a new lunch stop, the Port O' Call Restaurant and Bar. The food was great and they served us quickly and with a smile. Outside of the restaurant stands the world's largest Grandfather clock, offering a great photo op right in Kewaunee. There is also a tug boat in the marina that was open to the public for tours. This is something for us to explore on a future Destination Door tour.





Our next stop was Bayside Bargains in Sturgeon Bay, a resale store with antiques and collectibles. They had a little something for everyone.



We provided a nice car show while we shopped across the street!

Realizing that we were ahead of schedule, (most unusual on a Model T tour) we made a side trip to The Peninsula Winery. After some wine tasting and a few purchases, we continued on to The Run-Away Lodge in Valmy, where we would spend the next two nights. The RunAway Lodge is owned by our friends

Ron and Mary, who are wonderful and very welcoming to our group. We stay here every Memorial Day weekend year after year and it has become our home away from home. When we arrived, Mary had room keys ready for each of us so that we could head to our rooms and settle in.

Saturday evening we had a potluck picnic in the back yard by the campfire. It was a relaxing time to wind down after driving much of the day. We relaxed and visited while Pete entertained us with his banjo. This added to the ambiance very nicely. Thank you Pete!



On Sunday morning we gathered outside for a quick potluck breakfast and enjoyed the pastries and donuts that we purchased from Hartman's the day before. Ron, our gracious host, provided coffee and joined in the conversations.

Our first stop today was the Cana Island Lighthouse. This is Door County's most iconic lighthouse that has stood watch on the shores of Lake Michigan for more than 150 years. We walked across the rocky causeway to the island. Most of us climbed up the 97 steps to the top of the 89 foot tall light tower and enjoyed the panoramic views of Lake Michigan and the Door Peninsula. It was a beautiful day providing gorgeous views of the lake.







The Lighthouse Manager, Hal, noticed our T's in the parking lot and invited us to drive across the rocky causeway to park in front of the Lighthouse for a photo op. It was a slow, bumpy drive across the causeway, but Henry's Ts were up to the challenge and we all made it.



The other visitors on Cana Island enjoyed seeing our cars too. They took pictures and asked lots of questions. This trip to park in front of the lighthouse was an unplanned treat and we all enjoyed the opportunity to be part of the history of Cana Island.



After a short drive we arrived at the Sister Bay Bowl restaurant for lunch. We've eaten here before and keep coming back for the great food and fast service. It's always a good experience and usually ends up at just about the right place in our tour day.



Leaving Sister Bay, we drove North past Ellison Bay to experience Wisconsin's curviest road. It's actually the last few miles of Highway 42 before it ends at the Northport Pier. It wasn't long, but it sure was curvy. Tuning around at the Northport Pier, we retraced our same path along the curvy road and stopped in Ellison Bay. There, our group could enjoy a cider tasting at the "Island Orchard Cider House" or, – you guessed it – ice cream at "The Vault". Some did both!



We spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying a leisurely drive along peaceful country roads to another of our favorite spots: the Island Fever Rum Bar & Restaurant in Jacksonport for a nice dinner. Just like the Sister Bay Bowl, they always accommodate us with great service and delicious food. From here it was just a short drive home to the lodge to wind down the day.

Monday morning we packed up to head home. This time, we went east to travel on Glidden Drive and along the shore for several miles. This is a Wisconsin "Rustic Road" and is very scenic. It's long and curvy and in my opinion, it's curvier than what's called "Wisconsin Curviest Road" near Ellison Bay. We really enjoyed this relaxing scenic route into Sturgeon Bay while we made our way to breakfast at the Betsy Ross Family Restaurant.

With our bellies full, we left Sturgeon Bay and pointed our Ts to the south. We stopped in Kewaunee to explore the Old Towne Antique Mall. We've driven past this many times, but had never taken the time to stop in. The mall is much larger than it looks from the outside and you could easily spend a lot more time here than what was planned for. Several people found treasures here and some were even Model T items!

Our next stop has always been a fan favorite. It's the Cedar Crest Ice Cream factory store in Manitowoc. This place is very busy on Memorial Day afternoon if the weather is nice, and it was. From Cedar Crest it was just 20 more miles and we were back at our starting point in Sheboygan.

The weather for this tour was absolutely perfect. There was no rain or even any overnight dew. It was a little cool, but mostly comfortable. By the way, there were no T breakdowns & just one minor item quickly fixed.

Those on the tour were:

Kevin & Bob Bruso

DeWayne Fritz and Diane Scheid

Jack & Barb Leonhardt

Greg and Pam Zangl

Pete and Shelly Humphrey

Rich Edler, Mary Ann Miller and Jackson Edler

Keith & Carol Gumbinger

Jim & Sandy Hess

Ken Lefeber

Shawn Gerrits

John and Carol Brodtke

Pete and Shelly Humphrey were the tour organizers for Destination Door County this year and they did a really great and job with it. Thank you very much, Pete and Shelly!!!



## Summer University & Work Day - June 10, 2023

By Keith Gumbinger

Each summer, our club has a hands-on maintenance and repair session at Rich Edler's place in Waldo. Sometimes called "University", this really is mostly a work day. It's a chance to get dirty while spending some social time around the cars that we love.

This year's session carried on that tradition. There were about 30 Model T's present including guests from the Milwaukee T Club. With good participation like this, we had the skills of many folks at our disposal.

The day started with swap meet items being sold by Jack Leonhardt. Jack had a variety of items to sell. Then came the projects for the day. They included installation of a new "Z" head on DeWayne Fritz's 1926 Tudor sedan, recently purchased from Dan Schultz. After removing the old head, Pete Humphrey used an air powered wire cup brush to clean the entire upper cylinder area.



DeWayne prepped both sides of a new copper head gasket with copper gasket sealer.



The gasket and head were installed. Then a new high-volume intake manifold was added. The engine was started but there was now a very noticeable engine knock that was not there before. It was back to square one.

They removed the head to see what was wrong. It was apparent that one or more pistons were hitting the high compression "Z" head. An air driven grinder was used to relieve the contact points where the pistons were hitting the head.





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After putting it all back together and starting the engine again, the situation had improved, but a small knock was still there. At this point it was decided to stop work and order a custom solid copper head gasket of sufficient thickness to prevent the pistons contacting the head. Approximately 2 to 3 hours of work mostly, by DeWayne and Pete, were put into this project at that point.

Another project involved Jeff Pagels' 1912 Touring that he recently purchased. The plan for this car was to get it to start and run reliably. This is a hand crank only car so there were lots of opportunities for our members to help crank the engine while trying to start it.



The crew cleaned the carburetor and checked for proper fuel flow. They also checked the coils and electrical connections. Finally, they did get the engine started. Once running, it ran pretty well on both battery and magneto. They also drove it around the yard. It was noticed that the right rear wheel was loose but that was a repair that was left for another day.



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At the same time as the other projects, Gregg “Rock” Zangl rebuilt a rear axle assembly belonging to Chad and Gary Prost. This included installing new bronze thrust washers and setting the correct gap for the ring and pinion gears as well as its complete re-assembly.



In addition to these projects, Shawn Gerrits brought his '24 Touring and several T'ers made various adjustments on it.

Rich and Mary Ann arranged for a lunch of broasted chicken and potato wedges, but it was actually more like a *dinner*. A free will offering was collected to cover the cost of the lunch.



While the guys were working on the car projects, the DTL Ladies went on activities of their own, which will be covered in a separate article.

In summary it was a great day, wonderful T people and deserving T projects. A big thank you goes to Rich Edler for *again* hosting this fun event and for lunch help from Mary Ann Miller. Thanks also to everyone who attended, participated, turned a wrench and got dirty!





## Summer Model T Ladies' Day - June 10, 2023

By Barb Leonhardt

As the guys were doing "Model T" talk, the girls drove to Sheboygan for a fun day. Girls in the vehicle were Diane Scheid, Carol Brodtke, Shelly Humphrey, Barb Leonhardt, with Carol Gumbinger at the wheel.

Their first stop was Caan's flower and Gift shop. Diane debated and debated over a beautiful flower arrangement. She finally gave in! Then they moved onto one of their favorite stops: the "Old Wisconsin" outlet store. The girls stocked up on wieners, bologna, cheese and Fat Freddie's. When checking out, more free goodies were thrown in their bags.

The next stop was St. Vincent de Paul. Good stuff was found there! "Harry's 50's Restaurant" was their lunch stop. At Harry's, two guests joined the girls; Phyllis Schultz and Marilyn Monroe! Then they moved onto Miesfeld's (world famous bratwurst store) which was celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Next came a little "Tiramisu tasting" at Stefano's Slo-Food Market. Of course, they finished off the day with a little bit of chocolate at Victorian Chocolate Shoppe. A fun day? You bet!



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## Lilly's Lizzy Tour - August 5, 2023

By Lilly Fischer

August 5th was the 1st Lilly's Lizzy Tour. The weather was perfect for a Model T drive up to New Holstein, WI. We started the day with donuts, juice and coffee at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Campbellsport. Lilly Fischer, probably our youngest driver drove with her folks John & Tammy, right behind Jim & Colleen Rodell.



Also making the trip with us were Ethan Rodell & Jim Wright, Dave DeYoung & Kurt Kniess, Denis Pulvermacher, Tod & Sharon Wirth, Pete & Shelly Humphrey, Markus Geoffrey, Dan Krueger, Reuben Kugel and Dave Hjortnaes. We departed at 9:20am and headed to our first stop which was the Baker Cheese plant. This was a quick stop to purchase some string cheese and cheese curds and stretch our legs.

We continued on, stopping briefly at Riverside Park just outside of St. Cloud. There we met up with Dairyland Tin Lizzies members Kevin Brusio & Cindy, Dan Brusio & Bob Brusio, Ken Lefeber and Rich Edler & Mary Ann Miller.



We continued North, on mostly county highways which are ideal for new Model T drivers, as we made our way to our destination in New Holstein.





There, a few more members; Andy & Sue Anderson, John & Carol Brodtke, Jerry Johnson and Jeff Pagels & Sandy Stock met us at the HC Timm House and Pioneer Corner Museum at about 11:00am.

Our group had our photo taken on the front steps of the Timm House. We then split into two groups. Half went on a guided tour of the Timm House while the other half took a self-guided tour of the historical museum.



Lilly Fischer entertained some of the group by playing the beautifully restored square grand piano in the parlor of the Timm



At the museum, we watched a promotional film about one of the two New Holstein businesses that manufactured snowmobile conversion kits for Model T Fords and other automobiles. Seeing the converted Model Ts traveling over snow covered roads in the countryside around New Holstein and on the frozen Cedar Lake was a real treat.



After touring both places, we drove to Civic Park just a few minutes away for a picnic lunch. Folks enjoyed hot dishes from their manifold cookers, fish tacos and sandwiches. We left the park at approximately 2:00pm.







To finish off the tour we made our way to the Hamburger Haus in Dundee for ice cream, because no Model T tour is complete without ice cream. After a beautiful day, we headed back to the starting point in Campbellsport.



We had a great turn out with 18 Model Ts in all and more than 30 people. Thank you to Mr. Rodell for organizing this tour. Thanks also to all of the wonderful docents at the Timm House and the Pioneer Corner Museum, Greg Hageman from the New Holstein Historical Society and everyone who joined us to make Lilly's inaugural Model T tour a special one!





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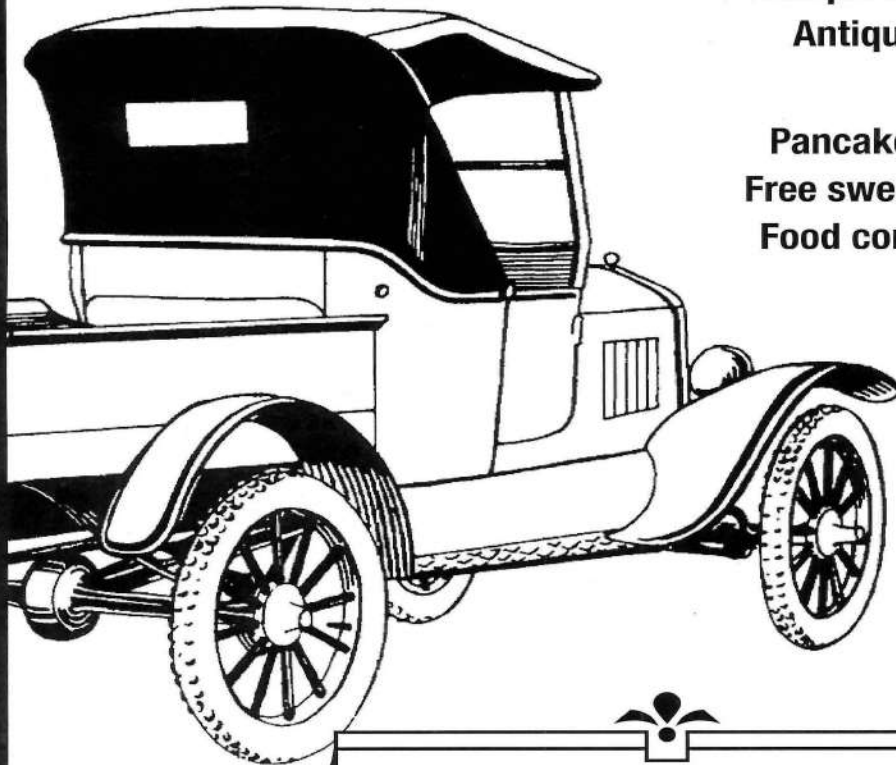
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## UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

### **40th Annual Hillbilly Tour**

Hosted by Heart of the Ozarks Chapter  
Harrison, Arkansas USA September 6-10, 2023

### **Model T Covered Bridge Tour**

Hosted by West Central Indiana Model Ters  
Parke County, Indiana USA September 23-27, 2023

### **MTFCI Annual Membership Meeting**

Dayton, Ohio USA January 19-20, **2024**

### **59th MTFCA Annual Meeting**

Hosted by Heartland T's of OKC  
Oklahoma USA March 21-23, **2024**

### **MTFCA National Tour - Trails Less Traveled**

Hosted by the Model T Ford Club of San Diego  
San Diego, California USA June 16-19, **2024**

### **67th Annual MTFCI Tour**

Hosted by Western Michigan Chapter  
Cadillac, Michigan USA July 13-20, **2024**



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