



# The Buzz



The Official Publication of

## The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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### Wonderful Wisconsin National Tour-June 19-24, 2022

The Dairyland Tin Lizzies Model T Club was formed in April, 2001. It was founded to be primarily a “touring” club, not really to do shows or parades. Though we have done some of those, the plan always was to have tours and *drive* Henry’s amazing Model T. Of course we have club tours, but we also wanted to host regional, and some day, a National Tour.



We hosted 3 regional tours in our 22 years and this year, the goal of hosting a National Tour was finally attained.



The Wonderful Wisconsin National Tour was originally going to occur in June of 2021. But as we all know, COVID changed everything. Our planning had begun in 2019 and after having laid the groundwork and put some plans in place, all was put on hold.

## UPCOMING 2023 CLUB EVENTS

January 7

**Dairyland Tin Lizzies Christmas Party!**

Alma's Café, Allenton - See complete details inside



January 21

**Tin Lizzie University and Ladies' Day**

Vrana Frame & Body, West Bend

See complete details inside

April 2

**Spring Business Meeting**

2pm, Malone Area Heritage Museum, N8791 County Rd W, Malone

May

**Model Ts at School 2023**

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School— Date and details are TBD

May 27-29

**Destination Door County 2023**

Details are TBD

June

**Tin Lizzie University and work day**

Rich Edler's place, Waldo Date and details are TBD

July

**Tour to Symco tractor & engine show**

Date and details are TBD



### Dairyland Tin Lizzies Officers

President: Pete Humphrey \* Treasurer: Ken Lefeber

Vice President: Kevin Bruso \* Secretary: Jim Rodell, Jr.

Webmaster: Carol Gumbinger \* Newsletter Editors: Pete & Shelly Humphrey



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The 2020 National was moved to 2021 and ours was rescheduled to 2022. Fortunately, we retained our core group of committee members and picked up the planning where we left off to pull everything together. We can't say enough about the hard work that our committee did to make this happen.



We can all be proud of the product that we produced. After months of endless meetings, route planning, venue booking, tourbook creation, registration management, goody bag construction, hospitality planning and preparation and all the rest of the pieces of the puzzle, it was gratifying to have so many participants let us know that they enjoyed themselves and loved what we did.



There are so many great stories from that week. Beginning with the opening barbeque featuring music of the Dixie Doodlers right up to the closing banquet, the tour participants enjoyed beautiful Model T roads, interesting venues and great food. And let's not forget about those cookies and the Rusty Water Bar!

Featured here are just a few of the many great photos from the tour. Our own Joyce Edfors wrote an excellent piece that covers the entire event. That article appears in the September/October issue of the Vintage Ford and we highly recommend that you check that out. If you've already read it, it's worth reading again. Our National Tour made us smile from ear to ear, and we still are!



**Congratulations to all of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies members and committee members who made this happen!**

## Hodag III Tour in Rhinelander - September 3-5, 2022

By Keith Gumbinger

This was the third tour in the Rhinelander area hosted by the Bruso Family. Almost the entire family helped put it on and came along on the tour. The tour was based at the Days Inn Motel in downtown Rhinelander.

There were 9 Model T's on the tour and about 23 people participated, including:

1917 Touring, Bob and Sarah Bruso

1914 Touring, Dan and Theresa Bruso

1926 Roadster, Kevin Bruso and Cindy Nelson

1918 Touring, Paul Wilcox & Ken Lefeber

1924 Coupe, Pete and Shelly Humphrey

1914 Roadster, John and Carol Brodtke

1924 Fordor, Rich Edler and Mary Ann Miller with Jack and Barb Leonhardt riding along on Saturday

1926 Coupe, DeWayne Fritz and Diane Scheid

1926 Roadster Pickup, Keith and Carol Gumbinger

Bob & Sarah's Daughter, Andi Seidel and her sons Duncan (on Sunday) and Seb (on Monday) also came on the tour.

Everyone was already there on Friday Evening, so we all went to the Cabaret Cove restaurant & bar in Rhinelander for a great dinner. We had a looong table with about 20 of us at it. The food and service were great. The food was served family style and everything was done very well!

On Saturday we headed to Three Lakes, Eagle River, Star Lake, Sayner and St. Germain. We drove on wonderful back country roads, passing by the Hodag Country Festival grounds. Our first stop was at the Three Lakes Winery. At the winery we had lots of samples to taste as well as a big selection of wine related products as well as a large selection of specialty wines available for purchase. No doubt that the winery did a really good business from our visit there.





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After visiting the winery it was only a couple of miles down the road to the Northwoods Petroleum Museum. We have been there before, but there's always something new to see and we weren't disappointed. The Owner of the Museum, Ed Jacobsen, is a very nice guy and was an excellent host as we looked at his wonderful collection of petrolania.



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Our next stop was The Friendship House Restaurant in Eagle River for lunch. All of Eagle River is busy on a Saturday and the restaurant was also, but they got us seated and the service and food were very good. We also had a birthday to celebrate!

We had time to look in the touristy stores in Eagle River for awhile, and then we all met up at the World Snowmobile Headquarters just up the road from downtown Eagle River.



We again headed out on beautiful country roads and shortly came to Star Lake and that wonderful little store out in the middle of nowhere that sells Ice Cream!!! We all enjoyed the ice cream and had a nice little break also.

We continued on these very scenic back country roads for about 40 miles. This was getting to be kinda' long in the seat and the sun was beginning to go down as well, and we then came to the Cross Country Bar and Restaurant where we had dinner. The weather was really nice and we sat outside and pretty much had that area to ourselves. We ordered our food and drinks and leisurely enjoyed the ambience of the nice weather and the beautiful early evening. Pretty soon our food came and it was none too soon as it was getting dark and some of us don't have the greatest lights on our T's and we had several miles to go to get back to the motel, but we all made it ok. Total miles for today = 104.1!



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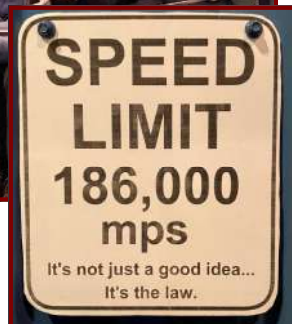
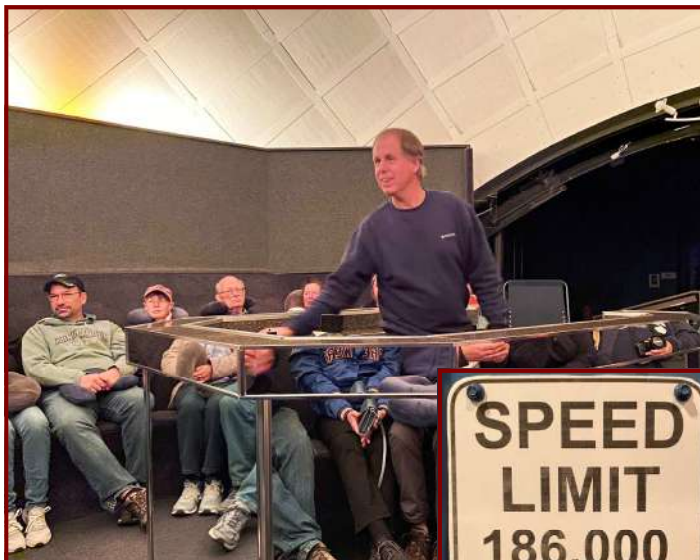
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After a quick drivers' meeting on Sunday morning, we were off to Monico, Crandon, Jennings and Pelican Lake. There are lots of beautiful country roads in the greater Rhinelander area. There is nothing like a leisurely drive on these nice country roads with light traffic cruising along in your Model T. After awhile we had a coffee, rolls, & comfort stop break at the Stella Town Hall, then continued on. (By the way, Sarah and her helpers make great rolls and coffee!!!).



Soon we came to the Kovac Planetarium in Monico. This is a hidden gem in the Northwoods. Built singlehandedly and run by Frank Kovac, Jr., it is also the worlds largest mechanical globe planetarium. Frank's

presentations are both historical and educational and his passion for the exploration of the stars in the universe around us comes through. The universe rotates around us showing the planets, stars, and galaxies from inside the mechanized wonder. Frank's program shows us all this in about an hour and is truly amazing.



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Continuing on, we stopped at Palubicki's Eats N' Treats for lunch.



While at Palubicki's, we were invited to visit the nearby Krueger Gas Station. A short drive led us to what was a house on a quiet street but has been transformed into a vintage gas station by the owner, Jeff Krueger. We saw the garage area on the first level and the upstairs which is now a guest room with a small bar and bathroom. This gas station is so neat and was built entirely by Jeff. It's an amazing transformation from the dilapidated house it once was to this showplace. This was an unplanned and unexpected treat! Shortly thereafter, we visited a historic oil storage building next to the former railroad tracks, also being restored by owner Jeff Krueger.



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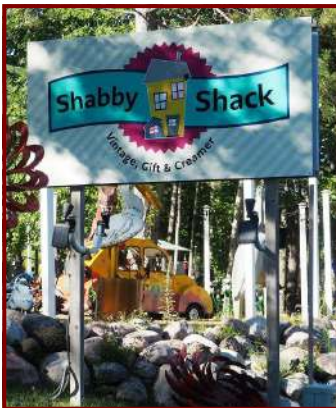


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Our next stop was in downtown Jennings at the Mecikalski Stovewood Museum building complex, circa 1899. This unusual method of construction uses short pieces of logs placed crossways to the length of the walls and they are held in place by either mortar or clay. These two buildings comprise a General Store, Saloon and Boarding House and are now listed on the National Register of Historical Places. The Kohler Foundation undertook the restoration of these two buildings in 1984 and then gifted the entire complex to the Town of Schoepke on June 20, 1987.



Continuing on, we stopped at the Shabby Shack for ice cream. What's a tour without some ice cream stops, right? Later, after driving on more very nice country roads, we were back in Rhineland and stopped for dinner at the Casa Mexicana Restaurant. Total miles for Sunday were 69.5 miles.



Monday was a short "Ramblin' Round Rhineland" day. We started by going to the new "Hodag Dome" Athletic Center at the High School. This is an interesting air supported structure referred to by some locals as "the Grub"!!!



After the Hodag Dome, we drove all through the area surrounding Rhineland through more beautiful country roads. Then we stopped at the Golden Harvest Food Store on the outskirts of Rhineland for a break and pit stop. This is a great food market which has outdoor furniture as well. You can't miss the chickens running around loose in front of the building, and the recently hatched chicks in a fenced area under a heat lamp. This was a fun stop. Total miles for Monday = 33.1. Total tour miles: 206.7.

And suddenly the tour was over. This was a very enjoyable and laid back weekend. There were no vulture wagons to pick up disabled Model T's, but none were needed as there were NO breakdowns!

It was easy to see all the work the Brusio family had put into making this tour as wonderful as it was. A very big THANK YOU to the entire Brusio family!!!!



## Fall Color Tour - October 8, 2022

By Keith Gumbinger

The trees are turning color, autumn is in the air, the temperatures are getting cooler and no rain was forecast. This set the stage for a great Model T tour around Beechwood, Plymouth, Kiel and the surrounding area, so away we went!!!

The tour routes were planned by Dan and Phyllis Schultz using planned stops and the lunch location provided by Diane Scheid and "The Fritz".

There were 10 Ts on the tour and one modern car as follows:

'26 Coupe, Diane Scheid and DeWayne Fritz

'26 Roadster, Kevin Bruso

'27 Coupe, Ken Lefebber

'24 Coupe, Pete and Shelly Humphrey

'24 Fordor, Rich Edler and Mary Miller

'27 Tudor, Dan Krueger and Billy Vrana

'22 Roadster, Tod and Sharon Wirth

'23 Touring, Tony, Elizabeth and Charlotte Ziehmke

'25 Roadster, Marcus Geoffrey and guests, Robert & Sarah

'24 Tudor, Jim Wright and guest Bob Lake

Modern car, Keith and Carol Gumbinger

The tour started from the Fritz Garage in Beechwood, which is a veritable museum in itself. The garage was a Studebaker Garage back in the day and now it contains a wide variety of cars: a Model T, several historic stock cars, a Corvette and, of course, a Studebaker!!! Warm Apple Cider, cake and cookies greeted our tour participants as we arrived at the garage. After a brief drivers meeting, we were on our way!



We drove our Ts about 83 miles on very nice country roads loaded with beautiful trees in many vibrant colors. The scenery was terrific; couldn't have been better!

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The first stop was at the Sheboygan Marsh Park. There was a brisk wind blowing from the West and it was even blowing the marsh grass to the East. Some climbed the tower and had a great view of the entire area. We even saw a Bald Eagle flying overhead, something not often seen. Maybe he was looking for “lunch” in the marsh?



Next we stopped at the Riverview Family Restaurant in Kiel for lunch. The restaurant staff was very efficient. We were seated quickly, then ordered and were served promptly; it was a very nice experience. We want this to be a future lunch stop as well.

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After lunch, we had a gas stop for those who needed it and then we continued on to “Vintage of Ada”, an antique store. The owners had remodeled and added onto these two buildings over the years and they have a nice variety of antiques for sale. It didn’t take long to breeze through there and soon we were again on our way to the next stop: Griff and Milly’s Countryside Store.

This was a really neat place that had lots of nice stuff, like we need more “stuff”, right? They had a wide variety of knick-knacks with catchy sayings, like “Gobble till you wobble” and “Mr. Rogers never told me that the neighborhood was going to be like this”.

Our last tour stop was another good one: The Johnsonville Marketplace. This is a relatively new store for the Johnsonville meat brands and they had their entire selection of Johnsonville products on sale, plus every kind of Johnsonville logo clothing and kitchen utensils you can imagine. Yes, we spent some money there. This store is a lot of fun!



So then we headed back to the Fritz Garage where we started. Some stopped for gas at Fleet Farm in Plymouth. There was no vulture wagon on the tour and there were no breakdowns! (Because we have good running Ts. :))



Was this tour really that good? Yes, it was! Perfect fall

weather, stunningly colorful trees, perfect roads including a few hills to climb and interesting places to stop and visit.

A big THANK YOU to Dan, Phyllis, Diane and DeWayne for planning and organizing this tour. You did a great job! Unfortunately, Dan and Phyllis were not able to tour with us and they were missed. This is definitely “The Fall Color Tour” we’ll want to do again!!







## Dairyland Tin Lizzies

### Minutes of November 6, 2022 Business Meeting

The fall meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Pete Humphrey on Sunday, November 6 at the Malone Historical Society in Malone, Wisconsin. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Members present were:

John & Carol Brodtke	Kevin Bruso	Rich Edler
Dewayne Fritz	Diane Scheid	Shawn Gerrits
Jan Guell	Keith Gumbinger	Dave Hjortnaes
Pete & Shelly Humphrey	Jerry Johnson	Dan Krueger
Bill Kvindlog	Larry Lamont	Ken Lefeber
Jack Leonhardt	Jeffrey Pagels	Denis Pulvermacher
Jim & Colleen Rodell	Travis Schisel and sons	Leon Schuh
Rick Schwechler	Gordy Sharapata	Sandra Stock
Billy Vrana	Paul Wilcox	Tod & Sharon Wirth

Jeff Pagels moved to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2022 meeting as printed in the July, 2022 issue of **The Buzz**. Keith Gumbinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President Kevin Bruso had no business to report.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. had no business to report.

Treasurer Ken Lefeber distributed copies of a treasurer's report showing income and expenses from April 23, 2022 to November 6, 2022 with a beginning balance of \$697.18 and ending balance of \$778.36. Keith Gumbinger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Denis Pulvermacher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pete Humphrey reported that an issue of **The Buzz** will be published before the end of 2022. Ken Lefeber asked if members may post items for sale in **The Buzz**, to which Editor Humphrey answered "yes".

Keith Gumbinger, representing webmaster Carol Gumbinger, reminded members to send pictures of their Model T's to be included on the website.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Shawn Gerrits reported on "Model T's at School" held May 13 at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Dairyland Tin Lizzies members showing five Model T's taught five groups of students a history lesson, shared Model T information, and gave Model T rides around the parking lot.

Billy Vrana reported on the "Spring Shakedown Tour" he led on May 14. A dozen Model Ts enjoyed touring the area north of Kewaskum with stops at a vintage gas station replica near Elmore and lunch at The Twisted Pair.

Pete Humphrey reported on "Destination Door County" held May 28-30. Fourteen Model Ts participated.

Keith Gumbinger gave a detailed report of the Model T Ford Club of America "Wonderful Wisconsin" national tour hosted by the Dairyland Tin Lizzies. An excellent article about the tour with photographs was written by Dairyland Tin Lizzies member Joyce Edfors and appeared in the September-October issue of **The Vintage Ford**. President Pete Humphrey added to Keith's report and mentioned that the Model T Ford Club International is holding their national tour next year at Baraboo, Wisconsin.

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Kevin Brusco reported on the Hodag III tour held September 3-5, based in Rhinelander and hosted by the Brusco family. The weather was beautiful and 9 Model T's participated with no breakdowns.

Paul Wilcox reported on the fall TT tour hosted by Gregg & Pam Zangl on October 1. Three Model Ts and one TT toured the area south of Holy Hill.

Diane Scheid reported on the Fall Color Tour held October 8, with tour routes planned by Dan Schultz. Ten Model Ts travelled from Beechwood to Sheboygan Marsh, Kiel, and Plymouth.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

After some discussion, Jerry Johnson moved to increase the reimbursement incentive for planning Model T tours for the Dairyland Tin Lizzies from \$35 per day of touring to \$50. Carol Brodtke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The topic of increasing dues for Dairyland Tin Lizzies membership was discussed. Vice President Kevin Brusco reminded members that the cost of hosting our website is now \$125 per year, and prior to 2021 it was hosted at no charge by Hemmings Motor News. Carol Brodtke moved to increase Dairyland Tin Lizzies annual membership dues from \$10 to \$15 per member family. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The topic of "honorary" membership status was also discussed. "Honorary" membership would retain members who have been active in the past, but are no longer able to actively participate due to age and/or health reasons. This membership status would be granted without the cost of dues. Sandra Stock moved that we table this topic for further discussion. Paul Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vice President Kevin Brusco volunteered to research this topic and will report back at a future meeting.

The topic of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies becoming a chapter of the Model T Ford Club International was discussed. Jim Rodell, Jr. explained the history of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies and the reasons it was formed as a chapter of Model T Ford Club of America. Carol Brodtke moved to table the subject for further study. Leon Schuh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Pete Humphrey announced the opportunity for volunteers to organize a Dairyland Tin Lizzies Christmas party. (Secretary's note: The week after the meeting, Tod & Sharon Wirth volunteered to organize the party.)

Billy Vrana volunteered to organize Tin Lizzie University. The tentative date is January 21, with an inclement weather alternate date of January 28. One suggested topic is the care and feeding of front wheel bearings. "Ladies' Day" will be organized by Diane Scheid.

Shawn Gerrits will coordinate "Model T's at School-2023" at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. There is interest in planning a "Destination Door County" tour in 2023.

Rich Edler expressed interest in hosting a Tin Lizzie University event at his shop in June.

Billy Vrana expressed interest in planning a tour to Symco, Wisconsin in July during the tractor and engine show.

Jack Leonhardt announced that he and Bill Kvindlog had Model T parts for sale in the parking lot of our meeting location that afternoon.

President Pete Humphrey announced that our club librarian, DeWayne Fritz has Model T repair and restoration videos available for loan and Dairyland Tin Lizzies window decals are available for \$1.25 each.

The spring business meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies will be held 2 p.m. April 2 at the Malone Historical Society.

Jerry Johnson congratulated the national tour committee of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies for a successful "Wonderful Wisconsin" tour.

Denis Pulvermacher moved to adjourn the meeting. Tod Wirth seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Rodell, Jr.  
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies





## **Dairyland Tin Lizzies Christmas Party**

Please join us on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Alma's Cafe 751 Church St, Allenton

Our party starts at 2:30 pm - Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm

White Elephant Gift Exchange starts at 3:00 pm

**Buffet dinner includes:** Salad bar, beef sirloin tips in gravy, chicken cordon blue, redskin mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, coffee & lemonade.  
Dessert- Cake

Adults- \$20.00      Kids- 12 & under \$12.00

Please **submit payment by 12/26/22 to RSVP**

Send to:

Sharon Wirth - 2258 Slinger Rd, Richfield, WI 53076

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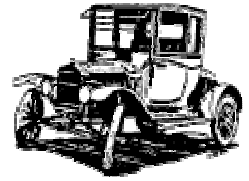
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## The Dairyland Tin Lizzies



present

# Tin Lizzie University & Ladies' Day

Saturday, January 21, 2022

Vrana Frame & Body Shop

1405 N. Main Street

West Bend, WI

**9 am – 11 am** Indoor parts swap Bring your own tables.  
The shop will be open for socializing and "T talk".

**11am—Noon** Lunch - Menu TBD - \$10 donation suggested

**Noon -4 pm** Educational Seminars - Topics May Include:

Getting cars to start easier

-Setting up carbs and coils

Front wheel bearings

**Ladies Day activities to be determined. Contact Diane or Shelly if interested.**

**For swap spaces or seminar information**

Billy Vrana 262-689-7919

**For Ladies Day, RSVP**

Diane Scheid 262-339-1301 or  
Shelly Humphrey 262-353-8210

## UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

See the details for these and lots of other national events in the current issue of The Vintage Ford.

### Winter Clinic

Hosted by The Flatland T's of Kansas

McPherson, Kansas USA January 21, 2023

### 58th MTFCA Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Southern Nevada Model T Club

Las Vegas, Nevada USA March 24-25, 2023

### 5th Annual Pre-War Ford Swap Meet

Hosted by the Mile High Chapter

Brighton, Colorado USA June 3, 2023

### Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Richmond's Historic Depot District

Richmond, Indiana USA June 3, 2023

### MTFCA 2023 National Tour "Experience the Flint Hills"

Hosted by the East Central Kansas Ts

Manhattan, Kansas USA June 18-23, 2023



Become a member of the Model T Ford Club of America. Active membership includes all the privileges of the Club, including six issues of **The Vintage Ford**, free admission to the Model T Museum for member and immediate family and one voting ballot per member-family for election of the Club's Board of Directors. Annual dues are \$40 for the U.S. Lifetime memberships are available. Owning a Model T automobile is not required, but it sure makes your membership a lot more fun!

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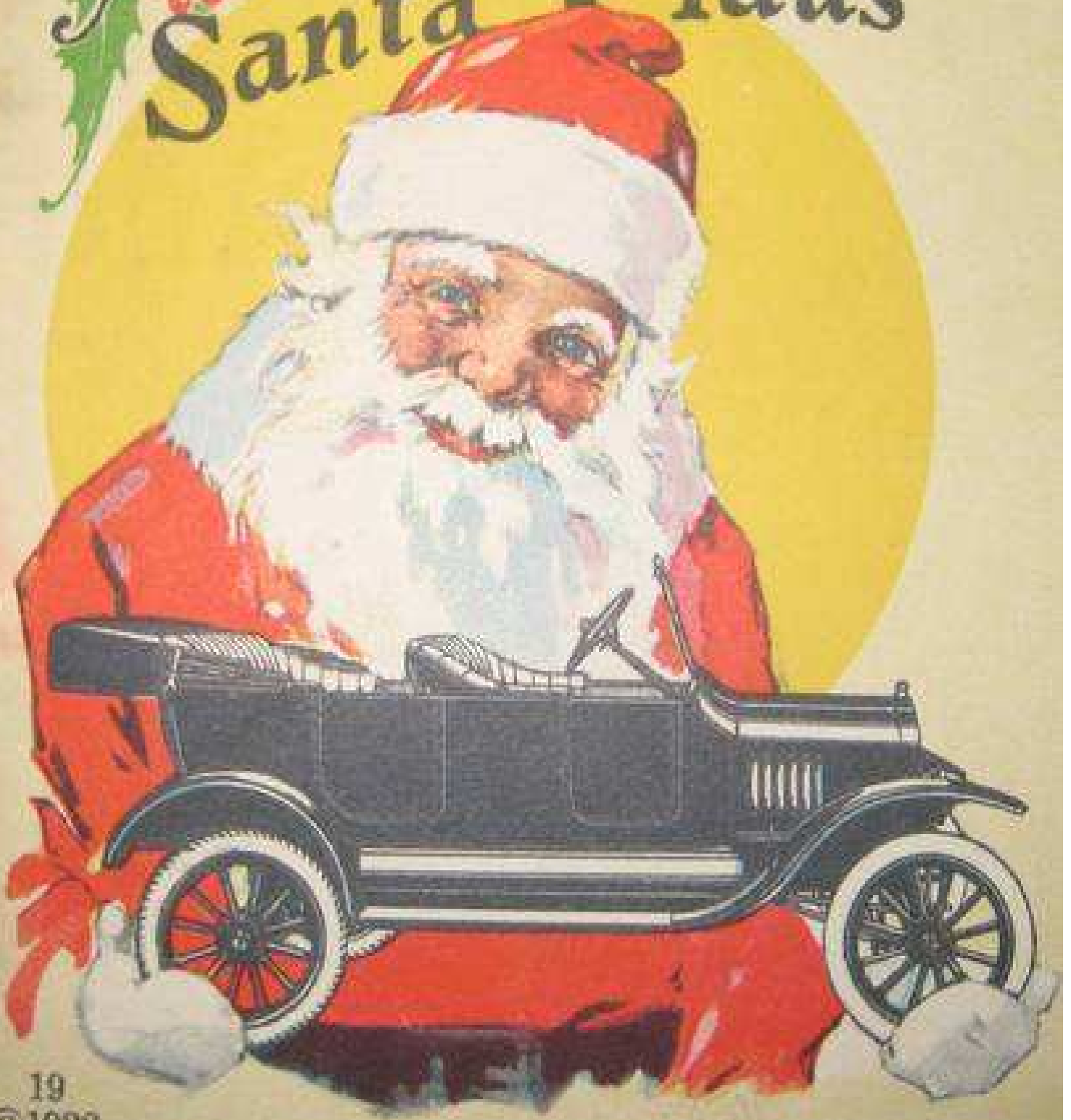
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