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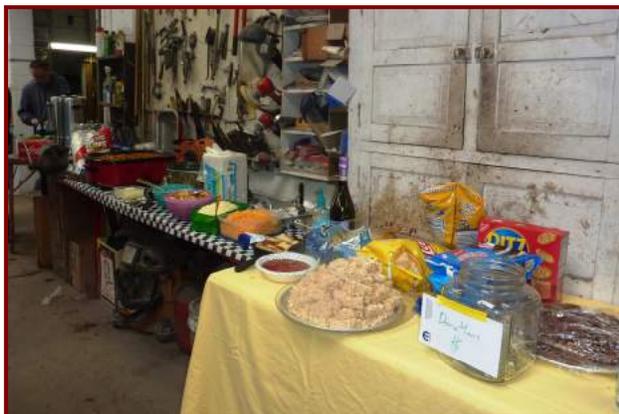
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Tin Lizzie University - February 1, 2020

By Jim Hess Saturday morning dawned overcast with no snow and temps in the low thirties. Our club members, Milwaukee chapter members and guests who share a love of Henry's magnificent Model T arrived at Vrana Frame and Body Shop for an indoor swap meet and Tin Lizzie University. While the men bought, sold and enjoyed fellowship, the ladies got together for their day of shopping. There's more on that in a separate story.



By around noon, we were primed for a delicious chili lunch with all the fixings as well as French onion soup. Also furnished, was a collection of delectable desserts both homemade and otherwise.



UPCOMING 2020 EVENTS

President's Message

Hello Tin Lizzies members!

This year has been anything but ordinary. By now, we usually would have held our Spring business meeting and have scheduled tours and events for the season. Unfortunately, everything has been put on hold. As of this moment, it is not clear what events we may be able to have.

So, with the expectation that our summer events, touring or otherwise, will be only a fraction of what they typically would be, it was decided that the club will not collect dues for the 2020 touring season. If you have already paid for 2020, it will be credited to the 2021 season.

As most of you already know, the MTFCA 2020 National Tour in Spokane, WA has been postponed for 1 year. This means that the MTFCA 2021 National Tour to be hosted by the Dairyland Tin Lizzies is now the MTFCA **2022** National Tour. The dates of course, are TBD.

As things re-open, we will keep you informed if we are able to plan organized events and look to scheduling at least a Fall business meeting and perhaps a meeting and some day-tours before that. Please take a look at "Tim's Frontier Color Tour" still on our schedule for later this season.

One bright spot in the midst of this is that many of you may be able to spend time working on your cars. This may be a great time to tackle that larger project you've been thinking about.

Stay well so we can tour together again. -Pete

May 23-25

Destination Door County Tour

Cancelled

June / July / August

Summer Tin Lizzie University or Tours?

September 28-
October 2

Tim's Frontier Color Tour

Fall Color Tour in the UP
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Following lunch, the “University” class agenda was introduced by Billy Vrana. Greg Zangl led the discussion on the recharging of flywheel magnets both while still in the car and with the coil ring and flywheel on the bench. Alignment of the magnets, condition of the coil ring and the proper gap between them was explained. The use and polarity of three 12V batteries used to charge magnets was explained along with how to determine the north and south poles of the magnets using a compass.



Then, Dave DeYoung covered the rebuilding of the generator. He explained that it is a 100 watt generator max and is perfectly adequate for a stock Model T. As additional load is added (halogen bulbs, stop lights, turn signals and other accessories) the generator can become overloaded. The disassembly, checkout of the armature, field coils, brush plate, bearings and reassembly were presented in detail. The operation of cutouts and voltage regulators were covered. Importance of nulling the brush plate and proper setting of the third brush finished the presentation.



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Our final presenter of the day, Jim Hess, explained front end geometry, caster, camber, toe-in and the Ackerman principle. Members were shown that the camber and caster are dependent upon parts in good condition and that the only adjustment is toe-in. Replacement of the various bushings and the condition of the steering column completed the presentation.



Our thanks go to Billy Vrana for organizing this great day and providing the fabulous lunch. Thanks also to Jim Rodell, Sr. who brought his KR Wilson pan straightening jig and provided complimentary pan straightening throughout the day.



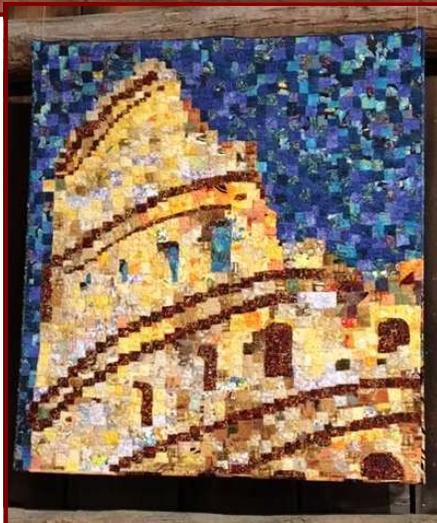
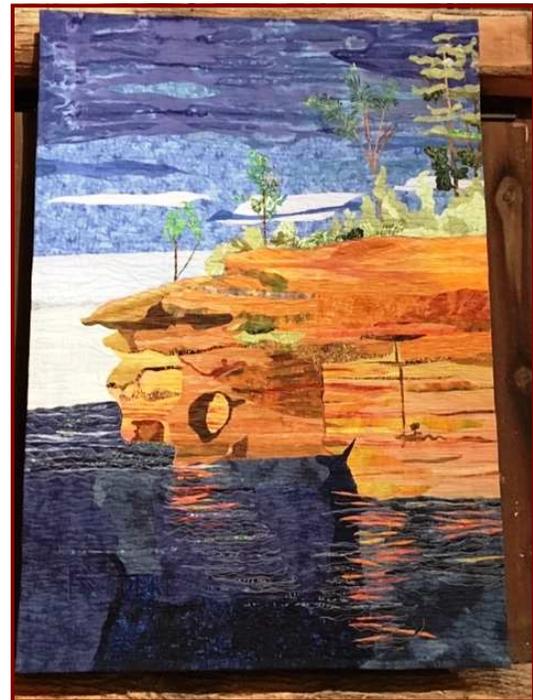
Model T Ladies' Day - February 1, 2020

By Shelly Humphrey

This chilly winter day brought 4 ladies together for socializing, eating, and of course shopping. We started the day in downtown West Bend at the grand opening of the West Bend Pilot Boutique. It's a store that houses a great collection of 5-6 different boutique vendors all under one roof. However, it was very busy since it was the grand opening. We'll be going back someday in the future when it's less crowded.



We walked north along Main Street enjoying the various ice sculptures that had been sculpted the previous weekend. Looking for some warmth, we stopped in at Savoring Thyme, a fashion and unique collection shop where Diane found a nice bracelet. Ready to brave the cold once more we headed to the West Bend Mercantile where a painting class was in session. We worked up an appetite from all this shopping. Luckily a West Bend favorite lunch spot, Idle, Hour or Two, was only a few doors away.



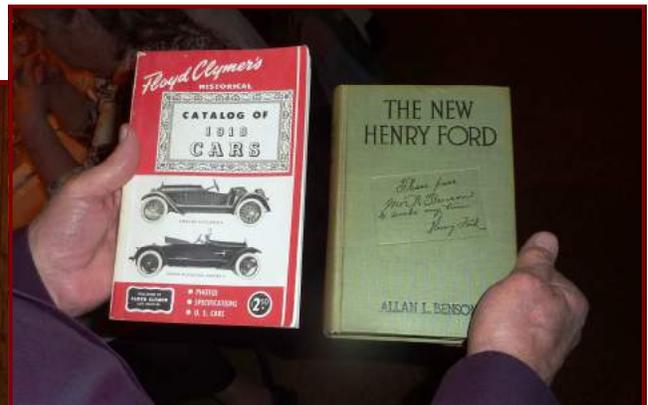
After lunch we worked our way to Cedarburg to the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts. All of us having an appreciation for quilting enjoyed this creative collection from patchwork, Military quilts to elaborate mosaic artwork. What a great find, thanks Diane!

From here we headed to Main Street in Cedarburg for more shopping/browsing. Going from door to door with shops featuring fashion clothing, antiques, soaps and bath products, metal artwork and jewelry etc.. My favorite shop being Downtown Dough; which inventoried hundreds of cookie cutters, kitchen tools and frozen dough treats.

A Tin Lizzie Christmas - January 4, 2020

The social event of the season was held on January 4th as the Dairyland Tin Lizzies gathered to celebrate Christmas. Once again, our host venue was Klemme's Wagon Wheel in Howard's Grove. As was the case last year, their broasted chicken and tenderloin tips served family-style, were delicious and stole the show. It's a guarantee that no one left hungry.

And what would a DTL Christmas party be without a spirited White Elephant Take-Away Gift Exchange? This year's was no exception and even featured a third (or is it the fourth?) re-appearance of the infamous toilet bowl coffee mug. It was an afternoon filled with fun and laughs as all sorts of treasures were exchanged.



Thanks to all who brought gifts to exchange and holiday goodies to share for dessert!

Highlights from EAA 2019 - July 22 - 26





Destination Door County 2020
Memorial Day Weekend - May 23-25

Dear Dairyland Tin Lizzies:

It saddens me to advise you that our annual "Kick Off of Summer" T-Tour to Door County has been cancelled. Even with the recent lifting of some restrictions, there are too many unknowns and we do not want to put any of our members at risk. As such, all rooms at the Runaway Lodge have been cancelled . There is no need to call them.

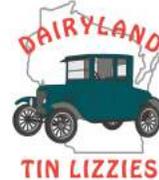
It is our plan to host a few day tours later this summer as we hope to see this pandemic under control and more businesses open. Watch the newsletter or special emails for future day tours.

Thanks for understanding our difficult decision to cancel, and hope that next year we will have the Door County Tour back on our schedule.

Diane Scheid and DeWayne Fritz

Phyllis and Dan Schultz





Fellow Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Most of you don't know me, I joined last year after meeting some of your members at Oshkosh (which I've attended for the past 47 years) and other tours.

I am considering leading a color tour this fall in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This will be a progressive tour, making an approximate 400 mile loop over the week of September 28th to October 2nd, stopping at a different city each night. Fall color is usually pretty good at this time of year and the temperatures comfortable.

The tour will be limited to about a dozen cars and a vulture wagon. I will seek out budget motels and try to keep costs at a minimum. I will pay my own way and not charge for my work on the group's behalf. Any costs incurred will be spread equally among the group. I don't expect to need any upfront cash or unbreakable commitments at this time but I need some info to continue.

This is my current thinking:

Monday 9/28 - Arrive Christmas, MI, near Munising - Meet and greet, prepare to depart the next morning.

Tuesday 9/29 - West on M-28 to Marquette - visit Presque Isle and other attractions, lunch. Departing Marquette take paved county roads to Big Bay - Overnight.

Wednesday 9/30 - Continue on county roads to L'Anse, take US-41 to Houghton then North to Calumet - stopping at attractions along the way. Lunch in Houghton, Hancock area.

Thursday 10/1 - From Calumet northward along the east side of the Keewenaw Peninsula to Copper Harbor and then along the west side thru Eagle River, Hancock and Houghton to L'Anse.

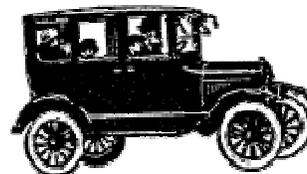
Friday 10/2 - L'Anse to Christmas. US-41 & M-28 unless I can find some good secondary roads.

I've received a lot of great suggestions of places to visit and am open to all ideas. The UP is a big place and it is impossible to see all the great sites on one trip. My thinking is that if this trip goes well I'd like to consider making it an annual event, choosing a different route each time.

This will not be a tour where I make all the decisions. Your input will be solicited and ultimately the group will make the final decisions. I'll just make the arrangements and put it together. You will be free to deviate from the published routes, we just hope to see you arrive at each day's destination motel safely.

If you would like to be kept updated as plans go forward and put your name on the list, please email me and I will send you a pdf that I'd like you to fill out and return.

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Ford Reintroduces Model T Line That Made It Great

5/6/20 10:05AM DEARBORN, MI—Now reeling from \$12.6 billion in losses and a steadily declining customer base due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Ford Motor Company announced plans Wednesday to invest its entire third and fourth-quarter manufacturing and advertising budgets into reintroducing the Model T, one of history's best known and most innovative car models.



"Today's drivers want to get in touch with the experience of sitting behind the wheel of a finely crafted, planetary transmission vehicle with manual crank starting," said Ford's president and CEO Alan Mulally, who expects the first line of Model Ts to be available for sale by mid-December and safe for driving as soon as it is neither snowing nor raining. "We're getting back to basics, bringing the quality and elegance of 1908 into the 21st century. We want to show the country why, at one point, every single car driven in America was a Ford."

Market analysts predict that the struggling company would need to sell off its less successful subsidiaries and expand into hybrid cars in order to remain economically viable. But the Michigan-based auto producer decided instead to open 12 new factories and retrofit another seven at a cost of more than \$350 million in order to produce parts such as the oil-lamp headlights and wooden artillery wheels for the two-speed Model T.

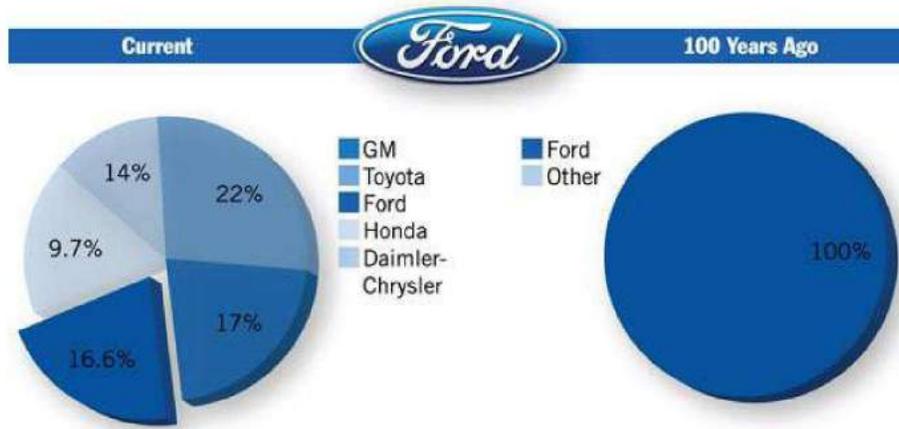
While Mulally admits that the initial cost of producing the famous "Tin Lizzies" will be an enormous investment, the company will save millions of dollars by paying workers on the man-powered assembly lines—once considered a revolutionary breakthrough, wages at 1911 rates. Working in back-to-back 10-hour shifts, employees should be capable of producing 20 to 25 units per week, meaning the 32,000 Model Ts that Mulally believes will lift the company out of near bankruptcy will be on the road within six years.

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"Frankly, I think we've gotten so concerned with adding frills like GPS navigational systems, seat belts, and exhaust pipes that we've forgotten what really matters: open-air bench seating," Mulally said. "We promise that each Model T that comes off the line will last much, much longer than today's cars. Face it, we just don't make them like we used to."

Ford's Piece of the Pie

In just 100 years, the once-powerful automaker has seen its market share shrink.



Though the company had plans to make such a bold move anyway, the Coronavirus has moved up the timetable dramatically. Now Ford's development team is working day and night to secure the components needed to ramp up for production. A number of parts, however, could not be secured from their original early-20th-century suppliers—

many of which, after two world wars and one major economic depression, no longer exist. Throughout the process, Mulally personally spent two hours on the phone trying to track down rubber from the Belgian Congo, and assigned top executives to organize Zoom meetings with suppliers in Mandalay to find a company that still produces magneto ignition parts.

But despite the Model T's need for coil boxes, cotton band linings, roller bearing timers and spring shackles that cost nearly five times as much as today's standard auto components, Ford executives are hopeful that a combination of the automobiles' "interchangeable parts" design and low \$950 sticker price will propel the company back to the success it enjoyed a century ago. In an effort to convince the American consumer that automobiles are "not just for the scion sons of wealthy robber barons anymore", Ford will unveil a massive advertising blitz this fall, including a series of black-and-white ads, short news strips shown between double features at the nation's leading silent-film houses, and so-called "barkers" who will shout the Model T's praises through megaphones on street corners across the country.

"Everyone from schoolchildren to quiz-show participants has been hearing the name 'Model T' for more than a century now," Ford marketing director Patricia Curtis said. "You just can't buy that kind of name recognition."

To compete with the Model T, several other major auto manufacturers have begun reproducing their own classic car lines, including Chrysler's DeSoto, Karl Benz's original Motorwagen, and BMW's World War II-era German U-boat.

(Just a little bit of fun to brighten your day!)



COVID-19 Diversions



With the global pandemic upon us, many of us are finding that we have some additional time in our days. How about this for time well spent for a car lover? Someone out there recognizes this jigsaw puzzle as being gifted at a past Christmas party white elephant gift exchange. To whomever gifted this beautiful puzzle, "Thank you!"

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

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

Notice: Events are being called off or postponed on a daily basis around the world as health recommendations and mandates change. Always check the event's or host club's website or Facebook page for current information.

Homecoming at the Model T Museum

Richmond, Indiana USA June 6, 2020 **Cancelled/Postponed**

38th Annual Hillbilly Tour

Hosted by the Heart of the Ozarks Chapter

Springfield, Missouri USA September 9 - 13, 2020

Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by The West Central Indiana Model T'ers

Parke County, Indiana USA September 26 - 30, 2020

MTFCA 2021 National Tour

Hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club

Spokane, Washington USA July, 2021 Finalized dates TBA

MTFCA 2022 National Tour Hosted by the Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin USA June, 2022 Finalized dates TBA



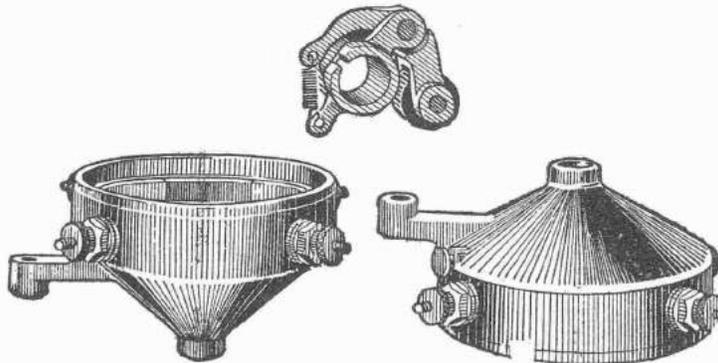
Become a member of the Model T Ford Club of America. Active membership includes all the privileges of the Club, including six issues of **The Vintage Ford**, free admission to the Model T Museum for member and immediate family and one voting ballot per member-family for election of the Club's Board of 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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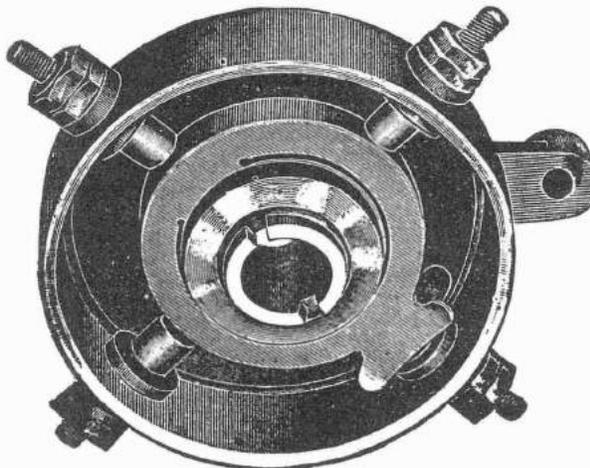
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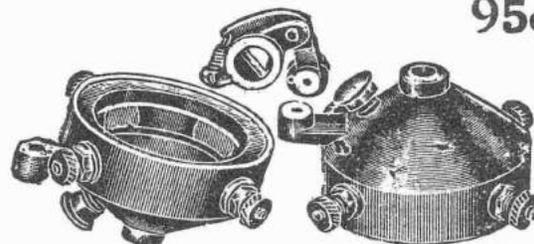
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