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If all dogs go to Heaven, let's hope they get to take their Model T's with them.....



# The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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### COVER PHOTO:

Jim Wright's dog takes the controls for a while.....

# DESTINATION: DOOR COUNTY AND WASHINGTON ISLAND

## THE FIRST DAIRYLAND TIN LIZZIES OVERNIGHT TOUR

May 29 to 31, 2004

Saturday morning started kind of cool – 38 degrees. Canadian geese flew overhead and there was a light mist in the air. It sure wasn't warm and sunny, at least not yet. But it wasn't raining either, at least not yet!!

Our meeting place was the Kohler Generator plant on the far North side of Sheboygan. The T's started to arrive about 9. Dan & Phyllis Schultz, our tour leaders, were there bright and early. Kevin Bruso, Jim Hess and the Gumbingers came up on Friday evening. Soon, Adam & Chris Doleshal, Greg, Pam and Ford Zangl, Ron and Sandra Stock and their granddaughter, Katy; DeWayne Fritz and Diane, and Pete and Shelly Humphrey arrived soon and we were on our way shortly after 9:30. There were 9 T's in all.



We traveled the lakeshore route all the way to Sturgeon Bay. Not just near the lake, but virtually on it the whole way, as close as you can get. We made a bakery stop and got gas in Kewaunee. Next was lunch at a neat place in Sturgeon Bay. We went over the old bridge in Sturgeon Bay and then on back roads up to Egg Harbor to our Motel. The Doleshals' and the Zangls' had planned to camp, but opted for a cabin instead. The motel, Cape Cod Motel, was just right for our group.



Saturday evening the gremlins were at work. They hung black crepe paper and other decorations in one of the motel rooms. This was a surprise birthday party. The cake was picked up at the bakery in Kewanee and hidden in one of the cars. The “birthday person” was lured into the motel office while the decorating was done. Then, when all was ready, someone went over to get the “birthday person” to come over for a “drivers’ meeting”.

When the door was opened, we were all inside and began singing Happy Birthday. Was **Pete Humphrey** ever surprised!!!! He was given a red hat that said “OLD FART” on it and he wore it proudly. He received other gifts also and was a very good sport about all of it. Oh ya, how old is Pete? He’s **40**, of course, and we won’t let him forget it!!! Needless to say, a good time was had by all.



Sunday morning we awoke to wet pavement and a somewhat humid atmosphere, but it soon cleared up and turned out pretty nice. We toured on back roads up to Northport and got took the ferry to Washington Island . We had a nice cruise over and once on the island, we went to the Grainery Restaurant for lunch.



After lunch, Keith asked the waitress if he could look up a friend in the phone book. Not finding the number, the waitress asked who he was looking for. Keith said Bob Nikolai and the waitress said: Oh! That's my uncle, and she dialed the phone for him. Well, Keith knows Bob from long ago, and he owns a '17 TT stake truck. Bob came right over and checked out our T's, and he was impressed! Bob had to go to church then, so we continued touring the island. We stopped at the Jacksonport Maritime Museum and checked out a 1930 Model A Tudor Snowmobile on display there. This Model A was bought new and immediately converted to a snowmobile with the tracks and skis and all. It was used for many years going across the ice to the mainland and making deliveries. It is in remarkable original condition. Later, we stopped at Bob Nikolai's son's house to check out his TT and the nicely restored visible gas pump on display there. Bob was so enthused by our visit that he started his TT up for the first time this year and drove it out of his barn for us to see. His '17 is the first year for TT production and they only made a few hundred of them. For the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ford Trucks, Ford couldn't find any other '17 TT's, so they used Bob's and hauled it all over the country for their celebration. This TT is nicely restored to original with magneto headlights, no starter, and everything just as it should be.



We continued touring the Island, and at about 3:00 it started to rain. And did it rain!!! On the way back to the ferry, we stopped at the gas station (the only one on the Island). Bob Nikolai's wife, Peg, runs the gift shop there. Peg has lots of neat things there and graciously gave our tour members a 10% discount on all our purchases. And yes, she enjoyed seeing our T's, especially DeWaynes' '15 touring, since the Nikolais' once had one like that.

For the ferry ride back and the trip on back roads to the motel the rain had stopped and it was a nice drive. We stopped at a neat restaurant with a neat railroad theme. They have a model train that runs around the bar that they deliver the food on. Unfortunately, there wasn't room for all of us around the bar, but it was an interesting place none-the-less. After eating, we stopped at Ron and Sandra Stocks' son's house for a brief visit, then on to the motel before it got dark.



Monday morning we got an early start. It wasn't raining, but soon started. Those of us with closed cars or side curtains for the open cars were thankful. For those with open cars and no side curtains, well, what can I say? I give lots of credit to Ron and Sandra Stock in their '26 touring. Not only did they not have side curtains, but they didn't have a top of any kind either!!! But they made it ok. Perhaps by the time you read this, they'll be dried out!!!

We stopped for breakfast in Sturgeon Bay and just then it started to pour, and continued to pour for some time. As we continued back to Sheboygan, the rain let up, then poured again, then let up and poured again. I think we had 3 waves of rain in all.

All in all, this was ONE GREAT TOUR!!! A big THANK YOU to Dan and Phyllis Schultz for all their work in setting up and leading the tour. Their many hours of planning and several trips to check everything out resulted a very well organized tour.

# LYLE & JIM'S



## MYSTERY TOUR !!!!

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

Meet at Lyle's new house in Theresa with a full tank of gas, ready to tour. We will depart at **8:00 a.m. SHARP!** Tour distance is approximately 60 miles.

Park tow vehicles at the library right by Lyle's house (see map). We will stop for breakfast at about 9:00 a.m. (participant pays).

Lots of stuff to see, plus you will get to meet 'Fred'. Return to Lyle's house by mid-afternoon for live music and lunch, compliments of Lyle Herman and Jim Wright!

Please bring a lawn chair. Any questions? Please contact Jim Wright –  
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