

# The Buzz

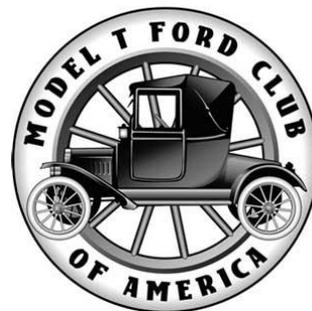
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Participants in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Tour pose for a group photo at the historical Brown Church. Read the article about this great tour by Kendall Gerrits in this issue of The Buzz.



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## The President's Message

As the fall meeting is approaching and the touring season is coming to an end for most of us it is time to think about those winter projects we need to get done on our T's. Looking back the Dairyland Tin Lizzies had a great summer of touring and special events; we were well-represented at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club, held on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. On Saturday, about 30 Model T's made the 60 mile tour through the beautiful Kettle Moraine. We did not have to look hard to spot the many deer, turkeys, and sandhill cranes along the route. They were sometimes on the road!!!

On Sunday, the Milwaukee club hosted us at Wagner Park in Pewaukee where a wonderful lunch was provided before starting the Model T car games. Sharon and Tod Wirth dreamed up some very interesting games using plungers and beach balls, giant-sized tongs and tennis balls, and other unique devices.

At the closing ceremonies, many door prizes and raffle prizes were awarded. The Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club sure did put on a great affair—they even planned perfect weather!!!

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> was Model T Day at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford. Phyllis and Dan Schultz once again served their great brats and hamburgers, and this year Sandra Stock brought some homemade sweet pickle relish that was a great condiment for those brats and hamburgers. Look for the recipe in this issue of The Buzz. The weather was good and we had a good turnout of T's.

Bob Wirth and I were on WTKM-FM, the Hartford radio station, on Tuesday morning, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. promoting Model T Day and our hobby. Hope you had a chance to listen in on 104.9 FM or on the internet.

We had a fall tour starting at Washington County Fair Park on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. After a short tour, we arrived at the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society park grounds where we rode on their trains. After that, we stopped for lunch at the Jackson Historical Society's Raspberry Festival. They had hot dogs, brats, sweet corn, raspberry pie and ice cream available along with a farmers market and entertainment. From there we went to the Venerable Fire Collection, a very unique, large collection of antique fire engines and equipment. We returned to the Fair Park about 4 p.m. This was a fun, leisurely tour, and very interesting.

The Dairyland Tin Lizzies fall meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 p.m. It will be at Emily's Restaurant, in the hamlet of Cedar Creek, which is located on Hwy. C about 2 miles northeast of the Hwy. 41 and Hwy. 60 interchange. See their website for more information at [www.emilysrestaurant.net](http://www.emilysrestaurant.net) We will be discussing our future events, such as a Christmas Party, a proposed regional tour for next summer, Tin Lizzie University, and anything else that the members want to bring up. Please come and join us. The meetings usually last about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. We only have 2 meetings per year. The next one is in April. After the meeting many stay for dinner. Emily's has a nice menu to satisfy all tastes.

See you all there.

*Jim Rodell, Sr*

## A Message from Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club President Bob Wirth

On behalf of The Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club, I would personally like to thank each of the Dairyland Tin Lizzie club members who attended and participated in our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 31 and August 1, 2010. With everyone having busy schedules and numerous activities and events to choose from on every summer weekend, we are very pleased that many of you decided to join our celebration. We trust you enjoyed the event as much as we enjoyed creating the event and your active participation.

Thank You All,

*Bob Wirth*, President Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club, INC.

## Fireworks Tour 2010 July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 5<sup>th</sup>

By: Kendall Gerrits



On Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> around 7:30 a.m., my dad and I got up to start our long journey that weekend. We were headed to Richland Center, WI with the model t group for a very adventurous tour. Dad and I left our house at about 8 a.m. to meet the rest of the group that were coming just outside of Hustisford. We were the first ones there and waited for about a half hour or so for the others. The road we waited on wasn't very busy so I decided to sit in the middle of the road until a car came then I moved. Around 9:30 I got a call from Carol saying they would be there shortly. When they got there, we were off to our first stop which was Gilbertson's country store for an ice cream cone. It was a good time to get out and stretch. As soon as everyone had their ice cream fix, we were on our way to Lodi for lunch. There was a gravel road to someone's house but it was just a normal gravel road. We reached our stop at subway in Lodi then after we had done that we went to go wait for the Merrimac Ferry. While we were waiting, we got the chance to get out and eat our yummy lunch. The t's didn't get on the ferry until about the 3<sup>rd</sup> time it came across. Finally when we got across to the other side, we went to Delaney's which is a surplus store. It burned to the ground a few years ago but they had rebuilt it. Also right next to it was a sculpture park of many rare and odd sculptures made out of metal. After all of our stops that day, we finally headed to Richland Center. Just before you head into Richland Center there is this rock quarry. Also with it is a huge hill that you go down. At the motel once everyone checked in and got situated with their rooms, we went to dinner about 5 blocks from the motel. It was a Mexican restaurant called Fiesta Café. That night they had the fireworks but it was nice because they were right across the street from the motel.

The next morning Carol and Steve Stevenson set up a tour around Richland Center. Our day started off by having breakfast at Country Kitchen at the Ramada hotel. My dad and I didn't go and have breakfast because we brought our own stuff. So after we ate and left the motel, we went to go get gas in the car and then went to wait for the rest at the Ramada. Our stops that day were the little brown church, weggy winery, lunch at Amos pub, eagle cave, the Stevenson museum, and pizza hut (not the real pizza hut). The little brown church is located outside of Sextonville in the middle of nowhere it seems. It was very interesting to see because there are so many facts about it. The next stop was weggy winery but I didn't find that very exciting. Our lunch stop at Amos pub was exciting though. Since it was the fourth of July, our waitress sang a patriotic song. She used to be a music teacher and she still had it. The rest of us sang along of course. After our exciting lunch, we had to get a picture with the whole group. Once we all got in our cars and headed off, we were headed to eagle cave. Just before you get to the campground, there is this big hill you have to climb and my dad thought we wouldn't even make it in low and I could feel it to like the car was going to die right there on the hill. But, we made it up the long climb. Finally once we parked the cars we went into the gift shop to get our tickets so we could take the cave tour. To me this was the best part of the whole day. We learned a lot about the cave. It was kind of

hot and muggy that day so as soon as we entered the cave you could feel a temperature difference. We were told about what's called a lifeline. It's a crack in the middle of the cave on the top so if you ever got lost in a cave you could find your way out. Also you could see tree roots in the cave because above us the tree was growing there. There were lots and lots of puddles in the cave too. Some of the stones looked like figures. For example, a witch, a wolf, a turtle, and a dinosaur. In the winter time, boy scouts visit there and they actually get to sleep in the cave. They sleep in the biggest and coldest room in the cave. The rock quarry actually had to get sealed up because one year when the boy scouts were there it got to below zero. There's a wall in the cave where they let people sign that they have been there and there were a lot of names on that wall. On the wall behind where we were standing it read "Jesus Saves". They think it had been spray painted on because after all these years it hasn't washed off but some of the letters are gone. We were told that on 9/11 when someone was changing lights in the cave, "Jesus Saves" was glowing brighter than it originally does. After we got to see the other parts of the cave, we got to finally see the biggest and coldest room in the cave. That's where all the boy scouts set up their tents. We did an experiment with the lights off to see if we could hear the difference in air pressure with the lights turned off. I noticed it because my ears popped. The further we got away from the coldest room, the warmer it got. But it was even warmer outside and it was raining. From eagle cave we headed to the town of Stevenson museum. The museum is amazing and what's great about it is that everything in the museum is Steve and Carol's. Carol makes all the mannequins for the museum. The doctor, barber, prisoner, and the marine. There are a few t's in the museum that all run. Upstairs in the firehouse Carol has a very wide shoe collection which I found was very interesting. After we got to see the museum in all of its excitement, we headed back to the motel. We had snacks when we got back and that night we were supposed to go to pizza hut but nobody wanted to go so we didn't go. But whoever wanted ice cream could walk two blocks to get some. So me, dad, Jim Wright, and Jim Hess walked there for ice cream. Once we walked back to the motel I sat outside for a little bit before I went inside for the night. It was a very good and exciting Fourth of July.

Monday morning everyone got up and packed up then we headed out to go home. We went a different way out of Richland Center. It just seems like you're in the car for a really long time which you kind of are. The way home was quite the trip. There was this gravel road that we went on but since it had been raining, it was nothing but a big muddy mess with a lot of puddles. I told my dad he had a job to do to make the car clean again. This road was hilly and slippery and we could feel it. Once we got off that road there was a big sigh of relief. Our first stop that day was kwik trip to get gas and for a bathroom break. When everyone got done there, we headed to Deforest for lunch at the Deforest family restaurant. It was packed when we got there but it cleared out over time. The food was very good there. After lunch my dad wanted to get a picture of everyone by their cars. When we were done with our lunch break, it was time to finally head home. There was a gas station on the way home in the middle of nowhere that had a bar in it. Strange isn't it? I thought so. At that point we told everyone that once we got to Hill road when they turned right we were turning left because that road goes right into Juneau. Seems like it took forever to get there but we eventually did. Once at the stop sign, everyone got out to say goodbye to us and asked if we were going to be at Model T day and the EAA. After we all said our goodbyes after a long and fun weekend, we finally headed home. I was happy to see the house and unpack everything. That was a very exhausting weekend and I couldn't wait until I could sleep in.

