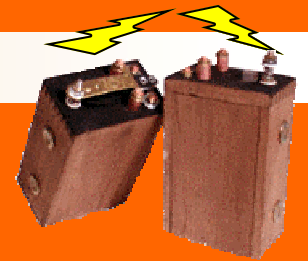


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Hope everyone had a great summer! It's time to take the moto-meter off (it doesn't do anything any more anyway!). I hope everyone is taking their Model T's out and enjoying the Fall colors! Not a day goes by that I don't drive a Model T of some sort and I enjoy every minute of it! It's time to get together again! The Fall meeting is a good place to tell how your Model T has been doing, so I hope to see y'awl there!

Sincerely,

*Gregg Zangl*

## Upcoming Events

(Save these Dates)

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| <b>February 28</b> | <b>Greater Milwaukee Area (Indoor)<br/>Winter Automotive Swap Meet</b><br>When: 8AM – 2PM<br>Where: Washington County Fair Park |
| <b>April 10</b>    | <b>Spring Business Meeting</b><br>When: 2:00 PM<br>Where: Aidan O'Reilly's Pub - Allenton. WI                                   |
| <b>May 28-30</b>   | <b>Destination Door County Tour</b><br>Details to follow  |
| <b>June 1-4</b>    | <b>MTFCA --- Home Coming</b><br>Where: Richmond Indiana   |
| <b>June 4</b>      | <b>Yellowstone Trail Tour</b><br>Jackson to Fond du Lac to West Bend  |
| <b>June 19</b>     | <b>Wings &amp; Wheels</b> Hosted by Jack & Barb Leonhardt<br>When: 10:00 AM<br>Where: Sheboygan County Airport on Cty O         |
| <b>June 25</b>     | <b>Model T University &amp;<br/>Ladies Day</b> Hosted by Barb Leonhardt<br>When: 9AM- ???<br>Where: Rich Edler's garage         |
| <b>July 2-4</b>    | <b>Green Bay Tour</b>   |
| <b>July 25-29</b>  | <b>EAA Air Venture</b><br>Details to follow   |
| <b>August 13</b>   | <b>Horicon Marsh Tour</b><br>Details to follow  |

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## 2016 EAA IN OSHKOSH



July 25th thru 29th marked the 9th consecutive year of our partnership with Ford Motor Company and the Experimental Aircraft Association. It was plenty hot early in the week, but the rain held off for the most part, giving us a great opportunity to meet new friends, and provide rides to air show attendees. This event has been a lot of fun, and has been a very unique event from its inception. We get the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, and often hear stories about the past from those taking a ride with us. Like many other Model T events, the conversation usually centers around a Model T that was in the family years ago. We've been doing this long enough now that there's even a few passengers that are "repeat offenders". One gentleman I gave a ride to on Tuesday afternoon admitted to me that he hasn't missed the chance to come see us and go for a ride for the last 5 years. That's pretty cool when you think about it. I offer a sincere thank you to everyone who participated this year, and helped hundreds of people enjoy the wonders of the Model T Ford.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Bruso







*Here is an article that was written by Dale Helgren of the Waukegan North Shore Chapter. The Dairyland Tin Lizzies were invited to attend and a number of members did. The Editor*

## Waukegan / North Shore Chapter Report

### PRE-WAR CAR TOUR



The Waukegan/ North Shore Chapter held its annual Pre-War tour on Sunday October 2. Since the Pre-War tour has had a disappointing turnout in the past, we hoped to expand the number of participants by combining our pre-war tour with the Illinois Brass Touring Region Fall Color Tour. In addition to the Illinois Region, other local clubs with pre-war era cars were invited to attend including the Dairyland Tin Lizzies Club, the Chain O Lakes Model A Club and

the Nash club. The tour was planned by Al Moody, who is a member of both the Waukegan/ North Shore chapter and the Illinois Brass Touring Region, and Pres and Dan Helgren.

We had decided to have our tour in Kenosha and Racine counties of Wisconsin. Both the cities of Racine and Kenosha had a rich automotive history and had decided to highlight some of the pioneers in these cities.

Despite a rainy few days before the tour it was forecast to be cloudy and cooler for the day, but we experience intermittent rain throughout the day. This did not seem to dampen the spirits of the participants as we had 23 pre-war cars and 46 people attend the tour including several early brass cars. The earliest car on the tour was a 1909 Model T Roadster belonging to Art Bergstrom of Beecher who kept his top down all day. Other attendees with early cars including Scott and Cheryl Stier from Huntley in their 1911 Model T and the Zangls and Wilcoxs drove their Model T depot hacks from Germantown, WI.

Our tour started at the McDonalds in Pleasant Prairie, WI and we headed westerly through the backroads and traveled several of the rustic roads near Camp Lake and Silver Lake before reaching our first stop at Brightonwoods Orchard and Winery. They have a wide variety of apples including varieties favored by the early settlers in this country. Several of our members also sampled some of the wine and spirits that they produce. After leaving Brightonwoods Orchards we headed northeasterly into Racine County ending up in Franksville for lunch. Franksville is known for producing sauerkraut and many farms grow cabbage throughout the area.

After lunch we headed east and ended up along the shore of Lake Michigan on Lighthouse Drive stopping at the Wind Point Lighthouse. This was intended to be a short stop but many enjoyed visiting the restored lighthouse, residence and other restored buildings as well as a walk along the lakefront path and along the prairie gardens. Leaving the lighthouse we followed the lake into the



city of Racine and along Main Street past the many beautiful Victorian houses owned by many of the early industrialists in town including the home originally built for the Mitchell family who co-founded the Lewis-Mitchell Motorcar company maker of Mitchell automobiles, which was at one time the largest employer in the city. The original factory is several blocks west of the family home and is now being used for loft apartments.

Continuing south into Kenosha we traveled along the lakefront to the Kenosha History Center. This was our last stop and we visited the museum run by the Kenosha Historical Society. They had a section devoted to Kenosha made automobiles and had a few rare automobiles including one of the first Ramblers, and an early Jeffery. What become American Motors was originally established by Thomas Jeffery who built Rambler and Jeffery cars before being acquired by Charles Nash in 1916 and renaming the company after himself. On the final leg of the tour we continued along historic Third Avenue past some lovely old homes including two that were owned by the Jeffery and Nash families.

I thank all those who came out for the tour and especially want to thank Al Moody and Pres Helgren for their work on planning the tour and also Jenny Risley who took the great photos of the day. We hope that more of the Illinois Region members will join us for our next tour.

Dan Helgren reporter







## Yellowstone Trail Report

Jim Rodell, Jr.

The Dairyland Tin Lizzies chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America met on Saturday, June 4, 2016 to tour a 45 mile section of the Yellowstone Trail in southeast Wisconsin.

The tour began at Lamm's Gardens, a picturesque landscape and garden center operation located one mile south of the village of Jackson. After a tour of the grounds led by business owner John Lamm, eight Model T's fired up and crossed two relocated historic iron bridges spanning Cedar Creek on the property, and then headed west ½ mile to Gumm's Corners, a crossroads which had two auto service garages on the Yellowstone Trail. From Gumm's Corners, the Model T's were met with raindrops as they headed west on Sherman Road, the leg of the Yellowstone Trail connecting present Cty. Hwy. P with St. Hwy. 175. At Ackerville, the group turned northwest on Hwy. 175, following the Trail through Slinger, and then through Nenno, arriving in Theresa at 10 a.m.

Joined by a couple more Model T Fords enroute, a group of ten Tin Lizzies was welcomed by the Theresa Historical Society at their museum grounds, which includes the original 1847 home of Solomon Juneau, founder of Theresa. Before settling Theresa, Solomon Juneau and his wife Josette helped to found Milwaukee by establishing a trading post there in 1818. Other buildings on the grounds include the Recklau log home, the Schieffer home and distillery, and an original Yellowstone Trail tourist cabin, the last survivor of a group of cabins on the grounds of the Beck Motors auto dealership on the south edge of Theresa. At this point, the tour was joined by Mark Mowbray, executive director of the Yellowstone Trail Association.

While in Theresa, tour participants visited Widmer's Cheese, established in 1922 and best known for producing award-winning brick cheese. Before leaving Theresa, a stop at Confections for Any Occasion was a must. Housed in the former Bartelt & Loehrke general store, walking through the door is a step



into the past with the hardwood floors, tin ceilings, and bells on the door. A glass freezer contains tubs of various Cedar Crest ice cream flavors ready to be scooped, and the counters and shelves are filled with molded chocolates, old-fashioned candies, and various Wisconsin specialty foods. Owner Joel Bernhard and his friendly staff of young ladies also have a complete grilled lunch menu. Along with historic pictures of the village covering the walls, an original Yellowstone Trail tin sign found in the area is on display. While the Dairyland Tin Lizzies





were inside the store enjoying ice cream, a rainstorm passed through. When it was time to leave Theresa at 11:30 a.m., the rain stopped, and the tour headed north.

The Yellowstone Trail route, now known as St. Hwy. 175 in this section,

took us through the village of Lomira, and then north through the rural township of Byron. The spirit of the Yellowstone Trail is alive and well here, evidenced by the numerous yellow-painted rocks with the YT arrow adorning the front lawns of many homesteads along the route. Continuing north, the Yellowstone Trail crosses over a ribbon of land between two limestone quarries on either side of road. These quarries, established on “the ledge” of dolomite limestone known as the Niagara Escarpment, were mentioned in King’s Official Route Guide, published in 1915. The quarries are still very active after a century of production.

Four miles north of the quarries, the Dairyland Tin Lizzies followed Main Street in Fond du Lac past many of the same buildings YT travelers had seen a century before, including the Retlaw Hotel and the Crescent Motor Company (now a NAPA store), heading for Lakeside Park on the southern tip of Wisconsin’s largest inland lake, Lake Winnebago. 100 years ago, Lakeside Park included a campground for the thousands of automobile tourists passing through on the Yellowstone Trail. Today, it is known as one of the most beautiful parks in Wisconsin, with its own park train, carousel, picnic areas, athletic fields, and a WPA-constructed lighthouse. The Dairyland Tin Lizzies had a picnic lunch at Lakeside Park under a park shelter as another rainstorm passed through. After lunch, tour leader Jim Rodell, Jr. awarded door prizes consisting of Yellowstone Trail books, t-shirts, and pennants.

The rain stopped, the sun came out, and the group toured northwest to the village of North Fond du Lac to visit Yellowstone Trail Park. Yellowstone Trail Park was created in 2002 after a change in the roads left a green space adjacent to an area known as Yellowstone Corners. On one of the corners was the Yellowstone Garage, which was owned and operated from 1949-1966 by Jim Mowbray, the father of Yellowstone Trail Association executive director, Mark Mowbray. A visit to the park gave the group the opportunity to see the building which was once the Yellowstone Garage and to hear Mark’s stories of the other businesses in the area. It also gave the Dairyland Tin Lizzies the opportunity to fix a leaky freeze plug on the engine of Rich Edler’s 1924 Fordor sedan. With the combined tools, knowledge, and skills of Dairyland Tin Lizzies members, along with a spare freeze plug club president Gregg Zangl happened to have along, a parking lot repair put Rich’s car back in shape for the 45 mile drive back to Jackson.

After topping off their gas tanks in Fond du Lac, the Dairyland Tin Lizzies headed south along a route east of the Yellowstone Trail through the Eden and Ashford areas, passing through St. Kilian and West Bend. They even had time for another ice cream stop at Honey Grove Ice Cream factory just south of West Bend. A wonderful time was had by all who participated, reliving life on the Yellowstone Trail in a Model T Ford.



At about 8 am on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, as we were getting ready for our tour to Horicon Marsh, the clouds opened up and we had a down pour. It really rained hard for about 10 to 15 minutes, then retreated into a drizzle. By 8:45, it had cleared up and Model T's were arriving for the tour.

We put the side curtains on our '14 Touring and headed out shortly after 9 am. There were 15 Model T's and about 40 people on the tour & the sky was soon turning blue. We traversed an eclectic mix of country back roads passing by a neat

and very old church and alongside a very lush & green golf course, eventually coming into the City of Mayville. Turning at the Mayville Wagon Works factory we headed over to the Limestone School. This is a historic school building built in 1856, and is now a museum. We parked our T's in a semi-circle in front of the school. Next we all got arranged on the school steps for a group picture. Visiting the museum and listening to the knowledgeable docents was both educational and entertaining. One wouldn't expect to see an iron mine in a school house, but they have a very nice display of an iron mine that once operated in this area on the lower level of their museum.

Continuing on, we cruised over to the Visitors Center on the east side of Horicon Marsh. We then drove around the marsh on one of their back tour roads. This was a nice drive through the marshes and cattails. Next we were off to Waupun where we had a pleasant lunch stop at Culvers. We barely got the cars parked when people flocked to the T's to check them out.

After lunch, we traversed through Waupun and then on more nice country roads on the way to through the beautiful and historic business area of Horicon. Just up the road from Horicon is the new Horicon Marsh Visitors Center. This was a great place to visit and many of us went through their "Exploratorium" on the lower level. Outside the Visitors Center they have a huge Mastodon made of welded re-bar – very inspiring!

It's was then mid – afternoon and headed back to our tour starting point at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church and into their parking lot. But wait – there's sooo many cars in the parking lot that weren't from our tour, so what's going on?

Well, this part of the tour was a surprise birthday party. It started out as a birthday party for Jim Rodell Jr., but then we found out it was also Kevin Brusco and Jim Wrights birthday also. Well, they were really surprised, especially Jim Jr. as even his brother Justin and Justin's family from Minneapolis were there!

It was Jim Jr.'s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday a few weeks earlier, and there was cake and presents and a good time was had by all.

Submitted by Keith Gumbinger





## Special

By Jim Rodell, Jr.

August 13 was a very special day. It could have been like any other Saturday for me this summer-get up early, make my lunch, drive to Hartford in my dump truck for another day of work-, but it was not like any other Saturday. This Saturday was the day that Carol Gumbinger had planned a Model T tour around the Horicon Marsh. It was starting close to home, the parking lot of Zion Lutheran Church, only a few miles from our house. I was looking forward to this day, especially since I had driven a Model T very little this summer, only once since the Yellowstone Trail tour on June 4. Work had taken over this summer, and driving a Model T again was the therapy I needed.

Fifteen Model T's (!) showed up for the start of the tour. This was going to be a good day. There were clouds in the sky, but it wasn't raining. Life was good again, driving a Model T with a line of Model T's ahead of me and a line of Model T's behind me.

The visit to the White Limestone School in Mayville was a breath of fresh air. The museum tour leaders were so friendly, informative, and proud of their hometown history. The contents of that museum are priceless treasures waiting to tell their story to anyone who is interested enough to just take the time to visit. The history of the iron mining and smelting operation in Dodge County is amazing! This day was a special day for the museum, as it was for us, because we were there, and 15 Model T's were parked out on the front lawn.

Our next stop was the U.S Federal Fish and Wildlife visitors center on the east side of Horicon Marsh north of Kekoskee. This is a nice place to visit with an educational video and displays, and a great view of the northern part of the marsh.

After traveling north to Highway 49 and west for a couple miles, the auto tour route through the northern end of the marsh gave the opportunity to view wildlife and see hikers and bikers out enjoying nature. A little further west to Waupun took us to our lunch stop at Culvers. By this time, the skies were clearing, and the sun came out, making a great day even better.

After lunch, our group travelled south along the west edge of the Horicon Marsh and through the City of Horicon, arriving at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Horicon Marsh Visitors Center, where guests are also able to visit the recently completed "explorium" museum detailing the history of Horicon Marsh. The tour and the stops were wonderful, and how great it was to share them with friends driving 15 Model T Fords together.

Back to the starting point of the tour, a few extra cars in the parking lot caught my attention, but all I could think about was what a great day of Model T touring we had experienced that day. After being told to go in the church fellowship hall, something seemed a little strange. I was totally surprised to find a full meal set up to be served, along with my family members who had travelled to join my Model T friends for a birthday party to celebrate my first 50 years of life. The party was truly a surprise to me, as my suspicions had disappeared 2 ½ weeks after my actual birthday.

Thank you so much to Carol Gumbinger and my wife Colleen Rodell for planning such an event. Thank you to my friends and family for providing food, for cards and gifts, and for notes of encouragement. Most of all, thank you to everyone for being there, and being part of such a wonderful day. Our past president, Pete Humphrey, would often end his President's Message by saying, "Model T's Make Magic". Let me add,

"Model T People Make Memories". I have had a wonderful life enhanced by Henry Ford's Model T and the wonderful people who share a common interest in it. Many thanks from this 50 year old, as this day topped it off.



Model T's Forever,  
Jim Rodell, Jr.



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Once again Mike Schmit put on a car show at his dealership in Saukville, celebrating the 104th anniversary of their dealership. And once again we had beautiful weather for the event. Sharon Venski, Ruth Wegner, Ed Cassel, Mark & Marge Kranz, Dave Hjortnaes, Erv Wilkowski and Mike Zahorik drove north to display our cars. Plus we also met Rich Edler, Rod Prinsen and Jack Leonhardt from the Dairyland Club. The Thunderbird club was also in attendance, besides many other drive in cars. The Scouts were there to feed us brats, beer and soda and there was live music. We all had an excellent time at the car show and what a wonderful day for a Model T ride through town and country. Thanks Mike Schmit for inviting us.





## Michigan Jamboree of T's

A Model T event you do NOT want to miss!



I've attended 8 Michigan Jamboree's and each one has been very enjoyable. This year was no different, except it was on this side of the Lake, near Escanaba. Each year I drive my 1926 Tudor. I can't trailer it, because I don't have one. This year I drove less than 800 miles, whereas on other Michigan Jamboree's the car and I went nearly 1200 miles. This year I also met other Dairyland members. Dan Schultz and his wife, Jack Leonhardt and his wife, Adam Doleshal and his wife and Dewayne Fritz. There were more than 60 Model T's there and many other familiar faces. We had warm sunny days and wet and cool days, but the fellowship was always warm. Mike Zahorik

