

The Buzz



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The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

From the President:

Ramblings from the Running Board

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Spring is here! I still haven't gotten all the salt off my car yet. We had a TT tour a few weeks ago and everyone had fun! Keith has the write up on it. I

guess we are having it again this Fall as the Color Tour! Door County is in a few weeks, everyone should be getting their car ready! I'd like to say more, but the sun is shining and Lizzie is running!

— President Rock

Dairyland Tin Lizzies

TT Truck Tour - April 29, 2017

The Tour started at Zangl's place at 10:00 am. Pam started us off with snacks and drinks, and in



short order we were ready to go. It was quite brisk out (read: cold!), and cloudy, but we're a hardy bunch so off we went. (Continued on page 5)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save these dates!

May 27-29

Destination Door County Tour

Starting at the Kohler Generator Plant - Details inside

June 17

Model T University

At Rich Edler's, Waldo - starting at 8:00am

June 18

Wings & Wheels

At the Sheboygan County Airport

Courtesy of Jack and "Sister Barb" Leonhardt

July 1

Amish Land Tour

Starting at Zion Lutheran Church, Allenton – Details inside

July 24-28

EAA Air Venture

Oshkosh, See Kevin Brusco for more information

August 6

Carousel Tour & Flivver Fest

Starts at Artistic Landscape Company, Hartford – Details inside

August 19

Tour to Baraboo Thresheree

Starts at Artistic Landscape Company, Hartford, 7am departure

August 26

Fish Hatchery Covered Bridge Tour

Starts at Pulvermacher's, Princeton – 9am departure

Sept. /Oct.?

Possible Fall Color Tour

Details to follow

November 12

Fall Business Meeting

At Aidan O'Reilly's, Allenton – 2pm



Dairyland Tin Lizzies Minutes of April 9, 2017 Meeting

The spring business meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by President Gregg Zangl on Sunday, April 9 at Aidan O'Reilly's Pub & Grill in Allenton, Wisconsin.

Members present were:

John & Carol Brodtke
Richard Edler
DeWayne Fritz
Shawn and Barb Gerrits
Pete & Shelly Humphrey
Jack & Barb Leonhardt
Denis & Melodie Pulvermacher
Jim & Colleen Rodell, Eric, Ethan
Joe Vrana
Jim Wright

Kevin Bruso
John Fischer
Diane Scheid
Keith & Carol Gumbinger
Ken Lefeber
Gary & Chad Prost
Michael Reinl
Jim Rodell, Sr.
Paul & Debbi Wilcox
Gregg & Pam Zangl

President Zangl welcomed Billy Vrana, who joined the club.

Keith Gumbinger announced that Phyllis Schultz had two knees replaced, and Dan was also ill. Jim Hess is recovering from his heart bypass surgery, but has fluid in his lungs.

Shelly Humphrey moved to dispense the reading of the minutes from the November 13, 2016 meeting. Debbi Wilcox seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Wright moved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2016 meeting as published in the April, 2017 issue of The Buzz. Jim Rodell, Sr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. reported that he received a 2017 schedule of events from Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum in Fountain City, Wisconsin. He also reported that he has archived printed copies of meeting minutes and all previous issues of The Buzz. Secretary Rodell also reminded members that our club has a policy of membership in the Model T Ford Club of America for Dairyland Tin Lizzies members. Carol Gumbinger moved to approve the secretary's report. Jim Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Shawn Gerrits distributed copies of a treasurer's report showing income and expenses from September 9, 2016 to April 9, 2017, with an ending balance of \$414.65. Diane Scheid moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Brodtke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Webmaster Carol Gumbinger reported that the last issue of The Buzz was not yet posted to the website, and she is always looking for more contributions of material.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pete Humphrey reported on the Christmas party held January 7 at Aidan O'Reilly's. A great meal was again accompanied by a lively white elephant gift exchange. Due to an increase in the cost of the meal and member cancellations, the party cost the club treasury \$98.00 over what was paid by members.

Keith Gumbinger reported on Tin Lizzie University held at Vrana Frame & Body Shop on January 21. Keith and Jim Hess discussed and demonstrated front end rebuilding to eliminate "death wobble". Kevin Bruso discussed and demonstrated Holley NH carburetor rebuilding. About 25 Model T enthusiasts attended the event.

President Zangl announced that Jack Leonhardt has MTFCA technical DVD's available to borrow, windshield decals are available for \$1.25 each, and Dairyland Tin Lizzies clothing is available from Dan Schultz.

A letter was received from the Model T Ford Club of America thanking the Dairyland Tin Lizzies for the \$100.00 donated to the Model T Museum during their matching grant campaign. \$50.00 was donated in memory of John Battell, and \$50.00 was donated in memory of Rod Prinsen.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Gregg Zangl is organizing a TT truck tour open to TT trucks and Model T cars for April 29, beginning at 10 a.m. at his home. Rain date is April 30.

Rich Edler is hosting a Tin Lizzie University work session at his garage near Waldo on Saturday, June 17 beginning at 8 a.m.

Diane Scheid is organizing "Destination Door County 2017" May 27-29. The tour will depart from the Kohler generator plant on Saturday morning. For reservations at the host hotel, call Mary Boston at 920-746-4046.

Jack and Barbara Leonhardt will again be hosting refreshments in their hangar at Sheboygan County Airport during "Wings and Wheels" on Father's Day, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kevin Brusco announced that the Dairyland Tin Lizzies are invited back by Ford Motor Company to EAA Airventure July 24- July 30 to give Model T rides. The Model T ride area will be moved to the end of the grass runway behind the museum. This will be the tenth year for the Dairyland Tin Lizzies providing rides at EAA Airventure. Jack Leonhardt shared the story of meeting a barber in upper Michigan who rode in a Model T at EAA.

The Carousel Tour to Waterloo is scheduled for August 6. Pete and Shelly Humphrey and Jim Rodell, Jr. will organize the event, which will start in Hartford. The Model T Club of Greater Milwaukee and Wisconsin Capital Model T Club will be invited to the event.

Gregg Zangl and Billy Vrana will organize a tour to the Baraboo Threshere and back on Saturday, August 19, leaving from Hartford at 7 a.m.

Denis & Melodie Pulvermacher announced plans for an August 26 tour leaving from their home southeast of Princeton to the Wild Rose fish hatchery and to a covered bridge near Saxeville.

President Gregg Zangl announced that he will be at the car show held in downtown Hartford on May 20 through the work he has been doing for the Wisconsin Automotive Museum.

Carol Brodtke announced that the Nash club will be hosting a meet on June 24 at Washington Park in Manitowoc.

The Lakeshore Old Car Rally will be held the third weekend in September in the Manitowoc area.

The threshere at Pinecrest Village will be held September 9-10.

Kewaskum Early Farm Days will be held September 10.

Keith Gumbinger announced that he and Carol attended the Model T Ford Club of America annual meeting in Billings, Montana. Dean Yoder received the Ben Yumori Award. Steve Ellis received the Walter Rosenthal Award.

Keith Gumbinger reminded members that the MTFCA Homecoming is scheduled for June 3. The Model T Garage and education center across the street from the Model T Museum will be dedicated.

The 2017 MTFCA national tour will be held in Whitefish, Montana July 16-21.

Jim Rodell, Jr. and Billy Vrana discussed ideas to add a swap meet and a grilled lunch to Tin Lizzie University next January.

Pete Humphrey volunteered to edit The Buzz newsletter with help from his wife, Shelly.

Shelly Humphrey moved to retain the existing officers of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies for another one year term.

Shawn Gerrits announced that he and Barb sold their house and will be moving around the country while she works as a travelling nurse, and will not be able to serve as treasurer in the future. Gregg Zangl agreed to continue as president. Kevin Brusco agreed to continue as vice-president. Jim Rodell, Jr. agreed to continue as secretary. Ken Lefeber volunteered to serve as treasurer. Club members present at the meeting unanimously approved of these officers serving for the next club year.

The next club business meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies will be held 2 p.m. November 12 at Aidan O'Reilly's in Allenton.

Carol Gumbinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete Humphrey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies

There were 5 TT's and 4 car based T's on the Tour. The TT's were: Greg with Gary Prost, and Pam and Pam's friend Vicki riding in the back of the TT, Jim Wright, Ty, (Greg's friend) Jack Leonhardt with DeWayne Fritz riding with him, Keith and Carol Gumbinger. The other T's on the Tour were: Adam Doleshal with Jim Rodell Jr. and Eric Rodell riding with him, Rich Edler and Mary, Paul Wilcox and Billy Vrana.



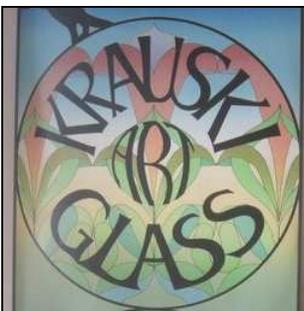
After touring for a while, we stopped on the side of the road for a quick break. Keith's TT was overheating and the hose clamps and fan were adjusted and all was well. We were soon on our way again. We toured in the Amy Belle School area, Colgate, Richfield, Big Bear Lake, on Hogsback Road, and in

Monches. These were all nice back country roads.

Along the way we saw lots of wildlife, including a Buffalo, and a Steer that had a huge rack with horns were at least 3 1/2 feet wide! We also saw a bunch of Turkeys, a Deer. Then there were two Ducks that flew right in front of us heading for a pond on the other side of the road. Sorry, but when you're driving a TT at breakneck speed you can't take pictures of the wildlife!



We stopped for lunch at The Ox and Cat's Restaurant in Monches, and it was great. They served us quickly and the food was good. It was nice and warm inside too!



After lunch we went to The Krauski Art Glass Studio which is located almost directly across the street from our lunch stop. The Krauski Art Glass Studio is in a neat cottage like small store building and it's loaded with all kinds of finished art glass. Bob Krauski, the owner, very patiently explained how he does his art glass work,



how he designs it and then cuts and solders it all together. Bob Krauski is a true craftsman and does wonderful work.



Our next stop was at Monches Farm in Colgate. Monches Farm is a “Destination for adventurous and discerning gardeners” that also has a very nice gift and antique shop.



As we drove in on their driveway, we received many admiring looks and waves from the people who were shopping there. We drove all the way through their grounds on their winding driveway and parked in a grassy area at the back end of their



property. We enjoyed browsing through their store and seeing their chickens roaming free around the grounds. Monches Farm raises



chicken varieties “made up of rare and heritage breeds that are acclimated to people and will run to visitors who come bearing gifts” as their web site says. We enjoyed seeing Monches Farm as much as their visitors and staff enjoyed seeing us and our TT’s and T’s.

We continued on our way and soon were back at Zangl’s home and the tour was over. It never got above about 40 degrees all day. It’s a bummer having to wear winter coats, gloves and hats when it’s almost May, but we did it!!! We went about 30 miles and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Pam and Gregg for hosting this wonderful tour.

Respectfully submitted by your intrepid reporter, Keith Gumbinger.

Never judge a day by the weather. –Ed.





TO: ALL DAIRYLAND TIN LIZZIE MEMBERS

WHERE: DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN

WHEN: MEMORIAL WEEKEND; MAY 27-29

IS EVERYONE READY FOR OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND TOUR TO DOOR COUNTY? WE ARE MAKING PLANS FOR A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND OF TOURING BEAUTIFUL DOOR COUNTY WITH OUR MODEL T'S.

WE HAVE SOME GREAT STOPS PLANNED AND SOME WONDERFUL SCENIC ROADS.

AS IN PAST YEARS WE WILL BE DEPARTING FROM THE KOHLER GENERATOR PLANT IN SHEBOYGAN AT 9:00 AM SATURDAY, MAY 27TH. FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE TRAVELING TO SHEBOYGAN ON FRIDAY NIGHT, WE WILL GATHER AT THE TEXAS ROADHOUSE FOR DINNER AT 6:00 PM. ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR FRIDAY EVENING AT THE QUALITY INN (920) 457-7724.

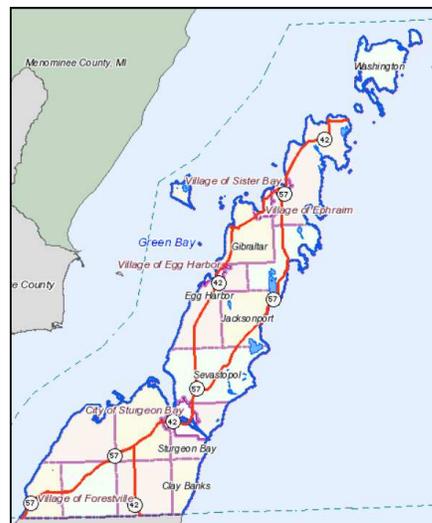
ROOMS ARE BEING HELD AT RUNAWAY LODGE IN VALMY FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENING. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED. PHONE: (920) 746-4046 AND MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE MODEL T CLUB.

SATURDAY WE WILL SPEND THE DAY TRAVELING TO OUR DESTINATION WITH A STOP FOR LUNCH, AS WELL AS A FEW OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST. SATURDAY EVENING WE WILL HAVE APPETIZERS AT THE LODGE AND THEN DINNER ACROSS THE STREET AT HAPPY HOUR. WE WILL HAVE A LIGHT CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING AT THE LODGE BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR DAY OF TOURING. EVENING DINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED. SUNDAY WE WILL STOP FOR BREAKFAST BEFORE WE VENTURE HOME.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE SATURDAY EVENING – FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AND I'LL MAKE SURE WE HAVE A NICE VARIETY.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE TOUR – WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT TURN OUT!

DIANE SCHEID & DEWAYNE FRITZ





Amish Land Tour

July 1, 2017



Join us for a tour to Amish country in your Model T Ford on Saturday, July 1st.

Our tour will begin in the parking lot of Zion Lutheran Church, 6430 Hwy D, Allenton, Wisconsin. There is plenty of parking space for those who are trailering to the start of the tour. We will be leaving promptly at 8:30 a.m.

We will be driving approximately 55 miles to reach the Amish settlement near Dalton and Kingston, where we will tour the countryside and stop at some Amish businesses.

Lunch will be at The Kingston House. (Bring cash, credit cards not accepted)

After lunch, we will visit Grand River Valley Museum in Markesan. Anticipated return to Zion Lutheran Church between 5 and 6 p.m.

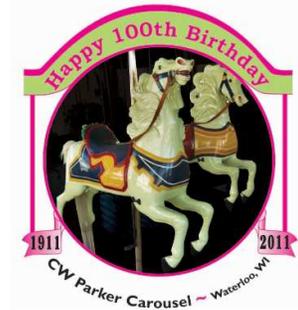
Please RSVP to help us plan for the size of our group.

Tammy Fischer 262-483-8521 or
Jim Rodell, Jr. 262-224-9734

Join the *Dairyland Tin Lizzies* for the



“Carousel Tour” & “Flivver Fest”



It's an afternoon with Flivvers, family, food, fellowship & fun.
Join us as we celebrate Henry Ford's birthday under the
shade trees of beautiful Waterloo Fireman's Park.

- Ride the historic 1911 Parker Carousel from 1 - 3 pm
- Catered picnic lunch (Bring your own beverages)
- Tin Lizzie Bingo for children and adults

When: Sunday August 6th, Noon to 4:00 pm.

Where: Waterloo Fireman's Park, Wisconsin

Cost: \$ 8.00 per Adult

\$4.00 per child 5-12, under 5 free

*The “tour” will depart at 9:00 am from: Artistic Landscape Company,
765C Cleveland Avenue, Hartford, WI.*

1/2 mile West and one mile North of downtown Hartford.

Parking for trailers and tow vehicles is available to the West of DJS Manufacturing.

Join us as we motor along beautiful country roads en-route to Flivver Fest.

Our expected return time to Hartford will be 5pm.

Join us for the tour, along the route, or in Waterloo.

Please send check payable to Dairyland Tin Lizzies by July 28th to:

Shelly Humphrey
3660 Larkfield Drive
West Bend, WI 53095
262-353-7998

Please bring a dessert to share.

The Day Mr. Henry Ford Visited the Plymouth, Wisconsin Ford Dealership

It was a nice summer day in 1917. Mr. Henry Ford, who lived in Dearborn, Michigan, was driving to his forestry and wood operations in Upper Michigan. He had spent the night in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was continuing on to Iron Mountain, Michigan. At that time the main highway north of Milwaukee went right through downtown Plymouth, Wisconsin and past the Ford Dealership there.

Mr. Ford had developed a pesky leak in one of his tires, and so when he saw the Ford Dealership in Plymouth, he decided to stop in to pay a visit and get his tire repaired.

Mr. Ford parked his car in front of the dealership and when he went in, he was greeted with a big smile by Katie, the receptionist. (Actually, Katie had a big smile for everyone as they came in, especially all the young guys in town who often stopped in just to get that big smile from Katie.)

Keith, the dealership owner, greeted Mr. Ford warmly and listened while Mr. Ford described the pesky leak in his tire. Keith then called on Greg, our Jack-of-all-trades, fix anything guy, to repair Mr. Ford's tire.

Mr. Ford was impressed as he watched Greg place a wood block against the axle and then lift the car up by hand on the wheel with the leaky tire, and then saw the wood block tip under the axle, thus supporting the wheel and tire off the ground. Greg then proceeded to remove the tire from the rim using his bare hands and pulled out the tube to repair it. Mr. Ford was really impressed at this and said to Keith: This guy is really good!

While Greg was fixing the tube, Mr. Ford and Keith went back into the dealership. Keith introduced Mr. Ford to Jack, our Salesman. Jack was just leaving to demonstrate a nice, new, shiny, Ford Model TT Truck. The TT Trucks had just been introduced and we have so far only received this one to use for demonstrations. Jack had loaded this truck with lots of aftermarket accessories, including a closed cab and stake bed made by the cabinet maker in town, rear view mirrors, stop light, speedometer, extra rear brakes and turn signals, and it really looked nice.

Keith and Mr. Ford then walked over to the parts department where Keith introduced Mr. Ford to GFP Jim, our Parts Manager. Keith explained to Mr. Ford that Jim is passionate about genuine Ford parts and that's why we nick named him GFP Jim, for "Genuine Ford Parts". Keith told Mr. Ford "you should see Jim run those spurious parts salesmen out of here...he won't have anything to do with them!" Mr. Ford really liked that.

There was a customer in the parts department - DeWayne, the Race Car Driver. DeWayne races his Model T at the Fairgrounds every Saturday night during the summer, and the next week, he comes in to buy parts to replace those he broke during the races. Well, here he was, looking at, almost drooling, over the Ra-Jo Overhead Valve Cylinder Head in the display cabinet. Looking up he said with a sly grin "Someday I'm going to win really big at the races, and then I'm going to come in and buy that Ra-Jo Head!" They all got a laugh out of that.



DeWayne's Model T Ford Racecar and Transport Vehicle

Keith and Mr. Ford then went into the Service Department where Keith introduced Mr. Ford to Pete, our Service Manager. Pete usually stays here and manages the service area, but a service call just came in from Miss Fritz. It seems that she wanted to use her Grandmothers Model T Coupe, but it wouldn't start. Pete said that he, personally, would go on that service call. We'll see how that turns out....

Miss Fritz and her Grandmothers Model T Coupe



Next, Mr. Ford was introduced to our engine and rear axle rebuilding team: Tod, Kevin and Rob. As you can imagine, they are often covered with grease, oil and crud, but Mr. Ford shook hands with each one of them. I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty, he said.

Last night our first shipment of the new Ford TT Trucks came in at the railroad station. Our crew was just about to leave to unload, assemble, and bring these trucks here to the dealership, and so we introduced Mr. Ford to each crew member: Jim Sr., the Foreman; Slim Jim, Jim the Top Man, (we have lots of Jim's here) Duane, Rich the truck driver, John the fabricator, Paul the welder, Dave (another fix anything guy), Shawn the machinist, Bill, Arlee, Adam and Mike.

Mr. Ford commented how nice the men looked in their uniforms with the dealership name on them. Keith replied that they got the dealership name embroidered by Dan at his Embroidery shop down the street. He said Dan does nice work and also is a customer of the dealership, buying a new Ford almost every year.

As Mr. Ford and Keith returned to the showroom, Mr. Ford commented how nice this building is and that it really suits the



The first regular shipment of Ford TT Trucks to the Plymouth, WI Ford Dealership in the summer of 1917.

needs of the dealership so well. Keith explained that he had the building designed specifically to be a Ford dealership building by Bob, the very respected area Architect. In addition, all the lights in the building were recently upgraded by Paul, the electrician, and it really sets off the showroom nicely.

About that time, Carol, the boss's Wife, came in with a pitcher of freshly squeezed lemonade and a plate of just baked oatmeal cookies, which were enjoyed by all.

In the showroom, Jack, our Salesman, had returned from his TT Truck demonstration and was now in the process of selling the truck to Sister Barbara who is from the Convent next to the Church up on the hill. It seems that Sister Barbara had to have a red truck, and absolutely no other color would do. She was VERY adamant about that and Jack was trying his best to explain to her that Fords only came in black. Mr. Ford overheard the ruckus about a red truck and came over, saying "Excuse me Sister, but I heard you talking about a red truck. I'm Henry Ford, owner of Ford Motor Company, and what Jack is telling you that we only make black cars and trucks is true". That didn't slow down Sister Barbara at all – she still insisted on a red truck. Then, Keith said "Sister, I think we can work this out. We can have a black truck painted red for you by Joe who runs the Body Shop down the street. We've done this before, and Joe does really nice paint work. I think you'll be happy with it." Sister Barbara was satisfied with this, and the deal was made.

Before Sister Barbara left, they suggested that she get insurance on the truck when it is delivered. They recommended Phyllis at the insurance office across the street, as she really knows insurance and will give good service.

Just then, Jim, the Landscaper, pulled up in his almost worn out Model T turned into a truck using a Smith Form-A-Truck conversion. Jim noticed the car parked in front of him had Michigan plates and thought to himself "Hmmm, that's interesting." As he walked into the dealership, Jim was greeted by Keith who introduced him to Mr. Ford. Jim said "This is a pleasant surprise. I came in to buy a new Model TT chassis to put a closed cab and a Heil dump box on to use in my landscape work and I got to meet Mr. Ford too. This must be my lucky day!"



**The Plymouth, Wisconsin Ford Dealership 1915 to 1918 Era -
411 to 415 East Mill St.**

Keith asked Jim "How do like the Centerdoor Sedan I sold you last year?" Jim Said "It's great. My wife and kids like it because it's warm and snug in our cold weather."

Shortly thereafter, Greg came in and told Mr. Ford that his tire was fixed and his car was ready to go. Greg explained that he not only fixed the tire, but he checked all the other tires, the water, oil, and differential, and filled the

gas tank, Mr. Ford then mentioned to Keith "You know, Greg is a good man, we could

use a lot more like him."

As Mr. Ford was getting ready to leave, Greg said, "I'll crank it for you." Mr. Ford said "Thank you, but that's not necessary. I'll let you in on a secret. I have a test engine in my car fitted with a new electric starter system, so it doesn't have to be hand cranked to start."

Mr. Ford then continued on his way. After Mr. Ford left, Greg came in grinning. He said "Did you hear Mr. Ford say he had a test engine in his car and it has an electric starter on it so it didn't need to be cranked? Well, I knew that... I peeked at the engine and checked it all out. I even crawled under it to get a really good look!" They all got a laugh out of that.

And they all lived happily ever after.

This article is what is referred to as "Historical Fiction". Some parts of it are historical fact and some parts are fiction. You, the reader, can decide which parts you think are historical truth and which parts are fiction.



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