

The Buzz



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The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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International Day of Touring - September 26, 2020

By Shelly & Pete Humphrey

Fifteen Model Ts and their eager drivers and passengers gathered on the morning of September 26, 2020. Their mission? To show the world that happiness is found traveling in a Model T Ford. Of course they were also planning to enjoy a gorgeous fall day as they participated in the International Day of Touring.

On hand to celebrate this event were Jim Jr., Colleen & Ethan Rodell, Jim Wright, Pete & Shelly Humphrey, Ken Lefeber, Kevin & Bob Bruso, Dan & Theresa Bruso, (proud new parents of a beautiful '14 Touring), Tod & Sharon Wirth, Jack & Barb Leonhardt, Denis & Melodie Pulvermacher, Dave Hjortnaes, Gary Prost, Rock Zangl, Dave & Gail DeYoung, John & Tammy Fischer, Reuben & Nancy Kugel and newcomers Marcus & Julie Geoffrey.

Our gathering point was also our first destination: the Slinger Historical museum. Newly opened, its full name is the Edward H. Wolf Schleisingerville to Slinger Historical Museum. It began as temporary exhibits of historical items put together during 2019 for the village's 150th Anniversary. It was so successful that plans for a permanent museum took shape and it opened on July 28th, 2020. The Museum is housed in the Schleisingerville Union Depot, built in 1911.



UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS

April 11?

Possible Spring Business Meeting

In person, if an appropriate location can be secured, or via Zoom. Details yet to come.

May 29-31

Destination Door County Tour

Our annual kickoff tour for the Summer returns with some changes and safety precautions. Currently the Runaway Lodge is full, but you can still get on a waiting list until March 15th.

July 25

Return to the Carousel Tour

Another club favorite returns this year. This will be some what dependent on the operational schedule of the Carousel itself, but we hope to run this tour and finish up at St. Olaf's as we have done in the past. Details yet to come.

August 25-28

Michigan Jamboree of T's

MTFCI tour based in Bad Axe, Michigan details at: www.michiganjamboree.org or contact DTL member and tour co-chairman Tim Juhl at 810-357-7575

September 25

International Day of Touring

"Covered Bridge Tour"

Jim Rodell, Jr's tour will visit 2 covered bridges, a tip of the hat to the annual Covered Bridge Tour that runs in Rockville, Indiana on this same date.

There's plenty of room on this schedule for more day tours this summer. Please consider adding your favorite drive to this schedule. It does not need to be complicated or fancy. Just let your fellow club members know about it and Model Ts will appear!! Something in June?



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Many thanks go to Craig Wolf and Troy Fassbender of the Slinger Historical Society who opened the museum early for us. They shared a brief talk on how the museum came to be and some of its highlights like the Storck Brewing Company exhibit, the Schaefer Pipe Organ and The Standard Machinery items on display. Then we were turned loose to explore on our own.



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We found many of the historical photographs of the Slinger area to be of great interest.



From Slinger, our *own* caravan of history traveled beautiful Kettle Moraine roads as we enjoyed dazzling fall scenery on our way to MJ's Market and Catering in Hartford. So how do you handle a lunch stop on a Model T Tour during a pandemic?

How about a parking lot brat & burger fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus? It was the perfect running-board lunch to re-energize us for the afternoon. From here the route took us to another great historical destination, the Neosho Old Village Hall Museum.



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Arriving at the museum, we were greeted by President Steve Gehring, Vice-President Ken Chapman and Secretary Mary Beth Gehl of the Neosho/Rubicon Historical Society. Just as earlier in the day, they graciously opened the museum specifically for our group.



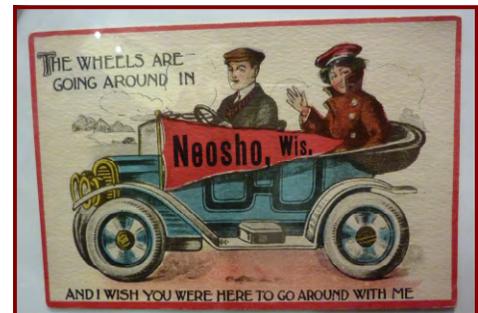
The building construction began more than 100 years ago, with completion in 1922. Neosho used locally produced concrete block to construct what was then, the center of government and modern services. The building held village government offices as well as plays, basketball games and community gatherings. There were even jail cells in the basement for use when



needed. The Old Village Hall also housed the local fire department. A toll from the bell in the tower was the call for all to help fight fires in the surrounding areas.



The museum opened in 1993, after major renovations to repurpose the building into its current state. It has exhibit after exhibit of history and memorabilia specific to the Neosho, Rubicon and Dodge County area.



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Afterwards, we enjoyed a relaxed drive through fabulous fall foliage in route to the private car collection of Alan & Carol Egelseer, also opened specifically for our viewing. One look at this amazing collection of V8 Fords, Lincolns and others, confirms that Alan loves everything automotive. So, it was no surprise to find out that he has been collecting and selling cars since he was 16.



He started early with selling Model A Fords. Though he was young, people liked to buy from Alan. They knew that he would treat them right. Keeping up his practice of solid and honest business ethics, he was able to start a salvage yard with 25 cars. He would go on to build the yard to one of the biggest in the Midwest.



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Alan married Carol, his High School sweetheart and she went along for the ride, working with and supporting her husband's automotive career and love for cars. After selling the salvage yard, he had even more time for his hobby.



For over 60 years Alan has been collecting anything automotive, attending swap meets and selling quality parts. There have been many cars over the years, and they were always a part of the family. Every car is in near perfect condition and mostly original, some with minor modifications. All are running! This was hands down the highlight of our tour.



Of course, no Model T tour is complete without an ice cream stop. And when you're in Wisconsin, it's usually frozen custard.

This tour was no exception as we made our way to Mickey's Frozen Custard in Hartford. It was our last stop of the day and was the perfect ending to a great day of touring. Beautiful country roads (did I mention the fall colors?) and extraordinary destinations made this a great day of touring. Our thanks to Jim Jr. & Colleen Rodell for making this happen!



President's Message

Happy Anniversary Dairyland Tin Lizzies!

That's right, this is our 20th Anniversary. It's hard to believe but it was April 8th of 2001 when a few of us met at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford to form the Dairyland Tin Lizzies. Present at that meeting were: Kevin Bruso, Adam & Christine Doleshal, DeWayne Fritz, Keith & Carol Gumbinger, Pete & Shelly Humphrey, Jim Jr. & Colleen Rodell, Jim Rodell Sr., Dan & Phyllis Schultz and Joe Vrana. On April 19th, we received our chapter charter certificate from the MTFCA. Congratulations to all of our Charter Members who are still active in this great club 20 years later!

Our club was founded to be a touring club. I recall our first President, Jim Jr. making this clear from that first meeting. Our primary function was to keep Henry's creation safe and on the road. This is still our mission. Of course we have done shows and the occasional parade (some unintentional), but we have been true to being a touring club. From the beginning, we were eager to get going.

We have certainly grown. Though we focus on our own club's activities, we have also held two regional tours and are planning to host a national tour in 2022. We are now 60 member-families strong and are just as eager to keep going. This is evident by the record number of participants signing up for our first scheduled tour of the 2021 season, Destination Door County.

We are working to locate an appropriate meeting space for a spring business meeting; somewhere indoors that would allow for social distancing. We will update everyone once we have something arranged for early to mid April.

It may be that your T hasn't seen much of the road lately. If that is the case, please take a look at the safety inspection form included in this issue. Now is the time to take care of such things. It's another way for us to "stay safe". Like everyone else, we will be trying to get back to some kind of "normal". Certainly COVID will dictate that many things will be different, but we will take everything in stride. We always do; it's the Model T way.

Let's (carefully) get out there and make some Model T magic. -Pete

Published in The Gippsland Times, February 2nd, 1922.

The Secret of the Ford

When Melbourne streets were flooded a couple of days before Christmas as the result of a phenomenal cloud burst, a good many expensive cars came to a standstill through their "maggies" getting wet. Fords, on which the magneto is highly placed, passed nonchalantly on their way, to the amusement and amazement of beholders. One of the latter explained the reason to me.

"Them big cars," he said, "is worked by engines, an' when the water gets up to the engines they can't get up steam, but these 'ere Fords go by clockwork, so they don't need no steam."

I expressed my doubts.

"'S a fact!" he asserted. "The bloke wot lives across the way from me owns a Ford, an' I've often seen 'im standin' in front of 'er in the mornin's windin' 'er up!"

Oscar Miller's Blacksmith Shop - Theresa, Wisconsin

By Jim Rodell, Jr.

Author's note:

With 2020 being a year of few activities to report on, Pete asked me to write about my latest project for this issue of "The Buzz". It is not a Model T, but it is from the Model T era. I hope you will find it interesting.

The village of Theresa is just west from our home near Kohlsville, and for as long as I can remember, I have been charmed by this little community on Hwy. 175. It had old buildings, a limestone retaining wall with "Theresa" spelled out in red bricks, Widmer's Cheese factory and store, and flower boxes on the bridge over the Rock River. When Confections for Any Occasion opened in 2002, it became the perfect destination for a Sunday afternoon Model T ride and has been a tour stop for our Yellowstone Trail tours and other Dairyland Tin Lizzies tours. Confections for Any Occasion makes chocolates and sells them along with other candy and Wisconsin products including Cedar Crest ice cream. They also serve burgers, wraps, paninis, fish fries and pizza. The business is owned by a young man named Joel Bernhard, who is an inspiration because of all that he has accomplished in spite of being blind since he was a young child.

One of the buildings which I admired in Theresa was the small commercial building which I thought might be a blacksmith shop, located just east and south of Confections for Any Occasion. It is constructed of "Shuster Block". Shuster Blocks are concrete blocks which were manufactured by the Shuster family just south of the village limits and were patented in 1909. Shuster blocks are 8" tall, 24" long, and are molded to look like sculpted stone. I remember the small block plant with the "Shuster Block" name above the door about 25 years ago, no roof, only walls and box elders growing all around. It's gone now, but the Shuster's house and barn are still there and have been given new life. The barn walls and the front



Oscar Miller residence and blacksmith shop on East Rock River Street (Far L. Block 9) about 1940. Shop to right belonged to Reinhold Wagner.

porch on the house are made of –you guessed it- Schuster Block.

Five years ago, I took my boys Eric and Ethan to Theresa for lunch on a Saturday in February. I noticed a realtor's sign next to the building I admired. My curiosity led me to look up the property on the internet when I got home. I discovered the property also included the house next to it. After a visit to the property with my wife, Colleen, we purchased it about a month later.

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Work is progressing on both the house and the blacksmith shop, and takes place mostly from December through March when my landscape business is not busy. It is a great way for my employee, Sam Raether, and me to stay productive in winter.

The goal for the blacksmith shop is to return it to the time period of the 1920's. The forge and chimney were reconstructed at the end of 2020 on the original foundation slab, using the original bricks which were still on the property. A new Centaur Forge firepot was installed, and I am currently in search of both a good electric



OSCAR MILLER BLACKSMITH SHOP

forge blower and rheostat along with a restorable blacksmith bellows. A cast iron potbelly stove almost identical to the one shown in the 1912 photograph above, was purchased in Munising, Michigan and installed. A workbench and bolt bin were reproduced by Sam after I made drawings based on this photograph. Sam also built a coal bin. A small line shaft is hanging from the ceiling joists. I would like to add about 12 feet of line shaft to the opposite side of the building, which would power a grinder, drill press, and mechanical hacksaw.

On the exterior, we have returned the windows to 6 over 6 brown painted wood sashes in new frames. We also created a urethane rubber mold and have reproduced the 100 pound concrete finial balls which were unique to the buildings constructed by the Schusters. During the warm weather months, we did some landscaping. A patio of antique clay street pavers was installed between the house and blacksmith shop, along with plantings, a white picket fence, and a galvanized pipe horse hitch rail reminiscent of those seen in old photos of Theresa.



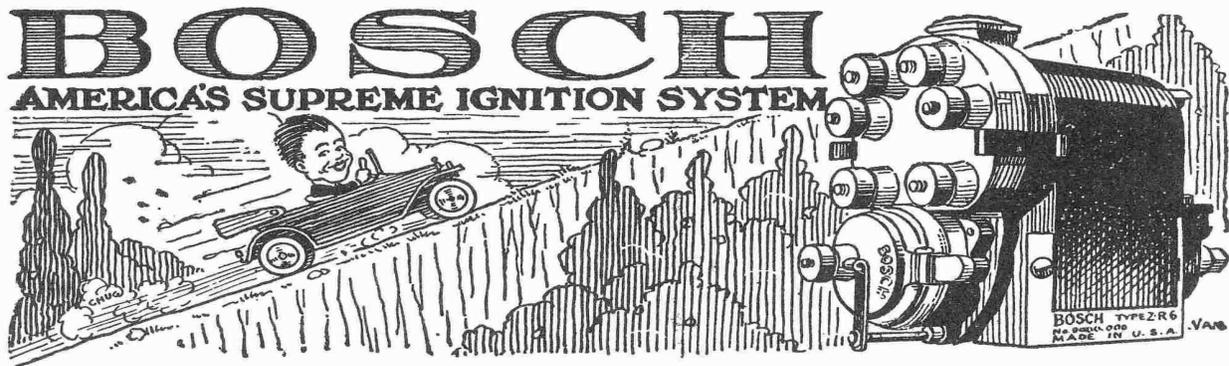
We still have a lot to do, but are enjoying the work of bringing the property back to life, meeting neighbors, and eating lunch from the place that started it all. When the project is finished, we look forward to inviting the Dairyland Tin Lizzies, friends, and neighbors to an open house featuring "T's in Theresa", food, music and fun. Stay tuned!

MTFCA MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION FORM

As a participant on the _____ Tour, hosted by the _____ Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America, you are required to inspect your car prior to being admitted to the tour. Please check each of the following with a “✓” for yes, “N” for no, or “NA” for not applicable. **Please bring this form to the tour and sign and date it at the start of the tour.**

<p>Steering</p> <p>Steering wheel has minimal (less than 2”) to no play _____</p> <p>Acceptable wear and minimal to no play in: _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase _____ • Ball arm(pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link) _____ • Steering gear connecting rod(tie rod) to yoke ball _____ • Spindle bolts (kingpins) _____ • Spindle connecting rod bolts _____ <p>Cotter key (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed in the following: _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle (2 required) _____ • Steering gear bracket to frame(3 required) _____ • Ball arm (pitman arm to steering post (1 required) _____ • Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball (2 required) _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) To steering gear ball (2 required) _____ • Spindle connecting rod to spindles [2 (1 per spindle)] _____ • Spindle bolts (kingpins)[2(1/spindle)] _____ • Spindle arms [2(1/spindle)] _____ • Front spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____ • Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year] _____ • Yoke ball (1 required) _____ • Safety-wire crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap _____ • Grease in steering gear case and steering gear bracket (also check gear post and pinion gears for wear) _____ • Check for play in steering gear case to steering column (check rivets/taper pins) _____ • Lock screw installed in quadrant _____
<p>Brakes</p> <p>Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floorboards _____</p> <p>Both rear wheels lock-up under hard braking _____</p>	<p>Note: Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission</p>
<p>Emergency Brakes</p> <p>Hand brake sets securely before limit Of its travel (check pawl and spring) and both rear wheels lock. _____</p> <p>Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with the engine running and should be able to hold the car on a moderate slope.</p>	<p>Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) Installed on: _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control shaft assy to frame (4 required) _____ • Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)] _____ • Brake rods [4 (1 per end)] _____
<p>Engine/Power Train</p> <p>Oil leaks – within acceptable limits _____</p> <p>Gasoline leaks-none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended) _____</p> <p>Cotter pins installed on: _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)] _____ • Choke/carburetor adjustment rod [1 at carburetor] _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commutator rod[2 (1 per end)] _____ • Crankcase arm to frame[4(2 per side)] _____ • Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)] _____ • Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)] – bottom two cap screws safety-wired together) _____ • Fan bolt (on earlier cars) _____

<p>Wheels Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) are tight _____ Front wheel bearings-no play, good condition and greased _____</p>	<p>All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed _____ Lug nuts tight on demountable rims _____ Checked tires for wear, weather Cracks, rim cuts, etc. _____</p>
<p>Rear Axle Rear wheel nuts tight and secured with Cotter pins (use long wrench) _____ Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed: _____ • Rear spring to frame [4 required] _____</p>	<p>• Rear spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____ • Rear spring perches to wheel flanges(backing plates) [2 (1 per side)] _____ No oil leaks at outer seals _____ Check differential gearcase oil level _____</p>
<p>Other Lights functional _____ Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended) _____ Safety glass (strongly recommended) _____</p>	<p>Rear view mirrors(s) _____ Fire extinguisher _____ First Aid kit _____ Registration and Insurance Papers _____</p>



BOSCH HIGH TENSION MAGNETO

Puts your Ford in a different class

Put a Bosch Magneto on your car and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you can at all times depend on your ignition system. This equipment takes the place of the present duties of the Ford magneto, coil and timer, which requires no further use of the regular ignition, eliminating timer and coil trouble as well as all annoyance and dissatisfaction so often experienced with the old system.

The Bosch Magneto has been adopted by American and foreign manufacturers of high priced automobiles, tractors, and aeroplanes as standard equipment, due to its superior durability and efficiency. The Ford type is of special construction to meet the needed demands of Ford cars.

Increases Motor Efficiency.

The Bosch Special High Tension Magneto adds greatly to the efficiency of the Ford motor in that it delivers a hotter spark at all engine speeds, and gives a smooth running engine when throttled down to very slow speeds. It gives the motor renewed energy, with a "pick-up" and "get-away" hitherto unknown.

At high engine speed the Bosch Special High Tension Magneto delivers a rich, fat spark to each cylinder with clock-like regularity. There is no missing or jumping—just the ideal "kick" in every cylinder at the proper instant that gives the life and "punch" to the motor.

Pays for Itself While You Drive.

In a saving of gasoline consumption the Bosch Magneto will pay for itself in a season's use. Its high tension spark

at all speeds lengthens the mileage of a gallon of "gas" to the maximum efficiency.

Improves the Ford Headlights.

Use the Ford fly wheel magneto for lighting purposes only, as this is the logical, common-sense use. By relieving the fly wheel magneto of ignition duties, its double burden is dispensed with, leaving its full capacity for the lights alone, which are naturally greatly improved.

Easily and Quickly Installed.

Car owners generally are not prepared to make difficult installations and, realizing this, the manufacturers have designed a simple installation which the most inexperienced mechanic, or Ford owner, can with little or no knowledge of the mechanical principles make with satisfactory results in three hours time.

Furnished Complete.

The Bosch High Tension Magneto for Ford cars is mounted on the side of the motor, the housing being attached in place of the present timer case; magneto is driven direct from the cam shaft of the motor.

Complete equipment consists of magneto, base, housing, drive of two gears, high tension switch, advance rods, and all necessary bolts, screws, cotter pins, etc., with full and complete instructions for installing. Shipping weight, about 50 lbs.

1C346A—Our Cash Price..... 66.50

UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

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

20th Annual Show Me Tour

Hosted by the Show Me T's Club

Lebanon, Missouri USA June 3 - 5, 2021

2021 Speedster Trials and Reunion

Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed

Lincoln, Nebraska USA June 23 - 26, 2021

MTFCA 2021 National Tour & 56th Annual National Meeting

Hosted by the Inland Empire Model T Club

Spokane, Washington USA July 9 - 14, 2021 (Meeting July 8th)

38th Annual Hillbilly Tour

Hosted by the Heart of the Ozarks Chapter

Springfield, Missouri USA September 8 - 12, 2021

Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by The West Central Indiana Model T'ers

Parke County, Indiana USA September 25 - 29, 2021



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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2001

THE YEAR
Dairyland Tin Lizzies
 WAS FOUNDED

WHAT THINGS COST

- A 1st class stamp \$0.34
- A gallon of gas \$1.46
- A loaf of bread \$1.82
- A movie ticket \$5.66
- A new house \$136,150

U.S. PRESIDENT

George W. Bush



AVERAGE MEDIAN INCOME

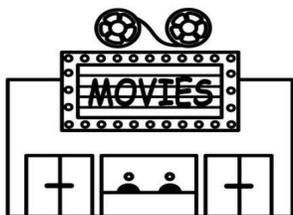
\$42,350



TECHNOLOGY

- NASA launches the Genesis space probe.
- Apple releases iTunes in January and the iPod in October.
- Wikipedia is launched.

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*The Lord of the Rings;
 The Fellowship of the Ring*

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Shrek

IN THE NEWS...

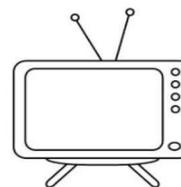
On April 8th, Dairyland Tin Lizzies was founded at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum.

“We will not waver; we will not tire; we will not falter, and we will not fail. Peace and Freedom will prevail.” – A quote from President George W. Bush following the September 11 attacks.

Barry Bonds hits 73 home runs, setting the record for the most home runs in a single season.

The film *Gladiator* wins 5 Oscars, including those for Best Picture and Best Actor (Russell Crowe).

ON TELEVISION...



- Friends*
- CSI*
- Survivor*
- ER*
- Law and Order*
- Will & Grace*