



The Buzz



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The Dairyland Tin Lizzies

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Destination Door County - May 25-27, 2024

By Kevin Brusco

On Memorial Day we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedoms. The holiday weekend is the unofficial beginning of summer, and for The Dairyland Tin Lizzies, it's the beginning of the touring season. We celebrate by spending time with friends, as we make our annual pilgrimage to Door County.

Our tour began at the Kohler Generator facility in Mosel. It was a perfect day to tour, with sunshine and comfortable temperatures.



Before we headed out, Dan & Phyllis Schultz came over to visit and see us off on our journey. After a quick stop for gas in Manitowoc, we were off to Hartman's Bakery. This is one of our favorite stops to snag some fresh sweet rolls for our trip, or for breakfast on Sunday morning (if they last that long).

Next, we made a run into downtown Mishicot to explore River Edge Gallery's interesting art and antiques. The Gallery occupies the former Scheuer Meat Market built around 1920 and retains the original tile floors, marble counters, tin ceilings and oak woodwork. The first floor is a quirky collection of antiques and collectibles that is fun to sift through, while the art gallery is on the second floor.



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UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS

- January 11 **Dairyland Tin Lizzies Christmas Party**
2:30pm at Big Guys, Pike Lake Area, Hartford
See complete details inside! Courtesy of Sharon & Tod Wirth
- January 25 **Winter Tin Lizzie University & Ladies' Day**
Vrana Frame & Body Shop, West Bend, Featuring "Tractor" Glenn Heim
Timing & other topics are TBA. More details in the Fall Meeting Minutes
- April 13 **Spring Business Meeting**
2pm at the Slinger Historical Museum - 414 Kettle Moraine Dr S, Slinger
- April/May? **Possible Model T Day at Etude School**
Details are TBD
- May ? **Model T Day at Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS**
Date is still TBD, but this popular event is being planned for 2025
- May 24-26 **Destination Door County 2025**
Details are TBA. Save the Date
- June 7 **Yellowstone Trail Day 2025**
Visit historical societies in communities along Highway 175, Details TBA
- August 3 **Possible Carousel Tour to Waterloo**
Tour would begin in Hartford. Details are TBD, but save the date.
- Sept. 27 **Possible Tour - International Day of Touring**
Courtesy of Jim Rodell, Jr. Could also be in late June. Details are TBD.

Buzz Trivia

What is that? →

(Answer on page 15)





In Mishicot, we enjoyed an excellent lunch at a new stop for our group; Side Street Station. The owner here was really happy to have us and was fascinated with the Model T's, taking lots of pictures including a nice group photo. Let's not forget the food! Side Street Station offers a buffet of salads and soups that can easily be a meal on its own. Everything featured is made fresh in their own kitchen and tastes homemade, because it is!

Back on the road, we headed east to the Lakeside Country Store. Lakeside is a wonderful, friendly and inexpensive Mennonite owned and operated grocery store. They have bulk foods & spices, variety store items, essential groceries, full service deli, bakery items and much more. It's just fun to shop there. In years past this was a staple on our trip *back* from Door County. Now however, Lakeside is closed on Memorial Day, so stopping here on Saturday was a nice addition.

We made our way north to Kewaunee, where we enjoyed a treat at another new stop: Kewaunee Custard & Grill. It's a Model T tour, so what's better than frozen custard? The day's travel ended with our arrival at Runaway Lodge in Valmy where we settled in and enjoyed a campfire happy hour with snacks & drinks.



On Sunday morning, we started the day with a scenic drive along the bay side and stopped for a photo opportunity at Old Quarry Park. Then we visited Door County Coffee Company and the Door County Candle Company. DC Coffee has an entire wall of coffee varieties to choose from as well as gifts, kitchen gadgets and bakery treats. DC Candle is the home of the locally well known Ukraine Candle.



We traveled on to Egg Harbor and visited one of our favorite places: the Olde Orchard Antique Mall. You could spend an entire day here searching for treasures. After a scenic drive across the peninsula, we arrived at the Thirsty Cow Tap House near Bailey's Harbor. Thirsty Cow is another new lunch spot for our group and is a unique place. They have 25 Wisconsin brewed beers and ciders all on tap and you tap your own! Just register your wristband and you can sample as many brews as you wish. It was a fun visit and their food was good too.



After our bellies were full, we stopped at the nearby Wood Orchard Market and then took a short drive to Plum Bottom Gallery and viewed some amazing art and sculpture work. The weather started to become unfriendly late in the afternoon and we got rained on a little bit as we left Plum Bottom. The decision was made to alter our plans and instead of going to the Simon Creek Winery, we drove the opposite direction to Door Peninsula Winery in Carlsville. Door Peninsula Winery is all indoors and is a short run back to the Run-away Lodge.



Sunday evening was our scheduled pot-luck dinner. With periods of rain, we decided to set up the food offerings under the gazebo in the backyard and move chairs under the overhang. This proved to be a good arrangement and with a few breaks in the rain, we were able to enjoy the evening.



The rain really came back after dark and it poured on and off throughout the night. Monday morning came around and the rain had finally let up just in time for us to pack up our cars and start our journey home. This was challenging for Ken Lefeber. His waterlogged coupe refused to start. After attending to timer, coils and plugs, our team of expert mechanics resorted to pulling the car with a tow strap to get it to fire up.



We said our goodbyes to our hosts Ron & Mary and headed south to Sturgeon Bay. Breakfast at the Betsy Ross was reliably satisfying and we continued on to Algoma for a gas and bathroom break. There, we also found a Model T

Touring car project which ended up being for sale. When we got to Kewaunee again, we took a break at the Olde Town Antique mall. We've stopped here before, but it is still fascinating to see how much stuff they have.

We kept our journey rolling along and finished it off with a group favorite ice cream stop at the Cedar Crest Factory Store in Manitowoc. Our group split up at this point, as some folks take a different route to drive home. Those of us who trailered to Mosel to start the tour, made our way back to load up.



Over the years, this has become a real favorite for me, and I'm sure many others who have toured with us. Door

County is truly one of Wisconsin's greatest attractions, made even better when enjoying it in a Model T. Being there in the very beginning of the summer when things aren't quite so crazy, makes it even more fun. A big thank you goes to Pete & Shelly Humphrey and DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid for once again planning the tour.



Portage & Wisconsin Dells Area Tour - August 3, 2024

By Barb & Shawn Gerrits

Elizabeth and Tony Ziehmke put together a beautiful tour from Portage to Wisconsin Dells and Baraboo. The tour was scheduled for June 22, but due to the weather it was postponed and rescheduled for August 3rd. It was a sunny morning with temps in the 80's when we gathered at Portage High School on the north side of town. After everyone unloaded their cars, Tony had a short drivers meeting. Then, we were off at about 9:30.



We headed through Portage west towards Wisconsin Dells. The air was cool yet and the sun was out as we enjoyed a nice relaxing drive over to The Dells. We met very few modern cars on the scenic roads we traveled. As we arrived on the East side of the Dells, we became 'a parade' of T's going through the heart of town. It was quite a treat watching all the tourists eye's light up and point at us as we drove through town. We did a lot of waving and horn beeping too. I was surprised we all stayed together driving Main Street in spite of traffic and frequent stop lights in The Dells.



After crossing the Wisconsin River, we pulled into a gas station for a break. Several people stopped to look at the cars and one of the people even got into Brent's (Elizabeth Ziehmke's dad) Speedster and thought he could go for a ride. Apparently, some thought we were the newest attraction in the Dells!



Next we headed to "Monks" for lunch. The service was very good and the food was great. It was also nice to be in air conditioned comfort for awhile, since it was getting hotter outside. When we returned to our cars after lunch, we found several admirers checking out our Ford Model Ts.

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The next stop was the “Aldo Leopold Foundation”. It’s a very unique stop with a visitor center explaining Aldo’s life. He was a pioneer in conservation and worked for the forest service. He wrote numerous documents on forest conservation and also wrote several books. The visitor center building is designed to be an energy efficient “green” building. It has solar panels on the roofs for power, vaulted ceilings with windows for natural light, reducing the need for electric lighting and water efficient fixtures throughout the building. Nature walking trails are also available for self guided tours.



We enjoyed more scenic roads on our way back to Baraboo. On the way guess what type of road we encountered? Well, Elizabeth and Tony found a gravel road for us to drive on. It had ruts and washed out areas, so as a driver, you had to pay attention. But it was a fun road to drive with the other Model Ts.



In Baraboo we parked in the old town square by the “Tin Roof Dairy” for our ice cream fix. This is an old time ice cream parlor with all the charm and everyone knows that you need ice cream stops on T tours. The afternoon was still hot, so this was the perfect place for a cool treat in air conditioned



comfort. We returned to our Model Ts to find more people admiring them. It was nice talking with them and answering their questions about the cars. It was really hot standing by the cars in town and talking; but once we started driving again it was more comfortable. We had a beautiful drive back to Portage.

Barb was reading the driving instructions and she got to the part that read: ***“We will collect briefly to be sure that everyone is together before we start downhill. This will be a long downhill. Be sure to space out.”*** We came around a corner and I saw a sign that said Cascade Ski Hill. Cascade Ski Hill is next to I-90. When you’re on Highway 33 you can see how high the ski hill is and we were at the top when we began our descent. It was *definitely* a long winding downgrade! Jim Rodell lost his brake band going down that grade. He said he could smell it and knew what was happening. At the bottom, Jim and Colleen parked their Model T and opted to find rides with others. Jim rode back with Barb and me and Colleen rode with Kevin Brusco.



We made our way back to Portage, crossing the Wisconsin River again to get back to the high school. It felt so good to turn on the air conditioning in our modern cars because it turned out to be a hot and sunny day. We all loaded the Model Ts on trailers, said our goodbyes and headed home.

Thanks again to Elizabeth and Tony Ziehmke for putting this tour together!

By Keith Gumbinger

This tour was organized by Kevin Brusco and before we even started driving, we knew this was going to be an interesting day. You see, Kevin provided all participants with a bit of 'homework'. This was in the form of a 5 page history of Bootlegging in the Holyland, the name given to the area we planned to tour.



Fourteen Model Ts met at the Zion Lutheran Church in Kohlsville. It was a beautiful morning in the 70's, and after a short drivers meeting, we headed north. Our first stop was outside of St. Cloud for a short break and a photo op at the Old River Bridge and Barn. Two more T's joined us here, Rich, Mary and Jaxson in one car and Ken & (nephew) Sam in the other. Our tour was now 16 T's strong!



Our next stop was the Malone Historical Museum where we learned more about bootlegging in the area. Rumor has it that some of the bootlegging activity was done in one of the buildings behind this museum.



Club member Larry Lamont, who is also a docent at the museum, trailered his 1915 Roadster to the museum that day. It's for sale and he knew T lovers would be there to see it or perhaps be tempted to buy it. (See "Buzz Classifieds, if interested.)

From Malone we took a short drive to the LeClaire/Saxon Dairy in Pipe. This is a fun destination just to stop and watch the goats in the yard. Or, if you're in need of a morning snack, ice cream, cheese and other snacks are available too.



We hopped back in the cars and headed to the Columbia Park for lunch. This was a 'bring your own lunch' tour, so everyone grabbed their coolers or manifold cookers and headed to the pavilion reserved for us. It was nice to sit and chat with everyone, while also watching the boats on Lake Winnebago.

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After lunch we headed to Pickart's Dairy Farm. Kevin's friend, Jeff Pickart is one of the owners, and he gave us a very detailed tour of the entire operation including the mechanized milking process. When Jeff bought the operation from his Dad, he was the one who had modern equipment installed, thus taking the operation to the next level. It was all very impressive, milking about 700 cows on three shifts per day. On our way back to our cars, John Pickart, Jeff's dad, passed out ice cream sandwiches & Drumsticks to all of us. This was the perfect dessert for Model Ter's after a picnic lunch.



Our next stop was Ledge Rock Distillery. This is a distillery specializing in Bourbon. The owners were on vacation, so one of their part time employees gave us a detailed description of the operation while we enjoyed our beverages in the shade on the patio. The temperatures were rising into the 80's and the shade and rest were very nice.

This is where the fun began. The route back to the church was about 24 miles and on the way we would go up Katzenberg hill. This is the same hill we had as part of our National Tour in 2022 and it is known as one of the steepest hills in the area. However, you might note that in this story, we haven't mentioned a gas stop thus far. So, guess what happened as we were going up the Katzenberg hill? Some of us ran out of gas, that's what! Those cars were the ones with the gas tank still under the seat, not in the cowl like the '26 – '27 T's. Well, we used gas from whoever had brought some along and even pushed one car part way up the hill.



It was getting kind of late and Jim Jr., knowing the area, mentioned that there were still two steep hills on the way back to the church. He suggested that perhaps we should go to Theresa instead for gas, if we were concerned about making it back to the church with enough gas. Everyone agreed and went for gasoline except for Denis Pulvermacher and Keith and Carol Gumbinger who had the longest drives to get home. FYI, they didn't have any problem going up those last two hills. After filling up with gas in Theresa we headed back to the church and said our goodbyes. It was just on the verge of getting dark.

It should be mentioned that there were no mechanical breakdowns on the tour. Despite our adventure on Katzenberg Hill, I think everyone had a really good time! Our group touring this day included: Dan Bruso, Jim Wright, Marcus Geoffrey, Kevin & Bob Bruso, Jim Jr. & Colleen Rodell, Denis Pulvermacher, Ken Lefebber & Sam, Gregg (Rock) Zangl, Pete & Shelly Humphrey, DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid, Rich Edler, Mary Ann Miller, & Jaxson Edler, John & Tammy Fischer, Shawn & Barb Gerrits, John & Carol Brodtke with Carol's Brother Tony, Tod & Sharon Wirth and Keith and Carol Gumbinger. This is a total of 16 Ts attending; a great turnout!

Thank you to Kevin Bruso for organizing this wonderful tour.



Dairyland Tin Lizzies

Minutes of October 27, 2024 Business Meeting

The fall meeting of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by President Tod Wirth on Sunday, October 27 at Edward H. Wolf Schleisingerville to Slinger Historical Museum in Slinger, Wisconsin, and opened with the United States pledge of allegiance.

<u>Members present were:</u>	Andy & Sue Anderson	Shawn & Barb Gerrits	Jeffrey Pagels
	John & Carol Brodtke	Jan Guell	Jim & Colleen Rodell
	Kevin Bruso	Keith Gumbinger	Gordy Sharapata
	Dave & Gail DeYoung	Pete & Shelly Humphrey	Diane Scheid
	Richard Edler	Jerry Johnson	Billy Vrana
	John & Tammy Fischer	Ken Lefebber	Tod & Sharon Wirth
	DeWayne Fritz	Jack & Barb Leonhardt	

Pete Humphrey moved to dispense the reading of the minutes for the April 7, 2024 meeting and to approve the minutes as published in the April, 2023 issue of **The Buzz**. Carol Brodtke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President Kevin Bruso had no business to report.

Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. had no business to report.

Treasurer Ken Lefebber distributed copies of the treasurer's report showing income and expenses from April 7, 2024 to October 27, 2024 with a beginning balance of \$3144.02 and ending balance of \$3109.36. Dave DeYoung moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Pete Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pete Humphrey reported that an issue of **The Buzz** will be published the week before Thanksgiving.

Keith Gumbinger, representing webmaster Carol Gumbinger, reminded members to send pictures of their Model T's to be included on the website to tinlizzielady@gmail.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave DeYoung reported on "Model T Day" held April 24 at Etude Middle School and High School in Sheboygan. Four Model T's participated. Students were appreciative of the opportunity to see and learn about Model T Fords from Dave, Ken Lefebber, Rich Edler, and DeWayne Fritz.

Shawn Gerrits reported on "Model T Day" held May 6 at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Dairyland Tin Lizzies members with nine Model T's taught students a history lesson, shared Model T information, and gave Model T rides around the parking lot. History teacher Mr. Jerry Zeamer hopes to continue this annual event shared by the Dairyland Tin Lizzies and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

Pete Humphrey reported on "Destination Door County" held May 25-27.

Jim Rodell, Jr. reported on Yellowstone Trail Day held June 1.

Rich Edler reported on summer Tin Lizzie University held June 8. Model T's were repaired and broasted chicken was consumed.

Barb Leonhardt reported on Ladies' Day held in conjunction with Tin Lizzie University on June 8. The ladies had fun in spite of the rainy weather.

Ken Lefebber reported on his visit to the Venerable Fire Collection museum near Slinger on June 15 with the Model T Ford Club of Greater Milwaukee.

Jim Rodell reported on the August 3 tour organized by Tony & Elizabeth Ziehmke which began and ended in Portage with stops in Wisconsin Dells, Lake Delton, the Aldo Leopold visitors' center, and Baraboo.

Kevin Bruso reported on the August 24 Malone Moonshine Trail Tour. Sixteen Model T's participated. Highlights of the tour included the Malone Historical Society, LaClare Creamery, Columbia Park, J & J Pickart Dairy Farm, Ledgerock Distillery, and Katzenberg hill.

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Tod Wirth reported on his & Sharon's tour held September 21 which began in Hartford and concluded at the Richfield Historical Society Threshere. Seven Model T's participated in the tour, with three additional T's meeting at the Threshere.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Christmas party is being organized by Tod & Sharon Wirth for January 11, 2025 to be held at Big Guys Pike Lake, Hartford.

Tin Lizzie University will be held January 25, 2025 at Vrana Frame and Body Shop in West Bend. Jim Rodell, Jr. reported that he contacted "Tractor Glenn" Glenn Heim who is a collector of and expert on Model T Ford tractor and snowmobile conversion attachments. Glenn has agreed to share his knowledge of this topic with us at the January 25 TLU. Members of Dairyland Tin Lizzies need to assist by bringing their Model T tractors, snowmobiles and related artifacts for show and tell and to provide material for discussion by Glenn. Billy Vrana announced that he would like to see the swap meet expand and will handle lunch details.

The spring business meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2025 at 2 - 4 p.m. to be held in the Edward H. Wolf Schleisingerville to Slinger Historical Museum. President Tod Wirth also encouraged Dairyland Tin Lizzies members to contribute to the historical society at one of their donation boxes placed in the museum.

Dave DeYoung will speak to his daughter Rebecca to inquire if Etude School would like Model T's to visit again in 2025.

Shawn Gerrits will coordinate with Mr. Zeamer to schedule Model T Day at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in 2025.

Pete Humphrey announced that Destination Door County will be held May 24-26, 2025. Jack Leonhardt will check if the Kohler Generator Plant parking lot will be available as a starting and ending point for the tour.

Jim Rodell, Jr. announced that Yellowstone Trail Day is scheduled for June 7, 2025 and will be a good event for the Dairyland Tin Lizzies to use as a club tour.

President Tod Wirth will contact Tony Ziehmke to inquire if he would like to organize a tour for 2025.

Jim Rodell, Jr. suggested that we plan a "Carousel Tour" to Waterloo for August 3, 2025 and requested help from Shelly Humphrey to coordinate details. The club has enjoyed a tradition of touring to this location, with the last "Carousel Tour" held in 2021. Perhaps some of our new members from the Madison area would find this tour convenient.

Jim Rodell, Jr. volunteered to plan a tour for the end of June or the last Saturday of September, 2025 in the Washington, Dodge, or Ozaukee County area.

President Tod Wirth announced July 4, 2025 is the beginning of a three day weekend, which may be a good opportunity for a Model T tour.

President Tod Wirth brought up the topic of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies organizational structure and related questions. One question is if we have written bylaws. Secretary Jim Rodell, Jr. reported that at the time of our inception, charter members agreed to follow the bylaws of Model T Ford Club of America in regards to one year terms for officers and a limit of three consecutive terms for the president of Dairyland Tin Lizzies. Other discussion included incorporation, possible advantages of affiliation with Model T Ford Club International in addition to Model T Ford Club of America, and liability insurance offered by each of the national Model T clubs. A suggestion was made for Tod to consult with Russ Furstnow, whose Canyon Country chapter in Flagstaff, AZ is a chapter of both MTFCA and MTFCI. Pete Humphrey reported that he spoke with MTFCI chapter coordinator Steve Shotwell in 2024 and learned that 100% of MTFCI chapter members must be members of MTFCI. Larry Gundrum, a member of Slinger Historical Society who owns an insurance business, witnessed our discussion and was helpful by explaining the different categories of insurance applicable to our situation such as Officers and Directors Insurance, General Liability, and Auto Policy. President Tod Wirth will gather information about our current insurance, study current bylaws of Model T Ford Club of America and report his findings and suggestions at the spring meeting.

As club librarian, Pete Humphrey announced that he has repair and restoration videos available and windshield decals are \$1.25 each.

Keith Gumbinger moved to adjourn the meeting. John Brodtke seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Rodell, Jr.
Secretary, Dairyland Tin Lizzies



Dairyland Tin Lizzies'

Christmas Celebration

Saturday January 11th at Big Guys
5875 Franklin Drive, Hartford
Beginning at 2:30 pm - Dinner at 5:00 pm

**White Elephant
Take-Away
gift exchange at
3:00 pm**



How much?
\$24 per adult
\$12.50 per child
(10 & under)

What's on the menu?

Sirloin tips, Chicken Parmesan, garlic mashed potatoes, corn,
rolls & butter, salad - Cash bar available

**We may bring in desserts. Your leftover goodies from the
season are welcome, or make something special to share.**

RSVP by December 21st to: Sharon Wirth
2258 Slinger Road
Richfield, WI 53076

Please make checks payable to Dairyland Tin Lizzies



Buzz Classifieds

For Sale: **1915 Roadster Pickup** Great woodwork on the pickup bed. The car hasn't been run in a while but the engine is free. Included is the turtledeck if you prefer to convert it back to original. Also included is the trailer it sits on. Hook up the trailer and take it home!

\$12,000 for everything. Call Larry Lamont at 920-795-4787.



Buzz Classifieds

For Sale:

All cars on this page are located just south of Waukesha and are "make an offer".

****Contact Daryl Borchardt for viewing or more details: 414-588-8860.****



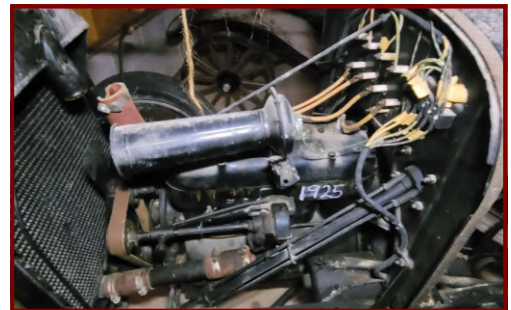
1925 Touring Green body, red upholstery and white top. Some restoration done. Might be able to become a driver's car with some elbow grease or it's a good start for a full restoration.



1926 Tudor Sedan Engine and frame numbers match. Good start for a restoration.



1925 engine & chassis
A restoration project started, but not completed.



1926 engine and chassis
with a coupe body.
Engine and frame numbers do not match.



1925 engine and chassis, some sheet metal



1921 Touring
parts car or possible restoration project



UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

Winter Clinic

Hosted by the Flatland T's of Kansas

McPherson, Kansas, USA January 17 - 18, **2025**

MTFCI Annual Meeting

Includes admission to the Model T Garage at Greenfield Village, Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Fair Lane Estate, a barbecue banquet, optional additional tours of the Henry Ford Museum & the Rouge Factory and much, much more! Details in the Model T Times

Dearborn, Michigan, USA February 15 - 16, **2025**

Model T Homecoming

Hosted by Henry's Hoosiers

Richmond, Indiana, USA June 4 - 7, **2025**

MTFCA National Tour - Steam 'N T Party

Hosted by Foothills Model T Ford Club

Calgary, Alberta, Canada July 13 - 18, **2025**

MTFCI 68th Annual Tour

Hosted by the T-Totalers Model T Club of Minnesota

Owatonna, Minnesota, USA July 20 - 25, **2025**

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Vice President: Kevin Bruso

Secretary: Jim Rodell, Jr.

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Newsletter: Pete & Shelly Humphrey





We hope Santa brings you something wonderful for Christmas!