



The Buzz



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Model Ts at School - May 6, 2024

Once again, members of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies brought their Model Ts to the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School campus. Recalling the very wet spring and early summer, the trick was to score a "good weather" day for this event. It took several attempts to schedule this. A last minute decision was made to hold this annual event on Monday, May 6th. This was a big win for everyone involved as this turned out to be the perfect day; bright sunshine and comfortable temps.



As always, our mission is to teach American History students about Henry Ford, the Model T Ford and its impact on the entire world in the early 20th Century. Following our typical program, we began with club members speaking with small groups of students. Four DTL members each took turns discussing different aspects of Model Ts.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21 **Richfield Area Tour to the Thresheree**
 Courtesy of Sharon & Tod Wirth A short tour & a visit to the
 Thresheree & Harvest Festival - Full Details inside!

October 27 **Fall Business Meeting**
 2pm at the Slinger Historical Museum
 414 Kettle Moraine Dr S, Slinger

January ? **Dairyland Tin Lizzies Christmas Party**

January ? **Tin Lizzie University & Ladies' Day**



Just as last year, the Dairyland Tin Lizzies were very well represented, this time at the MTFCI's **67th** Annual Tour held in Cadillac, Michigan in July. Pictured here, roughly from L to R are: DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid, Larry & Pat Summers, Forrest Green, Sharon & Tod Wirth, Irene & Rick Schwechler, Elizabeth, Charlotte & Tony Ziehmke, Carol & Keith Gumbinger, Nancy & Reuben Kugel and Shelly & Pete Humphrey. Not pictured here, but also participating in the tour were: Wayne Jorgensen & Paul Safransky, Tim & Joan Juhl, Rob & Pat Maasch with daughter Becky Herbel and their grandkids and Nathan & Mae Jean Zelle. A more detailed report on the fun activities we had that week will appear in a future issue of The Buzz.

The best part of this was when students would ask questions about the cars. Then we knew we were reaching them with something of interest. Maybe these kids will be the future of the hobby and be the next caretakers of this important part of our history



Next, each of the students got the opportunity to ride in the Model T of his or her choice. There was time for rides in two different cars. The course went around the school, staying on the campus drive. This continued with students

from 7 different classes throughout the day! Approximately 116 students got rides in the Ts. The history teachers also went for rides in the Ts, as did a few other faculty members. Judging from their reactions and their interest in having this experience, they also had a great time. Our DTL members did too.



The day after the event, we received the following email from our primary contact, History Teacher Jerry Zeamer: *"On behalf of our U.S. History students and teachers, please pass along our sincere thanks to the members of your Model T Club who participated yesterday. Our students were truly excited to have the opportunity to learn more about the Model T and to receive rides in your vintage Model T's. They were talking about it all the way back to class. I hope we can keep this tradition alive for years to come."*





With 7 different sessions comprised of 8 classes and 116 students, this was a full day. But it was an excellent way to connect youth to the fun and enjoyment of our Model T hobby. The Dairyland Tin Lizzies want to keep this tradition alive for years to come as well.

Dairyland Tin Lizzies members and cars present were:

Gary Prost, '16 Roadster

Marshall Reysen, '25 Touring

Pete Humphrey, '19 Touring

DeWayne Fritz, '26 Tudor

Marcus Geoffrey, '24 Roadster Pickup

Rock Zangl, '13 Canopy Express

Rich Edler, '24 Fordor

Dave DeYoung, '27 Tudor

John & Tammy Fischer, '14 Touring



Our thanks go to Shawn Gerrits for organizing this event and to both Shawn and Ken Lefebber for taking many pictures and videos of this event. Thanks also to Tammy Fischer for organizing and delivering lunch. As always, we appreciate the hospitality of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School for again allowing us the privilege of educating their students about the history and lore of Henry Ford and the Model T Ford, "The Car That Changed the World".

Tin Lizzie University and Work Day - June 8, 2024

By Pete Humphrey

On Saturday morning, June 8th, we assembled at Rich Edler's place for our annual summer Tin Lizzie University and Work Day. As usual, we had many great projects to work on. While it *is* mostly a work day, it is absolutely a learning experience for many.

One of the first projects in the service bay was installing a brake equalizer on Fritz's '26 Tudor. As with many of the improvements available for purchase these days, the equalizer kit has instructions that aren't 100% clear and require *some* interpretation. Likewise, the parts don't always fit perfectly and need some modifications. Eventually, the installation was complete with the equalizer functioning as expected.



In the next bay, Travis Schisel's '25 Roadster was getting attention. The issue was that it consistently ran poorly. The original thought was that it needed to have the magnets recharged. Getting down to business it was determined that what it really needed was to have the mag post cleaned. Then it was a matter of getting the timer to cooperate. After a cleaning and then a lot of time spent on *adjusting* the timing, Travis' Roadster was running like a top. The magnets were just fine.



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Meanwhile, over on the bench, work was underway on troubleshooting suspect generators. As many of you know, the first and most basic test for generators is to hook it up to run it as a motor. If it runs as though it is a motor when connected to a 6v battery, it will most likely operate as a generator. Of course there still may be worn out components and one still needs to adjust the third brush once it is installed, but it *is* a great starting point. Adding the cut-out complicates things as it adds its own issues, but one thing at a time, please.



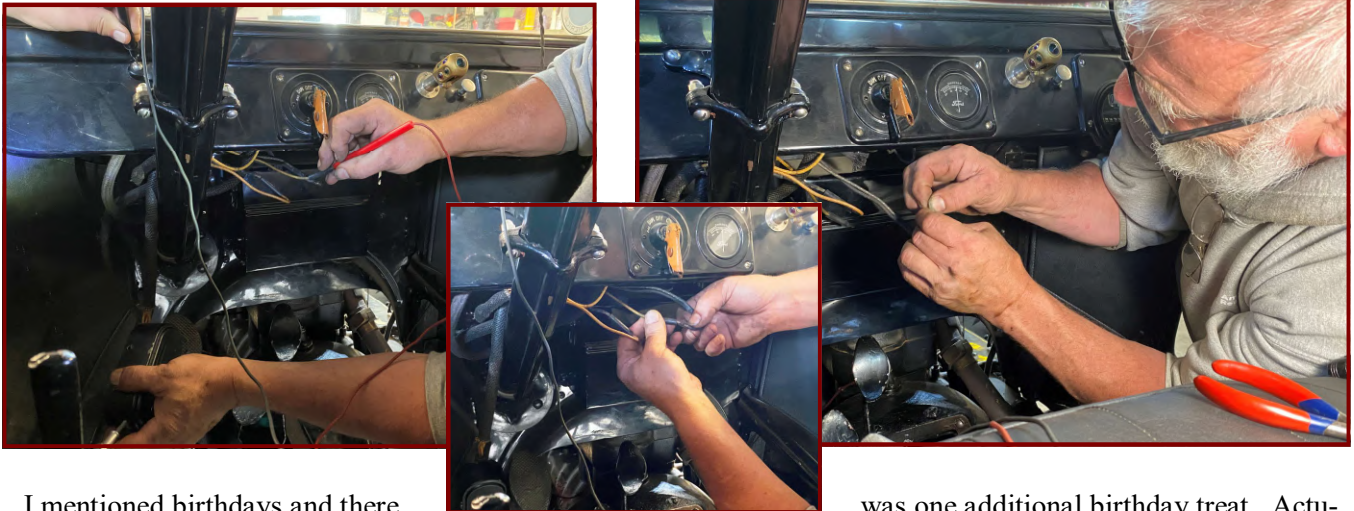
A delicious lunch featuring broasted chicken from Chissy's along with pasta salad, German potato salad and chips was offered up around noon. Of course there were desert options as well. Add to that the fact that two birthdays were being celebrated this day and there were more treats available than should have been consumed, even by *this* group. There'll be more on birthdays in a moment.



Our resident coil expert, Tod Wirth had a busy day. He worked his brand of coil magic for many DTL members. We are pretty lucky that we have such a valuable resource at our disposal in our club. Thank you, Tod!



One additional project was tackled this day. Rich Edler's '22 Touring was suffering mysterious electrical problems. The issues stemmed from the accessory turn signals which had been installed many years before. There were shorting wires, poor connections and blown fuses a-plenty. Dave DeYoung stepped in and systematically worked through the issues until everything was working correctly.



I mentioned birthdays and there was one additional birthday treat. Actually, it was a birthday experience. Some time ago, I had asked Rich if I could take a spin in his big John Deere front loader. I got to do much more than that. Once the work was completed, I was sent to the back yard with Jaxson Edler for a brief training session on proper front loader operation. As it turns out, Jaxson is an excellent instructor and I was soon driving the John Deere down the road in Rich's yard. At the end of the road is a pile of gravel and the next lesson was on scooping and dumping. It was lots of fun and I was thinking back to my childhood with my yellow metal Tonka trucks and the little sandbox I had. I just had to wait 55 years to graduate to the real thing!



It was a fun day from beginning to end. Thanks to Rich Edler for organizing and hosting this great event again and thanks to everyone who attended, turned a wrench and got dirty.

Tin Lizzie Ladies' Day - June 8, 2024

By Shelly Humphrey

It was another great gathering for Ladies Day. Barb Leonhardt, our group leader for the day had a real treat to start us out. She invited us ladies, Diane, Michelle, Renee and Shelly to her beautiful home for a homemade breakfast of French Toast Casserole with all the trimmings. It was delicious! Here's the recipe.



Next it was time to walk around and burn off those calories with a shopping excursion. We headed to the Old Wisconsin Retail Store for sausage snacks and then to Caan's Floral & Greenhouse. Multiple purchases were made at both places.

Returning to Barb's house, we relaxed for a while and then

ventured into a friendly game of "Sequence". While at the Leonhardt residence, we were treated to a sneak peak of the newest member of the Leonhardt family, their recently acquired 1926 Model T Coupe. We're looking forward to seeing it on tour with the DTLs soon! Thanks for a great day, Barb. You really made us feel special.

FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

Base:

1 loaf of 12 oz. french bread cut into 1-inch slices
(or you can use the Wonder Texas Toast and you do not need to do anything to it)
1 21oz. can apple pie filling

Mixture:

8 large eggs
2 cups milk
1 cup half & half
2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Topping:

1/2 cup softened butter (margarine does not work as well)
1 cup brown sugar
2 tsp. corn syrup (or maple syrup)
1 cup chopped nuts (NOT peanuts)

Heavily butter 9X13 pan. Layer as follows: bread, apple pie filling, bread, set aside.

In blender, mix eggs, milk, half & half, vanilla, nutmeg and cinnamon. (If you don't have a blender, use a mixer.) Mix these ingredients well. Pour over base. Refrigerate overnight.

In the morning, put on topping, just before baking. Bake for 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Of course, you baking time may vary so check frequently so that it does not burn.

In Memoriam Howard Fischer - October 23, 1932 to May 9, 2024

Those of us in the Dairyland Tin Lizzies knew Howard as an avid Model T guy as he would often be seen driving his '14 T Roadster on our club tours.

But in addition to that, He was a wonderfully talented musician playing in several bands in his younger years. He played the piano, organ and the accordion. He also had his own piano tuning business. Further, he was an avid collector of antique farm machinery, coin operated musical instruments and lots more.

A personal remembrance of Howard was at the tail end of one of our 1 day tours. We were near Howard's home and he invited us all in to see his musical instrument collection. The first thing you know, he started playing a piano and I simply must tell you that Howard could really play that piano!! And at that time he was almost 90! To say he was quite accomplished is an understatement. Howard, we miss you. May you rest in peace.

-Respectfully submitted by Keith Gumbinger



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

Wanted: 21" Black Tire Cover Contact Jack Leonhardt: 920-226-1005 or 26modeltt@att.net

1926 Fordor

For Sale: My 99 year old father recently passed away and one of his possessions was a 1926 Fordor Model T. I am interested in selling it. It is truly a "barn find". It has never been repainted and the metal is solid. The leather top is in good condition and it appears that most, if not all of the car is original. I even have the original gas tank dipstick. The car was purchased in Germantown by my Father 50 years ago. It was driven home and parked in his shed and never moved until a few weeks ago. The last time the car was registered was 1943. I have a title as well. We do have extra parts that include a radiator, motor cowl, and 2 doors. The only restoration my father did in 50 years was to have the radiator surround and the light bezels chromed. Asking \$4,000. The car is available to be seen in the Menomonee Falls area.

Mike Szymanski 262-5270 or cell 262-349-1341 michaelszymanski3@gmail.com



25th Annual Thresheree & Harvest Festival

Sat., Sept. 21 & Sun., Sept. 22 ~ 9am - 5pm

Richfield Historical Park - 1896 Hwy 164, Richfield, WI



Come join us on Saturday September 21st for a pleasant winding drive through the rolling countryside of the Holy Hill area that will lead us to the Richfield Thresheree.

Lunch will be on your own. Brats, Burgers and more will be available on site, or bring your own picnic lunch.

We will meet at the Walmart on the west side of Hartford (1220 Theil St, Hartford, WI 53027) at 9am.

Please RSVP by 9/18, so we can give a car count.

Call, Text or Email, Tod at 262-305-8495 or todwirth@gmail.com

See you there!



UPCOMING REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

Model T Covered Bridge Tour

Hosted by the West Central Indiana Model T'ers

Parke County, Indiana, USA September 28 - October 2, 2024

47th Annual Texas T Party

Hosted by The Space City Ts

Kerrville, Texas, USA October 16 - 19, 2024

Winter Clinic

Hosted by the Flatland T's of Kansas

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

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

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Rock Zangl?