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President's Message

By Keith Gumbinger

Hi Everyone –

Here it is the end of May and we've already had our first tour of the season. We just returned from The Waterfall Tour in the Crivitz area hosted by Kevin Bruso and had a great time. Yes, it did rain and the cars got all dirty, but we had fun and that's what counts. See Kevins article on the tour in this issue. Thank you, Kevin, for hosting a really great tour!

On April 2nd we had our Spring Business Meeting, held at the Oconomowoc Historical Society. They have a really nice museum that includes a mini theatre type meeting area that was perfect for holding our meeting. Minutes of the meeting are included elsewhere in this issue. A big thank you to Adam and Christine Doleshal for arranging the meeting location. After the meeting, we went to a local Mexican – American restaurant for dinner and that, too, was really good.

At the Spring Business Meeting I was elected to my third term as President. I want to thank all of you for the confidence you have with me holding this important office. As I mentioned at the meeting, this will be my last term as President since three years is the maximum one person is allowed to serve as president as specified by the MTFCA bylaws to which we adhere.

At the Spring meeting we collected dues for the coming year. Those of you who haven't paid yet have until June 30th to do so. Please send $10.00 for the dues to Adam Doleshal, our Treasurer. His address is on page two of this newsletter.

We have two new members to welcome: Tod and Sharon Wirth from Richfield, WI, who have a '12 Touring and several other T's, and Larry and Barbara VanHoveln from Sussex, WI who have a '23 T Fordor Sedan. Welcome to the Dairyland Tin Lizzies! We'll be happy to see you and your T's at our coming events.

We have several club events coming up in the next few months – please refer to the complete list elsewhere in this issue. A new event for us, the "Old Falls Village Day" in Menomonee Falls, sounds like lots of fun. Also, our "Fliverfest" will be at a new location this year, in Cedarburg to see Dave Uihlein's cars and also ride a small scale railroad, and a picnic lunch. Another event is The Sheboygan County Historical Society Antique and Vintage Car Show, Sunday, July 9th. They will have food, fun and events. More information is given later in this issue.

Model T's forever! Fordially, Keith Gumbinger

FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 9th, 2006

Hello Again –

My original President's Message was written in early June, with the intent that you would receive it around mid – June. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, it didn't go out. Here we are a month later, and we have two DTL events coming up very soon.

The first is Flivverfest on Saturday, July 22nd in and around Cedarburg. There is a flyer on this in this issue of The Buzz.

The second is Model T Day in Hartford on Saturday, August 19th. Again, there's a flyer on this in this issue of The Buzz.

Both of these will be very enjoyable events and I encourage you to come to both of them. If your T isn't done yet, or can't be there for some other reason, let me know and I'll try to get you a ride with someone. We'd like to see as many T's as possible for Model T Day in Hartford, but even if you can't bring yours, we can use help registering people for rides, explaining T's to people, or helping out at the food booth, etc. It's not a lot of work and is lots of fun. Give me or Jim Rodell Jr. a call if you have any questions on this.

We just got back from Iola and their annual car show and swap meet. We didn't buy much, but saw lots of DTL members. It was hot as usual, and dry too, at least until Saturday afternoon when it became cloudy and rained. Members we saw included: Adam Doleshal, Greg Zangl, Jim & Jay Zautner, Jim Rodell Sr. Dean Meissner & Kevin Bruso. We didn't see them ourselves, but were told that Dave Knutson, George Doleshal, Rod Prinsen and Rich Edler were there also.

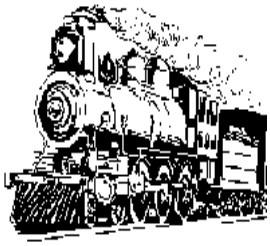
At Iola we saw the GM Futurliner on display, and it is terrific! We also saw it being driven away from the Thorson House. The driver had a hard time turning it out of the driveway at the Thorson House due to the long 248" wheelbase. Seeing it being driven on the street (with a police escort front and rear) was very impressive. If you gave them a donation, you could go up and sit in the drivers seat. Both Carol and I did that and it was great. The Futurliner is so big and restored so well that it really was the highlight of the show.

Summertime is Model T time, and I hope to see you soon at our next events.

Fordially, Keith Gumbinger

Join the Dairyland Tin Lizzies for the 4th Annual

"Flivver Fest Tour"



A day of Ford Flivvers, food, families, fellowship & fun.

- Visit the private collection of David Uhlein near Cedarburg
- Birthday cake in celebration of Henry Fords' birthday
- Chance for club members to meet & see each other's Tin Lizzies
- Picnic lunch with members of the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society under the shade trees of "Railroad Park" near Jackson
- Ride the 1/8 scale trains of the MLES

When: Saturday, July 22nd, 2006
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our tour will be departing from the Washington County Fair Park at Hwy. 45 and PV between West Bend and Jackson at 9:00 a.m.

A picnic lunch and soft drinks will be provided

$ 7.00 per adult
$ 3.50 per child, age 5 – 12
under 5 free.

Please send check
payable to Dairyland Tin Lizzies
by July 15 to:

Shelly Humphrey
3660 Larkfield Drive
West Bend, WI 53095
262-677-1051

One of the many waterfalls of Marinette County

Cars lined up for a visit to the logging museum

Logging display outside of museum

Waterfall Tour Report
By: Kevin Bruso

May 27th - 29th 2006

Once again, The Dairyland Tin Lizzies took to the road in style, exploring yet another area of our beloved Dairy State. This tour took us to the Crivitz area, where we all met up at Popp's Resort on High Falls Flowage. The weather was odd for the end of May, quite warm, and humid. Most of the group saw some really heavy traffic problems on the drive up, and trickled in one at a time until late in the evening, but everyone made it there safely.

Saturday, we rounded up our 9 Model T's after breakfast and headed for our first destination, Veteran's Falls. After a nice visit at the very picturesque waterfall, we headed north, on a very rough road to McClintock Rapids, where we took a much needed morning break. After the break, and just a few miles later, we found ourselves traveling on true Model T roads……dirt roads! Actually, even though the gravel roads could have used a good smoothing, they were still super-highways compared to the roads our cars were on when they were new. We eventually made our way through the dust and trees to Eight Foot Falls, and stopped to look at the waterfall and take another well-earned break.
After looking over the layer of fine dust on the cars, we again hit the road, heading for a lunch stop just south of Kingsford, Michigan. The group drove into Kingsford to take advantage of the photo opportunity at their high school, where the mascot is the Flivver. We also drove past the remains of the Ford plant, where many wood parts and other components for Model T's were made in the 20's. Kingsford is also, as many of you know, the original home of the Ford Charcoal Company, which later became the famous Kingsford charcoal. The group headed back into Wisconsin, and took a different route, which avoided the majority of the gravel roads, but didn't help us avoid an afternoon thunderstorm. Once we arrived back at the resort, everyone cleaned up and dried off, and we enjoyed an excellent meal at Rene's Restaurant.

Sunday morning came, again bearing un-seasonally warm temperatures, and clearer skies than we saw Saturday afternoon. The breakfast eaters in the group enjoyed a pancake breakfast at a fundraiser for a local church, and then we re-grouped, and left the resort heading for Peshtigo. We visited the Peshtigo Fire Museum, and learned about the most deadly forest fire in U.S. history. The fire burned over 2,400 square miles of land, and on October 8, 1871, the same day as the Great Chicago Fire, claimed the lives of over 800 men women and children in Peshtigo. We continued on to Marinette, and stopped for lunch at a Dairy Queen, where we pretty much overwhelmed the staff! After lunch we headed to the Marinette County Logging Museum on Stephenson Island, where we were disappointed to find it was closed. With a tip from a local old car enthusiast that stopped to visit, we went over the bridge into Menomonee, Michigan, and visited John Henes Park, which sits on a small point of land in Green Bay. The park was very nice, and the temperature dropped a good 10-15 degrees while we were within sight of Lake Michigan.
After a smooth drive back to the resort, everyone got cleaned up for dinner, and enjoyed another great meal at Rene's.

Monday morning the majority of the group took to the road to get an early start home, but a few stayed to go on a quick tour led by Rich Edler. We drove around High Falls Flowage, and stopped to look at the dam on the south end, which houses a hydro-electric power plant. It was a very nice morning, and the short drive really put a nice ending to a very fun weekend.

Nieces and nephew on the running board

Kids in line for a Model T ride

Katie and Sandra staying cool

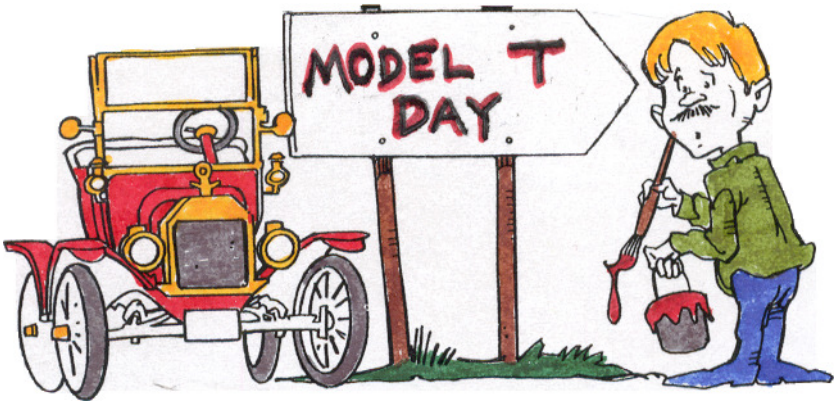
HISTORY ADVENTURE WEEKEND
July 9th 2006

On Sunday July 9th the Sheboygan Historical Museum had a car show as part of there History Adventure Weekend. The show featured vehicles from the 50's and earlier which of course includes our T's. The DTL were well represented at the show with seven of our members bringing their cars and trucks. Jim Wright came up from Hartford bringing his TTruck for display. Howard and Pete Bennin were there with their Touring cars as well as Ron Stock with 'Ol Rusty, Don Tykac was there with his roadster pick-up, and Mark Zimmer had his beautiful 1912 touring. I brought the Tudor full of kids along.

The show opened to the general public at 10 AM and about 11 AM some of the cars in the show did a tour through the city promoting the History Adventure Weekend. The tour covered some historical areas through out the city and then it was back to the grounds for a lunch break.

Model T rides were given by some of the members after lunch. It started out small and grew into a popular attraction that kept a few of us very busy out in the hot sun, especially Howard Bennin who started us off.

Fun was had by all as it is always good to get together with the cars and families and pick on Katie. Unfortunately, this was the last year for this event at the Historical Museum; in 2007 they are moving to a new schedule of events called "Third Saturdays". One of these Saturdays could be an all car event that would be a special day for our historical cars. Stay tuned to the Buzz for more information as it becomes available.



Inviting "Kids of all Ages" to

Model T Day

When: Saturday, August 19, 2006

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Wisconsin Automotive Museum

147 N. Rural St., Hartford

Experience the history and present-day enjoyment of the Model T Ford, built by Ford Motor Company from 1908-1927.

- Free Model T rides (Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- Model T car show, displays, and demonstrations
- Brats, hamburgers, chips, and soda
- Reduced admission to museum

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THE MILL TOUR

September 30-OCT 1

TOUR WILL START SATURDAY MORNING AT EAST TROY—SATURDAY AFTERNOON WE WILL VISIT THE SW AUTO MUSEUM IN ROSCOE, IL.. SUNDAY MORNING WE WILL VISIT BECKMAN MILL AND THEN RETURN TO EAST TROY. OVERNIGHT STAY AT MICROTEL IN BELOIT. CHECK DTL WEB SITE FOR LINKS.
QUESTIONS—CALL JIM HESS

Friends of Beckman Mill, Inc. is dedicated to the preservation of our rural heritage through the authentic restoration of the Beckman Mill as a functioning water-powered grist mill museum within its historic setting.

Editors' note: As some of you know Kevin Bruso has stepped down as the newsletter editor, a job he held since the start of the DTL. If you see Kevin out on tour or at one of our many other club functions be sure and thank him for a job well done. I volunteered to take over the newsletter, with no prior experience at "newsletter production" I struggled some with this first issue for Volume 6. As time goes on I hope to become more comfortable putting the newsletter together. Thanks everyone for bearing with me and if you would like to contribute an article or anything of interest in the Model T world send it my way. The member list on page 2 is up to date, if there are any mistakes please let me know……..Dan

Eric Rodell with the Mayville Fire truck