



The Buzz

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Dairyland Tin Lizzies
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*Pete suggested I find an antique car with a bunch of 'chicks' for this editions' cover.
A blessed Easter from both of us, enjoy!*



TT Chatter --- from the Cab of Jack Leonhardt

It appears from all indications, "Ole Man Winter" is gone and Spring is upon us. With that said, if we haven't been tinkering with our T's & TT's this Winter in preparation for our upcoming touring season, we had better get going.

Our Winter season has provided Dairyland Tin Lizzies "Professors" Paul Brodke, Kevin Brusio, and Billy Vrana (Joe's nephew) the opportunity to educate DTL members with:

- The disassembly and inspection of the Model T & TT transmission.
- Resurfacing and grinding of valve seats and valves.
- Rebuilding the Model T & TT front axle.
- The OSHA, EPA, and Ford "Approved" method to loosen a "frozen" engine. Note: photos are available.

Attendance at our Cato Tin Lizzie University hosted by John, Carol, and Paul Brodke was at 18 with one attendee (Jeffrey Pagel) joining DTL. A whopping 34 members were in attendance at our West Bend Tin Lizzie University hosted by Joe Vrana. Thank you to our hosts.

In preparation for our first tour of the season, Rich Edler will be hosting our third Tin Lizzie University on Saturday the 28th of April --- the course will be **Model T & TT inspection**, very fitting topic. Rich will do his usual large spread of food to compliment the class --- since Rich does not have email; it's imperative to notify me of your attendance so we have sufficient food for all.

A special thank you goes out to John Battell for his contribution to DTL of Model "T" Tips DVD's that covers:

- Restoring the T & TT transmission (part 1 & 2)
- Restoring the T & TT generator cutout
- Tires (part 1 & 2)
- Balancing tires
- Front end alignment

Another thank you goes out to Harlan Pilon with his slide show that illustrates his "Patented" method to straighten the Model T & TT axle.

A request to attend the Menasha High School Car Show May 20th came to me. If interested, please contact Mike Reinl at reinlm@live.com. The registration fee is \$4.00, pre-registered FREE. To register please go to MenashaAuto@yahoo.com.

Five DTL members --- Rich Edler, Jim Rodell, Sr., Dan Schultz, Mike Kuester, and I attended the Chickasha Pre-War Swap meet in Oklahoma. While Jim's main focus was to sell at the swap meet, it was Rich, Dan, Mike, and myself's intent to purchase treasures -- which we did.

Have you noticed I'm always referring to Model T's as well as TT's -- I'm kind of partial to TT's.

Look forward to seeing all at our April 15th Spring meeting.

Regards,
Jack

Upcoming Events

Save these dates

April 15th

Dairyland Tin Lizzies Spring Business Meeting

When: 2:00 pm
Where: Aidan O'Reilly's Pub & Grille
402 Main Street, Allenton 53002



April 28th

Tin Lizzie University at Edler's

When: 10:00 AM
Where: W4502 Clear View Road, Waldo, WI 53093
Topics: Model T inspection - good timing as touring season approaches

May 26-28th

Destination Door Tour 2012 - *Details attached*



This group ventured out on the Destination Door tour in 2009

June 2-3rd

Reclaiming Our Heritage at the V.A. - *Details attached*

June 14-16th

2012 Speedster Tour in Richland Center, WI

Contact: Scott & Sheryl Stier sastier@prodigy.net (847)669-3848
Lodging: Ramada Richland Center Motel

June 17th

Wings & Wheels

Where: Details to follow

July 22th

Flivver Fest

or **Aug 5th**

Where: Waterloo, WI
Details to follow

July 25-26th

EAA Air Adventure

Where: Details to follow



Good times at Chickasha

No Vacancy

Destination Door 2012

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND OVERNIGHT TOUR

May 26, 27 & 28
Saturday, Sunday, Monday

Voted the best Model T drive along the shores of Lake Michigan by members of the Dairyland Tin Lizzies, the 2012 Memorial Day weekend overnight tour will once again be going to beautiful Door County. The tour will start out just north of Sheboygan from the parking lot of the Kohler Generator plant where those that trailer to the starting point will have plenty of room for their trailers; from there the route will follow along the scenic lakeshore of Lake Michigan north to Sturgeon Bay and on to Valmy after we cross the shipping canal. Valmy will be our home base for the weekend and is on the "quiet" side of the peninsula. Our accommodations will be at the Runaway Lodge, the motel has standard rooms and kitchenettes at reasonable rates for our group. The phone number for the hotel is 920-746-4046 for reservations. They also have a website and that address is www.runawaylodgeatvalmy.com. I have contacted Ron and Mary our hosts for the weekend and they are happy to have us back again. The room rate this year will be \$75.00 a night plus tax, they are holding 13 rooms for our group until May 1st, the earlier everyone makes their reservations the better we can plan.

This year on Sunday we will be taking the ferry out to Washington Island to take in the sites with our cars. The ferry runs on the hour and the cost for round trip is \$13.00 per person and \$26.00 for Lizzie. We will have lunch on the island and hopefully we will have time to take in the entertainment at Simon Creek Winery on our way back to Valmy. This year we will again have a cookout and campfire at the motel on Sunday night.

The tour will leave the Kohler Generator parking lot around 9:30 Saturday morning with a lunch stop in Kewaunee. Tour hosts are Dan & Phyllis Schultz; let us know if you are planning on attending and if you need more information. We found some nice roads that were made with Model T's in mind, so reserve a room and join us for a fun weekend. 920-565-2232 or good old email phillie@tds.net or dkstitch@tds.net

Congratulations to those of you who made reservations early. I just spoke with Mary at the Runaway Lodge and she has no rooms left for Saturday night. She does have two rooms on Sunday night if you have friends in the club that you can 'bunk' with on Saturday night. She will start a waiting list if you'd still like to join.

From the FORD shed:

Straightening a Bend Front Axle

It all started when my friend Dave Knutson removed the front axle from his 1922 Model TT truck to paint it and found it was bent. It appears that the driver's side must have been impacted at some time. We inquired of several people as to what one should consider when attempting to straighten a T axle but, the suggestions were quite varied. Someone said heat it, another said never heat it, others said just keep hitting it with a big hammer. One thing we new for sure was that the axle should be straightened cold. After sleeping on this for a night I came up with the idea to use a log splitter. It's got a 25 ton ram... that should be more than sufficient. As you can see in photos 1, 2 and 3 we have the axle set in our jig ready to bend.



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The jig is a 4x4 oak beam from a pallet with two 2 ½" blocks screwed to it.



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Photo 4 shows the business end of the ram. We used a machinist V block to prevent damage to the axle. We also engaged the help of Dave's wife Cheryl to operate the hydraulic ram while we each held one end of the axle on the fixture. Photo 5 shows the actual bending. Note the yellow string we used as a gauge. The axle was initially $\frac{3}{4}$ " out of line. We had to "over-bend" the axle by about 1" because when we released the ram, the axle would spring back. Photo 6 shows the straightened axle. We felt so confident that we took the wishbone that had a slight bend in it and straightened it also on the first attempt.

Redneck Engineering
Harlan Pilon / Dave Knutson

June 2-3rd Reclaiming Our Heritage at the V.A.



A tribute to America's veterans, active-duty military and reserves at the V.A.

This is a time-line of U.S. military history, 1600 to the present day. Re-en actors and veterans of every era bring history to life with accurate camp setups, displays, vehicles and demonstrations. **New this year!** An encampment area for 9/11-era troops. ROH is family-friendly and alcohol-free. The parade on Saturday goes through the VA Soldiers Home Historic District, which is a National Historic Landmark. More information can be found at: <https://forohmilwaukee.org/> The Civil War Ball on March 10th is a fund-raiser for this June event.

A Tour Down The Road A Piece

June 22nd - July 4th 2013

Lincoln Highway 100th Anniversary

The Lincoln Highway Association is planning tours from both coasts along the early alignments of the Lincoln Highway. Many miles of the old roadway have not been swallowed up by the Interstates and still survive, running on two lanes in proximity to U.S. Routes 1, 30, 40 and 50, so the tours will provide a re-enactment of a trip across the U.S. in the 1940s and 50s.



The two tours will start on Saturday, June 22 from New York and San Francisco, and will meet in Kearney, Nebraska on Sunday, June 30. The Centennial Celebration from July 1 - 4 will include a car show, the Association's annual conference, and local Independence Day celebrations. There will be a re-creation of a tourist camp; participants with pre-1932 cars are invited to set up camp.

*Looking for volunteers to organize tours this summer.
Please bring your ideas and possible dates to the Spring meeting so
we can all put them on our calendars.*

A Message from MTFCA

To: Jack Leonhardt

From: Ruth Stauffer

Subject: Chapter Status and Liability Insurance Re-qualification for 2012

Your chapter qualifies for chapter status and for Chapter Liability Insurance for 2012. The policy renews in March 2012. Once we receive the new policy we will forward it via email to your chapter.

If your chapter has sent a donation for the Building Fund for the new, permanent Model T Museum, thank you! If your chapter has not sent a donation, we hope you will consider contributing. Remember, the MTFCA and Museum is owned by the members of the MTFCA!



Progress reports and pictures on the Model T Museum building project can be found on the Forum at www.mtfca.com. Be sure to check it out.

Tin Lizzie University at Vrana Frame & Body Shop



We had a great turn out with 34 members, guests, & kids. Courses taught were front-end rebuilding & loosening a seized-up engine. Since only 20 members RSVP'd, we ran out of course handouts and squeaked through with just enough munchies. Nonetheless fun was had by all.



FOR SALE:

1925 Ford Model T Tudor Sedan

This solid car has been in our family for 50 years but now the time has come for it to go into new and caring hands.

The drive train has been rebuilt and restored so the major mechanicals (and a major expense) have already been handled. The wheels are good and tight and the tires are in good condition also. This T is ready for some enjoyment on the road and would be an excellent start for someone just getting into the Model T hobby being both affordable and in good running condition.

The engine has Kevlar bands in it and the rear axle has lined e-brake shoes added to it. Under the seat covers it still wears its original upholstery although I believe the drivers seat upholstery is in poor condition. I also have a title for the car.

Asking \$7,450.00 obo.

Call Tod @ 262-305-8495 for more information or to set up a time for a test drive.



FOR SALE:

1969 Lincoln Mark III

Exceptional Condition, 27,000 Miles. Car is from Texas. Will consider Best Offer, or Trade.

Call DeWayne @ 414-322-9535



WANTED:

Door Hinges and window Regulators for 1926 / 1927 Model T coupe.

Call Ron @ 920-726-4327

FOR SALE:

Bauer "Fatman" 17" steering wheel for Model T. Not cheap -- \$400.00

Call Jack Leonhardt @ 920-226-1005

LOOKING TO BORROW:

"T" Tips videos: Series 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8

Contact John @ 414-588-0703 no-spam@battell.net

