

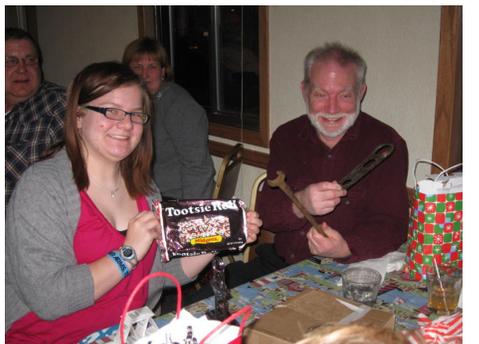


The Buzz

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Dairyland Tin Lizzies
February 2012



Since the last 'Buzz' we had a wonderful **Christmas party** with 49 attendees. Great participation everyone! We even had a White Elephant gift exchange which brought a lot of creative gifts and laughs. Here are some happy reminders for you.



January also brought about our first of three **Tin Lizzie Universities** for this winter season. It was held at the Brodtke's in Cato, WI. Seventeen "students" attended, two of which were a father and son from Manitowoc. Well, just as we hold Model-T's near and dear to our hearts, the son, Jeff Pagels from Manitowoc decided he'd like to join our DTL club too after seeing how much fun can be had at Tin Lizzie U. Welcome Jeff! These are great events and even in the cold of winter they keep the "T-ing" spirit alive.

Professors Paul Brodtke and Kevin Brusco did an excellent job teaching courses on: Inspecting Model-T Transmission Drums-101, and Valve and Valve Seat grinding/refacing-101. Everyone learned a lot with good interaction between students and instructors.

And of course, what would a DTL event be without great food. Carol Brodtke provided a scrumptious lunch w/ three *low fat, low cholesterol, and low calorie desserts*, along with munchies at the beginning of our morning session. **Thank you John, Paul & Carol!** You spent a great deal of time in preparing the shop & food for this TLU . Fun was had by all.



Upcoming Events

Save these dates

February 25th Tin Lizzie University at Vrana Frame & Body Shop

When: 1:00 PM start time

Where: 1405 N Main St, West Bend, WI 53090 (262) 334-2245

Topics: Front end rebuilding & Loosening a seized-up engine

RSVP to Paul Brodke 920-652-9523 / pajbrod@hotmail.com or **Jack Leonhardt** 920-458-7832 / 26modeltt@att.net so that we have enough handouts, seating, and refreshments, See you on the 25th.

April 15th Dairyland Tin Lizzies Spring Business Meeting

Where: Kenosha area - Details to follow



April 28th Tin Lizzie University at Edler's

When: 10:00 AM

Where: W4502 Clear View Road, Waldo, WI 53093

Topics: Model T inspection - this is good timing with The Destination Door Tour coming up in May.

May 26-28th Destination Door Tour 2012 - *Details attached*



This group ventured out on the 1st Destination Door tour in 2004.

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 25-26th EAA Air Adventure

Where: Details to follow

My completed White Elephant puzzle. Thanks!

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



DAIRYLAND TIN LIZZIES

ESCAPE TO WISCONSIN TOUR 2011

By Keith Gumbinger
August 1st through 6th, 2011

Once again we hosted a Regional Tour similar to the three Regional tours we did in 2003 to 2005.

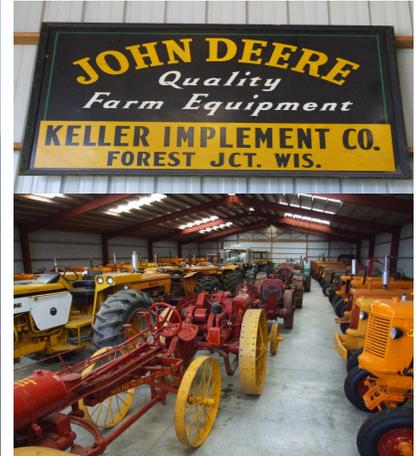
The tour was based at Cedar Valley Conference Center just a few miles out of West Bend. Monday, August 1st was registration and an 'On your own' get acquainted tour to visit a couple of local attractions. The destinations were the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford and Holy Hill Basilica in Hubertus. We had wine and cheese later in the afternoon and then dinner for all in the Cedar Valley dining room. Introductions were made and preparations done for touring on Tuesday.

Bright and early Tuesday morning we headed out for the days tour. We stopped for a coffee break at Sheboygan Marsh and enjoyed snacks and cookies. Now refreshed, we continued on to Kohler, WI, home of The Kohler Company. Our DTL President, Jack Leonhardt, who is a retired Kohler Company Representative, arranged factory tours of the Kohler Company Pottery and Foundry. Even though the temperature was in the 90's, fans and the breeze blowing through the open doors kept it comfortable in these potentially hot areas. We also visited the Kohler Design Center in air conditioned comfort. While in Kohler we enjoyed a catered lunch in the pavilion at Lost Woods Park and later had a group picture taken.



The tour back to Cedar Valley was somewhat misty but the roads were very scenic. Unfortunately, Bill and Judy Markey developed a rod knock on their Model T. They decided to get their trailer and load the car up, and rode with others for the rest of the tour.

Wednesday's tour took us to the Walter Keller Tractor Collection in Forest Junction. The sun was shining and the roads were just right for Model T's. We stopped for a morning break at Columbia Park overlooking Lake Winnebago – what a view! Lunch was at Mom's Restaurant in Brillion. We had Mom's meeting room reserved for us and when we got there we had a surprise guest – none other than Walter Keller himself! He told us about his collection, how it started, with tidbits of information and stories about his tractors. He has about 833 tractors!!! And I thought 4 Model T's was a lot....



After lunch, we drove our T's a few miles through the countryside to his museum, or should I say museums. He has about 7 separate buildings, all full of tractors. And this isn't even all of them. He has another building at a different location because the township won't let him build any more at the original site. Walter was very cordial, answering questions and relaxing as we wandered through the buildings. We were in awe seeing all the variety and quantity of his collection.

On the way back to Cedar Valley, we stopped at Wolf Lake Park for a break. Then we drove on 7 Hills Road, one of our club favorites. (By the way, Jack, no one ran out of gas this time.) 😊

Thursday we headed to The Wade House, Road America Race Track and the Village of Elkhart Lake. On the way to the Wade House we passed by DeWayne Fritz's garage. We waited and got lucky as DeWayne came shortly and we got a quick tour of the garage. It's a small country type garage and was once a Studebaker dealership. In the garage DeWayne has several stock cars that he and his son race, but I wanted to see the original unrestored '26 Roadster he recently bought that's stored in the garage. That roadster is beautiful and definitely what you call a "barn find". It still has 1934 license plates on it from when it was last driven. It has a wrinkled left rear fender and is quite dusty. It hasn't been run in many years, maybe since '34...who knows? Garage tours are always fun, and this was a real tour bonus!

We continued on to The Wade House, a restored stagecoach stop on the plank road that ran from Sheboygan to Fond du Lac in the 1800's. It was restored in the 1950's and is now a state park. We also visited The Wesley Jung Carriage Museum which features restored horse drawn equipment of every type, and the restored Herrling Sawmill, both of which are on the Wade House Grounds. Next we had a catered lunch at the Wade House dining hall which is just across the street from the Wade house.

Without wasting any time, we continued on to The Road America Race Track in rural Elkhart Lake. We hoped to be able to drive our Model T's around the track, but never knew for sure depending on what was being done on the track when we got there. There was a racing school in progress, but

they were ready for a break, lucky for us. Carson Wilkinson, the Road America Safety Officer, led us onto the track and around it for one lap, with the speed held to 25 miles per hour. Just go nice and easy and don't anyone try to play any games.... That was fun. Then we went into the Village of Elkhart Lake to Siebkins Resort where many of us relaxed and had ice cream. Yum!

On the way back to Cedar Valley we passed through Dundee where the "Hamburger Haus" is located. It's a drive in and besides 'burgers, they have all kinds of ice cream. Like we needed more ice cream, right? Well, some of us stopped in for some anyway.



Thursday evening we had car games in the parking lot at Cedar Valley organized by Tod Wirth. One game had two Model T's drive a prescribed course with the passenger in each car using a toilet plunger to hold a big beach ball between them. The idea was not to drop the ball and see which team could run the course in the shortest time. Another game used a long pole (10'?) attached to the Model T front end, and on the far end out in front the pole had two wheels. There was a course marked on the pavement and the goal was to steer the wheels that are way out in front, not to deviate from the marked lines, and do it in the shortest time. The games were fun and a good time was had by all.

On Friday we went to the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, commonly referred to as the "EAA". Several of us were looking forward to going for a ride on the Ford Tri-Motor airplane they have, but unfortunately it was out for maintenance. Also out for maintenance was the B17 Bomber the EAA has. Despite this, there was lots to see in their museum. Many of our tour participants went on guided tours led by knowledgeable docents. We spent lots of time touring the EAA Pioneer Airport too. It has three hangers with some of the earliest planes. There are also at least 2 Model T's at EAA – a Touring car and a TT truck, and we made sure to check them out.

While at the EAA, we had lunch at their Log Cabin Lodge which was a real treat! Wow, this was a lot to see for one day, and soon it was time for the return trip to Cedar Valley and our wind up dinner.

Saturday, August 6th, was kind of anti-climactic as breakfast at Cedar Valley was the last item on the tour schedule. We said our good bye's, loaded up and headed out. There were about 30 Model T's on the tour. When asked "Are we having fun yet?" everyone yelled in unison "YES". We had fun doing this tour and hope all the tour participants did too.

There was another unanticipated treat during the tour week. Gil Fitzhugh, from New Jersey, brought 2 cars with him to the tour. Besides his Model T, he brought his 1907 Cadillac Roadster because he planned to use it on the London to Brighton tour in Minnesota the following week. On several evenings during the tour week, Gil got the '07 Cadillac out of his trailer and gave rides for our tour participants around the Cedar Valley Grounds. That was a real experience, and each person was smiling as they got off of the Roadster after the ride. Even though we're used to riding in

Model T's, and early ones at that, riding in Gil's Cadillac takes you back one more step to the earliest horseless carriage days. Gil also shared with us a humorous quote used by his local chapter. The quote: ***We are an eating club with a driving disorder.*** This is one that many DTL members can relate to. Thank you Gil!



Many DTL members helped with various aspects of the tour, Including:

Carol Gumbinger, the main tour organizer, for laying out all the tour routes & preparing the maps and tour directions, and for making reservations, arranging the caterers, and lots of other tour details.

Jack Leonhardt, our Dairyland Tin Lizzies Club President, was the Master of Ceremonies for our drivers' meetings and other announcements at dinner time. Jack did a great job covering all the information needed and did it in a humorous way. Thank you, Jack!

Shawn Gerrits for being the DTL's professional photographer by documenting in pictures all of the fine memories and new friends that we made.

Pete Humphrey for handling the registration and tour funds, and also for printing all of the tour maps and instructions, etc.

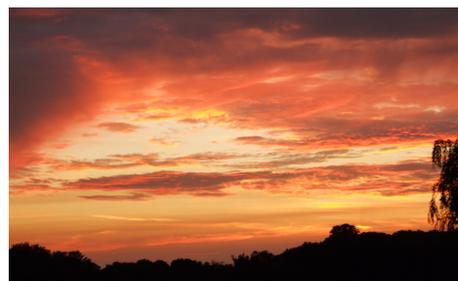
Phyllis Schultz and "Sister Barbara" Leonhardt for baking many snacks for our mid-morning breaks.

The Wirth family for organizing the car games.

Greg (Rock) Zangl for driving the vulture wagon on Tuesday.

And last, but not least, for all the others who helped in any way including loading up the ice cubes and snacks for each days breaks, and many other miscellaneous things that had to be done.

This tour can truly be considered a "DTL group effort", as so many members helped in so many ways. THANK YOU ALL!



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.

WANTED:

1909 Ford Model T, Serial number must be 750 or less and must have two levers and two pedals. A good running, unrestored, complete car is desired. Price must be reasonable, Under \$1000.00 preferred. Please contact H. Phord, P.O. Box 1, Dearborn, Michigan

LOOKING TO BORROW:

"T" Tips videos: Series 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
Please contact John Battell, 414-588-0703, no-spam@battell.net

FOR SALE:

1915 Model T engine with transmission The engine turns over with the crank it is not froze up. No cracks have been found in the block or transmission drums. Best offer over \$350. Call Mike anytime from noon until 7:00 PM. 920-565-2491 Located in Howards Grove, Wi.

