

# The Buzz

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The streets of downtown Kewaunee back in the day were full of Model T's. Kewaunee was the lunch stop on the recent Door County tour that took place over Memorial Day weekend. Read about it in this issue of the Buzz.



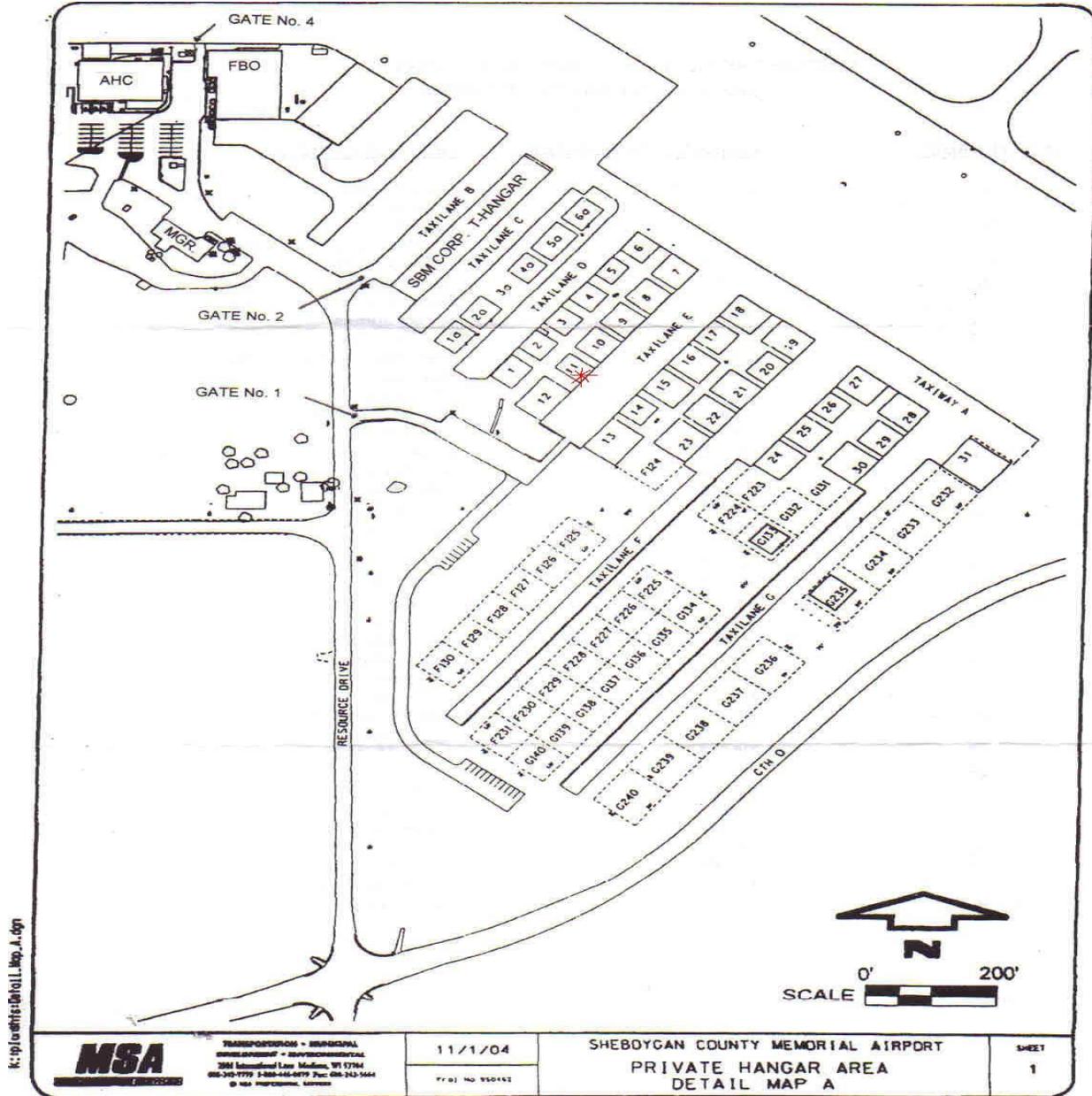
**Chapter of the MTFCA**



**On Father's Day, June 20th, Jack and Barb Leonhardt extend an invitation to members to spend some time in their hangar.**

\* Leonhardt hangar, N6134 (# 11 on attached map) will be open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

\*"Munchies", soda, beer and water for fellow Dairyland Tin Lizzie members will be provided.



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*THE 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL*  
**WINGS AND WHEELS**

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**FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**All You Can Eat Pancakes !**

**FROM 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Adults \$6 Children 6 and under FREE!**



**SUNDAY JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**7:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION • RAIN OR SHINE**

***Bring Your Family for a Fun Day at the  
Sheboygan County Memorial Airport***

*SBM - Sheboygan Falls, WI 53081*

Airplanes Rides, Helicopter Rides, Antique Cars and Tractors,  
Model Airplanes & Model Train Displays, Hamburgers, Brats,  
Kettle Popcorn, Ice Cream, Pepsi Products and More!

***Give Your Dad a Treat***

**ALL DAY FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYS**  
Something for Everybody



## The President's Message

If you did not attend the Tin Lizzie University sessions in February and March, you missed two great presentations by Tod Wirth about the Model T ignition system. He has a thorough understanding of the magneto and coils and showed us how it all works. Thanks to Tod for all that he did to put on two interesting shows.

At the February session, Gregg Zangl demonstrated his method of tightening up the spokes of Model T wooden wheels. It's amazing how some small nails in the right places can firm up those loose wheels. Also at the February session, Jim Rodell, Jr. showed us some of his heaters, hood covers, and radiator covers that were needed to make winter travel more comfortable in the Model T's.

The March Tin Lizzie University started out at Specialty Motor Cams near Plymouth, where Bill Stipe showed us how he makes his famous cam shafts and other innovative products. After treating us to cookies and refreshments, we traveled a few miles south to Rich Edler's shop where he had enough delicious food set out that he could have fed our entire club membership.

After everyone got stuffed full, Tod put on his follow-up presentation on fixing the problems in the Ford coils. Rod Prinsen had a nice display of some of his special Ford accessories. Jim Rodell, Jr. brought his gas gauge stick collection and showed the different types that were given out by the Ford dealers, service garages, and oil companies back when the Model T's were the most popular vehicle on the road.

Thanks to Joe Vrana, Rich Edler, and Bill Stipe for providing their shops and Tod Wirth, Gregg Zangl, Jim Rodell, Jr., Rod Prinsen, and Bill Stipe for their interesting presentations.

There is a great calendar of events this year. Dan and Phyllis Schultz led a group to Door County for their 2<sup>nd</sup> (annual?) Memorial Day weekend tour. Then, on Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>, many members will be attending the Wings and Wheels event at the Sheboygan County Airport. Barb and Jack Leonhardt will have their airplane hangar open on the grounds for our members to get together for refreshments and socializing.

It looks like July will be a busy month for the club. Keith and Carol Gumbinger have planned a nice three-day tour to the Richland Center area over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. This starts and ends near Hartford with many interesting stops along the way.

Our club has again been invited by the Ford Motor Company to participate in the EAA AirVenture event in Oshkosh on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kevin Brusio if you can come. I hope I can make it this year.

On July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our club has been invited to join them for two days of Model T fun. There is a tour on Saturday and a picnic on Sunday, as well as other activities. The registration fee is only \$10 for the car and driver and \$5 each for passengers over twelve years old. Attend one or both days if you can. Contact Bob Wirth if you need more information.

August 21<sup>st</sup> is our club's annual Model T Day at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford. This event always brings out lots of Model T's to show the public and is a fun day. We hope to have some new activities this year to make it interesting.

I know there is planning going on for a couple more tours in the fall. Be sure to come and join in on the fun.

Jim Rodell, Sr.

# Remembering Ray, Part II

By Jim Rodell, Sr.

In the spring of 1968, an old classmate from Superior, in northern Wisconsin, called to tell me of a Model T for sale near Oulu, a Finnish community in Douglas County. So, Ray and I took my 1967 Chevy pickup and the old flat bed trailer up there to buy it. It turned out to be the remains of an early 1920's T with rusty fenders and such, but missing the body. The engine wasn't stuck, so we paid \$150 and loaded it up. We were somewhat disappointed, but at least it looked like a Model T.

I remembered when I was in high school, someone had told me about an older fellow that had some Model T's not far from where we were. He had a little country store and gas station in a round top metal quanset building. As I drove the truck up to the gas pumps, we noticed that there were "closed" signs on the pumps. We looked at the store and could see a silhouette of someone moving around in the darkened building. I walked to the door and it was open. As I went in, the man said, "where did you get the Model T? I thought that I had bought all of the Model T's in the county." After talking for awhile, I noticed 2 Model T accessory distributors hanging on the wall – a Delco and a Bosch. He sold them to me at a reasonable price. Then he asked if we wanted any more Model T parts. He said he had less than a month to clear out his storage building behind the store. The State of Wisconsin had bought all of his property and were going to build the new interchange for Highways 2 & 53. He said he would give us a good deal – but we had to take it all. We agreed, but he said come back after lunch and he would show us. When we came back he opened the sheds and showed us at least 8 engines, many radiators, frames, axles, fenders, wheels, and boxes and baskets full of T parts – tons of it. He said we must take everything – for \$50.

Ray and I filled the back of the truck and overloaded the trailer. This load was stored at a friend's garage a few miles away. Then we went back and loaded up the truck and trailer again. We brought this load of parts back to West Bend. A week later we returned to my friends to retrieve the first load.

This next Model T story was closer to home.

The Allenton Wisconsin American Legion Post (or VFW) had an old original 1911 Touring car that they had for many years. It would be in the annual Fireman's Picnic Parade in Allenton every August. It was missing the headlights, and the headlight forks were bent back. It looked like it must have collided with something, but the fenders, radiator, and hood looked undamaged. It always had a cloud of smoke following it through the parades.

In the late 1970's or early 1980's, Ray called me one evening. He said he bought the 1911 for \$6,000 and his wife was mad. I could have it for what he paid, but my wife vetoed it too. He sold it to Bob Knoeck, from West Bend, who immediately traded it for a large 10 horsepower antique gas engine. This was the oldest Model T that Ray ever owned. He also had a 1906 Model N that was his oldest Ford. That's another story for a future issue.

# ***DESTINATION DOOR II TOUR***

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, 2010

May 29<sup>th</sup> to 31, 2010

By Henry Phord

The Destination Door II Tour was basically a modification and re-run of the tour in 2009, and hosted again by Dan and Phyllis Schultz.

Those participating in the tour besides Dan & Phyllis were: Kevin & Bob Bruso, Adam & Chris Doleshal, Rich Edler & Rod Prinsen, DeWayne Fritz & Diane Scheid, Keith & Carol Gumbinger, Pete & Shelly Humphrey, Jack & Barb Leonhardt, Duane & Nita Nicholson, Ron, Sandra & Katie Stock, Jim Wright & Jim Hess, Greg, Pam & Ford Zangl, and on Sunday they were joined by Travis & Don Schisel & Travis' son = 13 Model T's.

We met at the Kohler Generator Plant on the north side of Sheboygan and began the tour at 9:30. We toured up the lakeshore route through Manitowoc and Two Rivers to Kewaunee and had lunch there at Kunkel's Korner. Lunch was good and they served us fast. Some went over to the Bohemian bakery just up the street from Kunkel's for some breakfast goodies, then we continued on to Algoma and Sturgeon Bay.

When we travel on the lakeshore route, we really mean the lakeshore route! At some places it was only as wide as a driveway and right on the edge of the cliff at the shoreline! Beautiful roads and breathtaking scenery!

At Sturgeon Bay we stopped at an overlook on the shipping canal to watch the boats going by and stretch a bit, then it was on to Valmy where our Motel, The Runaway Lodge, is located. The Runaway's owners had everything ready for us with an envelop with our names on it for each of us with our room keys inside, for a fast check in.

That evening we sat around the parking lot and shot the bull while eating snacks and treats furnished by Dan and Phyllis. After loading up on Phyllis' treats we didn't need any supper! As if that wasn't enough, Dan and Phyllis had door prizes that were given out. The first one was Meguiar's car polish, and who do you suppose won it? None other than Ron Stock, probably for him to use on their Model T named Rusty!!! Hey Ron, is that a hint? It seemed that almost every T family on the tour won a prize. The door prizes were donated by Adam's Antique Auto, Kevin Bruso, B & B Ford, Diane Scheid, on behalf of her employer, and Phyllis Schultz. I think that's all of the door prize donors & I'm sorry if I forgot someone.

Sunday was another beautiful day. Most of us gassed up at the gas station across the street from the motel and were ready to go by 9 AM. A photographer from the Algoma newspaper came and took pictures of us all, and then we were on our way. The first stop

was at Whitefish Bay Dunes State Park which is right on Lake Michigan. Some of us hiked the trails in the park and some went swimming in Lake Michigan (brrrrr!). Next we toured on more beautiful back roads into Egg Harbor and Fish Creek to Peninsula State Park. In Peninsula we stopped at the Eagle lookout tower. You can really see a long way from up there! Next we drove on more beautiful Model T type roads on the way to lunch at Peninsula Pub. Some of us went across the street to the PC Junction restaurant. After lunch we went on to Simon Creek Winery to sample some wine and listen to some neat music. That was enough touring for one day, so we headed back to the Motel, which was only a short distance away.

As we returned to the motel parking lot, there was the owner (I forgot his name already) taking a video of us as we drove in. He's a great guy – he even loaned us some lawn chairs to sit on.

Phyllis brought so many snacks and things along that most of us were able to pig out on them again Sunday night and again didn't need any supper! That is, except for a couple of hungry guys who went out for steaks..... The rest of us sat around the parking lot again enjoying casual conversation.

Bright and early Monday morning we headed out for Sturgeon Bay and breakfast at Scaturo's. When we got there and told them that we were a group of about 30 people, they said: Right this way, we're ready for you! Well, Phyllis had called ahead and made reservations for us – way to go, Phyllis!

The drive back through Algoma, Kewaunee, Two Rivers and Manitowoc went smooth and uneventful. We stopped in Two Rivers for Ice Cream and got a nice surprise. Jim Hess was talking with someone who said that her cousin has a model T. Jim replied "That must be Mabel Stechmeister." And the woman replied: "yes, how did you know?" This woman went right home and called Mabel and she came right over. Mabel said she is recovering from surgery and can't get into her Model T yet, but that it won't be long and she'll be driving it again. Good for you, Mabel. We appreciate your enthusiasm! After a little further drive, we were back at the Kohler Generator Plant parking lot and the tour was over.

There were no breakdowns, no flat tires, no one ran out of gas, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Many thanks to Dan and Phyllis for organizing this tour. They did a great job and their attention to all the details really showed – it made this a really nice tour.



**A scenic rest stop along the shipping canal**



**A Door County Model T road, no we are not lost!**



**Lined up and heading out to start the tour**



**Dressed for Memorial Day**



**GREATER MILWAUKEE MODEL T FORD CLUB, INC.**

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Extravaganza ~ Schedule of Events**

**Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

- 10:30 - 12:30 Registration/ Tech Inspection/ Car Display
- 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch on your own @ Machine Shed (optional)
- 12:30 - 1:00 Participant/Driver's Meeting and Introduction of Special Guests
- 1:00 - 4:30/5:00 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour
- 5:00 - 6:00 Hotel Check-in
- 5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour - Car Display Area  
- Cocktail Lounge
- 6:00 - 8:00 Dinner Time including - Raffle and Silent Auction  
- Door Prizes  
- Entertainment
- 8:00 - ?? Hospitality Time - Car Display  
- Swimming Pool  
- Hospitality Room in Comfort Suites

**Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

- 8:00 - 11:00 Breakfast (included with Hotel Room Rate)  
Hotel Check-out (if applicable)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Travel to Wagner Park (2.4 mile Trip)
- 12:00 - 5:00 Car Display Welcome new arrivals
- 12:00 - 4:00 Raffle and Silent Auction Activities
- 1:00 - 2:00 Event Luncheon Courtesy of the Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club
- 1:30 - 4:00 Anniversary Activities including - Car Games  
- Driving Seminar  
- Socializing
- 4:00 - 4:30 Closing Ceremonies - Award Presentation  
- Silent Auction Results  
- Raffle Results  
- Thank you's and Goodbye's
- 4:30 - 5:00 Clean-up
- 5:00 and on We need to lock up the pavilion but we don't need to leave the park yet.  
Travel home with memories of another enjoyable Model T Club event or  
enjoy an overnight at the Comfort Suites to extend this very special weekend.



## Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club

A Chapter of the Model T Ford Club International

### 50th Anniversary Celebration

July 31, 2010 - August 1, 2010

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Model T year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you allow other passengers to ride with you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will your T be trailered to this event? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need a ride on Saturday's tour? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

For what nights will you be making hotel reservations? Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* You need to make your own hotel lodging reservations.**

**Make reservations before June 25, 2010 \*\*\***

Contact: **Comfort Suites Lake Country**  
 N14 W24121 Tower Place  
 Pewaukee, WI 53072  
 Phone: (262) 506-2000 FAX: (262) 523-5848  
 E-mail: gm.wi052@choicehotels.com

\* Mention Greater Milwaukee Model T Club for group rate of \$99.00 per night

Registration Fees:		Quantity	Extension
Car and Driver	\$10.00	1	\$10.00
Passengers	Age 13 and over \$5.00 each		
	Age 12 and under no charge		0.00
Saturday Dinner	\$20.00 each		
Sunday Picnic	No Charge. Cost included in other registration fees		0.00
<b>Late Fees:</b>			
	Car and Driver \$5.00		
	Passengers \$2.00 each		
		Total of all fees:	\$

Refunds for revisions or cancellation will be sent to driver on a funds available basis after final accounting

Make checks payable to: Greater Milwaukee Model T Ford Club  
 Mail registration and check to: Margaret Kranz  
 18172 W. Hillcrest Drive  
 New Berlin, WI 53146  
 Phone: (262) 679-9475 E-mail: victrolas@hotmail.com

### Registration Deadline - June 25, 2010

Late fees apply if registration is postmarked after June 25, 2010



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Chester Bjorngaard  
Max bass, nt.

Dear Sir:—

We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,

Bottineau, N. Dak.

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