

ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIES

NEWS

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Model T Club of America**



FALL IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well in a couple of months we will be at the end of our charter year as a club. I can truly say that it has been

a great year for the Arkansas Tin Lizzies. What better way to end our season than with a meeting and driving tour in the scenic Mountain View area. We all had a great time driving through the small towns and visiting the places such as the bread

factory in Leslie. Some members dropped by the Blanchard Springs recreation area to see the spring and to be refreshed by the cool water coming out of the cavern. While the men got the thrill of driving their cars through the winding hills, the ladies were treated with several shops along the way. As for the accommodations, I thought the Pinewood Cabins were very nice and the owner was very hospitable to our club. Don Mellon, one of our members from Mountain View, got to join us for the first time on the Friday tour. It was a real treat to have Don drive his "Arkie Truck" which advertises the General store that he and his wife own in Mountain View. Overall, I think everyone had a great time even though a few had to leave a day early because of the storm threat on Saturday night. I would like to thank Steve and Ann Stephenson for a job well done on the fall meeting and tour and their services while driving the vulture wagon. Congratulations to our newly chosen officers for 2006. I look forward to seeing new faces taking on new roles in the club as we start our second year as a club.

Since this will be my last message as the president, I would like to say it has been a real honor to take the lead role for a club with such great members. If we had not founded this club, I probably wouldn't ever have had the privilege to meet such a nice group of people that share a common interest in Model T's. We all have cast memories this year that will not be forgotten any time soon. As I look back on our year, I see a young club that has come a long way in a short period of time. Thanks to

members Bill and Nellie Howell for putting together a wonderful newsletter and website. Our club has made major progress because of their contributions and time and I am glad to know they will still be holding on to their positions next year. In closing, I encourage all members to become more familiar with the others in their zone. It would be good if the chairperson of each zone would schedule at least one outing with the members in their zone each year just to get better acquainted with each other. Don't forget "Let's have fun!"

David Ragsdale, President

SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

The September 24, 2005 fall meeting of the Arkansas Tin Lizzies was brought to order by President David Ragsdale. He requested reports from each zone director. Steve Stephenson, director of Zone 2 (North Central), suggested a goal to increase the members in his zone. He thought this could be done by increasing our exposure through newspaper articles of our activities and about the club in general. Bill Younkin, Zone 1 (Northwest), reported that WQ Hall was not in good health at this time. Morris Dillow reported no club activities in Zone 4 (Central). Morris also reported on his mother, Jennie's health and thanked the club members for their concern. Jennie is doing well and full recovery is expected. David reported that several members of the River Valley Zone (3) had visited Bob Emerson on Petit Jean. They got his 1918

center door out and gave Bob driving instruction and tinkered with the "T".

Minutes of the July 9 meeting were corrected by Morris Dillow to indicate his touring car is a 1911 not a '13. Bob Emerson moved the minutes be approved as corrected and was seconded by Ann Stephenson. The minutes were unanimously approved. The financial report was given by secretary/treasurer, Nellie Howell. The balance as of July 9, 2005 was \$291.45. Revenues were \$131.00, expenditures were \$150.00. This brought the club bank balance to \$272.45. The financial report was approved by the club.

David announced the new members that had joined the Tin Lizzies since the last meeting. They include the following: Craig and Betty Jane Joyner of Hot Springs, Aaron and Julie Renee Newman of Goshen, Michael Nowlin of Jonesboro, Roy and Tommie Mathis of Van Buren and Ken and Joyce Swan of Selmer, TN.

The nominating committee met to select required officers for 2006. Chuck Haynes reported the committee, Steve Stephenson, Mike Walker, Carl Braughton and Chuck selected the slate of officers as follows: Mike Walker, vice president and Jane Payne, secretary/treasurer. Morris Dillow will move to the office of president. Motions were entertained from the floor but there were none. The slate of officers presented by the committee was voted in by the members present. Only one zone was not represented by the elected officers, Zone 2. Tena Ragsdale nominated Ann and

Steve Stephenson to be co-directors of that zone. The nomination was accepted by acclamation. The installation of the new officers will be at the winter meeting in Zone 4.

Nellie Howell has volunteered to continue to be newsletter editor for 2006.

There was some concern about voting for the operation of the club and the number of members that would be present to accomplish this. This was discussed by the club members. It was decided that the business of the club and voting would be done by the majority of those present at the regularly announced or called club meetings where all members had been notified. It was reported by Mike Walker of the by-laws committee that this provision has been made in the by-laws that had been drawn up.

Bill Howell explained that each member of the club could have an e-mail address through the Arkansas Tin Lizzie website. Your address will be your first initial and last name @ArkansasTinLizzies.com. You will need to contact Bill to get you user name and password to be able to use all aspects of the website. Bill Howell, who has developed the Tin Lizzie website, was nominated by David Ragsdale to be the web master for 2005 and 2006. This nomination was accepted by acclamation.

The zone meetings for 2006 were discussed. The winter meeting will be in Zone 4 (Central), spring in Zone 3 (River Valley), summer in Zone 2 (North Central) and fall in Zone 1 (Northwest). In two weeks

the director of each zone will report to David Ragsdale the town to be used and the proposed date for the meeting.

Steve Stephenson suggested the members each have a permanent name tag to be worn at the club meetings and functions. Morris Dillow volunteered to research name tag selection and purchase.

Thanks were made to Ann and Stephenson for making all the plans and preparations for the fall meeting which all considered a success. The facilities chosen and the tours each day were enjoyed by everyone.

Two events in the future that members might want to participate were announced. The first, the celebration of 100 years of the Model T, will be held near Centerville, Indiana. People in this area are planning to meet in Springfield, MO and drive to Centerville with the Heart of the Ozarks Club. Another tour, in 2009, will be a drive from New York to Seattle. This will be a 175 mile trip each day and will last for 23 days.

Steve and Ann Stephenson returned the Tin Lizzie Treasure to the club to be auctioned again. They enhanced it with engraved plaques to designate Bill and Jane Payne as finders, Bill and Nellie Howell as curators and Steve and Ann Stephenson as historians. Each 2005 auction winner so far was also designated: Bill Howell and Ann Stephenson. The typed documentation of the historical data accompanied the treasure and was presented to the club. This information may be read at

www.ArkansasTinLizzies.com the Tin Lizzies web site. With proxies in hand, Bill Howell and David Ragsdale were just able to secure the Treasure for Bill Payne in this quarter's auction. There was lively bidding and Bill Payne's bid of \$30.00 prevailed as the winner at this meeting.



Door Prizes donated by the Stephensons were won by Roy Mathis, Nellie Howell and Bill Younkin. They won an antique gasoline nozzle, a bath towel rack and a jar of homemade honey, respectively. The Stephensons also presented the Ragsdales and Howells with thank you gifts for their work for the club this year. The Braughtons donated a lighted, decorated ceramic Christmas tree to be auctioned. Again, lively bidding ensued. Strangely, Chuck Haynes and Sharon Haynes were both

bidding for the tree. Chuck won out with the last two bids. He said that he did not think he had bid enough at \$25.00 and made a final bid for \$30.00. He won!

Mike Walker donated five manuals to the club for Model T restoration. These manuals were prepared and edited by members and staff of The Model T Ford Club of America. They will be kept by the secretary of our club and be available for loan to members. Subjects covered are the engine, the transmission, the carburetor, revised edition of carburetor restoration and speedometers. Contact the secretary if you would like to borrow one.

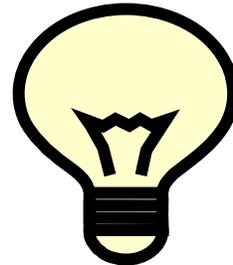
A motion was made by Chuck Haynes to adjourn, seconded by Bob Emerson and accepted by the membership.

Respectfully submitted
Nellie H. Howell, secretary/treasurer

Meeting Summary:

1. Five new members recognized.
2. Zone reports made.
3. Nominating committee report.
4. Nellie Howell will be 2006 newsletter editor.
5. Club voting discussed.
6. Website and Tin Lizzie e-mail addresses reviewed.
7. Zone locations for 2006 meetings made.
8. Permanent name tags suggested.
9. Events of 2008 and 2009 reported.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



MIKE AND BEVERLY WALKER



Mike and Beverly have lived in Fayetteville since 1996; Mike however has lived there off and on since 1963. Oklahoma and Michigan were Mike's original stomping grounds and Beverly was from Michigan. Mike does landscaping. Bev retired from her "day job" two years ago and turned her twenty-five year hobby of clay artwork into a full-time job.

Mike has always been interested in cars. When he was a child he assembled numerous model cars and usually customized them. His first real car was a 1930 Model A coupe that he assembled from parts in 1963. He customized it with a

Packard overdrive transmission, Olds rear-end, Austin-Healy bucket seats and white rolled and pleated naugahyde upholstery.

Mike bought his first T in 1971 for \$500 from someone who has assembled it from parts. Around the same time Mike got to know Claude Chambers of Fayetteville who had acquired his grandfather's 1915 touring car. Claude's grandfather bought it new there in Fayetteville. The '15 was sold several times but never got more than thirty miles from its original home. It came up for sale again in 2002. Mike collected his spare cash and borrowed the rest from the bank and bought the 1915 T. Since that time he has replaced all the wrong parts, added the top and rebuilt all the mechanical things. He has even restored the body and paint. Bev has commented that when the '15 came along she suddenly has taken second place to the T. They are both proud to be the custodians of that part of history that their car represents.

daughters, now married, have given them a total of four grandchildren. Jane is originally from Beebe and Bill is from North Little Rock.

Now Bill Payne is into cars. He has a whole barn full or two or so of cars. However, his first T came along only a few years ago. His son-in-law, Tin Lizzie member David Ragsdale, helped him find the 1920 touring car that he owns so they could all go on the Show Me Tour. David and club member Chuck Haynes taught Bill the skills needed to drive his T and he has been a Model T enthusiast ever since.

Bill owns a used car business and a wrecker service in Dardanelle, AR. His business has put him around cars of all sorts all his life. In his personal collection he has a 1930 Model A two door, 1931 Model A roadster, 1940 Ford coupe, 1951 Chevy, 1955 thunderbird, two corvettes, two mustangs, a 1968 GTO plus about twenty-five other assorted antique cars as well as car and other memorabilia.

BILL AND JANE PAYNE



Atop Mount Nebo is where Bill and Jane Payne make their home and raised their two daughters. The



His most recent purchase was a Model TT truck which Bill is presently restoring and plans to ride around town on regular occasions. It could be his main mode of transportation when he is off the mountain!

One of Bill's car stories is his purchase of a 1956 thunderbird when they first came out. It was a black convertible beauty with black upholstery with white inserts. He sold this car a year before he went into business for himself. Not too long ago Bill managed to get a 1955 thunderbird identical to the '56. He thinks it is all original and is just as pretty as his first t-bird. He keeps it close to home so he can take it out on spins.

WALTER AND MINDY HUDSON



Walter is a native Arkansan and grew up in Russellville. Mindy was raised mostly in Dallas, Texas and moved to Russellville in 1970. They have a daughter and son that they raised in Dover. In 2004 they moved into Russellville where Walter is a remodeling home contractor. Mindy is an English instructor at Arkansas Tech University.

Walter got into antique cars through his father, Walter C. Hudson Jr., who was an avid collector of old cars (mostly Fords.) His father bought a 1926 Model T in 1966 which was the first Model T that he had owned since he was a young man. This was also the beginning of many

years of collecting Model T's and associated parts and pieces.

To bring the 1926 home to Russellville, Walter's father had one of his employees drive a flat bed truck loaded with the car. Walter, the son, accompanied J.W. Willingham on this delivery. They were instructed to drive the truck to the Massey Ferguson tractor store to unload the car and then drive it home. This plan worked okay until they got ready to unload the car. The problem became obvious, neither J.W. nor Walter knew how to start or drive a Model T. Fortunately there was an older gentleman at the tractor shop who gave them a quick primer on the Tin Lizzie. They then had just enough information to make them dangerous.



They started the car and proceeded to drive it home in low gear since they did not get a lesson on shifting into high gear! Everything went smoothly until they had to turn onto the street to the house. J.W. reached around that steering wheel like he was used to driving a big truck. As those knowledgeable in the fairly "direct" steering of a Model T, it only takes a slight turn of the wheel to negotiate a corner. Needless to say, they cut the corner

a bit short and headed straight for the ditch. J.W. reacted quickly and over steered in the other direction and headed straight for the ditch on the other side of the road. After a series of more measured corrections they were able to change the weaving from ditch to ditch to a straighter course down Sixth Street to the Hudson house. As a ten year old boy, Walter thought the trip to be a great adventure and laughed almost the entire way home.



Walter now owns three antiques, a 1924 Model T touring car, a 1905 REO and a 1950 Ford two door businessman's coupe.



FALL TOUR

Steve and Ann Stephenson along with David Ragsdale planned the fall tour that centered around Mountain View.



Friday's tour started bright and early and everyone went first to Leslie, the Stephenson's hometown.



Leslie has quaint stores and shops and an old fashioned bakery that uses a brick wood burning oven to bake the breads. We had lunch in an old drugstore turned restaurant that we all enjoyed.



After lunch the tour proceeded to Marshall for a short stop. Right off the main square in Marshall was an interesting house that was ordered by Dr. Sam G. and Melissa Daniels from a Sears Roebuck catalog in 1903. The house which is quite large was shipped in by railroad. It has always been said that you could get anything from a Sears catalog.



On down the road we went to the Blanchard Springs Recreational Area. It was as beautiful a spot as you could possibly imagine. The springs flowed from the mouth of a huge cavern and were cool and refreshing.



After Friday's tour we all ate at Jack's Restaurant and most of us had marvelous fish. An ice cream social was scheduled after dinner along with a viewing of pictures made during the club's first year's activities together. There was more homemade chocolate, vanilla, peach and Butterfinger ice cream than we could eat. Those that stayed over Saturday night worked on the ice cream again the next evening.





Saturday's tour was a little shorter to allow for the noon business meeting. We had a beautiful trip to the town of Calico Rock that once had a railroad train excursion. We returned via Don Mellon's country store where we stopped for an interesting visit.



The club's fall business meeting was held at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in the Ozark Folk Center. The meeting was informative and fun. Many chose to head home that afternoon because of the forecasted stormy weather churned up by hurricane Rita. Several, however, stayed and weathered the rains on Pinewood Cabin's front porches.



2006 MEETINGS

The dates and places for next year's meetings are in the initial planning stages. They are:

- Winter – Hot Springs, January 27 & 28
- Spring – Russellville, April 28 & 29
- Summer – Mountain View, July 28 & 29
- Fall – Fayetteville, early October (to be announced when other event dates are available, such as Razorback football games)

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased again to welcome five new members:

Craig & Betty Jane Joyner
Hot Springs
1923 TT Truck

Aaron & Julie Renee Newman
Goshen
1914 Truck

Michael Nowlin
Jonesboro
1925 Runabout

Roy & Tommie Mathis
Van Buren
1923 Depot Hack

Ken & Joyce Swan
Selmer, TN
1922 Touring and 1927 Camper
Chassis

MTT & FS

(MODEL T TINKERING & FIDDLING SUGGESTIONS)

Installing Manifolds

Putting the intake and exhaust manifolds onto a T block can be difficult with only two hands. It is helpful to have a plan. First check your exhaust manifold for warping. Many of these are warped and will not line up with the gland rings, copper washers and holes in the block. Check you manifold with a straight edge along the holes to be certain they are in line. Polish the mating surfaces with a large flat file.

Find a straight exhaust manifold or straighten yours with heat (difficult) or use modern flat gasket sheets

(undesirable for best power.) Make sure the exhaust pipe nut runs easily on the threads. Install the exhaust manifold with the end spanner lugs turned vertically to hold it in place.

Install the intake manifold and hold both in place with the center lugs turned horizontally, snug but do not tighten. Then turn the end lugs to their proper horizontal position and tighten all spanner lugs together, watching the copper rings so that all are squeezed. Talking your spouse into helping may help with this task. Some of the ladies are more adept than the gents at the job. It may be easier to have the carburetor already attached to the intake manifold before installation.

E.L. (Steve) Stephenson

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

One more typo that slipped by: Don Mellon's name is spelled with two l's not Melton. He is from Mountain View not Mountainview. Please change that in your member directory.

TIN LIZZIES' LIBRARY

The following material is available for loan to club members:

Owned by the club, request from club secretary:

1. Speedometers
2. The Engine
3. The Ford Carburetor (two copies)

4. The Model T Ford Transmission

Owned by David Ragsdale, request from David: Restoration Videos on various subjects, see your *Vintage Ford* magazines. These are the ones offered by MTFCA.

SUGGESTION BOX

Do you have any suggestions for the newsletter? Your contribution of articles and/or pictures is welcome.