

ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIES NEWS

**Arkansas Tin Lizzies, a local chapter of the
Model T Club of America**



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Subiaco Abbey in Subiaco, AR

SPRING IN THE RIVER VALLEY

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The spring season yielded a great time for our club as well as several members from the Springfield Heart of the Ozarks Chapter and the Model T Ford Club of Tulsa. The River

Valley Zone under the leadership of David Ragsdale did an excellent job of showing some of the scenic byways of their area. It is fun to see parts of our state that we bypass in our usual busy lives on the interstate highways. I'm sorry that I had to miss this meeting. I needed to stay home and care for Mom. I'm glad to

say that Virginia is doing better. She is in therapy and plans to be back in good health and on both feet very soon. I want to express my thanks to Mike Walker for taking over the business meeting and to the River Valley Zone for doing the tour. Also thank you to everyone who has sent cards, called and kept Mom in your prayers.

We had several matters to take care of at the spring meeting. One was the antique license plate regulations that the legislature will be addressing again next year. There were other club issues as well. Each of these is detailed in the minutes of the meeting.

We will look forward to another good meeting in July in Mountain View. See you there.

Morris Dillow, President

APRIL 29, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

The spring meeting of the Arkansas Tin Lizzies was hosted by Zone 3 in Russellville. Vice president Mike Walker opened the meeting and welcomed our guests from Missouri and Oklahoma.

Dates were announced for future tours. The Tin Lizzies' summer meeting and tour will be July 28 and 29 in Mountain View. The Hillbilly Tour is in Springfield, MO in September and the Tin Lizzies' fall tour and meeting in Fayetteville is October 6 and 7.

The Tin Lizzies' historic doughnut has been retired from auction. It will

become our Hard-Luck trophy. It was presented to Nellie Howell (who had the only car brought in on the vulture wagon). Nellie said it is "our" car when it is running well, but "her" car when something goes wrong. Nellie wanted to share the trophy with Chuck Haynes in appreciation for helping everyone in the club with their cars and also to Sharon Haynes for generously sharing Chuck with all of us.

Mike mentioned that the club has had dish towels screen printed with the logo and Tena Ragsdale artfully decorated these with her hand made tatting.

Bill Howell suggested that we discontinue auctions since it was getting rather expensive for some. Bill Payne quickly seconded the motion. Door prizes will replace the auction.

The financial report was given by secretary/treasurer, Jane Payne. The January balance was \$396.19. Revenues were \$520.00 and expenditures were \$243.95. This brought the club's bank balance to \$672.24. The financial report was approved by the members present.

Another motion was made by Bill Howell to allow the zone sponsoring the meeting a certain amount of money for expenses. The zone chair person would handle the use of the money. A \$100.00 limit was set per meeting. If additional expenses were incurred, it would require a vote of the membership to have them paid for by the club.

The regulations for an Arkansas antique car license were discussed

by the members. It was suggested that we develop a strategy for dealing with the issuing of the antique car plate and present this to the legislature. A committee composed of the chairman from each zone will write a club strategy and present it at the next meeting for a vote by the membership. The committee will be David Ragsdale, Carl Braughton, Michael Nowlin and Mike Walker. Members should make their suggestions to their representative or send/e-mail Bill Howell and he will continue to post the suggestions on our website.

Mary Jones thanked the Arkansas club for their hospitality, food, tour and the invitation to join them for their spring meeting. She also invited the Tin Lizzies for the Sixth annual Jones Tour in Oklahoma on October 13 and 14. You may contact her if you are interested in this tour at 918-286-6890 or 918-398-3704 or e-mail at JonesTour@cox.net.

Mike Walker reported on plans for the fall meeting in Fayetteville. It will be a shopping extravaganza from one antique shop to another to enhance the Model T rides. Brochures were handed out so all could plan their shopping.

Beverly Walker reported on Jenny Ness' recovery from foot surgery. Jenny is doing much better. We wish her continued speedy recovery.

Mike encouraged all to make your plans for Mountain View in July.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Respectfully submitted,
Jane Payne, secretary/treasurer***

Meeting Summary:

1. Dates for remaining 2006 meeting and other tours announced.
2. Tin Lizzie Doughnut made Hard-Luck Trophy.
3. Auctions discontinued.
4. Financial report given.
5. \$100.00 allowance okayed for zone meeting expenses.
6. Antique license issue goes to committee.
7. Jenny Ness reported on the mend.

SPRING TOUR

Our spring tour was well planned and well attended. The Arkansas Tin Lizzies were joined by several from the Springfield, Missouri Heart of the Ozarks Chapter and the Model T Club of Tulsa, Oklahoma. By the Friday tour we had eighteen T's on the road filled with old car enthusiasts. We toured Thursday, Friday and part of Saturday.



Thursday's trip went over the sparsely traveled county and state

roads to Morrilton with a mid-morning stop at the Depot Museum,



an 1895 railroad depot that serves as a museum and a monument to the establishment of Morrilton as it grew and prospered. The museum hosted our group to coffee and doughnuts as we all enjoyed the memorabilia in the station museum. Morrilton's nearby antique shops were an attraction to several folks too. After the short break all proceeded to Mt. Petit Jean State Park and Mather Lodge for lunch. Mather Lodge, a massive stone and log building, highlights Petit Jean State Park. The CCC began construction of the lodge in the 1930's. It overlooks the Arkansas River Valley and the view from the dining room is a panoramic scene of Cedar Creek Canyon through eight



foot glass walls. Next on the agenda was Petit Jean's Museum of Automobiles. There were over fifty antique and classic vehicles from 1904 through 1967.



The collection features cars owned by the rich and famous, including President Clinton's 1967 Mustang convertible. Cars are rotated through the museum area so that visitors may see different ones at different times of the year. We left Petit Jean via a different route, through Holla Bend, Dardanelle and then back to the Best Western in Russellville.

Friday was a real adventure in roads, weather and attractions. We began with the usual country road start that was north and then west of Russellville through Lamar and on to a morning break at the Second Baptist Church in Clarksville. What hospitality small town people in Arkansas show! Members of the church served us coffee, doughnuts, welcome smiles and conversation.



The T's motored on west past the Horsehead Lake area. We did make

one short stop at the Country Store in Hunt. This establishment was owned and run by an 86 year old lady that had a great supply of denim overalls many could not resist. By last count she sold nine pairs to men and ladies alike. Along the next stretch of road one of the T's had a major "knocking noise"; all who offered advice recommended a ride for the unhappy owners on the vulture wagon. Considering the cool winds and rain beginning to come down, the vulture wagon rescue was not all that bad.

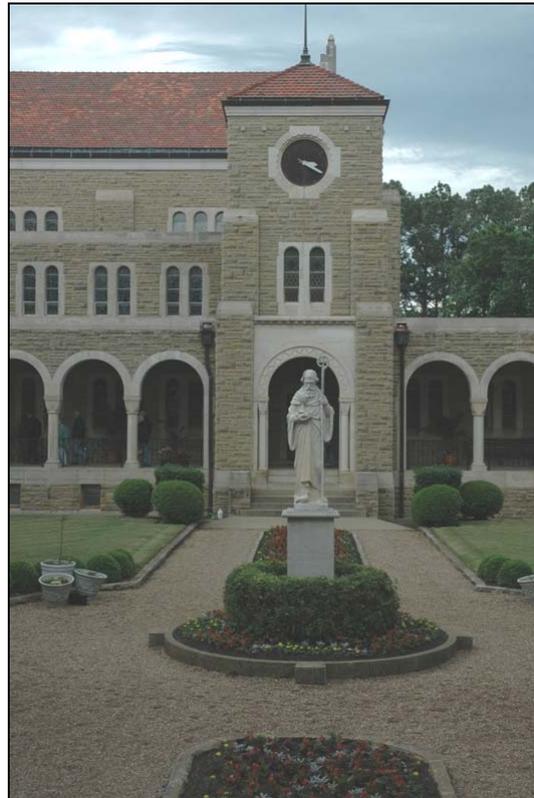


We moved on to Ozark to eat the best barbeque in these parts. The Rivertowne Restaurant was a warm and dry spot to enjoy lunch and rest up. Then it was through Paris, (Arkansas, that is), and on to Subiaco Abbey.



Brother Mel Stinson conducted our tour of the abbey, established by

Benedictine monks in 1878. Fifty-five monks live at and maintain Subiaco in their chosen life of prayer, solitude and service to the community. The present sandstone abbey church was dedicated in 1959 replacing two previous structures. Constructed in a beautiful Romanesque style, it is adorned with German made multi-colored stained glass windows.



The campus includes farmland, gardens, vineyards and the Subiaco Academy, an all-boys college prep boarding school. Our ride back to Russellville on Friday was via highway 22 through Dardanelle and highway 7 back to the motel.

Saturday turned off rainy so the trip to Lake Dardanelle State Park Visitors Center was a bit on the damp side. A planned ride by a local

nursing home to show the vintage cars to the residents had to be cancelled because of a downpour. Eight cars did make the trip to the lake where the park interpreter gave a tour of the exhibits and showed a 20 minute film about Lake Dardanelle and its history.



Everyone gathered later at the restored Russellville Train Depot for the luncheon meeting and program. Pictures of the past several days' activities were shown and a program/shotgun wedding was *almost* performed. The bride who was in uncertain maternal condition and her shotgun toting father accused one of the owners of a blue Model T of unseemly behavior. She pointed out unsuspecting new club member Geff Bland as the one responsible for her condition. He of course boldly denied such dastardly behavior.



“JP” Bob Emerson performed the duties of corralling our wayward

friend. In the final throws of the ceremony it was concluded that Geff was to be let off the hook with the present young lady due to a previously undisclosed commitment to Morrissa, pictured below.



Oh my, **WHAT** a commitment! Is this the recently discovered twin sister to our Tin Lizzie president?

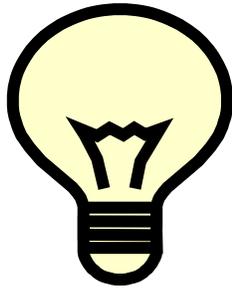
To gales of laughter the ceremony was abruptly concluded due to this astounding revelation.

We then all sat down to a delicious country lunch of beans, cornbread, slaw and cookies, compliments of River Valley Zone 3. Our spring tour was completed with the business meeting led by vice president Mike Walker of Fayetteville.

2006 DUES

The year is almost halfway over. If you are going to continue your membership for 2006 and have not already done so, send your ten dollar dues to Jane Payne. The address for remitting is 16139 West State Highway 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



CRAIG AND BETTY JANE JOYNER

The Joyners came to Arkansas via the scenic route. They arrived here in 1992 from Michigan by way of Texarkana, Texas; Columbia, South Carolina; Iowa and Illinois. They are owners of a marine fabrication business in Hot Springs. They have one son, Russell, who is 36.

Old cars and especially trucks have been a love for Craig for a long time. Ever since he can remember he has been drawing or building models of cars and trucks and always wanted to have a Model T. The wonder of the simplistic design and manufacture of the Model T has been a delight to him. He and his brother, John (also a recent Tin

Lizzie member) own two TT trucks, a 1923 and a 1926. He and John restored a 1966 F-100 Ford truck which has since been sold but have a 1966 Ford Econoline pickup that is now on the block for restoration too.



The Joyner's 1926 TT Truck (pre-restoration)

Betty Jane reported that Craig and brother John resembled Sanford and Son when they pulled into the driveway with a trailer filled full of rusty old parts and pieces from Pine Bluff. These parts along with a cab from Utah, driver's door from Wisconsin, hood from South Carolina, headlights from Kentucky and so on and so on have come together in the 1923 TT truck. They have had hours of fun in piecing it together.



The Joyner's 1923 TT Truck

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our four new members of the Arkansas Tin Lizzies:



Melvin and Nadine Birks
Afton, OK
1927 Roadster



C.J. and Mary Jones, left
Keith and Pam Jones, right
Tulsa, OK
1926 Fordor



Geff Bland
Springfield, MO
1914 Touring Car

The Springfield, Missouri Heart of the Ozarks Chapter is putting together an exhibit of Model T's. It will be held on August 5 in the Springfield Exposition Center. Geff Bland is chairman for this event and extends an invitation to all Arkansas Tin Lizzie members to come and bring their cars. This is an event to recruit Model T enthusiasts and wanna be Model T owners. Visitors will be able to learn about Model T history and the enjoyment of being a T club member. Geff stressed that this would not be a show car exhibit, but a demonstration of cars that are owned by the ordinary club members. The organizers are interested in showing all models and all years of the T. When you bring your car, also bring along pictures of events, tours, parades, meetings and other Model T gatherings in which you have participated or gone to.

The convention center has a few rules that we will need to follow if you bring in a car. Have only a quarter tank of gas or less in your car. No outside food is allowed in the expo center. Geff hopes that car owners will be able to bring your T into the center as early as Friday evening.

Though there will be admission for the public, exhibitors will not be required to pay admission. All profits from the exhibit will go to the Ozarks Food Harvest, a non-profit organization that benefits needy families in the Springfield areas. For any additional information call Geff Bland at 417-833-5114 after 6:00 pm.

MODEL T CAR EXHIBIT IN SPRINGFIELD, MO

You are welcome to bring your lawn chairs, enjoy the expo food concessions and have a good time.

SUMMER MEETING AND TOUR

Mountain View is the location for the summer meeting and tour July 28 and 29. Make your reservations at the Pinewood Cabins (877-269-5900.) Be sure to tell them you are with the Arkansas Tin Lizzie Model T club so that you will get a discount on the rates. There have been 10 cabins reserved for our group in about the same location as before. This is a great spot as we found out last year when we had our meeting there. There will be new and interesting places to see on our tours.

TINKERING TIPS BY STEVE STEPHENSON

One of the fun Model T chores is the job of putting new or repaired tires on the wheels. The strained and pinched fingers, tempers and backs can be eased by using a few tricks commonly used in the thirties when some of our members were kids. Follow these easy steps.

NOTE: Suggest to all spectators that this may be a job with dust, tools or verbal expressions flying around and picking flowers down by the road may be more fun for them. Or they may rather be the cheering or jeering section from afar.

1. Leave the rim (wheel) on the car or mounted to the spare tire carrier. This ensures firm

support to pull, pry or pound against.

2. Turn the wheel so the valve stem is pointing down.
3. The older tires were clincher type and had to be stretched enough to go over the edge of the rim. To fix a flat, let all the air out, pry one side of the tire off over the clincher rim and remove the tube. It is usually best then to pry the rest of the tire from the rim and check for thorns, nails, etc. Patch the tube and return the tire with the liner, if used. Insert the valve with both beads into the rim and pry both beads on at once. This usually saves the tube.
4. Use talcum powder on the tube and rub soap on the rim and tire beads. Occasionally, Model T cars could be seen with soap bubbles around the rim in wet weather which was evidence of less than perfect patch jobs.
5. A new tire should be pre stretched before mounting.
6. Use plenty of air in the tubes, 60 pounds or more, to keep the tire from turning on the rim and cutting the tube. Having a spare tube in the repair supplies is a good idea.
7. Keep your tire irons highly polished to help the beads slip into place. A good hammer with a smooth round head helps to beat the beads onto the rims. Good strong hands

make the use of tools not even necessary. A bead breaker was a common tool to separate the beads from the rim and not damage it. A bead spreader was also handy to inspect the inside of the tire for thorns, nails, etc. Most drivers kept a boot and friction tape for blown out tires. A piece of tire fabric could be used to wrap around a blown out tire with tape. When aired up the clinchers would hold it in place.

The above described methods worked on the new drop center wheels bought in 1926. Both beads could still be pried on at once which usually saved the tube. It was very helpful to clean the rust, mud or bits of old tires from the rims before mounting the tires. Duct tape can now be used on the old drop center wheel centers.

A small piece of carpet and kneepads are a final tip to keep the repairman in better humor during this task.

SUGGESTION BOX

Would you like to contribute or suggest an article or pictures for the newsletter? We would like to hear from you. Send it to Arkansas Tin Lizzies News, 16508 W State Hwy. 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834.