

# ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIES NEWS

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



**What a view of the Cossatot area**



**Jonquils were in bloom everywhere**

## MOTHER NATURE SMILED ON THE SPRING TOUR

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, they did it again! Bill and Nellie went above and beyond in organizing and hosting the Arkansas Tin Lizzies Spring Tour in beautiful southwest Arkansas. They even managed to keep the rain away during the tour times. I really appreciate their hard work and dedication to the club (and their parts

inventory since they were able to keep our coupe going when our fan belt broke at the beginning of Friday's tour). It was my first time to visit Nashville and the surrounding towns that we were able to see. Thanks Bill and Nellie!!

Our attendance for the tour was down due to conflicting schedules and illness. On behalf of the club, I would like to say a great big "Get Well Soon" to Carl Braughton. We

missed you and Georgie. We were pleased to have out-of-state members at the tour once again. Joe and Betty Jeffers made the trip from Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Mike and Brenda Bender made their first tour with us from Tulsa. Hope you all make every future tour and bring others with you!

The summer tour to be hosted by Michael Nowlin at Paragould should be a fun time June 19-21. We will be visiting some new places since this will be our first tour in the northeast part of the state. We will travel the Crowley's Ridge Parkway and visit Crowley's Ridge State Park and Hemmingway-Pfeiffer Museum where Earnest Hemmingway wrote some of his works. Let's all make every possible effort to attend this tour and set a club record for the most T's ever. Also remember, even if you don't have a T, come and join us and we will find a seat for you in one of the cars. Hope to see everyone there.

***Roy Mathis, President***

**MARCH 15, 2008  
MEETING MINUTES**

Our business meeting with group approval was held at breakfast prior to the Saturday tour. President Roy Mathis opened the meeting by thanking Bill and Nellie Howell for making the arrangements and plans for the spring meeting in the Nashville area.

The secretary/treasurer's report was sent by David Ragsdale. He reported a current account balance of \$1426.17 which included two

deposits totaling \$230.00 and one expenditure of \$75.00. No new members have been added to the club since the last meeting. Almost 50% of our members have paid their 2008 dues. All unpaid members were encouraged to pay their 2008 dues. The minutes that appeared in the last newsletter were approved by the attending members.

Those members that had ordered clothing with the club logo were quite pleased with the results as well as the reasonable cost.

Old business items discussed were the future tours in Paragould, Arkansas and Vicksburg, Mississippi, the club's display at the Petit Jean Swap Meet and the supply of parts to be taken on the Indiana trip to the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

Michael Nowlin is planning for our June 19-21 tour to take us on the scenic byways of northeast Arkansas. This will include Crowley's Ridge State Park and the Crowley's Ridge Parkway on Friday and then to Crowley's Ridge Nature Center in Jonesboro and Craighead Forest Park Saturday. The trips will be 100 and 40 miles respectively. He is checking into the summer schedule of the old Collins Theater in Paragould for possible live performances or old time movies for evening entertainment.

Joe and Betty Jeffers are tentatively suggesting October 16-18 for our fall meeting. Antebellum homes, a hot air balloon festival and MSU's experimental farm are possibilities on our tour agenda. The Vicksburg, MS area has lots to offer for fun and Model T's.

Bob Emerson and David Ragsdale are our members that will be spearheading the club's Petit Jean Swap Meet display. According to information sent by David the regional Ford representative will be assisting us in with these efforts. Bill Howell will get a banner for our designated location and also make a continuous slide show program that can be played. June 11-15 are the dates for the swap meet.

Bill Howell will be contacting the members travelling with the group about the inventory of spare parts to be taken along should one of our cars require a repair in route. Should you use a part out of the supply it was decided that the person would be responsible for replacing or paying for that part. Bill will talk with some of our club members that have had previous experience in long group tours for their input. Should you have specific recommendations, contact Bill. The final meeting for members going on this trip together will be on the Thursday before our summer meeting.

Roy urged everyone that could make it to join us at the next meeting in Paragould.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Respectfully submitted,  
David Ragsdale***

**Meeting Summary:**

1. Thanks to Bill and Nellie Howell.
2. Account balance is \$1426.17.
3. Member should pay 2008 dues.

4. Members like the embroidered clothing.
5. Summer tour and meeting set.
6. Fall tentative plans made.
7. Ford to assist with Petit Jean display.
8. Parts inventory for Indiana trip discussed.

**SPRING TOUR**



Mother Nature was kind to the Tin Lizzies on this tour. Each day of touring was dry and the rains only came at night after we were inside and dry. It rained both nights!

The optional Thursday trip was to Cossatot River State Park Natural Area. There were three T's on this trip. Cossatot includes one of the most rugged and spectacular river corridors in the central United States. The round trip from Nashville was 102 miles. It was highlighted by a stop at the visitor center which featured a wildlife observation room and an exhibit gallery.



Another delight was Center Point, Bill Payne's family hometown where



there is a beautiful city park named for Bill's parents. We went down Possum Hollow Road through Dierks and Umpire before returning to the Southern Belle and a great catfish dinner out.



Friday was a sunny day after torrents of rain the night before. We drove north from Nashville about 40 miles and through Daisy State Park which includes Lake Greeson. This lake is

famous for its clean, clear water which provides the fishing enthusiasts with fish of many varieties. The park is surrounded by timberlands of pines and hardwoods. A little further down the road we had lunch in Glenwood and then on to the Crater of Diamonds State Park. Everyone had enough diamonds of their own so we did not go hunting in the diamond fields.



After our breakfast business meeting, Saturday's drive took us to Old Washington Historic State Park. Old Washington was the state's confederate capital after the fall of Little Rock in September 1863. It is a 19<sup>th</sup> century museum village of restored homes and buildings complete with collections of antiques.



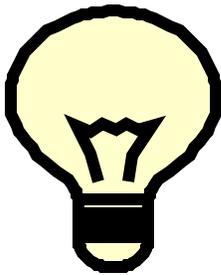
Joe Jeffers studies replica of Henry Ford's first T engine.

We scheduled our tour in this area to coincide with their 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Jonquil Festival. There were food

and craft vendors on the grounds along with lots of visitors. We completed our touring there and then returned to Nashville.

### SAD NEWS

One of our newer members, Jim Bailey, passed away last month. We send our condolences to Patty, Jim's wife. Jim and Patty lived in Harrison. They joined our group in September of 2007, so many of us did not have the opportunity to know them.



### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**JERRY LEACH  
in 1924 ACDM'S roadster**

Rosalie and Jerry Leach joined the Tin Lizzies at the end of last year. They live in Lincoln, Arkansas. Before their retirement Rosalie was in banking and Jerry was an engineer with Shell Oil. They have been married twelve years and have grown children from their blended families. Jerry and Rosalie are proud grandparents of several grandchildren.

Jerry is currently the principal driver and maintainer of a 1924 roadster that belongs to the Arkansas Country Doctor Museum in Lincoln (see article below). Both Jerry and Rosalie are active in the volunteer force that maintains the museum. This museum was established in 1994 and is dedicated to honoring the life and times of the country doctor. The museum sponsors a Hall of Honor of Arkansas' rural and small town physicians and exhibits medical and clinic memorabilia from the 30's to the 60's.

### MODEL T "DOC" BY JERRY LEACH

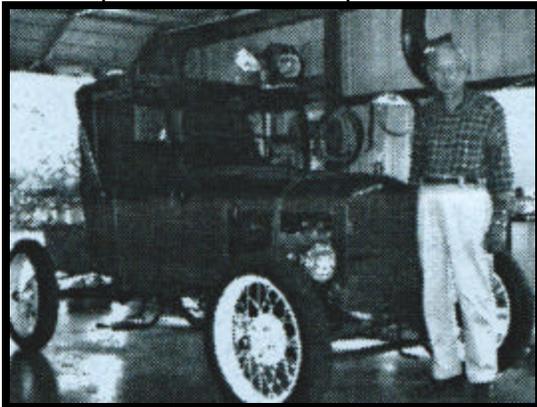
*The following article is reprinted in part with permission from the Dec. 2007 Arkansas Country Doctor Museum Newsletter*

An updated note found in the museum files written by Loyd Swope reads...“Herb Lewis says Bill Younkin will find a **Model T.**” A search by the three of them was underway at the request of Dr. Harold Boyer to find a Model T roadster like the one driven by his father, Dr. Herbert Boyer. And sure enough, Bill Younkin did find the perfect one in Oologah, OK. Sporting yellow wire wheels, it suited Dr. Boyer to a “T”! So he purchased the 1924 Model T from E.G. Birks who delivered it to the museum in May 1996.

For the past 11 years, Bill Younkin has provided us driving lessons, hands-on instructions and tips on the special care and maintenance required to keep a Model T healthy. He is always willing to help when we have a problem, and there have

been a few. Some of you will remember Bill when he had Younkin & Sons garage on N. College (Fayetteville). A 1937 Fiat coupe mounted on top of a tall pole made it easy to spot the location. Younkin & Sons moved to a new location on Happy Hollow Road in 1986, and the landmark Fiat sign moved with it.

Bill started restoring Model T's in 1970. His first project was building a 1917 speedster. He is pictured with



the 1926 speedster he just completed. It's painted fire engine red and he says "It'll really go!" In between these two speedsters he has restored/built a number of other Model T's, including station wagons and trucks.

Bill somehow found time to build a beautiful mountain dulcimer, which he plays. We are very fortunate to have someone with Bill's expertise and willingness to help us keep our "Tin Lizzie" on tip-top shape. Bill, thank you very much!

*Editor's Note: #1 The Arkansas Tin Lizzies knew we had a talented Model T man in Bill Younkin. We're glad others know this too. #2 It's a small world, the E.R. Birks referred to in this article was our Tin Lizzies' Melvin Birks' brother. Melvin did the*

*original restoration on that '24 roadster.*

## CLUB LIBRARY

We have an addition to the club publications available for borrowing. Mike Walker donated a copy of Freida Learns to Drive by Stan Howe. It is the sequel after The Adventures of Herman and Freida and their Model T. The current secretary keeps our library listed below:

1. Adventures of Herman & Freida & their Model T (This is fiction but entertaining reading)
2. Freida Learns to Drive
3. Transmission Repairs
4. Engine Repairs
5. Carburetor Repairs
6. Speedometer Repairs

## SUMMER AND FALL MEETINGS

To make your reservations for the summer meeting and tour in Paragould call the Holiday Inn Express on Linwood Drive. Their phone number is 870-236-9999. Michael Nowlin has reserved ten rooms for us and if we fill all ten we will get a lowered rate. Mention the Tin Lizzies when you make your reservations. If you are an AARP or AAA member you can get the lowered rate. Michael said the hotel accommodations are limited in Paragould thus it was difficult to make a good deal on rates.

## 2008 DUES

Have you paid your 2008 dues yet? If not, this is your last newsletter without updating your membership for 2008. Dues are still \$10.00; send them to David Ragsdale, 216 N. El Paso, Russellville, AR 72801.

## LOGO CLOTHING

The clothing that you can have embroidered with our club logo has turned out beautifully. It continues to be available from our vendor, Tina Byrum at Rags to Stitches, phone 479-890-5270.

## AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

**June 11-15:** Petit Jean Swap Meet; Morrilton, AR.

**July 21-26** 100<sup>th</sup> Model T Birthday Celebration; Richmond, IN area.

**September 18-20:** The Talimena Tour; Wilhemina State Park; Mena AR. This tour will be hosted by Tulsa's Model T Club and planned by Mike and Brenda Bender. The Benders are also Arkansas Tin Lizzie members. Contact them if you would like to participate.

**October 11-12:** 1954 Buick Landau Motorama Show Car will be on display. This car was to be scrapped but was saved by a GM executive. It is a one of a kind car. It will be shown at the TEX-ARK Antique Auto Museum in Texarkana, AR.

## TIN LIZZIES CLASSIFIEDS



**For Sale:** 1925 Speedster, a copy of the faultless speedster body built by B and BBody Company of Lapeer, Michigan. The body is all metal, aluminum disc wheels with 21 inch 450 tires, leather interior, new radiator, dropped front axel, completely rebuilt engine with a stipes 280 cam, Z head, model A carburetor, 350 Chevrolet valves, 80 psi compression on all cylinders. Rebuilt rear axle with new ring gear and pinion. Nothing was spared in making this a nice running machine. Contact: Melvin Birks; 5 South Model T Drive; Afton, Oklahoma 74331; 918-257-4131.

[mybirks@hotmail.com](mailto:mybirks@hotmail.com)



**For Sale:** This 1926 Speedster has an engine that Bill Younkin rebuilt. It has new babbits, rebored cylinders, aluminum pistons, a Sherman superfire head, '26 wire wheels, new Denman tires and top and side

curtains. For more information call Bill Younkin; 1741 N. Walnut Ave.; Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703; 479-442-7676.

**Auction:** The Heart of the Ozarks newsletter listed an auction that might interest some of you. Tom Daw's considerable collection of T parts is to be auctioned on May 2-3, 2008. A website, [tomdaw.com](http://tomdaw.com) lists details of all important data.

Send classified information, wanted or for sale, to Arkansas Tin Lizzies News, 16508 West State Highway 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834. Send a picture and a detailed description and condition of items offered for sale. Or, e-mail information to [nhh@midamericamgmt.com](mailto:nhh@midamericamgmt.com).

### SUGGESTION BOX

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