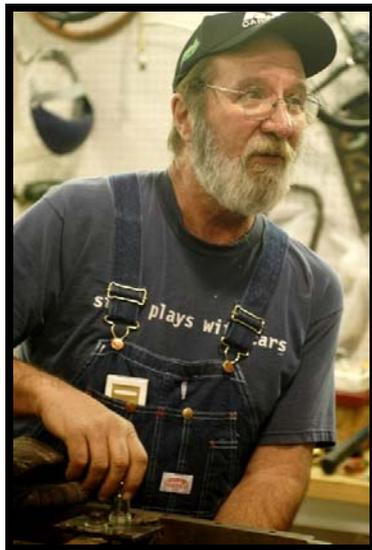
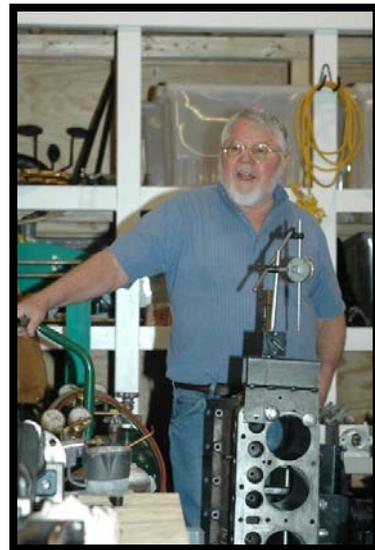


ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIES NEWS

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



Mike Bender



Fred Houston

Our major contributors for the winter technical meeting in Russellville

GREAT ATTENDANCE FOR TECHNICAL MEETING

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members;

Another year has gone by and fun had by all. Roy did a wonderful job of keeping all in line for the year. My

main goal for the coming year will be to follow and lead in Roy's footsteps.

Four quality tours have been taken care of. Specific dates will be announced later. Frank Cook will be in charge in April, Earl Zechiedrich in July and Steve Bonifant in October.

The four or five most important things I want to accomplish for 2009 are have good relationships with one another, drive the Tin Lizzies, eat good food, have fun and help one another.

If I can be of any help in any way feel free to call on me.

P.S. My internet doesn't work!

***Your President for '09,
Bill Payne***

FEBRUARY 21, 2009 MEETING MINUTES



Roy passed the gavel to Vice-President Frank Cook

On February 18th, Zone 3 hosted the winter meeting of The Arkansas Tin Lizzies in Russellville, Arkansas with twenty-three people in attendance. Since out-going President Roy Mathis was unable to pass the gavel to incoming president Bill Payne due to illness the day of the meeting, vice president Frank Cook accepted the gavel and opened the meeting. He thanked Bill and Nellie Howell for providing their car barn facility to hold our technical meeting.

After the minutes from the last meeting were accepted, the secretary/treasurer's report was

given by David. He reported the club had one new application for membership since the last meeting from Ron and Brenda Wood of Benton, Arkansas who attended the Friday technical session. The current club bank account balance was reported as \$1945.64. During the past quarter, the club had three deposits totaling \$310.00, and one check in the amount of \$75.00 was written to Roy Mathis for the vulture wagon expense during the fall tour in Vicksburg.

In old business, Mike Walker updated everyone on the antique tags. He mentioned that the consensus from the antique car owners was satisfaction with current legislation; the problem seems to be in the enforcement of the current law. He mentioned that people could take a picture of any tag violators and send it to the Arkansas DMV. Nellie reminded everyone to provide an updated email address so that the newsletter can be emailed to those that have them. Frank told the group that the Magnolia Model T Club will be hosting a tour on Petit Jean Mountain March 22-29. Those interested can call Bob & Barbara Pinney, 601-297-0685.

Zone 1 director Earl Zechdriech will be conducting a two-day tour and meeting in July. He has proposed the Idabell Oklahoma area. Details will be provided at a later date. In zone 4, director Steve Bonifant is working on the details for the tour and meeting in the Cabot or Beebe area in October.

A motion was made and seconded by the group to pay Fred Houston

and Mike Bender's club dues for 2009 as a courtesy for coming from Oklahoma and offering their instructional classes.

Bill and Nellie presented past President Roy Mathis a Ford shop coat on behalf of the club.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Respectfully submitted,
David Ragsdale***

Meeting Summary:

1. Gavel passed.
2. Club bank balance \$1945.64.
3. Update on antique tags.
4. Email corrections requested.
5. Magnolia T Club on Petit Jean.
6. 2009 tours reviewed.
7. Dues paid as a courtesy for Benders and Houstons.
8. Roy presented shop coat.

WINTER TECHNICAL MEETING



The technical meeting was well attended by many members from all of our regions both in state and out. The days proved pretty, but it was quite cold. Riding in a Model T

would have been a chilly event had we tried.



Inside the Howell car barn warm coffee and interesting discussions and demonstrations were the fare of the meeting. Mike Bender and Fred Houston emptied their respective shops of a lot of Model T stuff and brought it to Arkansas. They led the interactive meeting to everyone's keen interest.

THE AGENDA:

1. Mike Bender showed how to pour babbitt in a Model T block.



2. Fred Houston did a "show and tell" with several T speed parts, such as some counterbalanced crankshafts, an overhead valve

cylinder head and chassis-lowering suspension parts.



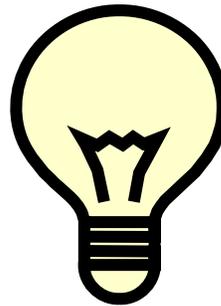
5. Bill discussed points on rebuilding the front end and where and how to look for play in the steering, front suspension and front wheel bearings.



3. Nellie demonstrated how to rebuild a coil box and, if they are interested, that there are Model T jobs for the ladies too.



4. Mike and Fred explained their method of aligning the transmission main shaft to the engine's crankshaft.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



BILL DURNING

Bill Durning lives in Fayetteville and recently joined the Tin Lizzies. Though he is new to the club Bill is not new to Model T's. At the age of fourteen he learned to drive the family T and has been working on them ever since.

Bill is from Arkansas and has been a state resident all his life. He owned his own repair shop so he knows about other vehicles as well as the T.



BILL IN HIS SHOP

You can find several T's in Bill's garage; a 1926 Touring Car, a 1925 Touring Car and a 1926 Pickup. He also has a 1930 Model A Coupe.

NEW MEMBERS

The Tin Lizzies welcome Ronald and Brenda Wood of Benton to our group. They have two T's, a 1913 roadster and a 1910 speedster.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A new directory will be published in the very near future. Please **check** your entry in the old directory. Look for any corrections to be made because of a typo or new information, send them to nhh@midamericamgmt.com or Nellie Howell, 16508 W. State Hwy. 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834.

MEMBERS MAKE LOCAL PAPERS

Two of our members have been made celebrities in their local areas. Both Ron Wood and Joe Jeffers have had stories written about them in their hometown press.

This past summer Joe was featured in the Vicksburg Post by Emily Henry. The article noted that Joe went from driving a Mississippi Highway Patrol cruiser to cruising around in a Model T. Joe and Betty have been in the Model T hobby for 15+ years. Joe said of travelling in the Model T, "It's just like a parade" and "You meet a lot of people that you wouldn't meet normally."

In February Ron and Brenda Wood's enthusiasm for the Model T was written about by George Beyers in the Benton Courier. Ron got his start with Model T's from his father, T.I., who was well known for his skill with the T. Ron and Brenda go to car shows, parades and community events for all types of cars. Ron is quoted as saying about the old cars, "Having fun is what it's all about." He does his own restoration and their cars show off his beautiful work.

TIME TO PAY 2009 DUES

If you have not already paid your dues for 2009, **IT IS TIME**. At your earliest convenience please send your \$10.00 to David Ragsdale, 216 N. El Paso, Russellville, AR 72801.

2009 ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIE MEETING AND TOUR PLANS

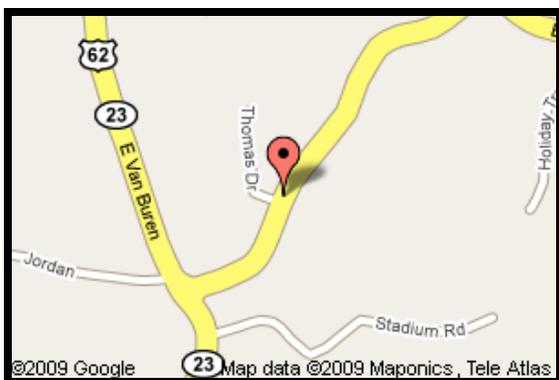
Spring: April 17-18. Tour to be held in conjunction with the Tulsa club's Dogwood Tour, Eureka Springs, AR. Contact, Frank Cook, 479-981-0731.

Summer: July date to be decided. Possible tour area will be Texarkansa, AR and surrounding towns with trips into Texas and Oklahoma. Contact, Earl Zechiedrich, 479-474-8155.

Fall: October date to be decided, possibly in the Hardy, AR area. Contact, Steve Bonifant, 501-259-8828.

SPRING MEETING

The Tin Lizzies will have their April tour and meeting on the 17th and 18th in Eureka Springs. We will tour with the Tulsa Model T Club. Plans are to attend the opening of the new Hobbs Wildlife Management Visitors' Center and possibly a tour through Roaring River State Park area in Missouri.



You should make your reservations at the Travelers' Inn, 2044 E. Van Buren Street, Hwy. 62, 1-800-643-

5566. The special rate for our group is \$48.00 per night. Mention that you are with the Model T group when you call. There is plenty of parking and a nice meeting and coffee room with coffee available each morning for guests, though they no longer serve a continental breakfast. This is the same motel that we have used in the past. There is a trolley stop in front of the motel that will take you to Eureka Springs' points of interest.

At 9:00 a.m. Friday there will be a driver's meeting in the motel meeting and coffee room.

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

March 22-28: Club Outing of the Magnolia Model T Ford Club of Mississippi, They will headquarter at the Lutheran Camp Ground on Mt. Petit Jean, AR. Contact, Bob & Barbara Pinney, 601-297-0685.

September 8-13: Heart of the Ozarks' Hillbilly Tour, Branson MO.

September 17-19: Tulsa Model T Club's Talimena Drive Tour. Sun Country Inn is where they will be staying. Mena, AR

MAGNETIC TIN LIZZIES SIGNS



If you would like to order one of the Arkansas Tin Lizzie magnetic signs, they are available from Vinyl Graphics, 2417 Airport Road, Hot

Springs, AR 71913. Contact Bill Braughton at 501-767-1800.

LOGO CLOTHING



If you want a shirt, jacket, hat or other item to be embroidered with the Tin Lizzie logo, check with Tina Byrum at Rags to Stitches, 479-890-5270. You can provide the item to be embroidered or purchase it from her.

TIN LIZZIES CLASSIFIEDS

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.



For Sale: 1927 Express Delivery car. Frame-up restoration/rebuild. Smooth-shifting Ruckstell rear end. Engine has cast iron pistons and original babbit which is in good shape. It has been redone with new rings, valves lapped, engine and tranny balanced by Mike Bender.

Original (not repro) Dunn counterweights installed by Fred Houston. Everything that makes the car go, stop, and turn is either new or rebuilt. New Anderson-type timer, Coilman coils, strong mag. Rebuilt starter and generator, Fun Projects voltage regulator, 6-V electrical system, as original. I had double-aught battery cables made, so the starter spins the engine. New (not rebuilt) ignition switch and ammeter. Powder coated wire wheels. Lots more new stuff, but you get the idea by now. I have receipts for all the parts and services; the paperwork will go with the car. This is not a "hot rod" T with lots of go-fast goodies, it is a Model T that runs and drives as a Model T should. Paint your business name on the doors and write off the purchase as a business expense, then use it to make deliveries around town. I built the car to keep, but my work has been so slow for the past year that I must sell it. The asking price of \$12,500 represents what I have in the car, not including any for a year's labor. Call or email for more info. Car can be seen at the Chickasha Swap Meet, March 19-21. Contact Mike Walker, 479-790-4229

waterwalk99@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.

CLUB LIBRARY

Morgan Story recently donated tapes to our club library. All are available for loan. The current secretary administers the library.

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
7. 3 VHS Videos (Rebuilding the Model T Rear-End)

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