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Tin Lizzies Winter Technical Meeting Great Turn Out & Interesting Topics



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2011 Schedule of Events

- Winter Technical Meeting, February 18 -19
- Spring Meeting/Tour, Eureka Springs, April 14-16
- Summer Meeting/Tour, Benton area, July
- Fall Meeting/Tour, Mena, Sept. 24-28
- Optional Fall Foliage Tour, Oct.-Nov. TBA

President's Message

The winter technical meeting was a resounding success. We had ten presentations on the agenda, some official and some unofficial. Everyone did an excellent job and we all thank them for the trouble and effort they went to in their presentations. Al Spencer even volunteered to make his two presenta-

tions on babbiting rods and installing new wooden wheel spokes. One of our newer members, Dwight Atkinson showed us all how you fix a block with stripped head bolts using Heli coils. Others' show and tell demos went from the front of a T to the rear, coils to brakes. Ken Swan, Mike Walker, Ben Hardeman, Larry

Young, Mike Bender, Mike Hartman and Bill Howell deserve our thanks as well.

Our 2011 club year should be a fun touring year, first with a return to Eureka Springs via an extended T ride before the official Eureka event begins. The summer tour will be in the Benton area and directed by Ron Wood,

with other untraveled touring routes for our group. We will follow up in the fall on the Talimena Drive with the Tulsa Model T Club for their 38th annual tour in the beautiful Ouachita mountains.

The Magnolia Ts will be going along too.

We hope to enhance our future tours by inviting and going along with touring clubs from adjoining

states. We can then ride on roads new to our group and theirs.

I'm looking forward to great Tin Lizzie rides in 2011.

Bill Howell, President

Lots of Good Information Presented at Tech Meeting

The Arkansas Tin Lizzies had their fourth winter technical meeting. There were forty-two members present for this gathering. Presentations were all rele-

Ken Swan lets you know that he is a purest when it comes to Model Ts. He quotes another T owner that said you should keep all Model Ts running as Henry intended...ON BUZZ COILS! Ken told the attendees how to check and rebuild a coil and gave out written information to take home in case ones memory did not keep track of all the info. The detailed booklet with great photos will be a long term resource.



vant to Model T owners for the maintenance and restoration of their cars.

First on the program was Al Spencer with the restoration of the Model T wooden spokes. Several folks were especially interested in this information. Al demonstrated how you could use a 32 ounce plastic cup to hold the spokes in place before collapsing them into place in the wheel. When he showed this technique, it gave everyone confidence in being able to replicate the procedure.



Dwight Atkinson was next up. As we all know, he mentioned, "Necessity is the mother of invention." Things were going well with the



motor in his '24 until he found a head bolt that refused to tighten. It was stripped! Dwight learned in short order how to install a Heli Coil to repair the stripped threads and showed everyone what he learned from this experience. He, too, sent written information with all to do this project in their own shops.

Mike Walker's topic was charging your magneto in your T. All is not lost when your magneto gets weak and needs a re-charge. Mike's demo on using three 12-volt batteries wired in a series plus to minus can help you accomplish the task.

Ben and Nancy Hardeman gave the group a short version of how they made their trip from Alaska

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Technical Meeting (continued)



Model T. It will give you better braking under all conditions and a reliable brake light switch as well.

Ken Swan taught us how to use electrolysis, washing soda, five gallons of liquid, dishwashing powder and detergent to clean up rusty parts! He stressed safety first to keep from blowing up your caldron of brew. But, give it 2 1/2 to 5 or 6 hours and you will have a clean part.

Babbiting rods was Al Spencer's second presentation. Though many may not attempt this task, Al showed how the babbiting is done and it certainly makes one appreciate the mechanics of the project and what occurs when a babbitt fails.

Larry Young and Mike Bender have a project going in Tulsa

that involves the testing of cams with a dynamometer. They shared their progress to date and hope to complete results in the near future.



Mike Hartman's impromptu presentation about the gears of a TT truck was really well done. He not only made an excellent talk, his stories that went along with the technical info were highly entertaining. Bill Howell closed the tech talks with comparisons of the gear ratios of the Warford



home to Bryan, Texas. The trip was not without its mishaps from flat tires, to timer problems and 20 miles on the road with the top petcock open. Nancy reminded us that if you have a Model T, a cell phone and a MasterCard be confident, you can get home.

Ben showed a new product that Texas T Parts will be offering, disc brakes that are designed and made exclusively for the



transmission to various other transmissions

Arkansas Tin Lizzies Business Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2011

Bill Howell, 2011 president, opened the meeting with recognition of Frank Cook's fine job as 2010 president as well as the work done by the 2010 board of directors. He suggested Frank

be thanked personally at the Spring Meeting in Eureka Springs. This was offered as a motion by Bill Payne and seconded by Mike Walker. The motion was carried unanimously.

Everyone was welcomed to the fourth annual technical meeting. Minutes from the fall meeting were approved by the group.

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Business Meeting (continued)

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The treasurer's report was given by Nellie Howell. The account balance from the last meeting was \$2123.05. Deposits totaling \$691.00 were made bringing the balance to \$2814.05.

New members since the last meeting include Jimmy and Claudette Spicer from Moss Point, MS; Clarence and LaDonna Cooper from Jonesboro, Dwight and Jeanette Atkinson from Mt. Nebo, Donald Crow of Atkins, Gary and Sharon Kindy of Muldrow, OK

and Larry and Sue Young of Tulsa, OK. All were welcomed and we hope to see them at our next event.

Our next meeting will be in Eureka Springs April 14-16. Several of our members will be driving their Ts from Russellville on Wednesday, April 13 and staying in Mountain View that evening. (See the later newsletter article for meeting details.) There will be members from the Magnolia Model T Club joining us on this tour.

Our other 2011 tours include a Benton area tour with Ron Wood planning the July ride and the fall tour with the Tulsa Model T Club and Mike Bender making those arrangements. An optional tour is being planned by Rex Poe and will be approximately the third week of October. It will be a fall

foliage ride, date to be announced, to coincide with the leaves at their peak of color.

All members who have not paid their 2011 dues should do so. This will be the last notice and the last newsletter for unpaid members.

Mike Walker discussed the continuing project of the Arkansas Tin Lizzie calendar that would feature members' cars. If you would like for your car to be in

the proposed calendar, send your photo to Bill Howell via email at whh@nwabcs.com or mail a disk to him at 16508 W. State Hwy 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834. A trial calendar will be compiled and presented at the spring meeting.

Additional material was given to everyone. One was a copy of a repaint manual published by

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Meeting Summary

1. Frank Cook recognition in April.
2. Forty-two attend Tech meeting.
3. \$2,814.05 in Club account'
4. Six new member families.
5. 2011 meetings enumerated.
6. Mike Walker discussed calendar.

See You in Eureka Springs for the Spring Meeting

April 14-16 are the days for our next meeting and tour. Earl Zechiedrich is your contact for this meeting in Eureka Springs. His email is eznz@sbcglobal.net and his phone number is 479-474-8155.

The 15th and 16th we'll tour the scenic roads around beautiful Eureka Springs, stopping to visit several interesting sites including the glass blue bird factory, an antique airplane museum and

Joe Maynard's state of the art factory (the one we missed last year.) Joe has also invited us for hamburgers and hot dogs and a tour of his unique new house. Returning to Eureka Springs, we will enjoy shows at the two local theaters (Frank Cook has again arranged for us to get discounted tickets).

We will stay at the Swiss Village Inn. Call 866-710-2141. Ask for the Arkansas Tin Lizzies

special rate

We are planning an extended tour on the front end of the normal day and a half in Eureka Springs. If you would like to drive your T from Russellville to Eureka Springs with an overnight stop in Mountain View, please plan on arriving in Russellville the night of Tuesday, April 12. We will leave Russell-

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Business Meeting (continued)

Pittsburg Paint, It is a compilation of historic data for repainting antique Fords. Also included was color information for the Model T from a chart found on the Texas T Parts website. Also, 2011 car calendars were distributed. They were compliments of Mike and

Brenda Bender from their business, Spray Equipment of Oklahoma. *(If you would like copies of any of the tech meeting materials, contact Nellie Howell.)*

Suggestions were made by several members to have more im-

promptu rides as well as organized tours with other clubs.

After door prizes were given the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nellie Howell, sec./treas.

2010 Arkansas Tin Lizzies Meeting Schedule

- April 14-16 **Dogwood Tour and Spring Meeting;** Eureka Springs;
contact Earl Zechiedrich
479-474-8155, eznz@sbcglobal.net
- July **Summer Meeting and Tour;** Benton area
contact Ron Wood
479-778-4004, ron5wo@aol.com
- Sept 22-25 **Fall Meeting and Tour, Talimena Drive;** Queen Wilhelmina Lodge
contact Mike Bender
918-260-2525, tman1913@sbcglobal.net
- October **Fall Foliage Tour,** Northwest Arkansas
contact Rex Poe
501-450-8428, rexallenpoe@hotmail.com

Area Events of Interest

- March 26 Monte Harner's Tour, Mannford Oklahoma area, contact Monte Harner, 918-459-7968 or 918-633-3345
- March 27-
April 2 Louisiana Bayou Tour II 2011 (Model T Ford Club of Tulsa), contact Mary Jones, 918-286-6890 or 918-398-3704; jonestour@cox.net
- April 27 Arkansas' 100th anniversary celebration of the state capitol. Cars are wanted to park around the capitol building. More info at spring meeting.
- May 19-21 Show-Me Tour, Salem, MO, contacts: Karol Spencer, (417) 887-1536 karollee@sbcglobal.net or Dorothy Puckett, 417-882-2110, dorotheypuckett@sbcglobal.net
- June 15-18 5th Annual Four-Banger Speedster Trials & Reunion, Lincoln, NE, contact Rich 402-323-3181
- June 27-
July 1 MTFCA National Tour, Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada; contact Les Schubert, 403-931-2628, eschubert@platinum.ca
- Sept 7-11 MTFCA Hillbilly Tour, Heart of the Ozarks Chapter; Jefferson City, MO
- Sept 28-
Oct 1 34th Annual Texas T Party, Bastrop, TX, contacts Jeff Cordes or Luke Cordes, 713-926-3217, cordesworks@yahoo.com

Eureka Springs Meeting (continued)

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ville Wednesday, April 13, drive to Mountain Home for the evening and drive to Eureka Springs on Thursday, April 14. We will return to Russellville Sunday, April 17 (late in the day.) The three days of back country driving will consist of about 110-140 miles per day of driving through the hill country.

Reservations in Russellville for April 12 and April 17 can be made at the LaQuinta Inn, 479-967-2299 or Days Inn, 479-968-1404. David Ragsdale has

property where everyone can leave their vehicles about a 1/4 mile to the east from these motels at the end of Harrell Drive. There is plenty of room for tow vehicles and trailers on a gravel parking lot next to a large metal building

(Tena's Gymnastics.)

Book a room for Wednesday, April 13 at the Pinewood Cabins in Mountain View, AR under Arkansas Tin Lizzies. Call 877-269-5900.

Your contacts for the optional drive are David Ragsdale, 479-970-3461 or Bill Howell, 479-236-3630. Members as well those from other clubs are welcome. Our tours are open to all. Bring yourself and your T on a great spring ride. Let one of them know if you will be joining the group. Get more information and links at

www.arkansastinlizzies.com.



This and That!

Welcome to New Members:

Dwight and Jeanette Atkinson, Mt. Nebo; 1924 Roadster
 Clarence and LaDonna Cooper, Jonesboro; 1924 Touring, 1926 Coupe, 1927 Fordor
 Donald Crow (Ken Swan's grandson), Atkins
 Gary and Sharon Kindy, Muldrow, OK; 1923 Coupe
 Jimmy and Claudette Spicer, Moss Point, MS; 1925 Touring, 1926 Roadster Truck
 Larry and Sue Young, Tulsa, OK, 1926 Tudor, 1923 ABC Speedster

Dues are Due

Membership dues are due on February 1 of each year. Send them to 2011 secretary/ treasurer, Nellie Howell, 16508 West State Hwy 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834. The dues are \$15.00.

Lizzies at the meeting and then some



Now there are Tin Lizzies, and then there are Lizzies. But what or who is that character in the crate? Did someone invite him to the meeting?



2011 Club Officers

President..... Bill Howell
 Vice President..... Rex Poe
 Sec./Treas..... Nellie Howell

Director Mike Bender
 Director Ron Wood
 Director Earl Zechiedrich
 Webmaster..... Bill Howell
 Newsletter Editor Nellie Howell



1923 Pickup for Sale!

Curt Harris

1923 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup Older complete restoration/rebuild. Recent trophy winner coming in the top 5 of 50 trucks being judged. Superb daily driver (weather permitting). Garage kept. Never fails to start the first time. Presently in a pickup configuration (bed recently refinished), but comes with the turtle deck, spare tire, spare carrier, excellent period correct interior and top, side lanterns (not pictured), new front spring perches and bushings, Ruckstell rear end, Rocky Mountain brakes, speedometer, high compression head, Kevlar transmission bands, almost new TH400 clutch discs, distributor, foot starter, signals, brake lights, side and rear curtains and safety glass. Everything works great.

Contact Curt Harris at 479-651-7832 for more information. Leave a message, your call will be returned or email Curty@aol.com. Asking price: \$14,000.00

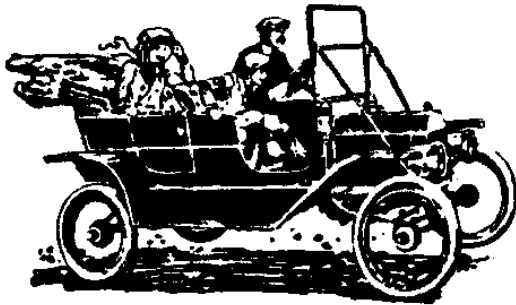


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Dust Off the T!

Get your T ready for our first Tin Lizzies tour of 2011. Bring it out of winter storage, dust 'er off, change the oil and give it a good inspection. You don't want to be on the side of the road when you would rather be riding down it with the rest of the folks. Old cars take longer that you might think, so get to it! We want you with us in Eureka Springs for the April 15 and 16 regular tour and everyone is also invited for the extended tour days before and after Eureka Springs. See you there!

