

ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIES NEWS

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



A T's eye view of the
Ocean-to-Ocean tourers



Model T's lined up for fun on
the summer tour in OK

TIN LIZZIES AND SUMMER FUN

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to Earl and Nancy Zecdiech for putting on a good three day tour that was really enjoyed by everyone. We had a total of eight cars on the tour. There were no serious problems except that some think T's run on air.

Earl brought guests Marcus and Joy Beard of Lavaca, AR. They have a 1926 coupe that Earl may have had something to do with. The Beards have joined the Arkansas Tin Lizzies so be sure to welcome them to our group.

The 2010 officer nomination committee will be David Ragsdale, Roy Mathis and Mike Walker. The

committee chairman will be Frank Cook, our upcoming 2010 president.

The door prize, a tea towel with Tena Ragsdale's handmade tating, was won by Tommy Mathis.

Don't forget our October meeting 15, 16 and 17, at the Little Rock Air Force Base. Steve Bonifant will be making the plans for this meeting and tour. He can be reached at home at 501-843-4602 and on his cell at 501-259-8828. Let's have a good October tour and best of all drive those T's.

Bill Payne, President

JUNE 13, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

On June 13th, Zone 1 hosted the summer meeting of The Arkansas Tin Lizzies in Broken Bow, Oklahoma with sixteen people in attendance. The group met in the game room of the Broken Bow Inn. At the billiards table, President Bill Payne opened the meeting by thanking Earl and Nancy Zechiedrich for hosting the tour and welcoming new members Marcus and Joy Beard from Lavaca.



The Zechiedrichs invited to come to the meeting and Marcus and Joy arrived in their 1926 coupe.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as reported in the spring

newsletter. David Ragsdale reported that there were no checks written since the last meeting and that there had been \$170.00 deposited into the club account. The current account balance is \$2108.38.

President Bill Payne announced that our very own webmaster, Bill Howell was awarded the Golden Mouse Award by the MTFCA for designing and maintaining the best club website for the second year in a row! Since the award arrived while Bill and Nellie were out west touring in their Model T, it will be presented at the fall meeting.

President Payne appointed an officer nomination committee headed by vice president Frank Cook. The committee will provide names of members who will be willing to fill the officer positions for 2010. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

It was hot and the last day, the meeting was adjourned quickly so members could get back on the road for home.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Ragsdale, Sec/Treas.**

Meeting Summary:

1. Thanks to the Zechiedrichs for planning the meeting.
2. New members Marcus and Joy Beard welcomed.
3. Club account balance: \$2108.38.
4. Golden Mouse desk plaque to be given in the fall to Bill Howell
5. Nomination committee appointed.

SUMMER TOUR

Eight Tin Lizzies gathered Thursday afternoon at the Broken Bow Inn. The group included President Bill Payne and Jane, the Ragsdales, the Cooks and their daughter Pam, Rex Poe and Marie, Mike Walker (without Beverly who is still recovering from bones broken at the Dogwood Tour in April), Roy and Tommy Mathis, Bill and Lou Freeman, the Zechiedrichs and their grandson Bryan and his friend Mark and new members Marcus and Joy Beard. The T's were driven Thursday evening to Pier 49 for a lively seafood dinner.



Friday morning included a drive to Idabel to visit the Museum of the Red River and then over to see



Dequeen's small but interesting city museum. Lunch was some of Arkansas' best Mexican food at Papa Poblano's.

David and Tena Ragsdale lead a group of followers to a flea market with a backroads return to Broken Bow. A one room school house was

discovered on their trek and they made photos.



That evening our gracious president located someone known to the locals as the "Pie Lady"; the outcome, a wonderful coconut pie and an incredible coconut cake. All met willingly in a motel room to partake.



The Pie Lady was warmly greeted by the Tin Lizzie group; she is seen above with Bill Payne and David Ragsdale.

Saturday morning the Lizzies set out for a country drive between Hugo and Idabel and lunch at the Beaver Bend State Park restaurant. Just before the noon break the group suffered its only two "break downs:" the Zechiedrich's transmission and the Beard's gas tank. The Ragsdales and Mike Walker provided taxi service for those left carless. At the Girls Gone Wine Winery, some joined in the wine-tasting while others shopped. Reports of a tornado on Rex's road in Conway sent Rex and Marie back home early on Saturday

NEW MEMBERS

The Arkansas Tin Lizzies are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Marcus and Joy Beard of Lavaca, 1926 coupe.
- Jay and Diane Duthu of Mountain Home, 1917 (under restoration.)

2010 ARKANSAS TIN LIZZIES MEETING AND TOUR PLANS

Where would you like to meet in 2010? Bring your suggestions to the meeting in October or call or email the director in your area and share your suggestions.

MY T AND ME THIS SUMMER AND OTHER OLD CARS TOO

Have you been somewhere, been working on a T project, gone on a trip or just been hanging out this summer? The pictures that follow are those sent by members of their "goings on." Thanks to you all for the contributions.



Mike Walker built Anne and Lowell Boynton's 1902 Mercedes limousine "marriage carriage" for ceremonies at their chapel, St. Catherine's at Bell Gable located in Fayetteville.



This is another of Mike Walker's projects; it's not quite as far along as the Mercedes. This soon to be 1915 Couplet may take a couple of years but is sure to be an equally spectacular vehicle.



Morris Dillow drove a 1912 T that he restored in a record 20 days before the Ocean-to-Ocean Tour. Did he travel in period dress?



Morris' car is seen here at an era gas station in Wyoming. It was a memorable twenty-eight day tour that reenacted the 1909 Endurance Race from New York to Seattle that Henry Ford's Model T proudly won.



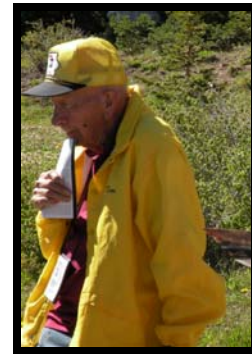
Roy Mathis is taking the time between summer and fall meetings to restore the magneto on their coupe.



Mike Bender, on the Canyonlands Tour, is going through a rock archway in Red Canyon near Bryce Canyon. Utah. He was with the Jeffers and the Howells on the CO/WY tour as well.



Some of our T members own "other" cars. The Paynes, Ragsdales and Haynes went on a '30's tour in the Smoky Mountains this summer.



Tom Patris was at the Canyonlands Tour too.



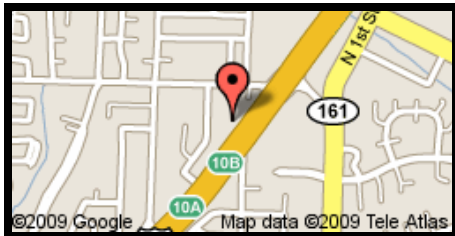
In June it was in the mid to high 90's at home but in the Rocky Mountains. on the CO/WY Tour Joe and Betty were all bundled up



Bill and Nellie Howell were on the Canyonlands Tour in June here in the Grand Canyon.

FALL MEETING

The fall meeting is set for October 15-17. There are lots of interesting tour stops planned. A few of these include the Salmon Brothers classic auto collection, the Clinton Library, a tour of some of the old homes in the Quapaw Quarters, a photo op at the State Capitol and a Marlsgate Plantation tour as well as some country road rides and other stops. Steve will be able to get us onto the Little Rock Air Force Base and tour a C-130 flight simulator on Thursday afternoon. For security reasons to get onto the base by **October 1** you will need to send or email Steve Bonifant the driver's license and social security numbers and addresses for all those coming on base. Also bring with you proof of insurance for you Model T and a photo i.d. for each person entering the base. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn close to LRAFB.



The address is 1500 John Harden Drive, Jacksonville (501-985-4400.) From I-40 exit onto Hwy. 67/167, LRAFB. In making reservations say you are with the Arkansas Tin Lizzies. Steve Bonifant can be emailed at sbonnie15@yahoo.com, ph# 501-259-8828 or written at 211 Holly Lane, Austin, AR 72007.

JOIN THE ARKANSAS STATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On October 24 ASU will be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Member Ken Swan, an Arkansas State grad, is rounding up Model T owners to participate in the festivities. He and Joyce will be there in Ken's 1922 that he used to commute to ASU when he began attending there in 1958. The sorority ladies in the black and white 1959 yearbook picture below thought that the '22 was a really cute car. Ken, of course, came along with the car and was happy to attend a roaring 20's party where the car was a prop.



The following photo of Joyce and Ken in the same '22 was made last October on the Arkansas Tin Lizzies Fall Tour in Vicksburg, Mississippi



Michael Nowlin and Ken are planning short tours for Friday and Saturday. The Model T group will also be included in the activities for ASU's celebration. T's will be displayed as a group on the Alumni Center lawn. A reenactment of the old 1959 photo will take place Saturday at 3 p.m. For those who would like to be a part of the ASU activities, motel rooms at the Quality Suites, 2909 Kazi St. in Jonesboro have been reserved for the Model T owners group for October 23 and 24. The number to call for reservations is 870-802-3212. Identify yourself as a member of the Model T ASU centennial group. Contact Ken Swan for any additional information: phone (731) 645-9056; cell phone (731) 610-6219; or email kenksinc@charter.net.

AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 8: 22nd Annual Gravette Day Car Show & Cruise In. Old Town Park Gravette, AR. Car show: 11-2 p.m. Detailed event information at tina.crose@rebornbeauty.com

August 7-9: First Annual Car Show and Swap Meet of the Soggy Bottom

Street Machines and Classics Assoc. Behind Midnight Cowboy, 20455 State Hwy. 154, Centerville, AR. soggybottomclassiccarshow.com for more details on this event.

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 the hub motel in Mena, AR. The group is planning to drive their T's up Mount Nebo on Friday, the 18th, as part of their tour.

October 24: Arkansas State University 100th Anniversary Celebration, Jonesboro, AR.

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