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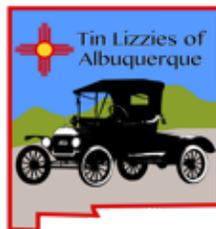
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**Al & Marilyn Schwanke picked up their 1926 Touring from Larry's Garage in Corrales, NM on January 15, 2020 and drove it back home. See Cover Story & Member Profile on Pages 3 & 4.**

*Photo by Paul Duncan*

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## A New Decade Begins

by Paul R. Duncan, President

Our 1920 Model T Touring is 100 years old this year. On January 18, 2020 I drove the T to the recent Work Day at Larry Azevedo's Garage to check out what appeared to be an intermittent electrical problem. During the September Fall Tour to Raton our Touring T that "passed" the MTFCA Check List before leaving Albuquerque, developed several hiccups that won us the Club rubber chicken award! One problem was our magneto quit the morning of the first tour day to Folsom but the problem was intermittent. Two days later in Clayton, the magneto worked and I was able to complete the planned drive.

Back in Albuquerque, with Larry's advice, I focused on the magneto as the likely source of the problem. I was surprised to find a broken piece of engine wire had stuck around the magneto post on the hogshead. Removing the piece of broken wire fixed the magneto shorting problem. We assumed that the wire had been used in the 2011 engine rebuild and fortunately we found no other pieces of

## President's Message

loose wire but still still need to do an oil pan inspection.

After fixing the broken-wire problem, I noticed that there was now a second problem—the engine continued to miss intermittently when driving but the spark plugs and coils seemed to be firing. I decided to drive the Touring to the Work Day so I could get advice from Larry about how to proceed. He listened to the engine and detected what he thought was an "intermittent miss." He suggested we put in a new brush-type timer ("New Day") that we had in the Club parts inventory. I had an Anderson timer on the T since 2011. However, I learned from Kirk Peterson that Anderson timers are known for getting out of adjustment over time and we have driven close to 4500 miles since it was installed. The new timer works well.

The Work Days at Larry's Garage offer a unique opportunity for Tin Lizzie members to bring their Ts in for tune-ups and to keep them running well. Members can "See One, Do One and then Teach One" under Larry's supervision.

### Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque 2020 Officers and Directors

**Paul Duncan, President**  
**Mark Dominguez, Vice-President**  
**David Ferro, Secretary**  
**Marilyn Duncan, Treasurer & Membership**

**Philip Lance, Director**  
**Jeff Richards, Director**  
**Al Schwanke, Director**

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**Issue Contributors:** Paul Duncan, Marilyn Duncan, Linda Riel, Mark Wing, Al Schwanke, Jessica Lance, Philip Lance and Tom Miles.

# Schwanke '26 Touring—Back on the Road Again

Cover Story

by *Paul R. Duncan*

Al and Marilyn Schwanke were Tin Lizzie members in the 1980s and owned a '25 roadster. At the time, they were both working and raising their family so decided to sell the T and dropped out of the Club. In 2015, however, Al and 2 of his teenage granddaughters stopped by to view the Tin Lizzie Ts at the New Mexico State Fair Car Show. He inquired about whether we knew of any Model T touring cars for sale because he wanted a car with two seats. We referred him to Tom Miles. Al contacted Tom and bought a 1926 Model T Touring that he had purchased in the late 80's or early 90's. Tin Lizzie member Clarence Schritter assisted Tom with the restoration. (see picture). To get the T home to Al's garage in Carnuel, NM. Tom loaned Al a trailer. Over the next year, Al & Marilyn rejoined the Tin Lizzies Club. Al repainted the car and redid the upholstery and top. In the fall of 2016, he and Marilyn drove the T from their home to the NM State Fair Car show.

Al drove his T to a number of events but even though the car had a Ruckstell Rear Axle it balked at climbing hills. Finally, in September 2019 I trailered Al's T to Larry's Garage. When we pulled the transmission cover we found that the transmission was covered with a grey goop. Further inspection found major cracks in both the low and reverse transmission drums. Two Kevlar band linings were chewed up. (See photos from the October 5, 2019 Work Day on the Tin Lizzie website.) Once the problem was identified, the engine and transmission were pulled from the car. Al ordered newly-manufactured low and reverse drums from Dave's Restoration and Machine, LLC. Once the engine was out of the car, the T was trailered back to Al's garage. The new low and reverse drums were installed and the transmission was realigned. Then the T was trailered back to Corrales to reinstall

the engine and transmission. However, there were previously unknown electrical issues that required rewiring the ignition switch, replacing old wiring and adding a battery shut-off. In addition, the gas line sediment bulb and shut-off needed to be replaced as well as adding a new brake light and light switch and a "new" pitman arm. Al had previously installed a newly available 12-volt starter motor available from Snyder's. This starter is a real advance for T's running on a 12-volt electrical system.

On December 12, 2019 the rebuilt-engine was re-installed in Al's T with the help of students from Valencia High School's Automotive Technology Career Pathway. (See website photos for December 12 and 21, 2019.) Finally, the Model T was ready for a test drive and it ran well. Once a warmer day arrived on January 15, 2020, Al and Marilyn drove their T back home. It snowed the next day! Another Tin Lizzie T is Back on the Road Again.



*Photo courtesy of the Schwanke family*

# Al & Marilyn Schwanke—Tin Lizzies over 35 Years are New Life Members

Member Profile

*by Paul R. Duncan*

When Iowa natives, Al and Marilyn Schwanke, moved to Albuquerque in 1976 he closed a successful commercial painting company in their hometown of Mason City, Iowa. Al told me the winters were just too cold and too long in Iowa and they thought Albuquerque offered the right balance of four seasons. Marilyn, a nurse trained in a Mayo Clinic-affiliated hospital, had had a successful career as a medical nurse in Mason City and Al had started a successful painting business. He had served 2 years in the US Air Force at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas as an aircraft electrician. They had 2 young daughters and could spend summer vacations in Iowa and still remain close to family members.

Once in Albuquerque, Marilyn found employment as a nurse at the Lovelace. She retired from Lovelace in 2003 after a 40-year nursing career. Both her daughter and recently her granddaughter would follow her in the nursing profession. In Albuquerque, Al saw an opportunity in “solar energy” and founded the company **Solar One**. They manufactured solar hot air and water

heaters for domestic use. After going public, he eventually sold the business and moved into home construction and building renovation. After that he started an auto paint and body business. Both he and Marilyn are retired now but Al still buys “minimally damaged” automobiles at the auction and fixes them for family members.

In 1982 they joined the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque and Al bought a 1925 Roadster. He won a number of State Fair Car Show awards. They sold their Model T Roadster and dropped their membership in the Tin Lizzies. At the 2015 NM State Fair his granddaughters said: “Granddad time for you to get another Model T”. Al contacted Tom the next week and bought his current '26 Touring. Al did a beautiful restoration of the 1926 T. The color he selected for the car is a striking dark purple and is not a Model T “official color.” Al did the pin striping on the car and the “wood texture” of the spokes, fellows and steering wheel is a real work of art. In December, 2019, Al and Marilyn were recognized as new Life Members of the Tin Lizzies.



**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2020**

**Minutes**

President Paul Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 33 members in attendance and no visitors. New member, Hope McNeal was introduced. The minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting were approved as printed in the December 2019 newsletter.

**Officer Reports:**

**Vice-President**—Mark Dominguez reported there would be no raffle this meeting instead he will auction a box of Model T parts donated by John Hayne.

**Secretary**—Dave Ferro was out of town and Jessica Lance agreed to take the meeting minutes.

**Treasurer**—Marilyn Duncan reported Income and Expenses since the November meeting. Income was mainly from dues and member co-pay for the Holiday party. Expenses included the Christmas party, website security scan service, annual Post Office box rent, Vineyard rent for 6 months, postage and back-ordered parts for the Club inventory. The Club Secretary, Dave Ferro has been added as the second signature on the checking account at Main Bank. Janice Gauna performed the annual financial audit for the calendar year 2019 and reported the “records to be in order and balance with the bank statements.” She suggested that that the Club consider changing banks to one with more branch locations. Marilyn noted that at the present time the location of the Main Bank is not a problem.

**Membership**—Marilyn Duncan reported that there are still 15 members with outstanding dues renewals. During December January, there have been 4 new memberships including Hope McNeal, Nicki Pilcher, Anthony Chavez and the Ernie McAlister family. She recently received the January Chapter Roster from the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA). There were 13 Tin Lizzie members who had lapsed MTFCA membership during 2019. Those members have been contacted. In mid-February, the Chapter submits the Tin Lizzie Roster to MTFCA for the liability insurance review. The updated Roster will be circulated at that time.

**Committee Reports:**

**NM Car Council**—Dave Merewether: He reported that the Car Council activities summary will be emailed to Tin Lizzie members. He also discussed a number of his ideas for the July 11, 2020 Collector Car Appreciation Day. He asked for interested Tin Lizzie volunteers to serve on the planning committee.

**Email**—Jessica Lance: All is well. If you want something sent out, send as many details as possible.

**Newsletter**—Paul Duncan is the Supervising Editor of the *Enchantment Flyer* and the February newsletter will be sent out soon. The December, 2019 issue included the November Minutes and Club activities through the end of 2019.

**Website**—Mark Wing & Phil Lance: Mark reported that he has recently added the following Events to the website: Corrales Light Parade, Holiday Party, Valencia High School student day, Work Days and the January breakfast at Weck’s. Larry Azevedo’s *Vintage Ford* article about the 2016 MTFCA National Tour has now been posted. The website Calendar required replacement in January, 2020.

**Phone**—Linda Riel: Call her to be added or removed from the call list.

**Hospitality**—Fran Gurule: Sent “Thinking of You” cards to Tom MacGugan, Don Lauritsen, JoAn Armstrong, and Mary Jo McKinstry.

**Librarian**—Mark Dominguez: Books are ready to be checked out.

**Quartermaster**—Larry Azevedo: Parts are in stock except waiting on a timer replacement. The annual parts inventory was completed during the January 18 Work Day by Roger Burton and Steve Kranz.

**Historian**—Marilyn Duncan: Archive materials were recently requested for review regarding past Mystery Tours and minutes from the 1980s.

**T’n Vittles Breakfast Schedule**—Linda Riel: The February 8, 2020 breakfast will be hosted by Dave and Ann Merewether at Chili Fix, 3351 Candelaria NE. Volunteer to fill still open dates.

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**Meeting Refreshments**—Meeting refreshments for this meeting are provided by Paul & Marilyn Duncan (President) and Mark & Sharon Dominguez (Vice President). The February meeting refreshments will be by Ross's and Willan's. Volunteer to fill still open dates.

**Past Events** (See the Club Website for Story and Photos)

**(1) T'n Vittles: January 11** at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Weck's, hosted by Paul & Marilyn Duncan. There was one T, 18 members and 3 guests.

**(2) Work Parties: December 12**, students and instructor from Valencia High School auto mechanics class helped install Al Schwanke's engine and drove Larry's 1912 touring; **December 21**, members helped finish Al's car (Cover Story p. 3) and Frank Lewark worked on his magneto; **January 18** Paul Duncan replaced the timer on his touring assisted by Steve Kranz and Al Schwanke. Frank Lewark continued work on his engine, Mark Wing modified couplet door hinges and Kirk Peterson and Mark Dominguez continued work on Kirk's Montana-500 engine.

**(3) Corrales Starlight Parade and Potluck: December 7** in Corrales, six Ts participated in the parade followed by a potluck at Azevedos.

**(4) Christmas Party: December 8** at The Cooperage. Mark Dominguez made the table decoration— useful wheel chocks. Fifty members participated in the event that included Installation of 2020 Officers/Directors and recognition of the 2019 Board and new Life Members (Miles, Schwanke, Dominguez & Ortega).

**(5) Board of Directors Meeting: January 11** at the Duncan's. Main business included review of the 2019 financial record and the proposed 2020 Budget. The Board also discussed 2020 Club priorities and events.

**(6) Announcements:** Bruce Daniel's trailer was stolen and has not been recovered. Members need to take appropriate steps to protect their trailers.

**(7) MFTCA President Larry Azevedo:** The new Explorer Club for kids (age 7-17 is doing well. MFTCA membership is currently stable and hopefully will start to grow. He encouraged members to take the virtual tour of the Model T Museum online. Also, a Model T simulator has recently been added at the Museum.

**Upcoming Events:**

**(1) Work Day at Larry's Garage:** Saturday, February 1, 2020

**(2) General Meeting:** Thursday February 27

**(3) Rich Ford Car Show:** Sunday, March 8 (daylight savings begins, we spring ahead) The Duncan's 1920 touring will be on display in the showroom.

**(4) July 4 Corrales Parade:** Saturday, July 4, 2020

**(5) State Fair Car Show:** Sunday September 13, 2020

**New Business;**

**(1) 2020 Budget:** Treasurer Marilyn Duncan summarized the Club Income & Expenses from 2019 and presented a proposed 2020 Budget. The Board had reviewed and discussed the Budget at their recent meeting and sent the proposal to the General Meeting for a vote. Vaughn Rockafellow moved to accept the Budget as proposed, discussions followed and the Budget motion passed unanimously.

**(2) Socorro Tour:** September-24-27 (tentative dates). Frank Lewark's organizing group will have a meeting to discuss the route.

**(3) Mystery Tour:** Vaughn Rockafellow volunteered to organize a tour. He received copies of past tour records from the Club Historian.

**(4) Espanola-Based Tour:** Orlando Ortega recently proposed a 2-3 day 2020 spring tour to sites near Espanola. The Club membership indicated interest in the idea.

**(5) Auction:** Philip Lance won the box of parts for \$31.

**(6) Program-**There was no program.

**Next Monthly Membership Meeting:** February 27, 2020, 7pm at the Vineyard. President Paul Duncan adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Jessica Lance (Assisted by Paul & Marilyn Duncan)

**Meeting Refreshments & T'Vittles Breakfast**

**by Linda Riel,  
Committee Chair**

**Meeting Refreshments 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Provided By</b>	<b>Provided By</b>	<b>Note</b>
01/23	President	Vice President	Thank You
02/27	Bob/Robbi Ross	Vern/Pat Willan	
03/26	Betty Housholder	Al/Marilyn Schwanke	
04/23	Brian Dean		
05/28	Dave/Ann Merewether		
06/25			
07/23	Mark/Susan Wing	Phil/Jessica Lance	
08/27	Ice Cream Social		Group
09/24			
10/22	Kirk/Susan Peterson		
11/19	Guys with Pies		Group
December	No Meeting		

**T'n Vittles Breakfasts 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hosted By</b>	<b>Place/Time: Starts at 8:00 unless different time scheduled by host</b>
01/11	Paul/Marilyn Duncan	Weck's, 6621 4 <sup>th</sup> St NW, <b>8:30 am</b>
02/08	Dave/Ann Merewether	Chile Fix, 3351 Candelaria Rd NE (just west of Carlisle)
03/14	Bob/Robbi Ross	The Daily Grind, 4360 Cutler Ave NE, Ste C (Menaul & Washington)
04/11	Stan/Janice Gauna	Barelas Coffee House, 1502 4 <sup>th</sup> St SW (NM-314/Bridge Blvd)
05/09		
06/06-1st Saturday	Betty Housholder	The Vineyard 55+, 6118 Edith Blvd NE; breakfast & car rides
07/11	Dave Ferro	TBA
08/09		
09/12		
10/10	Phil/Jessica Lance	TBA
11/14		
December	No Breakfast	

**Contact Linda Riel @ (505) 459-5897 to sign up or make changes.**

by Marilyn Duncan, Membership Coordinator

## Membership

### New Tin Lizzie Members in December & January

**Anthony Chavez** is the auto shop teacher at Valencia High School. He brought a group of his top students to the Tin Lizzie Youth Day held in December. He hopes to bring more students to Larry's garage in the future and possibly even get a Model T project car for the students.

**Ernie McAlister**, one of Anthony Chavez' students at Valencia High School and his father **Ernie** joined with a new Family membership. Ernie was signed up by Larry Azevedo as a new MTFCA Explorer Club Member. The McAlister family lives in Tome, NM.

**Hope McNeal** lives in Albuquerque and works at Weck's where she first saw Model Ts at one of our T'n Vittles Breakfast events. Her friend, **Nicki Pilcher** also lives in Albuquerque and works at Weck's. Mark Wing recruited them to join the Tin Lizzies and they both attended the recent Light Parade in Corrales. They are looking forward to spending time in the shop and learning to drive a Model T.

### Membership Update for 2020

**Dues Renewal & Roster:** The Club is winding down their annual membership renewal for 2020 as all renewal dues need to be paid by January 31. Ninety-five percent of 2019 Tin Lizzie members have either renewed or have "dues checks in the mail." A new 2020 Active Roster will be issued in February. I anticipate about 100 active memberships (160 voting members) to start 2020. We have recently received our current MTFCA Chapter Roster from Stella Davis, Membership Coordinator. Tin Lizzie MTFCA members who lapsed their memberships during the past 12 months have been contacted. The MTFCA provides free Liability

Insurance to Chapters with at least 50% membership in MTFCA, so every MTFCA membership is important to the Club! The Active Chapter membership Roster along with a list of Officers and Directors will be submitted to MTFCA in mid-February. All current Officers and Directors of the Chapter must also be MTFCA members. The MTFCA liability insurance covers the Club during Chapter-sponsored events. Every car driver, however, needs their own personal liability insurance coverage.

**February Birthdays:** John Bauer, Luke Berglund, Brian Dean, Mark Dominguez, Les Haley, Betty Houston, Jean Langdon, Don Lauritsen, James Mooney, Don Neidigk, Pat Padgett, Rita-Loy Simmons

**February Anniversaries:** Skip & Hedy Dunn, Bob & Sherri Jackson

## Website

Your Tin Lizzies website contains many resources not only to promote the club, but for your enjoyment and informational purposes. The website is constantly being monitored, updated, and improved. Recent new features include the <[Tin Lizzies Suppliers/Resources](#)> and a new <[Events Calendar](#)>. The site also houses historical information about the club including videos, photos, and past/upcoming events. As we move towards going more and more paperless, you can now easily access the <[Enchantment Newsletters](#)>. The website provides a unique user experience for Model T enthusiasts! Go check it!

**Note:** Events calendar users need to know that in addition to hovering over a date/event for more information, clicking on it will provide even more information such as an interactive map if the event is associated with a specific address.

The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque  
Website  
<https://www.tinlizziesofabq.com/>

## Club Events Schedule 2020

**General Membership Meetings: The Vineyard +55, 6118 Edith Blvd NE, ABQ**  
01/23/20; 02/27/20; 03/26/20; 04/23/20; 05/28/20; 06/25/20; 07/23/20; 08/27/20;  
09/17/20 (one week early due to Tour); 10/22/20; 11/19/20 (one week early due to Thanksgiving); no December meeting.

**Work Days: Corrales TBA**  
Dates via email or phone call reminder

### Car Shows:

Rich Ford Albuquerque: 03/08/20  
Rich Ford Edgewood: TBA  
Power Ford: Memorial Day; Labor Day TBA  
NM State Fair: 09/13/20

**Board of Directors Meetings: 01/11/20:**  
Paul & Marilyn Duncan's home, 5549  
Eakes Rd NW; following Breakfast. Next  
meeting TBA, members welcome.

### Parades:

Corrales 4th of July : 07/04/20  
Corrales Holiday Light Parade: 12/05/20

### Tours:

Fall Socorro Tour: 09/24-27 (tentative)

*by the Editorial Staff*

This section of the Newsletter is currently UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Readers are asked to give input to the Editor regarding future content. The past policy on ads has been ambiguous and needs clarification. One idea is that we adopt a newsletter ad policy similar to MTFCA's *Vintage Ford*. Each Tin Lizzie member may publish a FREE up to 50 word text ad in a single issue of the *Enchantment Flyer*. Non-members may submit similar ads to the Editor at a cost of \$5 for each listing. Commercial ads will not be accepted except for the major Car Show Donors and Club members who sell Model T parts. Each ad will run in a single newsletter issue, unless the seller requests renewal. Optional: Additional cost of \$7 if photo editing time required by newsletter staff.

**For Sale & Wanted**

**Sample Ad with Text & Photo**



**(NOT FOR SALE):** 1913 Model T speedster. Rajo B head, alum. Warford 3-speed, 12V system, electric starter, hydraulic brakes. Call James at (505) 457-6901 or email [james42@gmail.com](mailto:james42@gmail.com) for more information.

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