
THE ENCHANTMENT FLYER

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE TIN LIZZIES OF ALBUQUERQUE



Jeff Richards & Linda Riel driving the 1926 Touring car nick-named "The Colonel" in Las Cruces, NM during the 2018 Mesilla Valley Tour. See Paul Duncan's Cover Story and Member Profile.

Photo Courtesy of Mark Wing

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Viral Epidemics Present & Past

President's Message

by Paul R. Duncan, President

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are following current NM Department of Health orders regarding social gatherings and other restrictions. There will be no Tin Lizzie General Membership meeting in March and other scheduled Club events including the April T'n Vittles Breakfast and Club Work Days are on hold until further notice.

Both influenza and the COVID-19 illness are caused by viruses and patients with severe disease may develop life threatening or fatal pneumonia. I wanted to learn more about what happened during the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic when 650,000 Americans died and 50 million deaths were caused worldwide. I was curious about what happened in Detroit and how it impacted the Ford Motor Company. At this time, the Ford Motor Company River Rouge plant and shipyard were retooled to produce aircraft, engines and trucks. They had 150,000 men working in Detroit plants to fulfill a billion dollars of military contracts. There was a U.S. Naval Training Station on the site of the Ford River Rouge plant located downriver from Detroit and where the first influenza cases were diagnosed in September, 1918. Within a couple of weeks there were 300 new cases per day in the Detroit area.

Detroit hospitals were flooded by influenza patients. Military personnel were forbidden to travel to Detroit. They closed "places of public amusement", churches and schools. Public school teachers were reassigned to help in the health districts. Work continued at the Ford River Rouge Plant and social distancing was recommended. This is a familiar public health scenario in the current coronavirus pandemic. Fortunately, in 2020 we have better diagnostic tools and medical support capabilities but the general population lacks natural immunity and there is no available vaccine or treatment that can cure the virus infection.

In 1918, Marilyn's grandmother's 19-year-old younger sister died suddenly from influenza pneumonia in Germany. My grandfather was a college professor as well as a chaplain in a Colorado National Guard unit that was scheduled to deploy to Europe in late 1918. WWI however, ended with the Armistice signed at the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day during the eleventh month". He did not deploy and also did not get influenza.

We are following the guidelines to protect ourselves. Many of our Tin Lizzie members may be at higher risk by virtue of age. Be Safe!

Online Link: 50 U.S. Cities and their stories of the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic: <https://www.influenzaarchive.org>

Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque

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Where is “The Colonel”?

by Paul R. Duncan & Marilyn Duncan

Cover Story

In 1972, Colonel Roy Young, retired after a 29 career in the Air Force and then retired again in 1995 after 23 years with H & R Block. He wrote several stories about his Model Ts that were published in *The Enchantment Flyer* newsletters.

In an article published in the July, 2001 issue when Bernice Young was the Newsletter Editor, he recalled when he bought the parts for his 27 Touring.

“In July 1977, I decided to build a Model T. My ad in the Journal was answered by a Mr. Hooper. My buddy McFadden and I went to look at his collection. Mr. Hooper had a 1919 white Speedster which he had restored. The balance was “stuff” he had collected over the years. The 27 Touring was a basket case. He said, ‘my wife says I have to get rid of everything except the 1919 Speedster.’ For \$1600 I brought home the 27 Touring, five engines and transmissions, wheels, coils, and etc.”

In March, 2006 (Vol. 27, No.3 pages 12-13) when Sharon Dominguez was Newsletter Editor, he wrote a follow-up story about “My Second Model T.”

“The 27 touring was a basket case but had a title. ... About 1986, I got serious about working on the touring with a lot of help from guys in the Tin Lizzies. Many trips to Chickasha and other swap meets helped fill in the parts needed. By 1988 I had a running 27 Touring, minus upholstery, paint and etc. ... I have driven my Touring over 3500 miles in parades, car shows, state fair exhibits, MTFCA national tours in Golden, Colorado, regional tours and local tours, plus driving for weddings and etc.”

Roy’s beautifully restored 1927 Touring was frequently pictured during the 1990s at Tin Lizzie events. Roy served 4 terms as Tin Lizzies President and from the time he joined the Club in the mid-1980s until his death in 2007 the club benefitted from his wise leadership.

After Roy’s death, his 1927 Touring (“The Colonel”) was sold to the owner of Sopa’s restaurant in Bosque Farms. About a year later, Tin Lizzie member Tom Miles purchased “The Colonel” and brought the T back to Albuquerque. During Tom’s term as MTFCA President (2011-2012) his “President’s Desk” column in *The Vintage Ford* showed Tom driving “The Colonel.” Several years ago, Jeff Richards, a current Tin Lizzie Board member acquired “The Colonel” from Tom Miles. Jeff told me that the T continues to run well. We are fortunate to still have “The Colonel” in our “Tin Lizzie” family.

When interviewed for this story, Tom Miles shared several stories about Roy Young. In 1983, Roy encouraged Tom to buy his first Model T that was in parts and cost \$700. Tom asked Rossi Morris to assist in rebuilding the engine at his Sundance Automotive shop as he had done for Roy’s T. Roy was part of Rossi’s support team during the Great American Race when Rossi drove his orange Model T speedster. Both Roy and Rossi played the organ and when Roy died Rossi inherited his organ.

The nearly forty-year history of “The Colonel” is a good example of a Model T that was originally restored by Tin Lizzies club members and continues to be driven by another generation of club members.



Roy Young in his 27 Touring, 1988
Photo Source, Tin Lizzie Archives

Jeff Richards*by Paul R. Duncan***Member Profile**

This month the Member Profile features Tin Lizzie Board Director, Jeff Richards. His first name is actually Richard but he goes by his middle name, Jeff. He joined the Tin Lizzies in March 2014 and now participates regularly in Club events. During the past 6 years, he has moved from Model T curiosity to owning two running Model T's, including the 1926 Touring ("The Colonel") featured in this issue of the newsletter and a 1925 coupe purchased in 2018 in Las Cruces, NM. He had previously bought the parts to complete a 1915 Speedster from Dean Van Doren's Model T collection.

How did Jeff discover the Tin Lizzies and "get hooked" by the Model T hobby? In 2012 his neighbor in Bosque Farms, Tin Lizzie member Vernon Armstrong invited him to attend the 2012 State Fair. Jeff helped with the take-apart car that year. In early March 2014, he came to the Rich Ford car show, met a number of enthusiastic Tin Lizzies and then joined the Club. During the March 29, 2014 Work Day, he and Vernon helped Marilyn & I rivet new wood into the top bows on our 1920 Touring. In the Model T shop, Jeff is a "take charge" person with an amazing mechanical talent to analyze problems and figure out solutions.

Jeff was born like his mother Beth (O'Reilly), now 94, in Santa Rosa, NM. In the late 1880s Beth's grandfather immigrated from Ireland to Wichita Falls, TX where he worked as a stone mason for the railroad. Her father, also a stone mason, moved to Santa Rosa, NM and entered the ranching business. Jeff is the second youngest of 9 boys and 2 girls. His father, John was from Tacoma, WA. During WWII he flew converted P-38 Lightning fighter planes doing photo reconnaissance over Germany. He survived being shot down over enemy territory. After the War he worked as a commercial fisherman in Washington State and Alaska.

Jeff's parents split their time between the Pacific Northwest and the Santa Rosa ranch. Growing up, Jeff spent a lot of time on Whidbey Island, WA where he attended elementary

school and junior high school. His father and older brothers worked as commercial fishermen. Jeff is a serious fisherman even now. I recall that in 2017 during the Tin Lizzie Red River Tour Jeff's T, "The Colonel" developed mechanical issues. What did he do while the rest of us were driving our T's to Taos and Eagle Nest and down Bobcat Pass? Jeff came prepared with his fishing pole. He was not just going fishing, he was going catching. In short order he caught and cleaned his limit, packed them in the cooler and gave them to Susan Wing.

In 1976, Jeff (16), was working near Cuervo, NM on the Santa Rosa ranch. There was never a shortage of things needing attention and he became very facile with lots of repair and construction skills as well as guns. He responded to an emergency at the Cuervo post office where a local teenager had a gun and was threatening people at the post office. He fearlessly jumped the teenager to disarm him and was accidentally shot in the foot. The police arrived, and Jeff was transported to the hospital in Albuquerque where doctors were able to save his foot. During the long rehabilitation process, Jeff's family

moved to Albuquerque and he finished his education at Highland High School.

Jeff married his high school sweetheart in 1980. Then, he enlisted in the US Navy as an electronics technician on an aircraft carrier. He and his wife Linda raised a daughter, Amanda, now a Valencia County sheriff and a son, Richard Jeff Jr. a UNM student in electrical engineering. Jeff's 7-year-old grandson Oliver, has been to a number of Work Days at Larry's. Sadly, Jeff's wife died in March, 2013

with a ruptured aneurysm. Outside of the military, he only had two working career bosses. First, he worked for his dad managing his "Porta Potty" rental business for 18 years. Then, he worked 20 years with MCT, a waste hauling company. He is currently recovering from a work-related injury but still has been able to participate in Tin Lizzie events along with Linda Riel.



(L-R) Jeff Richards, Vernon Armstrong, Paul Duncan
Work Day, March 2014.
Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Duncan

by Marilyn Duncan, Membership

Membership

New Members: Three new families joined the Club in March bringing the total of Active memberships to 107. They are **Ben & Jo Ann Abeyta** of Albuquerque. They are in the antique business and own a 1926 TT. Their T is currently for sale. He plans to run a classified ad soon with more information.

Dylan Rodriguez-Gauna & Felicia Gauna are from Albuquerque. They are part of Tin Lizzie member, Stan Gauna's extended family. Felicia is Stan's daughter and she is in

the real estate investment business. Her son Dylan works at Blake's and is the father of 5 month old baby Felix. Expect to see them with Stan & Janice Gauna at upcoming Club events. **Robert & Tiffany Martinez** are from Los Lunas and have 3 children ages 6-13. They are good friends of Tin Lizzie member, Bruce Daniel. Robert works as a car transporter and wants to learn more about Model Ts.



April Birthdays: Lorna Azevedo, Bill Barnhouse (97!); Jocelyn Bauer; Brendan Burke; Molly Cunningham (91!); Freddie Evrage (92!); Joe Fellin; Gerald Hash; Bob Jackson; Tom Miles; Anthony Ortega; Ken Rowland; Scott Stuart; Bernice Young

April Anniversaries: Herb & Pat Padgett



Model T Ford Club of America

MTFCA Contact Information: PO Box 996, 309 N 8th St, Richmond, IN 47375-0996, Phone (765) 373-3106, join or renew (\$40/year) online link: <https://www.mtfca.com/clubpages/joinamember.htm>. The member dues renewal date is printed on the mailing label of *The Vintage Ford* magazine.

The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque, a MTFCA Chapter offers a 1-year local dues waiver to members who join MTFCA as new members. Contact Marilyn Duncan, Membership Coordinator for more information.

MTFCA Major Events: See *The Vintage Ford* magazine for more information.

Homecoming at the Model T Museum: 06/06/20, Richmond IN

MTFCA 2020 National Tour: 07/18-23/20, Spokane, WA

MTFCA 2021 National Tour: 06/20-25/21, Fond du lac, WI

by Marilyn Duncan, Historian

Past—Present

In this issue we reprint a “Garage Gossip” column by Larry Azevedo that was originally published in *The Enchantment Flyer*, Vol. 28, No. 4, May 2007, p 11. Lorna Azevedo was the Newsletter Editor and Don Mitchell was President.

Garage Gossip by Larry Azevedo

Last weekend we hauled our Speedster out to the Arizona Speedster Run. This year it was held in Prescott. Our son (David), daughter-in law (Renee) and grandson (Derek) drove up from Mesa to participate with us. This was Renee’s first interaction with a Model T activity. David acted as mechanic until the first potty stop (I always call them potty stops because that’s usually what you have to do first —Model T’s are great at keeping the bladder shook up and active). Renee switched to mechanic at the stop and promptly lost the keys to their modern car, thus assuring a seat next to me as mechanic for the rest of the day.

Always wanting to initiate a new driver into our Model T ranks, especially one that’s not retired, I started to work on her as we were driving. Here’s how the conversation went: (Me): “This car is really not hard to drive. Don’t worry about the three pedals on the floor, plus a throttle, plus the Ruckstell shifter, plus the hand brake. You just push this one down when you want to go and then let it out later. You can use any of the three pedals for a panic stop.”

(Her) “Huh?”

(Me): “What?”

(Her): “Forget it, I’m barely hanging on and I don’t like the road flashing by so quickly.”

Well, we continued to drive on the

Speedster run and about 25 miles from the end I actually got her to start seriously thinking about trying to drive. Unfortunately, about that time we heard a loud rattle from under the hood and she decided “No driving for me”. It was just my water pump pulley giving up the ghost after 80+ years of dependable service. I had been complaining about the cool weather all day and now I was happy about it! We cruised into the finish line in 2nd place, without a fan or water pump, and the T kept it’s cool. I’ll have to try another time to get her in the driver’s seat.

Present: This story is dedicated to the many willing riders including family members who have joined Larry & Lorna Azevedo as passengers in their Model T Speedsters! In this story Larry shares his instructions for new Model T drivers. Fast forward 12 years, a now teenage Derek recently rode with his grandfather in the 1921 Gilmore Speedster to a T’n Vittles breakfast in the South Valley, NM.



Larry Azevedo and his grandson Derek, July 2019
Photo Courtesy of Paul Duncan

Rich Ford Albuquerque Car Show

by Paul R. Duncan



Mark Wing and Mark Dominguez standing. L-R cars: Mark & Susan Wing's 1925 Touring, Mark & Sharon Dominguez's 1927 Touring; Samantha & Gabe Sanchez's 1923 Roadster; Stan & Janice Gauna's 1917 Depot Hack.

Photo Courtesy of Paul & Marilyn Duncan

Tin Lizzie's participated in the first driving event of 2020 at the Rich Ford Albuquerque "59-year Birthday Car Show". This year, The Mustang Café located on-site at the dealership was open for breakfast and a group gathered there to start the morning. There were 11 cars on display outside. The majority of cars were driven to the show despite threatening weather. Two additional 1920 model Ts were on display in the showroom during the entire weekend. The 100-year-old Birthday Model Ts included the Duncan's 1920 Touring and the O'Brien's 1920 Luverne Fire truck. Long-time

club member Linda Riel coordinated the event with long-time supporter, Dennis Snyder who is Rich Ford President and general manager. Membership coordinator, Marilyn Duncan signed up 3 new Tin Lizzie family memberships during the car show. Read more on page 5 "Membership" and page 10 "Major Donor 2020." To view more photos of the event go to the Club website: : <http://www.tinlizziesofabq.com/car-show-at-rich-ford-albuquerque-mar-8-2020/>

Duncan's 1920 Touring, O'Brien's 1920 Firetruck & Henry Ford



Paul & Marilyn Duncan's 1920 Touring with their new T restoration poster.
Photo Courtesy of Paul Duncan



Marilyn & Al Schwanke brought Henry Ford.. Tin Lizzie President, Paul Duncan welcomed them all to the 100-year birthday celebration.
Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Duncan



Neil & MaryAnn O'Brien's 1920 TT Luverne Fire Truck and their poster.
Photo Courtesy of Mark Wing

Coronavirus Notice

The Tin Lizzies General Membership Meeting for March 26, 2020 and the T'n Vittles breakfast for April 11, 2020 as well as Work Days have been CANCELLED or PUT ON HOLD for now. We will stay in touch with members via email and phone calls. If you need assistance, please let us know or call Linda Riel at her contact below. At the present time, the New Mexico Statewide Emergency Public Health Orders limit the size of gatherings as well as impose other restrictions due to the current COVID-19 epidemic.

Online Link for NM Department of Health COVID-19 Updates: <https://cv.nmhealth.org>

Linda Riel, Chairman, Contact at (505) 459-5897

Refreshments & T'n Vittles

Meeting Refreshments 2020

Date	Provided By	Provided By	Notes
03/26			Meeting CANCELED
04/23	Brian Dean	Jeff Richards	
05/28	Betty Housholder	Al & Marilyn Schwanke	
06/25	Dave & Ann		
07/23	Mark & Susan Wing	Phil & Jessica Lance	
08/27	Ice Cream Social	Group Event	
09/17	Rita-Loy Simmons & Sharron Geilenfeldt		1 week early due to Tour
10/22	Kirk & Susan Peterson		
11/19	Guys with Pies	Group Event	1 week early due to Thanksgiving

T'n Vittles Breakfasts 2020

Date	Hosted By	Starts @8:00am unless otherwise noted; Notes
03/14	Bob & Robbi Ross	Thank You
04/11		CANCELLED
05/09	Stan & Janice Gauna	Barelas Coffee House, 1502 4th St SW(NM-314/Bridge Blvd)-Starts at 8:30am (Time Change)
06/06-1st Sat	Betty Housholder	The Vineyard 55+, 6118 Edith Blvd NE; breakfast & rides
07/11	Dave Ferro	TBA
08/09		TBA
09/12	Rita-Loy Simmons & Sharron Geilenfeldt	TBA
10/10	Phil & Jessica Lance	TBA
11/14		

by Marilyn Duncan

For Sale & Wanted Ads

We are still fine tuning the details about publication of Classified Ads in the newsletter. The pricing on John Hayne's Classified Ad as published in the March issue was incorrect and is correctly reprinted in this issue. In the meantime, John is learning to use his new USB flash drive for better digital communication. As most readers are aware, John is not only one of the founding

members of the Tin Lizzies Club but he has an amazing collection of Model T parts located in Albuquerque. His pricing is fair and he is very knowledgeable about the details of Model T parts. His Free Self-Illustrated Parts List includes not only Speedster information but many other beautifully illustrated drawings of Model T parts. See his Contact information below.

MODEL T PARTS for SALE (Corrected Price List)	PRICE
1917/25 Roadster & Touring spare tire carrier including clincher rim.....	\$105
1926/27 Closed Car tire carrier with a split rim, tire & tube.....	\$125
1917/1927 set of 16 lug bolts & nuts for demountable rims.....	\$35
1926/27 steering column & very good wheel.....	\$155
Call John (505) 294-4434	

Free Illustrated Speedster Parts List

Want to build a speedster, then you will need my free illustrated parts list that includes several pages of speedster parts. Save shipping on your T parts if you buy locally. You can pick up same or next day.

Call John (505) 294-4434



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Major Donor 2020 Recognition

Another Birthday Celebration at Rich Ford Albuquerque

by Marilyn Duncan

Thank you to Dennis Snyder, President and General Manager of Rich Ford for his many years of support to the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque. We helped him celebrate their 59th Anniversary (1961-2020) during our recent car show held on March 8, 2020. They ran newspaper and radio ads for several days ahead of the event announcing that there would

be a "Model T Ford Show" by the Tin Lizzies. The ads brought a number of visitors who were interested in Model Ts and joining the Club. Several joined that day. We are scheduled for another Rich Ford car show in August, 2020 at their dealership in Edgewood. Many Tin Lizzies drive their Ts to and from the Edgewood show on Old Route 66 for a one day mini-Tour.



Tin Lizzies seated L-R: Sharon Dominguez, Janice Gauna, Mark Dominguez and Stan Gauna. Standing: Dennis Snyder, President of Rich Ford at The Mustang Cafe on March 8, 2020.
Photo Courtesy of Mark Wing

Check out past Events & Other Postings on our Website

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

Chapter Events 2020 Schedule

General Membership Meetings: The Vineyard +55, 6118 Edith Blvd NE, Albuquerque-

Held the 4th Thursday at 7pm, unless otherwise noted.

03/26/20 (**CANCELLED**); 04/23/20; 05/28/20; 06/25/20; 07/23/20; 08/27/20; 09/17/20 (1 week early due to Tour); 10/22/20; 11/19/20 (1 week early due to Thanksgiving); No December meeting.

T'n Vittles Breakfasts: Held the 2nd Saturday of each month, start at 8:00 am unless otherwise noted. See List on Page 8.

04/11/20 (**CANCELLED**); 05/09/20; 06/06/20 (1st Saturday); 07/11/20; 08/09/20; 09/12/20; 10/10/20; 11/14/20; No December breakfast.

Car Shows:

Rich Ford Edgewood: 19 Plaza Loop, Edgewood: 08/xx/20 exact date TBA: (Contact Linda Riel, (505) 459-589)

NM State Fair: 09/13/20 (Contact, Mark Dominguez (505) 263-9970). Parking location TBA

Balloon Fiesta: 10/04/20, TBA (Contact, Betty Housholder (505) 345-1329)

Power Ford: 1101 Montano NE, Albuquerque: Dates TBA, but Not Confirmed (Contact, Paul Duncan (505) 345-1343)

Work Days: Corrales at Larry's Garage, Dates TBA

Notification via email or phone reminder.

Parades:

Corrales 4th of July : 07/04/20

Corrales Holiday Light Parade: 12/05/20

Tour:

Socorro Fall Tour: 09/24-27/20 (Dates tentative, planning in progress), Contact Frank Lewark, Paul & Marilyn Duncan or Dave Ferro

Board of Directors Meetings:

Dates TBA via email, Club members welcome to attend.