
THE ENCHANTMENT FLYER

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Tin Lizzie members MaryAnn & Neil O'Brien at their Albuquerque shop where they and their son Tim have been working to complete the restoration of their 1923 Howe Model T firetruck. See the Cover story Page 3.

Photograph by Paul Duncan

The Enchantment Flyer is the official publication of the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque Model T Club. The purpose of the newsletter is to share written communication among the Club members that enhances content currently available on the Club website and circulated via member email. The Editor welcomes contributions by all Club members, especially Committee Chairs, Officers and Directors who manage the Club between General Membership meetings.

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Tin Lizzies Stay Active

by Paul R. Duncan, President

On July 11, we had our first T'n Vittles breakfast since March 11. Photo Page 8. Our July general meeting, however, is cancelled as *The Vineyard* remains closed to group activities and outside visitors.

In this issue of *The Enchantment Flyer* we highlight some of the home shop projects that Tin Lizzie members have undertaken during the past four months. We are a large club and there are many skilled Model T "project T-ers." We had tentatively planned a Socorro, NM Fall Tour (September 24-27, 2020) but Tour organizer Frank Lewark asked to postpone the Tour until the fall of 2021. Keep the September, 2020 dates in mind, however, as Dave Ferro, Marilyn Duncan and I may organize a short fall tour.

We are currently scheduling T'n Vittles breakfasts at restaurants with outdoor dining service. I hope that members take the opportunity to drive their Ts to the upcoming Saturday, August 8 breakfast planned at **Monica's El Portal** in Old Town (321 Rio Grande Blvd NW.) See Page 8.

One ongoing Tin Lizzies Club project is our collaboration with the Valencia High School auto shop in Los Lunas. In July we delivered a Model T "Project Car" to Anthony Chavez the auto shop teacher. The T was donated by Tom Miles. See story Page 4.

Work days have restarted but are limited to small groups in compliance with COVID health orders. Call Larry Azevedo to schedule private shop time for your T.

President's Message

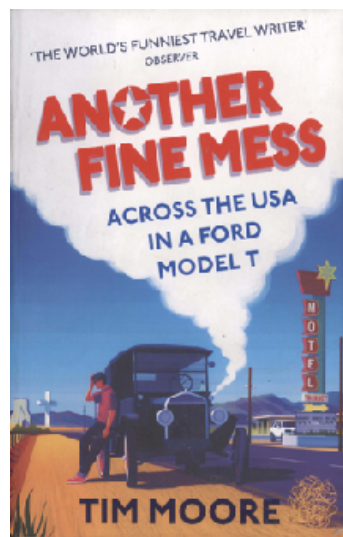
Editor's Note: This is a short overview of my book review to be published in the upcoming issue of the MTFCA *Vintage Ford* magazine. I wanted to share a few highlights for all of our Chapter newsletter readers. I have an extra copy of the book available to loan.

Book Review Preview

by Paul Duncan

"Another Fine Mess" by Tim Moore

Tim Moore is a middle-aged British travel writer who has written other books in the mold of participatory journalist George Plimpton. In 2017, he set out to drive a 1924 Model T touring car nicknamed "Mike" from Virginia to Seattle, WA. He covered 6,200 miles as the solo driver in 83 days. At the time he began his adventure, he had almost no experience driving a Model T or any technical expertise. Numerous individuals along the way who were mainly members of the MTFCA assisted him along his route with maintenance



and rescued him from mechanical break downs. The author did his homework and weaves a fascinating story about the people and communities he travels through during his trip. The route was originally planned to pass through "red" counties as defined by the 2016 presidential election. During his drive, he discusses the history of the places he visits, talks about the friendly people he encountered and how he came to appreciate the geographic vastness of the USA. At the end of the trip Tim makes it to Seattle. He decided to ship "Mike" back to England. I heartily recommend riding along with Tim and "Mike" in this modern Model T-travel adventure.

O'Briens Restoring a Howe Model T Fire Truck

by MaryAnn O'Brien

Cover Story

During the COVID-19 "Stay at Home" time excitement has been building in the O'Brien Garage. Tin Lizzie members, Neil, MaryAnn and their son Tim have been working on Tim's circa 1923 Howe Fire truck. The O'Brien's bought the fire truck in 2010 from a seller in Battle Creek Michigan.



Howe Fire Truck before restoration.

Photo provided by the O'Brien family

When they picked up the T, it was partially torn apart and a lot of the parts were in boxes including many of the pump parts. There was also a bucket of bolts. In addition, they received several original photos taken by the "third owner back" which have been very helpful. Reassembling the T, however, has been like putting a puzzle back together and Neil's experience with "Fire Apparatus" has come in handy. The powder-coated frame and the engine rebuilt in Larry's garage more than 6 years ago has finally been brought back to life. Slowly but surely, it is being reassembled piece by piece. Recent work has focused on sand blasting the metal parts and

arrived from the wheelwright in Ohio. In the meantime, MaryAnn has been working on restoring the original wheels as a back-up set. Tim is most proud of the copper water tank that is mounted in the middle of the truck, near the pump. Meanwhile if anyone in the Club has time to come join the fun and see what is happening, drop by. Hopefully one day coming to a parade near all of us will be this new addition to the Club. With the copper water tank, it's a beauty! We still have lots to do.

Neil, MaryAnn & Tim



Copper water tank

Photo provided by the O'Brien family



Tim and Neil fitting parts

Photo provided by the O'Brien family

matching correct parts back together. The bed is finally going on with a newly-fabricated oak floor. New front wheels with spokes and rims have



Tim in the driver seat

Photo provided by the O'Brien family

Editor's Note: This Howe Model T firetruck will join the O'Brien family 1920 Luverne Model T firetruck at Tin Lizzie parades and car shows. Tim is a real life working fireman currently serving as a Commander with the Bernalillo County Fire Department. Finally ten years after buying the Howe Model T in parts his dream Model T firetruck is finally being reassembled and should be running soon.

Valencia High School Donation

Model T Parts Donated to Local High School Automotive Program

by Paul Duncan

In December, 2019, Anthony Chavez, instructor in the auto shop and 6 of his students in the Valencia High School **Automotive Technology Career Pathway** participated in a Tin Lizzie Club Work Day in Corrales. See story on the website: <http://www.tinlizziesofabq.com/valencia-high-school-students-visit-to-larrys-garage-dec-12-2019/>

Both Anthony and one of his student's family joined the Tin Lizzies after their visit. Anthony brought up the idea that working on a Model T in the Valencia High School shop program could offer his students a unique opportunity to learn more about Model Ts and have a lot of fun doing it. Their auto shop complex at Valencia High School includes a classroom and a large auto shop as well as sheet metal and welding facilities. This facility is also used auto technology students from the UNM Valencia campus in Los Lunas.



Jeff Richards, Paul Duncan, Tom Miles load Model T parts at Tom's storage unit.
Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Duncan

Following the student's work day in December. Tom Miles, long time Tin Lizzie member offered to donate his unfinished 1927 Touring project Model T to the Valencia High School program. Anthony accepted the donation without hesitation but onsite classes at the school had closed due to COVID. The school plans to reopen again for fall shop classes. On July 8, Paul and

Marilyn Duncan picked up the rebuilt-engine and rear end at Larry Azevedo's Garage. They met up with Jeff Richards and Tom Miles at his storage unit. After all the T parts were loaded, Paul and Marilyn delivered them to Anthony Chavez at Valencia High School in Los Lunas. Tom's donation included the following: rebuilt 1927 engine and differential; 1927 touring body; 2 front fenders and aprons; powder coated frame; and rebuilt-front and rear ends with Rocky Mountain brakes.



Anthony Chavez and Paul Duncan unloading T parts at the Valencia High School automotive shop.
Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Duncan

Anthony Chavez met us at the school and we unloaded the T parts into the auto shop. Anthony is excited to have the Model T in his shop and this will be a memorable project car for the students. Marilyn and I have a high radiator and 4 wheels with split rims and tires that we plan to donate to the project. Anthony and the students will do research to learn more about parts in Model Ts. Then they will generate a "shopping list" of missing parts. Tin Lizzie members who would like to donate parts or participate in the restoration project, contact me.

by Marilyn Duncan, *Membership*

Membership

New Members: One new family joined the Club in June. Total Active memberships are now 108. Les & Terry Mathson have lived in Albuquerque for the past 5 years. Les grew up in Wisconsin and he now owns his great grandfather's 1917 Touring car that was purchased new in Black River Falls, WI. Les is currently working as a

regional manager for Weather Shield Windows and Doors. He found the Tin Lizzies through Larry Azevedo and has recently joined MTFCA as well at our local Chapter and they are looking forward to participating in Club events in New Mexico.



July Birthdays: Jo Ann Abeyta; Marilyn Duncan; Art Gebeau; John Hayne; Larry Langdon; Gwenevere Johnson; Dave Merewether; Paul Musgrave; Amy O'Brien; MaryAnn O'Brien; Orlando Ortega; Clyde Stanfield; Cole Wedekind; Ashley Wing

August Birthdays: Margie Beck; Sharon Dominguez; Vicky Lujan-Gibbs; Ruth Haley; Hope McNeal; Melody Ortega; Neil O'Brien; Kirk Peterson; Gabe Sanchez; Al Schwanke; Barbara Stanfield; Pat Willan

September Birthdays: Gene Barnhouse; Paul Bird; Cortney Campbell; Kassi Carpenter; Paul Carpenter (91); Anthony Chavez; Bruce Daniel; Julie Dilts; Marcie Kammerer; Jeff Richards; Mark Wing

July Anniversaries: John & Carol Burnett; Mark & Sharon Dominguez; Paul & Marilyn Duncan

August Anniversaries: Don & Barbara Mitchell; Neil & MaryAnn O'Brien

September Anniversaries: Larry & Lorna Azevedo; Roger & Janie Burton; Dave & Laura Campbell; Spike & Teri Clapper; Larry & Jean Langdon; Kirk & Susan Peterson; Clyde & Barbara Stanfield; Brendan & Ashley Wing

Garage Gossip

Negotiating the Aisles of Home Depot

by Larry Azevedo

For those of you who have the benefit of a significant other, this Garage Gossip will appeal. For others rest assured that being single does have its perks.

I have, through 40 years of happy marriage with my lovely spouse, developed the execution of visits to Home Depot to a fine art. Lorna loves to shop and often goes with me to Home Depot. Now it's very important that if you are going to take your partner to Home Depot (or Lowes, Ace Hardware, etc.) BE SURE to visit the store in question ALONE. You need to memorize the contents of each and every aisle. When you go with your sweetie try to follow a path through Tools. This is always a safe bet because anything in that area you can probably use. The next best aisle is probably Lumber, as long as you avoid

windows, doors and the like. It's usually safe to wander down the pure lumber section (remember to avoid fencing!). Let's say you are going to the store for paint. Don't walk down tile, or any kind of flooring unless you are prepared to defend why the house doesn't need new flooring. Wander through lighting only if you are prepared to install a new ceiling fan. It's OK to travel through the garden section if it's winter, definitely NOT springtime! Finally, be sure to always know the safest (that is the least likely to cause more honey do projects) path to the restroom, try to steer her through Tools! Good luck!

Larry

July, 2020

Neidigk Turn Signal Install

by Paul Duncan

Member Shop Project

Tin Lizzie member Don Neidigk sent out a note to the club in May asking for help to sort out problems in his wiring of new turn signals on his 1926 Coupe. I contacted him and arranged to come to his house. Don had purchased the same kit for turn signals that I had previously installed on my two T's. We checked the Signal-Stat unit on the steering column to determine if there was a good ground. I had a detailed wiring diagram identifying appropriate wiring of the fuse flasher socket. We installed a terminal block on the firewall and proceeded to match the colored wires with power and the four lights. The main problem was that the wiring crimps were loose, so we redid all the



Don Neidigk and his 1926 Coupe
Photo by Paul Duncan

connections. Finally, all the lights worked.

I enjoyed visiting with Don and his wife Kathy. I learned that they met while students at New Mexico State University and married after Don's graduation. Don grew up in Hobbs and Kathy in the Las Cruces area. Don received a M.Div. at the Denver Seminary and also did additional graduate study at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN. Kathy, a CPA, retired as Director of Quality Control at the NM State Auditor's Office. They have raised three boys and their grandchildren visit regularly. Don retired as pastor from Calvary Lutheran Church in Rio Rancho. He still assists part time at a church in Las Vegas, NM. He is also the author of several books available on Amazon.com.

Duncan Touring Cut-Off Fails to Start

by Paul Duncan

Member Shop Project

In the 1950s Marilyn's Father purchased this 1918 Touring cut-off at a farm auction in Perry, Kansas. A new dam was being constructed and farmers were clearing out their barns. This T always looked "worn out." After we got the T to Albuquerque in 2014, We realized that this T had a period high compression head, a "Giant Power Head." Several years ago, we transferred that head to our '20 Touring and improved its performance.

In early June with New Mexico still under "Shelter at Home" orders we restarted the restoration process of the '18.

We wanted to see if the engine would start. Paul installed a working Holley NH and attached the steel fuel line. We had previously installed a new sediment bowl on the gas tank. A small 6-volt acid battery was installed under the seat to energize newly rebuilt coils from Ron Patterson. All fluids were added including gear grease in the accessory Muncie Transmission. Several years ago, we poured kerosene into the Muncie to free up the gears and mounted the '18 on



Paul Duncan in '18 Touring Cut-Off, Kirk Peterson (right), Larry in Jeep towing.
Photo by Marilyn Duncan

original wheels from the '20 touring. Recently, we took the '18 to Larry's Garage for a cleaning with his new "Hotsy" high temperature pressure washer. He removed large chunks of grease and dirt from under the T and we left it to dry.

Several days later, we returned to start the car. Initially we jacked up the rear and cranked but it did not start. Then Larry towed the car to the soccer field with his Jeep. Kirk Peterson was also there helping. Paul & Larry drove around and around the field multiple times but the best they could get was a few engine pops and exhaust puffs. Then, Paul tested the engine compression and found only 1 cylinder with moderate compression and no compression in the other three! We had answered our

question about whether the T could be started. The answer was definitely NO. So now, Paul is removing the original engine and thinking about putting in a later engine with a starter.

New Radiator for Willan Touring

by Vern Willan

Member Shop Project

Radiator tubes: round stock tubes vs modern flat tubes – does it make a difference. Very definitely YES.

Getting home to the East Mountains from the State Fair in our '26 Touring has always been a challenge. Overheating: coolant all over the car and us, dumping water on the radiator to cool it down, running with the mixture rich to try to keep it cool. You had to keep the engine running or it would go from a soft boil to a hard boil.

The filler neck came loose and this was a blessing, because it motivated me to purchase a new flat tube radiator. We put the new radiator to the test coming home from a great breakfast at **El Patio** on 7/11/20 in 95°F



Pat & Vern Willan drove their '26 touring with the new flat-tube radiator to the breakfast at **El Patio**. Photo courtesy of Mark Wing

weather. The red colored alcohol in the motor meter never even got close to the circle of death at the top of the meter. I was carrying 1.5 gallons of 50/50 coolant on the running board, a full water bag on the front and 4+ gallons of water in the back. I didn't need a drop. I was pleasantly surprised at how cool it ran with the mixture set for max power.

All the Model T parts houses have these radiators (about \$800) or if you have special needs you can order from Brassworks (<https://thebrassworks.net>).

Comparing the descriptions, I think Brassworks makes them all.

Vern Willan, a happy camper

Wing Coupelet Update

by Mark Wing

Member Shop Project

Ray Wells (the Craftsman) let me know in mid-May that the 1915 Coupelet body that he had been re-wooding since Dec. 2019 was ready for pickup. Brendan, my son, and I drove to El Cajon, CA in May to pick it up. Ray had done a fine job on the re-wooding and any missing metal parts were fabricated by Ray's trusted sources. It was now time for me to carry out the corrections, adjustments, and detailing prior to final body work and painting. I'm currently in the process of patching the areas of the woodwork where too much material was removed, modifying the doors, hinges, and sheet metal for a better fit, and working on the "flappers", the window guides that lay horizontally to cover the window openings and flip up when the windows are in the upright position. Screws that were installed crookedly are being plugged, re-drilled, and re-installed. Any Philips head screws are being replaced with slot head screws. I anticipate having the body work completed and painted for a return to Southern California in a couple of

months for the upholstery and wool-lined top. Ernie Romero of El Cajon, CA has upholstered several Coupelets now and is well respected in the hobby for his outstanding work. The Coupelet project is moving forward nicely and I'm enjoying concentrating on it in the comfort of my air-conditioned garage.



Mark Wing's 1915 Coupelet body in his garage shop
Photo by Mark Wing July, 2020

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Meeting Refreshments 2020

Date	Provided By	Provided By	Notes
07/23			Meeting CANCELLED
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 or as noted
07/11	Dave Ferro	Thank You! See picture below
08/08	Paul & Marilyn Duncan	Monica's El Portal in OldTown, 321 Rio Grande Blvd NW & Dora Ave NW, starts at 9:00am
09/12	Rita-Loy Simmons & Sharron Geilenfeldt	TBA
10/10	Phil & Jessica Lance	TBA
11/14		

July T'n Vittles Breakfast Held at *El Patio*

by Paul & Marilyn Duncan



Fifteen Tin Lizzie members gathered for breakfast on July 11, 2020 held ***El Patio*** restaurant, on Rio Grande & Griegos. This was organized by Dave Ferro and was the first T'n Vittles held since the COVID-19 "Stay at Home" started in mid-March. All who attended wore their face masks and observed social distancing. Breakfast was served in the outside shaded patio of the restaurant. Six Ts were driven to the event and others came in their modern cars. Pictured (left to right) are Larry & Lorna Azevedo, Bob Ross, Marilyn (& Paul) Duncan, Rita-Loy Simmons, Sharron Geilenfeldt, Don Mitchell, Pat & Vern Willan, Sue & Mark Wing, Linda Riel, Jeff Richards, Dave Ferro.

Photograph by Paul Duncan

Classified Ads For Sale

by Marilyn Duncan

MODEL T PARTS for SALE	PRICE \$
1926 wood wheels, unrestored, new bolts.....	400
1924/27 high radiator.....	45
1926/27 steering column.....	155
Brake lever with cross shaft.....	75
Battery holder frame.....	50
2 1/2" drop front axle.....	255
Drop front axle with spindles, new bushings & king pins.....	375
1916/early 1917 headlight, original glass, unrestored.....	65
1926/25 coil box with lid includes porcelains.....	55
1919/25 coil box with lid.....	55
1926/27 pair running board supports, painted.....	110
1921/25 pair running board supports, painted.....	100
1917/20 cast running board set, 4 straight	255
Call John (505) 294-4434	

1926 Coupe for Sale: I'm open to offers on my '26 T coupe. Everything works. This is a project car you can enjoy as is or restore. I'll keep working on it till it is sold. I would like to buy back the coupe Rossi Morris restored for me that is now in a museum. Don Neidigk 505-235-8816 RevDHN@msn.com



2020 Donors

Editor Comment: So far in 2020, we have received one donation from our participation in the March Rich Ford car show and a personal donation from Don Neidigk for help installing new turn signals on his T. Thank you to our Donors.

Wing's Host Freighter Jim Visit

by Paul & Marilyn Duncan

1904 Model B Ford

Freighter Jim has delivered two Model T's to owners in Albuquerque during the past several months. Recently, Mark Wing was contacted that Freighter Jim would be passing through Albuquerque on his way from California to Indiana and was transporting a rare 1904 Ford Model B. He offered to stop in Albuquerque and show the car to a small group.

The Ford Model B was a high end 4 passenger touring car that weighed 1800 pounds. Henry Ford and his right-hand man engineering genius C.H. Wills designed the Model B. Ford Motor Co. assigned letters of the alphabet for all their models beginning in 1903. The Model B was assembled in the newly built (1904) Ford Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. The Model B had a relatively large 24 hp 4-vertical cylinder engine with removable heads located in front of the firewall and behind a radiator, longitudinal springs, two-speed planetary transmission and enclosed rear drive train and differential. According to an advertisement from 1904, the car sold for \$2,000 and included large wheels, pleated-leather interior, dark green body, yellow running gear, Holley carburetor, 2 oil lamps, horn and tools.



Larry Azevedo studies the Model B Ford.
Photo courtesy of Paul Duncan

Ford investor, Alexander Malcomson, a Detroit Coal magnate, wanted Henry Ford to build a high end luxury car that included the Ford Model B and later Model K. Malcomson left the Ford Motor Company company in 1906. This allowed Henry to pursue a smaller version of the Model B that led to the Model T.

The Model B that Freighter Jim was transporting is an original Model B and the only one known to run. The car that was discovered in the basement of a building in Buffalo, NY in 1955. Eventually it was purchased by a known collector of original Ford Models predating the Model T. Kim Dobbins from Long Beach, CA volunteered to get the

Model B back into running condition and spent many hours on the restoration. Currently the car is being loaned to the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum in Auburn, IN. Several Tin Lizzies attended the event including Mark, Susan Wing & their granddaughter Emma, Paul & Marilyn Duncan, Larry & Lorna Azevedo, Dave Ferro, Bob Jackson and Paul Beck.



Lorna Azevedo sits in the driver's seat with her passenger Bob Jackson.
Photo courtesy of Paul Duncan



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MTFCA Major Events: See *The Vintage Ford* magazine for more information.
MTFCA 2020 National Tour: POSTPONED to July 2021, Spokane, WA

The Tin Lizzies General Membership Meetings for March, April, May, June, July have been CANCELLED due NM Health Department COVID-19 Orders limiting the size of Group Gatherings. The monthly T'n Vittles Breakfasts were cancelled during restaurant closures for April, May and June but resumed in July. Work Days were also cancelled from mid-March until resuming for a small group in mid-July. We will continue to stay in touch with members via email and phone calls. Check the NM Department of Health website for COVID19 Updates: <https://cv.nmhealth.org>

Chapter Events 2020 Schedule

General Membership Meetings: The Vineyard +55, 6118 Edith Blvd NE, Albuquerque-
Held the 4th Thursday at 7pm, unless otherwise noted.

07/23/20 (CANCELLED); 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
08/08/20; 09/12/20; 10/10/20; 11/14/20; No December breakfast.

Work Days: Corrales at Larry's Garage, Dates TBA, resuming 07/11/20
Notification via email or phone reminder.

Car Shows:

Rich Ford Edgewood: CANCELLED

NM State Fair: CANCELLED

Balloon Fiesta: CANCELLED

Fall Tour: Socorro , 09/24-27/20 (POSTPONED to 2021)

Alternate Tour may be scheduled similar date in September, 2020, to be announced

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