

# THE ENCHANTMENT FLYER

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Gatsby Day at Sandia High School in Albuquerque (March 15, 2021). Photos clockwise starting top left: Kathy Browning Sandia High School teacher standing by the Wing '25 Model Touring with the A Phaeton behind right; Duncan '20 Model T Touring with the Mitchell '27 Model T Tudor sedan behind; Gabaldon '28 Model A Phaeton; Azevedo-Wedekind '27 Model T Touring. Photos courtesy of Mark Wing except Ray Gabaldon shared the photo of his A Touring.

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## Pandemic Enters another Year

*by Paul R. Duncan, President*

### President's Message

One year ago in March, 2020, we entered the "Shut Down" and "Stay at Home" phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. We cancelled our regular meetings. We squeezed in several T'n Vittles breakfasts, a Memorial Day drive-by event in the Northeast Heights and a Fall Tour to Espanola. We were able to have more or less regular work days at Larry's garage with small number of participants who have accomplished a variety of significant Model T projects that have been reported in the newsletter.

This past week we joined the Model A Club at Sandia High School for their annual "Gatsby Day" celebration and car show. Normally, the event includes food, music, dress-up and students walking around the cars and taking pictures. Last year the event was cancelled entirely. This year, we drove our cars and most of us dressed in vintage clothing, parked every other parking space (social distanced) in the school lot and watched as around 75 students drove by in their cars, many in masks. The teachers recognized their students and cars kept coming by for several hours taking pictures of our cars on cell phones held out the car window. We brought our own lunch, sat around our cars or visited with the A-Club members.

FINALLY, we are seeing the positive effect of vaccination. We have continued to see new COVID-19 cases and deaths dropping every day in New Mexico. Some parts of the state have been able to "open up" under the "Red, Yellow, Green and Turquoise" plan of the NM Department of Health. The majority of Club members have had at least one dose of the vaccine! We have had a year to learn about the virus and have become familiar with protocols for masks, distancing and gathering size.

A critical step in diminishing COVID-19 involves continued vaccination. Our statewide vaccination rate leads the nation. We likely now have over 60% immunity in the state when one considers those vaccinated, those who had COVID-19 and those who were asymptomatic carriers. I am optimistic herd immunity can be achieved in the country. I am positive that we have turned the corner.

We have the upcoming "Mystery Tour" a one-day tour driving event planned for April 10<sup>th</sup> (See Minutes Page 9), T'n Vittles breakfasts, shop work days with more people attending and maybe even an in-person Tin Lizzie meeting by May! Keep getting your Ts out for drives and be ready for upcoming Club 2021 spring and summer events.

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## Great Gatsby Car Show, Questions &amp; Answers

by Marilyn Duncan

Cover Story

Tin Lizzies participated in the recent Sandia High School "Gatsby Day" an event that has been organized annually over a number of years for their social studies, history and literature program. The local Model A Club (*Pocos Quatros*) has participated previously and this year Tin Lizzies and their Model Ts were invited to join the group. Members who drove Ts included Larry & Lorna Azevedo (Cole's '27 touring), Paul & Marilyn Duncan ('20 touring), Mark Wing & Dave Ferro ('25 touring) and Don Mitchell ('27 Tudor sedan). In addition, John Gibbs, president of *Pocos Quatros* & his wife Vicky Lujan Gibbs who are also Tin Lizzie members, drove Vicky's '30 Model A coupe.

Along with our four Model Ts, there were 17 Model As including sedans, coupes, roadsters, a depot hack, trucks and one 1928 Model A Phaeton touring car owned by Ray Gabaldon from Los Chavez, NM near Belen. The Model A touring car, had many similarities to the appearance of Azevedo's '27 Model T touring but sported a heavier body and profile.

After the Gatsby Day finished, we left the event and I thought more about what we had seen at the car show. I also wondered whether any of the cars at show were actually mentioned in the Gatsby novel.

**Question 1:** Why are open (touring) Model Ts more common than Model A's? Why were they called phaetons?

**Answer:** Phaeton is a style of open automobile without fixed weather protection that was popular from the 1900s until the 1930s. During the Model T era (1908-1927) Ford produced a variety of body styles that included the same engine (20 hp) and chassis. The tops on Model T open cars (touring & roadsters) were a retractable carriage top with wood bows that laid down behind the seat. The folding top in both Model Ts and As was similar and was secured to the windshield with straps or clamps. The cars were otherwise "open to the weather" except when side curtains were installed. During the production years of Model Ts touring cars accounted for 6.5 million (44%) of the 15 million Ts built and was the most popular body style of the era. The popularity of the open touring car started to wane in the mid-late-1920s when enclosed cars with fixed steel and operable windows became available and more affordable.

When Ford Motor Co. introduced their Model A cars in late 1927, they were significantly different from Model Ts. Gone were the magneto, coils and planetary transmission. Engine horsepower (40 hp) was doubled and there was a battery-distributor ignition, better brakes, a sliding-gear transmission and new body styling. The Model A open-car body style included roadsters and Phaetons (tourings). During 1927 through 1928, there were a number of changes in the Model A open cars that makes these years of particular

interest to Model A collectors. and why the Gabaldon Model A Phaeton is a unique and relatively rare collector car. In 1930, Ford sold 1.16 million Model As but only 16,470 were Phaetons despite new styling changes.

**Question 2:** What cars are mentioned in "*The Great Gatsby*" and were there any Fords?

**Answer:** The F. Scott Fitzgerald novel was published in 1925. The story is fiction and was set in 1922 on Long Island. The various issues explored in the story include justice, power, greed, betrayal, social stratification, man's struggle with time and fate. The cars in the novel are symbols for various characters as well as American society at the time. Car crashes are signs of socio-economic and moral collapse. The

main character, **Jay Gatsby** a bootlegger millionaire has both a "station wagon" and a Rolls Royce. His Rolls Royce becomes a main character in the plot. The car was described as a luxurious yellow open car with green leather upholstery and nickel trim. In 1922, Gatsby's Rolls-Royce was probably a Silver Ghost.

**Gatsby** becomes obsessed to reunite with his former lover, **Daisy Buchanan**. While Daisy is driving Gatsby's car, she accidentally hits and kills **Myrtle Wilson**, her husband Tom Buchanan's mistress. Then, Myrtle's husband, **George Wilson** seeks revenge for her death by hunting down and killing Gatsby in a case of mistaken-driver identity. The narrator, **Nick Carraway**, drives an 'old Dodge' with a trunk. **Daisy Buchanan** drove a 'little white roadster' in 1917 and later was chauffeured in a "large open car."

**In summary**, there are no Fords, Model Ts or As, mentioned in "*The Great Gatsby*" although automobiles play an important role in the story, issues and society of the mid-1920s.



Lorna Azevedo & Mark Wing with his '25 touring at the Gatsby Day event. Photo by Paul Duncan



**Minutes of February 25, 2021 Virtual (Zoom)***David Ferro, Secretary***February Minutes**

President Paul Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 members signed in (15 required for a quorum). In attendance were: President, Paul Duncan, Vice President, Mark Dominguez, Treasurer, Marilyn Duncan, Secretary David Ferro and Directors Jeff Richards and Philip Lance.

**Minutes Approval:** President Duncan called for approval of the Minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting as published in the newsletter. Mark Dominguez moved for approval and Treasurer Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports:** Treasurer Marilyn Duncan reported that February Expenses totaled \$766 mainly for parts inventory and Income was \$158 from dues. Janice Gauna completed the annual audit of the club's finances on February 13, 2021 and found all deposits and expenditures proper and adequately documented. The Roster required for MTFCA liability insurance was submitted in mid-February. The Chapter had 98 active memberships and 2/3's are active MTFCA members.

**Standing Committee Reports:** President Duncan reviewed Committee Reports:

Car Council: No meetings

Email: All activities have been routine

Newsletter: The March-April Newsletter will be out in early April

T'n Vittles Breakfasts: We may be able to restart the breakfasts in April with warmer weather and more dining options

Website: Event postings are up to date.

Rich Ford Car Show: Linda Riel reported there has been no decision on a schedule for the next Rich Ford event, possibly this summer

Hospitality: Fran Gurule reported that cards have been sent to Bruce Daniel and Marilyn Schwanke.

Librarian: Mark Dominguez indicated all reference materials are available for checkout

Quartermaster: Larry Azevedo described the major reorganization and cataloging project he has completed for donated and club-purchased parts. He has a complete inventory on an Excel spreadsheet.

**Board Meeting:** The club's Board of Directors met at 6:30 before the February 25, 2021 meeting to review a proposed amendment to the Bylaws to authorize and guide the conduct of electronic meetings. After review of the proposed amendment, which is modeled after the section on Electronic Meetings included in the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order, the Board voted unanimously to recommend it to the general membership. The text of the proposed amendment will be printed in the next (March-April) newsletter and presented at the March meeting. A vote on the

proposal will be held at an upcoming regular meeting in April.

**Mystery Tour Scheduled:** Vaughn Rockafellow reported on the "Mystery Tour." This is an all day driving tour and will be held, Saturday, April 10, 2021. Watch for more information in early April.

**Current Projects:** Larry Azevedo and Paul Duncan reviewed recent shop projects at Larry Azevedo's garage. The Duncan '26 engine is nearing completion; Don Neidigk's coupe engine rebuild is ready for final assembly; Dave Ferro continues to work on the frame for a new speedster; Kirk Peterson has replaced fenders and is preparing to paint Buster, his entry in this year's Montana 500; Larry and Tim O'Brien have been restoring the pump from Tim's '23 TT fire truck. Upcoming shop projects include Andy Andrew's '24 touring, Les Mathson's '17 touring, and Russell Dilt's '26 touring. Phil Lance reported that their "new" '25 sedan needs starter and radiator work.

**Other Events:** Freightier Jim recently made another stop in Albuquerque and rolled out a 1913 Model T roadster and a 1910 Chalmers. Paul Duncan noted that despite the pandemic, the Chickasha OK Pre-War Swap Meet will take place in March, 2021. No Tin Lizzie members currently plan to attend this year.

The Southwestern Phoenix Brass Pre-War Event, a swap meet organized as an alternative to the Bakersfield Swap Meet, will be held May 1-2, 2021.

Club member Steven Chase is the contact for the Utah Canyon Tour to be held in April, 2021. The 3-day tour, sponsored by the Southern Nevada Model T Club and the Model T Ford Club of Southern California, will begin and end in Panguitch UT, and will include a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park. Contact Steven at NewNorthSouth@gmail.com.

**Membership and Dues:** Treasurer Marilyn Duncan suggested that it in the future it may be easier for members to pay dues for multiple years at a time or consider purchasing a Paid Life Membership.

**New Business:** Each February, the Club selects a member to receive the free 1-year MTFCA membership. Larry Azevedo drew the name of the 2021 winner, Thomas Wilson & Sarah Norris of Tijeras.

**Next Meeting:** Our next Zoom Virtual Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, March 25, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Jessica Lance moved for adjournment at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Ferro, Secretary

by Marilyn Duncan, Membership Coordinator

## Membership Update

**Membership:** We currently have 99 Active Memberships. Since the last newsletter, we added **Len & Linda Olona**. Leonard is the brother of Tin Lizzie member, Rev. Msgr. **Richard Olona**. Len currently works at Tau Technologies in Albuquerque that does electro-optical system contract work. Leonard sets up experiments and says he is the “wrench” person in the laboratory. He has recently been helping Richard do some repairs on his '24 Model T roadster. He recently came by Larry's Shop in Corrales to get help with a starter problem and is

looking forward to spending more time there in the future. The Olona Model T has been in the Tin Lizzies for many years and was previously was owned by **Ralph & Ruth Johnson**, parents of current Tin Lizzie member, **Barb Johnson**.

We have recently been notified by the MTFCA Executive Director, Rachel Hughes that our Chapter “has met the requirements for both Chapter Status and the requirements for the General Liability Insurance coverage.” Thank you to Club members who keep their memberships Active in the MTFCA.



**May Birthdays:** Andy Andrews; JoAn Armstrong (90); Lillian Azevedo; Roger Burton; Steven Chase, Jim Glover; Sherri Jackson; Barbara Mitchell, Fred Kammerer; Rita Ortega; Carmen Otero; Bill Robinson; Marilyn Schwanke; Barbara Wright

**June Birthdays:** Paul Beck, Laura Campbell; Lee Chase (92); Frank Ferri; Don Gaines; Jessica Lance; Frank Lewark; Duane Nicholson; Nita Nicholson; Tim O'Brien; Robbi Ross; Joe Vanderburg; Coorte Voorhees; Rebecca Wiegand; Vern Willan; Brendan Wing

**May Anniversaries:** Gene Barnhouse & Carmen Otero; Russell & Julie Dilta; Don & Medora Gaines; John Gibbs & Vicky Lujan-Gibbs; Tim & Amy O'Brien; Joe & Yvonne Ortega; Gabe & Samantha Sanchez

**June Anniversaries:** Lillian Azevedo & Brendan Burke; Paul & Margie Beck; Gerald & Linda Hash; Dave & Ann Merewether; Paul & Nancy Musgrave; Duane & Nita Nicholson; Tony & Patti Schroeder

## Merewether Lost Wedding Ring Story

On 03/01/21, *The Albuquerque Journal* published a story about Tin Lizzie members **Ann & Dave Merewether** and Ann's wedding ring that was lost in their yard in 1964. At the time, they searched diligently but the ring was never found and then they moved away. She has never given up hope that it will be found. The story of their wedding and how their love for one another endures to this day with both of them in their 80s and married for nearly 63 years. Recently she read a story about a Chicago woman whose long lost wedding ring was recently returned after being lost in a snowdrift. Journal writer Joline Gutierrez Krueger wrote the story about Dave & Ann. So far, no one has found Ann's ring.



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Ann and David Merewether's 50th anniversary was announced in the Journal in 2008 with photos of them then and at their wedding on June 12, 1958.

## Members Continue Productive Shop Work

by Paul Duncan

### Garage Shop Projects

1. **Paul Duncan's** 1926 engine rebuild for their '18 touring cut-off: Engine completed March 22, currently starting rear differential rebuild and reassembly.

2. **Don Neidig's** 1926 engine rebuild for his 'coupe: progress continues and ready for engine reassembly.

3. **Kirk Peterson's** '24 coupe "Buster" renovation for the Montana 500: Test drive completed March 3 and judged "Excellent". More body work and painting is next. The 61st Montana 500 Endurance Run will be held in Kalispell, MT May 31-June, 5, 2021. Check out the website for more information about the event:

[www.antiqueautoranch.com/montana500](http://www.antiqueautoranch.com/montana500)



4. **Dave Ferro's** speedster frame has been straightened and painted.

5. **Tim O'Brien's** '23 TT firetruck pump rebuild is progressing. Larry machined new molds for Babbiting and a new pump cylinder.

6. **Leonard Olona**, new Tin Lizzie member along with Arturo Sanchez-UNM engineering student brought in the starter from Monsignor Richard Olona's '24 roadster for diagnosis.



Left to Right: UNM student Arturo Sanchez, new member Leonard Olona, Larry Azevedo in his Corrales shop. They repaired the starter for the Olona roadster. Photo by Paul Duncan March 2021

Tim O'Brien '23 TT firetruck pump restoration. Photo by Larry Azevedo

Coordinated by Marilyn Duncan

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**My Forty Years with Ford**

Charles E. Sorensen with Samuel T. Williamson  
2006 (reissue), Wayne State University Press

*Paul Duncan*

Book Review

I recently read Charles Sorensen's book **"My Forty Years with Ford."** The book was originally published in 1956. The book is a first hand account written by a Charles Sorensen who was intimately involved in the development and production of the Model T as well as other Ford Motor Company (FMC) products including World War II bombers until his retirement in 1944.

Charles Sorensen started at FMC in 1905 when he was 24 years old. He was adept at making wooden patterns in which "he translated Henry Ford's mechanical ideas into tangible visual form."

He observed that Henry Ford had an uncanny ability to see what steps were needed to create a process far in advance of anyone else. For instance, "Ford understood that to successfully build an inexpensive automobile, one needed revolutionary cost cutting production." Ford did not know exactly what steps would be needed but he and his assembled team understood that they needed to design, build and sell automobiles at a profit in order to remain a viable business entity. At the same time, they needed to be able to increase production and decrease costs. Sorensen emphasizes that Henry Ford was not driven by money. His ultimate goal was to produce an auto that was affordable to the average working person. Sorensen emphasizes that Henry was an innovative and creative team player. Ford values and needs the opinions and ideas of his close associates but he made the decisions. As it turns out, the 8 "pre-Model T" automobiles that FMC built were a dress rehearsal for the Model T. Nearly 10,000 "pre-Model T" models were sold and provided income for FMC along with consumer and dealer input. Henry decided early on that the planetary transmission was the right design along with a 4-cylinder engine with a removable head and stamped metal oil pan. Sorensen credits stockholder and treasurer James Couzens for his fiscal and marketing responsibility and for creating an expanding dealer network.

Henry and his associate C.H. Wills incorporated the new vanadium steel alloy from Europe into new lighter designs of the Models N, R, and S. By incorporating precision-built interchangeable

parts into the assembly process, automobiles could be built at a rate of 100/day by 1909. Sorensen understood that the key to producing the car Ford envisioned in the numbers he envisioned was to improve the manufacturing process of the individual parts and the assembly process leading to the finished automobile. The assembly line followed.

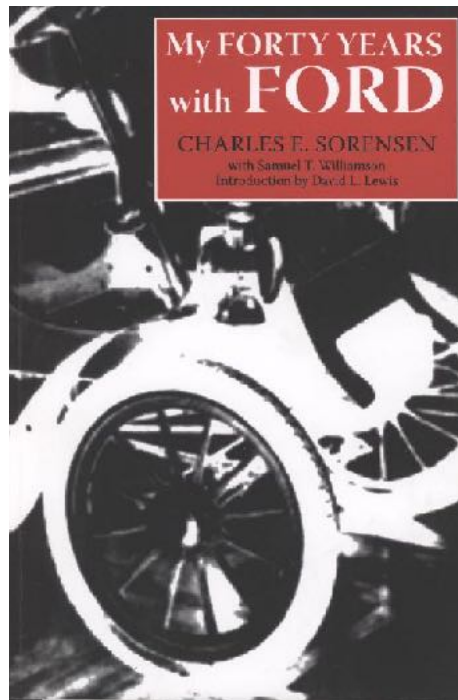
Once the Model T design was settled, production started in the fall of 1908. As orders poured in, it became clear that the FMC Piquette plant could not handle the production that was needed. The

Highland Park plant was planned and operations moved there in January, 1910. By 1912, 68,700 Model T's were produced with the majority being Touring cars that sold for \$690—a \$250 drop in 2 years. The most sophisticated machine shop anywhere was part of the Highland Park plant design as well as large integrated factory spaces where efficient mechanized assembly could take place. Sorensen states: "Mass production and automation both evolve from the same principle: Precision machine produced interchangeable parts and orderly flow of parts to subassembly and final assembly."

In 1913 FMC produced 170,000 T's that sold for \$600 each (another \$90 drop in price) and the company realized a 28-million dollar surplus. Henry Ford wanted to pass on profits to the worker. At Henry's direction Sorensen and Couzens transferred a portion of the profits to the labor costs and calculated that the daily wage would need to be \$5/day. Henry Ford

said that the \$5/day wage was not charity but profit sharing.

After spending 39 years with FMC Sorensen said: "He was aware of Henry's character deficiencies but he believed when weighed against his good qualities, his sense of responsibility, his exemplary personal life, and far reaching accomplishments these defects become microscopic. Sorensen made it clear that he was proud to have the label—"Henry Ford's man." This book has crystalized my understanding of the design and production of the Model T and why the Model T was such a successful industrial breakthrough. This book tells a truly extraordinary story of innovation and "possibility" thinking!



**Electronic Meetings Bylaw Amendment***by Marilyn Duncan***Proposed Bylaw Amendment**

**Editorial Comment:** *The following wording has been proposed by the Board of Directors as an Amendment to the current Article VII Meetings of the Tin Lizzies Bylaws. This adds the option for holding electronic meetings for the Club. The amendment must be approved by 2/3s of the voting members present at the April, 22, 2021 general meeting. The proposed amendment will add two new Sections, 5 and 6 to Article VII dealing with Electronic meetings and are shown in Bold Italics below. These changes follow current recommendations of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (12th edition, 2020) that electronic communication requires simultaneous audio communication among all participating members equivalent to meetings held in one room or area.*

**Article VII Meetings**

**Section 1. Regular meetings** shall be held monthly with the time and place to be determined by the members. The regular meeting in November shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

**Section 2. Special meetings** may be called by the President or the Board and shall be called at the request of the members of the Club.

**Section 3.** Fifteen (15) members of the Club shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 4.** Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote.

**Section 5. *Electronic meetings may be called by the President or the Board or as Special Meetings. During Electronic meetings, members communicate through electronic means using telephone or Internet audio or audio-video conferencing software. The electronic technology utilized requires that all people present at the meeting are clearly audible to one another. Members will provide their own electronic devices for the meetings and are responsible for their electronic connections. The President will host and conduct the meetings or may delegate that responsibility to another member of the Board. Prior to the meeting, advance notice will provide essential Login information and members shall Sign in to the meeting. The presence of a quorum shall be established by a roll call at the beginning of the meeting. Electronic meetings shall follow Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, regarding suggested procedures for electronic meetings. The Secretary shall take minutes that document the names of all participants, record motions and results of voting.***

**Section 6: *Combined Regular and Electronic meetings may be called and shall be conducted according to Article VII, Sections 1-5.***



**Minutes of March 25, 2021 Virtual (Zoom) Meeting***David Ferro, Secretary***March Minutes**

President Paul Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 members signed in (15 required for a quorum.) Officers in attendance were: President Paul Duncan, Vice President Mark Dominguez, Treasurer Marilyn Duncan and Secretary David Ferro. Directors in attendance were Phil Lance, Jeff Richards and Al Schwanke.

**Minutes Approval:** President Duncan called for approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2021 meeting. There being no objection to the minutes as published in the January – February newsletter, they were accepted.

**Officer Reports:** Treasurer Marilyn Duncan reported that March expenses totaled \$345 (\$59 for parts, \$186 for insurance on the club's telephone truck, and \$100 reimbursement for shop supplies), income was \$12. She noted that our current membership was 99, including our newest members Leonard and Linda Olona. Also, we received our MTFCA recertification and annual liability insurance certification.

**Standing Committee Reports:** President Duncan briefly reviewed committee reports:

Email: No issues.

Newsletter: The March-April Newsletter will be out in early April.

Website: Mark Wing has posted photos and information describing our latest event the Sandia High School's annual Great Gatsby Day. There were 17 Model A's and 4 T's on display. Tin Lizzie participants included Paul & Marilyn Duncan, Don Mitchell, Larry & Lorna Azevedo, Mark Wing & Dave Ferro and John & Vicky Gibbs (Model A.)

Hospitality: No cards were sent this month.

Phone Tree: No issues. Meeting refreshments: virtual wine provided courtesy of Linda Riel.

**Shop Progress:** President Duncan reported he has completed his 1918 engine project and that Don Neidig's engine is coming along well. He praised Larry Azevedo's recent cataloging of over 500 club and donated parts. Kirk Peterson is putting the final touches on "Buster" in preparation for participation in this year's Montana 500. Also, Larry and Tim O'Brien have continued their extensive restoration work on the pump for Tim's TT firetruck. Andy Anderson of Durango CO will be bringing his touring car down in April for magneto work. He noted that Paul will soon begin rebuilding the differential for his 1918 project.

**Miscellaneous meetings and events:** Vaughn Rockafellow reported on the April 10th "Mystery Tour". He thanked Larry for designing the tour which was originally run 14 years ago. The tour will begin at 29 Claremont NE at 9:30 am. The morning portion will take approximately 2 ½ hours and we will lunch

at a City park. Everyone should bring their own food and drink. Vaughn notes that the afternoon portion will begin at 1:00pm and will end near a source of ice cream about 3:00pm. The entire tour driving distance is between 80 and 90 miles. Vaughn will be sending out an e-mail with more information the first week of April, and those interested will be asked to respond directly to him. He encouraged participants to bring a clipboard. The 12 pages of directions will be provided at the site, in addition to special instructions in sealed envelopes for teams that may get lost. He noted that a good driver and navigator are required for each car, and those who wish to drive a modern car will be expected to keep to Model T speeds.

President Duncan added that, this being our first driving event of the year, he hopes we will have a good turnout. and reminded participants that this would be a good time to make sure their T's are in good shape by completing the MTFCA Inspection sheet (available on the website.) Several club members will be attending the Southwestern Phoenix Brass/Pre-War Event on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. For information, contact Rich Huggins at [soutwestmodelt@gmail.com](mailto:soutwestmodelt@gmail.com).

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment:** President Duncan reminded members that we will be voting on the proposed Electronic Meetings amendments to the club bylaws during our April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and noted that the full-text of the proposed amendments will be published in the March-April edition of newsletter. Treasurer Duncan prefaced her reading of the proposed amendments by noting the important issue in conducting electronic meetings is ensuring that audio is available to the entire membership. (Please refer to the text of the proposed amendment in this newsletter on page 8.) After reading the proposed amendment, Treasurer Duncan asked if there were any questions and there were none.

**Next Meeting:** President Duncan indicated that it is unlikely that we will have an in-person meeting in April because, in addition to government approval, we would also need approval of the Vineyard which may not be open in April. He added that we are hoping for an in-person meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Look for an email announcement regarding the arrangements for our April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm. A virtual social meeting followed.

Respectfully submitted by David Ferro, Secretary



by Marilyn Duncan

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

**2021 Homecoming 2021: Roaring 20's:** June 19, Richmond, IN, Model T. Museum

**2021 National Tour:** July 9-14, Spokane, WA. Online link: [spokanemodeltclub.com/2021-national-tour](http://spokanemodeltclub.com/2021-national-tour)

**2022 National Tour:** July 19-24, Fond du lac, WI: Hosted by Dairyland Tin Lizzies

**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/join-or-renew/>

The member dues renewal date is printed on the mailing label of your *Vintage Ford* magazine. The MTFCA President, Larry Azevedo reports that MTFCA has continued to get new members and there are several new chapters forming in Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas.

**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. **Welcome** recent new Tin Lizzie MTFCA members: Anthony Chavez, Thomas Wilson (won free membership in February, 2021), Leonard Olona, and Tim O'Brien who reactivated his lapsed membership.

### Regional Tours in Southern Utah

**April 23-25, 2021: 25th Annual Speedster Endurance Run,** St. George, Utah, Hosted by the Sun Country Model T Club. Contact: Dana Crosby (602) 579-3928 or [telecros@yahoo.com](mailto:telecros@yahoo.com).

**April 26-28, 2021: Panguitch, Utah-Utah Canyon Tour,** Hosted by the SNMTC and MTFCS. Contact: Steven Chase (323) 497-0601 or [NewNorthSouth@gmail.com](mailto:NewNorthSouth@gmail.com).

**Note:** These two tours are independent and participants must register for both separately.

### 2021 Meetings & Club Events

**Regular in Person meetings are on Hold:** A monthly electronic Zoom meeting is scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month in the evening. An email notice with login information is circulated to Club members. When NM-DOH Regulations allow in person meetings we will resume our monthly schedule at the Vineyard.

**T'n Vittles Breakfasts** are also hope to resume soon. Email information will be circulated.

**Garage Work Days** with limited attendance may be scheduled directly with Larry Azevedo.

**Mystery Tour:** Saturday, April, 10, 2021. This is a one-day driving tour around Albuquerque organized by Vaughn Rockafellow and David Ferro. More information will be circulated via email and is also available from the organizers. This is a good opportunity to get out and drive your Model T. Participants driving modern cars are also welcome.

### Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque-2021 Officers and Directors

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