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The movie "*Canyon del Muerto*" opened the 2022 Arizona International Film Festival at the historic Fox Theater on April 20, 2022 in Tucson, AZ. On display in front of the theater, Left is a ca. 1918 movie T, "Old Joe" and at Right is the 1918 TT owned by Tin Lizzie member, Paul Beck. The Model Ts are featured in the movie that tells the story of archeologists, Ann Axtell Morris and her husband Earl Morris who were pioneering Southwest archeologists in the 1920s. Several Tin Lizzie Club members have participated in the filming. See movie story p. 9 and Book Review p. 8. Photo by Paul Beck, April, 2022

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President's Message

by Mark Dominguez, President



Summertime Has Arrived

Pictured Left to Right: Susan Peterson, Sharon Dominguez, Kirk Peterson, Mark Dominguez. Dominguez Roadster and Peterson Coupe upper Right. Photo taken during the 2021 MTFCA National Tour in Spokane, WA. Photo provided by Mark Dominguez

Hi All.

The time is here to get out with your Model T. It seems like we have been cooped up for so long that I was getting cabin fever. I hope this is the start of a great year and hopefully without any COVID setbacks to put us back in lockdown. I know gas prices are very high but remember, your Model T gas tank holds only 9 gallons.

Coming up, we have the opportunity to show our cars to people who have been cooped up longer than most of us. On Father's Day (June 19th), the residents at La Vida Llena retirement community would like us back to show our cars. I cannot think of a better way

for me to spend my Father's Day—with someone else who may not have a family member come to see them. I will have an email sent out with more information about the event.

Don't forget to wish Kirk and Larry "Good Luck" on the upcoming Montana 500 Endurance Run. They have been working hard all year on their cars. I look forward to seeing them finishing in the top two places. In my book you have already won!

Let's get out there with our cars and have some fun.

Mark Dominguez

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Jim Glover Member Profile

by Paul & MarilynDuncan

Profile

Tin Lizzie member, Jim Glover grew up in Albuquerque and graduated from Sandia High School in 1965. Since 1975, Jim has conducted his auto-shop business out of an old service station located on SW Yale in Albuquerque.

In October, 2021 Marilyn and I visited his shop to help him order upholstery and other parts for his recently-purchased 1924 Model T touring car. We answered many questions regarding Model T restoration and upholstery. Jim's Touring engine has

been rebuilt with a distributor. The paint job is shiny black. The T has top irons and bows on a functioning one-man top. The main restoration work to be completed now is installing the seat and top upholstery. We helped him verify the model year and style of his Touring so he could order the correct top, seat cushion, back rest and kick panels. He made an order list for Classtique Upholstery. He also decided to replace the original springs with new reproductions from Snyder's Antique Auto Parts. Iim has

been a member of the Tin Lizzies club since 2015 but only recently decided he wants to have a good running T that he can drive on Club tours.

Jim had a long career working at GE Aircraft Engines (GEAE) now part of GE Aviation. His employment there was "off and on" depending on the government defense budget. He retired from GEAE after 27 years of service. If he wasn't working at GE, he was "always with cars" and had his Yale Ave. shop. Over the years, he built and raced a champion drag car and restored many other automobiles.

When we went to his shop, he gave us a tour of his current collection that includes multiple vehicles of all vintages. In his yard space, there was a 1920's Oakland straight-6 pick-up, a 1924 TT metal cab truck, a 1950's Kaiser sedan, several Chevy trucks from the 1950's to 80's as well as a Model T touring

There were also a couple of non-threatening "guard dogs" as his shop is located in a "high crime"

area of Albuquerque. Unfortunately, several months after our visit, Jim's shop was robbed and he lost an RV with some of his Model T parts, including the new upholstery and springs for his 1924 T touring. He has used his insurance money to re-order the upholstery and springs but has not recovered the RV or found replacements for some other parts that he lost.

Jim became involved as a driver for the Canyon del Muerto movie shoot along with Tin Lizzie

member Paul Beck. In the fall of 2021, they both drove Model T's in Canyon de Chelly, AZ for Tin Lizzie **Member Coerte** Voorhees' movie project. Jim drove one of the movie Model T Touring cars, "Old Joe" into Mummy Cave at Canvon del Chelly where there was no road, only deep sand. After that adventure. he decided to learn more about Model Ts and to get his Model T on the road.

His fiancée Judy
Sanchez told me that
Jim is "like a little kid"
with his new
involvement in the
Model T hobby. Jim and
Judy live in the South
Valley. He married

young, had one child and then divorced. His son Jerry Rice (Glover) and wife live in Phoenix and they have two college-age boys. Jerry recently visited Albuquerque and attended a Tin Lizzie T'n Vittles breakfast.

Jim is also an author and has written a Model T memory story about his mother and the family Model T. Read his story on page 5 in this newsletter issue.



Jim Glover (Left) in the shop with his '24 Touring car. He is consulting with Marilyn Duncan (Right) about his upholstery project. *Photo by Paul Duncan, October, 2021.*

Mark & Susan Wing Accident

by Paul Duncan

Wings Accident

On April 26, 2022 **Mark & Susan Wing** were driving their Toyota pickup truck on I-40 returning from a California and Phoenix trip. They were involved in a one car roll over near Gallup, NM and were airlifted to UNM Hospital. Mark suffered a broken collar bone that was surgically repaired. Susan suffered fractures in several spine bones and underwent surgery at UNM. Their son's dog was killed in the accident. Following the accident, Mark was missing a rare 1910 Model T wheel

that he was bringing back from a California swap meet. A bright side of the story was that Tin Lizzie Life member **Art Gebeau** from Milan, NM (near Grants) drove out to the crash site and found the T wheel that had rolled about 40 feet away from where the truck had stopped rolling.

At the time of this newsletter, Susan is home again after several weeks in a rehab center and Mark is assisting her recovery.

Work Day Event

Work Days Updates

On April 23, 2022 the Club held a Shop Work day in Corrales. Six Tin Lizzies attended. Mark Dominguez and Kirk Peterson analyzed and repaired the roll up passenger door window on Kirk's 1924 Coupe ,"Buster." Dave Ferro was finishing the restoration of the passenger door for Larry Azevedo's T racer. Paul Duncan cut and rethreaded two 7/16 x 14 NC-7/16

by Paul Duncan

inch rods for the wood pick-up bed tail gate. Larry placed a stock Anderson Timer. **Joe Warren** was also present and assisted others.

Editors Comment: Sharon Dominguez is now posting Work Day photos and stories on the Club Website.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays: 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, Melody Ortega, Neil O'Brien, Kirk Peterson, Gabe Sanchez, Al Schwanke, Barbara Stanfield, Pat Willan. July Anniversaries: John & Carol Burnett, Mark & Sharon Dominguez, Paul & Marilyn Duncan. August Anniversaries: Don & Barbara Mitchell, Neil & MaryAnn O'Brien.

Hospitality

by Fran Gurule

Since the last newsletter (March/April, 2022) the following have been sent: Get Well Cards sent to both Mark and Susan Wing and Thinking of You Cards to JoAn Armstrong and Cathy Miles.

This Little Light, Let it Shine

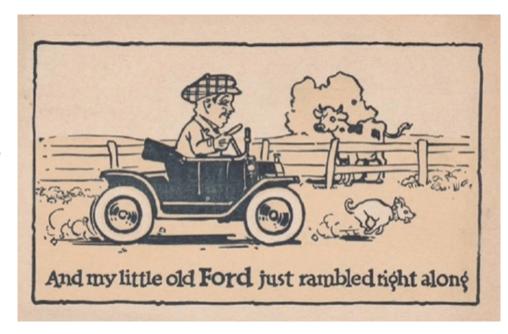
by Jim Glover

Model T Story

This Model T story was told to me by my mother, Eve Malone who was born in Springhill, LA in 1918. She was the youngest of ten children. Her dad, my grandfather was a farmer. The family lived a modest life style. They grew their own food and cotton was the cash crop. They lived about three miles from town in a heavily-wooded area except for the fields. The farm had been in

the family since before the Civil War.

My mother told me that when she was about six years old, one Saturday her dad loaded up half the kids on a muledrawn wagon and they headed into town. After his usual hair cut and a trip to buy staples, they went to look at the new Fords. He bought one a 1924 Model T touring car.



Postcard cartoon posted online by Royce Peterson, June 24, 2018: "Cobb X Shinn, Witt and other Model T Ford Post Cards.: https://modeltfordfix.com/cobb-x-shinn-witt-and-other-model-t-ford-post-cards/. Unknown artist, reference to Billy Murray hit recording in 1915 titled "And the little Ford Rambled Right Along". Posting includes lyrics.

Grandfather did not know how to drive but after a brief driving lesson, the family began their first motoring adventure. By the time it took to conclude the purchase and paper work, it was beginning to turn dark. One of my uncles hitched up the mule and wagon and followed behind the Model T. They headed towards home with kids riding on the running boards and sitting in the back seat. My mother, who was nicknamed "Little Eve," climbed over the back seat and discovered that the car had a bright red tail light. She was hypnotized by it as she had never seen one before. She kept watching over the back of the car for the entire trip home.

The family's journey was not without several mishaps including a flat tire, stalling the T and getting stuck in the ditch. They needed to use the mule to pull the "Blame Thing" back on to the road. My mother proclaimed that she had never heard her "Pop" swear before. They finally made it home but the trip in their new Model T was very stressful. Her dad parked the T in the barn

yard. The next day, he ordered the boys to push it into the hay barn. He never drove it again.

Time went on and mom graduated from high school and moved away to go to beauty school. World War II broke out and she went to work at the Beech Aircraft Company in Wichita, KS. She worked there as a "Rosie the

Riveter." After the war ended and she was laid off from her factory job, she went back home to Louisiana for a visit. She went out to the barn and the Model T was gone. She asked her dad what happened to the "T"? He told her that during WWII he had called the junk man and had it scraped for the War Drive. The Model T only had six miles on it!

Model T Post Card Link: https://modeltfordfix.com/cobb-x-shinn-witt-and-other-model-t-ford-post-cards/. This website is a source for Model T history and technical information.

Update Valencia High School Auto Shop

Student Shop Project bv Paul Duncan

We have had three Auto Shop work days since the last report in the March-April newsletter. On April 28, 2022 we made a lot of progress. The chassis was completed with bolting on of the rear springs and axle. We had a group of students ready to mount the engine and that was accomplished with the assistance of **Paul Duncan** and **Dave Ferro**.

At the general Club membership meeting

on April 28, 2022, we presented a list of items needed and Club members responded by donating cash for needed parts that were not being donated. A week later, on May 4, 2022, Dave Ferro and I returned to the Auto Shop class for a Work Day with the students. Prior to the trip we had



Right: Dave Ferro and Valencia High School students working to mount the front wheels on their ModelT Touring project car. Photo by Paul Duncan, May

"shopped" at Larry Azevedo's for more parts that were needed for the Touring restoration. In the "Free" Inventory we found a Hollev NH carburetor with new gaskets and an exhaust pipe with a muffler. Don Neidigk had donated a set of coils and two capacitors to rebuild them. Larry **Azevedo** donated a pair of running boards. hood shelfs, radiator rod, a right fender and steering shaft. Dave Ferro contributed a "hard-to-find" 1926-27 cowl gas tank. Paul **Duncan** contributed a radiator mounting kit, fan shaft bearing, fan and block-toradiator water return with eccentric

mounting for the fan. Thank you to all the Tin Lizzies who have made donations to this project with the kids!

At the May 4th work day we had a wonderful group of students. Over 4 hours we got mounted the rear wheels, the exhaust pipe and muffler, pinned the generator gear, placed the radiator mounts. cleaned the steering column and attached

the wishbone!

We have parts now to put the running boards and the wood body blocks have arrived along with the bolt sets.

Paul has met with the school principal. She told us that the paper work to use the funds (\$600) donated to the school by the Old Car Club will be streamlined.

Tom Miles did not receive any kind of title for the Model T components that

he donated, so we will begin the process of obtaining a title for the "put together" vehicle.

School was out in mid-May. In June the UNM Valencia auto shop students will be starting summer sessions. We plan to schedule more work days with the teacher, Tin Lizzie member Anthony Chavez.

Montana Racers Update

by Paul & MarilynDuncan

Montana 500 Race

Tin Lizzie members Larry Azevedo and Kirk Peterson continue to prepare their Model T racers for the upcoming Montana 500 Endurance Race to held June 13-15, 2022.

Larry's race car is a 1925 Model T Roadster that he has been gradually transformed over the past year. One of his recent projects added a new top

and upholstery. Originally, when he acquired the T, there was no top on the car. He received a set of top irons from Mark Wing and ordered a top kit and side curtains from Classtique Upholstery. Larry installed new oak bow wood for the one-man top.

We offered to assist Larry with the roadster top upholstery since we have had experience working on at least 5 other

Larry Azevedo poses with his 1925 Model T Race Car. Photo by Paul Duncan, April,

Model T tops in the Club. We have never installed a set of side curtains but are willing to learn.

We set to work in early April, 2022. Larry did not plan to finish doing the seat upholstery before installing the top. Normally, the back seat rest upholstery is completed first and then the top straps, back and side curtain material is secured. Early on, we noticed that the roadster top was higher on one side than the other and that we would need to adjust placement of the rear window and top straps. We completed wrapping the bows, installing the long straps (front-back), pads, short straps and rear curtain. Classtique had sent a paper pattern for the side curtains and we marked the locations of various clips and grommets so the fit would be exact to the car. Later, we realized that the windshield clamps were installed upside down and had to release the top front of the upholstery so we could flip the bow over. Thank you to Tin Lizzie members Mark Wing, Gerald Hash and Bob Hawk who assisted with removing staples and tacks from the front bow during the April 9, 2022 work day.

Then, we were then able to finish the top deck and trim without any other problems. We understand from Larry that he is able to drive the T at 50 mph and that the top seems secure without flapping. We will finish installation of the new side curtains when they arrive and hope they are a good fit.

> Larry has identified that there is considerable variability in the precision of commercially available timers. The timer runs at the same speed as the camshaft. A cylinder should fire every 90 degrees of timer rotation. One can measure the firing interval for each of the 4 cylinders and whether firing of each cylinder is precisely at 90 degrees of rotation. The

commutator grounds the primary in the coil that starts current flowing and magnetizes the core. The magnetized core attracts the armature and the circuit is broken. The core rapidly demagnetizes and induces a high voltage and low amperage current that fires the compressed gas in the cylinder. Each cylinder's spark plug is connected to secondary windings. Larry has been able to measure each step in the process from initiation of the primary current to the firing of the spark plug. Measurements can be made of individual characteristics of each individual coil and of the commutator. This process is known as 'tuning the coils."

The driving teams for the Azevedo and Peterson race cars also includes **Dave Ferro** who will be riding with Kirk. **Iim Glover** has also assisted Larry with rebuilding his T for the race. We look forward to watching how the event unfolds in Montana.

Digging in the Southwest

Ann Axtell Morris, Doubleday, Doran & Co., Inc., Garden City, New York 1941, 301 pages. illustrated with 51 Black and White photographs and drawings. First edition, 1931.

by Paul R. Duncan

Book Review

Author Ann Axtell graduated from Smith College around 1920 and signed on for a year in France with the American School of Prehistoric Archaeology in Europe. She met, Earl Morris, in her words a "very excellent archaeologist" and married him in 1923. They honeymoon at Earl's research site at Mummy Cave in Canyon del Muerto near Chinle, Arizona.

She immerses herself in Earl's archaeology world

and becomes an accomplished archaeologist in her own right. In 1931, she published the book Digging in the Southwest. Around the same time, she published another book titled Digging in Yucatan" that deals with their 1924 archeological excavation of Chichen Itza on the Yucatan (Mexico). At that time archeologists were aware that Man had entered into the Americas at least 10,000 years ago. She comments about American and European historians: "It never seems to occur to them that facts would be far better served if they took a sturdy stance on America's already well-populated and highly civilized land and, from that vantage point viewed those three little Spanish ships as nothing but the trio of immigrant tourists that they were. Columbus did not discover America."

Early in the book she introduces the reader to "Old Joe," a 1917 Touring Model T Ford that she calls: "the most willing car we ever owned." She also writes: "In a bygone age the Model T Ford reigned supreme. No selfrespecting Southwesterner would think of attempting a really heavy bit of going in anything but one of

In the 'teens' and 1920's archeologists in the Southwest needed reliable cars to carry equipment and supplies for months of field work. Their vehicles needed to have a high road clearance, be light weight enough to be pushed by two men and repaired in the field. Earl Morris was not the only renowned field archeologist of the period to use a Model T. His good friend archeologist A. V. Kidder owned a 1910 Model T, named "Old Blue." Kidder used his T at his Pecos, NM excavations.

The author includes several sections relating to technical details of archaeological techniques and cultural classifications. All scientific chapters are well written and researched. She also includes many sections about their personal experiences especially relating to their Model T.

One Chapter (V), "On the Banks of the Eduardo" is noteworthy. In 1923, three carloads of archeology professionals left Gallup, NM for a 60 mile drive to Chaco Canyon, NM where Neil Judd, directed the excavation of Pueblo Bonito. The next day they set out driving from Chaco to Aztec, NM, where Earl had

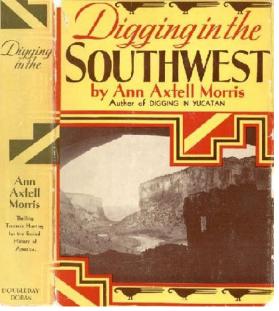
an excavation. It was raining "cats and dogs." The two
Model T's, "Old Joe" and
"Old Blue" continued driving
and the third car went back to Gallup. Three days later, the two Model Ts finally arrived in Aztec, NM (45 miles). The driving group had encountered flash flooding and spent two days in an unoccupied cabin situated between several flooded arroyos,-one named The Eduardo. The T's performed well with some coaxing. Ann and Earl played an important role in the completion of the "tree ring calendar" dating system that was developed at the University of Arizona. Their

daughter Elizabeth later obtained her Ph. D in archaeology at the University of Arizona and also

worked on the calendar.

In 1929, Anne and Charles Lindbergh were visiting the Pecos archeology site in New Mexico with their airplane. They decided to fly over to the Morris excavation site in Canyon de Chelly and dropped a bag of mail. Several days later Ann and Earl had left their camp to pick up train visitors and were stranded in Chinle by a flood in the canyon flood. In the meantime, the Lindberghs decided to fly back to the Morris camp, landed on the Canyon rim and hiked down a trail and spent the night and another day there.

The Morris book *Digging in the Southwest* is the subject of a recently-completed feature film produced by Tin Lizzie members Coerte Voorhees and his brother **John** titled *Canyon del Muerto*. Model Ts feature prominently in the movie and a group of Tin Lizzie members have been involved during the filming. See story on page 9.



Canyon del Muerto Movie

by Paul Duncan

Cover Picture Story

Film maker and Tin Lizzie member Coerte Voorhees grew up in Boulder, CO and became aware of early Southwest archeologists, Earl and Anne Axtell Morris through their papers at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History archive. At that time, Coerte became fascinated by the story of their contribution to archeology. Later, he decided to make a feature film based on the story told by Ann Axtell Morris in her 1931 book, Digging in the Southwest reviewed on page 8 of this

newsletter. In 2019 Coerte presented a plan to our Tin Lizzie Club that he planned to film a movie about the couple and asked for assistance with Model T's in the filming. Early on, Paul & Margie Beck, Paul & **Marilyn Duncan** agreed to assist him. In April, 2019

they participated in filming a "preshoot" in Canyon

Model Ts in Canyon de Chilly, Mummy Cave in background. Movie T on left and Paul Beck TT on right. Photo by Paul Beck, 2021

de Chelly when water was running in the canvon. Scott Stuart was an extra riding on Paul Beck's TT.

Over the next 3 years, Coerte purchased three Model T Touring cars for the movie that were similar to the 1917 "Old Joe" touring car that the Ann and Earl Morris

owned for 10 years. An excellent photo of that "Old Ioe" Model T is located in the University of Colorado Archive. This photo was helpful in recreating how the T was loaded for travels in the Canyon. The movie was filmed during 2020-2021 at various sites in New Mexico and Arizona. The filming was accomplished under COVID film protocols that added over a million dollars to the cost. Tin Lizzie Members **Paul Beck** and **Jim Glover** were involved in the final shooting and required driving skills in deep sand in

> locations. The World Premier of the film Canyon del **Muerto** was held at the Fox Theater in Tucson, AZ on April 20, 2022 as part of the Arizona Film Festival. The cover picture shows two

several

movie shoot including one of the movie Ts and Paul Beck's

Model T's

from the

1918 "Grandpa's Truck." Paul Beck, his son and Iim Glover trailered the T's for the event.

by Marilyn Duncan

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New Model T Parts Catalog Released!

Tin Lizzie member John Havne, local reseller of Model T Ford parts now has his catalog available. John has created and self-published a new and informative catalog for his customers. The 20 page publication is illustrated with numerous black and white pictures and drawings of the parts. The catalog is Free on request by contacting John.



by Marilyn Duncan

Model T Ford Club of America

MTFCA Major Events: See *The Vintage Ford* magazine and MTFCA website for more information. **2022: 62nd Annual Endurance Run "Montana 500"**, June 11-15, 2022, Glendive, MT.

2022: MTFCA National Tour: June 19-24, 2022, "Wonderful Wisconsin Tour" Fond du Lac, WI

2023: MTFCA National Tour TBA

2024: MTFCA National Tour: June 16-19, 2024, "Palm and Pine Trees Tour" San Diego, CA

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2022

Tin Lizzie 2022 Meetings & Events

Regular Meetings: In person at the Vineyard, 6118 Edith Blvd NE starting at 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting information link will be circulated via email prior to the meeting. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, except November.

Next Meeting: 06/23/22

Future Meeting Dates: 07/28/22; 08/25/22; 09/15/22 (1 week early due to Tour); 10/27/22; 11/17/22 (1week early due to Thanksgiving); no December meeting.

T'n Vittles Breakfasts: Scheduled on the 2nd Saturday of the month, except for the up-coming June

breakfast. Host, Time & Location TBA. No December breakfast. Next Breakfast: 06/04/22 (1 week early) at the Vineyard

Future Breakfast Dates: 07/09/22; 08/13/22; 09/10/22; 10/08/22; 11/12/22; no December breakfast.

Work Days: Saturday work days in Corrales are announced via email. Contact Larry Azevedo in advance if you need to bring your T into the shop. All major shop projects must be scheduled in advance.

Major Car Shows: Rich Ford Edgewood, 08/22, exact date TBA

NM State Fair Car Show, 09/10/22

Fall Tour: Socorro, 09/22-25, 2022.

NMCCC Swap Meet: 09/24-25/2022, Los Lunas, NM. Details to follow.

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