THE ENCHANTMENT FLYER

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View of Tin Lizzie Model T's in San Lorenzo Canyon. **L-R: Front**; Vern & Pat Willan Touring, Frank & Susan Lewark Touring, Paul & Marilyn Duncan Roadster Pickup; **Middle**; Larry & Lorna Azevedo Touring, John & Carol Burnett Roadster, Sharon Geilenfeldt & Al Ahlrich, Firetruck; **Rear**: Dave Ferro & Rebecca Wiegand, Depot Hack, Andy Andrews Touring and Jackie Dalmatian. *Photo by Andy Andrews, September, 2022.*

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Fall Greeting!

by Mark Dominguez, President

President's Message

Where has the time gone? What a great August you are thinking about running for an office, we had. First up was Rich Ford in Edgewood.

Thank you to **Dennis** Snvder and all the wonderful staff at Rich Ford. Then we went to the State Fair. It was great to have 14 cars and we were able to see and talk to a lot of people and friends. Hopefully, we are getting back to as normal as we can.

Next up, I was honored to drive a wedding couple on their special day. To end the week. Sharon and I travelled down to Socorro to join the others on the Socorro Tour. We had a great time. If you have not been on a tour before, you are missing a great time. I feel that when I drive my Model T on a tour. I see more beautiful scenery than

in a modern car. So, if you have a chance, go on a tour whether it's a MTFCA national tour or one of our local tours, you won't be disappointed.

It is that time again: Elections. I don't mean the local and national one but our Club election. If

please step up and let a Club officer know.

There is still time to get out and drive. We have some opportunities left like T'n Vittles or driving to show our cars to school kids and one last car show at the Elks Lodge. Also, don't forget about our Holiday party and Starlight Parade in Corrales. Details will be coming on these events, so check your email. I hope to see you at our next meeting or activity.



Photo taken on the Tin Lizzie Silver City Tour, 2015. Provided by Mark Dominguez.

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driving our T's in a sandy wash. The Cover Photo on

by Paul & Marilyn Duncan

Fall Socorro Tour

Cover Story

Twenty-one Tin Lizzie members in 9 Model T's and 2 modern cars, toured the countryside around Socorro, NM over 3 picture-perfect driving days. The touring group also included

two of Leonard and Johnel Scarborough's young grandsons as well as Andy Andrew's Model-T-riding Dalmatian dog, **Iackie.** Local Tour Coordinators. Frank **Lewark** and Leonard Scarborough led the caravan group driving in Frank's white '26 Touring. Susan Lewark drove the trouble trailer with their modern car. We only needed to use the trouble trailer one time during this year's tour.

The Comfort Inn & Suites in Socorro was our base motel. The parking

was excellent with plenty of secure trailer space available nearby at Ty Zimmerman's GPS PowerSports facility. Hospitality room events were organized by **Lorna Azevedo** and **Fran Gurule.** Many tour participants gathered to socialize at Fran's suite on Thursday and Friday evenings.

On the first day of driving (Thursday), we took the back road that meandered through the NM Tech campus and golf course to reach the East-bypass road. The bypass ended at I-25 and we continued on to Lemitar located 7 miles north of Socorro. Our first stop was at the former livestock auction barn that Frank Lewark and Leonard Scarborough have recently purchased. They are renovating the space as a work shop and storage space for their antique cars. Later, we drove up the nearby hill to Frank & Susan Lewark's home. Their property has several buildings that currently store Frank's collection of Model T's and parts as well as other antique vehicles and parts. In one of the "shop" buildings they have a collection of their antiques displayed on the walls and a large meeting room where they have hosted Socorro Old Car Club meetings. Susan provided homemade cookies and coffee. **Vern Willan** proclaimed the main shop space as "the ultimate man cave!"

After picking up picnic lunches at the Marathon Travel Center, we followedFrank's touring to San Lorenzo Canyon. The Canyon landscape features prominent sandstone formations that were created over the past 200,000 years, mainly due to water erosion. The 7-mile trip in the Canyon required



Later that evening, we dressed in vintage and gathered at the Jackson Ranch Steakhouse for our group banquet.

On the second day of driving (Friday), we followed NM-1 (Old US-85) south to Fort Craig and returned to San Antonio for lunch at the Owl Bar and Café. The old highway ran straight for miles and had many narrow bridges crossing dry arroyos. Fort Craig, a

dry arroyos. Fort Craig, a former Civil War-era military garrison is currently under BLM management and they maintain a small Visitor Center. Historical volunteer, Mark Grinstead led us on an informative walking tour of the fort ruins. After lunch in San Antonio, we returned to Socorro along an 11-mile Middle Rio Grande Conservancy irrigation ditch bank road.

On the third driving day (Saturday), we drove highway US-60 to Magdalena with a brief stop at Water Canyon campground. In Magdalena we visited the Route 60 Trading Post owned by Model A club member James Chaves. We set up a car show on Main St. and Magdalena Mayor Richard Rumpf stopped by to visit. Tour participants found local lunch spots and the Market Place antique store. We did not drive to Kelly this trip as originally planned but returned to Socorro. Later in the day, we participated in the SocorroFest car show and enioved music and food at the Socorro Plaza.

We drove about 200 miles in our T's and much of the tour was over dirt roads. We appreciated the planning and participation in the tour by local Socorro Tin Lizzies including Frank & Susan Lewark, Leonard & Johnel Scarborough and John & Carol Burnett. Additional tour coordination for the tour involved Paul & Marilyn Duncan and Dave Ferro who have worked together to organize Tin Lizzie Fall Tours for 6 of the past 7 years.



Sharron Geilenfeldt & Al Ahlrich 'in their '24 firetruck followed by Larry & Lorna Azevedo's '26 touring in San Lorenzo Canyon. *Photo by Paul Duncan, September, 2022.*

Neidigk Coupe Top & Upholstery story and photos by Don Neidigk

Restoration

Newsletter Editors: This story was written by Tin Lizzie Don Neidigk. The top and upholstery project has recently been completed. Don is not only a Model T enthusiast but also a pastor and published-author of several worship-related books available on <u>amazon.com</u>. His grandson, Ben Neidigk is 11 years old and attends home school. Ben is both a MTFCA Youth Member and Tin Lizzie family member along with his grandfather.

My mechanically-rebuilt 1927 Model T coupe has needed a new top for a long time. There were gaps between the roof and the body which had been calked with wood filler. The top material was too narrow and didn't cover the wood. There was also hole in the roof that I had covered with tape. I bought a new vinyl top kit to replace it.

I hadn't planned on redoing the headliner or interior just yet, but all the experts said you have to take the top material off to do the headliner and it clearly needed replacing. So, while the top was off, I decided to do the headliner as well. After carefully removing the old vinyl, I discovered the old wood was rotten (Pic. 1), so I ordered a new wood kit from Lang's. I discovered that the padding under the old vinyl was a pink wool blanket(Pic. 2) which was still in good shape. I washed the blanket and put it in my linen closet!

With the top and headliner off, I used my grinder with a wire wheel and cleaned up the rusty channel where the wooden roof rails sat. Then, I rattle-can primed the metal. After the wood kit arrived, I assembled it in place. There were lots of rivets and stamping bumps in the metal channels that prevented the wood from lying flat. I used a Dremel with a sanding wheel to grind out corresponding depressions in the wood so the top wood frame rails would fit.

The wood frame rails are rounded on the inside of the car with an L-shape groove cut into them. Strips of headliner material are stapled into the groove and wrapped tightly over the rounded part which is then set into the metal roof channels. The replacement wood was so dense that it was extremely hard to staple.

Before final assembly, I put down a 1"-wide ribbon of butyl rubber body caulking between the wood and metal to seal the interior from water. Using clamps to hold the wood in place, I screwed the wood frame down with new flat head, slotted machine screws, hex nuts and washers. These replaced a lot of original carriage bolts. The roof channels and wood have lots of curves. It would be hard to make your own replacement wood kit unless you have special milling tools and the skills to use them.

Once the wood outer frame was in place, I stapled the headliner into the groove that is milled into the wood for that purpose. This required going back and forth to opposite sides of the car and climbing a small step ladder for almost every staple. The headliner had to be extremely tight or it would sag and have wrinkles. With that step completed, next came placement of the cross ribs.

These reminded me of an old English longbow, rounded on one side and beautifully curved with ends that fit into slots on the side rails. Each rib is a different length and goes to a specific slot. Oddly, the receiving slots are half-round holes, while the ends of the ribs are square. This required me to use a chisel and hammer to make the slots square so the ribs would fit. To hold them in place I was able to re-use many of the original screws from the previous roof (Pic. 3).

With the headliner installed (Pic. 4) and the wood frame secured, next came 3 layers of top material. First, I tightly stretched and stapled on a very strongly woven white fabric that goes over the wood frame (Pic. 5). Then, I laid on the fiber padding which shreds if you try to stretch it (Pic. 6). Finally, working from side to side, I stretched the original-style long grain vinyl top material over the whole thing and stapled it onto the side rails. I found I had to put a staple every 2 or 3 inches around the whole thing. The front requires wrapping the material under the wooden header over the windshield. Fortunately, my garage faces south, the days were really hot and the top material was relatively easy to stretch.

After everything was stapled in place, I used sharp scissors to cut off the extra material all around the top. I marked out a line with blue tape at the joint between the wood frame and the metal body. Then, I tacked on the Hide-em trim all around the top with an upholstery hammer (Pic. 7). There were still bits of the top layers showing beneath the trim so I painted it black with a fine brush.

The whole project took about 3 months working a couple of hours 2 or 3 days a week. My grandson Ben was able to join me on occasions, watch the progress and help by driving staples. If I had hired a body shop or upholsterer to do this, I'm sure it would have cost a couple thousand dollars. Doing it myself, I saved money and had the fun of learning a new skill. I also decided not to buy a seat upholstery kit because of the high cost. Instead, I found the wool fabric I needed, better quality than the original and at a much lower price at Hobby Lobby. I also bought a Jones surplus gray wool blanket made in India (Pic. 8). Ben & I drove our newly-upholstered Coupe to the recent Buster:Bessie Mae wedding celebration in Corrales (Pic. 9).

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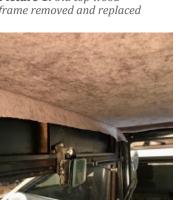
Neidigk Coupe Top & Upholstery

Continued from page 4, pictures by Don Neidigk

Pictures: Here are some pictures I took as I progressed through the project of replacing my top wood, headliner and top material and interior upholstery. Since I had to gut so much of the interior to do this, I also went ahead and replaced the quarter and rear windows with safety glass. The old rubber window gaskets were as brittle as charcoal. I still have the old wood, headliner and glass if anyone wants them for patterns let me know.



Picture 1: Old top wood frame removed and replaced



Picture 4 New interior headliner front view



Picture 7: New vinyl top, trim and newly-replaced window glass.



Picture 2: Old pink wool blanket top padding removed



Picture 5: Ben stapling new woven fabric layer to top wood frame



Picture 8: New wool seat upholstery & seatbelts



Picture 3: New wood top frame and headliner in place



Picture 6: New top padding



Picture 8: Completed Coupe with new top and interior upholstery at Model T wedding

NM State Fair Car Show 2022

by Paul & Marilyn Duncan

NM State Fair

Thirteen Model T's drove in to the New Mexico State Fair grounds promptly at 7:55 a.m. on September 11, 2022. One additional T stayed behind in the parking lot due to an electrical problem. Thirty-one Tin Lizzie members attended the Ford Day Car Show along with various family members. We parked on Main Street across from the Asbury Café as in previous years. Compared to the 2021 event, COVID restrictions had been relaxed and many visitors roamed the fair again. The food courts were busy. At noon, there was a 911 Memorial event that included speeches by first responders and the Navy Band playing patriotic music. As usual, the fair crowd had



Above: Dave Ferro showing his '18 Depot Hack won a 2nd place "Special Appreciation" ribbon this year. Photo by Lorna Azevedo, September, 2022.

Right: The Azevedo 21 Gilmore Speedster, No. 49, was a hit with the crowd. Photo by Paul Duncan. September, 2022.





Above: Paul Beck brought his newly acquired '18 TT, truck that is currently on display at the Wheels Museum in Albuquerque. Photo by Paul Duncan, September, 2022.

Main Street single file behind a NM State Police motorcycle escort. Tin Lizzie President Mark **Dominguez** coordinated our participation again this year and made sure we had secure parking for our trailers.

many questions about our T's and took lots of cell phone pictures. Dave Ferro and his '18 Depot Hack received a State Fair second place "Ribbon of Special Appreciation." Promptly at 3:00 p.m. we drove down

Harvest Festival at Los Luceros

On September, 25, 2022, the weather was perfect (high 70s and a light breeze) in Alcalde, NM. The red apples and blue corn were ready for picking. Some 1,500 visitors strolled down the lane by the old Mansion and adobe garage where we parked our '14 nickel T. The staff were pleased as punch to have us (the car, but we also dressed up), as were the young and old, male and female

and people of various ethnicities. The T was aptly called the "Universal Car."

by Skip & Hedy Dunn

Los Luceros



Left: Dunn '14 Touring parked in front of Los Lucero garage Above Right:: Skip Dunn driving his T at Los Luceros. Photos provided by Skip Dunn, September, 2022.

Rich Ford Edgewood

by Paul Duncan

Anniversary Car Show

Thirteen Tin Lizzies and 9 T's arrived in Edgewood., NM for the Rich Ford Anniversary car show on August, 27, 2022. We had beautiful New Mexico weather with blue

sky, spectacular clouds, slightly gusty winds by the end of the day and no rain!

Linda Riel coordinated the event again this year. She and Jeff trailered Julie Dilts's '26 Touring and **leff** Richards drove the T into the car show. Recent Club work on the Dilts touring has included installing a new timer and exhaust pipe. **Dennis** Snyder, Rich Ford President and an honorary Tin Lizzie, greeted us. He reported that new Ford cars were still in short

Tin Lizzies at Rich Ford Edgewood: L-R, Dean Speedster, Dominguez Roadster, Peterson Touring, Azevedo Speedster, Wing Touring, Ferro Depot Hack, Mitchel Tudor, Duncan Pickup and Dilts Touring. Photo by Paul Duncan, August, 2022.

Gilmore speedster. **Dave Ferro** brought his '18 Depot Hack with his Scottie dog **Kenzie** riding in the T. Mark & Sharon

Dominguez juggled two T's for the event. Mark made a lastminute change and drove the '23 Roadster to Edgewood. Sharon trailered the ailing '25 Tudor sedan. Only the Roadster made the car show lineup. The **Duncan's** drove their '27 Roadster Pickup. **Don Mitchell** drove his '27 Tudor sedan and Mark Wing

drove his '25 Touring. Vaughn Rockafellow provided historical commentary. Along with the Tin Lizzies, other

classic cars including vintage Thunderbirds participated in the Saturday car show this year.

car market was flourishing. Local Tijeras resident Brian Dean was there with

supply but the used

his one-of-a-kind '26 Speedster. Kirk Peterson drove his '27 Touring car to Edgewood from his home in Santa Fe. Larry Azevedo drove his '21

O'Briens Host Breakfast

by MaryAnn O'Brien

T'n Vittles

MaryAnn & Neil O'Brien hosted the Club T'n Vittles breakfast on September 10, 2022 at their home. We had egg casserole, biscuits and gravy and lots of juice and fruit. No one went away hungry from all reports. Twenty people attended and enjoyed the O'Brien Garden Sanctuary. The O'Brien's grandson Ryan found out what a "small world" it is when he met a neighbor to his new property on Nugent Rd. in Edgewood, Rita-Loy Simmons. Both she and her

sister **Sharron Geilenfeldt** entertained him sharing history about Edgewood. Ryan shared his plans for his hew house. Potential Tin Lizzie new members someday, Ryan and his wife Sam O'Brien enjoyed everyone's encouragement.

Jim Glover's Touring Rollover

by Paul & Marilyn Duncan

A True Story

This is a true story and there are photos to back it up! On the morning of September 20, 2022 Tin Lizzie member **Jim Glover** was working in his shop, a former gas station garage on Yale Blvd. He had one of his drag race cars up on a lift to get it ready for the upcoming weekend race. He turned on the shop air compressor to air up a tire for that car. The next thing he knew, his 1924 Model T Touring car that was parked in the next bay tipped over on to the passenger side! What happened to cause that accident? The answer is that the former gas

station had an old style in ground lift in the floor. This had a single post with a round plate that could rise up from the floor. Jim thought that the lift no longer was working however, when he turned on the compressor to air up his tire the air also accidentally

activated the



Above: Jim Glover's T on its side after being tipped over by the old in floor lift (round metal plate in floor)

Left: Come along winch attached to the T frame slowly pulled it upright. Photo by Paul Duncan, September, 2022.

hydraulic lift and it popped up under the T! The T rolled over against the wall of the garage. Fortunately, the top bows were folded down under a car cover. Following consultation with several of his long-time shop buddies they strapped a come-along winch to the Model T frame and slowly tilted the T back upright again. The main visible damage to the T was a bent windshield frame and broken glass when it tipped over against the wall.

What are airdraulic garage lifts? According to internet sources, the old lift in Jim's garage has a single post and an oil reservoir in the cylinder casing. A control valve allows compressed air to displace the oil and the cylinder rises up from the floor. Over time, this type of lift commonly developed a broken airline that rotted out where it met the casing of the lift. Jim was under the impression that the airline to his old lift had been disconnected and was no longer working. Somehow, however, on the day of the roll over, the compressed air activated the lift cylinder and caused the lift to rise up and tipped over his Model T. His T seemed to have sustained relatively minor damage: the windshield frame bent and broke the windshield glass.



Above: Jim Glover inspects his T for damage after being pulled back upright by the come along winch. The windshield frame bent and the glass broke. Photo by Paul Duncan, September, 2022.

Internet link: More about in ground garage lifts: https:// www.garagejournal.com/forum/threads/buying-oldbuilding-w-in-ground-lift.19458/

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthdays: Jim Armstrong; Janie Burton; Russell Dilts; Dylan Gauna-Rodriguez; John Gibbs; Bill Hansen; Barb Johnson; Steve Kranz; Mark Manley; Les Mathson; Cathy Miles; Kameron Peterson; Vaughn Rockafellow; Samantha Sanchez; Lena Schritter; Patti Schroeder.

December Birthdays: Carol Burnett; James Evrage; Dave Ferro; Sharron Geilenfeldt; susan Lewark; Don Mitchell: Leonard Scarborough: Doug Turner.

November Anniversaries: Les & Ruth Haley; Phil & Jessica Lance; Al & Marilyn Schwanke; Vern & Pat Willan.

DecemberAnniversaries: Fred & Marcie Kammerer: Frank & Susan Lewark: Don & Kathy Neidigk: Bill & Luise Robinson.

by Fran Gurule

Hospitality

Since the last newsletter (July/August 2022) the following has been sent: Get Well Card to Scott Stuart.

by Linda Riel

Membership

We are currently holding strong with 99 memberships. In addition to 2 late renewals in 2022, there have been two new members join the club. They are Ray Gabaldon and his granddaughter, Raelynn Combest from Los Chavez, NM near Belen. Several years ago Raelynn participated in the Tin Lizzie Ladies State Fair Take-Apart car. She is currently a student at Belen High School and is now the new owner of a 1926 Model T touring. She and her grandfather have been to a recent work day and got their fingers greasy. Ray owns a 1928 Model A Phaeton touring car and several other Model A's and will be assisting Raelynn in her Model T restoration.

REMINDER: 2023 Dues Renewals are now due by December 31, 2022. Family Memberships are \$15 and Singles \$12. Cash or Checks made out to "Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque" are accepted in person or by mail at the PO Box (Checks only.)

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Wedding Announcement

Bessie Mae & Buster

Dr. & Mrs. Larry Azevedo and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Peterson Are delighted to announce the wedding of their Model T Fords Bessie Mae Azevedo and Buster Peterson That took place on Saturday the 6th of August Two thousand and twenty two at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Azevedo

Corrales, New Mexico



Above L-R: Buster, Kirk & Susan Peterson, Lorna & Larry Azevedo, Bessie Mae, officiant Donald Neidigk and Ben Neidigk. Photo by Paul Duncan, August, 2022.

by John Hayne

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Model T Parts Catalog Available & Small Parts Coming

Tin Lizzie member John Hayne, local reseller of Model T Ford parts recently released his new catalog. The catalog is Free on request by contacting John.

Note: John is bringing as assortment of "Small Parts at Small Prices" to the Regular Tin Lizzie meeting on October 27, 2022.



by Marilyn Duncan

Model T Ford Club of America

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

2023: MTFCA Homecoming at the Model T Museum, June 3, 2023, Richmond, IN. 2023: 63rd Annual Endurance Run "Montana 500", Montana, June 2023, date TBA.

2023: MTFCA National Tour: June 18-23, 2023, "Experience the Flint Hills" Manhattan, KS **2024:** MTFCA National Tour: June 16-19, 2024, "Palm and Pine Trees Tour" San Diego, CA

MTFCA Contact Information: 309 N 8th St, Richmond, IN; phone (765) 373-3106, (\$40/year) online link: https:// www.mtfca.com/join-or-renew/. A one year local chapter dues waiver is available for Tin Lizzie members who join MTFCA as new members. Contact the Tin Lizzie Membership Coordinator for more information.

Major Tin Lizzie Donor for 2022: Rich Ford Albuquerque and Edgewood. Consult Rich Ford for service and new and used car shopping. Thank you to Honorary Tin Lizzie Member Dennis Snyder, President of the dealership.

2022

Tin Lizzie 2022 Meetings & Events

Regular Meetings: In person at the Vineyard, 6118 Edith Blvd NE starting at 6:30 p.m. The Zoom meeting link will be circulated via email prior to the meeting. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, except November when it is held on the 3rd Thursday.

Next Meeting: 10/27/22; nominations for officers and directors.

Future Meeting Date: 11/17/22 (1 week early due to Thanksgiving); election of officers and directors. This is the FINAL Meeting of the year; no December meeting.

T'n Vittles Breakfasts: Held the 2nd Saturday of the month; no December breakfast.

Next Breakfast: 10/08/22, The Range Café Bernalillo, 925 Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo at 8:00 am.

Future Breakfast Date: 11/12/22; TBA; 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.

Car Show: Albuquerque Elks Lodge #461 Car Show: 10/22/22, (11:00 am-1:00pm), 2430 Centre Ave SE (Yale & Gibson); food trucks on site; more details TBA.

Holiday Parade and Party: 12/03/22, Corrales Starlight Parade followed by Tin Lizzie Holiday Party and new Officers/Directors installation, Azevedo Barn, more details TBA

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