

THE ENCHANTMENT FLYER

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Model T Ford Club of America Museum Donations (2006-2023.) **Pictured Top L Clockwise:** 1925 Telephone Pioneers service truck (2023); Roy Young 1924 ambulance (2006); two rebuilt engines for raffle (2012) and the 1923 Don & Medora Gaines Fordson tractor (2008.) See Cover story page 3 and Fordson story p. 4. *Photos provided by Larry Azevedo, Bernice Young and The Enchantment Flyer newsletter staff.*

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Hi Tin Lizzies—*by Mark Dominguez, President***President's Message**

I can't believe that we are in April already. Time flies by so fast and quickly that you just don't have enough time to get it all done. This is a great time to get your Model T out and check to make sure that it's ready for driving. What an awesome demonstration that Vern Willan put on at the March meeting. If you weren't there, you missed a good one. That's why it's always good to come to the meetings. See what's happening and keep up-to-date on things that are important. Remember that this is your Club and your input counts.

I was very happy to see that we had a great turnout for the Rich Ford car show. Thank you Linda for all your help getting this event organized and to the wonderful people at Rich Ford for all their support to our Club, especially Dennis Snyder.

I will be sending out an email in reference to having member birthdays published in the newsletter. We will just be putting the month and the day but not the year. If you choose not to have your birthday listed in the newsletter you will be able to opt out. Watch for an email from me.

We are currently working on a tour based out of the Durango, Colorado area this September.

Remember to stop and take time to smell the roses.

I hope to see you on the road!

Mark Dominguez



Above: President Mark Dominguez and his wife Sharon. *Photo provided by Mark Dominguez, taken at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, 2021.*

by the Newsletter Co-Editors**Editor Comment**

In this newsletter issue we have focused on using the Tin Lizzie Club Historian Archives of newsletter issues and other scrapbook materials to write the Cover story about Club donations to the MTFCA Museum over the past 15 years. Tin Lizzie newsletter issues can be viewed back to June, 2012 on the Tin Lizzie website, Enchantment Newsletter tab. Here is the newsletter archive website link: <http://www.tinlizziesofabq.com/newsletters/>

Also, we have written a story about the past Club newsletter editors and their dedication to documenting the history of the Club since its founding in 1979. The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque Enchantment Flyer newsletter has been recognized again with the MTFCA 2022 First Place Newsletter Award.

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Editor's Note: Tin Lizzie member names (present or past) are **Bolded** the first time they appear in a story.

Major Tin Lizzie Donations to the MTFCA Museum

by Paul & Marilyn Duncan

Cover Story

The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque Model T Chapter (Tin Lizzies, Club) has made contributions to the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) and the MTFCA Museum over many years. Annual donations to the Museum have included member memorials and other end-of-the-year donations by both the Club and individual members. This Cover story features 3 donations of Model T vehicles as well as 2 major financial contributions to help get the new Museum established in Richmond, Indiana.

(1) Telephone Truck: Recently, the Tin Lizzie Club decided to donate their **1925 Telephone Pioneers of New Mexico** Model T service truck to the MTFCA museum. The story of the telephone truck was published in the January-February, 2023 (Vol. 45 No. page 3) issue of *The Enchantment Flyer*. In the 1960's, the Lou Baudoin family of Albuquerque, NM recreated this telephone service truck from parts. The telephone truck is similar to a vehicle owned by the family who lived in Claremont, MN. This unique truck has a box body that was outfitted with vintage telephone company equipment. In 1973, the family sold their telephone truck to the Telephone Pioneers New Mexico Chapter whose members maintained and showed the vehicle until 2015. Then, the Tin Lizzies took over ownership and maintenance. Recently, the Club offered the T to the MTFCA Museum and soon it will leave for Richmond.

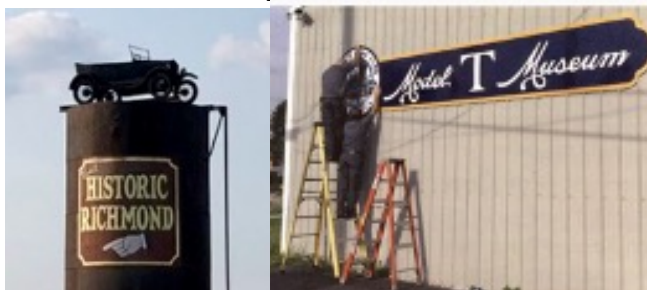
(2) Ambulance: In 2006, **Bernice & Roy Young** of Albuquerque, NM donated their 1924 Model T ambulance to the MTFCA Museum. The ambulance was the first vehicle donated to the Museum according to Bernice. The ambulance has remained a popular Museum exhibit for many years. Recently, Museum volunteers completed engine work on the ambulance. Roy Young wrote a story about the ambulance for *The Enchantment Flyer* newsletter in April, 2006, "My Third Model T" (Vol. 27, No. 4, pages 14-15.) He recalled that in the mid-1980's, he had rebuilt a 1924 Model T engine and planned to build a truck or an ambulance. Around 1990, he decided to build a WWI-era ambulance. He assembled the ambulance from Model T parts and found a local carpenter to build the box body. Tin Lizzie member, **Neil O'Brien** shared pictures that he had taken of a restored Model T ambulance in an Ohio museum. By 2000, Roy had the ambulance running and showed it in parades and car shows. A photograph of Roy and his ambulance taken by Tin Lizzie **Tom Miles** was published on the Cover of *The Vintage Ford* magazine in the May-June, 2005 issue (Vol. 40, No. 3.) After the ambulance left Albuquerque for Indiana in October, 2006, Bernice wrote a story titled "Saying Goodbye to an Old Friend" for the *The Enchantment Flyer*, (Vol. 27, No. 10, pages. 14-15.)

(3) Fordson Tractor: In 2008, Tin Lizzie members **Don & Medora Gaines** donated their 1923 Fordson tractor to the MTFCA Museum. In 1969, Don and a friend purchased 3 Fordson tractors in Mills, NM and made 2 running tractors. Tin Lizzie member **Lorna Azevedo** wrote a story about the donation, "Fordson Tractor

Finds New Home-the museum's latest addition" published in the January-February, 2009 issue (Vol. 44, No. 1, pages 24-31) of *The Vintage Ford* magazine. Club members donated funds to give the Fordson a "total facelift and mechanical overhaul" before it was sent to Indiana. Since then, the MTFCA Museum has acquired several other Fordson tractors and recently decided to sell the Gaines tractor, with their permission, and proceeds will benefit the Museum.

(4) Engine Raffles: In 2012, when the MTFCA Museum moved from Centerville to Richmond, Indiana, the Tin Lizzies Club rebuilt 2 Model T engines for the MTFCA to raffle as a donation to the new Museum. A dedicated group of Tin Lizzie Club members worked many hours in Larry Azevedo's shop to rebuild and assemble the engines. The first engine was raffled in August, 2012 and raised \$3,845. Due to demand for more raffle tickets, a second engine was rebuilt. That engine was raffled in September, 2012 and raised an additional \$5,709. The total Tin Lizzie Club donation to the Museum was \$9,554 from the two engine raffles.

(5) Tower T: In 2014, Tin Lizzie member and former MTFCA president, **Tom Miles** donated a Model T touring for installation on top of the water tower in the Historic Richmond District near the Museum. One work day, Tom brought a derelict 1927 Model T touring to Larry Azevedo's shop in Corrales, NM. As reported in the July 2014 issue of *The Enchantment Flyer* newsletter (Vol. 36 No. 7 pg. 9), an eager work group of Tin Lizzie members welded, sanded and stabilized the parts. Tom painted the T before meeting Bud Redding in Texas who took it on to Richmond. See photo below.



Above Left: Model T on tower, Richmond, IN. *Internet screen shot, Waymaking.com.* **Above Right:** Schritter memorial Museum sign installation. *Source, The Vintage Ford, Vol. 52, No. 5, p 7, 2017.*

(6) Museum Sign: In 2017, after Tin Lizzie Life Member **Clarence Schritter** passed away, his wife **Lena Schritter**, family and friends made a major memorial donation to the MTFCA Museum that was used to purchase a new sign for the east side of the Museum building. A recognition plaque hangs inside the front entrance to the Museum: "The MTFCA Museum sign on the building's east side was made possible by a generous donation from members of the Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque and the Schritter family, given in memory of Clarence Schritter (1931-2017), June, 2017. See photo above.

Henry Ford's Fordson Tractors

by Paul Duncan

Fordson Story

At the recent Tin Lizzie February meeting, I won the raffle for a diecast model of a Fordson tractor. I wanted to learn more about the story of how the Fordson tractor came to be produced by Ford Motor Company (FMC).

Longtime Tin Lizzie members **Don & Medora Gaines** owned a Fordson tractor for many years along with their collection of Model T cars. See Cover Story, page 3 of this issue for more about their Fordson.

What is a Fordson tractor? "Fordson" was a brand of tractors and also some trucks that were manufactured by Henry Ford & Son (1917-1920) and Ford Motor Company (US, 1920-1928; UK 1920-1964.) Fordson tractors and Model T's were both conceived and designed by Henry Ford. He grew up on a farm in Michigan and understood that farm work at the time was hard manual labor, even with horses. He also recognized that replacing horses on the farm with an affordable tractor would be a significant advance for farmers. The introduction of Fordson tractors offered an opportunity for farmers to mechanize their work.

During the years 1917-1928, FMC was the only automobile company to sell cars, trucks and tractors.

How are Fordson tractors similar or different from Ford Model T cars? An early prototype of the Fordson tractor appeared in 1916 during WWI. Fordsons had a 20-hp. inline 4-cylinder engine similar to Model Ts. Fordsons, like most tractors of the period were "multifuel-capable" (gasoline, kerosene or alcohol.) The tractor was crank-started on gasoline from a small tank and then switched over to the main fuel tank, usually kerosene, once the engine warmed up. The intake system had a vaporizer that heated and added air to the fuel mixture and a water (or oil)-bath air cleaner to filter dust. Both the Fordson carburetor and air cleaner were designed by Holley. The ignition system of the Fordson was similar to a Model T and timing was advanced or retarded with a lever near the steering column. The tractor transmission had 3 forward speeds and NO brake. The driver stopped the tractor by depressing the clutch. Different from

a Model T, Ford engineers created a "unit-frame" design (engine block, oil pan, transmission and rear axle stressed members) that simplified manufacturing and reduced weight.

What was the Henry Ford and Son, Inc.

Company? In 1916, Henry Ford and his son, Edsel incorporated a new company and they were sole owners. Henry purchased the River Rouge property in Dearborn, MI with personal financing to produce tractors and developed the Ford experimental farm. He moved ahead with his plans to manufacture a Fordson tractor.



Above: 1919 Ford Fordson Model F die-cast tractor 1:16 gray with red lug wheels, rear hitch, 6 in. Ertl ca. 1989. Photo shared by Paul Duncan, 2023

What was Henry Ford's Dividend Dispute?

Henry Ford was the major stockholder of FMC and he made the decision to stop issuing dividends so he could put FMC profits into developing the River Rouge manufacturing site. For a number of reasons, he viewed the minority stock owners with disdain. In 1919, a law suit filed by the Dodge Brothers in 1916 was settled and Henry Ford was ordered to pay \$20 million in back

company dividends. Both the Dodge Brothers and all the other minor shareholders at the time, decided to sell their shares back to Henry. Henry Ford and his family became sole owners of the Ford Motor Company.

What happened with Fordson Tractors? As Henry Ford had planned, Fordson tractors were manufactured at the River Rouge factory and in Britain. Fordsons dominated the tractor market during the 1920's and about 750,000 tractors were produced from 1917-1928. Fordson represented 75% of total US and 50% of world tractor production at that time. Ford Motor Company UK continued to manufacture Fordson tractors from 1929-1964. After 1964, the Fordson name was dropped. All Ford-made tractors were branded as "Fords."

Tin Lizzie Newsletter Wins the MTFCA 1st Place Award for 2022 *by Marilyn Duncan*

Newsletter Award

On March 25, 2023 Paul and I attended the 58th Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) Annual Business Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. We accepted the 2022 First Place Newsletter Award as Co-Editors of ***The Enchantment Flyer*** newsletter. I wanted to write a story about the history of the Tin Lizzie newsletters and the dedicated editors who have assembled the publication over the past 44 years. Many of the past Editors are still active members of the Club and deserve to be recognized for their diligence to provide a written record of the Club.

The Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America (MTFCA) was organized in 1979. One of those organizers, **John Birdsong**, wrote in the first issue of the newsletter in 1979, Vol. 1, page 1 that the new Club was ready to move forward with their Model T hobby. **John Hayne** became the first editor (1980, 1981, 1982) of "***the Tintype***." He applied his skills in graphic arts and illustration and also created the first Club logo. See at Right During 1983, 1984, and 1985 **Evonna Joiner** and **Jacie Coryell** edited "***The Tin Lizzies Newsletter***." **Jerry Coryell** first named the publication "***The Enchantment Flyer***" when he became editor for 1989 and 1990. Then, **Linda Hash** and **Helen Turner** served as editors (1983, 1984, 1985.) In those years the newsletter was assembled by cutting and pasting typewritten stories and photos.

Tom Miles then assumed the editorship and went on to become the longest serving editor over 9 years (1986, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005.) The publication had several names during his tenure including "***The Tin Lizzie Gazette***," "***Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque Newsletter***" and in 2000 was officially renamed "***The Enchantment Flyer***." Tom implemented

computer word processing for assembly of the newsletter. He also introduced the current Volume and Number designation of the issues and wrote a number of original stories about Club members and activities. His work was recognized when he

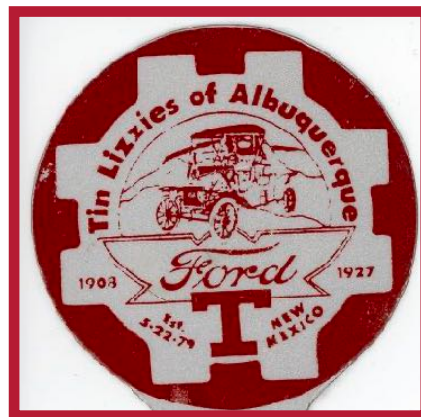
received the **MTFCA Newsletter Third Place Award** in 2005.

During the 1990's newsletter editors included, **Christine Nanney** (1998, 1999), **Bernice Young** (1999, 2000, 2001) and **Sharon Dominguez** (2002, 2003, 2006.) Then, **Lorna Azevedo** assumed the job as newsletter editor or co-editor for 5 years (2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014.) In 2009, she introduced email distribution of the newsletter. During those years, **Barbara Wright** (2010, 2011), **Robbie Ross** (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016.) and **Susan & Kirk Peterson** also served as editors or co-editors. In 2014, ***The Enchantment Flyer*** received the **MTFCA 2013 Newsletter First Place Award** for issues edited by

Lorna Azevedo along with Robbie Ross. **Linda Riel** then became editor for 3 terms (2017, 2018, 2019). She was succeeded by the current Co-Editors **Paul & Marilyn Duncan** (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.) The Duncan's received the **2020 MTFCA Newsletter First Place Award** that recognized **The Enchantment Flyer** for keeping members in touch during the shut-down of Club meetings and events due to COVID-19. Now, they have received the **First Place MTFCA Newsletter Award** again for 2022. Thank you to all Tin Lizzie members who have contributed writing and stories to the newsletter during the past year!



Above: MTFCA 2022 Newsletter 1st Place Award plaque. Provided by Marilyn Duncan, 2023.



Above: First Tin Lizzies of Albuquerque logo designed by John Hayne in 1980. Scanned from a license plate tab in the Club archive collection. Scanned by Marilyn Duncan, 2023.

Rich Ford Celebrates another Birthdayby **Paul & Marilyn Duncan****Rich Ford**

On March 11, 2023 we drove our '27 roadster pickup from our north Valley shop to the annual Rich Ford 62nd Anniversary car show at Lomas & Wyoming. The 12 mile drive took longer than usual as we faced chilling winds and hit almost every red light! When we arrived, we were 12th out of 13 T's that participated in this year's event.

Phil & Jessica Lance trailered the '25 Telephone Pioneers truck for the show. A former member of the Pioneers stopped by to see the T and reminisce.

This year we were lined up facing a smaller than usual contingent of Poco Quatros Model A's. Vern Willan made an appreciation plaque using his new laser cutter and presented it to Rich Ford President **Dennis Snyder** recognizing their support to the Club over many years. Later, Dennis told us how much he enjoys seeing the T's and A's at the Birthday Car shows. He added that having the old Fords on display are good advertisements for the



Above Left:-Right; Azevedo '25 roadster; Ferro '18 depot hack; '27 Dominguez touring; '26 Dilts touring; **Below Right:** Lilly Sanchez (top), Sam Sanchez, Sharon Dominguez (seated). *Photos by Paul Duncan, March, 2023.*

longevity of the Ford brand. There was not a '23 Model T on display in the showroom this year but hopefully we will have a '24 T there next year.

Dave Ferro brought his Scottie dog, Kenzie. She rode in his '18 Depot Hack during the drive from their home in the south Valley. Second grader, **Lilly Sanchez** (daughter of **Samantha & Gabe Sanchez**, granddaughter of **Sharon & Mark Dominguez** and great granddaughter of **Lena Schritter**) took Kenzie for several long walks around the dealership. Lilly confided to Marilyn Duncan that she wanted to become a "dog walker" when she grew up because she **LOVES** dogs. The other thing she **LOVES** is Model T's and had been promised that she could ride in her grandfather's T if she was "good" at the car show. She earned a ride in Mark's touring (in her seatbelt.)

Thank you to **Linda Riel** for organizing the car show again this year. See the Club website for more photos of the event.

**Scottish Terriers & Ford Ads**by **Paul Duncan****Scottie Dogs**

During the 1940's, I grew up in Denver, Colorado with a Scottish Terrier named Bonnie. Tin Lizzie member, **Dave Ferro** has a Scottie dog named, Kenzie who travels with him in his Model T and regularly attends Club work days and events including the recent Rich Ford car show. A year ago when doing research for a newsletter article, I noticed Ford ads with Scottie dogs. A recent posting on **the Henry Ford** archive website titled, "The Scottie Dog: Icon of an Age" helped me understand more.

During the 1930's and 1940's, Scottish Terriers were a very popular dog breed and were frequently pictured on jewelry, advertising and especially greeting cards. The American Kennel Club describes their temperament as "contented", "affectionate to their master" and "takes the best when they can" (i.e. mischievous.) During

the Great Depression, Americans loved a spirited dog like Scotties. Many celebrities owned Scottie dogs and President Roosevelt owned a Scottie named Fala.



Above: Scottie dog in Ford advertisement, *Saturday Evening Post*, 1941. Scanned by Marilyn Duncan, April, 2023.

One of my favorite Ford Motor Company ads with a Scottie was published in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1941 showing a winter snow scene with a little girl, a Scottie dog and a 1941 Ford sedan. The text reads "This is not 'A Man's World' by a long shot!" and describes how women have influenced the design of automobiles (e.g. moving the steering wheel from right to left), getting driver's licenses, driving and improving automobile style and comfort. Picturing Ford cars in ads with a Scotsman dressed in a tartan kilt and a Scottie dog also emphasized the economical benefit of owning Ford motor cars.

Gatsby Day Sandia High School**by Paul & Marilyn Duncan****Youth Event**

On March 9, 2023 the 13th Annual Gatsby Gala day was celebrated at Sandia High School in Albuquerque. Members of the Poco Quatros Model A club and the Tin Lizzies Model T club were invited to participate again this year. We arrived dressed in period clothes with our '27 Model T roadster pickup and Dave Ferro drove his '18 depo-hack. About 10 Model A's attended. We parked behind the school and soon groups of students showed up. Many wore elaborate period costumes. Dave Ferro gave rides in his depot hack. Several Model A's also gave rides. At noon, we all went into the main school building for lunch held in classrooms that had been decorated in 1920's themes including a speak easy and dance hall. During the Gatsby Gala Day, the students spend the entire day doing various activities relating to the 1920's era. Visiting our car show was one event on their schedule.

The annual event is coordinated by Sandia High School teachers Kathy Browning and Robin Taylor who run the popular semester-long combined Humanities and US history course offered to juniors and seniors. After the event, we shared some photos and received an email back from Kathy and Robin, "The cars were truly a highlight of the event and most of the students said that was their favorite activity of the day! Thank you all so much for attending and helping the students understand the 1920's zeitgeist." We also offered to give a presentation to the students next year and the teachers responded that the students would "love that."

Billie Pyzel, a retired Sandia High School office staffer and her husband Dan have been involved with the Gatsby event for several years. Billie and Kathy Browning first involved the Model A Club. Then our Tin Lizzie T club was invited for the first time two years ago during COVID. At that event we parked our cars in front of the school and students and their families drove by and took pictures. The recent 2023 Gatsby event was very different since the students, staff and even the

security guards were able to get close up to the cars and even take rides.

In 2021, we wrote a cover story "Great Gatsby Car Show, Questions & Answers" for the March-April, 2021 issue (Vol 43, No.2 p.

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Enchantment Flyer.

In that story we wrote about Tin Lizzie member **Ray Gabaldon's** '28 Model A Phaeton and compared it to Model T touring cars. We also identified the cars that appeared in the 1925 novel, "The Great Gatsby" written by F. Scott Fitzgerald. None of the cars were Model T's or A's. That does not diminish the great enjoyment that

current high school students receive by getting to see and ride in running cars from the era. Model T's, Model A's and Henry Ford were an important part of American history and technology. We can share this with them.



Sandia High School Gatsby Gala Day, **L:** Duncan '27 roadster pickup, **R:** Model A coupe and **Behind:** Ferro '18 depot hack Photo by PaulDuncan, March, 2023.



Sandia High School Gatsby Gala. **L:** Student waiting for a ride; **R:** Dave Ferro standing by classroom door sign with a quote from Henry Ford, "Whether you think you can or think you can't. You're Right!" Photos by Paul Duncan, March, 2023.

"Arty's" Loose Nuts & Bolts*by Don Neidigk***A Model T Story**

Editor's Note: *This is another "Arty" story about Tin Lizzie member Don Neidigk's 1927 Model T Coupe. His most recent previous story was published in the January-February, 2023 newsletter issue. In this follow-up story Don, who is a minister emphasizes that all Model T owners should listen for rattles and visually inspect their T's for loose nuts, bolts and connecting wires—no major mechanical skills required!*

I'm not a real mechanic and I don't play one on TV. So, it takes a while for me to figure out how to fix a problem on Arty, my 1927 Model T coupe. It's been over a year since Arty came out of Larry's garage where it was mechanically and electrically rebuilt and the body panels repaired. Since then, I've had to sort out all sorts of problems, sometimes with the help of frantic phone conversations with **Larry Azevedo** or **Mark Dominguez**.

Lately Arty has been really hard to start and finally wouldn't start at all. It just cranked and cranked and turned over slower and slower. I quit trying when the floor board started smoking. I had no idea what was wrong. So, with a flashlight I got under the car and started looking. It seems one of the bolts holding a wire to the starter button was so loose it had caught the wire insulation on fire. I tightened it up and tried starting the car again. This time it started with the first crank.

While under the car, I also discovered that the wire to the brake light switch had fallen off. So, with a screw driver I reattached that. I had no idea my brake lights weren't working. I should have suspected something when my wife Kathy told me, "Those brake lights are so dim I can't see them." I thought the problem was just low candlepower bulbs. It wasn't.

When my friend Roger came over, I thought I'd start Arty and show him how well it ran. This was before I fixed the starter button wire, so of course Arty wouldn't start. But while we were crawling around under the car that time, I discovered that the left front bumper bracket was so loose the bumper could fall down in front of the wheel. That would have been a steering disaster. So, I tightened that up.

Rattles and metallic buzzes bother me, so I've been trying to locate and fix them. The first fix was to my steering wheel. It had all sorts of buzzes. I calmed most of them down by tightening the loose screws holding the rim to the spider. To quiet the buzzing coming from the column, I installed a thick felt washer between the wheel and the column. The combination door locks/handles inside the car also buzzed and rattled since the rubber anti-rattlers had fallen off years ago. I got new ones very cheaply from Lang's and fixed that.

Another problem was an especially annoying rattle and buzz that came from the trunk area. I removed everything from the trunk and drove the car around to see if all the junk I carried was causing the noise. It didn't help. So, I bounced on the corners of the car, shook it from side to side and tried to locate the noise with no luck. Once again, I got down on the ground and

examined everything with a flashlight. What I found was that the exhaust deflector I had installed on the muffler had lost a nut on the bolt holding it in place. This had caused the deflector to roll upside down causing a vibration and throwing the exhaust into the trunk and into the cabin. I found another nut, repositioned the deflector, tightened it up and that particular problem is solved.

My "note-to-self" in all this is that I need to visually inspect all my nuts, bolts and screws often and tighten anything that's loose. Model T's just naturally "shake, rattle and roll" and a lot of parts are going to loosen up. Some of those loose nuts and bolts can fall off causing real danger to the driver, other people on the road, or just leave you stranded if you don't fix them. Also, one doesn't have to have any particular mechanical or electrical skills to fix obvious problems. I'm proof of that!



Photo Above: "Arty" the 1927 Model T coupe with Don Neidigk. Photo provided by Don Neidigk, December, 2022.

Valencia High School Auto Shop Car Show*by Paul & Marilyn Duncan***Youth Event**

February 24, 2023 turned out to be a cold sunny day as we trailered our '27 roadster pickup to the Valencia High School Auto Shop Car Show. We met up with **Dave Ferro** who trailered his '18 depot hack. Not long after arriving at the school parking lot, we were surrounded by

curious students taking pictures on their phones. We gave the kids rides and they were thrilled. The car show was staged in front of the school auto shop building where Tin Lizzie member **Anthony Chavez** is the teacher. **Steve Langdon** drove his '26 Coupe from his Jarales home. **John Gibbs & Vicky Lujan-Gibbs** drove their 1930 Model A coupe. **Ray Gabaldon** and his granddaughter

Raylynn Combest trailered Ray's '28 Model A Phaeton. Raylynn is a high student at nearby Belen High School and she told us she was amazed to see the auto shop at Valencia. New Tin Lizzie member, **John Criswell** also came to learn more about Model T's. We interviewed him for a newsletter profile (see below.) In addition, Poco Quatros members Paul Calica and Matt Raekey drove their Model A tudors.

The event was a real "happening." There were at least 500 students milling around. In addition to the Auto Shop Car Show, the Future Farmers of America had livestock on display. Except for the Model T's and A's there were mostly modern cars except for a '27 Model T roadster pickup hot rod. The ROTC and military recruiters were there too. The welding and sheet metal classrooms also had an open house. One

purpose of the annual event is to "recruit" students for the technical classes next year. Upper class middle school students were bused in from a nearby school since they will be at the high school next year.

We met several current and incoming auto shop

students including several women who were very interested in our Model T's and the T shop project car. Dave Ferro drew a group of onlookers as he cranked his T to get it started. There were loud cheers when the engine kept running after several attempts. We gave rides to more students as we made our way back to the parking lot and home.



Above: Valencia High School Auto Shop Car Show. Duncans '27 red pickup, Langdon green '26 coupe, Ferro '18 depot hack. **Lower Right:** Dave Ferro & John Gibbs inspect the '27 touring shop project car. Photos by Paul Duncan, February, 2023.

**New Member Profile***by Newsletter Staff***Membership**

John Criswell joined the Club in December, 2022. He has lived most of his life in the Albuquerque area. He has never owned a Model T. Several years ago, he noticed a 1927 Touring Model T for sale in Hemmings news. He bought the T from a seller in California and it arrived in Albuquerque in early 2020. He "knows" it ran before he purchased it. However, when trying to start it in his garage, the T "lunged forward." He is reluctant to start it again without advice. He has a trailer in California that he will bring to Albuquerque so he can get his T in for a work day and driving lessons.

He is a retired APS industrial arts teacher who taught at Rio Grande High School for 21 years. Recently, he attended the Valencia High School Car show and asked a lot of questions about our Model Ts.

*by Marilyn Duncan***Birthdays & Anniversaries**

May Birthdays: Andy Andrews; Lillian Azevedo; Roger Burton; Steven Chase; Jim Glover; Sherri Jackson; Danielle Lance; Barbara Mitchell; Fred Kammerer; Carmen Otero; Bill Robinson; Marilyn Schwanke; Barbara Wright.

June Birthdays: Paul Beck; Laura Campbell; Lee Chase; Frank Ferri; Don Gaines; Jessica Lance; Frank Lewark; Tim O'Brien; Luise Robinson; Joe Vanderburg; Rebecca Wiegand; Vern Willan; Brandan Wing

May Anniversaries: Gene Barnhouse & Carmen Otero; Don & Medora Gaines; John Gibbs & Vicky Lujan-Gibbs; Tim & Amy O'Brien.

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

*by Fran Gurule***Hospitality**

Since the last newsletter, **Get Well** cards were sent to Susan Wing, Sharon Dominguez and Bob Hawk.

*by John Hayne***CLASSIFIED—FOR SALE***John's*

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Call: John Hayne (505) 294-4434

*by Marilyn Duncan***Model T Ford Club of America**

See *The Vintage Ford* magazine and MTFCA website for more information about these and other events.

MTFCA Homecoming at the Model T Museum, May 31-June 3, 2023, 309 N 8th St, Richmond, IN.

64rd Annual Endurance Run "Montana 500", June 18-21, 2023, Fort Benton, MT

MTFCA 2023 National Tour: June 18-23, 2023, "Experience the Flint Hills", Manhattan, KS.

2024: 59th MTFCA Annual Business Meeting, March, Oklahoma City, OK

2024: MTFCA National Tour: June 16-19, 2024, "Trails Less Travelled" San Diego, CA

MTFCA Contact Information: 309 N 8th St, Richmond, IN; phone (765) 373-3106, (\$50/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.

2023**Tin Lizzie 2023 Meetings & Events**

Regular Meetings: In person at the Vineyard, 6118 Edith Blvd NE starting at 6:30 p.m. A Zoom meeting link will be circulated via email prior to the meeting for those who can not attend in person. Regular meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month, except November when it is held on the 3rd Thursday. The Meeting date in September may be adjusted around the Fall Tour dates.

Next Meeting: 04/27/23

Future Meeting Dates: 05/25/23; 06/22/23; 07/27/23; 08/24/23; 09/28/23; 10/26/23; 11/16/23 (one week early due to Thanksgiving); no December meeting.

T'n Vittles Breakfasts: Second Saturday of the month, except as noted

Next Breakfast: 05/13/23

Future Breakfast Dates: 06/03/23, at the Vineyard 1 week early; 07/08/23; 08/12/23; 09/09/23; 10/14/23; 11/11/23; 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.

Honor Flight of Northern NM 5th Annual Car Show, 04/30/23 (7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) at NM Veterans Memorial, 1100 Louisiana Blvd, Albuquerque

NMCCC 37th Annual Albuquerque Museum Car Show, May 21, 2023, Albuquerque

Tin Lizzie Rich Ford Car Show, August, 2023; date TBA, Edgewood

State Fair Ford Car Show: Early September, 2023, Albuquerque

La Bajada Mini Tour: In planning; date TBA

Fall Tour: Durango area, mid-September, 2023; dates TBA

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