



# Tin Lizzie Gazette

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## Presidents Note

I hope everyone heeded my earlier advice and have now completed their spring tune-up/safety checks. Unfortunately, I didn't heed my own words as early as I should have. Anyway, I am now "knee deep" in searching for causes of a rather robust backfire which dismembered my muffler last year. Additionally I am addressing an antifreeze leak, tightening up my rod caps, fixing a leaky valve cover gasket and adjusting my bands and engine valves. Still lots to do but I'll be ready to roll shortly!

It's always a challenge to come up with something new & different to do each year, but thanks to Marty's efforts we always manage to do so; and this year will be no exception. We are going to kick off summer with a May tour... to a ghost town! Check out this month's calendar of events for more details. This promises to be a great run so make sure you are ready.

Remember, if you are having trouble resolving a particular problem just reach out and ask for some assistance. Collectively the club is a wealth of knowledge and has many folks willing to help out as well. Need a hand... just ask.

Happy Motoring  
Pete

# May's Calendar of Events

May 2 & 3, Sat & sun - Zagray Farm Show & Swap Meet, Rt. 85, Colchester/Hebron town line. 6am - 'till ?? both days.

May 6, Wed - Columbia Ford Cruise Nite, Rt. 6 Columbia, CT. 5pm - 'till ??. Please bring at least one non-perishable food item for the Covenant Soup Kitchen.

May 10, Sun - FSMTA Mother's Day Breakfast At the Elk's, Pleasant Street, Willimantic, CT. 8am SHARP !!!

May 13, Wed - FSMTA get together at John's, 27 Brooklyn Tpke, Windham Ctr. CT. 5pm-ish. Finger foods & lite snacks welcome.

May 17, Sun - Marty's Johnsonville Tour. Johnsonville is in Moodus. We'll meet at the Lebanon Green Public Parking Lot between the Community Center & the Lebanon Historical Soc. Museum. If you want to Trailer your car there , there's room to park trailers. The Tour will leave at 9:30am SHARP !! We'll take the scenic route to J'ville with a coffee stop along the way. We'll have to bring our own lunches, as there are no food places after we leave J'ville. We'll be able to picnic at our 2nd stop. This should be about 50mi round trip & 4 1/2 - 5 hrs. by the time we get back to Lebanon. Any ?'s or concerns call Marty @ 860-456-3220.

May 19, Tues - Aero Diner Cruise Nite, Rt. 6, No. Windham, CT. 5pm- 'till ??

May 20, Wed - Colchester Green Cruise Nite, Colchester, CT. 5pm - 'till ??

May 23, Sat - Lebanon Memorial Day Parade. Lebanon Green, CT. We'll meet at the Baptist Church on the north end of the Green, (Rt. 87). Be there by 9:30, the Parade starts at 10am. SHARP !!!

## And let's take a look at this month in history:

May 11, 1920 - engine serial # 4,000,000 built

May 17, 1926 - engine in John Postemski's Model T Open X-press built. serial # C663814

May 21, 1901 - Connecticut became the first state in the Union to enact a speed limit. All motor vehicles should not exceed 12mph on country roads & 8mph within city limits.

May 26, 1927 - engine serial # 15,000,000 built

May 27, 1927 - Production of the Model T ended after more than 15,000,000 had been built

May 28, 1919 - Last non-starter engine block made on this date

May 28, 1921 - engine serial # 5,000,000 built and given to Edsel Ford

## Answers to April's Trivia Questions

1. What was the first official White House car?  
A: A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.
2. Who opened the first drive-in gas station?  
A: Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.
3. What city was the first to use parking meters?  
A: Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.
4. Where was the first drive-in restaurant?  
A: Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.
5. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?  
A: The 1960 Plymouth Valiant

**Trivia:** Ford, the company that made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble, using the crates as the beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks. And now you know the "rest of the story."

**In closing, here's a look at back in the day**

