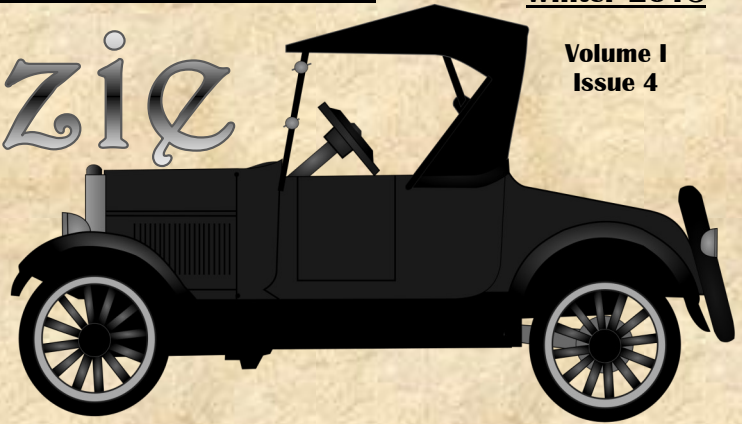


# Tin Lizzie TIMES

*A Chapter of the  
Model T Ford Club International*



## “Thanks, Granddaddy...”

Any parent who has raised a daughter can tell you, it’s not always and easy task. But in the end it is incredibly rewarding! Our daughter, Leah wasn’t really that different than other girls her age. She had her share of Barbie dolls, ran her fastest at track meets, and other than being my own personal “Sweetie Pie,” was pretty much a normal girl....except for one thing. As far as we know, she was most likely the only student at James Madison University to own a 1924 Model T Touring Car.



Our family’s connection with this car goes all the way back to the 1930’s, when her grandfather, Llewelyn “Lou” Barnes (my wife’s father), along with his childhood cronies used the car as a makeshift play-toy, with no obvious objections from his neighbor who owned it. Life was pretty good for a young lad in Lively, VA, and even through WWII, and when Lou took his new bride Sandra, and moved to Windmill Point, near White Stone, VA in the late 1950’s. But what about the T?

↑ Above: Rob, Dena, and Leah Sallada with Lou’s ‘24 Touring Car.

Well, we don’t know too much about the car for 50 years or so, other than it stayed in the same neighbor’s family and was kept in surprisingly good condition. In 1995, Lou was able to purchase his childhood “racer,” and with little work, get it back on the road to the delight of parade-goers of all ages. Lou felt right at home behind the wheel of that car, just as he did when he was a young boy, many years before.



↑ Above: Covered in dust... and lots of other stuff!

In 2013, when Lou passed away, he left his prized Ford to our daughter, Leah. She was surprised, but thankful, and a bit unsure of what to do with the thing. After all, who drives a Model T to college these days?! And that’s assuming we could ever get the darned thing running. Needless to say, it served as a great storage rack and catch-all in our garage for several years. Then in the spring of 2017 our family decided it was time to find the right person to bring our Lizzie back to life. Through my neighbor, and a few twists of the “grapevine” I found John T. Long of Hertford, NC.



↑ Above: As pretty as she is proud, Leah and her very own T!

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## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT.....



Did I mention this last time, but where has the time gone?! Seems I just checked the calendar and saw September. With cool weather approaching, it's time to get our cars into the winter repair mode. There's a shortage of crankshafts for my 1919, (since I broke mine back in July!) so the engine rebuild is still on hold. I might as well replace the firewall now that the wood is peeling, and rebuild the coil box so I don't get shocked again... While I'm at it, I might as well just repaint it too!

Our cars give us pleasure to drive and show, so I'll never knock a guy for deciding to stray from a pure stock vehicle. After all, I have hydraulic disk brakes, a 12-volt system, brake lights, and turn signals. Heck, I think we're going to paint the black 1919 (the first year of "all black") into a deep dark maroon. Too each their own, but for sure - they are pure enjoyment!

*- Jay Pearsall*



**Below:** What a gas!! This Texaco Gas delivery truck is a great piece in Mr. Weaver's collection.



**Above:** Jimmy Weaver's collection has many Model T's, as well as some nice A's. This old work-horse no doubt pulled many a "T" out of the ditch back in the day!!



## **Hey! Don't Forget.... Upcoming Events!**

**February, 2019**—TBD, Quarterly CoVa Club Meeting.

**Saturday, March 9**— TRAACA Annual Swap Meet, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, 3373 Pruden Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434 For more info visit: <http://www.traaca.com/index.htm>

**Got an event we should know about? Contact us via our email...**

## *Fall Colors Tour*

It was a cool day November 3rd when I joined the Albemarle Area Model T Chapter on a Fall Colors Tour in Suffolk, VA. Traveling approximately 50 miles



**Above:** Lined up and ready to go!

of back roads, we departed southwest towards Whaleyville, VA then east towards Corapeake, NC for lunch at the Corapeake Country Restaurant, a very neat old store turned diner. On towards Lake Drummond and a stop at Jimmy Weaver's Tractor and Model T Museum, an outstanding collection. A great tour of Fall colors and fun cars!

*- submitted by Jay Pearsall*

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*“Ladies & Gentlemen, Breaking News!!...”*

*Updates from CoVa Model T Club Members!”*

*“Thanks, Granddaddy...”*

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After a couple of phone calls, we knew John would be a great choice to wake up our Lizzie. He picked up the car in July of 2017 and over the next 12 months performed a major engine rebuild, wheel work, interior work, and much more. In May of 2018 she turned over and ran on the second attempt! After getting her back in July, we’ve rebuilt the transmission, and tightened a few bolts here and there. Now she’s ready for Granddaddy’s “Doll Baby” to enjoy.

And what does Leah think? She loves it. And her friends all think it’s “so cool” and great that she’s keeping it in the family. And though she’s been busy at school during most of this time, just graduating from JMU with her Master’s in Occupational Therapy, she hopes to soon settle down and learn to tackle life’s many adventures behind the same wheel her grandfather did as a boy so many years ago.

*- submitted by Rob Sallada*



*Above: Leah’s proud Pappa, Rob.*

## CoVa Members Join The Parade! - Twice!!

*Williamsburg, December 1st....*

It was a cold and damp Saturday, but three “T” troopers from the CoVa Club lined up for the Colonial Williamsburg Christmas Parade. Jay and Debbie Pearsall in their ‘27 Pickup, Jon and Margaret Bitler in their ‘26 Touring, and Max Lindsay in his ‘15 Touring. A great kickoff for the Christmas Season!!



*Above: Nothing says “colonial” like Williamsburg! A lineup of Lizzies decked for the Holidays!*



*Above: Debbie Pearsall stays warm (HA!) and dry waiting in their ‘27 Pickup.*

*Below: Jon and Margaret Bitler snuggle up by their ‘26 Touring waiting for things to begin at the Smithfield Christmas parade.*

*Smithfield, December 8th...*

The streets were packed for the Christmas In Smithfield Parade. Trey Gwaltney in his ‘19 Hack, the Pearsalls in their ‘27 Pickup, and the Bitlers in their ‘26 Touring all made an excellent showing. They promoted the Toys for Tots organization.



*Above: T’s for Toys for Tots! Full of toys and candy and ready to roll!*



# Technical Tips For T's



## Roadster Rebuilder

### TIME TO TACKLE A "T" TRANSMISSION

Model T's are known for being "mechanically" about the simplest car you can work on. But perhaps the most baffling part of Henry's pet is the transmission. With its planetary gears, magnets and coils, drums and bands, it is something to get your head around!



But folks in SE Virginia and NE North Carolina are lucky to have an expert close by. Mark Williams (former MTFCI President) is a whiz with any part of a Model T, but really knows transmissions. He was kind enough to assist and show Rob Sallada and others what it's all about as they tackled Rob's (or rather, Leah's) '24 Touring transmission. At his home shop, Mark went through the entire process, teaching some members of the CoVa Club and Albemarle Club as well. After about four Saturdays, the project was complete and the car was chugging like new. Mark is a wealth of knowledge and was very generous with his time, talents, and his own shop and tools. Thanks!



*Identified by their shirts, the enthusiastic mechanics are: Rob Sallada (blue), Bron Prokuwski (white), John Long (lt. green), and Mark Williams. (black).*

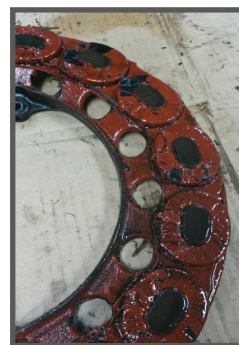


#### What the HACK?...

Trey Gwaltney's 1919 Hack was seen at several spots around town for a week of promoting the *Christmas In Smithfield Antiques Show and Sale*. Photo by Lee Poe. Thx!



As the saga of my '24 Roadster continued, I couldn't believe I was now about to rebuild a transmission! (I took pictures primarily as proof!) Thanks to my great friend Dave for helping me undertake this task. It's tricky sometimes to know if a part you have is still usable, or should really be replaced.



The OLD one.

After all, the car was running before, right? I can tell you this... after seeing Rob's new mag coil ring being installed, there was no doubt that mine needed to be replaced. So now I've got a new one ready to go, AND even got the magnets all cleaned and re-charged. How many times have I said it?... "If I'm goin' this far with it, I might as well..."

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*-Submitted by Trey Gwaltney*