

Tin Lizzies

Dale Edwards, March 1, 2008

By the time you read this, the 2008 Western Dance and Steak Fry will be just another notch in our famed Lizzie belt. It is an event that takes a lot of work to put on, but we enjoy doing it and many people look forward to enjoying it each year. Thank you to all who bought tickets and came to add your laughter and sparkle to the room.

We had a great time during the President's Day - Indio Date Festival weekend, and had ten Lizzies on the road for the parade, five from El Bekal and five from Al Bahr/San Diego. One of the Al Bahr Lizzies made it to the pre-parade staging area OK, but developed an engine problem and had to be pushed and then pulled by their tow truck through the whole parade. And about half way through the parade, our Frank Greer's Lizzie started smoking like it was on fire so tail gunner Ed Roberts had to push him to the parade finish and trailer parking area. We really do need to get our El Bekal Lizzie tow truck back in service. But there was a good crowd along the parade route and the rest of us really enjoyed making the kids smile.

We do have several weeks before the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival to get our cars tuned up and back in shape. Hopefully the closer location will allow more Lizzies to parade than we could turn out for Indio, although five cars is not a poor showing. And we really hope our newest Lizzier, John Edgmon, can join us for that event so he can show off the Student Driver plaque, which has not been on the road for some time now. John is a new Shriner and he was enthusiastically voted into the Lizzier unit during our February meeting.

A big reason John joined El Bekal was so that he could join the Lizzies and share in the fun that we have. His new wife, Judy D. (who is a Lizzie Honored Lady) told him about us. All of you non-involved Shriners should listen to her and look into joining one of the many El Bekal units. Of course, Judy will tell you that the best unit is the Lizzies. For more information or an application, just give a call to our Captain, Al Jazwiecki, at (949) 642-7795. If he is out working on his Lizzie, just call our Lieutenant, John Rowe, at (714) 637-5025.