

Tin Lizzies



Dale Edwards, July 1, 2008

We had a great time at this year's Huntington Beach 4th of July parade. The weather was wonderful, after the light fog retreated back beyond PCH, and we had a big turnout of Shriners to celebrate the occasion. Lt. John Rowe did a good job of leading the unit to and through the parade in the absence of Captain Al Jazwiecki, although he did miss one turn on the long route from the trailer unloading area to the parade start. Differing from most years, the Imperial Session ended the previous day so we even had Illustrious Bill Roland and the Elected Divan in attendance to give the Royal Chariots something to do. Seven Lizzies were there, and all made it through the entire parade with no problems, even though Bill Bergman had to be pushed the last few blocks to the formation area where Ed Roberts made a field fix to something or other. Not so fortunate was one of the Temple Guard toy scooters who ran out of gas or something and had to borrow a rope from the Lizzies so he could be towed behind that Shriner's beautiful Harley trike the last half mile or so.

Besides the usual large Shrine contingent, sans the Clown fire truck again, we were also represented by El Bekal Nomad Howard Bender riding in a WWII jeep and representing the Pearl Harbor Survivors. All in all, it was a great parade, complete with my two grandsons in the crowd who came back to the house to ride around the block with me in "our" Lizzie.

In other news, we were sad to hear that Lizzier Frank Greer had a serious stroke while in Laughlin doing what he enjoys almost as much as driving his Lizzie. We wish him well. And the gas prices are making the commute from Kingman Arizona to join us in our parades just a bit too pricey for Carl Judd, so he is putting his Lizzie up for sale to prospective Lizziers.

So that means we have a couple of cars available to you prospective new members. We'd love to have you and your Lady join in our fun. Just call our Captain, Al Jazwiecki, at (949) 374-2688 to get an application for the unit. If he is still under the weather, put in a call to our Lieutenant, John Rowe, at (714) 637-5025.