What do you get when you cross the love of antique autos with music from the “good old days?”

None other than the Dixieland Pick-up Band! Like the “Gaslight Gang” with their lamppost and the “Firehouse Five” with their Fire truck this group of enthusiastic musicians from Minnesota spread their good cheer from the back of a 1930 Model AA Ford Pickup.

When Tom Owens acquired his first 1930 Ford, a Model A Coupe, he couldn’t get his wife Debbie out of the rumble seat with her banjo. Combining their love of Dixieland music with a vehicle of the era was a natural fit. Soon after that first ride, they were hooked.

Along came their 1930 Model A Ford Pickup and they had enough room to bring friends along on their musical joyride!

Obviously bit by the car collecting bug, Tom found the perfect parade vehicle and had to have it! And because it is red, Debbie agreed to getting their 1930 Ford Model AA ton and a half Dually. This show condition vehicle is now their rolling stage for parades, car shows, block parties and special events.

The Dixieland Pick-Up Band plays lively American Dixieland Jazz. Banjoist and leader Debbie Schreyer has been an entertainer for over 20 years performing nationwide including the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen steamboats, the New Orleans World Fair, and numerous jazz festivals and recordings. Her husband Tom Owens, washboard and vocalist, accompanied Debbie on their 7-year run at the Showboat Casino in
Atlantic City, New Jersey. While living on the beach, they recorded their CD, “Debbie Schreyer Trio: Banjo on the Boardwalk.” In addition to our trusty ahOOgaa… horn, we have hot licks on an “Olds” cornet while Ted Schreyer pumps away on the Tuba.

The Dixieland Pick-Up Band is honored to have been invited to play for the Grand Opening of the Model A Ford Museum at The Gilmore in Hickory Corners, Michigan on May 18, 2013.

This June, listen for their lively music and watch for their festive truck as the Dixieland Pick-up Band leads us in celebrating 40 years of Back to the 50s!