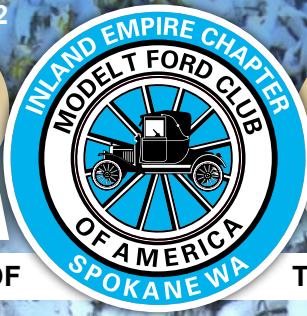


# FENDER CHATTER



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



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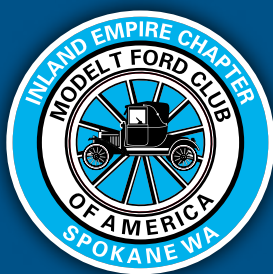
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# General Club Info



**President**  
Larry Mann



**Vice President**  
John De Jong



**Secretary**  
Janice Hutchinson



**Treasurer**  
Karma Roth

## National Clubs

We are the **Inland Empire Chapter** (Spokane) of the MTFCA and the MTFCI



## Correspondence

Please direct club correspondence to the club mailing address:

### IEMTFCA

PO Box 11708  
Spokane Valley, WA  
99211-1708

## Dues

The yearly dues are \$20 per year from an individual or family and due by January 31st of each year. Please renew your membership or join the club as a new member. We look forward to seeing you!

## Submissions

All items to be published are **due before the 20th** of the month. Please send photos, articles and anything else for the newsletter to [fenderchatter@gmail.com](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com)

## On the Cover:

Jim & Betty Patterson's 1923 Touring in the snow from Feb 2020.

- Photo provided by Betty Patterson

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## A Message From Your Club President:

We had a great time on November 3 at the Game Day at Willow Springs Music Therapy. My wife Carole and I enjoyed the games, good conversation, and snacks. Thanks to Carla Carnegie for hosting this event!

Cold weather has definitely put a damper on driving our cars. Hot soup sounds like a great way to enjoy spending time together and being inside where it is warm. Be sure to attend the Hutchinson's Soup Party on December 15. Thanks to Janice and Mark for continuing to host this annual event!

Looking ahead, we have our annual banquet on January 3 at Opportunity Pres. See our Treasurer, Karma Roth, to make reservations. The deadline to buy tickets is December 20.

We had a great turnout of 15 people at Darcy's Restaurant prior to the November meeting. The food is good! Come join us at 5:00 prior to our next meeting on Friday, December 6. Darcy's is at E. 10502 E. Sprague, just east of University in University City. See you then!

Best wishes to all for a joyous Thanksgiving and Christmas, spending time with family and friends! —Larry Mann



# Meeting Minutes

## Minutes for the Friday, November 1, 2024 Meeting

President Larry Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and said it is good to have a nice turnout for the meeting and at dinner. There were 15 people at Darcy's this evening.

➔ **Welsome:** Steve Heid said we had no new members present, but a couple of members we haven't seen for a while – Paul and Matthew Murray from Rathdrum.

➔ **Minutes:** The minutes from the October meeting were approved as printed in the *Fender Chatter*.

➔ **Treasurer:** Karma Roth said there would be no Treasurer's Report this month, as the bank statements have not been received yet. She will report on October and November activity at the December meeting.

➔ **Swap Meet:** Larry asked Vice President John DeJong if there was anything he wanted to say about the swap meet and John said, "Nope."

➔ **Sunshine:** Susie Carnegie was not at the meeting and there was no report, but we did receive an email from her that she only sent the cards reported in the *Fender Chatter*.

➔ **Safety & Seminars:** Mike Robison was not present and there was no report.

➔ **Tours:** Nan Robison reported that there were no tours in October. Sunday, November 3rd is Game Day at Willow Song Music Therapy. Please bring food to share and games to play until we decide we're done.

Other upcoming tours are:

- Breakfast with Santa at the Hauser Lake Fire Department on December 8.
- The Parade of Lights in Spokane Valley on December 14.
- The Annual Christmas Soup Party at the Hutchinsons's house on December 15.
- We would like to have a tour on January 1st, but don't have definite plans yet. Need someone to help lead it.

➔ **Name Tags:** Bill Barr has name tag supplies if you need a new or replacement name tag.

➔ **Banquet:** Our Annual Banquet will be on Friday, January 3rd at Opportunity Presbyterian Church. A motion was passed to have Ferraro's provide food for this event. There will be two entrees, salad, and bread for \$15.95 per person plus a \$30 delivery and set-up fee. We are planning Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert, with the club buying the ice cream and members bringing a topping to share. Nan will take care of drinks. Ben will take care of setting up tables and chairs, and the clean-up at the church. A motion was approved to invite Ben and his family to join us for dinner if they wish, and to pay him a \$150 gratuity for his services. We are also planning to have a Silent Auction – everyone please bring something to donate. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for children age 12 and under, and must be purchased by December 20 so that we can give Ferraro's a head count. Tickets will be available at the December meeting or by mailing a check to the Model T Club, P. O. Box 11708,

Spokane Valley, WA 99211-1708. If you have any questions about purchasing tickets, please contact Karma Roth.

➔ **Old Business:** The proposed changes to our Bylaws were read for the second time and will be voted on at the December meeting.

➔ **Election of Officers:** There were no additional nominations made, leaving the office of Vice President as the only contested race. Our 2025 officers will be:

- President Larry Mann
- Vice President John DeJong
- Treasurer Karma Roth
- Secretary Janice Hutchinson

➔ **Soup Party:** A motion was passed to give Mark and Janice Hutchinson \$150 to help cover the cost of food for the Soup Party.

➔ **Entertainment:** There was no entertainment.

➔ **Show & Tell:** Mark brought a Model T belt buckle. A couple of other people said they had one like it, but we don't know anything about its origin.

➔ **For Sale:** Myron has a '26 Touring Car for sale. This was a car that was being assembled in Moscow until the owner could no longer work on it. It is about 90% done: rebuilt engine, solid body, new upholstery and top, solid wood wheels and decent tires. He also has brand new fenders and running boards for a '15-'16. Check our club [Facebook page](#) for photos & details.

➔ **2025 Speedster Run:** It is Spokane's turn to host the Northwest Vintage Speedsters Labor Day Speedster Run, and Paul Murray has taken this on. He has experience – he put on the first speedster run here 40 years ago. The run will be held on September 12-14 out of Templin's Resort in Post Falls. He has the routes and lunches planned. Friday will be check-in, Saturday is a tour day open to all, and Sunday is the speedster run. He is anticipating about 30-40 speedsters to participate. He will be needing volunteers to help at this event.

➔ **Roster:** Karma reports that some of our email notices have been bouncing back. If you have made any changes, please let Karma know so that we can keep in contact with you.

➔ **The 50/50 drawing:** was won by John DeJong, who donated his winnings to the scholarship fund. Thank you, John!

➔ **Door Prizes:** were won by Matthew Murray, Montana Barnard, Bill Barr, Jim Patterson, Myron Richardson, Glenn Barnard, and GaeAnn Moffit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hutchinson, Secretary

For more tour or event details: check the [club website](#), [club Facebook page](#), or watch your e-mail.



## The next regular club meeting is - Dec 6.

The monthly meeting begins at 7:00 PM on the 1st Friday of each month at the Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 North Pines, Spokane Valley, WA.

You are welcome to join other T Club members for pre-meeting dinner 5:00-6:00 PM - **this month at Darcy's Restaurant** at 10502 E Sprague Ave. (University & Sprague) in the Spokane Valley. **We Hope to see you there!**

**NOTE:** Pre-meeting dinner venue is subject to change at the last-minute due to capacity. Check your email for any change prior to joining us.

## Club Tours and Goings-On

# T Club Game Night - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>



November 3<sup>rd</sup> was the Inland Empire Model T Club Game night. There were about 10 people who came to Carla Carnagie's Willow Song Music Therapy to play games and hang out. It sounds like they had a good time, an event to plan on for next year!



# Seen, Heard and Shared



A vintage photo owned & shared by Alex Robinson. Notice the 1920 Spokane County license plate attached to the frame of this Model T. Photo taken during prohibition, perhaps a citizen (or local bootlegger) laughing it up with a drink while leaning on a government car as a jab to the liquor law.

## MODEL T DICTIONARY

*A few helpful terms:*

- ANTI-RATTLER** — a Model T with the engine dismantled.
- BRAKES** — pray to your maker.
- BREATHER PIPE** — oil going dry.
- CARBURETOR** — an apparatus that is never adjusted right.
- COIL** — plaything.
- COWL LAMP** — better to use a jar of fireflies.
- CRANK START** — a kicking mule that makes you cuss.
- DAMMIT** — password used among Model T owners.
- ENGINE** — mule power disguised as horsepower.
- EXHAUST** — where your gas money goes up in smoke.
- FLAT TIRE** — the end of a perfect day.
- FLIVVER** — cousin of Lizzie.
- GREASE** — hub decoration.
- HIGH PEDAL** — faster than low pedal.
- HOOD** — metal concealer of all the turmoil.
- IGNITION** — tamed bolt of lightning.
- KNOCK** — any noise but a rattle.
- LIZZIE** — family name for Mrs. Tin.
- LOW PEDAL** — faster than sitting still.
- MUFFLER** — what'd ya' say?
- OIL** — fluid that decorates all T parking spots.
- OIL CAN** — can that is always empty.
- PARKING BRAKE** — look for it later down the hill.
- RADIATOR** — otherwise known as "Old Faithful" geyser.
- RADIUS ROD** — one of half a hundred iron bars somewhere underneath.
- RATTLE** — song of the Model T.
- REAR WHEELS** — front wheels while reversing car.
- ROAD HOG** — the other fellow on a narrow road.
- SELF STARTER** — one who can start his own car without help.
- SHOCK ABSORBERS** — passengers in the rear seat.
- SIDE CURTAINS** — used to keep the outside weather inside.
- SPARE TIRE** — round thing that is always without air.
- SPARK PLUGS** — carbon collecting porcelain.
- THROTTLE LEVER** — that cow is still passing us.
- TOP** — one-man or two-man,  
better gather your friends for help.
- UPROAR** — starting out.
- VULCANIZER** — one who vulks.
- X** — mysterious symbol on spark plug,  
meaning, "This is it."
- Z** — mysterious symbol marked on tools, meaning,  
"This is Z one you need to fix Z problem  
denoted by Z number that follows."

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Cover of the 1909 Ford Times.



# Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

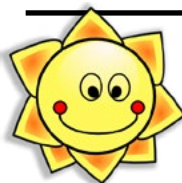
## Events Calendar

- Dec 6** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Dec 8** Breakfast with Santa Benefit - Hauser Lake, ID
- Dec 15** **T Club** Holiday Soup Party at Hutchinson's, *see below*
- Dec 16** Parade of Lights - Horizon Mid Schl - Spkn Vily 4:30p
- Jan 1** **T Club** 27th Annual New Year's Day Model T Tour
- Jan 3** **No Regular T Club Meeting** (See You at the Banquet)
- Jan 3** **T Club** Annual Club Officer Installation Banquet, Pg 8
- Feb 7** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Feb 15-16** 57th Early Bird Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA

**NOTE:** These events are subject to change - the info is what we know of at the time of publication - **please confirm for yourself before travelling to, or attending any events.**

## Nan's Nibbles

- Dec:** Everyone bring a goody to share!
- Jan:** See you at the T Club Banquet!
- Feb:** Susie Carnegie & Janice Hutchinson



## Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Thank You Card to Carla Carnegie for hosting the game night.
- Get Well Card to Mark Hutchinson.

*Any new updates will be announced at the next meeting or in the next newsletter.*

If you know of a club member in need of some cheer - please let Susie know. If it's stated in this newsletter that you were sent a Sunshine card, but never received one in the mail, please let Susie know. We don't want anyone left out.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup Party!!!

It's the holiday season and that means it's T Club Soup Party time (our 27<sup>th</sup> one)!!! Plan to come to Mark and Janice Hutchinson's house on **Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m.** for soup, bread, and other goodies. No need to bring anything – consider this a break from holiday cooking. And yes, we call this a tour, so there will be ice cream! We love to see Model T's, but they are optional. In the past, we have put Christmas lights on our T's for a drive around, we have visited the Conservatory at Manito Park, and last time there was a game table in the basement. Any ideas for activities this year are welcome! If you need directions, or have any other questions, see us at the December meeting (we will bring maps) or give us a call (*see Club Roster*).



## 38<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa Benefit

**Proceeds will benefit Lane, a 6-year-old from Spirit Lake, Idaho with leukemia.**

**December 8 from 7am to 1pm at the Hauser Lake Fire Department, 10728 North Hauser Lake Road in Hauser, Idaho**

A donation of \$3 per person or \$15 per family will get you breakfast including eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and more! Try your luck at amazing raffle prizes! If you want to miss the line, get there early or late.

**If you can, bring your Model T. There will be special parking for Model T's in front of the fire station.**

— **Myron Richardson** Info: [hauserfire.org](http://hauserfire.org)



## PROPOSED UPDATES TO CLUB BYLAWS

Our Bylaws Committee has recommended changes to the club bylaws. There was a reading of these changes at the October & November meetings and there will be a **vote on them at the December meeting**. A copy of the changes have been emailed to all club members to review. If you did not receive the email or would like to have a paper copy of the proposed changes mailed to you, just send an email to [jemodeltclub@yahoo.com](mailto:jemodeltclub@yahoo.com) or call Janice Hutchinson at 509-990-4309.

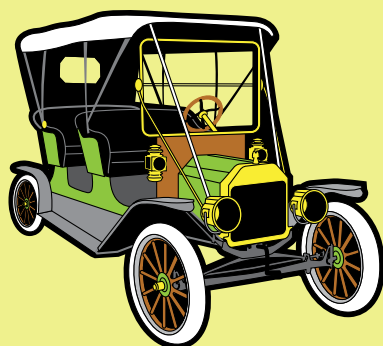
## TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE RANCH

Come on out on Tuesday evenings around 4:30 pm with your T parts that need to be worked on. Also join us **after** for dinner at McDonalds. [antiqueautoranch.com](http://antiqueautoranch.com)  
**Note:** Antique Auto Ranch is only open to the public on the first Tues of each month. Other times by appointment.



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Last-minute notices, fun stuff, lots of photos, links, etc.



## Tours and Activity Reports

Tours may be arranged at the last minute so check the club website Calendar of Events for the latest activities at [spokanemodeltclub.com](http://spokanemodeltclub.com) or our Club Facebook page [f Inland Empire Model T Club](https://www.facebook.com/InlandEmpireModelTClub)

**For tours or events, contact Nan Robison or Matt Hansen, Carla Carnegie**

## Model T Show, Tell and Share

### Model T Aftermarket Items and Accessories

**SET OF AFTERMARKET SPRING SHOCK ABSORBERS.** Each made of cast iron and 3 leaf springs, and each have two ball-bearings at the end of the spring where it rides on the standard Model T leaf springs. No makers marks that I can see, and I don't have any info on these. This is a set that I own and restored years ago. If anyone knows anything about these, please let me know.



I think it's fun to collect Model T related items - a legitimate part of the hobby. Above is just one of the interesting items our Club members have, and we like to share. I hope you find them interesting too. — Jeff Hipp

Please [email](#) us photos of your favorite aftermarket T items and a brief description for sharing in future issues of this newsletter.

# For Sale • Wanted • Notices

When available, photos with these ads will be posted to our Club website [spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php](http://spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php)

**For Sale: 1926 TOURING PARTS CAR** 90% done, body is nice and not rusty. A new restoration that was never able to be completed - purchased from an estate.

Feb '27 frame, July '25 engine - appears to be rebuilt, '25 or older front axle, new fenders & splash aprons & running boards are possibly reproduction, new top, new seats, 1924 or older transmission cover, new 1922 or older short radiator, body looks to be 1927.

Asking \$7,000 negotiable, plus the ride. **Call Myron 208-773-9259** Hauser Lake, Idaho. Please leave a message and call back number if he doesn't answer.



**For Sale: 1915-16 FRONT RT FENDER & LEFT SPLASH APRON**, reproduction. Never mounted, very nice. Asking **HALF** of Lang's' price, negotiable, plus shipping. **Call Myron 208-773-9259** Hauser Lake, Idaho. Please leave a message and call back number if he doesn't answer.



**Wanted: PHOTO ALBUMS** Does anyone have info on what became of Marith & Dusty McCoul's personal photo albums that document the builds of their cars and Mercury Speedsters? Please contact Jeff Hipp [hippstah1@gmail.com](mailto:hippstah1@gmail.com)

*Wanted for scanning & preserving the process for future reference. thx*



WE NEED YOU TO PLEASE  
**SHOW YOUR CLUB PRIDE!**



As a member of the **Spokane Model T Club ID Badge/ Button!** If you do not have one, please contact Bill Barr.

**Spokane Club Jacket or Club-branded T-shirt.** Order from [saturdaynightinc.net](http://saturdaynightinc.net) (a local Spokane Valley company), they have our club logo on file, and have a great selection of quality items to choose from.

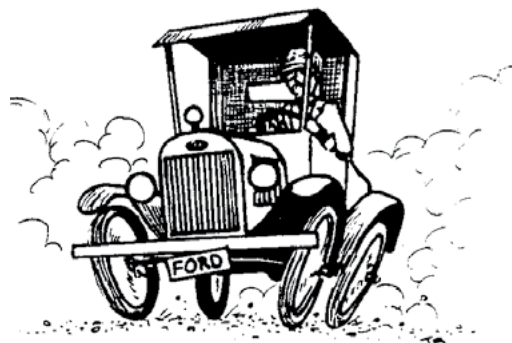
## Mark Your Calendars - January Banquet

The annual **Officer Installation Banquet** will be on **January 3, 2025, 6:00pm** at the **Opportunity Presbyterian Church** (same place as our monthly meetings).

**Catered by Ferraro's Italian Restaurant** with two entrees, salad and bread, plus make-your-own ice cream sundaes for dessert. Tickets will be \$20 per person, \$10 for kids age 12 & under, and will be available at the December 6 meeting or by contacting Karma Roth. **Absolute Ticket Purchase Deadline is December 20th - Please RSVP** so we have an accurate count and enough food. **(All tickets must be paid in advance, no tickets will be available at the door).**

Or send a check for the banquet to the Spokane T Club: PO Box 11708, Spokane, WA 99211 - *make it out to IEMTFCA*. We will have door prizes and a silent auction of various items. This is not a big fundraiser, just fun to outbid the next person. If you have any items to auction, please let Karma know.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! —Nan





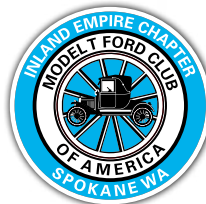
# Membership Application & 2025 Roster Update Form

If you have already renewed for this year, please pass this form to someone who also shares our interest of the Model T Ford. You do not need to own a Model T to be a club member.

**REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE By January 31!**  
 Please fill out all of this form NOW whether you have changes or not, and return with your 2025 Club dues (\$20/family).  
 Include your up-to-date email, phone number, and all other info, please. *Thanx!*

**Due Jan 31** of each year, or join as a new member now, please complete this form and mail with your dues of \$20.00 (make check out to "IEMTFCA":

**IEMTFCA**  
**PO Box 11708**  
**Spokane Valley, WA 99211-1708**



PLEASE fill out all of this form, even if nothing has changed, and mail in or give to Karma.

Note: Our bank now requires any checks to the Spokane T Club must be made out to "IEMTFCA".

➔ **Any Changes since 2024?: Yes / No** (if "no", please still fill in all of your info below, thank you)

➔ **Your Information:** Date Application Paid / Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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➔ **Model T's Owned:**

**R** = Restored, **U** = Unrestored, **O** = Original, **PR** = Partially Restored, **BC** = Basket Case

Year	Body Style	Condition
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Please update this form and send with your check payable to the Spokane Model T Ford Club, P.O. Box 11708, Spokane, WA 99211-1708. Annual dues are \$20.00 per household per year. If more than 5 Model T's are owned, please list them on the back of this form. **You are encouraged to join the national clubs**, the Model T Ford Club of America or the Model T Ford Club International, for \$50.00 / year - Mail check directly to the appropriate national club. Six full-color bi-monthly magazines with world-wide distribution are included with each national membership.

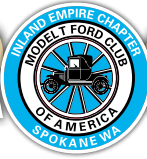
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**National MTFCI Membership:** (check, credit card, Paypal) [modelt.org/contact.html](http://modelt.org/contact.html)

You may also download this as a PDF from our club website and print out:

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### INLAND EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB GEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE!

*This is just a sample!*

CLICK LINK BELOW to see all of the items and color options to choose from.

Purchase a single item or as many as you wish.

[carclubtshirts.com/collections/inland-empire-chapter-mtfca](http://carclubtshirts.com/collections/inland-empire-chapter-mtfca)



Vintage Midwest Cleaners photo, owned by Jeff Hipp.

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