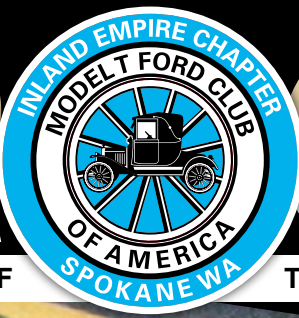


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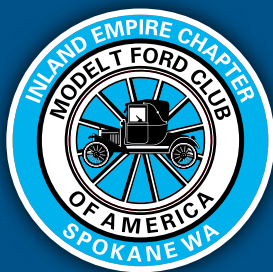
THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



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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:

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PO Box 11708
Spokane Valley, WA
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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

On the Cover:

Cover of the December 1916 issue of *Ford Times*.

- From the Alex Robison collection.

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A Message From Your Club President:

Christmas will be behind us by the time you read the January Fender Chatter. I hope that everyone had a good Christmas. I certainly enjoyed the soup party on December 15, and tasted most of the six different soups. Thanks to Janice and Mark Hutchinson for hosting it again! It has become a great holiday tradition for our club.

Looking forward to the New Year, 2025, remember that our annual banquet is on January 3, at Opportunity Presbyterian Church. Don't miss it! The food should be especially good as it's Italian, catered by Ferraro's.

Happy New Year! —Larry Mann



Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the Friday, December 6, 2024 Meeting

President Larry Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

👉 **Welcome:** Steve Heid said we had no new members or guests.

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

👉 **Treasurer's Report:** Karma Roth said that this month's Treasurer's Report includes the activity from October and November, since the October information was not yet available at the last meeting. Because there is not a formal business meeting in January, the activity from December and January will be reported at the February meeting. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

👉 **VP:** Vice President John DeJong says there is no news about the Swap Meet yet, but we will have the same booth area as last year. He is planning to make space for items that club members want to sell at the booth next year – be thinking about what you might want to bring.

👉 **Sunshine:** Susie Carnegie sent the cards reported in the Fender Chatter, and also one to Carole Mann who is home recovering from back surgery. Larry has been fixing her dinners, but sadly does not hire out.

👉 **Safety & Seminars:** Mike Robison's safety tip for the month: Don't drive Model T's! They're a hundred years old! You'll die! – No! Drive them! They're a lot of fun! Also, check your fire extinguishers – a good idea both in your cars and in your house. And a winterizing tip from Bill Barr: put dryer sheets under the seats and around your Model T to deter mice from playing house in your car over the winter.

👉 **Tours:** Nan Robison reported that Game Day at Willow Song Music Therapy was a lot of fun with good snacks and a chance to visit. Larry brought Racko and Jim brought Yahtzee. She did advise, though, not to play with Jim because he waxes you at Yahtzee.

Upcoming tours are: Breakfast with Santa at the Hauser Lake Fire Department is on Sunday, December 8. If you drive a Model T, you can park in front of the fire station! If you have to park at the lake, there is a shuttle to bring you up and back.

We have decided not to do the Parade of Lights in Spokane Valley this year. The Annual Christmas Soup Party at the Hutchinsons's house is on December 15, starting at 3 p.m. And we still need an idea for a tour on January 1st.

The members of our Tour Committee will be retiring at the end of the year. Thank you to Nan, Carla Carnegie, and Matt Hansen for three years of tour planning! Larry Mann has volunteered to be part of a new Tour Committee and we need two more people to step up to help him.

👉 **Banquet:** The Annual Banquet will be on Friday, January 3rd at 6 p.m. at Opportunity Presbyterian Church. Karma reminded everyone

that tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for kids 12 and under. She needs a headcount for Ferraro's catering by December 21, so you will need to pay Karma for your tickets no later than December 20. There will not be tickets for sale at the door. You may attend the banquet without having dinner free of charge. Don't forget to bring a donation for the silent auction! Karma has had inquiries about gluten-free and vegetarian options. This would increase the cost of the dinner, but a motion was approved to have the club cover any additional expense.

👉 **Wednesday Night Dinners:** Ralph Brevik is planning to stop organizing Wednesday Night Dinners as there seems to be less interest. This doesn't have to be a regular event – if anyone has someplace they would like to go for dinner, just contact Ralph or Janice to get an email out to everyone and we'll go!

👉 **Old Business:** The changes to the Bylaws were approved as presented by the Bylaws Committee and are now in effect.

👉 **New Business:** Bill Barr suggested that we get in touch with some old members who might want to attend the banquet free of charge. There was no formal motion made.

👉 **Tech Talk:** Nan explained, in her own way and with hand gestures that can't be reproduced here, that she can't drive Twenty because Tom needed to do some custom work on the head. Son, Mike, called it a "Mom explanation" and told it his way: older, pre-1920 blocks are rotten – they are cast iron and they are old. Their head bolts are stripped and need to be drilled out and have helicoils inserted.

👉 **Show and Tell:** There was no Show & Tell.

👉 **For Sale:** Myron still has a '26 Touring Car for sale, as well as a valve fixer and a sand blasting cabinet.

👉 **Projects:** Car Projects Number 1: Nan has this yellow Model T... (See Tech Talk).

Car Projects Number 2: Mike was driving his Uncle Tom's Speedster (Ed Jepperson's Speedster from 30 years ago), getting ready for Tom's Speedster Run, when the triple gear bushing got chewed up and the car locked in gear – 1 day before the Speedster Run. He rebuilt the transmission, replaced the fourth main, and then doesn't win the Speedster Run! The next day, there was a swimming pool-sized puddle of oil on his shop floor from the fourth main, now in need of a new ball bearing. Stuff happens!

👉 **Prizes & Drawings:** The 50/50 drawing was won by Rod Waltz, who donated his winnings to the scholarship fund. Thank you, Rod!

No door prizes this month, but Christmas cookies await!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 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.



No regular club meeting - Club Banquet is Jan 3.

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.

Seen, Heard and Shared

Shared from Flatland T's of Kansas

Below is a link shared from the Flatland T's of Kansas' Newsletter about the Model T ignition system. We thought this might be interesting and helpful to some of you.. Enjoy...

"Below ... video from Bill and Nellie Howell of the 2024 Model T Ford Winter Clinic that was held last January at the McPherson College Restoration Facilities in McPherson, KS."

The Model T Ignition System and the Search for Extra Horsepower - by Larry Azevedo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oB6LhiUBbMo>

New Day Timers, cont'd

Carbon Brush Resistance / Percent Brush Contact vs. Time

1744 engine rpm (43 mph), 12V operation. In this case ignition occurs when the brush is about 50% in contact with the copper surface. At high rpm ignition occurs before the brush has contacted 30% of its width.

12V operation
 $\theta = 360.1^\circ$

Ignition Event Relation to Mag Signal (2500 RPM)

Timer Closes at Zero Crossing

Combustion reaches peak pressure? 0.003 sec

Top Dead Center (7 degrees after zero crossing)

Magneto Voltage Signal

Coil Fires Spark Plug Initiating Combustion - the spark DOES NOT always occur at the mag peak!



Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

- 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
- Mar 1 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- ~~Mar~~ Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet - **No Longer, Ended**
- Mar 15-16 Almost Spring Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA
- Apr 4-6 59th Annual Portland Swap Meet - Portland, OR
- Apr 11 Spring Warm Up & Swap Meet- Eagle, ID
- Apr 5 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- May 1-2 Central Alberta Swap Meet - Red Deer, AB CA
- May 3 47th Tri-Cities Swap Meet - Kennewick, WA
- May 4 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- May 5? North Cascade Swap Meet - Mt Vernon, VA - **TBD**
- May 9-10 11th Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet - Luray, VA
- May 17 Wilbur Wild Goose Bill Days Parade
- May 17 Harrington, WA Car Show 9-3 (old car categories)
- May 17-18 Seattle Auto Swap Meet - Monroe, WA
- Jun 7 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Jun 4-7 MTFCA Homecoming Event - Richmond, IN
- Jun 7 Mule Days Parade - Reardan, WA
- Jun 7-8 SOVREN Festival of Speed - Spokane, WA
- Jun 13-14 Car d'Lane Car Show - Cd'A, ID
- Sep 12-14 NWVS Annual Speedster Run - Post Falls, ID

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

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
Note: Antique Auto Ranch is only open to the public on the first Tues of each month. Other times by appointment.

Nan's Nibbles

- Jan: See you at the T Club Banquet!
- Feb: Susie Carnegie & Janice Hutchinson
- Mar: TBD



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Get Well Card to Carole Mann.
- Thank You Card to Hutchinson's for opening their home to us for their spectacular soup feast.

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.

Reminder - January 3rd 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 - **The Ticket Purchase Deadline has passed.** (no tickets will be available at the door). Dinner menu is lasagna & chicken fettuccine. We will have salad and bread. The club is providing ice cream, but please bring your favorite topping to share. Food will be delivered and set up at 5:45 and we will eat at 6:00.

Also, please bring an item for the silent auction.

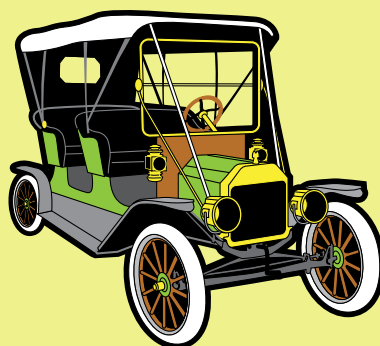
Thanks!

We look forward to seeing everyone there! —Nan & Karma



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[Inland Empire Model T Club](https://www.facebook.com/InlandEmpireModelTClub)

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 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

For Sale • Wanted • Notices

When available, photos with these ads will be posted to our Club website spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php

Wanted: 1926-27 T COUPE PARTS. Cowl, firewall, and both doors, perhaps other parts. I'm a new Model T owner, what do you have for sale? Please contact Hunter at huntar74@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.



Newsletter Help - Please

We need your help with content for the *Fender Chatter*. This newsletter is for you, the club members, but we ask:

- Input on content - current or something new.
- Do you like certain pieces we do monthly - or not?
- Is there an idea for an article you would like to see?
- Would someone like to be in charge of writing a monthly piece - could be technical, could be something entertaining.
- Photos - we need photos - every month. Send them in.

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



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

INLAND EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB GEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE!

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-mtfc

WE NEED YOU TO PLEASE

SHOW YOUR CLUB PRIDE!



As a member of the Spokane Model T Club, you are encouraged to show your club pride by getting and wearing your **club ID Badge/Button!** If you do not have one, please contact Bill Barr now.

Club members are also encouraged to purchase and wear a **club Jacket or club-branded T-shirt.** These can be purchased from 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.

Our T Club BENEFITS GREATLY when our members wear their badge, club jacket or club t-shirt!

Wear them at meetings, swap meets, all club functions, or even anytime you are out with your T. It helps build awareness of our club, shows that we are an active club, and helps recruit new members. You become an ambassador of good will for our club!

Membership Application & 2025 Roster Update Form

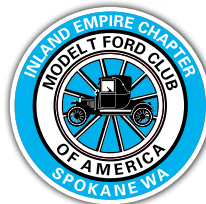
If you have already renewed for this year, please pass this form to someone who also shares our interest of the Model T Ford. You do not need to own a Model T to be a club member.

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!*

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

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



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 _____

Address _____

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Policy # _____

➔ **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.

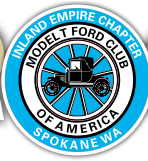
National MTFCA Membership: (check, credit card, Paypal) mtfca.com/join-or-renew

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Some Club cars lined up at the May Safe-T Inspection. Photo by Jeff Hipp

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