

# Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



## SEPTEMBER 2013

### What happened?

August 2nd, 2013 Spokane Model T Club regular meeting Burgess Home

August 17th, 2013 Pullman, Wa Lentil Festival Tour August 17th 8:30am @ O.P.C. The club will tour down to Pullman to enjoy the National Lentil Festival <http://www.lentilfest.com/>

August 31st, 2013 Darrell and Tina Skomer would like to invite the club to go to Silverwood August 31st for the Coaster classic car show. \$15 for driver and passenger <https://home.silverwoodthemepark.com/coasterclassic.php>

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### President Jamie Message MIA

Brooke's picture photo credit goes to Jamie Swenson





Mid-Kansas Model T Tour - September 20-22, 2013  
Chris Paulson McPheson, Kansas

General

Club

Information

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**Dues**

The yearly dues are \$20 per year for 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

All items to be published are due by the 18th of the month. Please send photos, articles and anything else for the newsletter to fenderchatter@gmail.com

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<b>Sunshine Report</b>	<b>Susie Carnegie</b>	<b>509-922-1805</b>
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The monthly meeting begins at 7:30 PM on the 1st Friday of each month at the Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 North Pines, Spokane Valley, WA. Our next regular meeting is September 6th, 2013 at the church. A reminder for anyone wishing to join other T Club members for the regular pre-meeting dinner that it will be at 5:30 - 6:00 PM at Conley's Restaurant next to the White Elephant just east of Pines at 12622 E. Sprague in Spokane Valley. We hope to see you there!

### Spokane Model T Club Minutes August 2, 2013

Meeting held at Lee / Candy Burgess' place. Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Vice Pres Bill Barr filling in for Jamie Allen.

Welcoming Committee - Members welcome Harvey's bride Patsy, and Mike and Jillian's new daughter, Brooke.

#### Secretary's Report:

I got nothin'

Vice President Bill Barr reported on the swap meet. Thought it went alright and saw a lot of new members. Darrell suggested that next time we would only need a booth if we don't have a car to display.

Jim P suggested that the club purchase 3 or 4 tables, says Costco has them for about \$40. Discussion of where to store them. Harvey volunteered to store them. Motion was seconded and passed to buy some tables.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Betty gave the report and handed out info. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports:

Mike R said he got a call from a guy in California that had bought a T that has an Inland Empire Spokane safety inspection sticker on it from '08. He was researching the history of the car and wanted to know who owned it at that time. After some detective work on Jim's part, he was able to track down the name from the records because it was part of a national tour that year. Turns out the guy was from California and was the owner of the car the inquirer had purchased it from.

Steve Heid reported that The 4th of July Long Dam Tour went well with 105 partici-

pants and 51 cars. Suzie Stacey thanked Jim and Lee for the pictures, over 1000.

Nan reminded everyone of the Lentil Festival in Pullman. Will be about a two hour drive with a lunch stop in Topeka. Says she doesn't want to drive there by herself. Meet at the Opportunity Church August 17th 8:30 a.m.

Gene reminded everyone about the upcoming Northwest Vintage Speedster's run in Leavenworth WA over Labor Day weekend. Mike reminded everybody about the vintage dirt bike races in Fairchild WA Sept 8th. Mike and Jillian are planning for another, very popular, Drive in Movie night when the sun starts to set a little earlier.

Some talk about a Monroe St. Antique Mall tour.

Jim would still like to take a bus trip to the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma, WA. A show of hands indicates a lot of interest. Jim says it would come to about \$75 each if we can get 48 people to go. Maybe include the Model A club. Maybe an overnight trip. Jim mentioned that today was his first day of retirement.

Chuck Dyer reported there are plans for an Ed Jepperson Memorial Tour in Montana for the week of June 21 - 27th 2014.

Jillian reminded everyone that the Charitable Committee will be meeting near the end of September. Bring your ideas for contributions.

Norma says we now have enough SafeT inspection stickers to last several years. Big thanks to Lee and Candy for their hospitality.

Motion to adjourn seconded and passed. Submitted by Ed Hope, Secretary

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## DOWN MODEL T MEMORY LANE . . . .

I've been promising Diane that I would join the members who have authored their Model T memories in previous editions of Fender Chatter, and I finally ran out of excuses to do it now that Betty & I are both recently retired.

This is a story that truly takes me through the transition from the horse and buggy days. You see, I grew up living within a mile of four females (2 aunts, a cousin, and a sister), all within 6 years of my age. I always had an interest in antiques, and I started out at about 12 years old showing interest in an old doctor's one-seated horse drawn buggy. It was really in pretty good shape, and Dad encouraged me to buy the buggy for \$50.00 and fix it up by replacing some of the wood and painting it black with red wheels. It really looked pretty nice, but, we didn't have a horse to pull the buggy around for rides. Being the only boy amongst the 4 girl relatives, you can guess who got to "play" the horse and haul the girls around in the buggy. It didn't take too many years to figure out that being a horse wasn't fun, and so Dad and I started watching the Spokesman-Review for antique cars.

At about age 14 in 1961; we saw an ad for a basket case 1923 Model T Ford Roadster for \$75.00. We drove up to Chewelah to take a look at it, and I fell in love with it, knowing that it was the answer to getting me out of the "horse" role with my girl relatives, because I "had to sell" the buggy to get enough money to buy the T.

Jim and his 1923 "Roadster" in 1964



Jim's 1923 T converted to a Touring in 1975

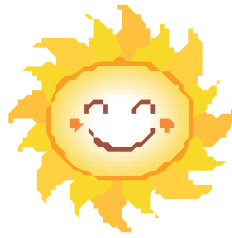


Dad and I loaded up the T in his dump truck and we hauled it home. The car had apparently been stored in a barn since it had last run during the depression. Its motor barely turned over, but it was free. Its sheet metal was all rusty, a few bent or missing fenders and other sheet metal, but no rust-out. The wheels were in pretty good shape (I just replaced all the spokes last winter after having rebuilt the originals in 1974).

I tinkered around with the T for the next couple of years, and got it marginally running. I was Agriculture major in high school, and during my junior year, I needed a major mechanical project for farm shop class. I asked my shop teacher if I could bring my Model T in for my project, and he hesitatingly agreed to it, with a caveat betting me that I would never get the car restored, let alone running, as long as I lived! My favorite high school memory was the day I got the Model T running during shop class for the first time after tearing the engine and transmission down and replacing only what was absolutely needed due to budget constrictions. I tightened the rods up so much that the engine would hardly turn over now. The starter would barely turn it over but it would, surprisingly, occasionally fire, so I knew I could get it running if I kept trying. After working on it several months, the day to start it up had finally arrived. I talked my entire shop class of 10-12 guys into helping me push the T down the steep hill from the high school down towards downtown Cheney. After about 5 blocks of down-hill pushing, the kicking and sputtering T reached the bottom and still hadn't started. So all of my "friends" had to push me back up the hill to the shop building before the end of class, with me sitting on the gas tank steering the T. I must have had a license, because I can't imagine driving that T on city streets without one! 50 years later, my classmates still remind me of that fateful day when I asked them to push me down the hill.

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**WE'RE THINKING OF YOU**  
**Susie Carnegie**



**Candy's Cookie Corner**  
September  
Tina & Daryl Skomer  
Candy & Lee Burgess

## **Tours and Activity Reports**

**CHECK THE CLUB WEB SITE FOR SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT EVENTS.**  
Tours may be arranged at the last minute so check the club web site Calendar of Events at <http://www.spokanemodeltclub.com> for the latest activities.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- September 6th, 2013**                      **Regular Meeting at opportunity Church**
- September 8th, 2013**                      **Rattlers Run vintage Motocross race 9:45 am \$10**
- Sept 19-21**                                      **Vancouver Island 35th Annual Can-Am Mike S**
- Sept 21st, 2013**                              **Drive in Movie- Mike Robison**  
**12510 E Palouse hwy**
- , 2013**    **Big Meadows Grange Tour- Tom Carnegie**
- , 2013**    **Monroe st. Antique Mall tour**
- June 21st-27th, 2014**                      **Ed Jepperson Memorial Tour Eastern Wa., North Id, Western**  
**Montana- Chuck Dyer**

***FOR TOUR IDEAS CONTACT HAL MOFFIT***

### **TUESDAY NITES**

**Tom Carnegie gives monthly updates at our monthly meetings.**  
**For free workshop space, company and advice, too! <http://www.antiqueautoranch.com>**  
**Also, Check out the info on Spokane Model T Club website. [www.spokanemodeltclub.com](http://www.spokanemodeltclub.com)**  
**And available on Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club**

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After high school, I had 4 years of college, then got married the day after graduation, and went into the Navy for 3 years (during which 2 of our 3 daughters were born); and then in 1972, we finally settled down in Spokane where I got started with the real restoration of my '23 Model T. I soon learned raising a family (now up to three children) and getting couches and refrigerators had priority over Model T parts, so I coped with another couple of years of slow progress. Finally, in 1974, I went ahead at full speed and got the Roadster professionally painted.

It was at this time in 1974 that we joined the newly formed (1972) Spokane Model T Club along with the Crabbs and Gothmanns. With our three daughters, Betty, and I crammed into our one-seated roadster and went on our first Model T tour to visit the Air National Guard's KC-135 re-fueling tankers at Geiger Field. One of the girls wet their pants while sitting on Betty's lap, and I got the immediate go-ahead to get a touring body if I ever wanted to go on a family T tour again. A little bit of watching the Spokesman ads were again fruitful, and I found a guy in Colville who wanted to trade an un-restored '23 touring body for a restored roadster body. That worked for me so we made the swap and I began the repeat restoration process for the touring body which took several months. To the best of my recollection, Breens, Riecherts, Rhoades, Whiteleys, Jeppersons, Storeys, Rohers, Harts, Lundins, Repps, Skidmores, Cromers, Hamiltons, Hiens, and Tondini's were all members of the club by now.

In 1980, I changed jobs and we ended up moving to Kennewick. Being the new kids on the block in a new city, Betty & I really felt the loss of not being able to participate in the many activities and tours put on by the Spokane T Club. We went to several of the "Ye Ole Car Club" meetings but we were the only Model T owners, and they tended to travel faster than I cared to. We decided to place an ad in the local "Nickel Nic", inviting anyone interested in starting a Model T Club in the Tri-Cities. Four families attended the first meeting, and the Three River's Model T Ford Club was born. That very active club now has about 30 members and is still growing and we continue to be "lifetime" members.

In 1983, I purchased an un-restored 1914 Model T Speedster. That project car moved back to Spokane with us when I accepted a new job there in 1984 and the speedster was completed in 1987. In 1999, I purchased a 1927 T Speedster originally built up by Don Rohrer and modified some of the body's sheet metal, wheels, and carburetion to make it look and feel more like a 1927 original and not so "hot-rod-dy". I sold that car last fall to an 82-year old guy in who had getting a speedster on his bucket list!

Jim's 1914 Model T Speedster



1927 Model T Speedster sold in 2012



In addition to the '23 Touring, the '14 Speedster, and a '31 A Tudor Sedan that are currently restored and sitting in my garage, I've also have bought and sold over 30 years several other un-restored cars, including a '30 Model A Sport Coupe, a '25 T Coupe, and a '30 A coupe. I hope to restore another Model T with one or more of my grandkids in the next few years to keep the story and interest in antique cars going.

I reflect back on this lifetime hobby and am truly thankful that I had the opportunity to get into the hobby early in my teenage years. So many people I know have started in the hobby, only to put their treasured Model T(s) into long-term storage to be restored someday when they retire and have the time. Far too many never saw that day or took the opportunity to enjoy the many friendships and fun times touring around in their Model T's.

Submitted by Jim Patterson

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**Celebrating Henry Ford's 150th birthday**

**Click on interesting link to find out more about Henry Ford's life.**

**<http://www.henryford150.com/>**

**Jim & Betty Patterson**

**For pictures of ads, if available, go to the Spokane Model T Club website..  
[www.spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php..](http://www.spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php..)**



## **FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES**



### **WANTED**

**To Ronald Benne ,**

**Sorry, I have no ideas other than Antique Auto Ranch. Anyone else have any ideas where Ron can get a used Model A pop-out ignition switch?**

**Jim Patterson**

### **For Sale - 1923 Model T Roadster**

**1923 Model T Roadster - local Spokane car - been driven fewer than 200 miles per year since complete body and powertrain restoration. Ruxtell rearend , everything on this beautiful Model T is in excellent condition Mike & Karen Loeffler - Nine Mile Falls, WA phone - 509-467-7781 or email at Subject: RE: 1923 Roadster**

**Model T price change.....**

**New email address for newsletter : [loefflermj@hotmail.com](mailto:loefflermj@hotmail.com)**

**New price on Model T : \$9500 (would like to sell before winter)**

**Hope you are having a great summer. Mike**



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## A FALCON NESTING IN A TREE

<http://i.imgur.com/YW6Fufm.jpg>



**Dave Sandberg  
Yakima**

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