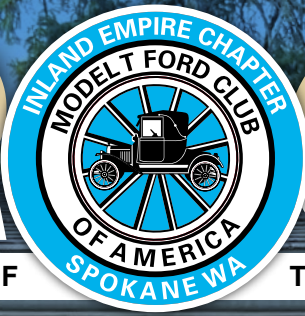


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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

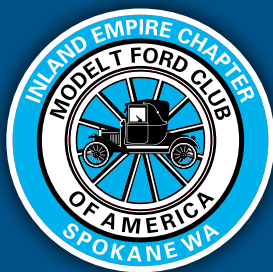


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VALENTINE LOVE!

AND YES, YOUR FLIVVER QUALIFIES.



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
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

On the Cover:

Rick and Carla Carnegie's 1907 Model N Runabout gets fitted for a new top in September 2023.

- Photo by Carla Carnegie

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A Message From Your Club President:

Thanks to outgoing President, Ralph Brevik for the fine work he did in leading our club for the past two years. We appreciate your hard work and service!

I'm honored to have been chosen as President, and look forward to serving you in the coming year. I'm sorry to have missed the January banquet, which I was looking forward to. I had Covid and didn't want to risk infecting anyone with my germs.

Let me start off by telling you a bit about myself. My first memory of Model T's is from when I was a teenager. Rick Carnegie had recently purchased a TT, and practiced driving in circles around the yard at his parents' house. I went along on one

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 5, 2024 Club Officer Installation Banquet

There were no meeting minutes taken. See page 5 for photos and details of the annual Officer Installation Banquet.

President's Message Continued...

of those rides, sitting in the back of his truck. (I grew up with the Carnegie clan and their parents and my parents were longtime friends.) I enjoyed the ride and it got me interested in old cars in general and Model T's in particular. Soon after, my Mom took me shopping at the Crescent department store downtown where I bought a copy of Henry's Wonderful Model T by Floyd Clymer. While there are many better books about Model T's, it was the perfect book for a teenager, and I enjoyed reading about Model T history, humor, and ads, and looking at the many photos.

The ride with Rick and the book planted a seed that got me interested in the Model T, but it took years before I bought one of my own. About 20 years ago Mike Robison gave me a ride and a driving lesson in his Model T Roadster. That rekindled my interest, and soon after I joined both the MTFCA and the Puget Sound Chapter, the closest club to our home in Mukilteo. I bought our Model T, a 1926 Touring, in 2007. I practiced driving around a local school parking lot, and the following year Mike gave me a refresher driving lesson when I visited Spokane with our car. Many thanks, Mike!

I enjoyed being a member of the Puget Sound club, and took quite a few tours, including trailering the car to Whitefish, Montana in 2010 for the MTFCA national tour. Over the years I also served as Puget Sound club secretary, vice president, and two years as president, before we moved back to Spokane Valley (where I grew up) in 2014. My wife, Carole, and I joined the Spokane club soon after.

Carole and I also have two Ford Thunderbirds, a 1959 and 2004, and enjoy driving them and entering them in local car shows. In recent years we've been more focused on Thunderbirds than Model T's, so have often been absent from club tours and meetings. I plan to change that focus in 2024, and look forward to participating in (and leading some) club tours. Our club is a friendly group, and I also look forward to getting to know those of you that I don't know or don't know very well.

To me, having fun is the most important thing we can do as a club. I have no agenda for how to do that (but do have some ideas), and look forward to talking with you for your ideas on how we can best do that. I hope that we can have many tours, both short and long, and other events as well. Eating out together and going out for ice cream are always good ideas too.

Please contact me, Nan, or our other officers if you have tour, event, or other ideas for 2024. Some questions: What things do you most enjoy and would like our club to continue doing? What are some things that we used to do and might do again? What are some new ideas that we might try? How do we continue to attract new members, and appeal to longtime members who we haven't seen in some time?

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Best wishes for a Happy New Year, 2024!

—Larry Mann



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

The next regular club meeting is - Feb 2.

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.

Back at the Church, same place as pre-Covid.



NOTE:
Dinner venue is subject to change at last-minute due to capacity. Check your email for any change prior to joining us.

Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

- Feb 2** **Spokane T Club meeting**
- Feb 10** 5th Annual All Motorsports Swap Meet - Kent, WA
- Feb 16-17** Early Bird Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA
- Mar 1** **Spokane T Club meeting**
- Mar 15-16** Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet-Chickasha, OK
- Mar 16-17** Almost Spring Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA
- Apr 5** **Spokane T Club meeting**
- Apr 5-7** Portland Swap Meet - Portland, OR
- Apr 20** SHS Sr Class Car Show - Sunnyside, WA
- May 3** **Spokane T Club meeting**
- May 3-4** Central Alberta Swap Meet - Red Deer, AB CA
- May 18** Car Show 8-3 (*old car categories*) - Harrington, WA
- May 18-19** Seattle Auto Swap Meet - Monroe, WA
- May 25** Spring Fest Car Show - Moses Lake, WA
- June 1** 120th Mule Days Parade - Reardan, WA
- June 1** MTFCA Homecoming Event - Richmond, IN
- June 1-2** Rickreall Swap Meet-Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR
- Jun 7** **Spokane T Club meeting**

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.*

CLUB BANQUET FEEDBACK, PLEASE

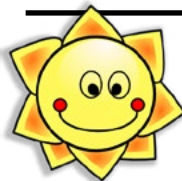
Matt Hansen would like feedback on this year's banquet from everyone, please.

- **Did you like the format? Food? Price?**
- **What changes would you like?**
- **Same for next year, or something different?**

We dropped the price in half and still didn't have more club members attend as we hoped. The Club banquet is traditionally well-attended (pre-covid), and is for all Club members to get together, socialize and have fun. Any feedback or ideas are welcome to help improve the banquet next time. —Matt

Nan's Nibbles

- Feb:** *Rebecca Hutchinson & Janice Hutchinson*
- Mar:** *TBD*
- Apr:** *TBD*



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Get Well Cards to Larry & Carole Mann, Janice Hutchinson, the Ian Robinson family, and Mike Stormo.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & MODEL Ts

Each Wednesday we hold T Club meet-ups at various dinner stops around town (*except weeks of a club meeting*). Watch your email for details on where and when the next one will be! Have a suggestion? Let us know. C'ya there!

T CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

are due now (Jan 31). Please, even if nothing has changed regarding your information or cars, **please fill out a renewal form and turn it in.** It enables me to ensure the roster is correct and that nothing was either missed or listed incorrectly. I plan on sending out an update to the roster that will include updated mailing addresses, email addresses and new members. Just tuck it into the back of your current roster. Thanks so much for your help. —Karma

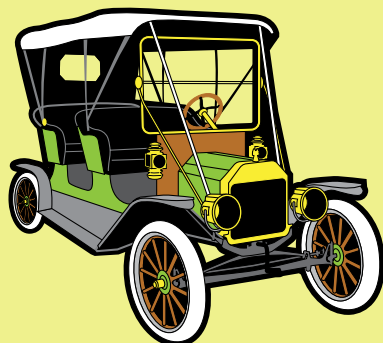
TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE RANCH

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.



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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 or our Club Facebook page [f Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

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

Seen, Heard and Shared

Annual Club Officer Installation Banquet 2024

We had a good turnout this year for the banquet. Fifty one signed up and most showed. There were a few absent due to illness, which included our incoming President Larry Mann and his wife Carole. The food was provided by Smoke Ridge barbeque and was amazing! Smoked brisket, pork and chicken with delectable sides and sauces.

The silent auction was great fun. A wonderful variety of donations to bid on and everyone seemed to have a great time and a lot of fun bidding on the items. The club made around \$700.00!!

Karma Roth was awarded the Presidents Award for service to the club. Ralph received two beautiful framed photos of his car for his gift as outgoing president.

The dinner ended with a ice cream sundae smorgasbord. There was vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream with a plethora of toppings.

Special thanks to Matt Hansen for putting the banquet together and Ralph and Matt for the Ice cream sundae smorgasbord. It was a job well done and greatly appreciated!! —*Respectfully submitted: Nan Robison*



Outgoing President, Ralph, receives two framed photos of his roadster - presented by Steve Heid.



Ralph presents Karma Roth with the 2023 President's Award.



Photos provided by Nan Robison



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An Article Short Series by John De Jong

8,259 Easy Steps for Building a Speedster

Part One I am relatively young to be into Model T's, I got my first T at age 39 and am now 43. As I write that down it looks older than I feel. My T journey started 21 years ago when I married my wife. Her father (Jim) had a 1916 Touring car he restored and this is the T that started it all. He retired the year I married his daughter and had more time on his hands and he has built many T's after that. I have always liked mechanical things and working with my hands so seeing him build and restore model T's sparked my interest.

When I moved out of an apartment and bought a house, the natural path lead to building a shop so I had a place to work on and store "stuff". Once the shop was built I bought the 1916 Model T touring car from my father-in-law because it was a natural fit for our family of 5. I installed some seatbelts in the back so the little humans would not fall out as we tour it around. Having a running and driving model T is great, but I had the itch to build a car of my own, and a model T speedster was my next goal. Not knowing anything about fabrication or welding resulted in a year or two of thinking through the most basic processes and ideas to come up with a "look" I would be happy with, which would also be achievable without complex tools.

Like all great projects, there must be a beginning and that starts with collecting parts. I was lucky enough to have my father-in-law attend an estate auction of a car collector which resulted in the purchase of an Elgin 6 radiator and shell. For those who are not familiar with the Elgin Motor Car Corporation, it was created by executives of the Elgin Watch Company in 1916 but operated for only 8 years. The cars they made were good conservative cars that were popular in the Midwest, but early success was undone by the recession in the early 1920's which resulted in the bankruptcy filing in 1924. There are still a few Elgin cars around, but I have yet to see one in person.

Photo 1: V- style honeycomb radiator from the Elgin 6.

I had the Elgin V style radiator looked at by several local radiator shops and all indicated the radiator was a lost cause or at least a very expensive endeavor without any certainty on the results so the radiator was shelved. The shell was still in great condition, and it just so happened to fit the model T radiator very nicely so finding a replacement was easier than I had anticipated. With the radiator and shell in hand I could see the vision forming.

Photo 2: Radiator shell mocked up over a Model T radiator.

With the radiator figured out now I just needed a good roller. One day a Hemmings Ad popped up with a 1921 Model T chassis ready to be made into a speedster. The seller indicated the motor was "rebuilt" and ready to run and just so happen to be less than 20 miles away! After multiple calls and emails I was finally able to connect and close on the deal.

Photo 3: Kids thought the 1921 Model T roller chassis was really cool.

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For Sale • Wanted • Misc.

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

For Sale: 1923 ROADSTER

The previous owner of this Model T told me that it's a 1923 and the engine is a 1925. I have not verified this information. Engine turns over but I haven't started it since I bought it. The only thing I did with it was to roll it off the trailer and into the garage. Please reach out with any questions you have, I'll do my best to answer. **Has a Ruckstell.** \$6400 Tim Kinkeade, Moscow, ID 208-310-1048 Tim.kinkeade@gmail.com



For Sale: MODEL T MOTORS 1913-1927 Various conditions, **Liquidation Sale - Make me an offer! Take one or all!** Harvey Dunham 509-218-1437.

For Sale: 1926 MODEL T TOURING CAR

Rebuilt engine and transmission, Ruckstell rearend, Z head, Rocky Mountain brakes, excellent interior and top, new battery, runs great, tires in great shape(5) wire wheels, turn signals, will include 1926 plates, \$10,500 - Matt Hansen Cusick, WA 509-998-9927



For Sale: 1915 T FORD CENTER DOOR

Basket Case: Solid body with fairly good wood, 4 new fenders, new aprons and boards. Early motor that will run. Nice headlights and side lights. No radiator or early wishbone. No Title. \$3,500 for all Dave Butcher 509-290-3541

Wanted: VAPORIZER THROTTLE ROD (the one that goes over the top of the engine). Does anyone have an extra they don't need, or want to sell? Contact Jeff Hipp hippstah1@gmail.com.

Newsletter Note: The digital version of this newsletter has been created as an interactive PDF. All web and email links should work in desktop, mobile & tablet browsers. **However**, on Kindle devices, it is viewable, but interactivity is disabled until Amazon and Microsoft fix this issue.

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!

Please Join the National Club!

This is a reminder to all Spokane T Club members that you are encouraged to **also join the MTFCA!** We need at least 50% of our club to also be MTFCA members in order to qualify for the club insurance they offer.

If you are not a MTFCA member - please join today!

National MTFCA Membership:

mtfca.com/clubpages/joinamember.htm

(check, credit card, Paypal)

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS-PLEASE SHARE

If anyone has any new ideas or suggestions that you would like to see included in this newsletter please let us know! This is your publication and we want it to be as informative, helpful, and entertaining as we can make it.

Things you would like to see more or less of? We are open to all of your ideas in order to make the *Fender Chatter* more worth your time to read and use. Please let us know by sending us an email fenderchatter@gmail.com

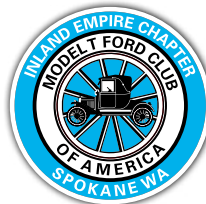
Membership Application & 2024 Roster Update Form

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 2024 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 2023?: Yes / No** (if "no", please still fill in all of your info below, thank you)

➔ **Your Information:** Date Application Paid / Sent _____

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Your Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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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 \$40.00 / 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.

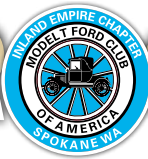
National MTFCA Membership: (check, credit card, Paypal) <http://www.mtfca.com/join-or-renew>

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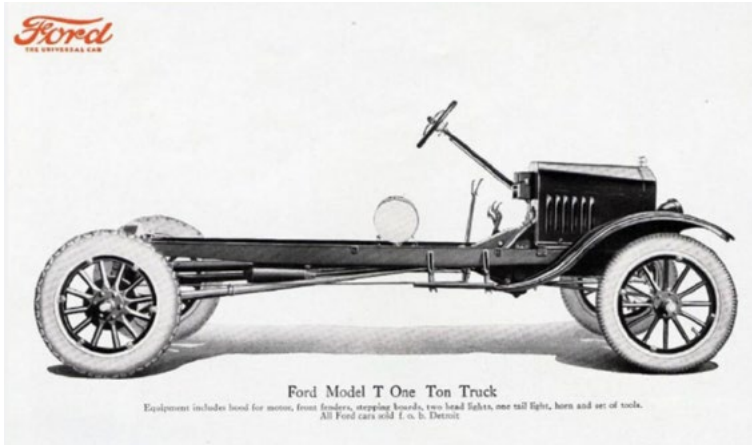
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Ford dealership promotional artwork



Rick & Carla Carnegie's 1907 Model N behind a Hupmobile on the set of "1923"

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