

# Fender Chatter

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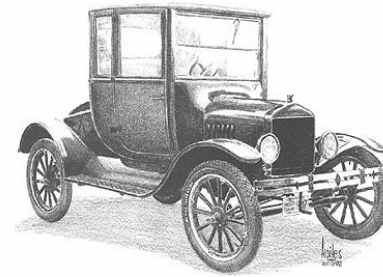
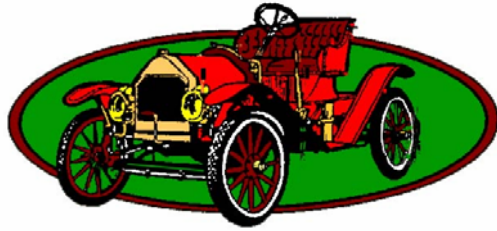
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# INLAND EMPIRE MODEL T FORD CLUB



# CALENDAR

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Monthly meetings are held at the Millwood Town Hall the first Friday of every month except for the months

## NEWS

## LETTER

## SUBMISSIONS

are due no later than the 20th of the month.

Send to:

M. McCoul



8002 Nora

Spokane, WA

99212

Call or email:

MMcoul@peoplepc.com

Jan. 1	New Years' Tour
Jan. 10	January Banquet - no regular meeting

**NO MEETING THIS Month !!! It's time for the annual installation banquet. If you don't have your tickets, call Hazel quick !!!!!!!**

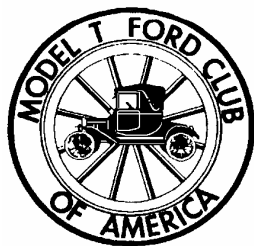
The tickets are \$20 tax inclusive and need to be purchased in advance if at all possible. At least, please reserve them. The Club is responsible to pay for your seat, whether you show up or not, unless you cancel in a timely fashion.

There are prizes only for those in period costume. Use your imagination. These need not be authentic. We are not "judging standards snobs". Entertain us. Winners will be by popular acclaim.

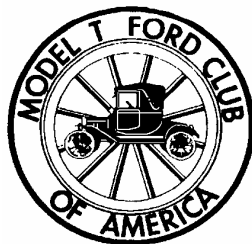
This year, The Strolling Strings will have "room to stroll". We were not able to see their actual program in the former venue. This year, we'll really be able to see them "strut their stuff". This, alone, should be worth the price of the dinner. The address is 1003 E. Trent -The Rendezvous Event Facility. The fun starts at 6:00 pm Jan. 10th.



**THE COVER:** The "poinsettia tree" from the arboretum at Manito and an insert of timer repair by flashlight. The things we'll do to make an old T run.



*Your continued support of the National club is a big part of our clubs success as well as the key to cheap insurance. Please take the time to join or renew your*



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES:**

US: \$26.00 Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards accepted

Send to: The Model T Ford Club of America  
 POB 476  
 Centerville, IN 47330

**FOR SALE AND WANTED:**

1914 FOR SALE: Red with black fenders. Garaged since '97. \$20,000 OBO. Vintage clothing ladies size 12 and 14 and some mans sizes ? Rene (253) 852-8848 (Kent)

1915 FOR SALE: partially restored. New wood in body. Needs paint, top, upholstery, and finishing. Runs well. Lost storage space. Must sell. \$5,500. Harold Musolf, Jr. (425) 488-6983 (western WA) also enclosed car hauling trailer "Haulmark" 20'er '86 model. \$ 5000.

FOR SALE: 27 roadster always garaged. Needs top but upholstery good. Not run in 4 years. Easy restoration. Clackamas, OR area. \$6,000. Craig Phelps 503-698-9912

WANTED: 2 21" wire wheels and rear hubs for 26-7 Ted Van Beek. 503-728-3476.

# Presidents Message

## Presidents Message

This is it, the last presidential message for this administration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other officers for their help this year. I have had a good deal of fun being president. It is my hope that the meetings and the tours have been fun for you too. I did pretty well at getting my presidential messages in on time, with the exception of this one. I was laboring under the misapprehension that last month's address was my last one. There is a bit of confusion as officially the presidential duties end with the close of the December regular meeting. I think that most people in our club do not realize this, but it is the case. Anyhow, back to the subject of thanking folks. Thanks a bunch to all committee people, cookie people, road clean-up people and so on. Also thank-you members of this club for electing me - it has truly been an honor.

**Tom**

**UPCOMING DATES OF GENERAL INTEREST:**

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| February 14—15 | Early Bird Swap Meet Puyallup, WA    |
| March 13—14    | Almost Spring Swap Meet Puyallup, WA |
| April 2-4      | Portland Swap Meet                   |
| May 15—16      | Monroe Swap Meet                     |
| June 19        | Coeur d'Alene Swap Meet              |
| July 9-11 ?    | Spokane Swap Meet                    |

**Cookie Corner:**

- January: No meeting - banquet only  
 February '04: Pattersons; Secaurs; Hutchinsons







President Tom Carnegie called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Steve Heid welcomed Myron Lewis and Chuck Oakland.

The November meeting minutes were approved as printed in the Fender Chatter.

Sunshine Susie reported get well cards were sent to Diane Swanson, Suzie Stacey, Carla Carnegie and Gene Kicha. It was noted that Gene Kicha, our upcoming 2004 president, was in the hospital with back pain.

Tom Carnegie shared a thank you letter the club received from Dorothy Thoms for the get well card she received. Our New Zealand friend greatly appreciated it.

Treasurer Allen Henzen gave the treasury report. He then reviewed our need to look at ways to compensate for our current expenses. Our monthly newsletter and Christmas family are our most costly expenses. A year's worth of Fender Chatter copies, 12 per household, currently costs \$18.50. Ideas such as raising dues to \$20.00, reducing the costs of the Fender Chatter by cutting down on colored ink used, accepting donations, getting the newsletter online and mailing it out only to recipients specifically requesting it by mail, contacting *lifetime* members and discontinue copies going out to those who don't care to receive them any longer, and work on fund raising projects were among the possibilities discussed. It seemed the majority in attendance felt upping our dues would be more than reasonable. In order to do this, our bylaws need to be amended which would require a majority vote after being read at two regularly scheduled meetings by the members present, provided that notice of the amendment is mailed in the notice of these meetings. Following discussion the motion was officially made to proceed with amending our bylaws to increase our dues to \$20.00 and announce this at our next two meetings, then plan to vote at our March meeting to have this amendment become effective in 2005. This motion was seconded and passed. Allen noted that he is working on getting our web page set up.

Tour chairman Mike Robison stated he's been pleased with the turn-out of T's to drive on the tours this year and appreciates the participation and

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## Model T Ford Club of America

Inland Empire Chapter  
 P.O. Box 11708  
 Spokane, WA 99211-1708

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### 2004 Membership Application & Roster Update Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier & Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ National Member? Yes / No

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ **Data Same As 2003? Yes / No**

Model T's Owned:  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Condition Codes:

R = Restored

U = Unrestored

O = Original

PR = Partially Restored

BC = Basket Case

Please update this form even if all data is the same as last years. Send this form with your dues check payable to "Spokane Model T Ford Club" to the club treasurer, Allen Henzen, at the club P.O. Box address noted above. Annual dues are \$15.00 per family per address per year.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF SEMINARS

Chris has been battling Hugo this past week. He wishes that modern (1960) cars were as simple as Model T's. Well, yes, but people make a lot of potentially deadly mistakes rebuilding even the simplest of all cars. We are blessed with several T gurus in our club willing to share their knowledge and give seminars. It behooves the rest of us to attend and soak up all we can so we don't wind up like those porcupines on the road that Dusty scoops up and brings home to me.

*An example:* Did you realize that a Model T front axle assembly with spring perches installed correctly has a front and back? If you don't, and you blithely install your front spring and your spindles, you won't be very happy with your steering performance, no matter how well you restore your gear. "Why's that?", you say. Because those darn perches are left and right hand and they're tilted to angle the front spring. Put it all together wrong and steering will be extremely unpleasant. (downright wild) Reproduction perches are clearly marked "LH" and "RH" for complete idiots— originals are not.

Not feeling quite so confident? Did you make it to the steering gear seminar? You should have. If you did, you know that the planetary gears inside those little housings are far from interchangeable. If you've emptied your collection into one great big jar and they came from multiple years, you had probably just sit down and have a good cry. I do have a little blind four-year-old in my Sunday School class that may be able to help you sort them back out. She's really tactile.

*When our resident experts hold forth on a subject, "get out and get under". They'll make it worth your while!*

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great time had by all. Mike said the Economy Run was a blast. Interestingly enough, the same driver's that were the top 3 in Economy Run 2002 are also in the top 3 this year, hmmm.

Allen Stacey reviewed Tom's Turkey Drive. He said it was extremely successful, exceeded their goal, and filled his T up with turkeys four times. The outstanding amount of donations made, and the fun they had meeting the public made the six hours spent in extremely cold weather worth every minute. Allen said KREM 2 provided coffee and were absolutely wonderful to work with. He also noted that KREM 2 is very interested in working with our club in the future. Allen extended the challenge to have a grand turnout of T's from our club for this event next year.

December 21<sup>st</sup> will be our day to deliver packages and smiles to our Christmas family. Meet at 1 o'clock at Allen & Suzie Stacey's on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Following our Santa Claus expedition we'll plan to meet at Mark & Janice Hutchinson's at 3 o'clock for the best soups in town. Once our tummies are full we'll climb into our brightly-lighted T's or modern iron, and head out on our Christmas Lights Tour (weather permitting). December 21<sup>st</sup> will be our day to deliver packages and smiles to our Christmas family. Meet at 1 o'clock at Allen & Suzie Stacey's on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Following our Santa Claus expedition we'll plan to meet at Mark & Janice Hutchinson's at 3 o'clock for the best soups in town. Once our tummies are full we'll climb into our brightly-lighted T's or modern iron, and head out on our Christmas Lights Tour (weather permitting).

In regards to our Christmas family, Allen Stacey shared that Bonnie, James and Kara are in great need. Things are such that it came down to either having Christmas or having electricity. Bonnie was touched to tears by our choosing to embrace her family with our support this Christmas. Presents and groceries will be appreciated beyond words.

Speaking for our Safety & Seminars chairman, Jim Patterson announced the upcoming seminar on "tightening gear cases in steering columns" will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock at Gene Kicha's shop (coffee and cookies will be provided).

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Car Club Council chairman Charlie Almeda said the Car Club Council is having their Show & Shine Banquet in February and will be auctioning off *Car Part Art*. Feel free to put your artistic ideas into motion and create your masterpiece. These will be auctioned off with proceeds going to charity.

Blood Bank chairman Charlie Almeda reported our club currently has 7 units of blood to its credit.

Banquet chairpersons Hazel Whiteley and Marith McCoul filled us in on the latest. Hazel said Harvey Dunham has hired The Strolling Strings for \$100.00 to perform at this year's banquet. Marith stated that there will be 5 door prizes which will be going to those wearing the most outstanding costumes. There will also be awesome centerpieces to be won as well. Marith mentioned that due to financial concerns they will not invest in any further door prize items for the banquet, so be sure to buy your tickets and come in your finest costumes.

Ice Cream Wagon committee chairman Mike Robison said he's planning another meeting. Anyone interested in joining in on the project to create our club's ice cream wagon is welcome. As ideas and possibilities are being batted around, John Wyman has been looking into commercial ice cream makers, while Steve Rachuy has suggested using a group of small ice cream makers. The upcoming meetings will be held once a month at Antique Auto Ranch, a Tuesday night at 6 o'clock, with the next meeting date to be announced.

Glen Whiteley received an email from Allen McSweeney's friend Ada Bidle who said Allen's been in Whitman Hospital with a kidney/liver infection. She provided the address to assist us in keeping in touch: Whitman Hospital, 1200 W. Fairview St., Room 202, Colfax, WA 99111.

Jean Almeda received a note from Karen Smith who provided photos, as well as copies of an article put in the paper, featuring our Memorial Tour.

Jim Patterson brought a box full of George Smith's collection of model cars and displayed them on a table to be sold. Money collected will be going toward our Ed Jepperson Scholarship Fund.

This being Tom Carnegie's final meeting as president of our club this year, he expressed his thanks and appreciation, and stated he was honored and thoroughly enjoyed serving as president.

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very, very grateful. She bid us tearful "thank-yous", as we left. This year, we just visited the Manito Arboretum, that they decorate in lights for the season. It was spectacular. Tom did a little work on his customer's car by flash-

light.

Thanks to the, Hutchinsons, Stacys, Carnegies, and everybody who worked and donated to this worthy cause.



"Well you've got your dead snake and you've got your dead toad and you've got your dead Ford in the middle of the road, stinkin' to high heaven." .....







### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS FAMILY

We had our annual Model T Club Christmas Lights Tour and Mark & Janice Hutchinson soup feed Dec. 21st. Once again, Janice's by now famous soups and delicacies made it easy to slip the diet traces. Starting the tour at the Stacy's place proved to be a fairly bad move, in the weight watching department, but we just let out our belts a notch and soldiered on. Our little family's house was far too small for the bunch of us, but our lone mother was



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## New Year's Day Tour 2004

**This will be our club's fifth annual New Year's Day event starting with the year 2000.** How the time flies!

*New Year's Day Tour 2004*



This idea started Jan. 1 1998 when Ed Jepperson and I drove our T's to Don Rohr's to start the New Year out properly. We pulled into his driveway making a lot of noise with our speedsters. We talked awhile and probably told a bunch of lies. Don took our picture with his new camera, then we went home because it was very cold. The next year we invited the Pattersons and Brandvolds to join us. We stopped at McDonalds for coffee and cocoa, told more lies and went home. The next year was Y2K so it became a natural to do it again. It was snowy and slushy but we

had fun.

**This year (Jan 1, 2004) we will meet at Albertson's at Trent and Argonne @ 10:00 AM. We will tour to the Old Country Buffet at Sprague and Pines for a meal. The tickets are \$9.61 for adults and the menu is a dinner menu.**



**We will do a tour after we eat, visit, and tell more lies.**

**Tour length will be weather dependent.**

**Hope to see you all! Bring your T if you can.**

### Gene

*(In past years, befuddled members of the State Patrol have viewed this tour in wide-eyed disbelief. Nothing stirring but ancient vehicles in subzero temperatures on snow packed roads... I think they thought they were hallucinating. Too many overtime hours, perhaps.)*



**We fix 'em. (Thanks, Gene, for showing us the finer points of the T steering gear. An evil mechanism at best. A misunderstood beast and an overlooked one at worst. He**



Then we go out and break them. (The picture of rick, wiring in hand, certainly doesn't look hopeful,) but it was tom that broke down later. However, we all got home. . Tom's coupe beat our Subaru back to the garage !

