

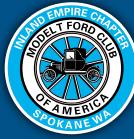
# Drop By Our T Booth and Say Hello at the Spokane Swap Meet

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# General Club Info

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### A Message from our Club's President:

First let me say thanks to Rose Hodges for filling in for Larry as Secretary! It's a tough job and she did a great job! Just goes to show us how hard Larry works for us as well! Thanks again to the Skidmore's for hosting the safety inspection! What a club effort, I believe that Mike Robison and the multitude of safety crew members he has had over the years have identified many mechanical issues before they became serious. I know they have identified many (too many in fact) issues for me to fix. I really appreciate your efforts on our behalf! Seems to me, that everyone gets involved a little to make this event happen and isn't that what a club is all about anyway? Good on us all! I hope a lot of you can make the Green Bluff tour that Matt Hansen is heading up on the 29th of July and be sure to check your e-mail or the club website for his invitation on the 20th of July to the Cherry Picker's Trot and Pit Spit. See you there. Having just finished the Medical Lake Parade, thanks Jim and Betty Patterson for your gracious hospitality at breakfast and a fun, beautiful day. Where did all those kids come from? — Hutch

### 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

### **National Clubs**

We are a chapter of the MTFCA and the MTFCI



### On the Cover:

Bill Barr's & Earl Hipp's Touring cars at the "Safe-T" Inspection in May (see pg 4 for more pix) -photo by Jeff Hipp

# **Minutes from the Last Club Meeting**

#### June 2, 2017

President Mark Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

#### • Treasurer's Report:

Betty Patterson handed out the June 2017 Financial Statement a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the report.

#### Secretary's Report:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the May meeting after Tom Carnegie made a correction from the use of the word guitar to ukulele.

It was announced that Bill Barr has taken over Name Tags and that the By-Laws and Articles can be located on the club's website.

Mike Robison announced a club on the west coast will be hosting the Labor Day Speedster Run, after all.

#### Charitable Contributions Committee Report:

The purpose of the committee was again defined as prioritizing requests for funds and using 10% of the January 1st balance or approximately \$200 as a budget guideline. Betty Patterson is the committee chair. In addition to reading the guidelines, mentioned looking at ideas in August, presenting them in September, with approval in October.

#### Old Business:

There was discussion on interest for some sort of January Banquet. Comments on low attendance, the distance to a venue, expense, using the Ramada Inn, dressing up, food possibilities, entertainment, and boredom were offered. Bill Barr, Rose Hodges, Jim Patterson, Nan Robison, and Betty Patterson are on the committee to bring back suggestions on a January Banquet.

Mark Hutchinson talked to Carlton Evans about an event at the Valley Prairie Grange this summer. We have done this once before Carlton has a small railroad, we had a band inside the Grange and a feast was enjoyed by all that attended. Tom Carnegie will check on band availability, Once we have set a date the club will invite other clubs i.e. V8 and Model A clubs to join us on this tour. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to spend up to \$250 on the band. We will need plans for food: possibly pot luck plus chicken and ice-cream. Details to follow. Trying for a September time frame.

Jim Patterson brought up the July swap meet. A new member contributed \$40 towards it. Jim said people are welcome to bring Model T parts but no large parts. He requested help to staff our 3 booths and for setting up, which begins on Thursday, July 6th, at 7:00 A.M. Jim asked for \$100 to finance copy and supply expenses.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize the \$100.

The August meeting will be a Potluck / Picnic at Lee Burgess' home. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs. The club provides drinks. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to give Lee Burgess \$50 to help with expenses. Food will be served about 6:00 P.M.

Joe reported no new people at the meeting and we welcomed the Nelsons as our newest old members.

#### • Tours Report:

Nan Robison reported May's "Kentucky Derby" turnout was disappointing but the "Mother's Day Tour" was beautiful at the Blakely Gardens.

The safety inspection was a success 24 cars showed up for the inspection at the Skidmore's May 21st.

Jim Patterson mentioned the Medical Lake event June 17th. Meet at the 3rd and Oak Rosauers in Spokane at 7 A.M. leaving by 7:30 A.M. to get to Jim's house by 8 A.M. He will provide a live fire to keep warm and breakfast. Line up for the parade at 9:15 A.M. which begins at 10 A.M. It's Founder's Day and there will be vendors with produce and crafts.

Nan talked about the Montana 500, June 18th - 21st. The Montana 500 will be run from the My Place Motel in Missoula, MT.

The July 4th Walla Walla Tour is July 1st - 4th.

The Spokane Swap Meet is July 7th - 9th.

The "Rolling Billboard Tour" July 29th, is in Greenbluff. The tour starts with breakfast at the Greenbluff Grange at 7 A.M. Matt Hansen is in charge of the event but couldn't attend the June Meeting. Please refer to your June 2017 Fender Chatter for other details of this event. *(see page 7)* 

#### C Entertainment:

Jim Patterson showed a film clip of the antique cars used in the Laurel and Hardy Movies chronicling 1932 to 1952 Ford vehicles.

Virginia Warren won the drawing.

#### There will be no July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M. Submitted by Rose Hodges

### **Monthly Meetings**

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.

# No regular club meeting in July - see you at the Spokane Swap Meet.

You are welcome to join other T Club members for pre-meeting dinner 5:30-6:00 PM at Conley's Restaurant next to the White Elephant just east of Pines at 12622 E. Sprague in the Valley. *We Hope to see you there!* 

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# More photos from the 2017 "SAFE-T" INSPECTION May 21 at Larry & Norma's





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Check out Mike Robison's time-lapse video on our Club Facebook page.

# **Club & Model T Related Events**

# **Events Calendar**

July 7 No Club meeting - See you at the Swap Meet

July 7-9 Spokane Swap Meet

July 16-22 MTFCA & MTFCI Whitefish/Glacier Park Tour July 20 INCCC Scholarship Car Show-Downtown Spokane

July 29 Green Bluff T Party Tour (see page 7)

July 29 Bruderheim Model T Races - Bruderheim, Alberta

### Aug 4 Spokane T Club Picnic (no regular meeting)

Aug 26 All Ford Show at Dwight Merkel Park, N. Spokane

Aug 24-26 Lewiston, ID Hot August Nights

### Sept 1 Spokane T Club meeting

Sept 1-2 35th NWVS 200 Mile Endurance Run

Sept 9 33rd Oregon High Desert Swap Meet-Redmond, OR

Sept 23-24 Harvest Swap Meet - Chehalis, WA

### Oct 6 Spokane T Club meeting

Oct 7-8 Monroe Fall Swap Meet - Monroe, WA

### Nov 3 Spokane T Club meeting

Nov 18 Albany Indoor Swap meet - Albany, OR

### Dec 1 Spokane T Club meeting

### 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

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# Candy's Cookie Corner

July None (Swap Meet) August None (Club Picnic) Sept Mike Stormo & Randy Morse





# **Sunshine Report**

Get well card to Sharon Mullins Feel better card to Norma Skidmore

Any new updates will be announced at the next meeting ~Susie

# 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. <u>antiqueautoranch.com</u>

More info on Spokane Model T Club wesbite: <u>spokanemodletclub.com</u>

And available on

Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club





# **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 Facebook page **f** Inland Empire Model T Club

Contact Nan Robison for tours (see pg 2)



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

# Seen, Heard and Shared



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#### continued from last month...The Ford Alberta Sawmill

When Jim Patterson and brother-in-law, Jack Cartee, went back to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan last April, they had an opportunity to see first-hand, the restored Alberta saw mill owned and operated by the Ford Motor Company, which was 100% dedicated to Ford automotive wood components production. Wood pieces produced included all of the wood frame and exterior pieces used in all Fords from the 1922 Model T's through the early 50's woody era cars, ending with last of the woodies in 1954. These Ford dedicated saw mills were spotted throughout the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and each was a complete specially built Ford town centered around the saw mills, but complete with nice company owned residential housing, stores, theaters, churches, and schools for the Ford workers and their families. The UP (Upper Peninsula of Michigan) is famously known for their brutally hard winters with several feet of snow accumulations annually, making the primitive dirt roads through the forests un-usable during the long cold winters, thus, the need to build towns wherever the forested conditions and ice / snow conditions allowed. The sawmills actually produced at higher levels of production in the winter because large hardwood tree logs several feet in diameter were much easier to pull on the frozen lakes and icy roads by teams of horses or an army of Fordson tractors than in the summer.

Why did Ford need lumber? Ford needed very large amounts of lumber for many reasons. The production of early automobiles, such as the Model T, required up to 250 board-feet of lumber per vehicle. The wood was used in various parts of the car body, car frame, roof, exterior body paneling, wooden spoked wheels, and floor boards. Ford also needed wood for shipping crates, palllets, building materials for new manufacturing plants, railroad ties, boxcars for its rail lines, wooden patterns and mold making, fuel for heating the factories and worker's homes, and steam production to power his factorie's massive production equipment



To counter anticipated price-gouging by suppliers, Ford bought huge tracts of forested land to ensure a continuing low cost supply of lumber for his needs. One such purchase involved buying 313,000 acres of forested land in the UP in 1920. Ford eventually owned over 700,000 acres of timberland in the UP, four iron mines, six sawmills, the world's largest glass factory, and several copper mines just to meet daily demands of all his factories.

The Alberta sawmill is now restored to its former glory along with the adjacent town-site that included dozens of homes for the Ford workers. It has been donated to Michigan Tech University to be used as a living heritage museum of a by-gone industrial era. It was brought back to life for a one-day production run in 1997 to demonstrate how all of the production equipment operated. When shut down in 1954, all of the various wood logs, slabs, boards, and finished cut dimensional lumber parts were stopped in the final resting places for exhibit in the Ford - Alberta sawmill to show future generations the manufacturing techniques used to build the wood parts of vehicles in the 1920's to mid-1950's.

# For Sale • Wanted • Services

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



**For Sale:** Beautiful 1926 Model T Touring – Very clean and has no dents or rust in body. Very good paint. Has Ruxtell transmission, Hassler shocks, wire wheels with mounted spare, nickel bumpers, step plates, diamondpleted upholstery, foot accelerator pedal, newer side curtains - all in excellent condition. Engine runs and sounds very good, with no knocks. Has distributor ignition system plus head mounted coil box. Contact Karen Miller at 509-599-7172 in Spokane. \$10,000 firm.



### Drop by our Swap Meet Booth!

### Spokane T Club at 45: We Need Your Old Club Photos

As you've noticed in this issue, our Spokane Model T Club turns 45 this year. We are looking for photos, tour notes, funny stories you remember, or meeting minutes from those early days of 1972+. If you have any, please share (scans, text, etc) to our email:

# **Membership Application**

If you have already renewed for this year, please pass this form to someone who also shares our interest of the Model T Ford.

**Due Jan 31 of each year**, or join as a new member now, please complete this form and bring to the next meeting, or mail with your dues of \$20.00 to:



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I agree to having my name printed in the Club Directory Signed:

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Club cars (Barr, Robison, Hutchinson, Patterson) in the June 17 Medical Lake Parade

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