

# Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



May

2005

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Well, not exactly. We ran up and down the street waving and rattling our milk cartons. Some of us “stuck it out” longer than others. My arm got sore from waving. A man came out and told Dusty that he couldn’t wave his sign on his section of sidewalk ... gee whiz... there really are trolls in Spokane.

But there were antique cars and penny snatchers all over Spokane and a lot of folks donated more than pennies. We collected a lot of green paper too.

*T Club Parades for Pennies ...*



We got out the grumpy old pink lady and she managed to bring a smile to most faces.



**CLUB LAWYER MOVES UP IN THE COMMUNITY**

Best not run afoul of the law now. You’ll likely run into your erstwhile friend on the other side of the bench. Our club lawyer has moved into the post he always wanted. While he has been serving “Pro Tem” for some time, he really wanted to make it permanent.

It’s rare and wonderful when a dream comes true. For Harvey, that’s a “times two”, for we discovered at his “enrobement” that he had also wed his true love Carla Ford. Congratulations, His and Her Honor Dunham!

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Dues are \$20 per year.

*All correspondence should be directed to the mailing address.*

*Ads for Ford parts and cars*

*Wanted and for sale and submissions **only** should be sent to the editor via email or snail mail. Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.*

## Message from the Prez

**Hello Fellow Ters:** I hope the spring has been treating you well and you've been out there driving your Ts. I didn't make it Eureka Days, but I'm sure all who did had a lovely time. We are getting ready for the Montana 500 at the Ranch on Tuesday Nights. Bearmobile is coming together and should be ready, as well as Jillian's car. I have some work to do yet before my car is ready, and who knows what motor my Uncle Rick will throw into his car the night before we leave. We haven't seen much of Hutch lately, but he sounds like he'll be ready. Dave & Destiny Thompson are coming along. Other than that I haven't heard of how the other usual Montana 500 suspects are coming along, but I hope to see them as well as many other new faces from our club in Montana this year. We finally got the Road Cleanup squared away for this year. I hope to see you all at the next meeting in your Ts. The Pres, Mike Robison

## Minutes for the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 Meeting

President Mike Robison called the meeting to order at 7:30. The Welcomer was absent, but no one new was in attendance. The minutes were approved as written in the Fender Chatter. The Vice President Lee Burgess was in Portland. Allen Henzen gave the Treasurer's Report and had no report for the website. Jean Almeda gave the Sunshine Report. She then made a motion to allow the Sunshine Committee Head to get flowers arranged if there is a death of a club member with a certain amount set to be determined. There was a second. Discussion was had and members felt that the club should not be responsible for memorials and the members would have the option to donate on an individual basis when contacted about the death. The motion failed by a vote of the members. Tom Carnegie gave the Tour Report for Rick Carnegie. The Safety and Seminar Report was given by Norma Skidmore and Jim Patterson. There was a motion made to allow Norma to buy chili. It was seconded and passed. The Fender Chatter Report was given by Marith Mc Coul. The Roster Report was given by Jim Patterson. Glen Whiteley gave the Photographer's Report. The Legal Report was not given because Harvey Dunham was absent. The Blood Bank and Car Club Council Reports were given by Charlie Almeda. Old Business: President Mike Robison proposed that the Bylaw Committee should meet on a Friday. New Business: The Road Cleanup was discussed and Karen Miller nominated Wes Miller to head up the first clean-up of the year. There was no drawing because we had no Vice President. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Sincerely, Jillian Caples : )

## Safety Check and Potluck

**Come one, Come all.** Lets make this years "Safety Inspection" the biggest on record. President Mike Robison and Roster Editor Jim Patterson would like to make this year a record yer for car, driver, and member participation. There will be a chili feed and a silent auction. We would sure like to see both new and old faces and your new projects and old cars. If you can't drive your car this year, don't be afraid to put it on a trailer and come to the Skidmore's Barn. (S. 2020 Sunrise) Hope to see all of you there.

P. S. If you have more than one car, you're welcome to bring them all.

P. S. S. This is a potluck picnic—bring food to be shared too.

P.S.S. To aid and abet you, I've placed a copy of the check list on page 5—how much better can it get?

### **Pres Woodrow Wilson enters WWI on April 2,1917.**

Henry Ford was deeply opposed to this war. In one of his folksy quotes to the *New York Times* he said, "To my mind, the word 'murderer' should be embroidered in red letters across the breast of every soldier". (1915) He went on developing farm equipment and campaigning for peace while the war raged in Europe, even organizing the ill-fated "peace ship". That vessel "sank" metaphorically into a Ford apocryphal tale.

He then came home, did a 180, and started procuring military contracts by the dozens. By 1918, he was producing everything from steel helmets to aero plane engines and gas masks at the Highland Park plant. Then the Navy deepened the River Rouge channel built a new plant in the Dearborn meadows for a new "Eagle boat". But Ford was not much of a boat builder. No Eagle boat ever went to war. However, the new plant remained—bigger and better than the old plants had ever been and with improved channel access.

He promised that he would take "not one cent of profit" from the war effort and called it "blood money". How about that promise, anyway? The US Treasury never got a dime and no one knows how much there was. Accountants have joyfully calculated it at anywhere from \$78 million by 12/1918 to \$29 million for just Henry personally. Yet the story persists that he paid—*just saying you will makes people think that you did—remember that. It might come in handy sometime.*





### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

May 7 Depot Days Wallace

May 7 Car-B-Q Opportunity  
Presbyterian Church.

May 11 SCC Annual Car Show

May 14 Tractor Show Chewelah  
Casino

May 21 Annual Cruisin' the  
Falls –downtown Spokane

May 22 Road Clean up: Meet  
at our road on the Cheney Pullman Hwy as per your leader's time table. You must first watch The World's Most Boring Film and sign the sheet saying that you've done it. This will take place at the May 6 meeting, so be there if you plan on being on the road gang.

May 28 Nostalgia Days in Chewelah. This makes a good tour if you're not gone on some big tour. They have a car show in the park and various activities to entertain you. Perhaps Rob can plan this?

June 10-11 is the campout for which I have no details.

## IRIS TEST GARDEN TOUR AND POTLUCK PICNIC

SATURDAY JUNE 4 OR SUNDAY JUNE 5

At the request of the farm owners, we will not do this tour should it be raining. If we have rain on Saturday, we will move it Sunday. Should it continue to rain on Sunday, the tour will be canceled.

Join us for a tour through the backroads to St. Johns to see beautiful fields of bearded Iris in bloom. Please bring a dish to share for a Pot Luck picnic and bring your own beverages and dishes. There are picnic tables and chairs, public restrooms, drinking fountains, and lots of conversation available at the farm.

The iris Test Garden is located at the Jim and Janet Leifer Farm. They are in the process of cutting back on their fields this year and are offering a "you dig your own" special of all rhizomes you can get into a grocery bag for \$25. A great deal, if you are real energetic and have space in your yard to add a bed of iris.



We will meet at the Tidyman's Supermarket, located at 4235 S. Cheney-Spokane Rd, at 8:30 am, and leave promptly at 9 am. Tidyman's is just off HWY 195 south. (The one on the Cheney Pullman Hwy that we clean.) about 1.5 miles south of the 1-90 and 195 S interchange.

This is a Charlie and Jean Alameda Tour and they need an approximate head count, so you must RSVP them in order to attend. Call them at 509-448-2506 at tell them if you're going.

June 11 is the Tidyman's/Second Harvest Food Drive. For that, we take our T's to any Tidyman's location and troll for donations while we show our cars. We will also attempt to sell t-shirts for which we get to keep the lion's share of the profits, and we are also raffling off a very cool quilt for which we also get to split the money. This show is not free. The car show's \$10 entry fees brings money to the food bank. (Yes, we pay it

too.) That takes you to the Summer Magic Tour (the traditional 4th of July Tour that replaces the July meeting) July 1—3 for which you should have signed up already. I printed the sign up sheet in the paper some time ago. Then the following weekend is the Spokane Swap Meet. All add-in tours will be emailed or called in. Remember that we are also hosting the Fall Speedster and lowland run in Sept.

**Safety check is coming ... here's what the sheet is going to look like.... Use this to pre-check your beast and avoid extreme embarrassment. It can also save a little time and allow you to go get the necessary parts if needed.**

### MODEL T SAFETY CHECKLIST

**Engine/Power Train**

- Oil leaks - within acceptable limits.....
- Gasoline leaks - none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended).....
- Cotter pins installed:

  - Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)].....
  - Choke/carburetor adjustment rod [1 at carburetor].....
  - Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)].....
  - Crankcase arm to frame [4 (2 per side)].....
  - Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)].....
  - Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)] - bottom two cap screws safety-wired together.....
  - Fan bolt (on earlier cars).....

**Wheels**

- Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) should be tight.....
- Front wheel bearings - no play, good condition and greased.....
- All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed.....
- Lug nuts tight on demountable rims.....
- Check tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts, etc.....

**Rear Axle**

- No oil leaks at outer seals.....
- Differential gearcase oil level.....
- Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed:

  - Rear spring to frame [4 required].....
  - Rear spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)].....
  - Rear spring perches to wheel flanges (backing plates) [2 (1 per side)].....

**Other**

- Lights function, no shorts in electrical system.....
- Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended).....
- Safety glass.....
- Rear view mirror(s).....
- Fire extinguisher.....
- First Aid kit.....
- Registration and Insurance Papers.....

**Vehicle Data**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Identification # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Inspection \_\_\_\_\_

This checklist has been designed by the Model T Ford Club of America to assist members in inspecting their Model T Fords for possible safety-related problems. This checklist is a guide only and should not be interpreted as a guarantee of a vehicle's safety or roadworthiness.

### MODEL T SAFETY CHECKLIST

**Steering**

- Steering wheel has minimal to no play.....
- Acceptable wear and minimal to no play in:

  - Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase.....
  - Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link).....
  - Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball.....
  - Spindle bolts (king pins).....
  - Spindle connecting rod bolts.....
  - Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed:

    - Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle [2 required].....
    - Steering gear bracket to frame [3 required].....
    - Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering post [1 required].....
    - Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball [2 required].....
    - Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to steering gear ball [2 required].....
    - Spindle connecting rod to spindles [2 (1 per spindle)].....
    - Spindle bolts (king pins) [2 (1 per spindle)].....
    - Spindle arms [2 (1 per spindle)].....
    - Front spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)].....
    - Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year].....
    - Yoke ball [1 required].....

Safety-wire crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap  
Grease in steering gear case and steering gear bracket  
(also check gear post and pinion gears for wear)  
Check for play in steering gear case to steering column (check rivets/  
taper pins).....

**Brakes**

- Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) should bottom out before reaching floorboards.....
- Both rear wheels should lock up under hard braking.....
- Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission.....

**Emergency Brakes**

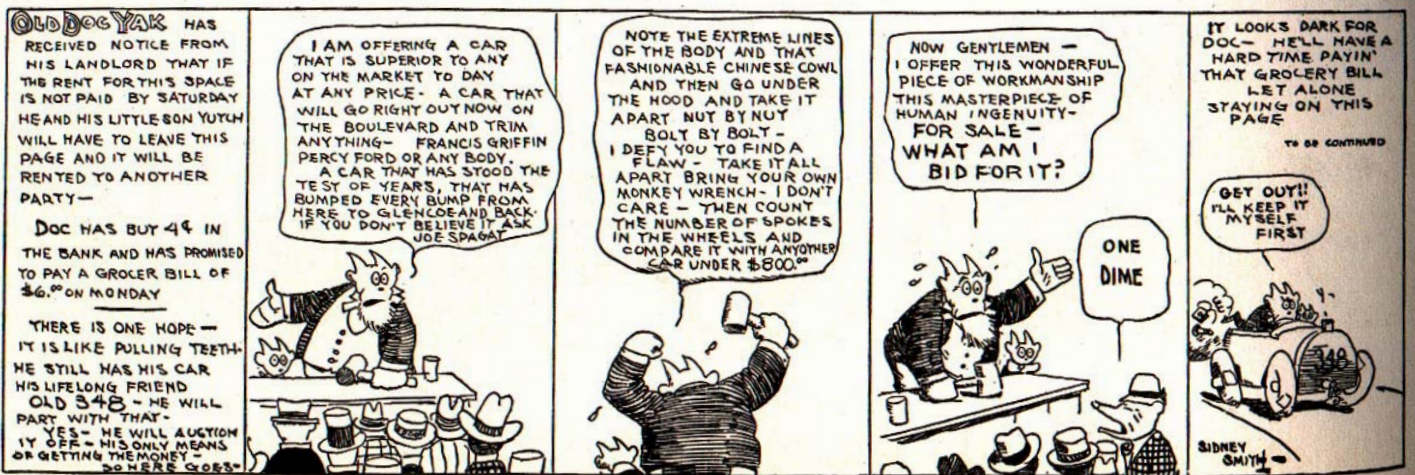
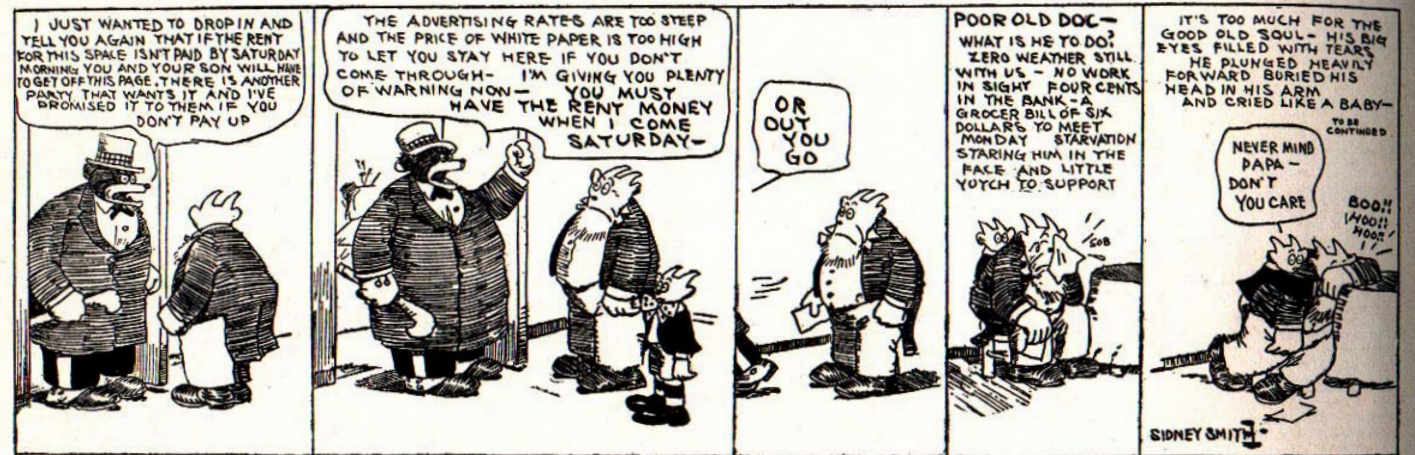
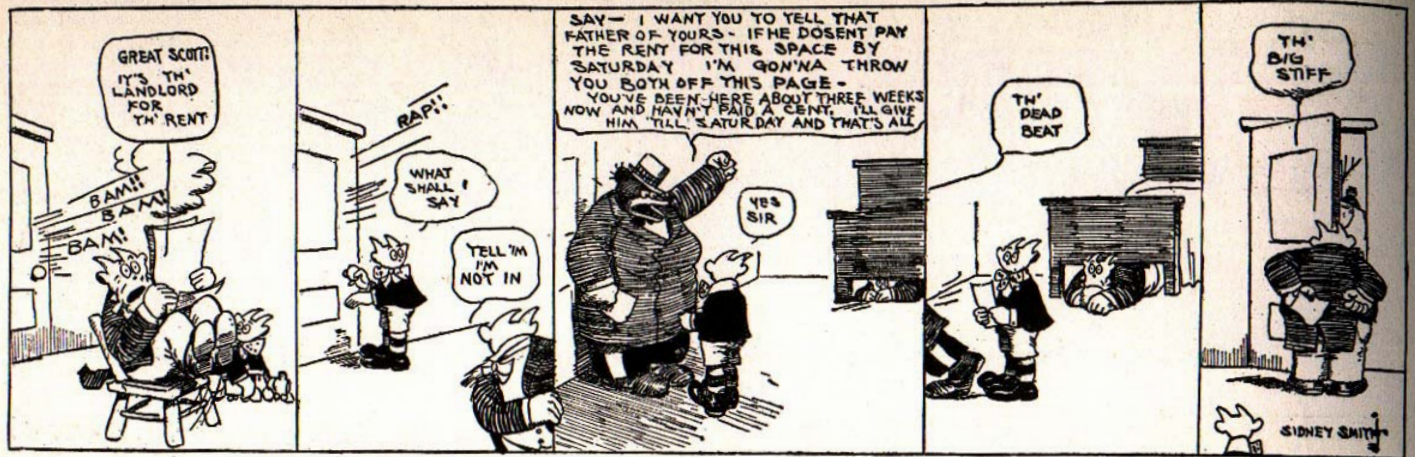
- Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl and spring).....
- Both rear wheels should lock.....
- Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed:

  - Control shaft assembly to frame [4 required].....
  - Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)].....
  - Brake rods [4 (1 per end)].....

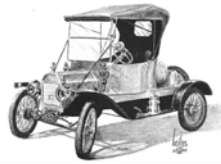


### The year was 1917. Ever wonder why '17, '18 and '19 Model T's are so scarce?

Everyone seems to have a '15 or even a '16 but no-one has a later model until well into the '20's. Obviously it's because we were contemplating entering the First World War and industry had already directed itself to that effort, but at home, this shift and "war gitters" made the economy very shaky, without any sound banking system. A series of small bank "runs" and stock "crashes" and even an economic depression were harbingers of things to come. It's a little known fact that there were several depressions before "the big one" of '29. Even though we weren't "at war" in '17, President Wilson sent troops to France in June. In December, the 18th Amendment passed, allowing states to "go dry" - they were "trying times".







*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.*

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB:**

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

**ANNUAL DUES:**

US: \$29.00 Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards accepted  
 Send to: The Model T Ford Club of America  
 POB 126  
 Centerville, IN 47330

**For Sale:**

**Most of a 24-5 sedan body with doors, interior and exterior trim and some wood \$300; pair 24-5 rear fenders \$125. Kye Hillig 253-862-1664**

'27 tudor in running condition \$5,500. Shahn Divo or John Austin (253) 537-2308 or 875-2918

**SALE & WANTED:**

"Jillian Caples is looking for a 1924 Washington License plate. 701-0983"

Wanted: good 4 dip pan Ray Schuller 253-845-7657

**Calendar**

May 6	Regular Meeting
May 7	Tri-Cities Swap Meet ; Depot Days , Wallace; Car B Q—Opportunity Pres.
May 11 May ?????	S CC Spring Car Show Economy Run
May 14	Tractor Show at Chewelah Casino; Seattle Swap Meet begins
May 15	Safety Inspection and Silent auction; 9 am
May 21	Cruizn' the Falls
May 22	Road Clean up
May 28	Nostalgia Days Chewelah
June 3	Regular Meeting
June 4	Iris Garden Tour and Potluck picnic
June 10-11	Campout
June 11	Second Harvest Food Drive and Car Show
June 18	Tekoa Slippery Gulch Days
July 1-3	Summer Magic Tour
July 8—10	Spokane Swap Meet

**Calendar Details**

Dinner at China King at 5:30 ish regular meeting to follow at 7:30. Meeting at Millwood Town Hall on N. Argonne as usual.

The big activity this month is the safety inspection and silent auction complete with potluck chili feed. This blowout begins at about 9 am and winds

down when everyone has had an opportunity to exchange parts, lies, cotter keys, worthless information, recipes, and a few dollar bills. Either that, or Norma flat throws the whole lot of us out. This gives you the idea that, as usual, the Skidmores have offered up their barn and a vat of chili. The rest of the "eats" and the provision of the utensils with which to

consume them are up to us to provide. Remember to bring stuff to sell as well. Know whether you wish to donate all or part of the proceeds. The important thing is to bring all your cars that you plan to run this year.

See page 3 for your

President's message on the subject

**More Activity Stuff on**



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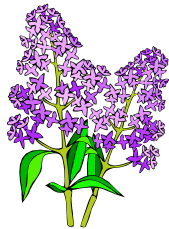
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