

Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



September

2005

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NEW MEETING VENUE—NO CHANGE TO THE MENU



With beautiful weather, the promise of food, and a new garage and back yard barbeque to explore, Model T Fords poured forth to find their way to the Millers' place. I know what the neighbors were thinking, "Well, there goes the neighborhood." Sorry, Wes and Karen, it happens to us all sooner or later. Somehow, they always find out we drive Fords and burn hot dogs on our manifolds and our reputations are shot.

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On the brighter subjects ... What a night! Everyone managed to read the map, we had guests and new members, and we ate until our eyes bulged (and also other parts of our anatomies). From the looks of this picture, I just don't think this crowd cares that much about bulges. Thank you, Millers, for a great evening. You're terrific hosts.



Message from "the Prez"

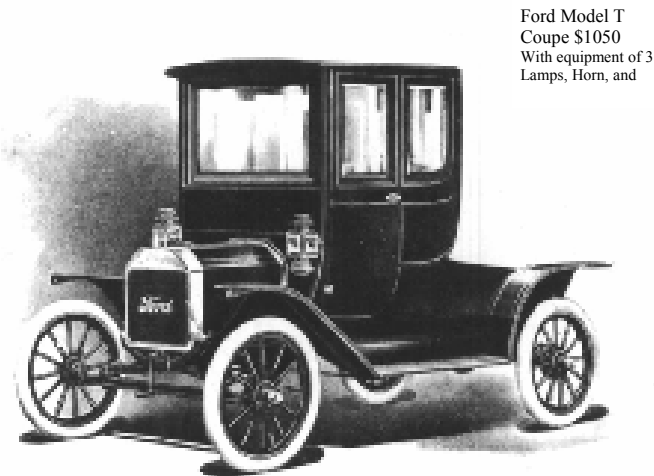
It has been a hot August. I really know what they mean when they say "Hot August Nights." For those of you that have 1915 or earlier cars, the Horseless Carriage Club had one of their rare tours. I believe Mike Stormo and Rick Carnegie (and Stacys) went. On August 21st, Joe Swanson, my Dad, Jillian Caples, and I went on an impromptu tour to the Coeur d'Alene Wooden Boat Show. On the way there, my car caught on fire or at least close. The ammeter shorted out and burnt up my switch wiring. What a stinky mess that is! Words of Wisdom: When the ammeter gauge is pegged at 20 amps discharge, there's a problem. I have noticed a large quantity of Model Ts coming out of the woodwork: people who own a car and never get it out, people that we know who recently transferred ownership of their T to someone who intends to drive it, and new cars to the club all together. I believe that Model Ts are becoming something of a popular car again.

Your Prez, M i k e

WHO YA GONNA CALL? OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

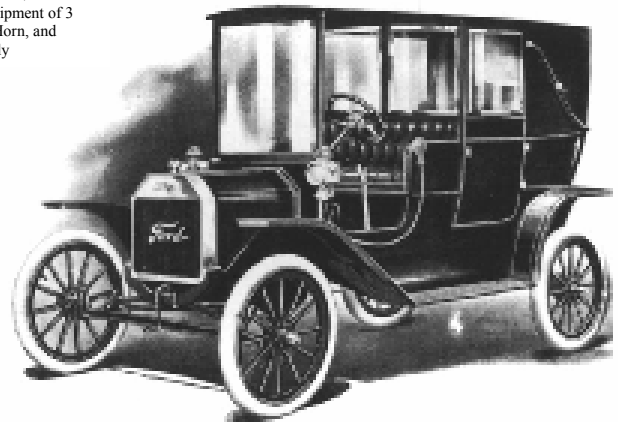
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 With equipment of 3 Lamps, Horn, and Tools only



**Model T Club Meeting Minutes:
August 5th, 2005:**

President Mike R. called the meeting to order at 7:40pm at Wes & Karen Miller's House. Mike R. welcomed Travis Thosath. Lee B. gave the Vice President's report. Allen H. gave the Treasurer's report. Jean A. gave the Sunshine report. The Tour report was given by Rick C. The Safety & Seminar report was presented by Lee B. Marith M. gave the Fender Chatter report. Mike R. gave the Photo Album report. Gene K. gave the library report. Charlie A. gave the Car Club Council & Blood Bank reports. There was no old business or new business. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jillian Caples, Secretary



Beware... the long arm of the law is lurking. As usual, it's parked under a shade tree. That's where I always see them. Is there a convenience store nearby?

Masonic Temple Run

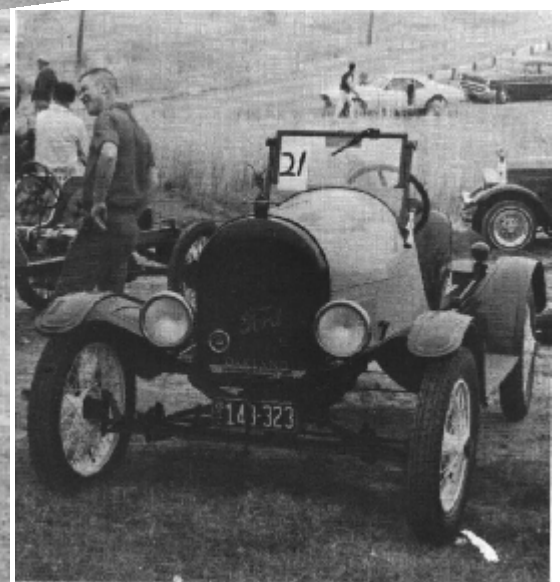
John Wyman called and we responded. Seven T's showed up at the Masonic Temple for the 100 year anniversary celebration. John, Grant, Jim and Betty, Ron, Glen and Suzie and I sat in the cool shade and enjoyed the festivities.



John was dressed as a Mason. He really did a good job of making sure we had all that we needed. It was a pleasure to spend the day with him and the Masonic Lodge, showing the grand ladies new form. The entire front of the building on West Riverside has been renovated. It is a part of Spokane history well worth keeping. Given the work the Masonic Lodge has done, I believe this building will last another 100 years. Let's hope we get more T's to the 200th anniversary.

Alan Stacey

MTFCA and Speedsters Go 'way Back ... In the third year of "Vintage Ford", there began a tradition of producing a "speedster issue" once a year. Usually, this was the fourth issue. Here are a few pictures from some of those very early runs. This is one club that has never held itself above variety. It's the spice of life, don't you know?



Third Annual Sunshine Gardens Car Show

The 3rd annual show was a great success. We had great weather, 30-cars total, good food (best of all it was free) and 3 significant events with the residents. This meant the show was a great success. Each car that came got at least one vote. That meant that car was special to one of the residents in one way or another. There were lots of smiles and lots of "I had one of those" stories. All in all it was a great show. Sunshine Gardens Managers, Owners and Staff were very grateful for our efforts. The residents really enjoyed the show and barbeque.



Our thanks to all who attended. Larry Skidmore stole the show and the hearts of many seniors with his 25- "Woody". He took "Best in Show" by a slide. Suzie drove the 27-T and took "Peoples Choice". Lee Burgess took "Third Place". First place went to Doug Marshall and his 1955 Chevy; Second place went to a 49-Cadillac.

Refreshments were available throughout the show and lunch was served at noon. The cook commented he has gone through 6-boxes of meat! We told them Rick was having a slow day. Just Kidding!!!! It was a great day for fun, food and good friends, all for a worthy cause.

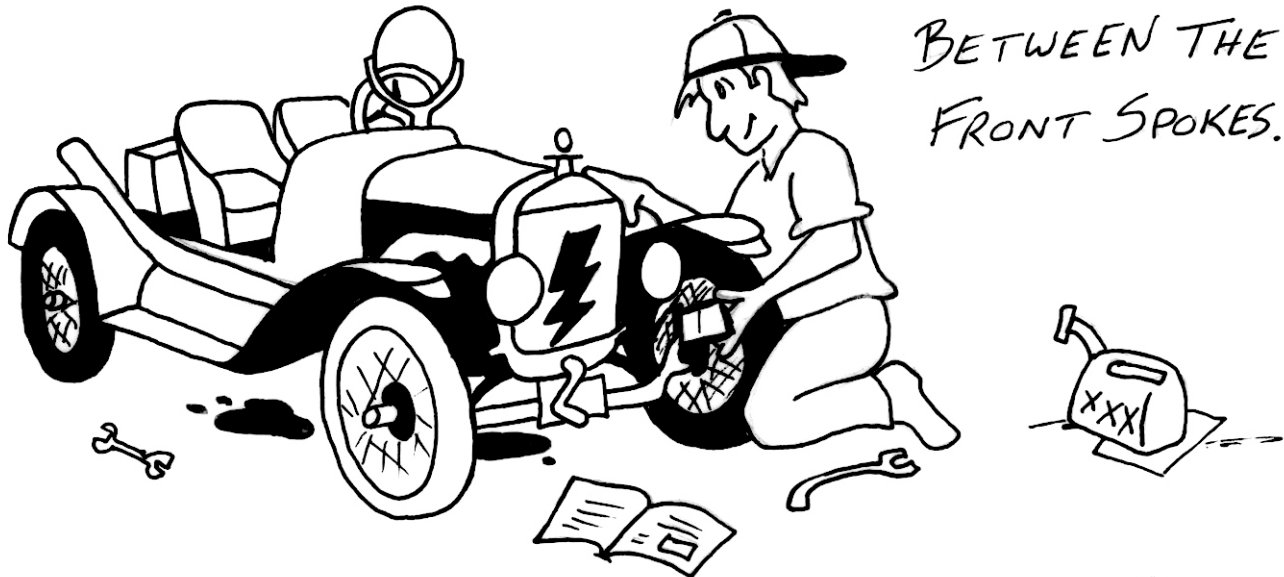


The Stacys



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MODEL T SPEED SECRET #62:
BASEBALL CARD
BETWEEN THE
FRONT SPOKES.

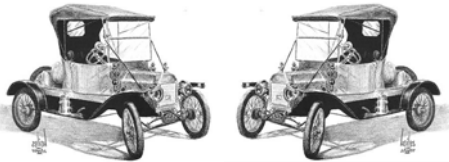


©MMV *Jeff Hipp*

With the Speedster Run coming in just a few days—Sept. 3-4 and headquartered at the Mirabeau Point Hotel on Sullivan to be exact—our artist, Jeff Hipp, just couldn't resist putting in his two cents worth on how to get ready. Trust me, someone has already tried this, but we're not recommending it. Thanks again, Jeff.

SPEEDSTER RUN 2005 AND LOWLAND TOUR ...

By the time this paper comes out, you will need to hustle to get into any part of this event at any level. There may be ways you can help out or even get a spot as a navigator or buy an application from someone who has had to drop out at the last minute due to auto malfunction or family emergency, but basically, you have waited too long. Nevertheless, if you want to get involved in this event, you should give Lee a call and see what can be done. It's not the practice of this club to shut people out who want to participate. Here's an example: I'm navigating for Dusty but I don't know if I'll be able to do it all day. I may "give out" by lunch time. If you can buy a seat in someone's car on the lowland tour and switch with me at lunch, you can navigate for Dusty in the afternoon, provided you are not too large in size and know a little about orienteering. (navigation). If you ever wanted to check out speedstering, here's your chance. The lowland tour is open to all cars but the banquet closes to additional entries on the 31st, I believe. What I'm saying is, act fast. If you want to go, you're essentially out of time. *Call Lee right after you read this. Put the newsletter down and dial 924-0898.*



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.

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ELECTION TIME

Believe it or not, we will be nominating officers very soon and voting shortly thereafter. This is already the September paper.

It is preferred that a little bit of thought go into the nomination and election process rather than that it just be a spur of the mo-

jobs. Be thinking about it now.

This leads to part two. I have been your editor for fifteen years as of the December 05 paper and it will be my last. The position will need to be filled by vote, draft, or volunteer or it will just remain unfilled. I am retiring.

Calendar Details

The **regular meeting** on Friday Sept. 2. It is back at its usual Millwood Town Hall location and dinner will be optional at our normal Chinese buffet (corner of Farr and Sprague) starting at 5:30.

Saturday the 3rd begins the **Mountain Fun Speedster Run** and lowland tour with check in and safety check. . If you want to go on either the run or the

lowland tour, registration deadline was Aug. 1. See Page6 You're seriously late if you're not signed up but there may be amnesty.—Call Lee Burgess: 924-0898

The **Just Park It Tour** involves Krispy Kreme donuts and driving to a location given to you by some Higher Power where you then park, and show your car. More on this

Calendar	
Sept. 2	Regular Meeting
Sept 3-4	Fall Speedster Run
Sept. 19	Just Park It Tour
Oct. 2	Green Bluff Tour and T Driving School
Oct. 7	Regular Meeting
Oct. 11	Redinger Tour and Camp-out
Nov. 4	Regular Meeting

Fire

I doubt that anyone is unaware that Warehouse Carpets burned to the ground a couple of weeks ago. What you may not know is that it belonged to a longtime member, Nicki Cook, and that her two Model T Fords built by her late husband Ray were inside and could not be saved. The TT truck in particular, Ray built as occupational therapy after his stroke and was very dear to him and the whole family as well as the business. I have fond memories of Ray driving this truck on tours, even with his disabilities, like a veritable madman. It had many gears. If you think about it, say a prayer for her and the family. They're strong and they'll recover, but this has been very, very hard for them and the loss of the truck was the worst.

from the person in charge via the internet, I guess, since the paper deadline has come and gone without any further information forthcoming. Anyway, it's the 19th of September.

The Annual Driving School will be on Oct. 2. Here's another one on which I have received no report, but there will be another paper before then, so it's no big deal. The event is, though. Be sure to have your T up and running for this one. We almost always pick up new members after this day of introducing the public to the joys of three pedals and two handles.



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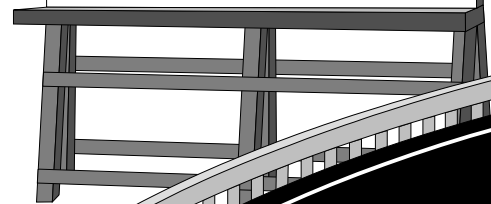
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