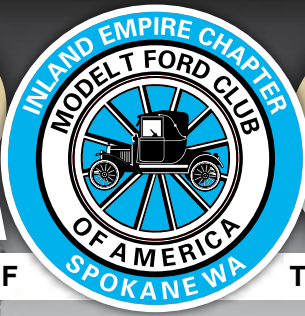


# FENDER CHATTER



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

**Are You  
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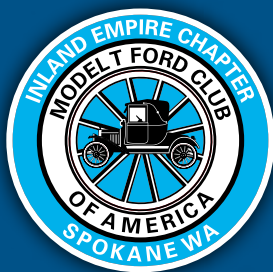
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### Correspondence

Please direct club correspondence to the club mailing address:

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PO Box 11708  
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### 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](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com)

### National Clubs

We are a chapter of the MTFCA and the MTFCI



### On the Cover:

2018 Club President-elect, Matt Hansen, & his '25 Coupe at the 2017 Spokane Fair.

—photo by Jeffrey Hipp

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### A Message from our Club's 2017 President:

Well this year certainly flew by. I had a lot of fun and I hope you did as well? Last meeting, I took a few moments to thank the officers that helped manage the activities and again I say thanks. However, I failed to mention the other people who did so much to make things work. So, to all the committee members thank you! To all of you who put on tours, thank you! To those who helped set up or worked at the swap meet or our booth, thank you! If you came to a meeting, thank you! In general, our club depends on your participation, you are what makes the whole thing work! So, thanks to everyone for the support throughout the year! — Hutch



# Minutes from the Last Club Meeting

**December 1, 2017**

President Mark Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

☛ **Welcoming Committee:** No new members or guests.

☛ **Secretary's report:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November meeting as printed in the Fender Chatter. The motion was seconded and passed.

☛ **Treasurer's report:** Betty Patterson provided a detailed report. Finances are in good shape. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the report.

☛ **Tours report:** Nan Robison reported on the tour to Kendall Yards that started from the Rosauers store in Browne's Addition. The weather was sunny and they had a good lunch. They also checked out the grocery store in Kendall Yards. Coming events include the soup lunch on December 17 at the home of Mark and Janice Hutchinson, the January 1 New Year's Day Tour (noon for lunch at the Timber Creek Grill, followed by a short driving tour), and the January 13 banquet.

☛ **2018 dues:** Dues of \$20 per year are payable now.

☛ **New business:**

- Tickets are \$25 per person for the January 13 banquet at 6:00 PM at Darcy's restaurant, 10502 E. Sprague. Purchase tickets by January 1.
- Jim Patterson reminded us that our newsletter editor Jeff Hipp needs information, articles, and photos. We have a shortage of members who do this, so please send him what you have.
- President Mark Hutchinson said that 2017 has been a good year with more members involved in club tours and activities. He also thanked the 2017 officers and asked members to applaud.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

— Larry Mann, Secretary



## 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 January - Club Banquet is Jan 13.**

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!**



# DEC 17 T CLUB SOUP PARTY AT THE HUTCHINSON'S



# Club & Model T Related Events

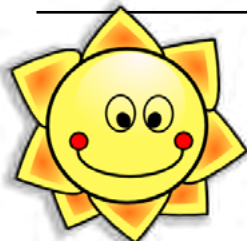
## Events Calendar

- Jan 1 20th Annual New Year's Day T Tour
- Jan 5 **No meeting this month**
- Jan 13 **Spokane T Club Banquet**
- Feb 2 **Spokane T Club meeting**
- Feb 18-19 Early Bird Swap Meet - Puyallup
- Mar 2 **Spokane T Club meeting**
- Mar 17-18 Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet-Chickasha, OK
- Mar 18-19 37th Almost Spring Swap Meet - Puyallup
- Apr 6 **Spokane T Club meeting**
- Apr 7-9 53rd Annual Portland Swap Meet
- May 19-20 45th Seattle Auto Swap Meet - Monroe
- Jun 17-21 Montana 500 - Shelby, MT



## Candy's Cookie Corner

- Jan See You at the T Club Banquet
- Feb ?



## Sunshine Report

Thank You card to Mark & Janice for graciously hosting their annual soup Christmas feast.

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

## January Banquet Update

The 2017-18 Banquet will soon be here. As a bonus, the price is less than previous years at **\$25 per person**. You may purchase tickets from Betty Patterson **before January 1**. If you have questions, please contact Betty Patterson at 509-998-6631. Thanks - We hope to see everyone there!



**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.

## 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](http://antiqueautoranch.com)

More info on Spokane Model T Club website: [spokanemodletclub.com](http://spokanemodletclub.com)

And available on **f 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 [spokanemodletclub.com](http://spokanemodletclub.com) or our Facebook page **f Inland Empire Model T Club**

Contact Nan Robison for tours (see pg 2)



"Like Us" on Facebook [Inland Empire Model T Club](https://www.facebook.com/InlandEmpireModelTClub)

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

## Seen, Heard and Shared

# A 1918 Speedster Story



I joined the Spokane Model T Club after purchasing a 1919 Model T Touring out of Montana. At that first club meeting I was told that the problem with having a Model T in my garage was that they tended to multiply. Not understanding that I left my Touring sitting in the garage for several years. Now today there is still the 1919 Touring, a 1918 Speedster, a 1926 Roadster Pick-up, a 1926 Roadster and a 1925 Fordson Tractor. The Fordson is difficult to explain so I won't even try. I do want you to know that the words at that first club meeting turned out to be very true.

Since it is close to 2018 I thought it would be interesting to say something about our 1918 Model T Speedster. Rose and I purchased the Speedster in April 2014 and like most stories the Speedster changed owners several times without a title change. We had a 1979 Oregon title in the names of Arthur & Doralee Erickson. In February 2016 we learned that someone was looking for the current owner of our Speedster, so after several days and Rose making many phone calls we learned that that someone was Bob Rankin from the Northwest Vintage Speedster Club, Portland OR. Bob Rankin told us a lot about our Speedster, including that it finished 4th in the annual endurance race held in Spokane in 1990. Bob Rankin provided us a picture of our Speedster at the 1994 12th Annual Labor Day Endurance Race held in McMinnville, OR. Gene Kicha from Spokane is seen in the picture along with Arthur Erickson. Bob also asked if the "racing engine" was still in the car, something we knew nothing about. The following is the short story that we finally pieced together after our conversations with Bob Rankin and others.

We were told that Arthur Erickson died in September of 2000 and his widow moved with her son to somewhere in Washington State. We were also told that since that move Doralee had passed away. Not being able to locate Arthur's son we went to the person we purchased the Speedster from and worked the movement of the Speedster backwards. We purchased the Speedster from Ron Sanders whose father Merrill Sanders (now deceased) had purchased it from the Roads family in Sandpoint, ID, who traded

a Honda motorcycle to an Erickson who lived in Addy, WA. Rose tried many ways to locate an Erickson in Addy without success. On a beautiful Saturday morning Rose suggested that we drive to Addy and see if we could locate Arthur Erickson's son. My response was that it was a good day for a drive but that we would never be able to find an Erickson in Addy.

To make a long story short we did drive to Addy looking for an Erickson. When we pulled off of the highway there was a man in an SUV parked in the middle of the road and he was talking to a man on a motorcycle. After the man on the motorcycle rode away we pulled up to the man in the SUV and asked him if he knew an Erickson who used to own a Speedster and showed him a picture of our Speedster. This man responded yes, he knew the Erickson we were looking for but the Erickson we were looking for never lived in Addy and never owned our Speedster. It turned out that we were talking to George Welch, Doralee's biological son, Arthur Erickson's step-son. George invited us to his home where we met Doralee (not deceased) and had the pleasure of listening to her stories of the many adventures she and Arthur had in their Speedster. One story included Doralee being thrown out of the Speedster when Arthur made a fast and sudden turn. That Saturday drive was filled with many surprises one being that we made the drive looking for the wrong person and the first person we talked to was the right person. How does that happen? But the other great surprise was yes Doralee still had the racing engine that Arthur once had in our Speedster. Rose and I were able to purchase back the 1918 engine with a RAJO head on it. That engine and head are currently being rebuilt and we hope to have our Speedster up and running sometime this summer. There would be no better way to celebrate 2018 than to be driving down the road in our 1918 Speedster.

More excitement is that our name was drawn to have a picture of a pre-war car on the cover of the 2018 INCCC (Inland Northwest Car Club Council) Calendar of Events. Hopefully, it will be a picture of our Speedster. Thanks for reading our story and hopefully many more stories to come. — Charley & Rose Hodges

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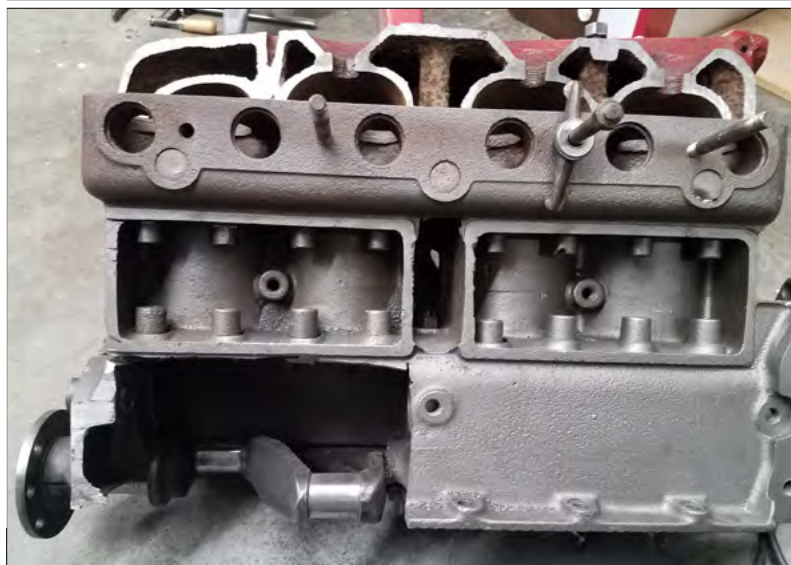
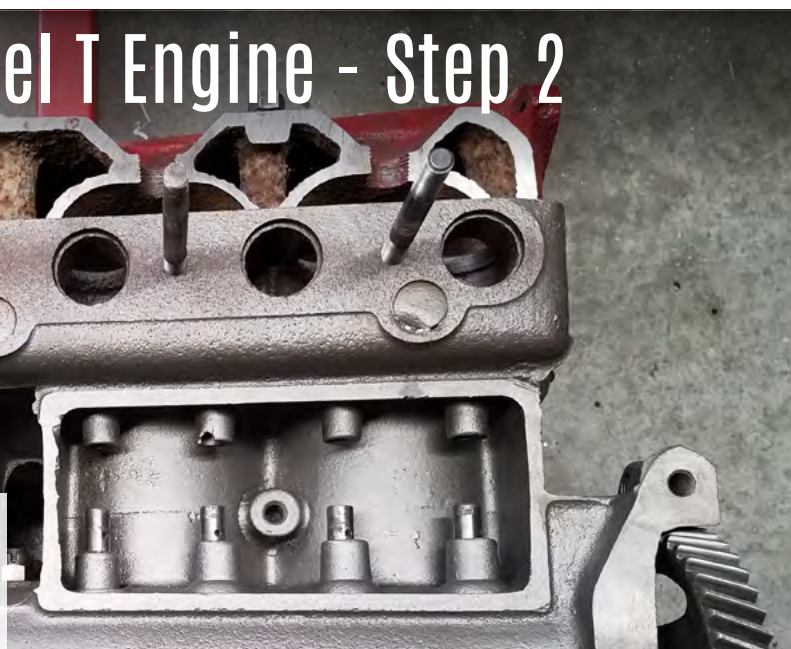
### Cut-away Model T Engine - Step 2

Last month, we showed Step 1 of making a cut-away view of a Model T engine. This step included the first actual cast iron cutting on the engine's head with 3 major cuts using an 8 tpi (teeth per inch) cast iron Saws-All reciprocating saw blade available at your local Home Depot. A sub-part of Step 1 included sawing the intake and exhaust manifolds in half length-ways. Of particular interest is the fact that the first cut was a cut from the head's front end to the # 3 spark plug hole end of the head to the opposite end which took about 30 minutes. Surprisingly, after the 30 minute cut, the specialty saw blade was only luke warm to touch and didn't appear to show any wear. The 2nd cut was made from the 3rd spark plug diagonally to the rear of the head, and the 3rd cut was made from the right side of the head directly to the 3rd plug hole. The final cutting step was to cut the intake and exhaust manifolds in-half.

Step 2 includes cleaning the engine block, engine pan, and transmission cover by power washing and sand blasting. The lower left engine side panels are cut out to expose the rod bearings, timing gear & cam shaft, internal oil tube, and valve lifters. All engine components are removed, hand cleaned, sand blasted, and re-installed. Insuring everything is re-installed very loosely to allow for easy engine turn-over is required.

The attached photos show the cut-aways at the end of this phase of our fun project. More info and photos next month in Step 3.

— Jim Patterson



## For Sale • Wanted • Services

When available, photos with these ads will be posted to our Club website [spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php](http://spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php)



**For Sale:** 1927 Roadster – Was a barn find and is approx 97% complete. The original motor has oil and still turns over. The running gear is complete, trunk pan is intact and has lid, has seat springs, radiator with motometer, windshield bracket with wiper, original wheels, etc. The only parts I know that are missing are the starter, one headlight ring and one top bracket. Overall this will be a great project! **Please - serious inquiries only.** I can send additional photos if requested. Located in eastern Oregon - contact: Darrell 509-386-7006 or [janiedan5919@gmail.com](mailto:janiedan5919@gmail.com)



### Swap Meet Booth for 2018

We'd like to expand what we did last year with more pictures and history on the Model T. Maybe add the video again. People seemed to like the booth last year, and we did get many compliments - so maybe use a lot of the same photos plus some new ones?

We would like to open this up to suggestion to the club as a whole. What do you think? Have ideas? Please share them with Jim Patterson, or email us at [fenderchatter@gmail.com](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com).

The swap meet booth has traditionally been a great tool for us to recruit new members, and raise awareness of what the club is, what we do, and introduce the general public to the Model T.

### Newsletter Help

We need your help with content for the *Fender Chatter*. This newsletter is for you, the club members, but we ask:

- Input on content - current or something new.
- Do you like certain pieces we do monthly - or not?
- Is there an idea for an article you would like to see?
- Would someone like to be in charge of writing a monthly piece - could be technical, could be something entertaining.
- Photos - we need photos - every month. Send them in.





## Membership Application & 2017 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.

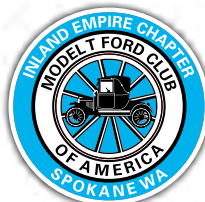
### REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Fill out this form NOW whether you have changes or not, and return with your 2017 Club dues (\$20/family).

Check that your email, phone #, and all other info is up-to-date 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 to:

**IEMTFCA**  
**PO Box 11708**  
**Spokane Valley, WA 99211-1708**



**➔ Any Changes since 2016?: Y / N**

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**➔ Model T's Owned:**

**R** = Restored, **U** = Unrestored, **O** = Original, **PR** = Partially Restored, **BC** = Basket Case

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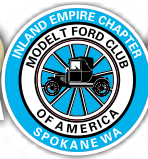
Please update this form and send with your check payable to the Spokane Model T Ford Club, P.O. Box 11708, Spokane, WA 99211-1708. Annual dues are \$20.00 per household per year. If more than 5 Model T's are owned, please list them on the back of this form. You are encouraged to join the national clubs, 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.

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# Happy Holidays



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