

FENDER CHATTER

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50 Years!



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

See Us Sept 17 at the
Spokane Fair



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FALL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER,
ENJOY YOUR JITNEY



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We are the **Inland Empire Chapter** (Spokane) of the MTFCA and the MTFCI



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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

On the Cover:

1912 Runabout from California on the 2021 MTFCA National Tour in Spokane.

- Photo by Jeff Hipp

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A Message From Your Club President:

Its getting hot outside and summer is unfortunately coming to an end. We haven't had a meeting for a couple of months, so I don't have much to say. I think we had a great summer season and hope for a great fall. Wednesday dinners are still going on, but I'm running out of places to go. If anyone has a favorite place please let me know and we will go there. It doesn't have to be close to Spokane, it can be anywhere. South Hill, Northside, Medical Lake, Otis Orchards, etc. I just need some ideas. Hope to see you at the next meeting. Stay cool and happy motoring. —Ralph



Meeting Minutes • Garden Tour

August 5, 2022 There was no regular meeting in August and, therefore, no report due to the Club Picnic (Aug 27).

Moore-Turner Heritage Gardens Tour of Aug 14



Photos provided by Nan Robison & Janice Hutchinson

The next regular club meeting is September 2.

The monthly meeting begins at 7:00 PM on the 1st Friday of each month at **Willow Song Music Therapy Services**, 21101 E. Wellesley #102-103 in Otis Orchards, WA.

We hope to see you there!

NOTE:
Dinner venue is subject to change at last-minute due to capacity. Check your email for any change prior to joining us.



Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

NOTE: These events are subject to change due to Corona Virus guidelines - we marked what we've heard as canceled at the time of publication - please confirm before attending any events.

- Aug 27 Annual Potluck Picnic & Meeting** preceded by a short Tour - hosted by the Elenbaas' - see below
- Sept 2 Spokane T Club meeting**
- Sept 3-4 NWVS Endurance Run** - Kennewick, WA
- Sept 10 Oregon High Desert Swap Meet**-Redmond, OR
- Sept 17 Model T Display at the Spokane Interstate Fair**
- Sept 17 Palouse Show & Shine** - Palouse, WA
- Sept 17-18 Giant Swap Meet** - Kennewick, WA Fairgrounds
- Sept 24 Valleyfest Car Show** - Mirabeau Park 9-3:30
- Sept 24-25 Harvest Swap Meet - Chehalis, WA** >>DISCONTINUED<<
- Oct 7 Spokane T Club meeting**
- Oct 2 Spokane T Club Poker Run**
- Oct 8-9 Monroe, WA Fall Swap Meet** >>DISCONTINUED<<
- Nov 4 Spokane T Club meeting**
- Dec 2 Spokane T Club meeting**
- Jan 1 New Year's Day Tour**
- Jan 6 No Regular T Club Meeting** (See You at the Banquet)
- Jan 14 T Club Officer Installation Banquet** - Airport Ramada

Club Picnic - Saturday, August 27

The 2022 annual August T Club Picnic meeting date has changed from previous years. There will be no gathering on the first Friday in August. The potluck picnic will be at Jim and Sandra Elenbaas' place 6pm - see Facebook page for more details.

Spokane Fair Model T Show - Sept 17

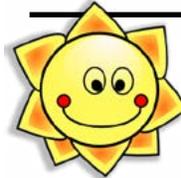
We have been invited again this year to show our Model Ts at the Spokane Interstate Fair on Saturday, Sept 17. If you plan to attend, PLEASE RSVP names and what car you are bringing TO NAN ROBISON (25 car total club limit). See last issue for details.

Nan's Nibbles

Sept: Janice Hutchinson & ???

Oct: Karma Roth & ???

Nov: Ralph Brevik/Martha & Myron Richardson



Sunshine Report

• No new reports

Any new updates will be announced at the next meeting or in the next newsletter ~Susie Carnegie

If you know of a club member in need of some cheer - please let Susie know.

GET YOUR T CLUB ID BADGES

If you are a new Spokane T Club member and need a club name badge, or need a replacement, please contact Bill Barr.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & MODEL Ts

Each Wednesday for a while now, we've had T Club meet-ups at various dinner stops around town. Watch your email for details on where and when the next one will be! C'ya there!

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

More info on Spokane Model T Club website: spokanemodletclub.com

And available on

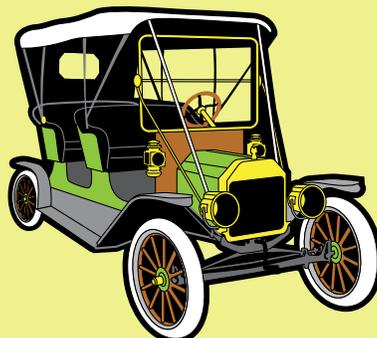
 [Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

Note: Antique Auto Ranch is only open to the public on the first Tues of each month. Other times by appointment.



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



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 or our Club Facebook page  [Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

For tours, contact Nan Robison or Matt Hansen, Carla Carnegie

Spokane Model T Club at 50! T Assembly Teams

The Model T Assembly Competitions – by Jeff Hipp

Did You Know the Spokane Model T Club started the Model T Assembly craze?

The more recent demonstrations we did were in the 1990s and a few in 2007-08. **But, did you know** that it was actually started in **1967** by former club member, **Grant Lundin**? Grant, owner of Antique Auto Ranch, decided one day to see how long it would take to assemble a running Model T from a pile of parts. That event is described below by Carla (Grant's daughter)...

I was a kid at Antique Auto watching raptly, the process of the T put-together.

The idea was to show off this T assembly stunt at the very first Spokane Swap Meet (1967) that was held out at Fairchild AFB. The crew on that first put-together was Grant Lundin, his twin brother Clair Lundin, Dick Bergen, and Dave Nicholson. There may have been one more guy who helped in some way, but I don't remember a name. Practices were held at Antique Auto Ranch.

During the first practice attempt, I watched as the T was assembled and started. It then took off on its own down the driveway, and it turned itself to the right at the end of the drive, and ran head-on into a car turning into Antique Auto! That was an amazing event to watch!

At the swap meet T assembly show, one of the cute touches was at the end when one dude threw a shovel full of "spare" parts that were still lying on the ground into the back of the assembled T. Then the guys all piled in and on the T to ride away down the drive.

A Spokane HASSIE Club member by the name of Bud Robinson lived just down the road from Rick Carnegie's family home on 12th Ave. - he had a '25 Dodge and' 29 Chevrolet. The story is that Rick made himself a "pest" and was offered a ride to the swap meet where he also witnessed the first official T assembly. Bob was armed with a Super 8 camera, and filmed it, although we don't know what happened to that film. Perhaps it is with the HASSIE Club?

It seems there may have also been a Spokesman-Review reporter and camera man present at the 1967 first show, and it may have made it on TV—we didn't have a TV, so I can't verify that." – Carla Carnegie

The idea was revived in 1994 after Grant told this story at one of our T Club meetings. After getting a car pieced together, and many practices, our first demonstration was at the July 1994 Spokane Swap Meet (old south lawn stage) with men's and women's teams.

The challenge was to basically assemble a complete chassis, engine, body, fenders, radiator, and running boards, and then start up the T,



Women's 1995 at the Swap Meet Men's 1998 at the National Tour

and drive forward & back. It's pretty much a stock chassis with a few minor modifications. There was also a set of official rules made, but they haven't been located at the time of this article.

The following excerpts are taken from the Aug. 1994 & Aug. 1995 *Fender Chatter* by Club Newsletter Editor, Marith McCoul... The 1994 women's team consisted of Carla Carnegie, Margaret Sills, Tammy Hipp, Nan Robison, and Anna Carnegie. Nan managed to take the injury award with one bad fall (she slipped on a loose wiring harness) plus she smashed a finger (luckily, not too serious) while trying to line up the drive shaft with the transmission. Unfortunately, Mita Overmire had planned (and trained) to be on the team but an illness a couple of days before the swap meet prevented her from taking part, so Anna stepped in to help out.

The men's 1994 team consisted of Rick Carnegie, Jeff Hipp, Mark Hutchinson, Erik Hutchinson, and Jim Patterson. The injuries were split as the men couldn't let the women outdo them, so Mark accepted the smashed finger award while Jim did the tripping and falling routine!

Spokane Model T Club at 50! T Assembly Teams

Both teams were coached and advised by the grandfather of the sport, Grant Lundin, whose 1967 team accomplished the same task (but without body and fenders) in 4:14! Many other Spokane T Club members contributed time or parts to help make this a fun and successful event!

Official 1994 times:

Saturday, 7/9/94

Heat 1: Women 8:34, Men 5:20

Heat 2: Women 6:08, Men 3:56

Sunday, 7/10/94

Heat 3: Women 5:26*, Men 3:34

Heat 4: Women 4:30, Men 3:19

There was a competition later that summer at the 1994 Colville Tour.

The popularity grew to the 1995 Swap Meet.

The women's team this year was Carla Carnegie, Anna Carnegie, Marjorie Hipp, Tammy Hipp, Margaret Sills, and Mita Overmier. The men's team was Rick Carnegie, Jeff Hipp, Mark Hutchinson, Erik Hutchinson, Dennis Secaur, and Jim Patterson.

Official 1995 times:

Women 6:20, Men 2:18

A couple of our old T assembly videos can be watched here (posted by Tom Carnegie).

Women's 1995

https://youtu.be/K1mtLbz_uAk

Men's 1998

<https://youtu.be/HgqnUV-Jos0>

Word had gotten out about our antics, and our assembly car was then immediately on the road to Stettler, Alberta, Canada for the **1995 MTFCA National Tour** where 5 teams were formed to see

how fast they could accomplish the assembly. The interest level was so high that the Portland and Seattle T Clubs were already planning to come up with their own Assembly T's and start having

competition between the various clubs participating in the Labor Day Speedster Runs! There was even mention about making this an annual event at future MTFCA National meets!



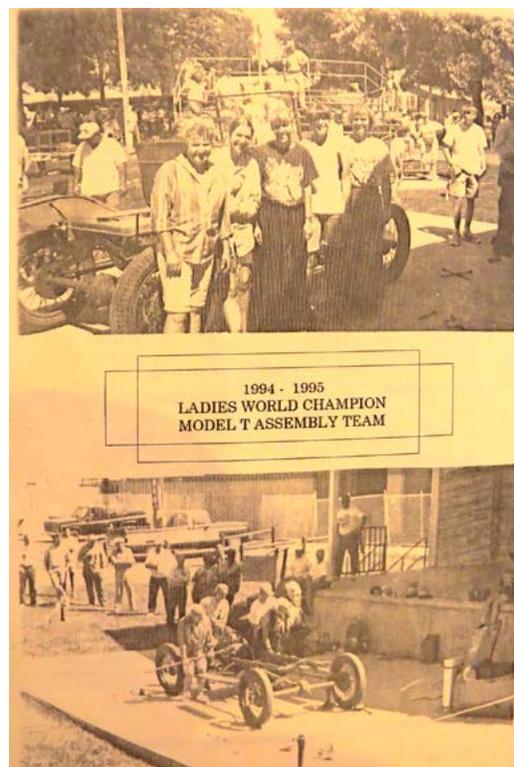
1995 Women's team - June 1996 Fender Chatter



1997 Women's team - Aug 1997 Fender Chatter



1994 Men's Team - cover of Spokane T Club Roster



1994-95 Women's Team - cover of Spokane T Club Roster

For Sale • Seen, Heard, and Shared

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

For Sale: Need to make room: **1930 Model A Speedster**, It's fast & fun, have lots of pictures - \$17,500. **1919 Model T Chassis**, motor, disc wheels, ruckstell, two cowls, & radiator shell. Motor ran when put in heated shop, ruckstell more than likely will need gone thru - \$1000. **Whippet Radiator & Shell**, condition of radiator unknown - \$400. — **Chuck Oakland** 208-661-4707



For Sale: **1915 Depot Hack** on Trailer. **new price* Asking \$12,500 for the T, \$2,500 for the trailer (if bought together). — **Gregory Saue** 509-299-7771



For Sale: **1925 Coupe** selling because my father passed this spring and he had a really nice 1925 Ford Coupe that I want to sell. I'm a car guy myself but really not interested in the T and I want it to have a good home. It is an original car to Hermiston, Oregon and I know its history quite well as my dad was the 2nd owner. — **Mitch Myers** 541-571-1573 cell or email mitch@epha.com

Model T Club Welcomes Newest Member-July 29

We have a new baby in the family. Meghan and Aaron Teats just had a baby boy on Friday morning, July 29. Caleb Evert Teats was born at 11:17 am, and joins Jameson (age 22 mos) and Will (age 3). He was born in Pullman at the NEST, and weighed 9.8lbs. & 21" long. He got his first ride in an auto provided by Grandpa C in the '25 Model T, just like the other 4 grandchildren did when they were born! (our tradition)! They are back home in Kooskia, Idaho! We can't wait to see them again. Caleb is grandkid #5 for us. 4 boys, 1 girl. — *Carla Carnegie*



Economy Run Tour Recap

Spokane Model T Club Economy Run-August 20

The Model T Club had their Economy Tour on Aug 20. What a blast!! We had 7 cars show, with 6 taking part in the run. Each car was fitted with a can, and given 3 cups of gas. They then proceeded to drive as far as possible on their 3 cups. Sadly, my pickup is

a gas sucking hog, and I came in last. The results are posted in the pictures with Mark Hutchinson coming in first with a whopping **29.9 mpg!!** A special thank you to Karma Roth for doing the mileage for us, and Janice Hutchinson for helping her!! —*Nan Robison*



Driver	Car Model and year	Carburator type	Lap 1	Lap 2	Total distance	MPG
Mark Hutchinson	1926 Roadster	NH	X	X	5.6	29.9
Mike Robison	1924 Touring	NH	X		4.4	22.9
Jillian Robison	1924 Roadster	NH	X		4.25	22.66
Tom Carnegie	1927 Pickup	NH	X		4.2	22.4
Ralph Brevik	1927 Touring	NH	X		3.4	18.13
Nan Robison	1925 Pickup	NH	X		3.2	17.06



Photos provided by Nan Robison

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1998 Men's T Assembly Team ready for engine install (video grab)



Spokane T Club at 50: The 1995 Women's Model T Assembly Team installing the engine - more inside.

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Please submit your articles, photos, trip reports, adventures, Model T parts for sale, want ads, ideas, etc.

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