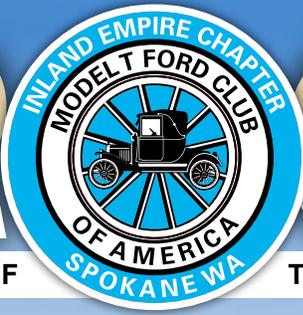


FENDER CHATTER



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

SEE YOU!
AT THE ANNUAL SAFE-T
INSPECTION
& Potluck BBQ



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ANTIQUE CAR SAFE-T

BEGINS WITH THE NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL



General Club Info



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Larry Mann



Vice President
John De Jong



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Janice Hutchinson



Treasurer
Karma Roth

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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:

Club cars lined up for the Safe-T Inspection in May 2022.

- Photo by Jeff Hipp

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A Message From Your Club President:

Spring is finally taking hold. The weather is warming and trees and flowers are showing new life. Spring is my favorite season, and I like working in the garden and getting things ready for the summer growing season.

If you haven't done so already, it is also time to take your Model T out of storage: Check the oil and battery, air up the tires, and take it for a drive. Be sure to get a safety check at the Skidmore's place on May 19.

The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC) is having their annual Mothers' Day weekend home tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12. The tour is of historic homes in the Comstock neighborhood on the north side of Spokane. The homes are open from 12-4 each day. Tickets can be purchased at any of the six houses or online. Cost is \$25 for MAC members or \$30 for non members. Details are on the MAC website: Online Purchasing » [Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture](http://NorthwestMuseumofArtsandCulture)

See you at the May meeting! — Larry Mann, President



Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the Friday, April 5, 2024 Meeting

President Larry Mann called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. He said that it was good to see a good turn-out for our meeting.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the *Fender Chatter*.

☛ **Treasurer's Report:** Karma Roth distributed a financial statement. She said that the Global Credit Union accounts are completely closed. She has online banking set up with Spokane Teachers Credit Union, and has received new checks and a new bank deposit stamp. There are no fees at STCU for a business account. They are also not as picky about how checks to us are made out – they will not reject a check if it is not exact. She also reminded everyone that if your Model T Ford Club of America membership has expired, it is necessary to renew by the end of April. If you are not sure when your MTFCA membership renews, you can contact Karma as she has this information. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

☛ **Welcome:** Steve Heid said there were no new members or guests, but we welcome member John Crawford, who has his parents' '26 Touring Car.

☛ **Misc:** Vice President John De Jong is at the Portland Swap Meet.

Jim Patterson had good news to share: They have broken ground on their new shop. Their Model T Coil Tester is being restored and will be available for anyone who might need to use it.

☛ **Sunshine:** Susie Carnegie was not at the meeting, so no report.

☛ **Safety & Seminars:** Larry and Norma Skidmore will once again be hosting our Safe-T Inspection on May 19th, but this will probably be the last year they can do this.

☛ **Tours:** Janice Hutchinson reported on our first tour this year, a St. Patrick's Day tour for breakfast or lunch at The Chalet, followed by a tour to Gaiser Conservatory in Manito Park, and ice cream at The Scoop on the South Hill. We had five to seven cars on different parts of the tour, and couldn't have had a more perfect day for weather. Thank you to everyone who came!

Tour Chairman Nan Robison reports that on April 1 she was the only participant in two separate tours to Missoula. On our website, there is a picture of her pushing Tweety on the Push, Pull, or Pedal Your Model T to Missoula Tour (see page 4). She had a very busy April Fool's Day!

Janice also talked about our next tour on Saturday, April 20th for Antique Shopping in Hillyard. We will meet at 11:00 at Safeway on Trent & Argonne, leave at 11:15 for lunch at Red Dragon on Diamond Avenue, and then visit the shops along North Market Street. There will also be an ice cream stop at the end of the tour, of course.

Nan also went through the other upcoming tours, noting that the Blessing of the Cars Tour, originally scheduled for April 7 has been moved to June 9, when we are hoping the weather will be nicer.

If you are interested in going to Rendezvous Days in Eureka on the last weekend of April, contact John DeJong, who is considering making the trip up. Mike Cuffe makes sure that we are well fed and entertained!

Save the dates and watch your email or the website for our other upcoming tours:

May 12 is a possible Mother's Day Tour at the Home Tour benefit for the MAC.

May 19 is our Safe-T Inspection at Larry & Norma Skidmore's house.

June 1 is possible Model T Racing at the Airway Heights race track.

June 2 is the Model T Driving School.

June 8 is Neighbor Day at Felts Field.

June 9 is the Blessing of the Cars.

The week of June 16 is the Montana 500.

June 22 is Larry Mann's presentation at the MAC "Driving Through Time: The Ford Model T".

June 29 we are giving rides in our Model T's from Millwood Presbyterian Church.

☛ **Library:** Brooks Johnson was not at the meeting.

☛ **Name Tags:** Bill Barr says he has had no business. If you need a new or replacement name tag, contact Bill.

☛ **Roster:** Karma has the 2024 Roster available and will bring them to the May meeting, after which she will start mailing them out. Please let Karma know about any changes as she is printing an addendum.

☛ **Banquet:** Matt Hansen was not at the meeting.

☛ **Wednesday Night Dinners:** Ralph Brevik was not at the meeting, but is still planning dinners once a month – watch your email for dates and places.

☛ **Tuesday Nights:** Antique Auto Ranch is still opening after hours on Tuesday Nights for members who would like to work on a car project or just visit.

☛ **Old Business:** A motion was approved to send our club logo to carclubtshirts.com. Members will receive information about how to order t-shirts and other gear as soon as this has been set-up.

Janice also reported that although the Spokane Model T Club is a chapter of the Model T Ford Club International, their bylaws state that we would not be covered under their liability insurance because our paid members are not all members of the MTFCA as well. This is not an issue this year, as more than 50% of our members are MTFCA members and we are covered by their policy.

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For more tour or event details: check the [club website](#), [club Facebook page](#), or watch your e-mail.

The next regular club meeting is - May 3.

The monthly meeting begins at 7:00 PM on the 1st Friday of each month at the Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 North Pines, Spokane Valley, WA.

Back at the Church, same place as pre-Covid.



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

Minutes • Seen, Heard and Shared

Meeting Minutes continued...

➡ **New Business:** A motion was passed to authorize Jeff Hipp to choose the number of pages in each month's *Fender Chatter*. This was done in response to Jeff's request that he be allowed to expand the newsletter from 10 pages to 12 or 14 when there is more news to report. Mike Robison opposed the motion. *(Jeff, you'll have to take that up with Mike!)*

➡ **Tech Talk:** Mike Robison reported that he gave a seminar on how to adjust the clutch on your Model T, but only one person attended – Mike Robison. The car that he drove on our St. Patrick's Day tour was a '26-'27 Roadster that he has for sale, and that had not been on the road for 20 to 25 years. While climbing the South Hill, the rpm's went up, the speed went down, and he realized the clutch was slipping. After some clutch work, as of our meeting night, the car was still for sale.

➡ **Show & Tell:** Janice has a new folding table, perfect for Model T outings, that Bill Barr found on sale at Kohl's in the Northtown Mall for \$20. If you are interested in a table, but not in driving to Northtown, Bill will be happy to pick one up for you.

Mark Hutchinson pulled out a Show & Tell that he found in his coat pocket: a pin on a strap that was correctly identified as what holds the top bows onto the windshield on a 1915.

We have received a thank you note from the INCCC for our contribution to their scholarship fund.

➡ **For Sale:** Mike Robison says he has a kid for sale. Brooke says it's Lachlan. Lachlan says it's Brooke.

Greg Crites sold Jim & Betty Patterson a genuine antique stoplight for their new shop, but it's not currently working and they are looking for someone to try to get it going again.

➡ **Door Prizes:** numbers were pulled by Brooke and prizes went to Larry Mann, Nan Robison, Julie Heid, Glenn Barnard, Rick Carnegie, Roy Moffit, Scott Colgrove, and Bill Barr. The 50/50 drawing was won by Larry, who donated his winnings to the INCCC Scholarship Fund – thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hutchinson, Secretary



Nan's April 1st Tour - photo provided by Janice Hutchinson

Jim Ellenbaas sends us this photo of the maiden run of his Armadillo Speedster build.



Club Tours and Goings-On Recap

Hillyard Antique Stores Tour - April 20

The Club had an Antique Store tour. Met at the Safeway Store on Trent and then headed to the Red Dragon in Hillyard. Had lunch there, then on to shopping for antiques and collectibles. Ended our tour with an ice cream stop at Dairy Queen. Thank you Janice and Mark Hutchinson for leading the tour. —Nan



Photos provided by Nan Robison

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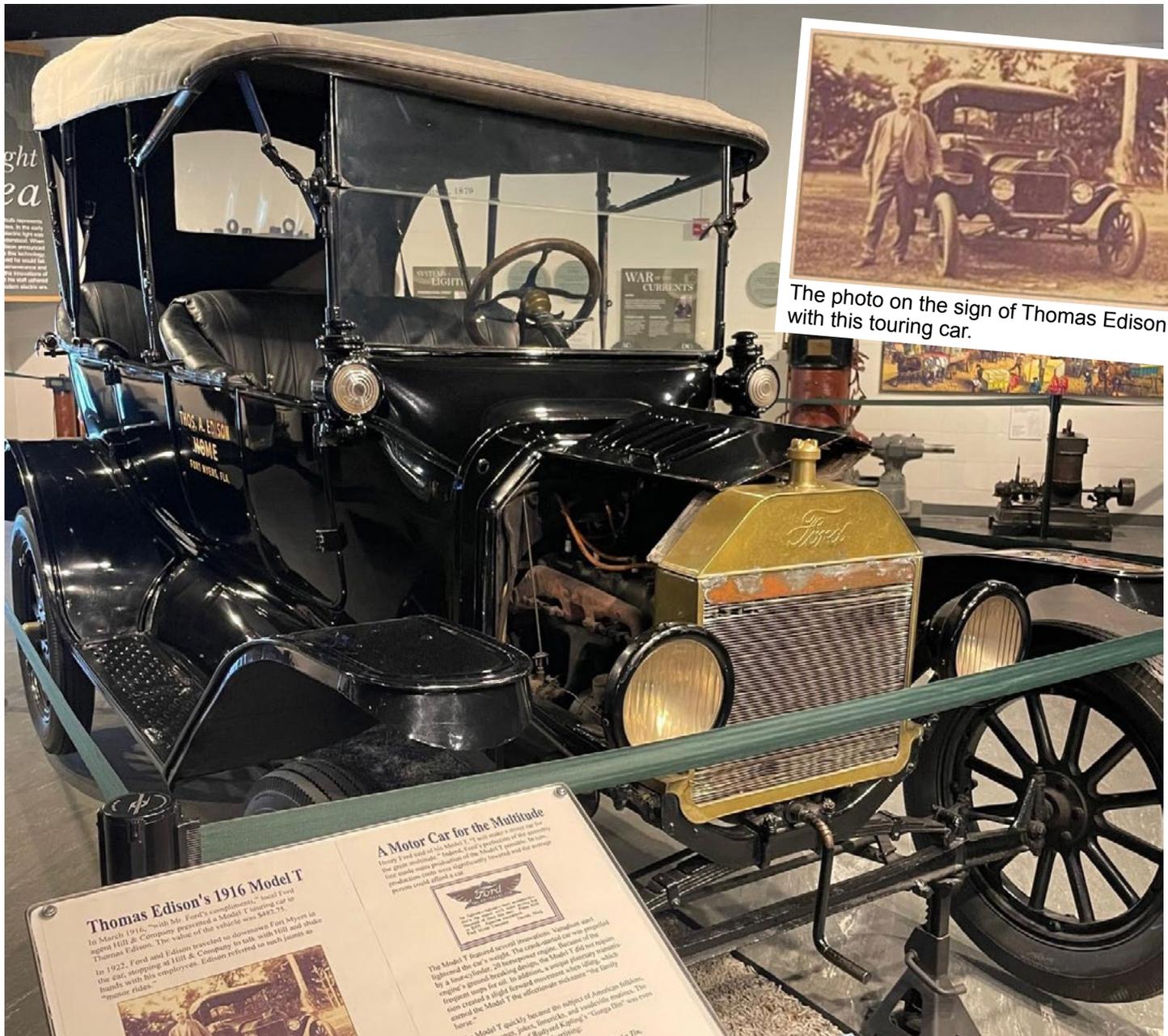
Thomas Edison's 1916 (Wide Track) Touring Car

Jeff Hipp's cousin, Kevin Saville, from Olympia, WA (also a T owner) recently visited Florida and sends us this photo from the Thomas Edison and Henry Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers, FLA. **The sign in front reads:** *In March 1916, "with Mr. Ford's compliments," local Ford agent Hill & Company presented a Model T touring car to Thomas Edison. The value of the vehicle was \$482.75.*

In 1922, Ford and Edison traveled to downtown Fort Myers in the car, stopping at Hill & Company to talk with Hill and shake hands with his employees. Edison referred to such jaunts as "motor rides."

This "Southern Trade" Model T has a 60-inch wide tread, rather than the standard 56-inch tread. The wider tread was designed so the cars' wheels would fit into existing wagon ruts on the rough roads that often existed in small southern towns like Fort Myers. Edison's friend Harvey Firestone updated the original wooden wheels with balloon tires in 1924.

The Edison Estates is proud to present this original Edison automobile, which is kept in running condition.



The photo on the sign of Thomas Edison with this touring car.

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A Motor Car for the Multitude
 Henry Ford said of his Model T, "I will never rest until I have produced a motor car for the masses... a car that will be as common as the bicycle and as simple to use as a bicycle."
 The Model T featured several innovations... (text partially obscured)

photo by Kevin Saville

Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

- May 3** **Spokane T Club meeting**
- May 3-4** Central Alberta Swap Meet - Red Deer, AB CA
- May 4** 46th Tri-Cities Swap Meet - Kennewick, WA
- May 4** Famoso Dragstrip Swap-O-Rama Swap Meet (Formerly Bakersfield, Tulare), CA
- May 12** **T Club** Mother's Day Tour of Homes - **TBD**
- May 12** Long Beach Swap Meet - Long Beach, CA
- May 18** Car Show 8-3 (old car categories) - Harrington, WA
- May 18** Wild Goose Bill Days Parade - Wilbur WA
- May 18-19** Seattle Auto Swap Meet - Monroe, WA
- May 19** **T Club** Safe-T Inspection & Potluck at Skidmore's
- May 19** American Reflections Car Show - Moxee, WA (Yakima)
- May 25** Spring Fest Car Show - Moses Lake, WA
- June 1** **T Club** Model T "Races" - Airway Heights, WA - **TBD**
- June 1** 120th Mule Days Parade - Reardan, WA
- June 1** MTFCA Homecoming Event - Richmond, IN
- June 2** **T Club** Model T Driving School - Spokane Valley
- June 1-2** Roaring 20's Swap Meet - Billings, MT
- June 1-2** Rickreall Swap Meet-Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR
- June 7** **Spokane T Club meeting**
- June 8** **T Club** Neighbor Day at Felts Field
- June 8** Flag Day Parade - Fairfield, WA
- June 8** The Little Big Show - Wilson Creek, WA
- June 8** Pre-War All Ford Swap Meet - Brighton, CO
- June 9** **T Club** Blessing of the Cars
- June 14** Founders Day Parade - Medical Lake WA
- June 14-15** Car d'Lane Car Show - Cd'A, ID
- June 16-20** Montana 500 - Roundup, MT
- June 22** **T Club** Model T presentation at the MAC
- June 29** **T Club** Model T Rides - Millwood, WA
- July 5** **No T Club meeting - see you at the swap meet!**
- July 6-7** 53rd All Wheels Swap Meet - Spokane, WA

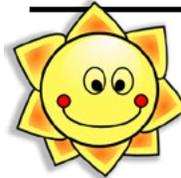
NOTE: These events are subject to change - the info is what we know of at the time of publication - **please confirm for yourself before travelling to, or attending any events.**

Nan's Nibbles

May: Ralph Brevik & Nan Robison

June: Rebecca Hutchinson & Myron Richardson

July: None - C'ya at the Swap Meet



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

• No Reports.

Any new updates will be announced at the next meeting or in the next newsletter.

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

If it's stated in this newsletter that you were sent a Sunshine card, but never received one in the mail, please let Susie know. We don't want anyone left out.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME!

2024 Safe-T Inspection & Potluck Info

The upcoming 2024 Safety Inspection meeting will be **May 19 at 9:00 a.m.** at Skidmore's place. Lunch will be a potluck. **A to M bring a salad, N to Z bring dessert**, the club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Bring chairs, treats, and money - as there will be parts and cars for sale from Larry's collection. Thanks — *Norma*

Vehicle NOT required to attend.



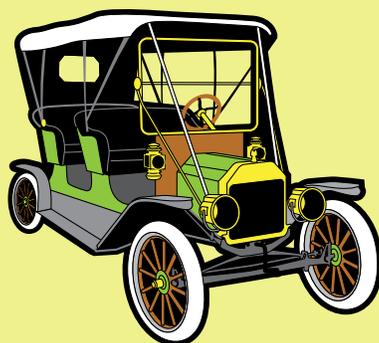
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & MODEL Ts

Now only one Wednesday each month - we hold T Club meet-ups at various dinner stops around town (*except weeks of a club meeting*). Watch your email for details on where and when the next one will be! Have a suggestion? Let us know. C'ya there!



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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 spokanemodeltclub.com or our Club Facebook page [f Inland Empire Model T Club](https://www.facebook.com/inlandempiremodeltclub)

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

An Article Short Series by John De Jong

8,259 Easy Steps for Building a Speedster

Part Four The hood and back cover under the gas tank were pretty easily fabricated with the remaining metal and all of the pieces came together. I built the dash out of steel as well. To make the nice swirl marks you see on fancy aluminum dashboards I used a drill press, no measuring, and an old rusty wire cup brush. This turned out much better than I thought it would and a simple clearcoat protects the steel from rust and everyone thinks it is aluminum. Remember that if it looks right....it is right.

Photo 15: the form of the splash apron in clamped between two pieces of angle steel to get a sharp 90 degree bend.

Photo 16: The completed bend on one of the aprons.

Photo 17: Dash board layout and turning.



Then it was off to paint with a single stage acrylic automotive paint. I chose one with metal flake which is not something I would recommend for novice painters with zero experience. But never one to heed my own advice, I tried it. After a lot of repainting, I finally got something I could live with. It ain't the best concours quality paint job, but it is good enough for me.

After all this I was able to put all of the parts together and just had to fabricate a few remaining things like light mounts(front and back), spare tire carrier, shift knob, and everything else. I am still troubleshooting a few things including the propane fueled flame thrower exhaust tip I built which does not work as well as I had anticipated, but when you build something from scratch what do you expect? In the end the car is now a running and driving car with a few quirks I need to work on to get it ready for a tour, but I would count it as a success. Building a speedster or any model T does take a lot of effort, but having a knowledgeable mentor makes everything much easier. My father-in-law (who is nearing completion of his own speedster) assisted me with a lot of this build and was able to talk sense into me more than a few times. I find it is always better to talk things over with someone to see if there are other solutions that what you are thinking about.

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An Article Short Series by John De Jong

Speedster Build Part Four, Continued...

Photo 18: My son helps apply the rattle can primer before we go to painting

Photo 19: The car completed.

Photo 20: taking the car out for the first drive around the block.

Made/built from scratch:

- Body
- Tank
- Aprons
- Tire carrier
- Light brackets
- Dashboard
- Rear brake actuator
- Seats and interior upholstery
- Laurel lowering brackets
- Exhaust Flame Thrower

Things requiring major/minor modification:

- Lowered the steering and increased support
- Quick release steering wheel
- Foot throttle
- Battery carrier
- Front axle supports
- Radiator mounts and cap
- Moved firewall back 2"
- Driveshaft
- Everything else possible

Thank you for following along with this build.

— John De Jong



For Sale • Wanted • Membership

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

For Sale: 1926 FORD MODEL T ROADSTER. 20HP 4cyl engine. Two speed transmission, lots of chrome bits. Optional steel wire wheels, turn signals, working magneto and coil ignition system, 6V, Nice top and upholstery. Paint is a 6.5/10 Great car for Sunday drives, cars shows, or ice cream runs. I've taken this car on club tours with no problems. Get into classic car ownership on a budget. Lots of parts are available and a lot of knowledgeable people. \$11,000 - Mike Robison tracer409@yahoo.com



For Sale: FRONTY MODEL T SPEEDSTER Great running speedster with less than 1000 miles on a newly rebuilt 1920 engine. Has a SCAT crank that was installed by Rick Carnegie. Rebuilt Stromberg carburetor by Stan Howe. Kevlar bands. New tires. New battery. Comes with many extras including set of wooden spoke wheels in good condition, newly rebuilt starter, auxiliary brake kit, turn signals, speedometer parts, etc. \$16,500. Ed Hope 509 570-8333.



For Sale: MODEL T MOTORS 1913-1927
Various conditions, **Liquidation Sale - Make me an offer! Take one or all!** Harvey Dunham 509-218-1437.

For Sale: 1915 T FORD CENTER DOOR
Basket Case: Solid body with fairly good wood, 4 new fenders, new aprons and boards. Early motor that will run. Nice headlights and side lights. No radiator or early wishbone. No Title. \$3,500 for all Dave Butcher 509-290-3541

Membership Application

Condensed Version

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

Due before Jan 31 of each year: join as a new member now, or bring this completed form to the next meeting, or mail to the address below with your dues of \$20.00 to:



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Changes since last year? **Y / N**

Name _____
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I acknowledge that my name & info will be printed in the annual Spokane Model T Club Directory.

Newsletters will be an emailed PDF, unless specified:

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MTFCA member? Y / N • MTFCI member? Y / N

MTFCA Membership # _____

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Model T's Owned:

Year	Body Style	Condition
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R = Restored, U = Unrestored, O = Original

PR = Partially Restored, BC = Basket Case

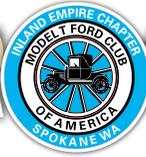
• **National MTFCA Membership:** (check, credit card, Paypal) mtfca.com/clubpages/joinamember.htm

• **National MTFCI Membership:** modelt.org

• **You may also download and print this membership application form as a PDF from our club website:** spokanemodeltclub.com/membership-form.php

Note: Our bank now requires any checks to the Spokane T Club must be made out to "IEMTFCA".

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Henry & Clara Ford's 1911 "Mangoes" Winter Estate in Fort Myers, Florida — photo by Kevin Saville

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