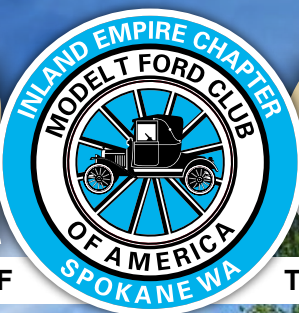


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THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



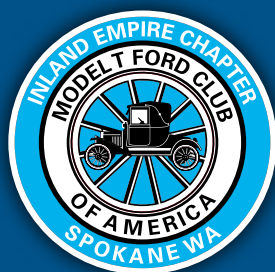
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John DeJong



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Janice Hutchinson



Treasurer
Karma Roth

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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:

Spokane T Club cars lined up at the Bluegrass Jam Tour in Athol, Idaho on August 23.

- Photo provided by Nan Robison

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A Message From Your Club President:

We had a great turnout of 12 cars for the Fair on September 14. This was impressive as the speedster run was also on that same weekend. Thanks to Nan Robison who let kids sit in many of the cars, and then took photos of them. What a great way to make our cars fun for the kids!

Looking ahead, we have our T Club Economy Run in the Post Falls/State Line area on October 4. At our October 3 club meeting we will also be taking nominations for club officers for 2026. Think about whether there is someone that you would like to nominate. Elections are at the November meeting.

—Larry Mann



Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the Friday, September 5, 2025 Meeting

President Larry Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a "Welcome, September!" He acknowledged that it doesn't feel much like it yet, but it looks a little more like fall. Steve Heid said there were no new members or guests, but noted that "Little Hutch" – Erik Hutchinson – joined us this month.

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

➡ **Treasurer's Report:** Karma Roth reported that there has not been a lot of activity, but she provided written reports for the past three months. There were no questions. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

➡ **V.P. Report:** John DeJong reports that the Swap Meet went extremely well. There were lots of people to help, everyone had a good time, we registered two new members, and made a lot of connections. The club made a profit on the sale of items that were donated to or sold at the booth. Since the booth fees were paid for, we actually made money this year. Having things for sale attracted people to the booth and John thinks this is something we should do every year.

➡ **Tours:** [This was actually not brought up at the meeting, but there was a tour in August to the Bluegrass Jam at John and TJ Lynn's place. Tom Carnegie was among those who attended and reports that there were good people, good food, good music, good jam! Thank you to John and TJ for including the Model T Club in this fun summer event!]

The Northwest Vintage Speedsters Run is coming up from Friday, September 12 to Sunday, September 14. There will be tours for Speedsters and Model T's on Friday and Saturday, with the actual Speedster Run on Sunday. Also on Sunday, September 14 is the Model T Display at the Spokane Interstate Fair. Nan Robison has a number of cars signed up, but Larry Mann and Myron Richardson will be organizing things at the fairgrounds.

The Poker Run has been cancelled for this year.

The Valleyfest Parade is on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. If you wish to participate in the parade or the car show, you must register on their website.

➡ **Roster & Membership:** Karma's only news is that two new members signed up at the Swap Meet.

➡ **Banquet:** John DeJong proposed that since we want to have the banquet at the church again, and since that means we need to have it on the first Friday of the month, and since the first Friday in January is the 2nd – which is a holiday for working people, that maybe we could move the banquet to February this year? A motion was passed to hold this year's installation banquet on Friday, February 6th.

➡ **Sunshine:** Susie Carnegie says she only sent the cards that were included in the *Fender Chatter*. She will be sending a Thank You to Mike Porter for all of the parts that he donated through Jim Elenbaas and John DeJong.

➡ **Library:** Brooks Johnson was not at the meeting and there was no report.

➡ **Name Tags:** Bill Barr has had no new business for name tags.

➡ **Wed Dinners:** Ralph Brevik has not been planning Wednesday Night Dinners, but it was thought that maybe we could do this once in a while, rather than every week. If you have an idea for a place to have dinner on a Wednesday Night, contact Ralph and he will let everyone know. Ralph has been making reservations for us at Darcy's on monthly meeting nights, and this month there was a great turnout – 17 people.

➡ **Tuesday Nights at Antique Auto Ranch:** Tom Carnegie reports that they are having a lot of fun. They have been testing carburetors, straightening wheels, and tuning up coils. But probably the most exciting project was getting the Dynamometer set up for a test run. It took some creative tying down – something about shoelaces? – and tweeking, but they successfully achieved "proof of concept" and are now inspired to get it set up properly.

➡ **Safety & Seminars:** Mike Robison says, "Hope you guys have been safe."

➡ **Website:** Janice Hutchinson says to please let her know if you have anything you would like posted to the website, or if you see anything that's not correct.

➡ **Old Business:** There was none.

➡ **New Business:** A motion was passed to donate the profit from the Swap Meet to the Northwest Vintage Speedsters trouble truck driver, Brooks Johnson, to help cover the cost of his gas and lunch on Saturday's Lowland Tour around Lake Coeur d'Alene. The Model T Club has been invited to participate in this event with no registration fee, and it was thought that making a contribution was appropriate.

Nan invited everyone to see the Irish Step Dancers perform on Thursday, September 18 at Opportunity Presbyterian Church.

➡ **Entertainment:** Tom did not have anything prepared, but said he should have brought his new French horn. Maybe we'll hear it next month?

Tom asked if anyone knew of a good cupholder for a Model T. Several people recommended that he get a magnetic cupholder, but then were talking over each other recommending brands, so we're not sure which is best.

➡ **Show & Tell:** Jim Elenbaas got back from the National Tour and found he had a flat tire on his torpedo roadster. He discovered he could use a bead breaker for a motorcycle to get the tire off without damaging the finish on his wheel.

John asked Janice if anyone knew something about the "tire changer" email that went out to club members. The only reply the club received was from Steve Tomaso, who suggested that this great job of homemade blacksmithing might have been a tool to use on a clincher tire.

➡ **For Sale:** Myron still has a Touring Car for sale.

➡ **Projects:** Myron may be especially motivated to sell, because he has also purchased a new 1922 Touring Car. He did question that the ruckstell on his new '22 goes past high. Tom believes that the hole and sleeve are worn, and advised Myron to take it apart and fix it. Mike added that the sliding shifting collar is probably worn out from use and is no longer able to engage.

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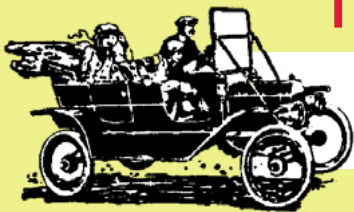
For more tour or event details: check the [club website](#), [club Facebook page](#), or watch your e-mail.

The next regular club meeting is - Oct 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.

You are welcome to join other T Club members for pre-meeting dinner 5:00-6:00 PM - **this month at Darcy's Restaurant** at 10502 E Sprague Ave. (University & Sprague) in the Spokane Valley. *We Hope to see you there!*

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



Seen, Heard and Shared

John Lynn's Bluegrass Jam Tour - Aug 23

The Bluegrass Tour was awesome!! Good music, great food and wonderful company.
Thank you John and T.J. Lynn for hosting!! —Nan



Thanks to Nan Robison for the photos!

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Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

- Oct 3 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
~~Oct 4~~ T Club Economy Run - *Rescheduled TBD*
 Oct 4 Spokanimal's Cars for Critters Show - Hillyard, WA
 Nov 7 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
 Nov 15 Albany Indoor Swap Meet - Albany, OR
 Dec 5 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
 Dec 7 Breakfast with Santa Benefit - Houser Lake, ID
 Dec ?? T Club - Holiday Soup Party at Hutchinson's - *TBD*
 Jan 1 T Club - Annual New Year's Day T Tour (since 1998)
 Jan 2 **Spokane T Club Meeting** (Banquet date changed)
 Feb 6 **No Regular T Club Meeting** (See You at the Banquet)
 Feb 6 T Club Annual Club Officer Installation Banquet
 Feb 14-15 Early Bird Swap Meet - Puyallup
 Mar 6 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
 Apr 3 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
 Apr 10-12 Portland & PIR Swap Meets - Portland, OR
 May 1 **Spokane T Club Meeting**
 May 1-2 Pre-War Swap Meet - Shafter, CA (Bakersfield)
 May 2 Tri-Cities Swap Meet - Kennewick, 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.**

September Meeting Minutes cont.

Erik Hutchinson reports that his suspect rear end has now been replaced with a new ruckstell rear end built by Mike Robison. Erik's car is also sporting new wire wheels. The upgrade included a conversion from a small drum to a big drum – for which Mike luckily has a source for the right tools. Thank you, Mike!

➡ **Drawing:** Rich Hummer won the 50/50 drawing.

➡ **Door Prizes:** Included several Powerball tickets for the \$1,780,000,000 jackpot (all those zeros look more impressive than just typing the word billion). A motion to split the winnings with all members present failed to pass. [Update: It did not matter because the winners were from Texas and Missouri.] Door prizes were won by Rich Hummer, Rick Carnegie, James DeJong, Mike Robison, Larry Mann, Karma Roth, Myron Richardson, and Montana Barnard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

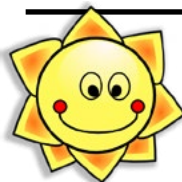
Respectfully submitted, Janice Hutchinson, Secretary

Wanda's Refreshments

Oct: Roy? & Karma Roth

Nov: Montana Barnard & Rebecca Hutchinson

Dec: Everyone bring a goody to share!



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Thank You Card to Michael Porter who donated T parts to the club.

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 recieved one in the mail, please let Susie know. We don't want anyone left out.

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.



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

f Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club

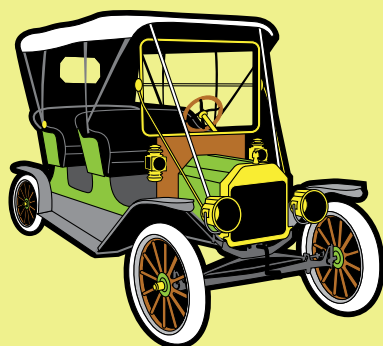


Note: Antique Auto Ranch is only open to the public on the first Tues of each month. Other times by appointment.



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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 **f Inland Empire Model T Club**

For tours or events, contact Larry Mann or Steve & Julie Heid.

Model T Show, Tell and Share

NWVS Speedster Run & Tour in Post Falls - Sept 12-14



The rotational NWVS speedster run kicked off Friday, Sept 12 - the top three finishers were: 1st Rob Gilmore & Kevin Nilsen, 2nd Jake Koester & wife, 3rd Jim Elenbaas & Wendell Prins.

The northwest vintage speedster run This past weekend the 12th through the 14th The run consisted of a short tour on Friday, 150 plus mile tour on Saturday around Coeur d'Alene Lake and then culminated with a 225 mile tour on Sunday which brought us to the top of Mount Spokane up to Priest River down past Pend Orielle Lake over to Cocolalla Lake and down past Hayden Lake. It was quite the experience with Sunday having less than stellar weather that included colder temps and rain for an hour or more of the trip.

The road around Coeur d'Alene Lake was fairly uneventful without anybody breaking down or having any major issues. That night we were able to arrange to do a parade lap around Stateline Speedway and park our cars where we could sit in our cars and watch the races. That was quite an experience and a lot of fun for us and the crowds.

Matt and Clay Ryan came up from California a few days earlier to take their model T's and tour Glacier Nat'l Park. Clay Ryan had three rods go out at the same time which required them to rent a U-Haul and bring their Model T back to Spokane. A fellow speedster run participant was coming over from Seattle and was able to bring an engine found on Facebook marketplace. The condition of the engine was unknown although it had been "running".... we all know how that goes. The Ryans installed the engine without a cherry picker on Friday then prior to the tour on Saturday drove the car around the parking lot. There was some issue because there was a horrible noise like a plastic bottle being mangled inside the transmission. An inspection was done through the trans. cover which only gave limited visibility and we couldn't see anything wrong. Figuring they were not out, were here anyway and did all this work, Clay decided to risk it and drove all the way around Coeur d'Alene Lake without issue. Sunday they even did the 225 mile endurance run without issue. How's that for reliability. Whether it's a washer that fell in and got mangled up or some other thing that just needed to "self clearance" it worked. And we all know... if it works... is it really a bad idea?

The endurance run on Sunday had plenty of curvy roads quite a bit of washboard gravel and a lot of smiles. A few cars had issues with ignition problems or leaking water pumps. Jim Elenbaas was able to finish the run but used 25 gallons of water in the last half of the day due to an extreme water pump leak (*his report on next page*). When you go on one of these endurance runs finishing is the only goal.

Next year's run is going to be around Eugene, OR and will be the weekend after Labor Day so mark your calendars now. —**John DeJong**



Thank you, Jim Elenbaas, Karma Roth, John DeJong, and Mark & Janice Hutchinson for the photos!

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Jim Elenbaas reports: "Water pump started leaking severely before the noon break. Had to stop multiple times to add 2 gallons of water each time for a total excess of 25 gallons in approximately 120 miles. Twice at unknown people's places to add from their water hoses (photo below) and once at Napa Auto parts in Sandpoint where we tried a stop leak product and my navigator's son brought an extra container. Filled up at the boat launch dock in Bayview. And the list goes on. Most people completed the event too quickly which was double penalty. So chasing a source for water brought us in later than expected and with less time penalties."



220 miles
40th Anniversary 200 Mile Speedster Run
and Lowland Tour
"Roaring Thru the Gem State"
Post Falls Idaho, Sept 12-14, 2025

Finish Position	Car #	Team	HH	MM	SS	Chkpnts Missed	Final Score
Target Time			8	43	32	0	0
1	25	Rob Gilmore & Kevin Nilsen	8	37	13		758
2	911	Jake Koester & wife	8	33	24		1216
3	15	James Elenbaas & Wendell Prins	9	8	17		1485
4	66	Kurt & DaJuan Recknagle	8	30	50		1524
5	41	Lloyd & Jessica Keith	8	29	30		1684
6	024	Jacob Koester II & James DeJong	8	29	26		1692
7	14	Clay Ryan & Eric Poppelreiter	8	25	11		2202
8	418	Matt & Maya Ryan	8	24	11		2322
9	591	John & Matthew DeJong	8	23	40		2384
10	64	Charles & Tammie Reichlin	8	29	56	1	3132
11	900	Bob Vergeer & Keven McKern	9	26	11	1	4059
12	38	Mike & Jackie Stormo	10	10	30		5218
13	429	Cindy & Robert Pace	10	25	0		6088
14	31	Scott Elliott &	8	21	48	6	11608
15	831	Frances Santiago & Steve Giblin	7	0	0	4	18424

Check Point Penalty 1500

29A	Greg McDowell &	DNS
00	Jerry & Patty Wrolstad	DNS
23	Simon Smith & Lois Waugh	DNS
7	Tom Carnegie &	DNF

4	David Ottem & James DeJong	DNS
102	Terry Thompson & Karen Kelsey	DNS



For Sale • Wanted • Membership

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

For Sale: MODEL T DOLLY. I bought it from another member and used it for two restorations. Fits all Model T models. I would like \$150. Very well made and has very good wheels. Vern Enis 509-671-1382 Its in Newport WA



Wanted: 1926-27 T COUPE PARTS. **Update:** In need of two useable doors and other upper body parts. I'm a new Model T owner, what do you have for sale? Please contact Hunter at huntar74@gmail.com. Thank you.

For Sale: 1926 TOURING PARTS CAR 90% done, body is nice and not rusty. A new restoration that was never able to be completed - purchased from an estate. Feb '27 frame, July '25 engine - appears to be rebuilt, '25 or older front axle, new fenders & splash aprons & running boards are possibly reproduction, new top, new seats, 1924 or older transmission cover, new 1922 or older short radiator, body looks to be 1927. Asking \$7,000 negotiable, plus the ride. **ALSO 1915-16 FRONT RT FENDER & LEFT SPLASH APRON**, reproduction. Never mounted, very nice. Asking **HALF** of Lang's price, negotiable, plus shipping. **Call Myron 208-773-9259** Hauser Lake, Idaho. Please leave a message and call back number if he doesn't answer.

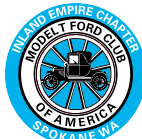


Membership Application

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:



IEMTFCA
 PO Box 11708
 Spokane Valley, WA
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Changes since last year? Y / N

Name _____

Your Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP _____ **Date Application Paid/Sent** _____

Phone # _____

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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

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• **National MTFCI Membership:**
modelt.org/join-or-renew-membership

• 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".

Seen, Heard and Shared

T Club at the Spokane Interstate Fair - Sept 14

Model Ts at the fair!! The Spokane Interstate Fair invited the T Club back this year (*there was no car show in 2024*). We had 12 cars show (others were at the speedster run). A lot of folks stopped and looked, and lots of kids sitting in the cars. It was a nice mid-September day for a car show - then it poured rain. But, we had a great time showing off our cars!! —Nan



photos by Nan Robison and Erik Hutchinson.

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Our write-up about the Elenbaas' mystery Riverside T ignition key was picked up in the last MTFCA *Vintage Ford* mag.

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

to fenderchatter@gmail.com