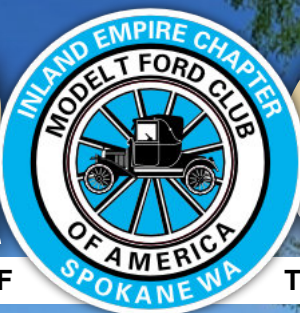


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CHATTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

REMEMBER - THE ANNUAL CLUB
**HOLIDAY
SOUP PARTY**
IS ON SUN, DECEMBER 21
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A WARM RADIATOR

IS LIZZY'S WAY OF SHOWING SHE CARES!



General Club Info



President
Larry Mann



Vice President
John DeJong



Secretary
Janice Hutchinson



Treasurer
Karma Roth

*Naughty
or
Nice*

National Clubs

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:

Spokane T Club cars at the May 17 Inspection at Jim & Sandi Elenbaas' place.

- Photo provided by Nan Robison

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A Message From Your Club President:

Congratulations to our new president, John DeJong, and vice president, John Lynn. They will take office in January.

Activities are moving indoors for many of us as the days get colder and shorter. There are two things on the events calendar, in addition to our club meeting on December 5: Breakfast with Santa Benefit on December 7 and the Hutchinson's Holiday Soup Party on December 21. Thanks to Janice and Mark for hosting this annual event and providing some great soups and hospitality!

I'm not much of a craftsman, but I appreciate those who are, including the many in our club. I especially enjoy watching shows such as "This Old House" and "The Repair Shop," a show that I discovered a couple of years ago. This British show is set in a barn in the English countryside, and features a team of craftsmen (and craftswomen) who repair items brought in by people from around the country. The items include everything imaginable: machinery, clocks, jewelry, furniture, books, paintings and other artworks, toys, dolls and teddy bears, musical instruments, stone carvings (from York Minster Cathedral in one recent episode), etc. The items have special meaning to the people who bring them in, mostly things that belonged to family members and ancestors. Items are repaired for free, and we get to hear the stories behind them and watch the craftsmen and craftswomen at work. The show is in its 14th season, with many episodes, and airs on YouTube and Prime Video. A great show to watch on a cold winter day!

—Larry Mann



Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the Friday, November 7, 2025 Meeting

President Larry Mann called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., actually using the president's gavel – gently, so as not to break the table. Larry said he decided to try out the gavel that has been weighing down his briefcase quite a bit. Steve Heid reports there were no new members or guests at this meeting.

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

➔ **Treasurer's Report:** Karma Roth reports that we have a nice healthy bank balance and that we should discuss ways that we would like to use these funds. There was a motion made to reimburse Montana Barnard for the door prizes that he brings to each meeting, but Montana refused this offer. It was decided to have the club pay part of the cost of the annual banquet, and to purchase door prizes to be given at the banquet. John DeJong said he would purchase door prizes. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

➔ **VP Report:** John DeJong provided more information about the banquet, which will be held on Friday, February 6th at Opportunity Presbyterian Church, starting at 6 p.m. The cost will be \$20 per person, \$10 for kids 12 and under. Food will be catered from Outlaw BBQ with ice cream and lots of toppings for dessert. Please pay Karma by mid-January so that we will have a head count for ordering food. Also please contribute to our silent auction by giving items to John DeJong prior to the banquet, or bringing them that evening.

➔ **Tours:** Larry reports that we have no tours scheduled for November. It was reported that Breakfast with Santa at the Hauser Lake Fire Department would be on December 7, but a check online shows that it is actually being held on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 FROM 7 A.M. TO 1 P.M. The Hutchinsons' Annual Christmas Soup Party will be held on Sunday, December 21, beginning at 3 p.m. For those who haven't been to this event before, you do not need to bring anything – all the food is provided.

➔ **Roster & Membership:** Karma asks everyone to please pay their dues as soon as you can, and to please fill out a Roster Update Form because she receives many requests for changes after the Roster has been printed. Her goal is to have all dues collected by January 31st so that the Roster can be completed and available at the March meeting. Jim Elenbaas questioned whether the Roster could be sent out to club members digitally to save the cost of printing and mailing. One issue with this is that it would be a very large file – perhaps too large to send by email and difficult to download. We have also traditionally been concerned about sending out members' names, addresses, contact information, and lists of the cars they own by email, which is not secure. Although secure email is available, the discussion ended with no motion being made.

➔ **Sunshine:** Susie Carnegie said she had no news to report.

➔ **Refreshments:** Wanda Hummer reminded everyone that we all bring cookies to share in December.

➔ **Wed. Dinners:** Ralph Brevik has not been planning Wednesday Night Dinners, but this is something we could still do. If you have an idea for a place to have dinner on a Wednesday Night, contact Ralph and he will set it up.

➔ **Tues. Nights at Antique Auto Ranch:** Tom Carnegie reports that John DeJong and Mike Stormo have been helping him set up the Dynamometer.

➔ **Safety & Seminars:** Asked if he had anything to report, Mike Robinson replied, "No, thank you."

➔ **Old Business:** Nan Robison has researched getting a club banner with our contact information on it. Our current banner simply reads Spokane Model T Club. It is sometimes confusing to people, as we are also referred to as the Inland Empire Model T Club. Our banner also does not include any

information about how to find more information about the club or get in touch with us, and it does not have enough space to add this. One option is to completely replace our existing banner, which is 24 inches by 96 inches, and would cost \$499. There were two size options for add-on banners, which would hang below our current banner – either one 12 inch by 48 inch banner for \$148.60 or, two 12 inch by 36 inch banners for \$220.60. A third option was to just print posters with QR codes for our website and facebook page that could be set up at events. As our current banner is in good condition, a motion was passed to purchase a 12 inch by 48 inch banner with the QR codes, which could be attached to the bottom of our existing banner. Nan promptly delegated this task to Jeff Hipp.

➔ **Entertainment:** There was no entertainment planned for this evening.

➔ **Tech Talk:** Mike Robison gave a presentation on the Ruckstell shifter – with props. He first showed everyone a standard Ruckstell shifter with the knob on top. We will call it Version 1.0 – a very cool thing, but always in the way. He then displayed Version 2.0, an emergency brake handle reconfigured into a Ruckstell shifter. But there is a problem – it mounts in the same spot as the emergency brake lever. John DeJong interjected that it can be done, and about 25 hours of work later you will have a shifter that is not always in the way. But Mike reminded us that we live in the modern age...Erik Hutchinson finally hired Mike to put a Ruckstell in his car. Wanting to use a Version 2.0 emergency brake handle shifter, Mike used a CAD program to create a drawing of a bracket that would make the shifter easy to install. The drawing looked great, but couldn't be used to mount the shifter. So he used a 3D printer to create the bracket in the drawing – in plastic. The plastic bracket looked great, but couldn't be used to mount the shifter. So he sent the drawing off to SendCutSend, and a week and \$6 later, voila! He had a steel bracket. The steel bracket looked great, and it works great – no cuts, no burns, no holes drilled in the wrong place! If you would like to get your Ruckstell shifter out of the way, Mike has extra brackets available.

Jim Elenbaas mentioned that he had bent the bracket on his original, Version 1.0 shifter to create more space. There are also reproduction left-hand shifters available, but you will be forced to drill more holes in your frame to mount them.

➔ **For Sale:** Tom says that most everything at Antique Auto Ranch is for sale.

➔ **New projects:** John DeJong is working on a 3/4 scale Model T Speedster Go-Cart. Can't wait to see how that turns out!

➔ **New Business:** Roy Moffit is looking for a place to rent to store his dad's Model T. He would prefer to have the rental money go to a Model T guy rather than to a big corporation. Contact him if you are interested.

➔ **Raffle:** The 50/50 drawing was won by Rod Waltz. Door prizes were won by Karma Roth, Colton Brevik, Susie Carnegie, Tom Olson, Larry Mann, Don Hart, Rich Hummer, and Mike Robison.

➔ **Election of Officers for 2026:** Larry asked if there were any additional nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, but there were none. As all of these offices were unopposed, a motion was passed to elect officers by a voice vote. The 2026 officers will be:

President John DeJong

Vice President John Lynn

Secretary Janice Hutchinson

Treasurer Karma Roth

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Hutchinson, Secretary

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

The next regular club meeting is - Dec 5

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.



Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

- Dec 5** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Dec 14** Breakfast with Santa Benefit - Hauser Lake, ID
- Dec 21** **T Club** - Holiday Soup Party at Hutchinson's
- Jan 1** **T Club** - Annual New Year's Day T Tour (since 1998)
- Jan 2** **No Spokane T Club Meeting** (Banquet moved to Feb)
- Jan 24-25** 59th Turlock Swap Meet - Turlock, CA
- Feb 6** **No Regular T Club Meeting** (Banquet Instead)
T Club Annual Club Officer Installation Banquet
 See page 6 for banquet details
- Feb 14-15** Early Bird Swap Meet - Puyallup, 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.**

28th Annual Soup Party!!!

It's the holiday season and that means it's T Club Soup Party time (our 28th one)!!! Plan to come to Mark and Janice Hutchinson's house on **Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 p.m.** for soup, bread, and other goodies. No need to bring anything – consider this a break from holiday cooking. And yes, we call this a tour, so there will be ice cream! We love to see Model T's, but they are optional. Any ideas for activities this year are welcome! If you need directions, or have any other questions, see us at the December meeting (we will bring maps) or give us a call (see *Club Roster*).



NEW YEAR'S DAY TOUR!!!

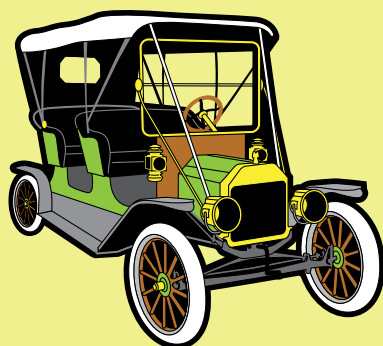
January 1, 2026. Yes that is right, we want to get out in the new year and test man and machine and all logical reasoning to drive in frigid temps. Meet in the parking lot of Jenny's Cafe located at 9425 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99206 for a short tour south and through the rip roaring town of Valleyford before making our way over to Liberty Lake. We plan on leaving Jenny's Cafe at 10am so come early and enjoy a great breakfast to ring in the new year before getting out to see how cold is too cold.

Plans are of course weather dependent and we encourage you to monitor your email in case severe weather forces us to cancel this annual tour. —John DeJong



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

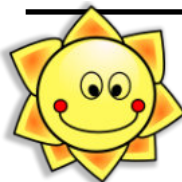


Wanda's Refreshments

Dec: Everyone bring a goody to share!

Jan: Susie Carnegie & Janice Hutchinson (was Feb)

Feb: See you at the T Club Banquet! **Feb 6**



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

39th Breakfast with Santa Benefit

Proceeds will benefit Myla, a horse loving 8-year-old from Rathdrum, Idaho with DIPG (Brain Cancer).

December 14 from 7am to 1pm
at the Hauser Lake Fire Station,
10728 North Hauser Lake Road in Hauser, ID

A donation of \$3 per person or \$15 per family will get you breakfast including eggs, sausage, pancakes & waffles, biscuits and gravy, and more! Try your luck at amazing raffle prizes! If you want to miss the line, get there early or late.

If you can, bring your Model T. There will be special parking for Model T's in front of the fire station.

— Myron Richardson Info: hauserfire.org



→→ T CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

are coming up. This year, please be sure to include a membership renewal form along with your payment. **If your renewal form and payment are not submitted by January 31, 2026, you won't be included in the roster.** I plan on having the roster ready to be printed by the 1st week of March. Thank you! —Karma Roth, Treasurer

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](#)

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

Model T Show, Tell and Share

Bing Crosby Leaves Spokane for Hollywood +100yrs



Photo provided by John DeJong

100 years ago in October of 1925, Bing Crosby and Al Rinker left Spokane in their 1916 Model T headed to California. The Bing Crosby Advocates had requested a 1916 Model T from the Spokane Model T Club to participate in the reenactment of their departure events. I was lucky enough to have a 1916 Model T and participate in the reenactment. The rain held off on October 11th long enough to participate with the actors, and about 40 people who attended the Bing Crosby Advocates program celebrating Bing's life and his ties to Spokane. In the photo above, you can see Bing and Al headed to the car after running back into the house because they forgot their golf clubs. *(Everyone knows how much Bing loved golf).* Bing's daughter, Mary Crosby, was also in attendance to enjoy all of the festivities.

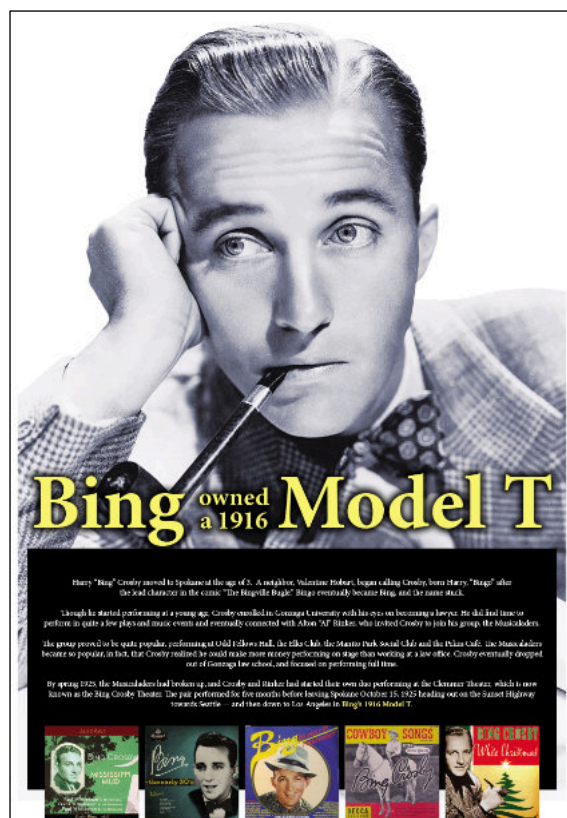
As always when you drive an old car around, people tend to gather. There were lots of questions from the attendees but also the kids on the Gonzaga University campus about how to start it and how to drive it.

Remember to get out there and drive around no matter the weather. You will always see a smile and brighten somebody's day. —John DeJong

S-R Inlander article about the event:

https://www.inlander.com/culture/the-bing-crosby-advocates-host-events-to-celebrate-100-years-since-bing-left-spokane-for/article_713d6b55-0298-4423-b4db-ca95558596c3.html

At right, the poster we made for our T Club booth at the Spokane Swap Meet, telling the Bing Crosby - 1916 Model T story.



For Sale • Wanted • Banquet Info

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

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.



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.

Newsletter Help - Please

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.

For Sale: HANDMADE MODEL T JEWELRY. Just in time for the holidays we are offering laser cut Model T jewelry. There are two sizes of ear rings, several broaches and necklace options. All proceeds will be donated to the Inland Empire Model T Club. Suggested price is \$10 per item. Supplies are limited. Contact Scott Colgrove at scott.colgrove@gmail.com



Mark Your Calendars: January Banquet

The annual Officer Installation Banquet will be on February 6, 2026, 6:00pm, again, at the Opportunity Presbyterian Church (same place as our monthly meetings).

We have the meats! Ready for some BBQ meats and great sides? Come on out and celebrate with your club friends and have desert as well with make-your-own ice cream sundaes. Tickets will be \$20 per person, \$10 for kids age 16 & under, by contacting Karma Roth.

Please also bring any item you may have which others might want and we will have a silent auction to benefit the clubs ice cream budget. Last year we had a wide variety of items and lots of interest. Lets get out there and have some fun bidding on great items.

Absolute Ticket Purchase Deadline is January 15 - Please RSVP so we have an accurate count and enough food. **(All tickets must be paid in advance, no tickets will be available at the door).** Or send a check for the banquet to the Spokane T Club: PO Box 11708, Spokane, WA 99211 -make it out to IEMTFCA.

We will have door prizes and a silent auction of various items. This is not a big fundraiser, just fun to outbid the next person. If you have any items to auction, please let Karma or John DeJong know.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! —John

Membership Application & 2026 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. You do not need to own a Model T to be a club member.

REMEMBER, DUES ARE DUE By January 31!

Please fill out all of this form NOW whether you have changes or not, and return with your 2026 Club dues (\$20/family).

Include your up-to-date email, phone number, and all other info, 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 (make check out to "IEMTFCA"):

IEMTFCA

PO Box 11708

Spokane Valley, WA 99211-1708



➔ **Any Changes since 2025?:** **Yes / No** (if "no", please still fill in all of your info below, thank you)

➔ **Your Information:** Date Application Paid / Sent _____

Name _____

Your Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail _____

➔ ☐ I acknowledge that my name & info will be printed in the annual Spokane Model T Club Directory/Roster.

➔ **Newsletters will be an emailed PDF**, unless specified: ☐ I prefer a printed and mailed newsletter, please.

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

MTFCA Membership # _____

MTFCI Membership # _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Policy # _____

➔ **Model T's Owned:**

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

Year	Body Style	Condition
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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 4 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 \$50.00 / 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.

National MTFCA Membership: (check, credit card, Paypal) mtfca.com/join-or-renew

National MTFCI Membership: (check, credit card, Paypal) modelt.org/join-or-renew-membership

You may also download this as a PDF from our club website and print out:

spokanemodeltclub.com/membership-form.php

PLEASE fill out all of this form, even if nothing has changed, and mail in or give to Karma.

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

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INLAND EMPIRE MODEL T CLUB GEAR IS NOW AVAILABLE!

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CLICK LINK BELOW to see all of the items and color options to choose from.

Purchase a single item or as many as you wish.

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to fenderchatter@gmail.com