

FENDER CHATTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF



THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



DATE CHANGE!
THE ANNUAL CLUB
HOLIDAY SOUP PARTY
WILL NOW BE ON SUN. JANUARY 4

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A WARM RADIATOR

IS LIZZY'S WAY OF SHOWING SHE CARES!



General Club Info



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Larry Mann



Vice President
John DeJong



Secretary
Janice Hutchinson



Treasurer
Karma Roth

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

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One of the Club cars on the 2016

January 1 Tour.

- Photo provided by Jim & Betty Patterson

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A Message From Your Club President:

This is my last column as president. Welcome to our new president, John DeJong, and vice president, John Lynn.

I enjoyed serving as president for the past two years and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

One of my goals for our club was to show off our cars to people in our community and let them learn about the history of the Model T. Over the past two years we've shown off our cars in a variety of places, given people free rides, and had a driving school. We also gave a program about Model T history at the Museum of Arts and Culture in 2024, and we parked some of our cars in front of the Carriage House.

Thanks to everyone who participated in these activities!

Another goal was to keep our club healthy and add new members. According to Karma, we added four new members in 2025, and I think we also added a few in 2024.

We had some fun tours and activities, and I look forward to participating in more of them in 2026. I will continue to stay active in the club and help with the Tours & Events Committee. I hope to schedule a planning meeting in the next few months. Watch for details in the *Fender Chatter*.

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas. Best wishes for the New Year, 2026! — Larry Mann



Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the Friday, December 5, 2025 Meeting

President Larry Mann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., saying it was good to see such a good turnout. He also said that Darcy's was so busy not everyone could find a seat. There were no new members or guests, but Jillian Robison raised her hand in case people don't remember her since we haven't seen her for a while.

● **Secretary's Report:** It was confirmed that there will be no meeting in January, and that the Annual Banquet is on Friday, February 6. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed in the *Fender Chatter*.

● **Treasurer's Report:** Karma Roth noted that she will check with the credit union about removing the service charge on our scholarship account. We have had this issue before, and it has not been a problem to have the charge reversed. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. She also reminded everyone that if you want to be included in the club roster, you must have your dues paid by January 15. She would like to get the rosters out sooner this year so that everyone has the current information. We do not have another meeting before then, so if you haven't paid, you may need to mail your dues.

● **V.P. Report:** John DeJong reviewed the plans for 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 and will include brisket, chicken, and sides. We will have ice cream and lots of toppings for dessert. John is working on door prizes. Please pay Karma by January 15 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:** There has been a change to the date of Mark & Janice Hutchinson's Soup Party, which will now be held on Sunday, January 4, beginning at 3 p.m. Our only event in December is Breakfast with Santa at the Hayden Lake Fire Department on Sunday, December 14. Myron Richardson reports that they have purchased 400 pounds of sausage!

Weather permitting, there will be a January 1st Tour this year! John DeJong has a short, 30-mile tour planned. We will meet at Denny's in Spokane Valley and the tour will leave at 10:00. Denny's would not reserve space for us, but if you would like breakfast, come early.

Larry Mann will be hosting a Tour Planning Meeting in February to make plans for our 2026 tour season.

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

● **Name Tags:** Bill Barr has supplies available if you need a club name tag.

● **Refreshments:** Wanda Hummer has a table full of great treats tonight.

● **Wednesday Dinner:** Ralph Brevik has not been planning Wednesday Night Dinners, but this is something we are considering doing over the winter. If you have an idea for a place to have dinner on a Wednesday Night, contact Ralph and he will set it up.

● **Tuesday Night at Antique Auto Ranch:** Tom Carnegie reports that he is putting up a new 26x32 building, and has had a lot of help from a lot of people that he really appreciates to clearing space for it to be built.

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

● **Old Business:** Nan Robison has our new club banner that includes contact information for our website and Facebook page. It will be attached to the bottom of our current banner.

In other old business, Mike Robison asked his mother to stand – John DeJong predicts Mike will be getting coal for Christmas.

● **Show & Tell:** Myron Richardson brought in an 1895 Montgomery Wards catalog. Things that we think are expensive now were selling for a nickel or a dime then. (But of course, a dime in 1895 had the buying power of almost \$4 today.)

● **Entertainment:** Tom Carnegie began by explaining the concept of a Talent Stack, which was developed by Scott Adams, writer and illustrator of the comic strip Dilbert. By learning to do many different, ordinary things as you go through life, your talents will stack up and you will do well because you will have developed a unique combination of talents that make you successful. Tom then treated us to a explanation of how a harmonica – or mouth organ, mouth harp, blues harp, French harp – is played by blowing air in and sucking air out, either through multiple holes or one at a time. He demonstrated with the song Old Susanna. If you want to play the blues, you create a bend by changing the shape of your mouth on the suck, not on the blow. He finished with a seasonal favorite – O Christmas Tree.

● **Tech Talk:** There was none.

● **For Sale:** Myron says he has all kinds of stuff for sale. Scott Colgove's son was experimenting with a new, advanced laser cutter and designed some Model T jewelry – pins, earrings, and pendants. Scott is making them available to the club for a suggested donation of \$10 each, which will be donated to the club.

● **New Projects:** Roy Moffit has his new engine, and just needs to put it in. He has found a place to store his car for the winter.

This is Larry Mann's last meeting as president, and he thanked everyone for putting up with him. He said we have a good replacement in John DeJong and 2026 should be a good year. The applause he received made it clear – we don't consider that we put up with him, perhaps he put up with us. Thank you, Larry!

● **Door prizes:** were won by Tom Olson, Nan Robison, Bill Barr, Jim Elenbaas, Diana Barr, and Rod Waltz. The 50/50 drawing was won by Scott Colgove. We noted that he promptly turned his winnings over to his wife, which drew a little laugh from the group.

Larry mentioned that his wife Carole had been in the Spokesman-Review with a story and pictures of her grandmother's player piano that they turned into a cabinet when it could no longer be repaired. A copy of the article was at the meeting for anyone who hadn't seen the paper. He ended with, "Let's go have some snacks!"

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 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](#).

No regular club meeting in January!!!

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

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 4 T Club - Holiday Soup Party at Hutchinson's (*new date*)
 Jan 16-17 Model T Winter Clinic - McPherson, KS
 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
 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
 May 31 51st Mother Lode Swap Meet - Auburn, CA

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, January 4th 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 Date - Same Time,
All Else Stays the Same - See you there!!!



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[Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

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



Wanda's Refreshments

Jan: *No Meeting in January*
 Feb: *See you at the T Club Banquet! Feb 6*
 Mar: *TBD*



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Get Well Cards to Steve Heid & Rick Carnegie.

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.

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.



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

→→ 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 [Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

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

Model T Show, Tell and Share

School Shop Class Model T Show & Tell

*Story and photos
by John DeJong*



There is a large push to bring shop class back into school and one local school did just that this year. Valley Christian School had started a small engine repair class and is now moving on to larger engines. I was very excited to see this addition to a local school and was looking for ways to help out. I was able to contact the teacher then drop off my Model T cutaway engine along with a cutaway 2 stroke engine before the school year started. The kids have been playing with it since the beginning of the year and messing around so I figured it was about time to drop by and talk with the students about the history of Henry Ford and the development of the Model T. On November 19, I took the touring car out drove over to the school gave the class a short presentation and then brought them out and let the students crank start the car and gave a few of them driving lessons.

The reception was great with some kids seemingly in wonder at how things were 100 years ago, and I think it was a real eye opener. Lets hope a few of these kids catch the fever and find enjoyment in old cars.

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 hunter74@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 dessert 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!*

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

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



① Any Changes since 2025?: Yes / No (if "no", please still fill in all of your info below, thank you)

② Your Information: Date Application Paid / Sent _____

Name _____

Your Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail _____

③ I acknowledge that my name & info will be printed in the annual Spokane Model T Club Directory/Roster.

④ **Newsletters will be an emailed PDF**, unless specified: I prefer a printed and mailed newsletter, please.

⑤ MTFCA member? Y / N • MTFCI member? Y / N

MTFCA Membership # _____

MTFCI Membership # _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Policy # _____

⑥ 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

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!

This is just a sample!

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.

carclubshirts.com/collections/inland-empire-chapter-mtfca



Happy Holidays

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