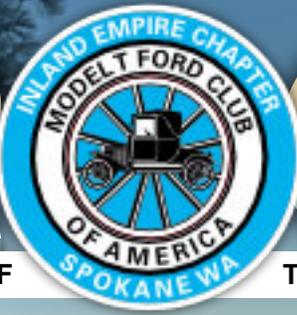


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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



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A MILD PNW WINTER?

YOUR LIZZIE KNOWS BETTER - SNOW FUN AHEAD.



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John DeJong



Vice President
John Lynn



Secretary
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:

Spokane T Club cars on the January First 2026 Tour around Saltese Flats. Mt. Spokane in the distance.

- Photo provided by Tammy Hipp

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A Message From Your Club President:

As we shake off the winter chill and welcome the promise of spring, I want to encourage each of you to make the most of this unseasonably warm weather with your Model T. These cars were built to be driven, and nothing brings them to life like the open road and the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts. Dust off those fenders, check the oil, and let's get those wheels turning! There's no better way to celebrate the heritage of the Model T than by sharing it with others—whether it's a short spin around town or a scenic tour with friends.

Our club thrives because of the passion and involvement of its members, and we need your help to keep that spirit strong. Committees are the backbone of our events and activities, and volunteering is a great way to connect, learn, and make a difference. Whether you have a knack for organizing, a love for history, or just want to lend a hand, there's a place for you. Your time and talents ensure that our meetings, tours, and educational programs continue to be enjoyable and successful for everyone.

Finally, don't forget our monthly meetings—they're the perfect opportunity to share stories, swap tips, and strengthen friendships. If you ever need help with your car, don't hesitate to ask; that's what we're here for. No question is too small, and no challenge is too big when we work together. Let's make this spring a season of driving, learning, and connecting. See you on the road and at the next meeting! — John DeJong



Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the January 2, 2026 Club Meeting - the meeting was not held due to being close to the Jan 1 Holiday.

There were no meeting minutes taken. The annual Officer Installation Banquet will be on February 6, 2026.

1926 Ford lineup of cars: 100 Years Ago by John DeJong

100 years ago---as we are always looking back (usually to a round number like 100) I thought it would be interesting to review the changes made in the Ford lineup of cars in 1926. Below is a summary of Ford's announcement concerning 1926 to the dealers.

The improved Ford cars feature a striking new design with streamlined bodies that are lower, longer, and more attractive. Both open and closed body types have been redesigned for enhanced beauty, comfort, and convenience. Key updates include lowered chassis frames, improved upholstery with deeper cushioned seats, larger fenders, and added accessories such as windshield wipers and mirrors. Closed cars now come in colors like Channel Green and Windsor Maroon, while open cars remain black. Importantly, all body types except the Fordor Sedan are all-steel for added strength and durability.

While these improvements are significant, it is essential to note that these are not entirely new cars. The Model T chassis design remains fundamentally unchanged since 1908, though refinements such as lowered frames and improved brakes have been added. Salesmen are advised to emphasize the car's enhanced beauty, comfort, and convenience rather than technical details, as these features appeal most to customers. The improved Ford continues to offer the same economy, reliability, and performance that have always characterized the brand.

Appearance upgrades include a pronounced streamlined look, wider crown-type fenders, and polished nickel radiator shells on closed cars. Windshields have been redesigned for better ventilation and visibility, and seats are lower and more comfortable. Accessories like windshield visors, dash

lights, and dome lights are standard on closed cars, while open cars feature improved tops and storm curtains. Additional changes include repositioned fuel tanks for convenience, improved tire carriers, and cord tires as standard equipment.

Mechanical refinements enhance safety and ease of use. The chassis frame is lowered without sacrificing clearance, and the coil box is relocated for easier servicing. Braking systems have been upgraded with wider transmission bands and self-energizing rear axle brakes for smoother stops. Steering wheels are larger and set lower for comfort, and pedals are redesigned for better grip. Each body style—Tudor Sedan, Coupe, Fordor Sedan, Runabout, and Touring Car—offers unique improvements in color, upholstery, seating, and dimensions, ensuring greater comfort and practicality for all passengers.

A direct Ford announcement for year 1926 (100 years ago), I asked AI to summarize it to four paragraphs. – John



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

No regular club meeting - banquet Feb 6!

~~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

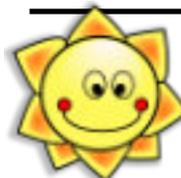
- Feb 6** **No Regular T Club Meeting** (*Banquet Instead*)
T Club Annual Club Officer Installation Banquet
- Feb 14-15** Early Bird Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA
- March** ~~Almost Spring Swap Meet - Puyallup, WA - Ended~~
- Mar 6** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Apr 3** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Apr 4** Spring Warm Up & Swap Meet- Eagle, ID
- 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 1-2** Central Alberta Swap Meet - Red Deer, AB CA
- May 2** Tri-Cities Swap Meet - Kennewick, WA
- May 16** Little Hershey Swap Meet - Belvidere, IL
- May 16** Wild Goose Bill Days Parade - Wilbur, WA
- May 16** 14th Harrington Car Show - Harrington, WA
- May 16-17** Seattle Auto Swap Meet - Monroe, WA
- May 31** 51st Mother Lode Swap Meet - Auburn, CA
- June 6** 122nd Mule Days Parade - Reardan, WA
- Jun 13** 19th Rickreall Swap Meet-Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR
- June 19-20** Car d'Lane car Show - Coeur d'Alene, ID
- June 21-24** Montana 500 - Conrad, MT
- July 11-12** All Wheels Swap Meet - Spokane, WA
- July 18** Pioneer Days Parade - Davenport, WA
- July 19-24** MTFCl Annual Tour - London, Ontario, CA
- July 25** Rocky Mountain Swap Meet - Broomfield, CO

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.

🔧 Newsletter Note: The digital version of this newsletter has been created as an interactive PDF. All web and email links should work in desktop, mobile & tablet browsers. **However**, on Kindle devices, it is viewable, but interactivity is disabled until Amazon and Microsoft fix this issue.

Wanda's Refreshments

- Feb:** See you at the T Club Banquet! **Feb 6**
- Mar:** TBD
- Apr:** TBD



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Thank You Card to Hutchinsons for the Soup Party.
- 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.



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

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

➡➡ 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



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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](#)

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

Model T Show, Tell and Share



Model T Show, Tell and Share

Annual Club Soup Party at Hutchinson's

The annual T Club Soup Party was moved from December to January this year, but that did not deter Club members. There was a good turnout of folks, some that haven't been seen for a while. Of course, good food and conversations.

Thank you Janice and Mark for hosting another great meet-up! —Jeff



Photos provided by Tammy Hipp.

Model T Show, Tell and Share



For Sale • Wanted • Membership

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

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



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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 (if No, please still fill out)

Name _____

Name of Spouse/Partner: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

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

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: (if you need more room, include seperately)

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/join-or-renew

• **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".

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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.

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



Tom and Susie Carnegie on the 2026 New Year's day Tour

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