

FENDER CHATTER



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

Our hearts are broken for those in the antique auto hobby who lost everything in the devastating Aug 1 Spokane fires.

Don Poffenroth's 1911, shown here, was one of the antique autos that was lost.



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EARLY AUTUMN VIBES?

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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:

Don Poffenroth's 1911 Touring at the 2017 Green Bluff Tour. This car, and several others of theirs, were lost in the Spokane fires August 1, 2026.

- Photo by Jeff Hipp

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A Message From Your Club President:

Wow, has it been We had a great picnic this month at Nan's, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship, good food, and a helpful demonstration on clay barring a car. If you've never used a clay bar on your vehicle, you may be missing out on an easy way to restore smoothness and bring out extra shine in older paint finishes. My sons have completed the process on four Model T's so far, with impressive results.

A special thank-you to Mike for sharing his expertise!

We hope all of you have had the opportunity to get your Model T's out on the road and enjoy some driving time this season. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting and at the Spokane County Fair as we display history to the masses.

—John DeJong

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2026 There was no regular meeting in August, therefore, no report due to the Club Picnic.

See you at our regular September meeting on September 4.

2026 Annual Club Picnic Photos

We had a good turnout for the annual T Club Picnic. Everyone had a good time and great food. A big thanks to Nan Robison for hosting the event! Mike Robison gave a demonstration of claybar cleaning.



Photos by Jeff & Tammy Hipp

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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 - Sept 4

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.



Annual Club Picnic Continued...



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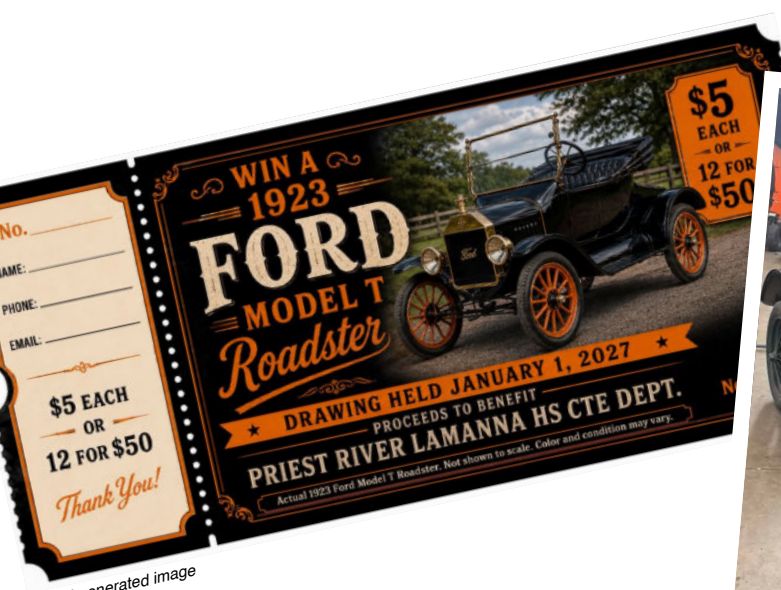
Annual Club Picnic Continued...



Priest River, ID Lamanna HS Student Raffle Model T

Matt Hansen's students worked on and learned to drive this 1923 Model T Runabout that's a former Montana 500 car. They will now be raffling it off to fund other projects and CTE endeavors. **100% of proceeds will go into the Student account.** Drawing on January 1 2027.

1 ticket for a \$5 donation or 12 for \$50 donation. Contact Matt Hansen at 509-998-9927, or matthewhansen@sd83.org.



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Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

- Sept 4** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Sept 12** **T Club** Vintage Harvest Truck & Car Show - Davenport, WA
- Sept 10-12** ~~T Club Can-Am Tour—Spokane, WA -Cancelled~~
- Sept 11-13** 34th NWVS Endurance Run Albany, OR
- Sept 20** **T Club** Spokane Fair - Spokane T Club Car Show
- Sept 12** HASSIE Club Car Show - Spokane, WA
- Sept 12** Oregon High Desert Swap Meet-Redmond, OR
- Sept 12** Liberty Lake PD Car Show -benefits Special Olympics
- Sept 13** Palouse Days Car Show - Palouse, WA
- Sept 19** **T Club** Model T rides to be given at Olympus Living
Root beer floats will be provided. *Details below*
- Sept 26** SE Spokane County Fair Parade - Rockford, WA
- Sept 26** Saving Paws Car Show-benefits Animals - Spokane WA
- Sept 27** Valleyfest Car Show - Spokane Valley, WA
- Oct 2** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Oct 10** Spokanimal Cars for Critters Car Show -Hillyard, WA
- Nov 6** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Nov 21** Albany Indoor Swap Meet - Albany, OR
- Dec 4** **Spokane T Club Meeting**
- Dec 13** Breakfast with Santa Benefit (40th) - Hauser Lake, ID
- Jan 1** **T Club** Annual T Club New Year's Day Tour
- ~~**Apr 1-3** Portland Swap Meet - Portland, OR -Discontinued~~
- Apr 1-3** PIR Auto Swap Meet - Portland, OR

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.**

OLYMPUS SENIOR LIVING T RIDES

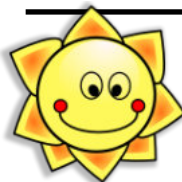
The Give a Ride at Olympus Senior Living has been rescheduled to September 19th. We will meet in the parking lot of Yoke's on Sprague and McDonald at 12:30 p.m. We will leave the parking lot at 12:45 p.m. There will be root beer floats and residents who will be thrilled that we are there to share rides, tell stories and "kick the tires"! Please consider turning out for this tour. If you plan on attending, send me a text give me a call or send me an email. Thanks, Karma. 509 991 9713, kargarymorgans80@comcast.net

Wanda's Refreshments

Sept: Montana Barnard & TJ Lynn

Oct: Julie Heid & Sandy Olson

Nov: Susie Carnegie & Myron Richardson



Sunshine Report —Susie Carnegie

- Thank You Card to Nan Robison for hosting the T Club picnic.
- Sympathy Card to Larry & Carole Mann for the loss of his mother.

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.



2026 SPOKANE FAIR MODEL T SHOW INFO

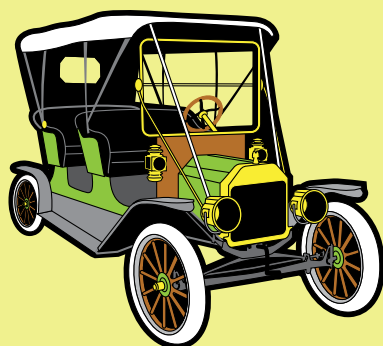
We have been invited back to the fair for 2026. Our day there will be **Sunday September 20th**. Exhibitors will be granted free entrance to the fair on that day, along with as many people as you can fit in your T. We will also be comped 4 more tickets that we can use at anytime during the fair. If you want to have your T in the fair, please either email me, call or text me at 509-701-4359. Our Club theme for this year will be "Then and Now!"

We are only allowed 20 cars. Please let me know if you wish to come ASAP. Also let me know the year and type of car you are bringing. Please refer to the club email that was sent Aug 15, more information will be forthcoming closer to the day. Thanks —Nan



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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.

Model T Show, Tell and Share

DOWN MODEL T MEMORY LANE . . . – by Jim Patterson, August 2013

I've been promising Diane that I would join the members who have authored their Model T memories in previous editions of *Fender Chatter*, and I finally ran out of excuses to do it now that Betty & I are both recently retired.

This is a story that truly takes me through the transition from the horse and buggy days. You see, I grew up living within a mile of four females (2 aunts, a cousin, and a sister), all within 6 years of my age. I always had an interest in antiques, and I started out at about 12 years old showing interest in an old doctor's one-seated horse drawn buggy. It was really in pretty good shape, and Dad encouraged me to buy the buggy for \$50.00 and fix it up by replacing some of the wood and painting it black with red wheels. It really looked pretty nice, but, we didn't have a horse to pull the buggy around for rides. Being the only boy amongst the 4 girl relatives, you can guess who got to "play" the horse and haul the girls around in the buggy. It didn't take too many years to figure out that being a horse wasn't fun, and so Dad and I started watching the Spokesman-Review for antique cars.

At about age 14 in 1961; we saw an ad for a basket case 1923 Model T Ford Roadster for \$75.00. We drove up to Chewelah to take a look at it, and I fell in love with it, knowing that it was the answer to getting me out of the "horse" role with my girl relatives, because I "had to sell" the buggy to get enough money to buy the T.

Dad and I loaded up the T in his dump truck and we hauled it home. The car had apparently been stored in a barn since it had last run during the depression. Its motor barely turned over, but it was free. Its sheet metal was all rusty, a few bent or missing fenders and other sheet metal, but no rust-out. The wheels were in pretty good shape (I just replaced all the spokes last winter after having rebuilt the originals in 1974).

I tinkered around with the T for the next couple of years, and got it marginally running. I was Agriculture major in high school, and during my junior year, I needed a major mechanical project for farm shop class. I asked my shop teacher if I could bring my Model T in for my project, and he hesitatingly agreed to it, with a caveat betting me that I would never get the car restored, let alone running, as long as I lived! My favorite high school memory was the day I got the Model T running during shop class for the first time after tearing the engine and transmission down and replacing only what was absolutely needed due to budget constrictions. I tightened the rods up so much that the engine would hardly turn over now. The starter would barely turn it over but it would, surprisingly, occasionally fire, so I knew I could get it running if I kept trying. After working on it several months, the day to start it up had finally arrived. I talked my entire shop class of 10-12 guys into helping me push the T down the steep hill from the high school down towards downtown Cheney. After about 5 blocks of down-hill pushing, the kicking and sputtering T reached the bottom and still hadn't started. So all of my "friends" had to push me back up the hill to the shop building before the end of class, with me sitting on the gas tank steering the T. I must have had a license, because I can't imagine driving that T on city streets without one! 50 years later, my classmates stills remind me of that fateful day when I asked them to push me down the hill.



Jims 1923 T converted to a Touring in 1975.

After high school, I had 4 years of college, then got married the day after graduation, and went into the Navy for 3 years (during which 2 of our 3 daughters were born); and then in 1972, we finally settled down in Spokane where I got started with the real restoration of my '23 Model T. I soon learned raising a family (now up to three children) and getting couches and refrigerators had priority over Model T parts, so I coped with another couple of years of slow progress. Finally, in 1974, I went ahead at full speed and got the Roadster professionally painted.

It was at this time in 1974 that we joined the newly formed (1972) Spokane Model T Club along with the Crabbs and Gothmanns. With our three daughters, Betty, and I crammed into our one-seated roadster and went on our first Model T tour to visit the Air National Guard's KC-135 re-fueling tankers at Geiger Field. One of the girls wet their pants while sitting on Betty's lap, and I got the immediate go-ahead to get a touring body if I

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Model T Show, Tell and Share

ever wanted to go on a family T tour again. A little bit of watching the Spokesman ads were again fruitful, and I found a guy in Colville who wanted to trade an un-restored '23 touring body for a restored roadster body. That worked for me so we made the swap and I began the repeat restoration process for the touring body which took several months. To the best of my recollection, Breens, Riecherts, Rhoades, Whiteleys, Jeppersons, Storeys, Rohers, Harts, Lundins, Repps, Skidmores, Cromers, Hamiltons, Hiens, and Tondini's were all members of the club by now.

In 1980, I changed jobs and we ended up moving to Kennewick. Being the new kids on the block in a new city, Betty & I really felt the loss of not being able to participate in the many activities and tours put on by the Spokane T Club. We went to several of the "Ye Ole Car Club" meetings but we were the only Model T owners, and they tended to travel faster than I cared to. We decided to place an ad in the local "Nickel Nic", inviting anyone interested in starting a Model T Club in the Tri-Cities. Four families attended the first meeting, and the Three River's Model T Ford Club was born. That very active club now has about 30 members and is still growing and we continue to be "lifetime" members.

In 1983, I purchased an un-restored 1914 Model T Speedster. That project car moved back to Spokane with us when I accepted a new job there in 1984 and the speedster was completed in 1987. In 1999, I purchased a 1927 T Speedster originally built up by Don Rohrer and modified some of the body's sheet metal, wheels, and carburetion to make it look and feel more like a 1927 original and not so "hot-roddy". I sold that car last fall to an 82-year old guy in who had getting a speedster on his bucket list!

In addition to the '23 Touring, the '14 Speedster, and a '31 A Tudor Sedan that are currently restored and sitting in my garage, I've also have bought and sold over 30 years several other un-restored cars, including a '30 Model A Sport Coupe, a '25 T Coupe, and a '30 A coupe. I hope to restore another Model T with one or more of my grandkids in the next few years to keep the story and interest in antique cars going.

I reflect back on this lifetime hobby and am truly thankful that I had the opportunity to get into the hobby early in my teenage years. So many people I know have started in the hobby, only to put their treasured Model T(s) into long-term storage to be restored someday when they retire and have the time. Far too many never saw that day or took the opportunity to enjoy the many friendships and fun times touring around in their Model T's. — Jim Patterson

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<https://robmonicaaho.blogspot.com/2013/08/guest-post-from-my-dad.html>



Jim's 1914 Model T Speedster.



1927 Model T Speedster sold in 2012.



The 1931 Model A Tudor.

For Sale • Wanted • Membership

When available, photos with these ads
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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.



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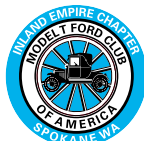
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Membership Application

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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Model T's Owned: (if you need more room, include separately)

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

PR = Partially Restored, BC = Basket Case

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• You may also download and print this membership application form as a PDF from our club website:
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Note: Our bank now requires any checks to the Spokane T Club must be made out to "IMTFCA".

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Bill & Diana Barr's '27 Touring at the Aug 15, 2026 Hot Wheels Car Show - photo provided by Mike Robison

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