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FENDER CHATTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



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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:

Club cars partaking in the October 3 Economy Run tour.

- Photo provided by Nan Robison

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A Message From Your Club President:

Welcome to the crisp days of autumn, a wonderful season to crank up our Model T Fords and take to the open road! As the leaves turn, there is nothing quite like enjoying a scenic fall drive, taking in the vibrant colors while driving Model T and honoring the legendary car that put the world on wheels. Your passion for restoring, driving, and preserving these incredible machines keeps Henry Ford's legacy alive and well.

— John DeJong





Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

President John DeJong called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Vice President John Lynn had not yet arrived, delayed by a flat tire on his modern car. John said he should have driven a T.

Nan Robison introduced a guest, Wayne Murray, who is Paul's "baby" brother. Wayne says he has a '27 Coupe that has been in Paul's garage for five years and he is here to pick it up.

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

Treasurer's Report: Karma Roth handed out a report showing current information as of the end of September. As the Can-Am tour was canceled, the tour account has been closed and the remaining seed money will be deposited to the savings account. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

John DeJong said that Vice President John Lynn's report would happen when they arrive. He and Tom Olson were changing the tire themselves.

Tours: Janice Hutchinson reported that Tom Carnegie, Jim and Sandra Elenbaas, Montana Barnard, Glenn Barnard, Mike Stormo and she and Mark went to Vintage Harvest in Davenport on September 12. They got to watch hay being harvested with vintage combines and a horse-drawn hay rake. There were also vendors, items to preview for that evening's auction, and great hamburgers for lunch.

On September 19, Jim and Sandra Elenbaas, Don and Rita Hart, Mark and Janice Hutchinson, Myron Richardson, Nan Robison, Karma Roth, and Ron Stose traveled to Olympus Living to give rides to the residents. We gave 43 people rides. One lady went for a ride in every car. The weather was great and so were the root beer floats!

Nan also reported that on September 20, eighteen Model T's and one Model N were on display for the final day of the Spokane County Interstate Fair. Nan had the Montana 500 cars grouped together, and then other cars arranged as Now and Then to compliment the theme of the Fair. We had vintage signs, a pickup full of bootleg spirits (or at least their containers), original sales receipts, and a lot of information about our Model T's. Matt Hanson and some of his students from Priest River High School brought the Model T they have refurbished and are now selling as part of a raffle fundraiser. It was a sunny, warm day, and many people stopped to learn about our cars and take pictures.

On October 3, Nan and Tom are organizing an Economy Run in Post Falls. We also are planning a tour on October 17, if the weather cooperates.

Roster: John DeJong said that he tried to contact our new members, but hasn't heard back from them yet. Karma reminded everyone that she will be collecting 2027 dues in November, December, and January.

Printing: Rich Hummer reports no issues with the printing of the *Fender Chatter*.

Banquet: John DeJong is still working on a date.

Sunshine: Susie Carnegie sent the cards as shown in the *Fender Chatter*.

Name Tags: Bill Barr reports there's nothing new.

Refreshments: John DeJong says they look really good tonight.

Library: Myron Richardson, who has been the library's only customer for some time, has now volunteerd to provide space at his home to store our collection. It was discussed that we should prepare an inventory of what the library contains.

Tuesday Nights at the Ranch: Tom reports that the forms for his new building are complete and he talked with the concrete guy today, then the erector set stuff begins.

Safety & Seminars: There was no report on Safety & Seminars.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Tech Talk: We touched on topics such as how to remove mice droppings from a radiator, and that it is not a good idea to open a radiator cap with the car running.

***The Vintage Ford*:** It was noted that there are many interesting articles in the September-October issue of the *The Vintage Ford*, including Tom Carnegie's on how to resolve a warped manifold There was also an interesting article about the many adventures of Ed and Karen Archer.

For Sale: Jim Elenbaas says that former member Jean Almeda wants to sell her Speedster and Touring Car. The Speedster was started recently, was run briefly, and sounds decent. It came from Ron Kipling in Seattle, assisted by Walt Berdan. She is asking $6,500. The 1925 Touring Car has a great body and interior, 5 McLaren wire wheels, and new tires. She is asking $6,000 – which is about the value of the wheels alone. Check the *Fender Chatter* for other For Sale items.

Entertainment: Tom Carnegie said he would not recite a poem. Instead he brought a collection of "whistles." He started with a penny whistle, so-called because in 1730 they cost a penny. Today they cost about $15, and are also known as tin whistles or tipple flutes. He then showed us a variety of home made metal flutes in different keys and a plastic flute. Next came recorders, beautifully crafted in wood: a soprano recorder – similar to a tin whistle, a tenor recorder, and an alto recorder. Recorders have an extra key and a hole in the back for high notes. He finished with a concert flute which is played by blowing across the hole rather than into one end. His advice: If you want to learn how to play the flute, start with the tin whistle.

Concert Notice: Rick Carnegie, frantically waving from the back row, got John's attention and shared that the Tannehill Weavers would be playing traditional Scottish music at Opportunity Presbyterian Church on October 22.

Door Prizes: Were won by Wanda Hummer, CJ Crawford, Montana Barnard, Don Hart, Jim Elenbaas, Roy Moffit, Jon Larson, Karma Roth, Glenn Barnard, Cheri Storey, and Rich Hummer.

50/50 Drawing: Was won by Jon Larson.

Final Word: From Rod Waltz: Do you know what Sunday is? "Ten-Four, good buddy!"

John adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

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 - Nov 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.

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.

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!***

Model T Show, Tell and Share

T Tripping – by John DeJong

Over Labor Day weekend, I decided to take a Model T speedster trip over to Montana. I've been wanting to do a long Model T drive with an overnight adventure where we camp halfway and return the next day, and I finally had the time to make it happen.

Everything was packed and ready to go on the morning of the trip, but unfortunately my son got sick and was unable to come along. Not wanting to let the opportunity pass, I asked my daughter if she wanted to join me. With only five minutes' notice, she was packed and sitting in the car, ready for an adventure.

So we headed south out of town, passing through Freeman and Rockford before taking the back roads through Heyburn State Park on our way to St. Maries, Idaho. It was an absolutely beautiful drive, with temperatures starting in the 60s and climbing to around 80 degrees. Our first stop in St. Maries was for coffee and hot chocolate to warm up. For those who have never ridden in a speedster without a windshield, those crisp morning temperatures can feel pretty chilly.



Let's Goooooooo!







From there, we followed St. Joe River Road, winding our way through the beautiful St. Joe Valley and into the National Forest. It is an unbelievably scenic drive that can only truly be appreciated from a vehicle with no top. We stopped in Avery, Idaho, for chicken bacon ranch pizza with extra ranch on the side. If there's one condiment all kids seem to agree on, it's ranch dressing and good food is a must on any Model T trip.

After lunch, we continued along St. Joe River Road toward the Montana state line. The road climbing the grade into Montana was repaved seven or eight years ago, and the asphalt remains remarkably smooth. I think we only saw one or two cars and a single motorcycle along the entire stretch.



Idaho and Montana state line.


Heading up to the top of the pass.

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Once you cross into Montana, the pavement gives way to a very wide, well-maintained gravel road that continues all the way down to St. Regis. We stopped there for fuel and, of course, a huckleberry milkshake before getting back on the road toward Plains, Montana.



Our destination for the night was the Sanders County Fair in Plains. Plains is a small town with only one hotel, so lodging options are limited. We chose to camp at the fairgrounds, which also eliminated the need to drive after dark, an important consideration when traveling in a Model T. We spent the evening watching the PRCA rodeo, enjoying our fill of fair food, and then retired to our tent for the night.

The next morning, we packed up camp, loaded the Model T, and set out in search of breakfast. If you've ever been to Plains, you know that not much is open on weekends, especially during a holiday weekend. We ended up grabbing breakfast at a gas station on the way out of town, but it's hard to complain when doughnuts are on the menu.

We followed the highway to Thompson Falls and then took the old Thompson Pass Road up over the mountains and down toward Enaville. From there, you can take the back roads over to Rose Lake, where Model T travelers are faced with a decision. You can continue south on the scenic back highways through Harrison and then north to Coeur d'Alene, or you can save about 45 miles by taking Interstate 90 to the top of Fourth of July Pass.



Warming up on the radiator.



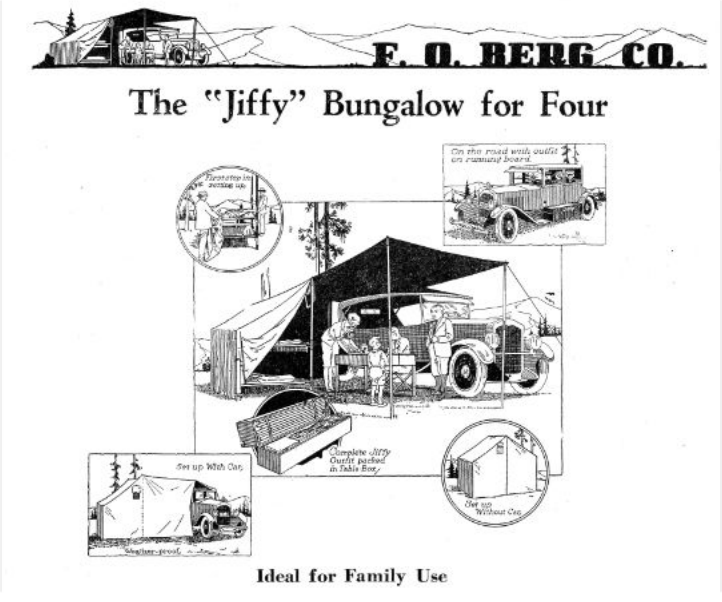
We chose the latter since we were traveling in a speedster and knew there was construction with 45 mph speed limits, meaning we wouldn't be holding up traffic too badly. I also had a tire that was showing a bit more wear than I liked, and I didn't want to risk an extra 45 miles and the possibility of changing a tire on the side of the road.



How many miles left on this tire?

Once at the top of Fourth of July Pass, you can exit on the north side of the interstate and follow back roads west all the way down to Wolf Lodge Bay. From there, it's a pleasant drive through Coeur d'Alene and then back home and backroads.

All told, it was a wonderful father-daughter-Model T adventure filled with scenic roads, great weather, fair food, and 350 miles of some of the most beautiful Model T driving the Inland Northwest has to offer.



Spokane T Club Tours & Functions

T Club Economy Tour - October 3rd

On Oct 3, the Inland Empire Model T Club had their Economy tour. This tour is pretty unique and a lot of fun! Every car is given three cups of gas. It is placed in a special can that is attached to the carburetor. We drive a prescribed course at whatever speed you want and however you want until the car runs out of gas. At that point, you wait until the mileage car records how far you have gone. The MPG is then figured and the car that got the best MPG is given a big pat on the back!! This year Mike Robison and Tom Carnegie tied for first with a whopping 27.73 MPG! — *Nan*











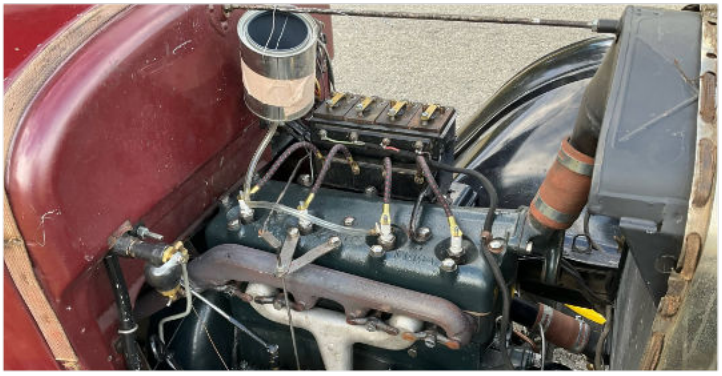
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ECONOMY RUN
2026

Name	Car	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Loop distance	Distance stopped from start	Miles	MPG
Mike Robison	1923 Touring	X	X		2.2mi	.8	5.2	27.73
Jon Larson	1927 Coupe	X			2.2mi	1.1	3.3	17.6
Jim Elenbaas	1926 Roadster	X	X		2.2mi	.3	4.7	25.06
Karma Roth	1926 Roadster	X			2.2mi	.88	3.08	16.42
Tom Carnegie	1926 Coupe	X	X		2.2mi	.8	5.2	27.73
Mark Hutchinson	1926 Roadster	X	X		2.2mi	1.88	6.28	33.49

















Club & Model T Related Events and Notices

Events Calendar

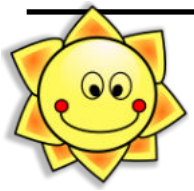
Nov 6 Spokane T Club Meeting
Nov 21 Albany Indoor Swap Meet - Albany, OR
Dec 4 Spokane T Club Meeting
Dec 13 Breakfast with Santa Benefit (40th) - Hauser Lake, ID
Dec ? T Club Holiday Soup Party at Hutchinson's - *TBD*
Jan 1 T Club Annual T Club New Year's Day Tour
Feb 5 Spokane T Club Meeting
Mar 5 Spokane T Club Meeting
~~**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****.*

Wanda's Refreshments

Nov: Susie Carnegie & Myron Richardson
Dec: Everyone bring a goody to share!
Jan: None. See you at the Club Banquet





Sunshine Report —*Susie Carnegie*

- Sympathy Card to Tom Baker for the passing of his wife, Patty.
- Get Well Card to Sandy Elenbaas.

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.

In Memoriam
Remembering Patty Baker, Sept 2026

We regret to inform the Spokane T Club that we received a message from Tom Baker on the 26th of September of the passing of his wife Patty after a long battle with cancer. Tom is a long-time member of the club, joining in 1985, marrying Patty in 1987.

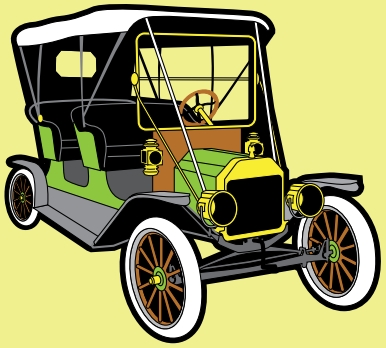
Please keep him and the family in your thoughts. Details of her service will be announced soon, for those who might wish to attend.





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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 Inland Empire Model T Club

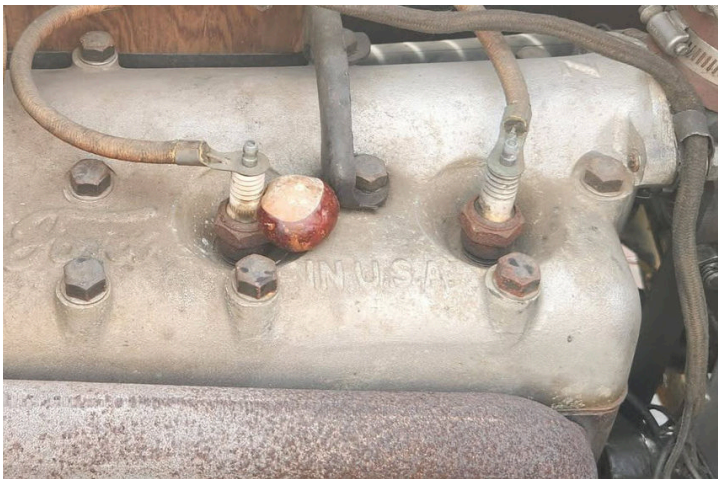
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Spokane T Club Tours & Functions

Surprise Cemetery Tour - October 17

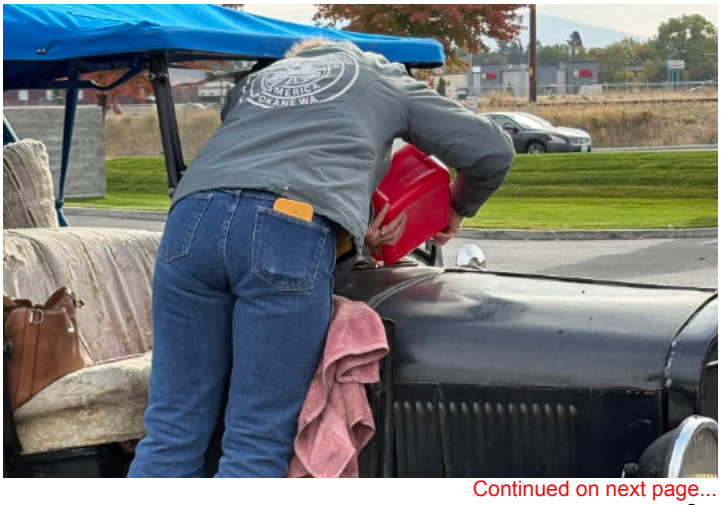
Kinda a last of the season tour. We really weren't sure what we were going to do. Thought about a cemetery tour, as it's October..duh. Or a museum tour. We ended up doing a combo. Went to a small cemetery on 8th, then to the Spokane Valley Heritage Museum, but it was closed. Then on to an old cemetery up on Saltese Rd. Last stop was the old Saltese School house that had been converted into a home. I had a bit of a rough start to the tour as Tweetybird's battery was dead and the Pickup was still full of stuff from the fair. So I quickly grabbed the Touring car and took off. Didn't really have time to do a good precheck as I was running late. Arrived at the meeting place, checked the oil, and found a horse chestnut left by a squirrel. Got ready to go and found I had run out of gas. Drained some gas from another T and off we went to a gas station. After that the tour ran pretty smoothly. Finished up at Rancho Viejo for lunch.—*Nan*







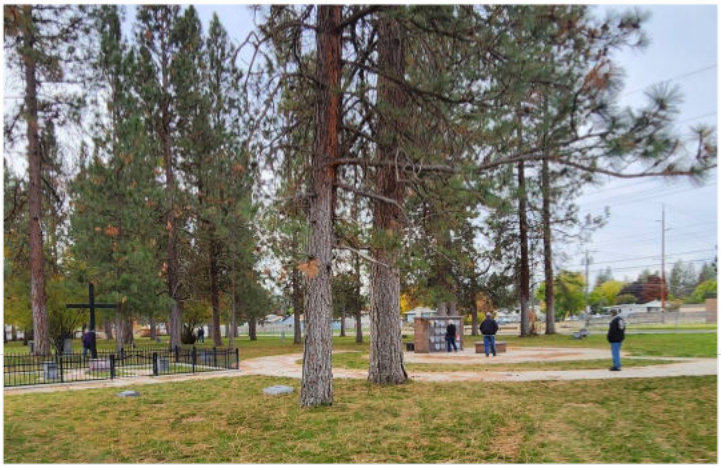




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Condensed Version

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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 seperately)*

Year	Body Style	Condition

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

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• **National MTFCI Membership:**
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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 Cub must be made out to "IEMTFCA".

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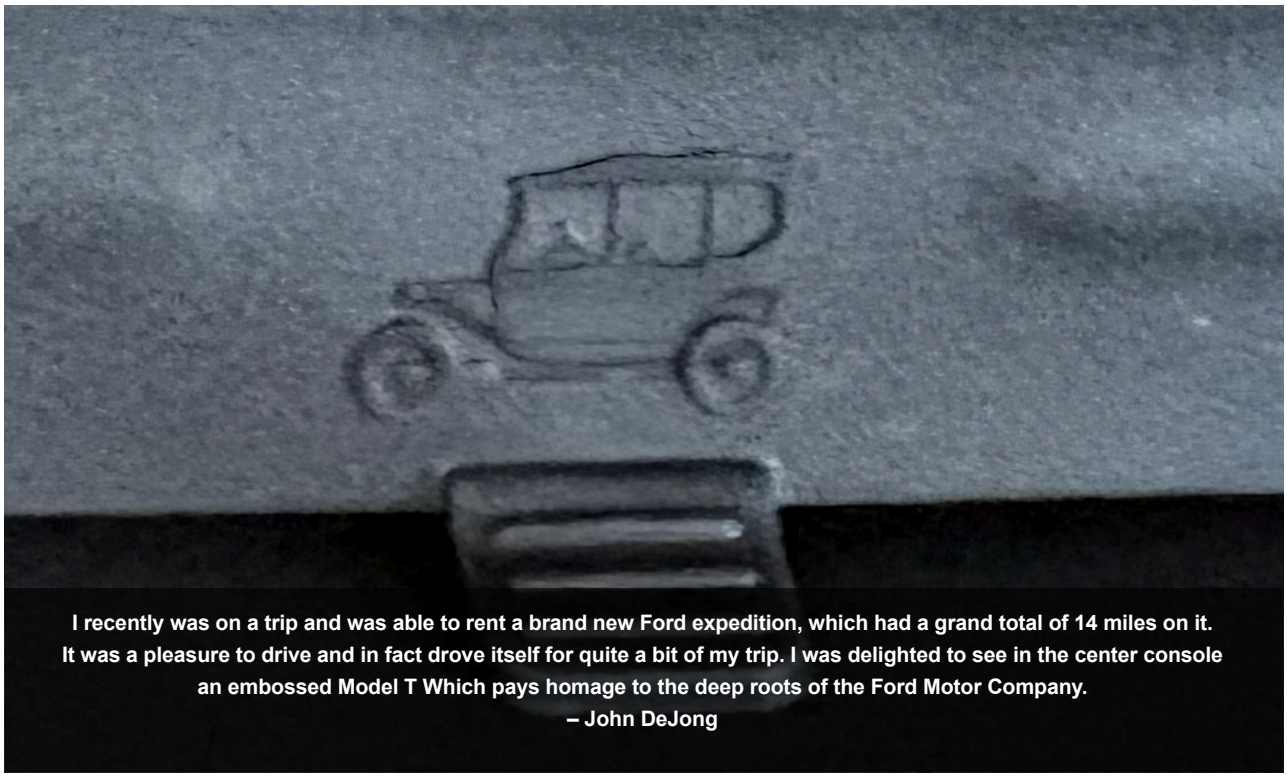
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I recently was on a trip and was able to rent a brand new Ford expedition, which had a grand total of 14 miles on it. It was a pleasure to drive and in fact drove itself for quite a bit of my trip. I was delighted to see in the center console an embossed Model T Which pays homage to the deep roots of the Ford Motor Company.
– John DeJong

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