

Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



APRIL 2013

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Model T Family Memories

1925 Model T Story By Cheri Storey

In 1957 Vern Storey was a sophomore in high school and dating his now wife Cheri. His major dating auto was a 1930 Model A roadster, for which he paid \$175. At the time he was a member of the Crankers Horseless Carriage Club in Lewiston. In late 1957 one of the founding fathers of the Crankers Club (Bob Emerich) came to him and said you can no longer belong to the Crankers because your Model A is too new, but we have a solution for you. We will help you find parts of a Model T and with nothing but a part or two, you can continue your Cranker's membership. So off he went with Bob and several other Crankers members, scouting hay fields, old barns, junkyards and members' homes where multiple parts had been accumulated. He soon found the frame and other rusted body parts of a Model T in a hayfield, hauled it to his home where his dad said "no more cars around here."

You see, Vern had one other car, a 1948

Chevy and his brother, Gary, also had a Model A and a 1950 Chevy. These cars were in addition to his dad's family vehicle, a pickup and his stepmother's car. At that point Vern visited with Cheri's dad about the possibility of storing the Model T frame in his large garage. He agreed, and so then every weekend and other possible hours were spent in continuing to look for parts for his Model T. In 1958 enough parts had been accumulated that the frame held springs for the front seat, a gas tank, running boards, old wheels and tires and whatever else might be needed to make the "T fire up." Cheri's aunt & uncle and cousins were visiting from Seattle at her parents' home where Vern was working with a friend, getting ready to "fire up the Model T." (continued on page 6)





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Dues

The yearly dues are \$20 per year for 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

All items to be published are due by the 18th of the month. Please send photos, articles and anything else for the newsletter to fenderchatter@gmail.com

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The monthly meeting begins at 7:30 PM on the 1st Friday of each month at the Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 North Pines, Spokane Valley, WA. Our next regular meeting is APRIL 5th 2013 at the church. A reminder for anyone wishing to join other T Club members for the regular pre-meeting dinner that it will be at 5:30 - 6:00 PM at Conley's Restaurant next to the White Elephant just east of Pines at 12622 E. Sprague in Spokane Valley. We hope to see you there!

Spokane Model T Club Minutes February 1, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Jamie Allen.

Jamie reported that he had received a briefcase from outgoing president Mike Robison and placed it in the trunk of his car along with a prized pool stick. The car was broken into and the stick and briefcase were stolen. He later recovered the stick but not the briefcase, which contained the president's name plate and gavel.

Welcoming Committee - Mike R welcomes everyone.

Secretary's report: Motion made to accept the minutes as written in the Fender Chatter. Motion seconded and passed.

Long time member Ed Greb wrote to say that due to health problems he had to sell his home and Model Ts and moved into an assisted living home. "I really enjoyed belonging to the club."

Treasurer's Report:

Betty presented the report. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: Jillian reported on the Charity Committee. The committee asks members to send in their requests. It will not be on a first come first serve basis. All requests will be held until September. In November the committee will decide how to disperse the funds. Jillian asked for committee member volunteers.

Nan and Erik were seen raising their hands.

Mike Robison says he plans on at least one tour a month. He's looking for ideas. Jim P suggested that we do a game night at each other's homes. He and Betty offered to host one but said their home is a bit of a drive.

"The sun sets a little later where we are."

Norma Skidmore invited members to their home for a Wednesday February 17th game night.

Mark H reported on the progress of the "Long Dam Tour" July 5th and 7th. An account has been set up and 25 have paid so far. Norma said they are looking for volunteers.

Joe reports that "Diane is home and on the mend."

Membership: Jim P. Jim said this is your last chance to renew your membership and get your name in the new roster.

New Business: Mark H suggested that there be a fund set aside so that members can draw from it to make purchases in behalf of the club.

Discussion followed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to set aside \$100 that can be used for purchases after president's approval.

Betty pointed out how much work was required to put together the newsletter. She said it took four of them to get it together and it gave them an appreciation for Diane. Big thanks to Diane.

Entertainment: Tom urges members to "bring in their collections or something." Erik and Hutch did a comedy routine and Mike R demonstrated a skill with his hand.

There are applications available for the Inland Car Club Council scholarship award.

Ticket sales - And the winner is Gene Kicha!
Adjourned 8:07 P.M.

Submitted by Ed Hope, Secretary

Spokane Model T Club Minutes March 1, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M. by President Jamie Allen.

Welcoming Committee - Mike R welcomes everyone.
"No new faces".

Secretary's report:
Motion made to accept the minutes as emailed to members. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report:
Betty presented the report. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

March minutes continued

Committee Reports:

17 people and 3 Model Ts at Larry and Norma's home for a game night.

Nan said there was a table for 5-handed pinochle and a table for 4-handed. "Good food and a lot of fun."

Contact Mike Robison if you have an idea for a tour.

Road Cleanup - Travis T: "April or May, most likely."

Safety & Seminars - Mike R: Safety inspection at Larry and Norma Skidmore's home. May 19th 9:00am Barbeque and potluck.

Bring a dessert or side dish.

Mike R asked for a contribution of \$50 toward expenses for the event.

Motion was made, seconded and passed.

Membership - Jim P: Jim reported on the membership roster. "We now have 86 members, down from previous years." "If you see any errors please point them out to me."

Sunshine - Susie C: Sent a get well card to Larry & Norma Skidmore. They are not feeling well.

Banquet for 2014: Steve & Julie Heid - Steve reported that it will be January 4th, at the same place as the previous four years. Steve is asking for input on any entertainment ideas.

Calendar - Jillian brought the new club calendars.

A special welcome to Diane Swanson here tonight. Welcome back.

New Business:

March 15th, 2013

Ides of March Party at Mike & Jillian's house. Wear a toga if you like. "It's going to be a Roma type thing." Conversation, games and pizza. March Friday 15th 6:30 - 9:00. Mike asked for \$50 to cover expenses.

Motion to contribute \$50 to Ides party, seconded and passed.

News on the Montana 500 - Mike S: June 17-19th, 2013 Ft.Benton, MT.

Tuesday Nights at the Auto Ranch - Tom C "Working on wheels, wire and wooden."

Betty noted that there is only \$134 in the scholarship fund and made a motion that we donate an additional \$250. Motion is out of order. All charitable contributions have to go through the Charitable Committee according to the bylaws.

Mike R. Made an announcement the he and Jillian were expecting a baby around July.

Entertainment: Tom C with guitar accompanied Bill Barr singing "Blue Moon." All agreed that it was better than the pole dancing duo that we had last meeting.

Glen brought his collection of past club rosters.

Ticket sales - And the winner is Montana!

Adjourned 8:03 P.M.

Submitted by Ed Hope, Secretary

The Story of the Model T Ford Touring Car in Pictures

<http://www.model-t-restore.com/>

This is a site for all those Model T aficionado's and those that like antique automobiles as we do. The purpose of this website is two fold. The first is to tell the story of our restoration project of a 1924 Model T Ford Touring car. For that use the links in the middle column to see how we progressed. The second purpose is to provide a source for the history of the touring car using the many pictures I have collected and a few in the public domain. To view the photos use the right hand links adjacent to the picture in this column.

Also, we have broken down the car project by major systems. Just chose a link on the left for your area of interest.

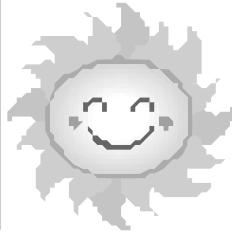
Finally, because we are tinkers at heart we have added some period music and sounds. Just click on a labeled icon to share the experience of the 1920's. If you don't like sound just don't click on the icon. If you accidentally do you can halt it be changing page views.



WE'RE THINKING OF YOU

Sent a get well card to Larry & Norma Skidmore.

Thanks - Susie Carnegie

**Candy's Cookie Corner**

April: Erik Hutchinson /Candy Burgess

May: Mavis Baum

June: Diana Barr / Norma Skidmore

July : Spokane Swap meet

August : Summer BBQ/Pot luck

Tours and Activity Reports

CHECK THE CLUB WEB SITE FOR SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT EVENTS.

Tours may be arranged at the last minute so check the club web site Calendar of Events at <http://www.spokanemodeltclub.com> for the latest activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15th	Friday -Mike/Jillian's Ides of March Roman Party 6:30-9:00pm
APRIL 5th	Regular meeting 7:30pm at Opportunity Presbyterian Church
April or May	Road Cleanup - Travis T: "Most Likey"
May 3rd	Club meeting
May 19th	9:00am Safety inspection at Larry and Norma Skidmore's Barbeque and potluck. Bring a dessert or side dish.
June 7th	Club Meeting
June 17-19th	News on the Montana 500, Ft.Benton, MT., - Mike Stormo
July 5th-7th	The Long Dam Tour
Jluy12th-14th	Spokane Swap Meet
August 2nd	Club Meeting

FOR TOUR IDEAS CONTACT HAL MOFFIT

TUESDAY NITES

Tom Carnegie gives monthly updates at our monthly meetings. In March, he stated, Tuesday Nights at the Auto Ranch , "Working on wheels, wire and wooden."

Please send the Fenderchatter pictures of your projects and a brief description of the restoration. Thanks!

For free workshop space, company and advice, too! <http://www.antiqueautoranch.com>

Also, Check out the info on Spokane Model T Club website. www.spokanemodeltclub.com

And available on Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club

Model T Ford Service Manual - now on the Internet! By Jim Patterson

Click on the link below to view the entire Model T Ford Service Manual on the Internet. You'll still have to purchase the hard copy if you want the convenience of using it in your shop while you're working on your Model T, but with tablets and laptops, you can now take the Service Manual wherever you go! This could be good bedtime reading!

http://mtfci2002.readyhosting.com/manuals/Model_T_Service_Manual/mtsm.html

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Imagine the situation when her dad came running out of the house only to see lots of black smoke billowing out of his garage, but at last the "T had fired up" and soon the smoke disappeared and Vern and his friend went about ½ block for a ride before the car stopped

Dating hadn't come to a complete halt but had been severely interrupted on the weekends due to this wonderful new addition to Vern's life. He continued to collect parts until he graduated from high school in 1959 and trailored the T to his brother's barn in Cataldo, Idaho where it rested for nearly 8 years. Vern and Cheri were married in 1962, bought a home in 1964 and eventually after buying a washer & dryer, a bed, a table and chairs and other stuff folks need to set up housekeeping, brought the T home to their garage. A baby was added to the family in 1967 (Kent), so time and money were again a factor.

The goal for completion of the restoration of the 1925 Model T was the year of Expo 1974. Vern, Kent and Cheri had become members of the Inland Empire Chapter Model T Ford Club and were anxious to not only drive the car in the Lilac Parade in 1974 but also go on their first out-of-town convention, which was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Even though it was less than 30 miles away, they trailored to Coeur d'Alene and so began the many years of wonderful local and out-of-town touring, including a camping trip to Calgary in 1984. They pulled a small travel trailer for this adventure (named Model T RV) and were joined by a number of other Model T families.

The years also brought happy touring times along the Oregon Coast as far as Gold Beach, OR in 1986. The goal was to make it as far as the California Red Woods, but that wasn't to be. The 1925 broke down and arrangements were made to get it back to Wilsonville, OR where the Northwest Vintage Speedster Club was sponsoring a run. Vern and Cheri wanted to see what this "speedster craze" was all about so were able to be passengers for the Labor Day run. Vern then approached the IE Chapter to see if they might be willing to sponsor a run in Spokane and that was the beginning of the local chapter's sponsorship for this every-three-years event. Sadly Vern passed away in 1994 but left a legacy of fun-filled memories for remaining family members and lots of friends. **BY Cheri Storey**

Father's Day Tour

Dale Peterson

The Three Rivers Model T Club will be hosting a tour to Palouse Falls on Father's Day, June 16.

We would like to invite the Inland Empire Club to join us. There will be a "bring your own" picnic at noon and we will provide ice cream and strawberries for desert. It would be nice to get together with our neighbors to the north. Travel down as a group with your club and we will meet you at 12 noon.

Dale Peterson, TRMTFC



BIRTHPLACE OF THE CENTER LINE -THE UPPER PENINSULA IN MICHIGAN

Sent by Jim Patterson

Here's a video clip link to a very interesting tidbit of automotive history about the birthplace of the painted centerline on roads and highways.

Click on one of the links below:

Birthplace of the Center Line

<http://www.pasty.com/cam/2008/07/20/cameo/index.html>



FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES



For pictures of ads, if available, go to the Spokane Model T Club website..
www.spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php..

FOR SALE

1923 Model T Touring – Rolling chassis with rebuilt engine restored several years ago but never run; steel demountable rims, new gas tank, disassembled body in good shape with no rust-out, some body work required; Needs body wood, top, & upholstery – comes with wood patterns - \$2,500.00 OBO - Steve Nelson – Spokane, WA

509-714-2723



FOR SALE

2 used- 21" radial tires comes with valve stems
 approx 50 miles on tread \$250 for the pair.

Rides great!

Contact: Mike 509-844-5900



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New Moon April 10th
Full Moon April 25th

Fender Chatter is published monthly by the Inland Empire Chapter Model T Club of America in Spokane, WA. To be included, as space permits, in the next newsletter, items must be received no later than the 20th of the month. Please submit your articles, photos, trip reports, adventures, Ford T parts for sale, want ads, ideas, etc. to fenderchatter@gmail.com

See you next month and safe-T in your driving