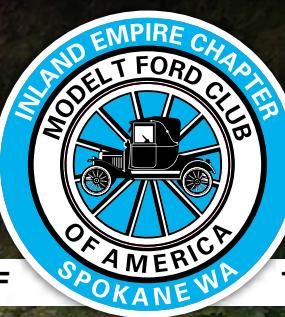


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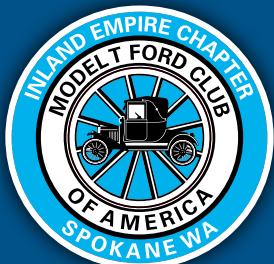


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SPRING TOUR TIME!

TOP OFF THE TANK AND GO FOR A DRIVE



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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

National Clubs

We are a chapter of the MTFCA and the MTFCI



On the Cover:

Club cars lined up outside Skidmore's place during the annual inspection, May 2015.

—photo by Jeff Hipp

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A Message from our Club's President:

I want to congratulate Jeff and Tammy Hipp for their excellent work. The *Fender Chatter* newsletter was selected as the best car club newsletter of the year at the annual banquet of the Inland NW Car Club Council. Everyone be sure to congratulate Jeff and Tammy for producing a newsletter we are all proud of.

Checking out our web page and newsletter I find only 3 tours planned for this year: two major tours and our annual safety inspection. Hey, how about some informal T club tours to get the ball rolling for 2016. Contact Nan Robison, our tour chairperson, and let's go touring.

Jim Patterson is working hard to put together our booth at the July swap meet to promote our club. He is looking for ideas that will promote our club and attract new members. I know many of our members have some thoughts on this and I encourage you share your ideas with Jim. – Lee



Minutes from the Last Club Meeting

March 4, 2016

President Lee Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

• **Welcoming Committee:** Ron Church was a visitor. He has a '15 Model T. We also welcomed back member Dixie Crabb, who we haven't seen recently.

• **Secretary's report:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February meeting as printed in the *Fender Chatter*. The motion was seconded and passed.

• **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Betty Patterson answered a question from the previous meeting about why we pay \$220 per year, which some thought was a bit high. Answer: We have a big box, but a smaller one wouldn't be much less. The post office charges \$220, which is what we've been paying for some time. Betty handed out her report to members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was passed.

• **Website report:** Webmaster Mike Robison had nothing to report, although he did mention that Can-Am and Flashy Chassis tour applications can be downloaded from the website. (They are also available to pick up at club meetings.)

• **Sunshine report:** Susie Carnegie sent a card to John Amicarella.

• **Safety report:** We will again have our annual Model T safety inspection on May 15 at the home of Larry and Norma Skidmore. Matt and Maggie Hansen were kind enough to volunteer to provide hamburger for the typical 60 people who attend.

• **Tours report:** There was no report as Nan Robison wasn't at the meeting. As Nan said at the last meeting, we would like to have an average of a tour a month. Please contact her to schedule a tour.

• **Newsletter report:** Congratulations to Editor Jeff Hipp and ALL newsletter contributors. The *Fender Chatter* received Best Newsletter from the INCCC. The award included a plaque, a bottle of wine, and a gift certificate. Mike said he would take a picture for the newsletter.

• **Swap Meet:** Jim Patterson reported that he would like to "do something new and refreshing this year, but isn't sure yet what that might be." He does plan to display pictures from Glen Whitely and some video that the club has. Jim plans to create some Model T posters to display at the swap meet. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the club to provide \$50 so that Jim can do this. A suggestion was also made that we put together a handout on club history that could be passed out at the swap meet. The price for three booths is normally \$240, but the club will get a \$160 rate if one of our members joins the V8 Club. Lee will join that club, and Betty Patterson also wrote a check to cover the \$160 for three booths.

• **Photos:** Jillian Robison said that new photos are frequently added to the club website.

• **Library report:** Gene Kicha reported that no books or materials were borrowed recently. Give Gene a call if you would like to find out what the library contains.

• **Old business:** None.

• **New business:** Steve Heid talked briefly about how this year's banquet went and explained some of the changes that the hotel is making for the 2017 banquet. The ticket price will increase from \$25 to \$35 and the menu will probably change slightly. We won't have a bar inside the banquet room because the hotel requires that a certain minimum number of drinks be sold each hour. The problem is that most drinks are sold in the first hour and we can't meet the quota for the time after that. We will still be able to order drinks from the servers, so no one will go away thirsty. The date is changing to January 21, as other dates were already booked. Betty mentioned that we have applications for \$1,500 scholarships provided by the Inland Northwest Car Club Scholarship Fund. They are a good deal for college-bound students.

• President Lee Burgess adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.
Submitted by Larry Mann, Secretary



photo by Erik Hutchinson

Monthly Meetings

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.

The next regular club meeting is April 1, 2016 (no foolin').

You are welcome to join other T Club members for pre-meeting dinner 5:30-6:00 PM at Conley's Restaurant next to the White Elephant just east of Pines at 12622 E. Sprague in the Valley. **We Hope to see you there!**

Club & Model T Related Events

Events Calendar

- Apr 1 **Spokane T Club meeting**
Apr 1-3 51st Annual Portland Swap Meet
May 6 **Spokane T Club meeting**
May 14-15 43rd Seattle Auto Swap Meet - Monroe
May 15 Annual club Safety Inspection & Potluck
May 21 Lang's BBQ & Tour - Baldwinville, MA
June 3 **Spokane T Club meeting**
June 4-6 MTFCA Homecoming Event - Richmond, IN
July **No T Club meeting - see you at the swap meet!**
July 1-3 Classy Chassis Tour (*We're hosting this year*)
July 8-10 46th Annual Spokane Swap Meet
July 17-22 MTFCI 60th Annual Tour - Auburn, NY
Sept 15-17 Can-Am Tour (*We're hosting this year*)



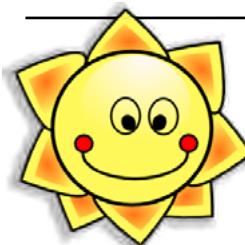
2016 Safety & Potluck Info

The upcoming 2016 Safety Inspection meeting will be **May 15 at 9:00 a.m.** at Larry & Norma's place. Lunch will be a potluck. A to M bring a salad, P to Z bring deserts, the club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. Thanks - Norma

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.

Candy's Cookie Corner

- Apr Janice Hutchinson & Diane Barr
May Cheri Storey & Joanne Jepperson
June Tina Skomer & Nan Robison



Sunshine Report

- Get well card to John Amicarella.
- Any new updates will be announced at the next meeting ~Susie

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

More info on Spokane Model T Club website:
spokanemodeclub.com

And available on

[Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club](#)



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 spokanemodeclub.com or our Facebook page [Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

Contact Nan Robison for tours (see pg 2)



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[Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

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

Seen, Heard and Shared

Welcome Lachlan Robison!

On February 25, 2016 (shortly after our March issue of the *Fender Chatter* was published) Mike and Jillian Robison welcomed their second child, a happy healthy baby boy, **Lachlan Robison**, 8lbs 8oz 21"!



Then, of course, two days later Lachlan had to have his **first Model T ride** with parents & sister, Brooke.



Our Club Keeps Growing...

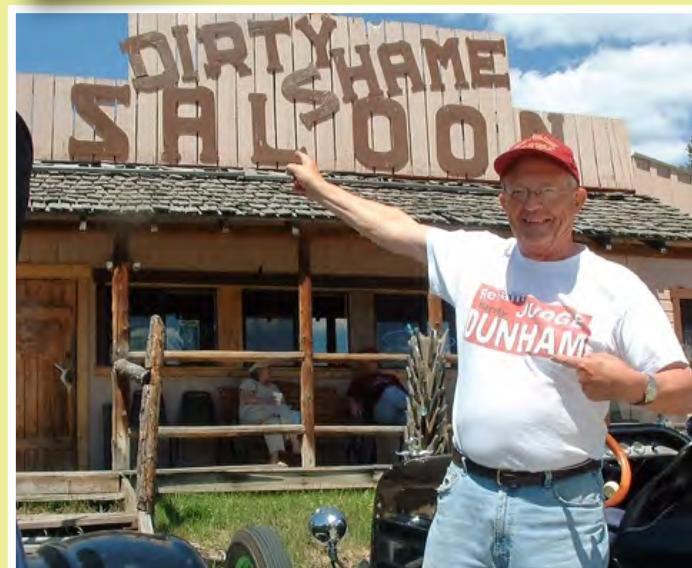


As many of you may know, **Erik & Rebecca Hutchinson** are expecting their first child, a girl, in early July, 2016! (*I'm sure she will grow up to be a Blackhawks and Steelers fan*)



Newsletter Award

The *Fender Chatter* is honored to receive the **2015 Newsletter of the Year award** from the [Inland Northwest Car Club Council](#). Congrats to all of our Spokane Model T Club newsletter contributors!!!



Gene Kicha at the Montana 500 in 2008
- photo submitted by Mark Hutchinson



Our club is hosting two big tours this Summer!

The Flashy Chassis rotational tour July 1-3 and the Can-Am Spokane tour Sept 15-17.

Emails have been sent out to club members with Registration Info & Registration Forms. These forms and more information are also available on our club's website & Facebook page event section.

If you didn't receive an email, or have questions, please contact Mark Hutchinson 509-220-0892, or Janice Hutchinson 509-448-2819, or email hutchje@comcast.net. Hope to see everyone there!

spokanemodeltclub.com/flashy-chassis-tour.php

facebook.com/events/1664164177191211

spokanemodeltclub.com/can-am-tour-2016.php

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Flashy Chassis Hosted by the Inland Empire Chapter Model T Ford Club of America Spokane, Washington July 1 - 3, 2016 Registration Form



Name of Driver: _____
Passenger(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Vehicle: _____ Year / Make / Model / Body Style

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Fees:
Tour Fee, Car & Driver \$140.00 \$ 140.00
Tour Fee, Passengers ____ @ \$120.00 each _____
T-shirts ____ @ \$14.00 each _____
Total Due by June 1, 2016 \$ _____ U.S. Dollars

Please indicate number of T-Shirts in each size: ____S ____M ____L ____XL ____2XL ____3XL

Please make checks payable to: Inland Empire Model T Club
Mail registration form and check to: Janice Hutchinson
6003 South Mt. Vernon St.
Spokane, WA 99223

Refunds for cancellations after June 1, 2016 will be determined after the tour.

By paying the registration fee, participants agree to hold harmless the Inland Empire Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America and its individual members from any liability, suit, or claim arising out of participation in this tour. This disclaimer of liability shall cover both direct and consequential damages to the participant and any other individuals, groups, or entities as a result of any participant's actions.

Can-Am Spokane Hosted by the Inland Empire Chapter Model T Ford Club of America Spokane, Washington September 15 - 17, 2016 Registration Form



Name of Driver: _____
Passenger(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Vehicle: _____ Year / Make / Model / Body Style

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Fees: Tour fees must be paid in U.S. Dollars.

Driver \$140.00 \$ 140.00

Passenger(s) ____ @ \$120.00 each _____

T-shirts ____ @ \$14.00 each _____

Total Due by June 1, 2016 \$ _____

Please indicate number of T-Shirts in each size: ____S ____M ____L ____XL ____XXL

Please make checks payable to: Inland Empire Model T Club

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Refunds for cancellations after August 15, 2016 will be determined after the tour.

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Paving the way: The automobile revolution profoundly changed the Inland Northwest

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THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

By Jim Kershner – THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

As social revolutions go, this one was a whopper. The automobile revolution began nearly 100 years ago, and it profoundly changed America and the Inland Northwest. In the space of one generation, maybe two, the automobile had cleared the road of all challengers. Here's a quick guide to the revolution, Inland Northwest version: F.O. Berg, the Spokane tent manufacturer, was the first person to own an automobile in Spokane, and maybe even the first to own one west of the Mississippi. He bought his in 1899.

Spokane's most famous early motorist was the formidable Agnes McDonald, who "was noted for parking with impunity wherever she wished," according to Laura Arksey of the Cheney Cowles Museum. One of McDonald's electric cars is now enshrined in the museum. By 1913, there were enough automobile owners to fill up the 48-page "Spokane Automobile Guide and Directory," which listed every automobile owner in Spokane, plus their car model and license number.

Mud was the biggest problem for early motorists - the Inland Northwest had no paved roads at the advent of the automobile. The automobile changed rural life every bit as profoundly as urban life. Farm families could spend every Saturday in town if they wanted.

Thanks to Spokane civic leader Frank Guilbert, Spokane became a leader in the national Good Roads movement and the Automobile Association movement (which we now know as Triple A). In 1913, Collier's Magazine said that Guilbert's Inland Automobile Association was the most progressive automobile association in the country.

Early motorists couldn't really count on being able to get over the Cascades to Seattle. Detours all the way to Portland were common. By the 1930s, Spokane's streetcars and interurban railroads were dead, killed by the auto.

Most of these points will be covered by Arksey, the special collections librarian at the Cheney Cowles Museum, in a lecture she will give on Wednesday entitled "From Horseless Carriage to Flivver: The Car Comes to the Inland Northwest." Much of this article is based on her research.

F.O. Berg probably had no idea what he was starting when he bought that first steam-driven car in 1899. But he must have recognized sooner than anyone else that the automobile was the coming thing. Berg was not just the first Spokane man to buy a car; he was also the second Spokane man to buy a car.

In fact, a 1909 Spokane Chronicle article credited him with being the "first owner of an automobile west of the Mississippi." There's no way to confirm this claim. But since the motorcar fad didn't take hold among New York's upper crust until 1899, the claim is at least plausible.

Cars were still a novelty for the rich, but then along came Henry Ford's Model T in 1908. Immediately, the car became a product of mass consumption. The Spokane Chronicle estimated that in June 1909 there were 500 motorcars (or flivvers) in Spokane.

Cars, however, need roads, and those were still sadly lacking. All of Spokane County had just 60 miles of "improved" roads in 1912, and "improved" meant only: gravel.

Unimproved meant muddy ruts.

"Seventy miles in only three hours and a half is probably the record auto run from Chewelah to Spokane," crowed the Spokane Chronicle in 1909. "This fast time was made by H.J. Banta of the Northwest Auto Supply Co. while returning home with a party of friends after a fishing trip. Banta states that in some places the roads were almost impassable, but without this handicap, the time would have been considerably better."

So Guilbert ("an incredible civic leader," said Arksey) took it upon himself to start the Spokane County Good Roads Association and the Inland Automobile Association. Not only did these organizations lobby for paved roads, but they also erected road signs and worked out the basic motoring rules, which eventually became law.

And Guilbert himself wasn't above measuring and documenting faulty pavement work and then using his data and photographs to take a road contractor to court.

The result was that Spokane was "just plain the progressive city of the region" when it came to cars and roads in the 1910s and 1920s, said Arksey.

Autos and paved roads also had a huge impact on the lives of rural families in the region. A farm couple could come into the county seat for the dance every Saturday night if they wanted to.

"It relieved rural isolation," said Arksey. "It was social as well as economic."

But the economic factor was huge, because a motor truck and a good road allowed farmers to get their crops to market any time of year, instead of just during the few non-muddy months of summer. "In fact, one of the main goals of the Good Roads movement was to connect all of the county seats and also to connect small towns with railheads," said Arksey.

The auto also made possible a new form of tourism. Guilbert saw the vast potential for motor vacations and helped organize what he called Pathfinder Tours.

A group of cars would embark on a highly publicized motor trip from, for instance, Spokane to Seattle (1912), or Chicago to Tacoma (1916). The latter trip took 33 days, and Guilbert made certain the route went through Spokane.

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Paving the way... continued

Soon, Spokane had a municipal campground, strictly for car-trippers, at High Bridge Park. Travelers would typically carry poles and an awning and use the car as one side of their "tent." Water and bathrooms were provided in a common building.

Even the Davenport Hotel, built for luxury rail travelers, began to cater to the motoring crowd by about 1921. A Davenport billboard on one of the roads into town said, "Come just as you are!"

Davenport or not, long-distance motor trips could be an adventure. Here's an account of a 1918 car trip from Okanogan to Seattle, describing the ascent of Blewett Pass:

"We had a fine time climbing up the mountains. Once, the men in all the cars had to get out and push a fine Ford up the hill. There were about six cars in a string going up. Every now and then, we had to get out and fill the radiator with water, and then start the climb again. When we reached the summit, we all piled out and wrote our names and addresses in a book in a little cabin by the roadside."

Not everyone was so lucky. Arksey said two women who tried to get over the Cascades to Olympia in the spring of 1918 had to detour all the way to The Dalles and Portland because Snoqualmie was all mud. Even then, they had to dig the car out of the mud three times between Wenatchee and Goldendale.

At The Dalles they were able to take the Columbia Gorge Highway, which was a marvel of its time. Theodore Roosevelt said, "You have in the Columbia River Highway the most remarkable engineering in the U.S., which for scenic grandeur is not equaled anywhere."

But most bridges and ferries were still a fright, as described by Wilmer Siegert, a Spokane teenager who made a car trip from Spokane to Hillsboro, Ore., in 1921. Here's how he describes Central Ferry on the Snake River:

"The ferry was a plank-covered barge, with a light wooden fence on the sides and a slim sapling pole laid across the ends as a barrier. It could carry three or four autos."

By the 1930s, the revolution was complete. Trolley ridership in Spokane dropped 33 percent between 1922 and 1933. In 1930, The Spokesman-Review estimated that there was one passenger car for every 4.8 people in the Inland Northwest.

The last trolley made its final clang in 1936, and the streets have belonged to the automobile ever since.

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And now, a couple of Model T comedy shorts:



From the 1920 Roscoe Fatty Arbuckle and Buster Keaton film
The Garage [youtube.com/watch?v=lUtg7kfB74M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUtg7kfB74M)



From the 1919 Harold Lloyd film
Going Going Gone [youtube.com/watch?v=cbWib7MWWA8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbWib7MWWA8)

For Sale • Wanted • Services

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



For Sale: 1915 Touring – Older mid-1970's restoration which included professionally rebuilt wheels, Dec 1915 engine rebuilt in 1974, new transmission bands, new top, upholstery, tires, and wiring; Car has been kept inside clean dry garage ever since. Driven approximately 200-500 miles annually in 1980's & 90's and has not been out of the garage since early 2000's. Car in good running condition; used as a prop in a commercial Hollywood movie back in the early 80's. \$10,000 firm. For info, contact Jim Patterson – phone 509-953-9485; email at jimbett patter@gmail.com



WE NEED YOUR IDEAS-PLEASE SHARE

If anyone has any new ideas or suggestions that you would like to see included in this newsletter please let us know! This is your publication and we want it to be as informative, helpful, and entertaining as we can make it.

Things you would like to see more or less of? We are open to all of your ideas in order to make the *Fender Chatter* more worth your time to read and use. Please let us know by sending us an email fenderchatter@gmail.com

Membership Application

If you have already renewed for this year, please pass this form to someone who also shares our interest of the Model T Ford.

Due Jan 31 of each year, or join as a new member now, please complete this form and bring to the next meeting, or mail with your dues of \$20.00 to:



IEMTFCA - Dues
 PO Box 11708
 Spokane Valley, WA
 99211-1708



Name _____

Your Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

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Phone # _____

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

MTFCA Membership # _____

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Insurance Carrier _____

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Model T's Owned:

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

PR = Partially Restored, BC = Basket Case

I agree to having my name printed in the Club Directory
 Signed: _____

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Harvey Dunham and his Touring outside Antique Auto Ranch on May 19, 2015

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