

# Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



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## **Remember!**

If you have a tour planned or want to attend more tours, contact our tour chairman, Rick Carnegie. Rick will keep track of up & coming events as well as assisting those who wish to plan a tour. The club's first tour was New Years day and was really a lot of fun. Of course this tour contained the major requirement, **Food!**

## *2006 –Banquet Decked Out!*



The 2006 Annual Club Banquet was held on Saturday January 07, 2006. The banquet was well attended and turned out to be a huge success. Jillian Caples is to be commended for her hard work as well as her period dress for this event. Several Club members were totally "decked out" for this event. The Mirabeau Park Hotel was the setting for this gala. We ended up with about 60 people attending. Outgoing President Mike Robison officiated at this event. He gave out awards including the Presidents Trophy to Mr. (Uncle) Rick Carnegie, for his abilities to help just about anyone who needs it. Rick always seems to have the right part at the right time. This editor can attest to this as Rick had the cam seal I needed late on a Tuesday night to fix my 15. We also had (thanks to the CARS Club/Wes and Karen Miller) a 32 foot gravity track to race our 1/24 scale cars on. Winners were Lee Burgess in first place with a car he borrowed from Jim Patterson and Jillain Caples, with second place. This event was well received by our club and those attending other functions at the hotel as they came to watch. Several outside spectators were heard to say had they known they would have brought their own cars to race. (continued on pg. 3).

# WHO YA GONNA CALL? OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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Dues are \$20 per year. They are coming due quickly. All correspondence should be directed to the mailing address. Ads for Ford parts and cars wanted and for sale and submissions only should be sent to the editor via email or snail mail. Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month..

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## Facts About the 1916-T as seen on the front cover:

Generally continued the 1915 styles. The Coupelet was given small port holes in the quarter panels. The Sedan evolved into the standard type known as the 1917 Sedan. Brass trim on side, tail and head lamps discontinued. The hood was made of steel instead of aluminum. Door lock assemblies changed from a vertical latching to a horizontal latching bolt, with many cars being made with combinations of both types. Door handles on the closed cars were of the bail type. The turtle deck door handles were changed to a pressed-steel type which continued until the "1923" models.

The front body brackets were changed to a pressed steel design but using the same mounting holes as the earlier forged type in late January 1916 but these were dropped in favor of the earlier (forged) type in March. **1915-1922—FRONT SEAT LIDS T-7266—(Over the fuel tank)** Two different lids covered the fuel tank in the runabout and touring bodies; one of wood and the other of steel. The wood covers were used on bodies manufactured by Wilson, and Kahler. These were used on the touring bodies only. The metal covers were used on bodies made by Beaudett, Fisher, Kelsey, and Ford, and was used on touring and runabouts.

**Model T Club Minutes:**

**There was no monthly meeting in January as the banquet was held. The next club minutes will be posted after the regular February 2006 club meeting.**

*Editors Note: Photos, ideas and stories are needed for the Fender Chatter. If you go to an event, have story or an idea write it out or let us know. Please remember to take your digital cameras to events where you take your T's. We will try to use as many of your submissions as possible.*

*Remember this is your newsletter. If you have ideas or input, we would like to hear from you. We hope to see you at events and driving your T's on tours. Alan & Suzie*

**Monthly President's Message:**

2006 started with our annual January First Tour. The weather was very cooperative and Gene Kicha led the tour out towards Newman Lake and then circled back to the Old Country Buffet where we enjoyed a hot meal and good fellowship. About thirteen cars made the tour and everyone had a good time. Tom Carnegie continues his Tuesday night get together at the Antique Auto Ranch helping everyone keep their T's on the road. Winter is a good time to get the T ready for summer touring so drop by on Tuesday evenings. Tom also has been doing some interesting research on timers, ask him about it. The annual banquet got off to a speedy start with model T races, model T bank model car races that is. On a large whiteboard Jillian carefully recorded both the winners and losers bracket results. After many grueling heats, with both racers and spectators cheering (and some trash talking, but no fights broke out), an old duffer that didn't have a clue of what was going on, and racing a borrowed car, won. I want to thank Jim Patterson for loaning me a fast car. Many people were finely outfitted in their period clothing – check out the pictures because they were outstanding. Mike thanked all the outgoing officers and chairpersons for their hard work during 2005 and presented gifts of his appreciation to the officers. Glen Whitely presented the Past Presidents Award to Mike Robison and a special award to Jillian Caples. They received framed pictures of their T roadsters. Glen clandestinely photographed the cars and prepared the beautifully framed pictures. We all ate too much and had a good time.

**Banquet cont. from pg. 1:** Wes Miller ran a different car than he did at the CARS Club Christmas banquet. Although we can't call him "Crash" as we did then, his car still didn't make it down the track. Better luck next time Wes. You can bet the CARS club will hear about this too. Glen, Harvey and Tom were the "Top of The Town" in tux and tails (pictured below) . Awards were given to Mike and Jillian as well. Glen Whitely presented Jillian and Mike with beautiful framed pictures of their cars (see below).



It was also a real family affair for the Robison family (pictured below right). Also Hazel Whitely and Jean Almeda were decked out for this event (below center).



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***Model T Facts :***

In 1986, the sticker on a Model T, costing \$825, would work out to about \$9400. Ford's closest modern equivalent at that time was the Tempo, which sold at just under \$7000. The Tempo has since been replaced by the Contour, which starts off today at around \$14,000. (Mdl-T National web site)

***Banquet cont.***

Marith McCoul was given a well deserved award for her fifteen years of service as editor of Fender Chatter. Marith has done a great job in getting the newsletter out each month to all of us and keeping us well informed on club events and news. For this she also received a standing ovation. Good Job, Marith! But in retrospect, Dusty should have gotten an award "For Husband to the Editor", too.



***New Years Tour !***

Once again the club held it's annual New Years Day Tour. The tour was first held in 2000 and has continued each New Years since then. Model T's and modern cars met at Argonne Albertson's beginning at 10:30 a.m. We had a total of fourteen T's and a few modern cars including a Packard. The moderns had one new function that T's didn't have and that was heaters (all except for the Stacey's 27-T, which had two heaters). The tour chairman arrived "very early" thinking the tour started at 10:30 a.m. He was in the parking lot when the Stacey's arrived, followed shortly after by the Henzen's. Although only in the thirties, it seemed like spring after the chilly 15 degrees during the Soup Tour. We gathered in groups telling stories and comparing past New Years Day tours. The ladies headed for the store and coffee shop to get a cup of coffee and warm up. Beginning about 11:00 a.m. cars slowly filtered in and we knew it was going to be a great tour. Both Mike Robison and Lee Burgess came out to represent the past and new presidents.



Since this was the first tour of 2006, we made Lee Burgess serve as tour chairman and call the drivers meeting to order. There it was decided that Gene Kicha would have the dubious honor of leading us to lunch at the Country Buffet at Sprague and Pines. The official tour moved out at 11:45 a.m for lunch.

## New Years Tour cont.



The food was great and the company excellent. The non-T-ers definitely raised their eyebrows when we rolled into Old Country Buffet. Dave and Linda Klech drove their center door which now has a new permanent fixture, their dog. They tell me when they start the T their dog jumps in to go for a ride. That doesn't happen when Dave fires up his V-8 truck.



Once we ate our fill, seven of the T's proceeded on a tour out to the Valley, onto Hauser where we looped back into town. The rain held off just long enough for the tour to finish. Overall it was a great day. If you didn't attend this year, start making plans for next year. It's a lot of fun.

***Tuesday Night:*** Good turnouts makes for a lot of fun. While through the holidays the Ranch was closed, the first Tuesday night in 06 was again well attended. 13 people total were there all for one purpose. We work on, talk and breath "T's". Even the new pres showed up to watch and learn



Rick Carnegie demonstrated the correct way to adjust the valves during a rebuild. Mike brought his 13-T engine in for a little tweaking and TLC. It turns out there is more to the process than just eye balling the valves to "That should work" adjustments. This was an excellent example of T-Club members helping each other to support our passion. However Tuesday night is not only for the guys, we do have women stopping by from time to time. Nan Robison, Jillian Caples, Suzie Stacey and other ladies from the club have been known to come buy to watch and participate. Everyone is welcome. Tuesday night fun starts around five-ish till we either get hungry and go to McDonalds or we get tired and go home. No matter how much or little time is spent there, we are all there to support the passion we

### ***Tuesday Night Cont.***

have for our toys. Each Tuesday night brings in different challenges and projects. During one of the more recent endeavors Joe Swanson finally broke out the rattle trap (his motor). Turns out the last rebuild was in 1986 or 88. It had some serious end play in the crank, along with play in the timing gears, blow by from the pistons, and a host of other problems. But since it was a T, it was still running when he took it out. Joe got a lesson on valve grinding, block surfacing and rebuild techniques during the last Tuesday night. Next Tuesday we will begin assembly of the engine. In short two weeks, two different engines worked on. A whole lot of learning takes place in a short time. It is a great



learning experience for all of those who come down to the Ranch. So if your not doing anything next Tuesday, come on down and bring your projects, expertise or questions. I'm sure you'll like the results.

### ***“Spice Up Your Life”***

***I was asked by various club members to provide the recipe that follows. So here is my chance to provide this recipe out to those who have asked for it. If you have a recipe that others have asked for in the past please let me know and we will be happy to publish it for all the club members to try. Alan and I have used this recipe and have modified it to suit our tastes. Others seem to like the cookies too.***

#### ***Alan's Kitchen Sinkers***

***2 Cups Vegetable oil***

***2 teaspoons salt***

***2 1/3 cup brown sugar***

***6 cups oats***

***1 teaspoon vanilla***

***2 cups coconut flakes***

***4 eggs***

***2 cups nuts (peanuts are very good)***

***2 1/2 cups flour***

***3/4 of a large package chocolate chips***

***2 teaspoons soda***

***3/4 cup butterscotch chips***

***Combine vegetable oil, brown sugar, vanilla and the eggs together. Then add the flour, soda and salt mix well. Now add the oats, coconut, chocolate chip, butterscotch chips and nuts. Mix well, then bake at 350 for 13 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet. This cookie makes about 9 dozen.***

***These are great cookies for the guys to eat when they are out working on their T's. I have even taken them down to Tuesday night for munchies. The guys really seemed to like them. Or at least there were none left at the end of the night. They also keep and freeze well. Give them a try, you'll like them.***

***Suzie Stacey***



*Your continued support of the National club is a big part of our clubs success as well as the key to cheap insurance. Please take the time to join or renew your membership.*

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Did you know that the web site has had 4521 hits on the site as of 01/18/06? Did you know that we have all the club information and many of the tours on the web as a result of Allen Henzen's hard work maintaining the site for us? Did you know that you can find pictures, club information, member cars and tour information on the site? So go to [spokanemodeltclub.com](http://spokanemodeltclub.com) and check it out for yourself. Allen has done a wonderful job of setting up the information. He will be adding new information to the site as the season progresses. If you haven't visited the site lately, check it out again. I think you will find something that will interest you. You can also check the Montana 500 Web site from there.

As we noted in the last newsletter, we now have the dates for both the Tidyman's Car Show and Tom's Turkey Drive Car shows for 2006. We are pleased to announce that Tidyman's will take place on June 10, 2006. Also, Tom Sherry was pleased to once again include us for the November 18, 2006—Tom's Turkey

**There was no regular meeting in January. February's meeting again will be on the first Friday in February.** It is back at its usual Millwood Town Hall location and dinner will be optional at our normal Chinese buffet (corner of Farr and Sprague) starting at 5:30.

**Chatter Notes:**

Please check your address label and note if there is a "2006" or "LIFE" behind your name. If you don't have either of these, it means that you have not paid your 2006 dues of \$20.00 to the Spokane Model T Club and this will be your last issue if we don't receive your dues by Feb. 15, 2006. Bring your payment to the next meeting or put your check in the mail right away so you won't miss out on a single issue of our fine publication, "The Fender Chatter". If you have paid your dues and your mailing label still shows "2005", contact Alan Henzen at 455-8997 to straighten it out.

**Calendar**

Feb 11 2006	16th Annual Show No Shine 5:30 Pm
May 21 2006	Safety Inspection 9:00 am Skidmore's Barn
June 10 2006	2nd Annual Tidyman's- Second Harvest—Model T Open Car Show
Nov 18 2006	Tom's Turkey Drive Open Car Show for Second Harvest

Tidyman's has once again stepped up and putting their best effort forward for Second Harvest Food Bank. Please support our sponsors and let them know you are appreciative of their efforts.

Second Harvest Food Bank is very pleased that we as a club are again supporting their work in the community. We may also have the help of the INCC this year in putting this together for Tidyman's and Second Harvest. The INCC has expressed an interest in working with us to develop this show. Suzie and I are talking with them regarding their help. We could also use your help as well. Do you have time?

**Got a car you want to sell, parts for sale or a special announcement of interest to club members. Your information could be right here, right now in this issue. Contact the Editors for further information on how to.**

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Here Comes The New President— 1916-T

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