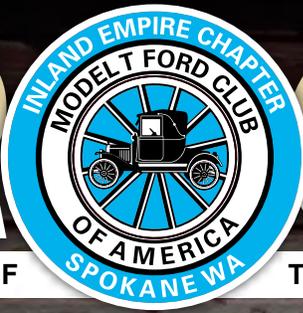


# FENDER CHATTER



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB

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SWAP MEET SEASON-WHERE'S YOUR  
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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](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com)

## National Clubs

We are a chapter of the MTFCA and also the MTFCI



## On the Cover:

Model T waiting for restoration in Sprague, WA.

—Photo by Jeff Hipp

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## A Message from our Club's ~~President~~ First Lady:

As our club president is currently busy with preparation of his T (and those of many others) for the Montana 500, we have a brief word from the First Lady:

**"Have some fun this weekend with your Model T's, either in the parades, the Montana 500, or wherever your life takes you! Be safe." — Carla Carnegie**



# Minutes from the Last Club Meeting

**June 5, 2015**

President Rick Carnegie called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

"Joe, is there anyone new?"

Welcoming Committee: Joe, "Nope, we're all old here."

Vice President Daryl Skomer is absent. A sign-up sheet is passed around for those that want to volunteer to help set up the V8 Club Swap Meet July Thursday the 9th 7:00 - 8:00 A.M. Swapmeet Friday, Saturday, Sunday. All are welcome to stop by and help man the booth. Bring your parts to sell.

## Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve the minutes as written in the "Fender Chatter." Motion seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty was absent. Jim distributed the Treasurer's report. Motion was made and seconded to accept report. Motion passed.

## Committee Reports:

### Tours:

Tour Chairman Nan reported on the Safe-T inspection at the Skidmore's. No one failed the safety inspection. Twenty-one Ts went through inspection. "Nothing terribly serious." They had five new cars that had never been inspected before. Later they went to Castle Park for photos that were included in the "Fender Chatter."

Nan thanked Larry and Norma for hosting.

## Upcoming Tours/Events:

Medical Lake Founder's Day Parade, Saturday June 20th. Jim said he and Betty would like to have hotdogs and a potluck at their home in Medical Lake. Jim asked for a show of hands of those that are interested. Two people expressed an interest.

Slippery Gulch Parade in Tekoa, WA Saturday June 20th.

Montana 500 registration is Sunday June 21st.

**Webmaster:** Mike R. Mike said he updated the website with the current newsletter after a Canadian man called him to point out that it was missing.

**Photography:** Jillian. "I posted some pictures to Facebook."

**Library:** Gene. "Still there and getting kinda dusty." "Running out of space."

Jim announced that there is a new Model T club dedicated to restoring the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit. They have a newsletter, "**Model T Talk**." Jim encourages members to join or contribute to this group.

## Ford Piquette Avenue Plant

P.O. Box 2127

Detroit MI 48202-2127

## Old Business:

Tom reported that the Shelley Dyno event in Spokane Valley will be sometime in mid July.

## New Business:

Mark and Janice are going to the 4th of July Tour and asked if our club would like to sponsor it next year. "It's not just for Ts, it's a classics tour." Motion to put on the next tour, 3rd and 4th of July 2016. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mike R. In years past we did a Can-Am Tour. Some years it's in Canada and other years usually in the Pacific Northwest in September. This year it is in Langley B.C. In 2016 it will be in America. This is a very very low key event, about 35 mph. There are 50 entries, \$170 per person that covers a breakfast, snacks and a banquet at the end. Starts on Thursday, Friday, Saturday night banquet and go home Sunday. Discussion of hosting the event.

Mike Stormo says that he and Jackie are going and he can give a pitch for Spokane if we want to do it. Motion was made to have Mike Stormo make a pitch that we host the next event in Spokane. Motion seconded and passed.

Glen Whiteley thanked the club for sending a get well card to his daughter, who was very touched.

Mike R suggested that we create a new membership category that would be made up of individuals under 18 years of age. He suggests that this would be free and include the "Fender Chatter." Discussion followed. Motion was made to have Tom form a committee that will meet on Tuesday night to work out the details. Motion seconded and passed.

Adjourned, 8:17 P.M.

Submitted by Ed Hope, Secretary

**There is no meeting next month (July).**

## 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.

**No regular club meeting in July - see you at the Swap Meet!**

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

June 21-24 Montana 500 Race - White Sulpher Springs, Montana <http://tinyurl.com/lweymvl>

July **No T Club meeting - see you at the swap meet!**

July 10-12 Spokane Swap Meet

July 12-17 MTFCA's National Tour celebrating the MTFCA's 50th year. Hosted by the Foothills Model T Club of Calgary - Cochrane, Alberta. <http://mtfca50.com>

Aug 7 **Spokane T Club Picnic (no regular meeting)**

Sept 4 **Spokane T Club meeting**

Sept 5 & 6 33rd NWVS Endurance Run Silverton, OR

Sept 12 32nd Oregon High Desert Swap Meet-Redmond, OR

Sept 19-20 Harvest Swap Meet - Chehalis, WA

Oct 2 **Spokane T Club meeting**

Oct 10-11 Monroe Swap Meet - Monroe, WA

Nov 6 **Spokane T Club meeting**

### Model T Trivia

#### Did You Know?

*Henry Ford and E.G. Kingsford, a relative of Ford's, learned of a process for turning wood scraps from the production of Model T's into charcoal briquets. So, he built a charcoal plant - The Kingsford Company. — <https://www.kingsford.com/country/about-us/>*

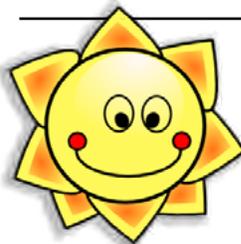
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### Candy's Cookie Corner

July None (Swap Meet)

August None (Club Potluck Picnic)

Sept Cherie Storey & Joann Jepperson



### Sunshine Report

Sympathy card to Chuck & Sandy Dyer & Family. They've lost a daughter to cancer.

Update from Sandy Dyer. Chuck had two stents placed last Thursday and all went very well. They thank the club for the cards and well wishes.

Get well card to Ron Stose - he underwent triple bypass surgery.

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](http://antiqueautoranch.com)

More info on Spokane Model T Club website: [spokanemodletclub.com](http://spokanemodletclub.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 [spokanemodletclub.com](http://spokanemodletclub.com) or our Facebook page  [Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

**Contact Nan Robison for tours (see pg 2)**

At press time, we are at **99 likes** - up 40 likes in 6 months! Thank you! *Let's top 100 & see how many more we can get.*



**Facebook "Like Us" Drive**  
[Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

How many fans can we get?

## T Club Member Profile



### Glen Whiteley

With this month's *Fender Chatter*, we're starting a new "Member Profile" article and our first honored member is probably our oldest member right now. 86 year old Glen Whiteley joined the Spokane Model T Club along with his wonderful wife, Hazel in 1976, about 4 years after our club was chartered. Glen and Hazel spent many years organizing and photographing hundreds of club events. Glen is notably known for supplying the beautiful color cover photographs that were on our club's annual membership roster, on our annual club calendar, and he provided the many enlarged and framed professional quality photographs given annually to our club's outgoing presidents.

Glen spent his working career working for various county and state agencies. His most memorable job was serving as a Spokane County Sheriff Deputy starting in 1958. His favorite job was being a

professional photographer for the EXPO 74 World's Fair. He still has many beautiful examples of the color slides and photographs he took of the fair's people, events, and exhibits, many of which were reproduced in large quantities as "official World's Fair photos" for commercial sale during the fair.

From 1978 to 1991, he was Supervisor for the Department of Correction's Pine Lodge Correction Center in Medical Lake,



Ever since the 70's, Glen spent most of his spare time on his other life-long hobbies; collecting over 1,300 antique cameras, collecting law enforcement officer memorabilia, including police motor cycles, history books, badges, hats, uniforms & weapons. He also restored a 1915 Model T Touring, a 1924 Model T Paddy Wagon, and a 1929 Model A Tudor Sedan, all emblazoned

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*Whiteley continued...*

with the Spokane Police Department's insignias, sirens, and flashing red lights.

Over the past 20 years. Glen has started the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum which contains his vast collection of police items, including his three police cars, and thousands of pieces of antique law enforcement memorabilia. His unique collection has been donated to the Spokane Law Enforcement Museum where he displays the many items for all to enjoy. His multi-car garage at his home are stacked full of his many years of collecting period accessories dating from the pre-teens through the 1950's. Glen loves to show his collections to interested people, so let him know if you would like to see them, and you'll probably get a personalized invite to visit him so you can see everything.

As of June 11th, the Museum lost its building lease located at 1201 W. 1st in downtown Spokane and is looking for a new building to house this wonderful museum. Everything has been placed into storage until a new building can be found. If you know of any potential venues, please contact Glen immediately,

Glen – many thanks for all your life-long interests and help in maintaining and sharing all of your antiquities. Your drive and motivation are sincerely appreciated and we look forward to your continued participation in Spokane Model T Club activities!

Submitted by Jim Patterson



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# AUTO ROW

## THEN & NOW

by David Vahala

**T**he cart before the horse, as the proverbial saying goes. Or, in Spokane's case, the tire before the car. Before there were auto dealers in Spokane, there were rubber warehouses in downtown Spokane.

Spokane's first automobile came in 1899, with two more in 1900 and auto-related businesses grew slowly. Before the best-known tire manufacturer in the U.S., Goodyear, there was Washington Rubber and Pacific Coast Rubber Company. Goodyear Rubber Company established a location on First Avenue in 1905 and would change its name to Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in 1912, and add tires to its brand in anticipating of the arrival of automobiles for the masses. By 1910, the Polk Directory listed 21 auto-related businesses including garages, goggles and auto supplies. No auto dealers yet – only novelty carriage works.

That changed in 1911 when several new car dealerships or "distributors," opened. The term "auto row" first appeared in the August 20, 1911 *Spokesman-Review*, describing car dealers and auto-related businesses as "Inhabitants of Spokane's Auto Row." Defined by the area west of Monroe, between First and Second Avenues, some of auto row's first dealerships included F.A. Williams Pioneer Ford, Eastman Motor Car Cadillac and Hupmobile, and Seven-Seven Company's Dodge Brothers and Kissel automobiles. Also of note was the Spokane Taxicab Motor Company, partnering with Twombly Car Company to deliver taxicabs to Inland Northwest cities.

Meanwhile, BF Goodrich, Diamond Rubber Company and Firestone also built warehouses west of downtown, adding to the "inhabitants" of auto row. It seems in the beginning, Spokane was much better known for tires than cars! Nonetheless, advertisements for new automobiles were filling the pages of local papers. Two ads from a 1915 issue of the *Spokesman-Review*:

*"Dodge Brothers Motor Cars - \$885. Actions speak louder than words. Just as the Dodge Bros. Motor Car speaks for itself. At every opportunity this car has demonstrated its sterling worth, and its hidden qualities must be investigated to be appreciated. We are in position to contract for delivery at a very satisfactory date."* Seven-Seven Company, Spokane. And this one:

*"The 1915 Maxwell model has 17 new features. We have on display the handsomest car we have ever seen, and the best part is it is as mechanically close to perfection as we ever expect to see any automobile. It holds the road at 50 miles per hour. This Wonder Car for \$695 with Self-Starter and Electric Lights only \$55 extra."* Hodgins Motor Co. Distributors, Spokane and Walla Walla, Wash.

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1899 - First Automobile in Spokane

1905 - Goodyear Rubber Co. Established

1911 - Term "Auto Row" appeared in *Spokesman Review*

1926 - 6 new auto dealerships open

1943 - Wendle Motors' opens

1968 - Dishman Dodge expands

1970 - Dave Smith opens in Kellogg

1983 - Pontiac Dealership opens

1991 - GMC opens

Shipping automobiles by rail today is rooted in those first years. Spokane's railway viaduct through the center of downtown was a favorite of auto companies that built warehouses along Railroad Avenue to provide convenience in moving cars and parts. In addition to the tire companies, several dealers owned warehouses with access to the raised platforms where cars could be off-loaded and lowered by large elevators to the street below. You can still see one of these rail-warehouse entry points and accompanying elevator, today, inside Barrister Winery.

By 1920, the automobile business was taking off in Spokane. Six new dealerships opened by 1926 - Riegel Brothers Dodge, Findlay Studebaker, Chandler Auto, Wells Chevrolet, Willys Overland Pacific and Eldridge Buick all built showrooms on auto row.

Some notable buildings with historic automobile dealer-ties remain. The Eldridge Building located on West First Avenue was built in 1925 for one of the Northwest's leading Buick dealerships, Eldridge Buick. One of the first large regional auto sellers in the U.S., Eldridge Buick, also had dealerships in Seattle, Yakima and Walla Walla; the Eldridge Building in Spokane was the largest building in the state of Washington at the time dedicated to the sales and service of automobiles.

Another building located at 1030 West Third - the former International Harvester Company Truck Showroom, built in 1929 - remains today. Its brick façade is being incorporated into the renovation for the new Larry H. Miller Lexus facility, joining neighboring LHM Toyota and Honda dealerships in a multi-block building development, with the entire operation remaining part of Spokane's auto row history. Speaking of

history, Larry H. Miller, a Salt Lake City-based regional auto company, is not new to Spokane's auto row. Back in 1979, LHM acquired Sundance Toyota in its present-day location and later sold it in 1983, only to return and open Larry H. Miller Toyota.

One more building from the original auto row era, the Culton-Moylan-Reilly Auto Company and Fisk Rubber Company building, also known as the Barton Building, remains from 1911. You can still see this original one story automobile show room-style design at 914-930 West Second Avenue.

Today's auto row has expanded significantly from those early pioneering days! Some say "auto row" now stretches 70 miles east to Kellogg, Idaho, from those first few blocks in 1911 and includes no fewer than 56 new car stores along the way, all within a few miles of I-90.

Some of today's successful auto row dealerships trace their roots to those early days and continue as family-run businesses. Ray Barton started his auto business in the mid-1920s and in 2015, third generation owner Jeff Barton manages a growing line of name plates such as Fiat and Alfa Romeo at their Second Avenue dealership and Barton Auto Group's superstore at the North Y features Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram. Nearby, Wendle Motors' Ford - Nissan - Infiniti dealership is a family owned business begun in 1943.

Mark Hollenback started his auto business with an associate dealership for Nash Automobiles prior to WWII and after the war, took on Jeep, and Nash returned in 1950. Hollenback took over a building lease at Park and Sprague in 1957, eventually purchasing Dishman Dodge, expanding the operation in 1968 to the present Dishman Dodge service and parts facilities. In 2004, a state-of-the-art sales center was built and today, his daughter Marti Hollenback and grandsons Mark and Matt work together to manage the sprawling auto



F.A. Williams was one of the earliest Ford dealers in the Northwest. Photo Courtesy of Lindsey Porter - SpokaneHistorical.org



Eldridge Building - Eldridge Buick 1925



Culton-Moylan-Reilly Auto Company & Fisk Rubber Company Building - also known as the Barton Building

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<http://issuu.com/ksomday/docs/scl114web>

## Historic Vehicle Association video: *This Car Matters*

A nice video about a 1915 Model T in the Hagerty Insurance collection and it's ownership history.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/pohdm2n>



2004 -  
Buick  
Franchise  
created

2006 -  
Porsche  
Spokane  
opens

2015 -  
Auto Row stretches  
70 miles, with 56+  
auto dealerships

row dealership marketing Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram pickup and Dodge Sprinters.

Moving farther east, George Gee Automotive Companies began with a Pontiac dealership in 1983. The business thrived and in a short period of time, became Washington's largest Pontiac dealer, adding GMC in 1991. By 2000, the company moved to a 66,000 square-foot location in Liberty Lake where they developed innovative customer amenities including a café, library, television lounge, children's play area, internet workstations and an outdoor putting green.

Innovation continued in 2002 with GM signing Gee as one of the first 150 Hummer dealerships in the nation. In 2004, a Buick franchise created the Buick-Pontiac-GMC sales channel. Gee Automotive Company was beginning to establish itself as one of the largest family-owned dealer groups in the Northwest with the purchase of a Cadillac-Kia store in nearby Coeur d' Alene. June 2006 saw the return of a worldwide marquee brand to Spokane when Porsche of Spokane was opened. Change is ever present at every turn - Hummer and Pontiac are long gone, however, Kia was added. Porsche of Spokane continues to impress, just completing a show room remodel and adding Porsche inventory.

Finally, we have Dave Smith Motors in Kellogg. Why build a dealership in a small mining town in the mountains of North Idaho? In 1965, Dave Smith began selling Chevrolets in Wallace to Silver Valley miners and smelter workers. In 1970, he opened in Kellogg and today from the same location, Dave Smith Motors markets a large lineup of new vehicles: Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, GMC, Jeep and Ram.

## AUTOMOTIVE | THEN & NOW

Through adversity came opportunity. In 1981, the Bunker Hill mine in Kellogg closed, leaving over 2,000 people out of work and sending the area into an economic downturn. The region also lost jobs in the timber industry and with the population of the valley plummeting, car dealerships were losing the battle to stay in business. Dave Smith nearly lost the dealership.

The economic recession in the 1980s helped Dave Smith Motors evolve into a thriving business. As other dealerships were quitting, Smith acquired nine other new car stores and sold all the brands from one central location. He also cut prices in an attempt to make up in volume what was lost in mark-ups or sales lost to other Inland Northwest dealers. The strategy paid off and became what the dealership calls "hassle free buying." Dave Smith Motors was also one of the first car dealerships to take advantage of the Internet. In the late 1990s, when many dealerships saw the Internet as a threat, Dave Smith embraced it, using the Internet as a tool to increase sales.

So you see, "auto row" not only provided benefits to those early auto purchasers - it continues to provide today's new car buyers with more choice and convenience than ever before. Just not those 1915 new Dodge prices of \$815!

Happy Motoring! 🚗

*David Vahala is a Certified Car Guy, having owned 28 vehicles so far (but who's counting!) His first car was a 1961 Cadillac Coupe de Ville and in addition to writing this column, David's passion is fueled by working part time as an Auctioneer Assistant at Dealers Auto Auction Northwest and driving his two Porsches.*

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May 05 - Steve Heid, Joe Swanson, Julie Heid - Tuesday Nights at The Ranch - photo by Earl Hipp

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