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Drop By Our T Booth and Say Hello at the Spokane Swap Meet

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IT'S SWAP MEET TIME-WHERE'S YOUR NEW TREASURE?

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A Message from our Club's President:

It's Sunday, 9:42 PM mountain time on the eve of the Montana 500 in Dillon Montana and the excitement about this year's event peaking. The tire kicking and storytelling is energetic down in the parking lot. The weather forecast is great for the next three days. There are entrants here from Florida, California and around the northwest. Gene and I are going with the tour group this year. There a six cars, both speedsters and stock T's in this group and we are going to have a great time. Wish you were here. Plan on attending next year.

The Pattersons will be back from their extended Midwest vacation with lots of good adventure stories. Please give Jim a call and volunteer to help with the Club's booth at the upcoming swap meet. — Lee



Correspondence

Please direct club correspondence to the club mailing address: **IEMTFCA** PO Box 11708 Spokane Valley, WA 99211-1708

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:

A National-Bodied Model T Ford at the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma - see page 5 for more. —photo by Jeff Hipp

Minutes from the Last Club Meeting

June 3, 2016

President Lee Burgess called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

• Welcoming Committee: There were no new members or guests.

• Secretary's report: The minutes were approved with the correction that the club received a "certificate of insurability" should be changed to a "certificate of liability insurance."

● **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Betty Patterson and her husband Vice President Jim Patterson were away on a vacation to Michigan. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report that was provided in her absence.

• Website report: Webmaster Mike Robison reported that nothing was new.

• Sunshine report: Susie Carnegie said that she sent a thank you card to the Skidmores for hosting safety inspections in May.

● Tours and events report: Nan Carnegie said that Lee Burgess, Ed Hope, Jim Patterson, and Nan all brought cars to the MAC old houses tour on South Hill. Lee received individual letters of thanks for all participants. We are invited to do it again next year. The Montana 500 is on June 19-22 and the 4th of July tour on July 1-3. Nan said that "the weather is beautiful and it would be nice to have some tours." Contact her if you have some ideas or would like to lead a tour.

● Safety report: Mike Robison reported that about 13 cars came to the safety inspections in May. He said that Erik Hutchinson's car was the "most put together car with the least amount of infractions." Mike thanked all those who helped inspect the cars and the Hansen family for providing the meat for the BBQ. We have enough hamburger and buns left over for the August picnic.

● New business: Lee led a discussion about ordering Model T t-shirts for purchase by members or anyone else who might want one. We could also sell them at swap meets as a possible fundraiser. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the club to order t-shirts with a limit of spending \$1,500. T-shirts will cost \$12-15 each and sweatshirts will cost \$15-20 each.

• Swap meet: Jim Patterson is looking for volunteers to help. Contact him if you can.

• Library report: Gene Kicha reported that someone left a book about carburetors at Gene's house. Tom Carnegie said that it might belong to him.

• Photos: Jillian Robison had nothing to report.

• New car projects: Nan and several other members have been working to get Nan's car ready for the Montana 500. Nan reported that they are making good progress and the car will have a new yellow paint job in addition to other work.

President Lee Burgess adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM. Submitted by Larry Mann, Secretary





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



Our club is hosting a 2nd big tour - the Can-Am Spokane tour Sept 15-17.

Registration Deadline: Aug 15, 2016

Registration Info & Registration Forms and more information are available on our club's website & Facebook page event section.

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/can-am-tour-2016.php

f <u>facebook.com/events/1699428056982359</u>

Events Calendar

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 July 21 INCCC Downtown Spokane Scholarship Car Show Aug 5 Spokane T Club Picnic (no regular meeting) Aug 25-27 Lewiston, ID Hot August Nights Sept 2 Spokane T Club meeting Sept 3-4 34th NWVS Endurance Run CHEHALIS, WA Sept 10 33rd Oregon High Desert Swap Meet-Redmond, OR **Sept 15-17 Can-Am Tour** (We're hosting this year) Sept 24-25 51st Harvest Swap Meet - Chehalis, WA Oct 7 Spokane T Club meeting Oct 8-9 Monroe Fall Swap Meet - Monroe, WA Nov 4 Spokane T Club meeting **Nov 19** 39th Albany Indoor Swap meet - Albany, OR

Candy's Cookie Corner

July None (Swap Meet)

August None (Club Picnic)

Sept Nan Robison & Candy Burgess



Sunshine Report

Get well card to Don "Gator" Waldron

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. <u>antiqueautoranch.com</u>

More info on Spokane Model T Club wesbite: <u>spokanemodletclub.com</u>

And available on

Facebook: Inland Empire Model T Club

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.



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 Facebook page **f** Inland Empire Model T Club

Contact Nan Robison for tours (see pg 2)



"Like Us" on Facebook Inland Empire Model T Club

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

Seen, Heard and Shared



The National-Bodied Model T

For car enthusiasts that haven't yet been to the LeMay America's Car Museum in Tacoma - it's well worth the visit! We were there in early April, and among the 4 floors of hundreds of historic automobiles and exhibits was this 1919 Model T Touring with a National body. Here is what the signs had to say about it: "Henry Ford commissioned the **National Body Company** to build 80 bodies for his Model T automobiles. His target market was doctors and lawyers and professional people that wanted to be able to say they drove a Model T like everyone else, but wanted something just a litle bit nicer. The result was a much more substantial and stylish body than your average Model T. Of the 80, only 2 Touring (or 4-passenger convertible) bodies were built. The second one was documented as having been destroyed in the World War II scrap drive making this example the one survivor. This vehicle also has the distinction of being fully restored by the craftsman of Evergreen Historic Automobiles".





World's Oldest Ford Vehicle Back in the Hands of the Ford Family



Published December 12, 2012 by Edmonds.com

Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford, Jr., purchased the company's oldest known surviving vehicle, a 1903 Model A Rear Entry Tonneau, at auction for \$264,000 in Hershey, PA.

Ford vehicle No. 3, chassis No. 30 it's unkown where the first two vehicles are now, or if they still exist.

Read the whole article and see a few more photos here:

edmunds.com/car-news/worldsoldest-ford-vehicle-back-in-thehands-of-the-ford-family.html

1903 Ford Model A Rear Entry Tonneau - Front 3/4

A Rip Van Winkle Model T Story - by Jim Patterson



This is a recent local story about a Model T Ford that literally had been lost for thirty years. By "lost", I mean it was totally forgotten about and sat in a commercial rental/ storage facility with no knowledge of any living person as to its whereabouts. – and no one was paying any of the accumulating storage fees on it.

About two months ago, I received a phone call from Lee Burgess about a lady whom he had just talked to from Coeur d'Alene concerning a 1919 Model T Touring that she and her now deceased and divorced ex-husband once jointly owned.

Lee referred the lady, Gloria Culver, to me as he thought I might be interested in helping her get the Model T running again after 30 years of latency.

But this was just the beginning of the story - - - -

A week or so later, Lee and I went over to Coeur d'Alene to see this car and sure enough, stuck into the very back of a 30 ft. deep storage garage was a 1919 Model T Touring, with four totally flat tires, an extremely corrodedup battery, and covered with 30 years of dust and dirt (about 1/8 inch deep). Other than the obvious age related problems, the T looked extremely good, being in very good restored condition. Excellent paint and upholstery, and great shape body wise. Since the tires were flat, we couldn't push or pull the car out at that time, so we shut the garage up and Gloria took both of us out to lunch where we started questioning her on the Model T's history.

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Back in the early 1980's, Gloria and her husband belonged to the Spokane T Club and they both worked on the T and personally restored it in a Hayden Lake auto body shop owned by her husband.

She remembers the Storeys, the Schmidts, the Davis', the Whiteley's, and several others T Club families. They drove their T around and took part in some Model T Club tours in the 1984 – 85 era. In 1986, she and her husband went through a divorce, and the divorce decree gave her

husband their house and the Model T and several other classic cars went to her. Her now "ex" husband agreed to store the T for her since she no longer had a garage to store it in. Several years later her "ex" passed away and when she went to retrieve the T, it wasn't in the garage, and no one knew anything about its where-abouts. No title or registration paperwork could be found. She assumed it had been sold over the years and all traceability lost, so she reluctantly forgot about ever getting it back, especially under the circumstances of not having any storage available for it.

Fast forward 30 years to the year 2016. Gloria gets a call from an old friend, a retired Kootney County Sherriff's Deputy, who knew of her love for old cars and also knew of her "lost" car. He had seen a wantad in the local newspaper describing an old car that was being auctioned off by a local commercial storage business to pay off years of accumulated unpaid storage fees. Her friend suggested that she check out the old car being advertised, and as fate would have it, it turned out to be her long lost and forgotten Model T! She then coughed up \$6,100.00 to pay for the storage fees to get the car back.

About 2 weeks passed, and Gloria got hold of Antique Auto Ranch in Spokane and asked if they could get the car running again, as she wanted to take it out for a ride. She isn't capable of driving it at this time, because of a recent hip joint replacement, but she wanted to go for a ride in it just the same. Jim and Gloria took the car to a friend's home where they hand washed and scrubbed it a second time to get the years of accumulated dust and caked-on dirt off. Mike at Antique Auto did his magic and got it running in a little over a day's time by installing a new battery, taking up a couple rod bearings, installing a new radiator, adding some gas, and adjusting some other minor things. It started up easily and ran beautifully! After some more consideration, Gloria decided to coin the name *"Rip Van Winkle Model T"* for her car since it had come back to life after 30 years of not running or even being thought of.



She is now hoping to get her T out for touring this summer and anticipates getting a close friend and his teenage children to learn to drive her around and join the club on tours. I'm sure she would appreciate any volunteer T Club drivers, so if interested, give her a call.

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 jimbetpatter@gmail.com



Order your t-shirt now! Available in sizes from infant to 4X. Contact Betty Patterson or pick one up at the T Club swap meet booth!

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:



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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: _____

National MTFCA Membership: (check, credit card, Paypal) mtfca.com/clubpages/joinamember.htm

National MTFCI Membership: modelt.org

You may also download and print this as a PDF from our club website: spokanemodeltclub.com/membership-form.php



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Club cars lined up in front of the MAC Tour of Historic Homes - May 7 & 8, 2016 - photo by Nan Robison

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