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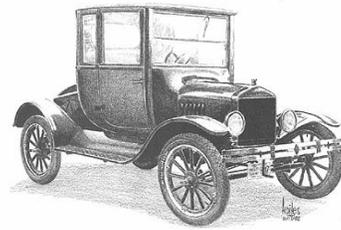
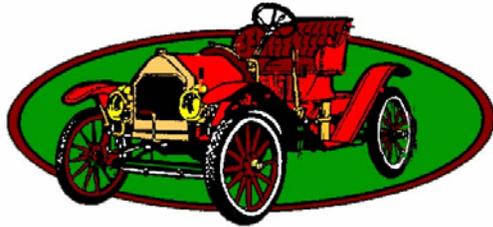


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**Fender  
Chatter**  
A Monthly Newsletter





# CALENDAR

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Monthly meetings are held at the Millwood Town Hall the first Friday of every month except for the months of January, July, and August at 7:30 PM.



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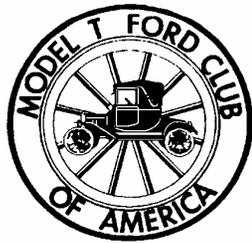
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May 29—30	Cut Loose in the Palouse Spokane Speedster Run
June 4	Regular Meeting
June 6	Road Cleanup
June 13	Dave's Milk and Cookies Tour
June 13	Ruckstell Seminar Number One
June 19	Medical Lake Tour
June 20-24	Montana 500
July 2-4	Fourth of July Tour—Worley Casino
July 9-11	Spokane Swap Meet
July 24	Garage Sale Tour
July 25	Ruckstell Seminar Number Two
Aug. 6	Picnic Meeting
Sept. 3	Regular Meeting
Sept. 4—5	Labor Day Speedster Run
Sept. 4-6	Paul Bunyan Days—St. Maries
Sept. 10—12	George Smith (and others) Memorial Tour
Sept. 12	Sunshine Garden Tour
Sept. 19	Just Park It Tour
Oct. 1	Regular Meeting
Oct. 3	Model T Driving School
Oct. 16	Greenbluff Tour

Please visit the Club website: <http://www.spokanemodeltclub.com>  
 Not only is the paper "on line" but also all the pictures that won't fit into the paper and last minute tours.  
 Annual dues remain \$15 per family per year for 2004. Please send them to the club mailing address: P.O. Box 11708 Spokane, WA 99211-1708



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.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNUAL DUES:

US: \$26.00 Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards accepted

Send to: The Model T Ford Club of America

POB 126

Centerville, IN 47330

FOR SALE AND WANTED:

**Brandvold Barn Sale:** Warford transmission\$300; shortened drive line for said Warford \$175; GM transmission with drive line \$250; Bob Brandvold (Spokane) (509) 924-1886

**1922 touring project:** get into the hobby “on the ground floor” spare parts too. Gil Mangels—Polson, MT 406-883-6264

**1925 running coupe:** drive it home from Missoula. Older restoration. Includes some spare stuff. Rollie Morrell 430 South Ave. 406-549-5221 or 239-0101

**Complete T Chassis** with Ruckstell differential, wire wheels, aluminum pistons, DU4 Dosch magneto, rear fenders, one front fender, cut off roadster body, steering column, gas tank and running motor \$3,000 ; Also 4 T disc wheels with tires \$400. Robert Braun 4270 South Third Rd. Bozeman MT 406-587-7753.

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*Greetings to all.* It has been a busy and successful month since the last newsletter. Road cleanup was accomplished thanks to all and to Joe. The Lilac parade was well represented by the Club . Thanks Jim for organizing it.

The annual safety inspection Potluck had 30 cars inspected. We had a great potluck and a silent auction that netted the clubs treasury \$344. Thank you Lee for the inspection organization and team. The team worked very hard and had a great time. We got to visit some folks that we don’t see very often and also had some folks that just stopped by to see what all the old cars are doing. The silent auction turned out to be great fun. I tried to out bid Eric for a can of very valuable used bolts but at the last moment slippery Eric out bid me!!! Thank you to Norma and Larry for hosting the inspection and Norma’s idea for the auction.

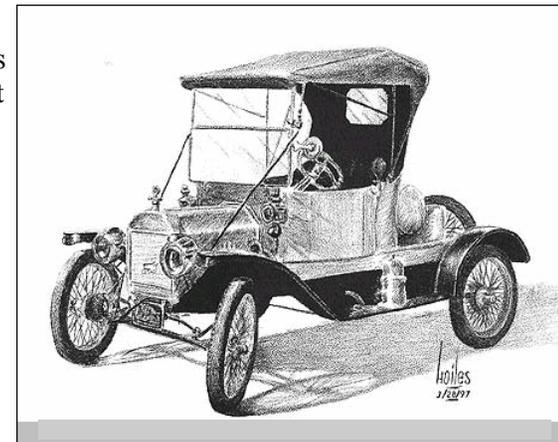
The next big thing is the Cut Loose in the Palouse Speedster run on Memorial day weekend. There are 59 cars signed up for this event. The T Club is very actively involved in the organization under the A Club’s leadership and is an outstanding example of old car cooperation for the good of the sport.

The reason I am involved in T’s and Speedsters leads directly to Vern Storey and Ed Jepperson. [ask me about Vern and Ed stories sometime] Without their encouragement and friendship my family would be missing a great experience. Our family is currently involved in building a 4<sup>th</sup> Speedster. This one is for Our Daughter and Son-in Law, Sandy and Scott. Our goal is to have it operational for this Memorial day run. There is light at the end of the tunnel thanks to a lot of hard work by family and Club friends.

Make sure that you keep up with Eric’s schedule of events. Always something going on and check out Allen’s Web site. It is really growing.

It is time to get back to work on the car. Remember that sometimes when you turn left – you go right anyway!

*Gene*



**Spokane Model T Club Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2004**

President Gene Kicha called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

Steve Heid welcomed back our snowbirds, the Temple's, and a warm welcome to Mike & JoAn Cuffe's daughter who joined us as well.

It was motioned, seconded and passed that the April meeting minutes be approved as printed in the Fender Chatter.

Vice president Mike Robison invited members to help out by signing up for the south gate at our upcoming Spokane Swap Meet.

Treasurer Allen Henzen reported that last month we spent \$106.00. Current bills being paid are \$400.00 towards the newsletter, \$80.00 towards the Swap Meet, and \$10.00 for our hall rental leaving us with a balance of \$4,146.00. It was motioned that these bills be paid. This motion was seconded and passed.

Erik Hutchinson opened the floor to review tours/events beginning with the Portland Swap Meet. Rick Carnegie reported there was a much larger selection of model T parts available this year, a good swap meet. Wes Miller and Alan Stacey said the Penny Drive was a huge success this year. The Eureka Rendezvous weekend drew several members from our club to take in all of the festivities to include the parade, car show, a museum tour, a coil seminar and much, much more. A special thank you to Mike & JoAn Cuffe for their warm hospitality.

Erik then directed the discussion towards upcoming tours and events to include:

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Car-B-Que at Opportunity Presbyterian Church.

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Wallace, ID “Depot Days”

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Road Clean-up. Breakfast at Frankie Doodles at 8:30, clean-up site at 10:00. Tour afterward open to volunteers.

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Fallen Officers Service at noon. Public Safety Building by the Courthouse.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Garfield May Day Parade, 11:00.

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Lilac Parade (Unit 86). Meet at the Chapter restaurant on Mission and Ruby at 4:30. Staging area at 6:30 “Cruising the Falls,” Spokane Boulevard (car show). Jim Patterson has a flyer for this.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Safety Inspection at Skidmore's home. Begins at 9:00, potluck at noon, and silent auction at 1:00.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Robison's “Mystery Tour.” Meet at Albertson's on Trent and Argonne at 1:00.

May 29-30<sup>th</sup> - Cut Loose on the Palouse Spokane Speedster Run. 54 signed up at this point per Jim Patterson.

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Road clean-up day.

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Dave Robison's “Milk & Cookies Tour.”

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Medical Lake's Founder's Day.

June 19-21<sup>st</sup> – Vintage Speedster Country Desert Tour.

June 20-24<sup>th</sup> – Montana 500 to be held in Eureka, MT.

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**NEW COLUMN**

The President came to your editor and said, “Marith, you need a roving reporter – a real cross between Bob Woodward and one of those reporters for the National Enquirer. You're missing all the good inside club stories because you're too nice to write them up and print them.”

“No, I'm not”, I retorted, “I'm too scared! But,” I continued, “I serve at the President's pleasure” (I got that from the West Wing so it must be correct) “so I'll find a yellow journalist and print his submissions if you think that's what our paper needs.”

Such a creature was surprisingly easy to procure. Everybody loves a good gossip. Thereby begins the first of the, should we say infamous ...

**Crankcase Reports**

Their wunce wuz a man who coveted a coop thet wuz blew. He pined and he planned and sung an ol' song thet he new ... “Blew coop, yew saw meee standin' aloooone, withowt a key in my haaaand, withowt a closed kar of my oooooown.”

He worked hard and sang 'til his frends covered there ears. Then his kar kame bak frum the body shop. Behold! It waz the purtiest shade of green yew ever seed! This man, bein' a singer, will probably kneed to sing a new song. Mebbe “Green Silinder Sleeves?”

But wate, their's more ... we hav a club member knowed as Hairy Painter. This guy drinks a bit and sprays a hole lot of acrilik enamel. Whiul he wates four paint to drie, he works on hiz Ford's steering. In this condishun, he created and installed the furst (possibly only) bak-wurds steering rack and pinyun. He clumb into that thang, fired it up and dang nigh run into hiz motor home. (Not thet another dent wudda showed up on that thang!) Por Hairy Painter uttered sum wurds of shock and disbelief unprintabul in this here document and went in to find his wife for kumfort. Kan yew imagin hiz disposishun when she LAFFED????? Ol' Hairy, he jes duzzin' understan' wimmin'.

If thar's a moral two this here story, I gues it wud haf two be this – watch out four them paint thinner fumes – they's powerful stuff.

**DIFFERENTIAL SEMINAR – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

This seminar will cover both the stock and Ruckstell differentials. There will be two sessions. The first will include disassembly, inspection and determination of the required replacement parts. Session two will reassemble the differential. The time between sessions will give each person time to obtain the necessary replacement parts.

## Session 1

Sunday, June 13, 10:00 AM at Lee Burgess's shop

## Session 2

Sunday, July 25, 10:00 AM at Lee Burgess's shop

It is strongly suggested that **prior** to the first session each participant study one of the following publications to be familiar with the rebuild process. Each is available from the Antique Auto Ranch or from the National T Club.

The Ruckstell Axle

or

Front Axle and Standard Rear Axle

Lee Burgess's shop is located at 1109 N. Felts Rd. (between Mission and Broadway). There is plenty of off-street parking so drive your T!

**Swap Meet** Will be upon us in another month. You'll have one more chance to volunteer for duties at the June meeting. Our Club booth needs workers as does the V-8 Club, at its many gates. The former is how we reach new members, the latter is how we raise funds for activities and keep the paper printing in color. Be sure to pitch in and help where you can. Your work also keeps the institution itself alive—one of the rites of July.

*Taken from Ford Smiles, copyright 1997: (you'll have to love this)*

**DITY THE POOR WORKING MAN ...**

If the present high cost of gasoline continues, the poor working man will have to sell his Ford car...

Lee Burgess noted our annual safety inspection is coming up on May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m., the potluck meal at noon, then a silent auction at 1:00 p.m. Norma Skidmore made the motion that chili be provided by the club for the potluck. This motion was seconded and passed.

Lee has two seminars scheduled to include: June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Lee's shop, a seminar on standard and ruckstell differentials.

July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Lee's shop, a seminar to reassemble the rear ends.

Lee has a couple of books he'd recommend you buy and read prior to these seminars to help familiarize yourself beforehand (contact Lee for further information).

Marith McCoul has been working on cutting off "exchange" papers and putting them onto the web site. She's cut 20 so far.

Glen Whiteley reported the ID buttons are taken care of. If you need an ID button to wear to meetings and events, please contact Glen.

Joyce Brandvold has made a list of members who have not yet provided pictures for the club photo album. This list will be printed in the Fender Chatter. If you have any snap shots of your model T (along with yourselves) you could contribute to the album, please give them to Joyce.

Gene Kicha noted he continues to store our library in his shop. Feel free to utilize this material by contacting Gene.

Allen Henzen continues working on the club web site. Please mail or email pictures of your model T, and pictures of T club events you'd like to share on the club web site to Allen. His new email address is henzen9@aol.com.

Gene Kicha reported for Charlie Almeda stating our club currently has 8 units of blood to its credit.

## Old Business:

Club Finances: Marith continues paying out-of-pocket. A club account is to be set up with Compucharge. John Wyman and Wes Miller have been brainstorming on ways to bring in more money for the club. Our club is not all that visible to the public. One idea was to have the Driving School located at perhaps a Yoke's parking lot to have it be a more visible event. T-shirts are a great money-making item and good publicity.

Joining up with other car clubs for their car showing events may possibly lead to connections with businesses to promote them and increase our visibility to the public as well. John will form a committee to look into these ideas further.

## New Business:

Car Projects: Gene Kicha noted Alan Stacey's 1915 T Roadster has come back to life. This discussion led to conversation and fine stories in memory of Dan Eagle.

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Note of Thanks: Mike Cuffe expressed a special thank you to Marith McCoul for the picture of his Coupe on the front of the Fender Chatter, and to Jim Patterson and Tom Carnegie for their help in Eureka.

Fallen Officers Service: Glen Whiteley announced there will be a service held for fallen officers on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Public Safety Building by the Courthouse at noon. Tours will be given of pictures taken over the years of officers in uniform.

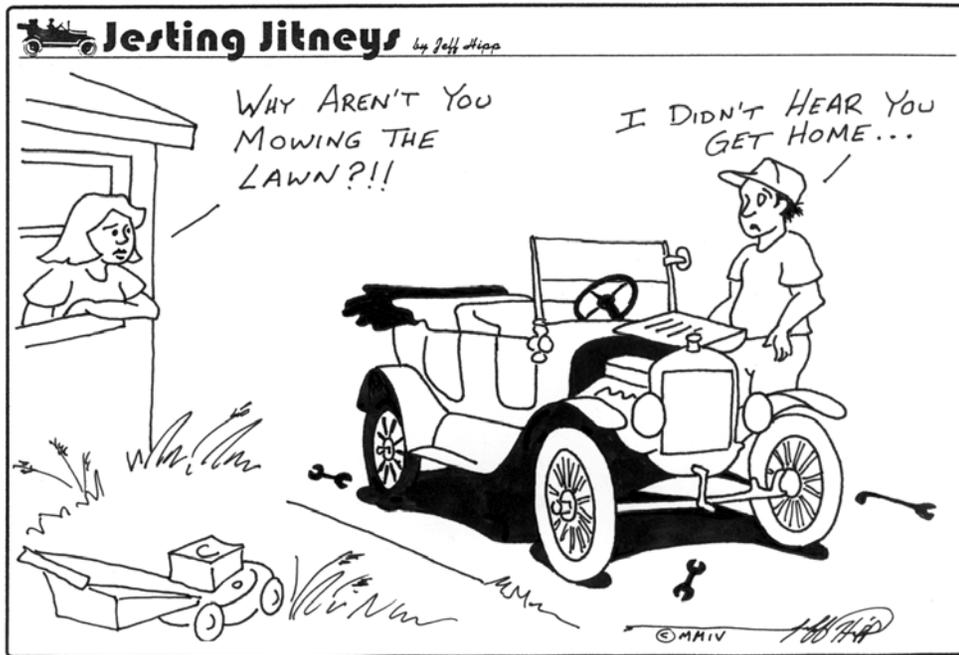
Drawing: This month's winner is John Redinger.

Program:

Marith McCoul had printed a puzzle in the Fender Chatter a couple months ago. No one responded to the challenge. Marith read off the questions from the puzzle and the lucky prize winner was Virginia Warren.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Carnegie - 2004 Secretary



While this is usually a bigger problem for Jeff in Georgia than it is in dry old Eastern Washington, this last week Dusty went out and installed a yardstick to measure the progress of his lawn. When two inches of rain falls in two hours, it does very nicely. Speedster runners are eyeing their rain-gear grimly...

**CALLING ALL CARS:** Joyce Brandvold Has Put On Her Missing Persons Hat and listed the members who have not submitted any pictures of their cars for the Club Scrapbook. Please produce at least one picture of the car or parts being assembled and a snap of the owner /s

Basler	Ed & Marilyn	Phillips	Fred & Sharon
Beale	Ray & Arlene	Powell	Mark & Kathy
Binkley	Craig & Christine	Rigdon	Bill and Pat
Brooks	Dennis & Marilyn	Robbins	Ed and Ruth
Caples	Jillian	Sandberg	Dave and Mary
Cooley	David & Julie	Stacey	Allen and Suzy
Dingman	Dennis	Stone	Mel and Jeri
Glennie	Scott & Sandy	Teyama	Jim & Lynda
Holz	Ed & Jerril	Thew	Kerry & Jenell
Leonard	Russ & Flora	Thompson, Jr.	David & Jewell
Marx	Paul & Anna	Thompson, Sr.	David and Mary
Mattsan	William & Margaret	Vogel	John and Judy
Miller	Ben & Laura	Waldron	Gator & Lorena
Miller	Wes & Karen	Warren	Norm & Virginia
Nauditt	Chuck & Jan		
Oakland	Chuck & Linda		
Phillips	Doug, Ruth, & Joel		

Joyce works on the Scrapbook all the time. If you haven't seen it lately, stop next meeting and take a look. If your picture looks twenty years "dated", you might consider submitting something more recent. (Reflecting the new paint job naturally—I wasn't making a personal reference or anything—I know T people don't age, they just blow gaskets.

# New Restaurant This Month

The complaint following the last two months' pre-meeting meals at the usual dinner and watering hole on the far side of the freeway is that we were NOT "fed up". To the contrary, we were lucky if we were fed at all! Since we go to restaurants for the purpose of finding food, we have decided to try someplace else. We tested the China King Buffet out and found that we could wolf down firsts, seconds, thirds, and desserts in under an hour. The food was good, there was no waiting, and it was inexpensive with a wide variety of Chinese and American food. This is the last month of dinners before the July (no meeting) month and the August (picnic) meeting month, so we'll try China King at East 9707 Sprague (the corner of Farr Rd and Sprague) 5:30 pm before the June 4th meeting.. Remember that Sprague is one way running west there. Call Hazel, please, so she can get a count for them. Their service is very good and polite, but very quiet and not too heavy on English vocabulary words.



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 SUNDAY  
 ALL DAY DINNER 12 NOON-9:00 PM

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FORD RELATED TO DO IN AUGUST?** Try the **PIG-N-FORD RACES** at the Tillamook, Oregon County Fair in Tillamook, OR. They're held on the weekend of August 14th and are world famous. Men race stripped-down model T chassis's around a track while hanging on to slippery live pigs.

## ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION WAS GREAT

The Annual Safety Inspection was hosted by Norma and Larry Skidmore and was a roaring success. The weather cooperated and there was a good turnout of cars and people. Thirty cars were carefully inspected by Tom Carnegie, Rick Carnegie, Eric Hutchinson, Mike Robison, Harvey Dunham, Norm Warren, Myron Lewis, Gene Kicha and Dave Robison. Thanks to each for their hard work. At noon, the potluck had more food than even the T club members could eat. Then, with everyone's appetite satisfied, Norma's silent auction commenced with nearly 50 lots to bid on. Bidding was spirited and \$344.00 was collected for the club's coffers. It was a fine day.

**LINED UP AND  
 RIPE FOR THE  
 PICKING, THE  
 TEES AWAIT  
 THEIR TURNS  
 TO BE CHECKED  
 FOR MISSING  
 COTTER KEYS  
 AND WOBBLY**



The team's on the job. Every car will leave today safer than it came, and that's a good thing. There was a front, middle, and rear team, this year, and

# S a f e t y



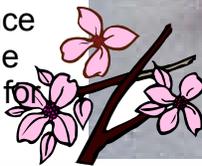
In typical Safety Inspection fashion, these guys set out to see that no tern was left unstoned. At the end of the day, many T's were inspected and



Silent auction items were also unphotographed, but both profitable and unpredictable. Gene Kicha now has to rebuild a car-



Another big winner was Suzy Stacy's tee-shirts. It was a good day to be in the T Club. Thanks, once again, to the Skidmores for



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