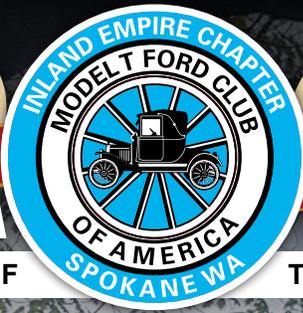


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# CHATTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SPOKANE MODEL T FORD CLUB



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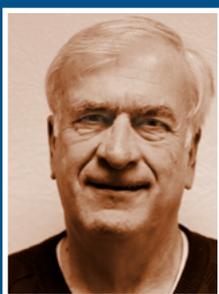
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## Dues

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 the MTFCI



## On the Cover:

Nan Robison's pickup at Blakely Gardens, Mom's day MAC house tour. (see pg 7)

-photo by Nan Robison

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## A Message from our Club's President:

It's off to the races! Several of our members will head off to Montana for the annual Montana 500. We wish you all a safe and successful endurance run. Have a great time! Perhaps we will see some of you at the Medical Lake Parade? Matt Hansen is really working hard on the Green Bluff tour slated for July 29th. It sounds like a good day and a lot of fun! I got a call from Carlton Evans (we did a grange tour a few years ago). He would like to know if there was any interest in doing something again. Let's discuss it at the meeting. As always if you can think of something you would like to do, bring it up, maybe we would like to do it also. See you at the meeting! — Hutch



# Minutes from the Last Club Meeting

**May 5, 2017**

President Mark Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

➡ **Welcoming committee:** Welcoming committee: John and Merrill from INCCC visited to sell raffle tickets. Winners get to have a photo of their car in the yearly INCCC calendar that lists Spokane-area car events. They also said that July 14 is National Car Hobby Day.

➡ **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Betty Patterson couldn't attend the meeting, so her husband Jim passed out the report. Finances look good. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the report.

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

➡ **Sunshine report:** Susie Carnegie sent out three get well cards. The good news is that all three have recovered and came to tonight's meeting.

➡ **Tours report:** Nan Robison and others reported on the April 29 GU baseball tour, and talked about coming events. These included the May 7 car show at SCC, the May 13-14 MAC museum tour of homes and buildings in Spokane and Spokane Valley, and safety inspections at the Skidmore's home on May 21. Jim Patterson spoke about the June 17 Medical Lake parade. We will meet at the Medical Lake Rosauers store at 7:00 AM for breakfast. This is a good event for those who won't be going to the Montana 500.

Matt Hansen is organizing a Green Bluff T Party on Saturday, July 29. He passed out flyers and will have more available at coming meetings. The plan is to meet at the Green Bluff Grange between 7:00 and 9:00 for breakfast, followed by stops at several Green Bluff locations: Willow Pond Pottery and Herbs, Hansen's Green Bluff Orchard, Walter's Fruit Ranch, Twilight Cider Works, and

Townshend Cellars, with a return visit to the Grange at 3:30. We will drive our cars and park them at each business for about an hour. Each business will pay the club a fee for having our cars on display—an estimated \$50 per business with a \$250 total for all five businesses. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the club to pay \$5.00 per member, with a \$20 limit per car, to cover the cost of breakfast. A separate motion was also passed to invite members of the Model A Club to join us.

➡ **New business:** At last month's meeting, President Mark Hutchinson led a discussion of club charitable contributions, and of the Charitable Contributions Committee that is supposed to advise the club and recommend worthwhile causes that we might consider for donations. Because of lack of time, Mark tabled this discussion to a future meeting.

Mike Robison discussed the Northwest Vintage Speedster group that would like to have a tour in the Spokane area over this Labor Day weekend. A sponsor is needed, and Mike asked whether the club would like to do that. The response was favorable, and six people volunteered to meet and discuss it. Club members made no formal commitment to hosting a tour, and we will await a report from the committee at a future meeting.

Mark asked whether we want to continue having our annual January banquet. Attendance was lower at this year's banquet, perhaps because of the higher cost. We might consider other options such as a potluck or a game night. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Tom Carnegie and Mike Robison provided some entertainment, playing "Tequila," with Tom on guitar and Mike on a kazoo. It was quite a performance!

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.  
Larry Mann, Secretary



April 2017 Meeting

## 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 June 2, 2017.**

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!**



**"T"-ball Tour!** *Gonzaga vs St. Maries • April 29th*  
Short tour, Sonic Drive-in, Gonzaga Baseball!



photos by Erik Hutchinson

A few photos from the **2017 "SAFE-T" INSPECTION** May 21 at Larry & Norma's



Check out Mike Robison's time-lapse video on our [Club Facebook page](#).

More photos next month... - 5 -

# Club & Model T Related Events

## Events Calendar

- June 2** **Spokane T Club meeting**  
**June 3** MTFCA Homecoming Event - Richmond, IN  
**June 3** T Driving Lessons-Tacoma lemaymarymount.org  
**June 9-10** 4 Banger 400 Speedster Run - Baker City to LaGrande & back hosted by Treasure Valley Model A Club  
**June 16-17** Car d'Alene car cruise & show Cd'A, Idaho  
**June 17** Medical Lake parade & B'fast at Patterson's  
**June 18-19** Montana 500 - Missoula, MT  
**July 7** **No Club meeting - See you at the Swap Meet**  
**July 7-9** Spokane Swap Meet  
**July 16-22** MTFCA & MTFCI Whitefish/Glacier Park Tour  
**July 20** INCCC Scholarship Car Show-Downtown Spokane  
**July 29** Greenbluff Tour  
**July 29** Bruderheim Model T Races - Bruderheim, Alberta  
**Aug 4** **Spokane T Club Picnic (no regular meeting)**  
**Aug 26** All Ford Show at Dwight Merkel Park, N. Spokane  
**Aug 24-26** Lewiston, ID Hot August Nights  
**Sept 1** **Spokane T Club meeting**  
**Sept 1-2** 35th NWVS 200 Mile Endurance Run  
**Sept 9** 33rd Oregon High Desert Swap Meet-Redmond, OR  
**Sept 23-24** Harvest Swap Meet - Chehalis, WA  
**Oct 6** **Spokane T Club meeting**  
**Oct 7-8** Monroe Fall Swap Meet - Monroe, WA  
**Nov 3** **Spokane T Club meeting**  
**Nov 18** Albany Indoor Swap meet - Albany, OR  
**Dec 1** **Spokane T Club meeting**

**🔧 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

**June** Roy & Gae Anne Moffat, Rick Carnegie

**July** None (Swap Meet)

**August** None (Club Picnic)



## Sunshine Report

Any new updates will be announced at the next meeting ~Susie

## Medical Lake Founder's Day Celebration June 17, 2017

Mark June 17th on your calendar for a fun day of taking your spouse out to Medical Lake for an early breakfast on the lake, then participating in the annual Founder's Day Parade, and enjoying the many arts & craft vendors and commercial vendor attractions. We are hoping some of the new members will be able to make it.

We'll start by meeting at Rosauer's at 3rd & Oak at 7:30 AM and touring out the short 15 miles to Jim and Betty Patterson's home on Silver Lake. We know, 7:30 AM is awfully early to meet, but they used to go out for early breakfasts in their Model T's during the heydays of the 1900's and 1920s, didn't they? **But this breakfast is FREE!**

After a breakfast overlooking Silver Lake, we'll head into town around 9:00 AM to get in line for the annual Medical Lake Founder's Day Parade commemorating the start of the wild and wooly town's birth in 1876.

Some of the tour participants will be departing right after the parade to head to the Montana 500 race in Missoula. For those people who will stick with the tour, we'll finish the day off with a scenic tour of some of our area's beautiful spots.

Weather permitting, it promises to be a scenic day. **Please plan on attending and R.S.V.P. so organizing plans can be made.** See you there! If you have any questions, call us at 509-953-9485. Thanks, Jim & Betty



## Tours and Activity Reports

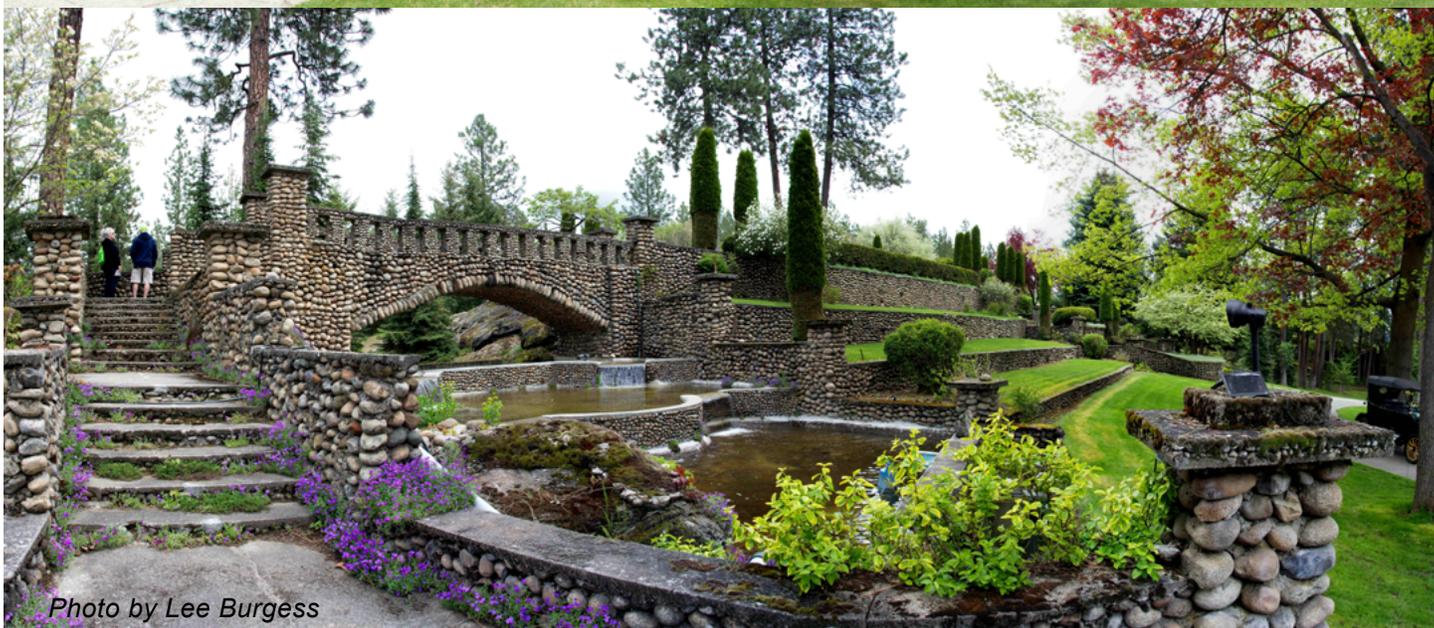
Tours may be arranged at the last minute so check the club website Calendar of Events for the latest activities at [spokanemodeltclub.com](http://spokanemodeltclub.com) or our Facebook page [f Inland Empire Model T Club](#)

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



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



## **Photos from the MAC Tour of Homes**

**May 13-14 - these are from Blakely Gardens location in the Spokane Valley.**



## Seen, Heard and Shared



### The 20 Millionth Ford Car by Jim Patterson

Betty & I, along with Betty's sister, Kathy, and her husband, Jack, took a joint trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan last month to celebrate their granddaughter's First Communion. Following is a briefing of an exciting event that most antique car buffs will appreciate of seeing first hand, the 20 millionth Ford that was built on April 14, 1931. For Jack and Jim, it was a dream that turned into reality. They actually got to see, touch, and feel the highly publicized 20 millionth Ford built. The car is now owned by Rod Limatainen from Chassell, Michigan which is the small town of 1,820 people in the heavy snow belt country of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan next to Lake Superior.

About 2 month ago, brother-in-law Jack was reading his current issue of the national Model A Ford Club magazine, "*The Restorer*", and read an article about the 20 millionth Ford built, a 1931 Model A Ford sedan. The car was owned by a man living in the small town of Chassell, Michigan. Jack immediately recognized Chassell as being the town we planned to visit in late April and so he called Jim to verify that Chassell was the town that their daughter lived in. It was, so he then called car-owner Rod Limatainen, and told him he and Jim, both Model A owners, were going to be in Chassell in a couple of weeks and that we would appreciate the opportunity to visit him and see the famous and highly publicized car. Again, coincidentally, Jim & Betty's daughter, Monica, noted that she knew a family in the Chassell area with the Limatainen last name, and it turned out to be Rod's grandson, whose kids go to the same school as Monica's kids. Rod, being in his 70's and close to the same age as Jack and Jim, graciously accepted Jack's request to visit. The attached photos show Rod, Jack and Jim viewing the famous and beautiful 86 year old Ford.

The car went missing around 1945 from a Ford Motor Company museum, and was presumably sent to one of the many national scrap metal drives in support of the war effort. Unbeknownst to Ford officials, the car never made it to the scrap pile, but instead was sold at auction to the highest bidder, who was Rod's grandfather. Rod eventually inherited the car from his father, who had inherited it from Rod's grandfather, who had originally purchased it at auction in the mid-1950's. The car was used from 1931

till 1934 as part of a 12,000 mile Ford Motor Company traveling exhibit on a national tour advertising to the world about the durability and number of Fords built. Once the traveling show was over, the car was sent to the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit. Where it was kept garaged and was forgotten about by Ford until it was finally auctioned off to Rod's grandfather in the early 1950's.

In 2007, Ford Motor Company decided to celebrate its 100th anniversary by recreating the 1931 20 millionth car milestone and set out to find the car, which was rumored to still exist. Fortunately, they found it in Rod's garage in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and verified the serial number stamped in the frame as to the car's authenticity. Ford then approached Rod about buying the car back for use during the upcoming 100th Ford centennial celebration in 2008. Ford wanted to restore the car and use it again on a nation-wide tour with other significant milestone Fords, including the 10th and 15th millionth Model T's. Rod adamantly told Ford he wouldn't sell it back to them, but if they would give the Model A Ford sedan a complete and 100% authentic frame-off restoration back to new factory condition, he would then loan it to them for use in their centennial celebrations. Ford agreed and gave the car a highly visible and documented bumper-to-bumper restoration for the Centennial Tour. It was displayed at many car shows and exhibits across the country for about 3-years and was then retired and returned to Rod. It now resides in a private garage a few miles from Chassell and is driven locally for community parades, and charitable events. Every item on the car was professionally restored and well documented in writing and on video. Ford held true to their word to make the car look factory new.

When Rod showed Jack and Jim the 20 millionth car, he also invited them to the nearby Ford Motor Company owned sawmill near Baraga, Michigan. It's called the Alberta Sawmill and was 100% dedicated, owned, and operated by Ford Motor Company for automotive wood components production. Wood pieces produced included all of the wood frame and exterior pieces used in all Fords from the 1922 Model T's through the early 50's woody car era, ending with the last of the woodies in 1954. *I'll share more about the sawmill next time...*

# For Sale • Wanted • Services

When available, photos with these ads will be posted to our Club website [spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php](http://spokanemodeltclub.com/for-sale.php)



**For Sale:** Beautiful 1926 Model T Touring – Very clean and has no dents or rust in body. Very good paint. Has Ruxtell transmission, Hassler shocks, wire wheels with mounted spare, nickel bumpers, step plates, diamond-pleated upholstery, foot accelerator pedal, newer side curtains - all in excellent condition. Engine runs and sounds very good, with no knocks. Has distributor ignition system plus head mounted coil box. Contact Karen Miller at 509-599-7172 in Spokane. \$10,000 firm.



**For Sale:** Brass Aeromore Exhaust whistle with cutout valve to install into your Model T exhaust pipe. Used very little. Sounds like a big locomotive coming down the road. Model A up-draft carburetor with adapter fitted to use on a Model T. Also included are misc, clamps, brackets, exhaust pipe, Zenith B-2 carbureator (including factory repair manual), special air/fuel adjust rod, manifold, etc. to install everything on your late Model T. All of the above for \$350.00 or best offer. Call Frank Baker in Kennewick, WA - phone 509-783-0380.

## 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**  
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Spokane Valley, WA  
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MTFCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

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Model T's Owned:

Year	Body Style	Condition
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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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April 29 "T"-ball Tour - hanging out at the Sonic drive-in.

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