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...Pa was proud of his big logging team of horses as well as a heavy working wagon he bought new in 1918 ... for logging ... as an exponent from the old country; had but little insight on things automotive, and tended to avoid them...

Until one day, with his wagonload, he met a ford truck coming back from his frist trip before Pa had got started part way with the horses! With those experiences happening quite often ... Pa could see the wheels of progress were getting well ahead of him.

And so...on an October day, Pa found himself in Spokane, determined to go modern with a good used Model TT truck. He had expected to find used ones plentiful, but ... they were being snapped up ... as many others were also looking. He did find one. The auto dealer was asking only \$250. The salesman went out to start it up, but it was just a bit cold ... that morning and the engine wouldn't fire up. He solved that shortly by putting a jack under the rear wheel and pushing the lever into high gear. With the wheel turning in high gear, the engine kicked off almost right away.

Ford's Model TT Truck of Many Uses

By Grant Lundin & published by Nostalgia Magazine

Pa just wasn't impressed, though. He said, "If I've got to go through this every morning, I'll just buy a new truck!"

So back to Rathdrum he went to see his friends at Skinner's Garage to look at a new one. ... (Mr. Skinner) showed Pa a new one they called a '26 model with the latest features, namely, an all-steel cab with doors that had roll up windows. A Ruxtell two speed worm drive rear end went with this and was an added \$200. Pa fell for it, though I heard him say, "I don't know how I'll ever pay for it".

The total price:\$600. But moving to fast forward here: That truck did far more than pay for itself. It was a real workhorse. There is a long-standing joke to his starting it for the first cold morning when he cranked it. Guess what? It just wouldn't start. It was then he remembered the jacking up a wheel routine he'd learned from the Spokane salesman on the used truck for half the price.

This all soon came to be just routine stuff, and it still beat harnessing and hitching the horses. There was no doubt the Ford was here to stay... To us kids, it seemed we were going somewhere all the time now, and the fact that we must sit on the back on the flat bed, while Pa and Ma sat in the cab, bothered us not one iota! At age seven, we almost lived in that truck when we weren't in school.... (more next month)

Message From the Prez ...

Fellow T-ers,

Spring is already here according to this fabulous weather. Hope everyone has got their Ts tuned up and has already been out driving. As some of you may know, I still need a

volunteer for Road Clean-up.

Jillian Caples has volunteered to head up the 2006 Banquet; I am sure it's going to be a great one. Hope to see you and all your Ts at the March meeting.

Mike





WHO YA GONNA CALL? OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

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Club mailing address is:

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Dues are \$20 per year.

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.

Cartoons, "how to" articles, good examples of Fords in literature, excellent photos in small format, and original reports are all good ideas for submissions. Always remember that brevity is a necessity. Deadlines for submissions is always the 20th.

I've mentioned before that I was sure that Steinbeck (the famous author) was a model T fan. I finally found proof. He actually wrote an elegy to his old personal model T:

"I know, of course, that things do not cease to exist in some form. Metal may change its composition through rust or blast furnace, but all of its

atoms remain somewhere, and I have wondered sadly about IT ... Maybe its essence was blasted gloriously in a bomb or shell. Perhaps it lies humbly on the cross-ties while streamlined trains roll over it. It might be a girder of a bridge, or even something to support a tiny piece of the

UN building in New York. And just perhaps, in the corner of some field, in the gross and the yellow mustard may grow taller and greener than else where and, if you were to dig down, you might find the red of rust under the roots, and that might be IT, enriching the soil, going home to its mother, the earth."

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY, 2005

President Mike Robison called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, Friday February 4th, 2005 at the regular meeting place.

Committees:

Mark Hutchinson welcomed Dave and Linda Klesch. There were no minutes to review, and Lee Burgess had no Vice President's Report. Allen Henzen gave his Treasury Report with information about our paper, dues, and the year-end income report. He also needs tour pictures for the website. Jean Almeda gave her Sunshine Report. Lee Burgess gave his Safety and Seminar Report. Rick Carnegie was absent, so Tom Carnegie gave the Tour Report in his place. Marith McCoul presented the Fender Chatter Report. Jim Patterson gave his Roster Report. Glen Whitely gave the Photography Report. Harvey Dunham had no Legal Report. Charlie Almeda presented the Car Club Council and Blood Bank Report. Joyce Brandvold gave the Photo Album Report.

Old Business:

Allen Henzen commented on our printer situation.

New Business:

Alan Stacey mentioned a car show in June and gave the T Club the option to host it. The 2005 Refreshments List was passed around. President Mike Robison proposed a Bylaw Update and formed a committee. Committee members are Gene Kicha, Tom Carnegie, Lee Burgess, Harvey Dunham, Norm Warren, Jim Patterson, Mike Robison, and Jillian Caples. President Mike Robison mentioned the need for a financial audit. Jillian Caples volunteered. The vacancy of a Road Cleanup Chairman started a debate on whether or not to continue the Road Cleanup. President Mike Robison mentioned we need a 2006 Banquet Chairman. Tom Carnegie entertained us. Cindy Secaur won the ticket drawing.

President Mike Robison adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Jillian Caples

MOUNTAIN FUN SPEEDSTER RUN

September 4-5 is our other tour this year. Complete with a lowland tour, there's something for everyone. It's a long 'ways away, but it looks to be a busy touring season. Put this one on your calendar now.

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE ON
WHEELS JUNE 11—IN FRONT OF
TIDYMAN'S ARGONNE**

Show your car and collect for the cause. While it's relatively easy to collect cash and donations around the holidays, hunger knows no season. As a volunteer, I can tell you that our shelves are beginning to look fairly bare, and we're still using leftover Christmas donation food such as cranberries and canned yams, but it's going fast. By June, all that stuff will definitely be long gone. There was an article in the Feb. 20 Spokesman Review on the problems faced by Second Harvest and area food banks. Help out if you can.



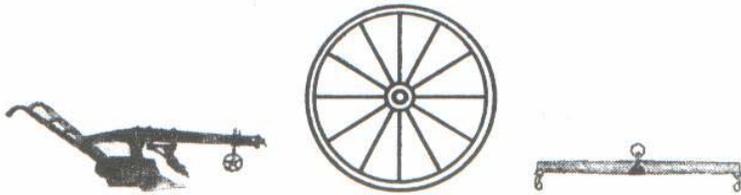
Ladies hunting for vintage hats ... try your own back yard. An article appeared in the Spokesman Review recently about a web-based business called Lady Diane Hats. **208-777—8705** located in Post Falls, ID no less.

Check it out at www.ladydianehats.com

The article says that she produces Victorians, cloches, and Kentucky Derbys. Check out her website.

I definitely saw interesting stuff. *Dusty didn't.*

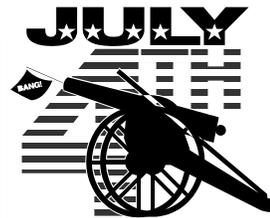
LLOYD WHEELWRIGHT



Wagon Wheels
Buggy Wheels
New and Repair
Horse Drawn Equipment

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The word is that he does wood felloe car wheels too!



SUMMER MAGIC 2005

Fourth of July
Tour July 1-3

The Inland Empire Model T Ford Club is hosting the annual 4th of July tour. The theme this year is "Summer Magic". Tour the mountains and lakes of Northern Idaho and relax on a riverboat cruise on the Spokane River. (free tickets for the first 200 people registered).

Headquarters are Post Falls Templin's Red Lion. 70 rooms are reserved @ \$99 per night. Make reservations at 1-800-293-6754. Mention that you are part of the Summer Magic Tour.

Parking for trailers and motor homes is provided but not RV hook ups. Coeur d'Alene RV Resort is up the street—reservations suggested @208-773-3527.

Highlights include "Peoples Choice Award" for the favorite auto on the tour and a new feature for the ladies—"Ladies Vintage Ensemble". Winner to be chosen at the banquet. Complete the form and bring it to the registration desk upon arrival.

Need more info? Call Charlie or Jean Almeda 509-448-2506.

FRONT END TIPS:

1. Don't forget that spring perches have a "front" and a "back" which, once installed, effectively determine the front and back of the axle. Why? Because they have a slight tilt that leans the spring to the rear. When installed "backwards", steering becomes most strange.
2. If you don't line up the holes in the new bushings with the holes in the perches, oiling the shackles doesn't do much good.
3. If you don't hone those new bushings straight and just enough, they'll burn out your carefully applied oil.
4. 600 weight oil is not the same as 90 weight and it really does stick to stuff better.
5. You really can't hand ream king pin bushings straight and in line. You need a fixture and, at least, a drill press. They must be reamed together, in line, simultaneously.
6. Watch out for worn "eyes" where the king pin bushings fit, and bent axles. Believe it or not, many axles are not worth your time or effort any more; and some may require a great deal of work before they're ready for the final steps of shackle, tie rod, and king pin bushings.
7. Don't forget to "fit" those spindle (king pin) bushings for thrust on their top surface. That's why you examined your axle. Some have deep grooves worn into the eyes and there isn't enough brass in the new bushings to allow that "fit" and make it last.

OLD JOKES: circa 1915 (groan)

Did you hear about the guy who named his T "True Love"?

"No"

Said it was because it never runs smooth.

Dusty can't leave his T outside. - The squirrels will eat all the nuts off it. Glen and Hazel are getting a new dog. They must have the same problem.



'Summer Magic 2005'

July 1-3
Tour Registration Form

Owner or Driver _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Passengers (Names needed for meal and banquet tickets) _____

Year, Make, and Model of Auto _____

Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____

I agree to hold the Spokane Model T Club, their officers and committee members harmless of any wrong doing in connection with the 'Summer Magic Tour.' I also certify that I have the required amount of automobile liability insurance on all vehicles participating in this tour.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Your tour package can be picked up at the registration desk, after lunch, on July 1st.)

Banquet Meal Preferences and Number: Prime Rib _____ Breast of Chicken _____

Tour Fees:

Car and driver _____ \$110.00

Additional passenger _____ X _____ 90.00

Call (509)448-2506 for child rate _____

Total due _____ \$ _____

Tour price includes (hospitality room, two breaks, two lunches, barbecue, and banquet).

Please make checks payable to: Charles E. Almeda

Mail to: "Summer Magic Tour"
4040 S. Madelia
Spokane, WA 99203

Full payment must be received by May 1, 2005

Ladies Vintage Ensemble

Questionnaire

To help us properly describe your ensemble, please complete the following questionnaire and turn it in at the registration desk the first day of the tour.

Your Name:

Vintage of your ensemble (1920's, 1930's, 1950's, etc.):

Hat

Style (Pillbox, picture hat, etc.):

Description (felt with veil, straw with flowers, etc.):

Outfit (dress, gown, suit, etc.):

Style (flapper, fitted jacket with slim skirt, fitted bodice with full skirt, etc.):

Material(s) (silk, satin, lace, cotton, linen, etc.):

Shoes (black patent pumps, white high top shoes, etc.):

Gloves (wrist length white leather, lace, etc.):

Handbag (beaded white evening bag, brown alligator handbag, etc.):

Jewelry

Necklace (single strand of pearls, rhinestone choker, etc.):

Pins (rhinestone, pearls, emeralds, etc.):

Bracelet(s) (gold, diamond, silver, etc.):

Earrings (teardrop pearls, rhinestone chandelier, etc.):

Other accessories (lace umbrella, etc.):

Please use back for any additional pertinent information.

An example of what we are looking for:

Jean is wearing a lovely 1950's evening dress. The red satin dress is ballerina length feathering a fitted bodice with a sweetheart neckline and a pleated bell skirt.

For accessories she is wearing matching red satin 2 1/2" pumps and is carrying a red satin evening bag with rhinestone clip. A gorgeous necklace and chandelier earrings of rhinestone completes her ensemble.



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:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number: _____

ANNUAL DUES:

US: \$29.00 Visa, Mastercard, and Discover cards accepted
 Send to: The Model T Ford Club of America
 POB 126
 Centerville, IN 47330

For Sale:

Original 24 Coupe Un-restored, runs good, new Firestones \$7,500. Dave (CA) (949) 364-6887.

FOR SALE: Rough but 95% complete 26 roadster. New wiring, rebuilt car and fuel system, still doesn't run. CA \$2800.
 Art

SALE & WANTED:

FOR SALE: '19 boat tail speedster NWVS #38 \$4800 Mel Stone 509-639-2510 (Almira)

FOR SALE: 26-7 headlights and bar, brass carbs and 26 coil boxes Marty 253-584-0726 (Tacoma area)

Calendar

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| March 4 | Regular Meeting |
| March 14 | Channel 7 (KSPS) Fund Raiser (5:30) |
| March 19- 20 | Almost Spring Swap Meet |
| March 26 | Front End alignment Seminar Patterson Shop |
| March 31- April 3 | Portland Swap Meet at the PIR |
| April 1 | Regular Meeting |
| April 30-May 1 | Great Falls Swap meet |
| May 6 | Regular Meeting |
| May ? | Economy Run |
| May 15 | Safety Inspection and Silent auction |
| June 3 | Regular Meeting |
| June 11 | Second Harvest Food Drive and Car Show |

Dinner at China King at 5:30 ish regular meeting to follow at 7:30. Meeting at Millwood Town Hall on N. Argonne as usual.

Calendar Details

Just got the exchange paper from Montana. I had forgotten the big Great Falls Swap Meet. Don't forget this one, folks. I'm informed it's a fine one. It's held at the Cascade County fair grounds and opens to the public at 8 am on Saturday morning. Your contact person is Chuck Gardner 406-761-3387.

KSPS is looking for folks to man their funding phones. If

you can do this on Monday March 14, contact Jim Patterson immediately. (If you live in the Valley and can pick me up call me @924-9514—Dusty sleeps during fund raising hours.)

The Patterson Front End Seminar commences at 10 AM Saturday morning. Be there or you will NOT be "square". He promises to publish some sort of map on the web. He lives out at Medical Lake where ad-

dresses mean nothing.

Safety inspection is coming and, with it the silent auction fund raiser. Start cleaning out the garage and the closets. There's nothing to do outside when it's this cold, anyway.

If you haven't used it in two years, you aren't likely to ever use it. The object is a candidate. Donate.

Oh, by the way, the Strolling Strings came from East Valley not CV, sorry.



Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



Inland Empire Model T Ford Club

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*Cover photo: Grant's Father's brand new
TT Truck purchased in Rathdrum from
A O Skinner in 1926 for \$600*