

# Fender Chatter

A Monthly Newsletter



## Greenbluff Tour Car Show & Driving School

With Nan Robison leading the troops from Albertsons at Trent/Argonne, Lee Burgess from the Mead Yokes on Highway 2 and Dick Dodd from East Valley High School all T's converged on **Maple Crest Farms** at 10321 E. Day Mt. Spokane Rd. in Greenbluff around noon, Oct. 5.

Nan along with Joe Swanson provided manifold cooked dogs for lunch with chips as part of a turtle deck party upon arriving.

The **Car Club Council** had a wide variety of cars in attendance that included nine Model T's. There was a good turnout considering the overcast conditions.

**Maple Crest Farms** did a great job at hosting this event.

We appreciated the opportunity to use these facilities and field for the Driving School course.

With over 39 people who choose to take a ride, with many willing to give it a try at driving a Model T, all had a great and unique experience.

Nan gave her husband, Dave, an experience of riding with a Montana 500 competitor in Tweety Bird. Dave was so grateful to have had the opportunity... (to be back on terra firma following the ride and kissing the ground!).

Diana Swanson got to drive Rusty and after eight laps, was a real professional driver.

See more photos on Page 5 in the **Tour and Activity Reports**.



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE ERIK HUTCHINSON

Hello T Members!

By the time you all see this, October will be on its way out and Old Man Winter will be breathing down our necks. Colder temperatures require braver (or crazy!) T drivers. I know there are plenty of us willing to brave the colder weather and enjoy the great tours in store. Mike has a tour coming up which I am sure will make braving the cold temperatures more than worth while.

An big meeting this month as election of officers for next year is going to take place. It is an important election this year as your vote will help decide the future of the T club. Do you want universal health care? Believe in Trickle Down Economics? Free fenders for everyone? Here's your chance to have your say! So, be sure to be at the meeting and cast your vote so you can at least have the right to complain about the elected officials all of next year. Till the meeting, have a good one! the prez

**GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION**

All phone numbers are Area Code 509 unless otherwise noted.

Please direct club correspondence to the clubs mailing address:

IEMTFCA  
 POB 11708  
 Spokane Valley, WA 99211-1708



**Dues**

The yearly dues are \$20 per year for an individual or for 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.

**Editor**

DAN COSLIC

This was my first Greenbluff Tour and Driving School. Had a fantastic time and got to drive some other great T's! Even received some good tips that I may use with my modern car (slow down! watch out! STOP! turn! turn! look out for that house!).

We have our 2009 club officer elections coming up at the November meeting so please plan to attend. You'll find a ballot in this Edition at the bottom of Page 7 to bring along at the November meeting. If you forget, we'll have ballots on hand. Vote early, vote often. New officers take office at the January, 2009 Banquet.

You can also bring in your 2009 Membership form which is also on Page 7 & Dues (you need to bring that part in) at the November meeting. See how convenient this all is. Dues are due by January 31, 2009.

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday and see you at the election!

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**MONTHLY MEETING**

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 meeting is November 7, 2008.**

OCTOBER 2008 SECRETARIES MINUTES

The October 2008 Meeting called to order by President Erik Hutchinson.

**Welcome:** Paul and Jackie from INCC & Car Club Council.

**Treasurer:** Financial statement was distributed and approved.

**Minutes:** The September 2008 minutes were approved with following revision:

- *President Tour Trophy went to Joe Swanson for the Mystery Tour and NOT the Economy Run as stated in the minutes...* is the Secretary and Newsletter Editor both not paying attention?

**Car Club Council:**

- Paul & Jackie promoted the Show-No-Shine scheduled for 5:30PM on February 21, 2009 at Templin's in Post Falls, ID. The theme is Tie-Dye 60's with entertainment by Sharky & The Fins. Tickets are \$30/person.

**Tours Past and Future:**

- Park-It-Tour on Sept 21 with 63 cars. Lots of fun and well fed on this 100 mile tour sponsored by the **Cars Club Council**.
- Oct 5 is Greenbluff Tour & Driving School.
- Mike Robison potential tour to Trumbull Wildlife Refuge on November 15.
- Tentative Road Cleanup on Oct 18 organized by Travis meeting at Frankie Doodles at 9AM.

**Other Business**

- Presidents Tour Trophy went to Dave Robison for the tour that never happened in September.
- 2009 Club Officer nominations were held and are on the ballot published in the November Newsletter. Election is at the November Meeting.

- Motion approved to reimburse Stacies for Printer repairs and Whiteleys for stamps.
- Eric interviewed by NBC-TV Station KHQ at Ford Dealership. Interview went well and was fun.
- Mike Robison asked for clarification of various club policies to include:
  1. Articles of Incorporation definition of three classes that there is not special treatment but have three types of members. Motion approved forming ad-hoc committee to consult with Legal.
  2. Spending & Saving starting to exceed income. Are we going to have vendors start paying for advertising in Newsletter? Putting together a Car Show? Sponsors are available, gather sponsors and produce shirts with sponsors & T-Club log? Motion approved to form committee of fund-raising v. remaining the way we currently are for fund raising.
- Motion approved to create Charity oversight committee.
- Annual Banquet at Airport Ramada Inn on January 3, 2009. Will have Car Races again this year. \$20/person. Tickets will be available November meeting. Also a discounted room rate is available.
- There have been limited photos published on the Web site. Allen Henzen said he would put them on.

As respectful as possible, submitted by your Club Secretary, Dan Coslic

WE'RE THINKING OF YOU

**Blood Bank**  Seven units are in the name of the Model T Club. Thank you! Every drop helps. When donating ask that it be made on behalf of the Model T Club.

**Sunshine Report**  No reports and hoping everyone is doing well.

Visit our club website at [WWW.SPOKANEMODELTCLUB.COM](http://WWW.SPOKANEMODELTCLUB.COM)

Candy's Cookie Corner

**Nov 7**  
**Mark Hutchinson**  
**Joe Swanson**

**Dec 5**  
**Everyone**

**UPCOMING EVENTS****GET OUT AND PLAY!****November Events****NOV 15****TRUMBALL WILDLIFE REFUGE TOUR**

Contact is Mike Robison for further details.

**TOUR AND ACTIVITY REPORTS****Craig Nelson's T in Spokesman-Review Newspaper**

This article was in the Spokesman-Review and provides great publicity for the promotion of the Model T and for the Club. Note that Craig Nelson and Alan Stacey were reversed in the photo credits. <http://www.spokesmanreview.com/voices/story.asp?ID=261072>

**Model T-teamwork**

From left, Craig Nelson, Kerry Tritt and Alan Stacey discuss the progress of the 1926 Ford Roadster being restored by a group of Hillyard friends on Sept. 12. The Spokesman-Review (CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON The Spokesman-Review )

**Vintage car enthusiasts pool efforts to rebuild 1926 roadster Craig Nelson bought at age 14****Amy Cannata**

Staff writer

September 18, 2008

The rusted 1926 Ford Model T Roadster sat for years in Craig Nelson's mother's North Side garage.

With no way to restore it, Nelson had watched other Model T owners out and about with their cars. Now a group of those owners has joined together to help Nelson bring his 80-plus-year-old car back to life in a Hillyard garage.

Like Nelson's Model T, each has suffered dents and dings in his own life. As a group they've coped with strokes, heart disease, broken bones and divorce.

"This is like therapy for us," said Alan Stacey, a member of the Spokane Model T Club.

That club has 230 cars among its Eastern Washington members.

Stacey came to Model Ts after 18 years of skydiving. After setting national and world records for group jumps, he decided it was time for a new hobby.

He now owns two Model Ts. "They're unique. They're part of history," Stacey said.

Nelson bought his Model T when he was just 14.

After a summer baby-sitting for his sister's children, she rewarded him with a \$100 bill.

With the crisp bill in his pocket, Nelson noticed the Model T in a man's yard and said how much he'd like to have it.

"He asked, 'How much do you have in your pocket?' " Nelson said.

Moments later the Model T was his.

Nelson's father worked on it from time to time, until he died in 1976.

Now Craig Nelson's 87-year-old mother hopes she'll get a ride in the Model T sometime soon.

It wasn't until Nelson met Stacey at the Monroe Street Bridge 2005 reopening gala, however, that he was able to move forward with the project.

After a failed attempt to have it restored by a man in Deer Park, the Model T was worse than ever.

"It was a rust bucket. It was bad," Stacey said of the car which had been left outside in a field.

Stacey recently enlisted the help of Kerry Tritt, Jacob Tritt and Dan Coslic. After just weeks in Jacob Tritt's garage, the Model T is close to being finished.

"All of these guys are volunteers," Stacey said. "We're putting it together because we want to see Craig get a working car."

It was in such bad shape that the group has had to strip it down to basic parts, filing off rust and repainting each piece.

Kerry Tritt said he's worked on hot rods, but this is the first Model T that he and his son, Jacob, have put together from the ground up.

Kerry Tritt said that when he and his wife frequently ride around town in their own Model T, they dress in vintage clothing.

Nelson said he's extremely grateful for the help of the group and their friendship.

"I didn't expect it at all," he said. "It's really been a pleasure for me."

**Tuesday Nights**

If you need to work on your T, perform tuning, help out or need help, want to learn something new or just to hang out then come on over. Join us then follow up with some lively discussion at "Burger Time" and tell Dave to go fly a kite.

If you have questions, call Tom or Mike at the Antique Auto Ranch, (509) 535-7789. They're located at 2225 N Dollar Rd, Spokane Valley, WA. 99212 or are available on the website at <http://www.antiqueautoranch.com>



**Needing Tour and Activity Reports**

If you have led a recent tour or an activity even from a previous month, we want to know about it and how it went; good or the not so good. Photos are always great so if you have them then send them in to [fenderchatter@gmail.com](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com)

**Greenbluff Tour and Driving School... continued from Page 1**



**Three Rivers Tour in Tri-Cities, WA**

**submitted by Virginia Warren**

Celebrating the Model T Ford 100 Years in the Tri-Cities.

Allen McSweeney, Ada Bidle, Helen & Rocky Rachuy, with Norm & Virginia Warren attended the Three Rivers Model T Club Tour from Oct. 1-5 in the Tri-Cities area. (We also had a surprise visit from Jim & Betty Patterson and Joanne Jepperson on Saturday afternoon.) The tour was headquartered at the Clarion Hotel in Richland. Thirty-nine out-of-town cars and drivers were registered, along with nine local members and cars. There were well over 100 in total attendance.

The local club did a wonderful job of planning different tours for each day including a visit to the Union Pacific locomotive repair facility at Hinkle, Oregon; a tour through the grape and hops, countryside with a stop at a large Darigold creamery; and a drive to Sacajawea State Park. They provided picnic lunches during each of these tours as well as a bar-b-q dinner and a fashion show of styles of the 1920's on the first night, and a banquet on Saturday evening.

Everything was well-organized, and very pleasant throughout the four days.



**Valley Fest**

**submitted by Alan Stacey**

Suzie & Alan Stacey along with Kerry & Susie Tritt went to the Valley Fest at Maribeu Park. All were there for the entire day with 3- T's, 1927 PU, 1915 Roadster and the Tritt's 1912 Speedster. It was a blast and we all had fun.



**Park-It Tour**

**submitted by Alan Stacey**

Wes & Karen Miller and the Stacey's went to the Park-It Tour on September 21. The Millers brought their 1926 Touring T - with their Grandkids. We left Albertsons at Windermere heading to Tum Tum, Ford and then to Wellprint.

The Millers T ran well and averaged 40 mph. There were 63 cars and 100+ people. We went about 100 miles on the tour. Lunch was provided by the High School Spanish class in Wellprint. It was a great Tour.



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**2009 Dues & New / Renewal Membership Form**

The yearly dues are \$20 per year for an individual or for 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.



*Model T Ford Club of America*

**Inland Empire Chapter**

**P.O. Box 11708**

**Spokane, WA 99211-1708**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 Chapter Membership Application & Roster Update Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Carrier & Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ **Any changes since 2008? Yes / No**

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ **MTFCA member? Yes / No**

Send newsletter by: email / U.S. Mail (circle one) **National Member #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Model T's Owned:**

Year	Body Style	Condition	Condition Codes:
_____	_____	_____	R = Restored
_____	_____	_____	U = Unrestored
_____	_____	_____	O = Original
_____	_____	_____	PR = Partially Restored
_____	_____	_____	BC = Basket Case

Please update this form even if all data is the same as last years. Send this form with your dues check payable to "Spokane Model T Ford Club" to the club treasurer to the club P.O. Box address as noted above. Annual dues are \$20.00 per family per address per year. If more than 5 Model T's, please use back of this form.

**ELECTION BALLOT**

**BALLOT FOR 2009 CLUB OFFICES (IN ORDER OF NOMINATION)**

**PRESIDENT**

Norm Warren \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Robison \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Carnegie \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY**

Ed Stone \_\_\_\_\_

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Jillian Caples \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Heid \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER**

Suzie Stacey \_\_\_\_\_  
Nan Robinson \_\_\_\_\_

**I KNEW THAT...**

**2008 Speedster Run Winner was relocated... oops**

The front page article in the October Edition concerning the 26th Annual NWVSC Endurance Run relocated the winners home. The winners, Jim & Patty Cunningham are from Kent, WA and not from Pomeroy as reported in the article. I was only off by 300+ miles. Good thing I wasn't co-pilot in the race!

**Palos Verdes Concours in Southern California**

**submitted by Dick & Jane Wyckoff**

I am a Model A guy, however I helped with the Model T section of the Palos Verdes Concours here in So Cal. In it we had nine, brass era Ts displayed from the oldest restored T known, a 1908 Touring (#131), to an unrestored 1910 touring. I got to talk to all these guys and really appreciate the 100 years of Model T existence. The newest was a 1916 Touring with a lot of fun cars in between.



**Spokane Model T Club members cars (continued on next page)**

**photos by Glenn Whiteley**





If you find those oops items, send in the fixes to the newsletter email at [fenderchatter@gmail.com](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com) by the 18th so that it can be made right or at least made believable.

**FOR SALE / WANTED**

The For Sale/Wanted section is one of the most under used resources that club members have. We will run your ads for up to two months, unless notified otherwise, on a space available basis. If you have an ad (it's FREE) to put in the newsletter for parts or cars (T's or not) to sell or to buy/trade, contact the Newsletter Editor at [fenderchatter@gmail.com](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com).

FOR SALE



**1923 Model T Speedster**

1923 Model T Speedster. Starts and runs well. 26 block with many extras on it. 12 volt electric cooling fan. Lowered 3" all around, seats 2 comfortably. Spare tire and tools in trunk. See at NWVS Car # 143. Price \$5,995 OBO. Henry Chioles. 425-820-8470. Bothell, WA.

**1911 (?) T "George Smith's Pie Wagon"**

Overall condition is Good but needs some TLC. Runs well. Asking \$5000 or best offer. Please contact Karen by phone at 509-447-4272

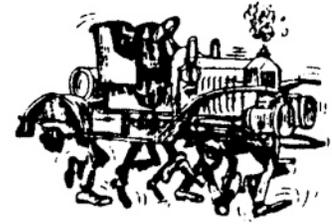


**1925 Canadian Touring**

1925 Canadian Touring with left hand driver's door. Partially restored; good running engine, body has new wood kit installed on rusty but good sheet metal, 21" wire wheels, new tires ; top bows re-wooded; clear title, \$3450 - Les Johnson, Corvallis, MT - 406-961-5150.

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A Monthly Newsletter



Dave Robison listened to advice to "go fly a kite"...

Fender Chatter is published monthly by the Inland Empire Chapter Model T Club of America in Spokane, WA.

To be included, as space permits, in the next newsletter, items must be received no later than the 18th of the month.

Please submit your articles, photos, trip reports, adventures, Ford T parts for sale, want ads, ideas, etc. to [fenderchatter@gmail.com](mailto:fenderchatter@gmail.com)

## See you next month and safe-T in your driving