



# VOICE OF THE V8

A monthly newsletter of the Early Ford V-8 Club of the Inland Empire #23

DECEMBER 2025

Dear Early Ford V-8'er's,

With wishes to all for a merriest and most wonderful Christmas and New Year as we get ready for the promises of an even better new year in 2026.

In retrospect, 2025 gave us a good year with really nice tours put together by VP Tom Davis; outings at the lake thanks to Rob and Luana Lewis and the always willing EFV8 Volunteer Team and the always very nice get together at Carol Langstaff's—made possible again by the hard work of our Volunteer Team, this time led by Chefs Phil and Connie Stevenson. It was nice to see Harold and Carol Black there.

And what about the Thanksgiving Dinner and the grand finale, the Christmas Party! Have heard many kudos about both, particularly the Christmas party, which some have called, "The best ever!" Not surprising.

Most of all, we can be thankful for one another and for our Early Ford V-8 Club members. Our inclusive, welcoming, and bias-free spirit is what truly makes our club special and defines who we are.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

(P.S. Keep the festive in "festive" season. Stay safe!)

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## THIS MONTH'S Feature Car



Dave & Becky Swenson's  
1936 Ford Deluxe Coupe

## Upcoming EVENTS

DECEMBER 31

Dues are DUE

JANUARY 4

Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 1

Regular Meeting

MARCH 1

Regular Meeting

APRIL 1

Regular Meeting

MAY 5

Regular Meeting

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the  
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## Attention

If you would like to have your car featured in our newsletter, please send a photo to [earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com](mailto:earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com). Be sure to include "V8 Club Newsletter" in the subject line so your message isn't missed.

In your email, please include:

- Your name
- The year, make, and model of your car
- An optional short write-up or story about your vehicle

Your car will also be showcased on our club website, where we have a page dedicated to members' vehicles. Club photo page link included [here](#).



### FOR SALE:

- 5 - Show condition double pin striped wheels
- 5 - 650 x16 WW, pie crust, biased tires with tubes
- Under 500 miles on tires.
- \$1200 for the set.

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**FOR SALE:** 1935-36 Ford Delivery Car. Basket case. Lots of extra parts. Rare car that's valuable when restored. \$3,000 or best offer. Contact Harvey Dunham at (509) 218-1437.

## 2025 Early Ford Club Christmas Party

Our club Christmas Party was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> and it seems we all had a great time.

We had some long-time members that we have not been seen in a while show up. Becky and Dave Swenson came and it was so good to see them. Tom and Alice Daily, Harvey Dunham, Lynne Lang and Lenny Bush were also in attendance. We haven't seen some of these people on a regular basis so we were very happy they were able to join us. I am sorry if I missed anyone but am trying to go on memory here.



It started off with a little confusion on our room as they changed it on us at the last minute. We all seemed to settle in fine though. BJ found a great DJ for us and he played some good music along with calling our drawing numbers for our white elephant exchange and our 50/50 raffle.

The evening starting off with happy hour and visiting. Dinner was then served and it was a very nice buffet of prime rib, salmon and chicken cordon bleu, along with salad, veggies and rice. Dessert was bite size pumpkin bread and lemon cream pie bites.



Sam presented the officers and board members that were in attendance with gifts of vests and hats. We did not let him off the hook though as we presented him with a very nice jacket and hat.

We then moved on to our white elephant gift exchange. There was some fun with some stealing of gifts. All in all, everyone had a great time and walked away with some very nice gifts.

We also collected food for the food banks in Washington and Idaho along with Toys for Tots. Gail and I split up

both the food and the toys. I took half of the food and toys. I delivered the food to Partners Inland Northwest which was formally the Spokane Valley Partners. They weighed the food and it came out to 40 pounds!

I also delivered about 15 toys to the Toys for Tots that is located at the Northtown Mall. As of Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> they were at about 6,000 kids that they were giving toys to and that number was expected to grow. When I called to see where to take the toys, they said that they were getting low on toys. She also indicated that some money was coming through from some corporate donors and that would help. I know times are tough for a lot of people so they were very thankful for all they were getting. I did see quite a few people waiting in line for their numbers to be called so they could pick up toys for their kids. Last year they distributed 35,594 toys to 10,172 kids. As I talked to Shauna, she was able to take me into the area they use to put the toys together. This is a well-run organization and they are all volunteers only, no one is a paid employee. I was also able to take some pictures of the volunteers and the area they used to sort the toys. There are a couple of kids in the pictures that were volunteers and were busy putting together toys. There was even a gentleman that was helping that was 100 years old and he shows up every year! I always knew about Toys for Tots and have donated in the past, but I had no idea about everything they do. I may even donate some time next year.

Gail Whitman also had about 15 toys that she took 2/3 of the toys to the Coeur d' Alene Police Department for them to distribute. She took the remaining toys and the food (which she probably also had about 40 pounds) to Cup of Grace which is a faith-based nonprofit in Spirit Lake Idaho. They help families in need with food from a food bank and they also have lunches for kids in need on Saturdays. When Gail delivered the food and toys they were serving community members lunch. They have a food pantry, clothing closet, and diaper bank. They also provide "Buddy Bags" that can be carried in responder's vehicles to help kids that may be in some type of traumatic situation. This sounds like a great organization. If you would like more information their website is:

<http://www.cupofgrace.life>

Thank you to all who brought food and toys! It was also fun to see and visit with everyone. I think a great time was had by all.

Page 3 has pictures I took at Toys for Tots. The rest are from the party.

Have a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

Annette



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<p>Year: 2026</p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</b> P.O. Box 176 Veradale, WA 99037</p> <p><b>"Dedicated to the Preservation of Ford V8s 1932-1953"</b></p> <p><b>Renewal DUE JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> No Changes      Changes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Member</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please fill out this form completely. Thank you!</p>	<p>Name _____ Spouse Name _____</p> <p>Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____</p> <p>Cell Phone _____ Spouse Cell Phone _____</p> <p>Email Address _____ Spouse Email _____</p> <p><b>FORD CARS:</b> List make, model, body &amp; condition <b>PRR</b>=Partially Restored &amp; Running, <b>PR</b>=Partially Restored, <b>UR</b>=Unrestored, <b>OC</b>=Original Condition</p> <p>1. _____ 4. _____ 2. _____ 5. _____ 3. _____ 6. _____</p> <p>* <b>Insurance Carrier:</b> _____ (all cars taking part in V8 activities must be covered by liability insurance)</p> <p>* <b>Are you a member of the National Ford V8 Club</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (write Yes or No) (all Chapter Members must be National Members)</p> <p><b>All members agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the Inland Empire Regional Group #23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual dues are \$30 per membership, which includes an emailed newsletter.</b></li> <li>• <b>There is a \$25 charge for members wanting a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to them.</b> (this includes REGULAR, CHARTER, GOLDEN and LIFE members)</li> </ul> <p><b>Please check appropriate boxes and include payment with this application</b></p> <p><b>\$30 Annual Dues</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>\$25 Hard copy of newsletter mailed to you</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>TOTAL PAID (to be enclosed with this application)</b> _____</p> <p>Thank you RG #23</p>
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**Membership renewals are due by December 31. A full size renewal form is available HERE or from previous newsletters.**



*"The gifted man bears his gifts into the world, not for his own benefit, but for the people among whom he is placed; for the gifts are not his, he himself is a gift to the community."*

~Henry Ford



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