



VOICE OF THE V8

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

MARCH 2021

Dear Members,

Here we are heading into 2021.

Had the first club meeting at the Senior Center with 26 members. Five months since we had the last club meeting, Let's go back to the November meeting; the big topic was the 2021 Swap Meet. It was voted on to move forward. After a couple of BOD meetings and the club meeting the 7th of March, we are on the move to a swap meet & car show for July. There are going to be a few do's and don'ts, but the club and members can work through them.

I want to thank Gary Davis for putting a call list out to our members (Gary, Annette, Ken, JoAnn - thank you guys) asking if they would be willing to work the swap meet. To the members who said yes to volunteering, thank you.

I had the task of talking with the Model A and Model T clubs. The president of the Model A's told me that she would talk with their members at the next meeting about helping with the set-up. She did state that their members are getting up in age. The Model T club has a National Meet or touring event the week of the swap meet. I do think we will have help from them.

Now, the State of Washington is in stage two of the pandemic. That means as of now there can only be 25% capacity at the fairgrounds. If we go to stage three, then it will move to 50% or more. I believe this... in five months, we might be well into stage three. I have this feeling; the swap meet will be the biggest of all the swap meets. People are wanting to move forward and do things after a year of hell (excuse my wording) of the pandemic. For now, Hoopfest, Pig Out in the Park, the County Fair, concerts, and movie theaters are a go. Good Guys are coming in August, masks only. All the dates have been changed for the events.

Please stay safe and warm, keep the hand sanitizer, mask, and Lysol nearby.

Your club president,
Chuck McVey

P.S. I or the club will keep the members informed of any changes. One change has already happened. WA State will be in Phase 3 on March 22nd. Woot woot!!



EARLY FORD V-8 REGIONAL GROUP #23 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES ♦ MARCH 7, 2021

Officers in attendance: Chuck McVey, Ken Dickson, Gary Davis, Annette Long

Meeting called to order: 5:00 pm, Flag Salute.

Guests: No guests this evening.

Motion to accept old minutes: Motion made: Bobbi Welch. Second: Butch Glander. Motion passed.

Treasurers report: Gary Davis – Gary read the report and also said that the 2020 income taxes are done. We will be getting money back because we lost money last year. He was also able to take them to another company to be prepared for a lesser charge than what we had been paying. Expenses were sunshine committee, tax prep, and some swap meet expenses. We also had some income from membership dues. Motion made to accept the treasurer's report: Ken Dickson. Second: BJ Glander. Motion Passed.

Committee reports:

Badges – None right now. Alice Dailey brought a sample and said she can do them for .50¢ each. We pay \$25 right now.

Tours: Ken Dickson – No Report

Sunshine: Brigitte Leidel: Cards were sent to Wendel Essley, Vonnie Satchwell, John Boller, BJ Glander, Becky Swenson, Dawn Voelker, and Art Howell. Flowers were also sent to Art Howell.

Bereavement Committee: JoAnn Davis – No report

Nominating Committee: Mack Cain/Annette Long – No report

Charitable Giving: Carolyn Fries – No Report

Golden Membership: Jackie Feldmiller/JoAnn Davis – No report

Website / Newsletter: Becky Swenson: No Report – If you have anything wanted or for sale put in the newsletter, please have it to Becky by the 10th of the month.

Property Accountability: Jackie Feldmiller – No report

Roster/Membership: Gary Davis – We have 16 members that have said they are not renewing. We have 80 paid members.

Ladies Meeting: Vonnie Satchwell – No report.

INCCC: Wally Graham – No report as he did not make the last meeting. He did mention the Calendar of Events are a go and the Show No Shine will be virtual this year. They are also accepting nominations for the their awards: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Couple of the Year, etc.

Swap Meet: Don Leidel – We did a phone survey to find out if members would be willing to work the swap meet. The results are shown on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Model T's have a National Meet the same weekend. There will probably be some people that are not going and those folks may be able to help work the swap meet.

Someone asked if we will have insurance for the swap meet and Chuck said we will. He has already talked with the insurance person.

Don will work with Norma to get the registrations out. The sign up sheets will be at the next meeting. We will fill with our people and then with the other clubs.

Dale Furnish brought up that in the past we have given vendors until June 20th to respond regarding a booth. Actually, there is an earlier date for those that want the same booth location. We will work on moving those dates up.

It was agreed we should order flyers now – 5,000 was suggested. That way we can give them to the other clubs to distribute. We have been working on revising the flyers – if any changes let Annette know. We are in good shape with the fairgrounds right now. They applied our deposit to this year.



APRIL 11
Regular Meeting

MAY 2
Regular Meeting

JUNE 6
Regular Meeting

JUNE 27
July's Regular Meeting



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We will have Chuck Little check with Gus Johnson to see if he will come back. We might want to check for an interest in other manufacturer dealers coming?

Someone asked where the layout stuff was. Doug Asay had it last and right now we have heard he will be here to do the layout.

We will ask Becky to put the info on our Facebook page and will have her post the flyers when they are done. We will also ask her about Instagram. Bob Long was also working on postcards to mail/hand out.

Chuck McVey will have the phone renewed for another year. Don Leidel has it now.

BJ said she will be at the purple gate again with her motor home as she has done in the past.

Cart Rentals – we will be limiting the amount of carts we rent and will probably not be having the taxi service this year. If need be, we can use the carts we have to transport people.

Renee said she will work admissions again this year. We will make sure we have gloves, masks and sanitizer.

Car Show: Larry and Caren will not be able to physically be at the car show on Saturday as they have a family commitment. They will get everything done ahead of time and have people ready to work on Saturday. They will be organizing all of the behind the scenes things. Caren said they will work on getting donations for the goodie bags and will bring it over, but will need volunteers to put them together.

They said it usually takes four people per shift to run the booth. Larry will need judges and people to park the cars and to take money at the purple gate for cars coming in. They will have sign up sheets at the next meeting.

New Business: Millie and her husband, at the Post Falls Senior Center, said they will be retiring in May. She said we can still meet there in April, but after that, we will need to find a new place. Chuck McVey will check with Darcy's to see if we can meet in their banquet area behind the bar. If anyone else has any suggestions, please let Chuck know. Howard Welch also recommended their place in Hayden for any meetings. Thank you. So we will meet at the Post Falls Senior Center in April and will keep you all updated for future meetings. More info to follow....

No drawings tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Due to Easter Sunday on April 4th we will meet on April 11th at the Post Falls Senior Center.

Next BOD meeting will be Thursday, May 20th at 6pm. Location TBD.

May General Meeting location TBD.

Motion to adjourn: Bobbi Welch. **Second:** Don Leidel. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Long

SWAP MEET SURVEY

Below is the tabulated data from our recent survey. The question that was asked of the membership was: If we are able to have the 2021 swap meet this year, are you willing to work at it?

The people who called the 121 members were: Ken Dickson, Annette Long, JoAnn Davis, Gary Davis

YES Would Work	NO Would Not Work	UNKNOWN Did Not Respond	121 Members Surveyed
73 Responses	34 responses	12 no response	107 Responses
60%	28%	12%	88%

The intention of this data was to find out that if we do decide to have the 2021 swap meet, would we have enough V8 club members to work.

Thanks, Gary



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PLACE



Next month will be our last meeting at the Post Falls Senior Center as Millie and her husband are retiring. We have really enjoyed having our meetings there and owe them a huge thank you for all the accommodations they have made for us over the years. Beginning in May 2021, we will need a new place to hold our monthly meetings. If you have an idea of a place to meet, please let Chuck McVey know. Thank you!

EARLY FORD V-8 REGIONAL GROUP #23
BOD MINUTES ♦ FEBRUARY 24, 2021 ♦ DARCY'S RESTAURANT

Meeting Called to order at – 6:55 p.m.

Members in attendance: Chuck McVey, Ken Dickson, Gary Davis, Annette Long, John Clarizo

Guests: Edith Dickson

Motion to accept old minutes: Ken Dickson. Second: John Clarizo. Motion passed

Financial Report – Treasurer - Gary Davis – Will investigate having someone else look at doing the taxes for a lesser charge.

Motion to accept: John Clarizo. Second – Ken Dickson. Motion passed

Old Business

Swap Meet – We are trying to figure out if we should do a swap meet this year. Things are loosening up on the pandemic and there are some events that will happen later in the year. Hoop Fest (in September?), Pig Out in the Park, County Fair, movie theaters are now open.

The BOD recommends that we do the swap meet. It was discussed that we would divide up the roster and call the membership to ask the question, "If we are able to have the swap meet this year, would you be willing to work?" This will help us figure out if we have enough people to work, and if not, can we ask some of the other groups to help us out? The findings will be discussed at the March general meeting.

If we have the swap meet, what are some of the items we could do to cut down on costs?

- Cart Rentals – We may change the amount that we rent
- Taxi Service – Is this something we should offer again?
- Disc Jockey for the car show? Should we have one? Should we see if someone else can do it cheaper? Should we renegotiate with the person we have had in the past?

As far as club insurance for the swap meet, we should be ok on that. We will call the insurance person like we have done in the past. We pay them and they take care of it.

Car Show: Larry & Caren said they would do it again this year.

- Motion Auto sponsored the trophy's in the past. Will they do it again?
- Will Gus Johnson participate again? We will have Chuck Little check with him.
- A tire company as a sponsor and have space?
- Trailer company that we had in the past.

We will have Norma send out the vendor packets to see what we get back.

Just a couple of notes on things that have closed: The Spokane Raceway Park will not reopen this year due to the limit of the amount of people they can have come through. We still need to check how this might affect us as far as attendance and social distancing. Because the raceway has closed that means that the Dukes drag races in May are cancelled. The Monroe Swap Meet has also been cancelled.

New Business: Gary read off the names of some the people that have not sent in their membership. A couple

of the members that know some of these members A andawill give them a call. Some of them are out of town for the winter.

To save money, it was decided that we will do an addendum to the roster to add or delete members. We just had a new roster printed so the addendum will be less expensive.

Future Board meeting dates:

Motion to Adjourn – John Clarizo

Second – Ken Dickson

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Long, Secretary

A Couple of Things from Tom Dailey

- I just used Hemmings Auctions to sell the '39 Merc. It worked pretty good. Their auction website is interesting to just watch what is going on. It's a way to see what is really selling on a nationwide scale. I am happy to share my experience with anyone who is interested.
- One of our Chokes & Spokes members is interested in a '33 or '34 sedan - prefers a '33 Tudor but will look at any others. Wants a completed car -- no projects. Several of our IERG members were at his place 2 or 3 years ago. Name is Jon (Jeep) Entwistle, phone 509-684-3868. People can call him or me 509-684-4333 if they have a lead.



2021 Spokane Swap Meet

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
July 9th-11th**




Open Car Show
Saturday, July 10th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Car Show is Open to
All Makes & Models

**Spokane Fair &
Expo Center**
404 N Havana Street
Spokane, WA 99202

Friday/Saturday
\$8.00

Sunday
Food Bank Donation



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Birthdays

Gail Waller	March 2	Edith Dickson	March 13
Mary Brown	March 3	Darlene Boller	March 19
Jackie Stormo	March 3	Myrna Tremblay	March 21
Joy Asay	March 6	Chuck Tremblay	March 24
Glenda Graham	March 7	Lisa Olson	March 27
Jan Moseanko	March 8	Richard Morgan	March 28
Carol Black	March 13	Jackie Feldmiller	March 29



March 17th

Anniversaries

Gregory & Sue Hicks	March 3
Wally & Glenda Graham	March 5
Roger & Jeanine Shawgo	March 7
Butch & B.J. Glander	March 8
Dick & Jan Moseanko	March 8



Birthdays

Brigitte Leidel	April 1	Shirley Adams	April 20
Jeanine Shawgo	April 7	Corey Swenson	April 21
Annette Long	April 9	Janice Grepford	April 23
Jerry Honeycutt	April 15		

Anniversaries

Art & Millie Howell	April 23
Mack & Dolores Cain	April 25



TIRES for SALE

700/16 & 500/16 (2 of each size).
\$125 each. Call Chuck McVey for
more details at (509) 993-5636.



WANTED: I am looking for a lower hood latch
mechanism for a '51 Ford car (it bolts into upper grille
panel). Contact me at manddcorcoran@comcast.net if
you can help. Please put "V8 Club" in the subject line
when corresponding via email. Mike Corcoran



*If life is a journey... I want
to get there in a Ford!*



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"The cars we drive say a lot about us."
-Alexandra Paul

Thanks to Dale Furnish for submitting this article for the club newsletter.

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VALLEY VOICE

COMMUNITY

They do everything together

LOVE STORY

Fitzpatricks
married young,
celebrate 70 years
and counting

By Cindy Hval

FOR THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

In the eighth grade Beryl Lester wrote love notes to Mel Fitzpatrick, even though she'd never met him.

Technically, they weren't from her.

"I wrote them for my friend, Shirley, because she liked him," Beryl said.

The romance between Mel and Shirley never got off the ground, which was a good thing, because when he met Beryl at church in Sunnyside, Washington, in 1950, sparks flew.

"He was friendly and closer to my age than some of the other boys," she said.

Mel was 15, she 14. He didn't have a car or a driver's license, and her folks didn't have a phone, so if he wanted to see her he had to walk or ride his bike 2½ miles to her house.

"She wasn't allowed out after 10 p.m., but I could go see her every day," Mel said.

However, when she invited him over for Sunday dinner, he balked.

"I told her I'd probably knock over her dad's glass of milk or something," he said.

Beryl persuaded him, and he sat next to her father at the table.

"Sure enough, I knocked his glass over, and milk spilled all over his plate!" Mel recalled. "I was so embarrassed."

Her father just kept eating and never said a word.

It didn't take long for Mel to decide he wanted to marry Beryl.

"She was a good girl, and her folks treated me well," he said, grinning. "And I occupied all her time."

Neither of them remembers a proposal, but when she was 15, they drove to Grandview, Washington, and picked out a ring.

"I think it was mutual admiration, and it was accepted that we'd get married," Beryl said.

Both sets of parents had to go to Yakima with them to sign for their marriage license.

Mel shrugged.

"Everyone was quitting school and getting married," he said. "When we quit school and got married, five other couples did, too."

Beryl felt she was mature enough at 15. She'd cared of her younger brother for years.

"I knew how to take care of a baby, and I knew how to cook," she said.

On Jan. 21, 1951, at 16, and 15, they married.

"We had a big church wedding



TYLER TJOMSLAND/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Mel and Beryl Fitzpatrick are photographed in their 1935 Ford Coupe on Feb. 4 in Spokane. Mel bought Beryl the car in honor of her birth year, 1935, and completely restored it. The couple have been married 70 years.



Mel and Beryl Fitzpatrick's wedding photos are shown. The couple married at ages 16 and 15, respectively, back at a time when it was not uncommon to get married at their age, Beryl said.

with 200 guests," Beryl said.

Her husband grinned.

"One reason we stayed married so long is we had two preachers do the wedding."

There was no honeymoon.

"There was nowhere to go, and we didn't have a car," Mel explained.

Beryl kept house, and Mel worked at the bowling alley setting pins and in nearby orchards trimming trees.

Thus began 70 years of frequent moves, thrilling adventures, and lasting love.

In July 1951, they welcomed daughter, Deana. Beryl went into labor after an afternoon of jack rabbit hunting.

"I named her Deana because I named my doll Deana, and I liked the name," Beryl said.

The fee for the delivery and required three-day hospital stay? Seventy-five dollars. Still, that was a lot for two teenagers living on one income.

In October 1952, son, Melvin Jr.

joined the family. Mel senior was working the graveyard shift on the McNary Dam, and the family was living in Umatilla, Oregon.

When Beryl told him her water broke, he hustled her and Deana to the car, to get her to Sunnyside, Washington, for the birth.

"There wasn't a bridge across the Columbia at the time," he said. "Just a ferry."

They arrived just as the ferry set sail.

Mel sprang into action.

"I blinked my lights and yelled, 'My wife's having a baby!'"

The ferry captain turned the boat around and allowed them to board.

Shortly after the birth of their son, Mel was laid off from his job at the dam. His sister in California told him there were plenty of jobs where she lived, so with \$50 in his pocket, he and the family set off.

"We stopped in Riverside and sold my spare tire and wheel for \$15, so I could buy milk for the babies," Mel recalled.

He found work at a potato warehouse, unloading trucks filled with bags of spuds.

"By the time I got off work, my arms hurt so bad I could hardly stand it," he said.

He was an 18-year-old father of two at the time, and asked if he could bring home the potatoes that fell on the ground.

"We had mashed potatoes and gravy for Christmas dinner that year," Beryl said. "That's all."

Soon, they returned to Eastern Washington, and the farm work Mel knew so well.

Daughter Rejeana arrived in 1955. They were living in Lind, Washington, when son Doug completed the family. Beryl was cooking for a seven-man harvest crew when she went into labor.

"I was 21 when I had my last child and 34 when I became a grandmother," she said.

In 1961, a new venture beckoned when Beryl's brother asked them to go into business with him in Connecticut.

Know someone in love

Love stories celebrates relationships that are strong and enduring. Whether you're dating, recently married, or have passed the 50-year mark, let us tell your tale. E-mail your suggestions to correspondent Cindy Hval at dchval@juno.com

"He'd got a deal on an A&W restaurant," Mel said. "But it didn't work out."

Mel, now an ironworker moved the family back to Sunnyside, where in 1969, fate intervened and altered his career path. The family owned several acres and some horses, and one of those horses reared up and kicked Mel in the head, permanently blinding him in the right eye. He decided a career change was in order and chose to study aviation mechanics at Spokane Community College.

The family moved to Spokane in 1970, where Mel pursued his new career, earning his pilot's license along the way.

Both he and Beryl had always loved airplanes, and once he'd purchased his own Cessna, he encouraged his wife to get her license.

"I tried and tried to get her to take some lessons," he said. "I wanted her to be able to land the plane if something happened to me, but she wouldn't do it. Finally, I told her the only reason you won't learn to fly is because you can't."

That did the trick.

She quickly earned her license and had her own plane. She even joined The Ninety-Nines, an international organization of women pilots, whose first president was Amelia Earhart.

Mel ended up teaching the same aviation mechanics course he'd graduated from at SCC for 21 years, and then worked in the college's automotive parts department before retiring in 1999.

He also became an avid classic car buff, restoring many cars over the years. In their 70s the couple picked up motorcycle riding and went on many bike trips.

At 86, Mel is still working on airplanes and cars.

"I've always worked," he said.

Beryl nodded.

"We grew up together. We've always done everything together," she said. "We had to depend on each other – there was no one else."

When asked the secret to their 70-year union, Mel laughed and uttered two words: "Give in."

And those love notes written to him by Beryl at another girl's best?

"I think we were married before I ever said anything about it," she said, shrugging.

Mel squeezed her hand.

"She got ahold of me and never let go," he said.

Beryl, 86, smiled.

"He's tenderhearted," she said. "He's special."



Next Meeting (tentative)....

Sunday, April 11th

5:00 p.m.

Post Falls Senior Center

1215 E Third Avenue, Post Falls, ID

(this will be the last meeting held here)

"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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"You can't learn in school what the world is going to do next year." -Henry Ford



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