



VOICE OF THE V8

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Early Ford V-8er's,

August was loaded with shows, tours, food, and lots more vehicles than thought possible—not to mention seeing old friends and fellow knuckleheads. It was truly an "old and not-so-old car" month, with 64 listed shows and many more unlisted.

For EFV-8ers, we had our third terrific tour of the year, put together by VP Rick True, and as always, it didn't disappoint. We started at Tim and Arlene Stromberger's wonderful garages in Medical Lake, followed by Rod and Karen Feyk's unique and enviable two-story fun and educational spot way north on N. Madison Road. After lunch at Longhorn BBQ on Pines, we made the short trip to the Jarenko Garage for a tour of many primarily English cars that Jarenko Motors sold during their many years in business. They were always involved in racing, which they continue today. The history and cars we saw on this tour right here in Spokane are a real testament to the magnitude of interest and involvement in vehicles ranging from the very early days all the way to today in this area.



There is still time left in summer, so keep getting the cars (and anything else on wheels) out and enjoy them while we can.

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Upcoming EVENTS



OCTOBER 4
Regular Meeting

OCTOBER 10
Fall Tour

NOVEMBER 1
Regular Meeting

DECEMBER 6
5:00 PM
Christmas Party
Mirabeau Park Hotel

DECEMBER 31
Dues Renewal Deadline

JANUARY 3
Regular Meeting

JOIN
the
FUN

THIS MONTH'S Feature Car



*Paul & Victoria Braun's
1937 Ford Coupe*

Attention

If you would like to have your car featured in our newsletter, please send a photo to 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](#).

"There is no disgrace
in honest failure;
there is disgrace
in fearing to fail."

- Henry Ford



EARLY FORD V-8 - REGIONAL GROUP #23
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES – AUGUST 30, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Officers in Attendance: Sam, Richard T, Dale F, Deana S.

Meeting called to order: 6:25 PM

Flag Salute: Yes

Prospective New Members or Guests: David Nelson was voted in as a new member; welcome David. Nice to see visiting member Harold Black at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Approval – Dale Furnish

- One CD is coming up for renewal or action on September 14th.
 Moved: BJ Hokanson
 Seconded: Wally Graham
 Motion Carried: Passed

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval:

- Moved: Annette Long
 Seconded: Chuck Little
 Motion Carried: Passed

Committee Reports:

Nomination: Annette Long – working on it, will be ready for October meeting.

Bereavement: B J Hokanson – None

Badges/Property: Dale Furnish said they are on order.

Charitable Giving: Gail Whitman

Sunshine: Brigetta Leidel – A well attended Celebration of Life gathering for Ron Little was held at Hazen & Jaeger Funeral home on August 19th. Ron was creative and a credit to everything he did, and he will be remembered in that way to all of us.

Cards were sent to Bobbie Welch and Gail Whitman with wishes for their speedy recoveries.

Ladies Luncheon: Ruth Kohlmeier's luncheon was at Max at the Mirabeau Park Hotel on September 9th in Spokane Valley and was enjoyed by all.

BJ is planning October's Ladies Luncheon and will advise location, time and details.

INCCC: Wally Graham: August was a great month for shows and events. Wally suggested that you look up SEMA on their website for great information.

Tours: Richard True – Thank you Richard for doing a GREAT JOB!!

Great tour for the month of August. All summer the tours have been great. He has ideas for next year and has already started putting them together. Scheduled tours have ended for this year.

Christmas Party:

Max at the Mirabeau Park Hotel, December 6, 5:00 PM. 1100 N. Sullivan Road.

Revised contract to be forwarded

by Sam to Brigitte, Becky True and Dale Furnish. We negotiated saving of \$1500.00 on cost and to have dinner served to tables. Sam, working on the cash bar cost. Max at the Mirabeau will accommodate special dietary requirements and asks to know the names of those requesting and the requirements beforehand.

Old Business:

Christmas Party:

- Motion was made to go with the DJ we used for dinner last Christmas and agreed to pay \$400.00 again this year.
 Moved: Jack Guinnane
 2nd: BJ Hokanson
 Motion Carried: Passed
- Motion was made to use a Cash Bar (Bartender) in dining area during Christmas Dinner. Cash Bar cost of \$185.00
 Moved: Annette Long
 Discussion led to a membership vote: 14 Yes, 12 No (several members abstained).
 Motion Carried: Passed

50/50 Raffle: Raised \$100. David Nelson won the 50/50 raffle and donated \$50.00 back to club.

New Business: These items are tabled till next meeting: Suggestions for charging members not wearing their badges. Suggestions for drawing for old car attendance.

Website/Newsletter: Need to check e-mail address for Carol Langstaff to receive newsletter. *(Checked with Carol Langstaff on September 1, 2026, Email is correct in membership listing and Becky Swenson confirmed it is current.)*

If you want anything in the newsletter, please contact Becky Swenson at: earlyfordv8ie@gmail.com.

For Sale or Wanted:

Board of Directors Meeting: September 4th 1:00pm, Washington Trust Bank, 407 N. Sullivan Road. Spokane Valley, Washington.

Adjourn Meeting: 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Deana Solomon



Rick True's tour to Tim & Arlene Stromberger's Garage on August 20,

REMINISCING AT SULLIVAN PARK

We all like to look back at an earlier time when we were young and enjoyed special things. On August 28, we witnessed some of the sharing of those memories. "My dad had a Belair", "I used to have one of those Impalas but mine was white," etc. Sullivan Park Care Center went on Facebook and asked if a few cars could come for about a half an hour and do a double drive by for the residents. Some of the caregivers dressed up and they had ice cream and cool drinks for us. The residents loved it as did we. It didn't take much time for us to inject a little happiness into their lives. Highly recommended if you ever get the chance.



LIFE CENTER COMMUNITY DAY



Life Center Church on Government Way sponsored a Community Day on August 30 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in their large parking area featuring a big car show, pickleball, frisbee golf, bounce houses, the Military Mobile Museum, free snacks and more. Everything was free and there was no entry fee for cars. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places were chosen by the public, who were given three tickets each to vote for their top three. Each car had a chair placed in front of it with a Mason jar for tickets. Children especially loved voting for their favorites. The winners were able to choose an approved Community Partnership charity from a list with prize money donated to the charity in the winner's name. First place, Alan Holcomb, with a 1931 Ford Five-Window Coupe chose the Sleep in Heavenly Peace charity with a \$2,000 donation. Second place: Anonymous winner, a 2017 Corvette, chose Youth for Christ with a \$1,000 donation. Third place was a 1953 Jeep owned by Rudy Grab who chose the Salvation Army with a \$500 donation. How great is that?! Go to a car show and win money for charity!

Arlene Stromberger





Next Regular Meeting Sunday, October 4th

Dinner: 5:00 PM | Meeting: 6:00 PM

Darcy's Restaurant and Spirits
10502 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99206

"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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